



# The Flame

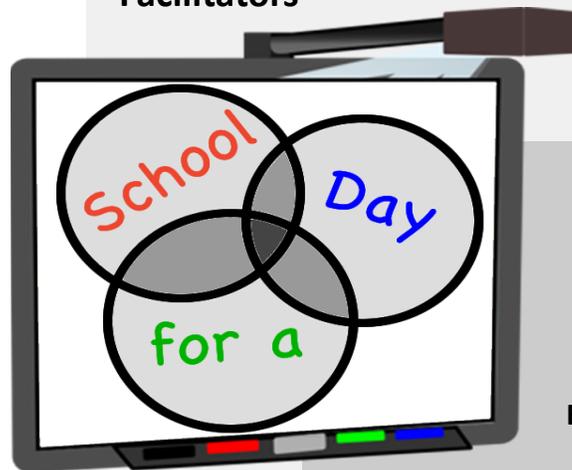
*The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland*  
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## The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland

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**Thursday, September 22, 2016**

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation  
7401 Park Heights Avenue, 21208

**Kosher continental breakfast will be served.**

**RSVP by September 16, 2016 to:**

Esther Jacobson: [nuwest222@aol.com](mailto:nuwest222@aol.com) or 410-303-6545

**Social Action Project:** Please bring any of the following new items for the residents of The Samaritan Women, an organization that provides restoration care to survivors of human trafficking: school supplies and personal hygiene items.

**For more information go to [www.jewishwomensfed.org](http://www.jewishwomensfed.org)**

## Message from our President Helene H. Waranch



What a wonderful Centennial Celebration of Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland we enjoyed at the Annual Convention! Thank you to all those who worked so hard planning and implementing such a successful day, especially the co-chairs, Eve Vogelstein and Lynda Weinstein and the in-house graphic designer, Marcia Bornfreund.

Most of all, we are most appreciative of Sheila Derman who completed her term as our president. We are grateful for her leadership, for her dedication to the social justice issues and for her strong voice. Personally I have learned so much from her and cherish our working relationship and close friendship. Although Sheila has now stepped down as our president, I know she will be a mentor to many of us and will continue to stay involved. We look forward to her continued guidance!

I am honored to be elected to serve as Federation's 50<sup>th</sup> president and to work with such a strong group of dedicated and competent officers. Together we will continue to make Federation viable and vital to our community, providing our constituent organizations with leadership training and education and serving as their voice on issues critical to us as Jews and women.

Over the summer, our officers and I have been hard at work planning the 101<sup>st</sup> year of Federation. We have been:

- Selecting women to become chairs of the different committees
- Planning the programs for our meetings
- Recruiting individuals to become Friends of Federation
- Preparing the 2016-17 directory
- Creating a new budget
- Reviewing and updating the Bylaws and Policies
- Beginning to plan the 101<sup>st</sup> Convention
- Meeting with community leaders to build awareness and working relationships

A new program called "Liaisons" has been instituted. Each officer, including me, has selected three of our member organizations with whom to communicate over the year. Each of us will be calling the president at opportune times to discuss Federation and to remind them of our upcoming programs and to determine if the organization has a need of Federation's services. We also hope to visit every organization either at an event and/or board meeting. Our hope is that together we will build stronger relationships among Federation and all our member organizations. We look forward to a meaningful year for all of us. Wishing you and your families a healthy, happy and peaceful new year for 5777.

All the best, Helene H. Waranch

## Presidents' Reception By Rochelle Bohrer

The Presidents' Reception was held on Thursday, June 9th at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Many presidents and representatives from our constituent organizations gathered to participate in this informative session. President Helene H. Waranch discussed Federation and its mission, and Sheila Derman reviewed Federation's history. Our wonderful history panels were also on display. VP Rochelle Bohrer spoke about Federation's community endeavors and VP Linda Boteach explained Federation's administrative services. VP Esther Jacobson then introduced our future programs, and Arlene Mazer gave the treasurer's report. Betty Seidel spoke about Serv-A and Nancy Aiken informed us about Chana, the newest organization to join Federation. Attendees then formed discussion groups to share information about the strengths and needs of their organizations. This was an excellent opportunity to connect, network and exchange ideas. A delicious lunch from Milk and Honey was enjoyed by all.



## Reflections on the Centennial by Sheila K. Derman

It is not very often that one gets to celebrate 100 years of anything, but the opportunity to see The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland reach 100 years from a leadership position was one of the highlights of my life. This Centennial Year began with plans for a great celebration which culminated with the annual convention in May. Research for convention started early in the year. We made plans to create a panel display depicting the decades of Federation which highlighted our leaders and our successes of bringing the Jewish women of Baltimore together with vision and empowerment. Our convention, "Strength in Unity – 100 Years," featured a sensational play written by Ronda Cooperstein, directed by Miriam Bazenky and included our own Federation players. The day included the Builder of Unity awards given to a representative from each

constituent organization. We bestowed the E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award to Rochelle "Rikki" Spector. It was an exciting, informative and inspirational day as we look forward to the next 100 years.

Additional programming during the year included Mikvah visits which explained the Mikvah's role in Jewish women's lives. We also enjoyed a trip to Annapolis which highlighted the importance of our role in public policy.

Now as we march into the next 100 years, let us remain steadfast to our mission. May we continue to inform our members on the many issues still affecting women as they become empowered over their lives and bodies with equity, justice and financial security.

Keep in mind that we must always vote, no matter how difficult the choices. To do anything less leaves us powerless. TO THE NEXT 100!



## Social Action Project—Samaritan Women

The Samaritan Women operates transitional and restorative shelter programs for women recovering from domestic human trafficking. The program emphasizes life-building, personal accomplishments, social re-entry and spiritual reconciliation. The Samaritan Women also engage in combatting domestic human trafficking through awareness, prevention, service and advocacy. Jeanne Allert, Executive Director, spoke about the social and economic issues of human trafficking at the 99th Federation Convention.

Most women arrive with little if no possessions and terribly low self-esteem. Please bring school supplies and personal hygiene items for their residents to the September 22nd Federation meeting.

### **Due to printing difficulties, this write-up was omitted from our Centennial Program Book:**

#### **Covenant Guild Inc.: Beatrice Yoffe**

Beatrice is an amazing example of how one person can strengthen an organization and bring people together. She has been a member of our group for many years and has always taken an active part in our philanthropic endeavors. With her engaging personality and enthusiasm, Beatrice volunteers her time and energy whenever she sees the need. For example, when there is an important committee that needs a chairman, she steps up to the plate. There is no doubt that Beatrice has the ability to bring people together not only with her charm but also her unwavering commitment to the goals of Covenant Guild: loving, caring, giving and sharing. It is our honor and privilege to have her as our choice for the "Builder of Unity" Award.

## Thank You Luncheon for Sheila Derman by Helene H. Waranch



With great appreciation, the Board of Directors of Federation gave Sheila Derman, retiring president, a Miriam's cup in honor of her many years of service to Federation culminating in the completion of her presidency. Just as Miriam led our ancestors in song and dance to celebrate their new freedom, Sheila continues the legacy. Thank you ever so much to Sheila for being the Miriam in Federation for so many years and for being our strong leader for the past two years, for bringing us to the 100th anniversary celebration and for being our voice for the issues we hold dear.

## SERV-A by Betty Samuels Seidel, Chair

Letters! We get letters! We get lots of thank-you letters. Thus we know that our efforts are surely appreciated by the Jewish servicemen and women who are protecting us all over the world. Shabbat and Jewish holidays are spiritually observed with our gifts of religious ceremonials and tasty traditional kosher goodies. Grateful are we to all the caring Federation constituent organizations and sisterhoods for their annual gifts, and to all the individuals who commemorate happy or sad events with contributions to Serv-A. Todah Rabah! Many Thanks!

## History Panels



Federation commissioned these panels to display its 100-year history. If an organization wishes to exhibit the panels at an event, please contact Helene H. Waranch: [hhwaranch@gmail.com](mailto:hhwaranch@gmail.com).



The Jewish Museum of Maryland is looking for volunteers! This unique opportunity offers a flexible schedule Sundays – Thursdays. For more information, please contact Sue Foard, at 443-873-5162 or [sfoard@jewishmuseummd.org](mailto:sfoard@jewishmuseummd.org)



## Under Our Umbrella

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events. Submit your information to Elissa Ness, [easelthew@aol.com](mailto:easelthew@aol.com). Bring your flyers to the September meeting so they can be placed on a table.

### ADAT CHAIM SISTERHOOD

Join us on **Sunday, September 18th** at 2 pm, for our yearly kick-off event. Felicia Graber, who survived the Holocaust in Nazi-occupied Poland, will be sharing her story with us. There will also be refreshments and light entertainment. For catering purposes, **RSVP** to Beverley Fishman, 410-627-1680 by Sunday, September 10th. **Sunday, November 20th** from 10 am- 12 pm, we are going holiday shopping for the second time at 5 Wacky Woman in Cockeysville. A \$5 donation per person is being requested and they will be donating a portion of proceeds to us. Please contact Adrienne Frager at 410-526-0681 or [AdrienneSL@aol.com](mailto:AdrienneSL@aol.com) if you are interested in attending.

### BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION SISTERHOOD

**Sisterhood Mindfulness**, Monday, **September 12**, 7 pm. Wine and cheese. Cost \$18. To register send check and information to Karan Engerman, One High Stepper Court, #108, Baltimore, MD 21208. For information call Renee Brodsky 410-484-4843 or [reneekart@gmail.com](mailto:reneekart@gmail.com). On Tuesday **November 1**, 6:30-8:30 pm, "**Wisdom of the Ages: Healthy Relationships Across Generations.**" Co-sponsored by BHC Sisterhood & BHC Cares Committee. Light supper, no charge, reservations necessary. Call Karan Engerman 443-570-6435 or [karansander@comcast.net](mailto:karansander@comcast.net). Mark your calendars, **BHCS 22nd Annual Holiday Boutique and Silent Auction, December 4 and 5, 2016.**

### BETH EL SISTERHOOD

Fall Trips: **Archives and Hirschorn Museum, September 13th** and **Doyles Town PA, October 20th**. For more information contact Linda Mondell, 410-486-1542 or Marlene Siegel, 410-486-1844.

### BETH TFILOH SISTERHOOD

**September 11-** Sunday, **Electronic Recycling and Shredding**, 9-11 a.m. in Synagogue Circle. No TVs, stereos or microwaves. Sponsored by our Sisterhood and Brotherhood. See approved list at [bethtfiloh.com/brotherhood](http://bethtfiloh.com/brotherhood). **September 20-** Tuesday, 7 pm Beth Tfiloh Sisterhood presents: **MADE IN ISRAEL: Why BDS is a Bad Idea**. View a documentary and hear from our Israeli Shaliach, Haggai Lavie, why Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) could be self-defeating even for those who advocate for it. Wine and cheese reception to follow. Reservations: Anita Knisbacher, 410-415-5373. Email [ladylingo@verizon.net](mailto:ladylingo@verizon.net). **November 1-** Tuesday, **Day of Games** 12 pm to 4:00 pm. Cost \$18. Lunch and snacks provided. Bring your game ( mahjongg, bridge or canasta) and group. Call Ellen Karp for information 443-660-7690 or email [ellenkarp@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenkarp@hotmail.com). Beth Tfiloh Sisterhood is having their 2nd Annual "Shop Til You Drop Boutique" on Sunday, **November 13th** from 10:00 am to 5 pm. For information call Rosalie Klotzman, Chairman- 410-913-3613. **November 19-** Saturday night Bingo at 7:00 pm. Call Roselyn Kalb for information 410-486-3456 or [roselynkalb@gmail.com](mailto:roselynkalb@gmail.com). **December 7-** Wednesday, Sisterhood Donor.

### BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE, BALTIMORE CHAPTER

**Our Live and Learn Study Guide** is out with 29 interesting classes. To receive a copy call Brenda Cohen 410-581-2229 or check our website for "Live and Learn Programs" at: [blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccaltimore](http://blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccaltimore). **Thursday September 8th**, 11 am at Suburban Country Club. **Book and Author luncheon featuring Marlene Trestman** who will discuss her book *Bessie Margolin - Fair Labor Lawyer*. For info, check our blog or call Bea Lozinsky 410-484-0578. Monday **September 26th** at 11 am at the Hadassah meeting room (3723 Old Court Rd #205). Ursula Kratchick will discuss her experience

on Kindertransport. Guests are welcome. No charge. Thursday, **January 19th** at the Hadassah meeting room, 1 pm. **Brandeis Community Book Discussion: Oryx and Crake** by Margaret Atwood.

### COVENANT GUILD

On Sunday **September 18th** at 10:30 am we are having a movie brunch at the AMC Owings Mills Theater. Our opening meeting is on Monday, **September 19th** at 7:00 pm at Temple Oheb Shalom. On Monday **October 31st**, we will be having our paid-up membership dinner and installation of new members at 6 pm at Temple Oheb Shalom. The annual card party will be held on Wednesday, **November 9th** at 11 am at Temple Oheb Shalom.

### HADASSAH GREATER BALTIMORE

Opening dinner meeting partnering with the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning at Beth El on Monday, **November 7, 2016** at Beth El Congregation 8101 Park Heights Avenue 5:30-9:30 pm. Please join us for a special screening of *The Illusionists* and have the opportunity to meet the incredible director Elena Rossini coming from Italy. *The Illusionists* turns the mirror on media, exposing the absurd, sometimes humorous and shocking images that seek to enslave us. Cost of dinner and movie is \$36 per person (dietary laws observed). RSVP by 10/21/16 to the Hadassah office at 410-484-9590.

### HAR SINAI SISTERHOOD

Har Sinai WRJ Sisterhood begins this year with a Sisterhood-Brotherhood breakfast on Sunday, **September 25th** at 9:30 am. The speaker is Adam Roa, Esq., an Elder Law Firm attorney, who will address preparing for those golden years. Cost is \$10 for breakfast and the program. Attend our Bible study on Mondays 11 am - 12 noon starting **September 12th**. Call CeCe Rund at 410-429-5411 should you have any questions.

### ISRAEL BONDS

**Israel Bonds Maryland Fashion Show & Luncheon**, Thursday, **November 17, 2016**, 11:15 am – 3:00 pm, at Beth Tfiloh Congregation. Israel Bonds Maryland Women's Division Installation of Linda S. Elman as Chair and Calla Samuels as Deputy Chair, Monday, **December 5, 2016**, 7 pm. For more details about either event, contact Alex Weiss at Development Corporation for Israel/Israel Bonds Maryland, 410-484-6670.

### KAPPA GUILD, INC.

**September 11** - Sunday, Toby's Dinner Theater. The show is "**Sister Act.**" Cost is \$55. For information call Michele Misler 410-654-0857.

### LEVINDALE AUXILIARY

Levindale Auxiliary will be having their **Paid up Membership Brunch** on **November 13th** at 11:30 in the Multi Purpose room. For more information, contact Faye Brand at 410-601-2378 or [Fbrand@lifebridgehealth.org](mailto:Fbrand@lifebridgehealth.org).

### MIRIAM LODGE

Miriam Lodge Trips with Orchestra seats: 1. **Fall Doo Wop at American Music Theater**, Lancaster PA with lunch at Bird in Hand Restaurant, Saturday, **September 17**, Matinee. Info: Marlene Greenebaum, 410-654-3122. 2. **Samson, Sight and Sound Theatre**, Strasburg PA, Tuesday, **October 25**, Matinee, \$131. Info: Marcia Singer, 410-484-4240. 3. **Shear Madness and a Tour of Kennedy Center**, Washington, **Sunday, November 6**, Matinee, \$100. Info: Eileen Caplan, 410-484-1453.

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### Federation Calendar

- September 22, 2016**, School for a Day
- December 1, 2016**, Senior Abuse with Chana
- January 26, 2017**, Changing Face of the Baltimore Jewish Community
- March/April, 2017**, TBA
- May 18, 2017**, 101st Convention
- June 15, 2017**, Presidents' Reception

**NOTE:** All Federation meetings are held on Thursdays. The above dates are subject to change and will be announced.

### Remember to become a friend of Federation



Send check for \$18 to Arlene Mazer, 6 Halston Court 21209. Remember to designate check as "Friend" or use form available on our Website.



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