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Opening Meeting

The Crisis In Israel: How it Happened and How it May Be Resolved

Speaker: Dr. Robert Freedman

*Political Scientist Baltimore Hebrew
University and Johns Hopkins University*

Thursday, September 21, 2023

9:30 am—Continental Breakfast

(Dietary Laws Observed)

Meeting and Program

*North Oaks Independent Living Community
Wilson Hall 725 Mt. Wilson Lane,
Pikesville, MD 21208*

RSVP by Monday, September 18, 2023

Shulamit Finkelstein: shulamitf44@gmail.com
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Social Action Project: Please bring a pair of children's or youth's socks
to the meeting for the Weekend Backpacks.

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Message from Our President CeCe Rund



Whew! This summer was tough with such heat and humidity. Goodbye summer and hello to a New Year!

Our High Holidays are soon upon us, and our synagogues are already preparing for this most special time of the year. I sincerely wish you and your families and friends a happy and healthy New Year in 5784.

As you can see from our web site and Flame, that one of our dear and longtime members, Carol J. Caplan has died. Even though she was 95, it seemed too early to have her go from this world. She is and will be missed. Thank you, Carol, for all your service and care within our Jewish community.

Our Federation has been very active and we continue to have committee meetings throughout the summer. We sponsored some excellent programs, and you can read about these; our 107th convention, the President's Reception, and our joint program with The Associated, featuring Laura Black, on other pages.

Our Bylaws Committee has been meeting as well, reviewing and updating our past bylaws as this was a goal within our Think Tank Committee (chaired by Helene Waranch). Another Think Tank goal was to offer a Representative-President's Forum which was done in December and to assign a Federation person to act as the Representative Liaison to keep in contact with our constituent organizations. Julie Bernstein is now filling that role and will be contacting your organization after the High Holidays.

We are listening to you! You sent in topics for programs, and we completed one of these at the President's Reception: How to Market Your Organization: Planning, Promoting and Putting it All Together. To date, we have been most fortunate to secure such talented and knowledgeable speakers. Now a small plug: As you may be aware, The Federation has no physical home. We are a 100% volunteer organization, and we depend upon our officers, members and others to help support us through a variety of sponsorships (except Serv-A, as

100% of these donations go directly to Serv-A). One may choose to honor a member who has passed or to honor someone within the Federation. You may also choose to sponsor one of our speakers.

We truly thank all who purchased Mazel Tov Cards for our 2023 honorees. These cards were sent to each honoree and are special. Shula Finkelstein and I sponsored speakers for our programs this past year and it was greatly appreciated by all. Finally, we thank all sponsors for our convention. We are grateful to all who support our Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland.

I want to thank Linda Boteach (Past President) for stepping up to become the chair of our Friends initiative. She tells me that it is a temporary position for her. However, Linda is very organized and has great visions so I hope that she will reconsider and stay on. Please call me at 410-429-5411 if you have an interest in becoming active within the Federation. We have vacancies and committee positions available. I will be most happy to discuss these with you.

Another major project is our membership directory. We are working on this and hope to have it ready by the opening meeting on September 21, 2023. You may have received a call from me reviewing or updating your information and I thank you for your time. The Directory is comprehensive and free to all constituent organization Presidents, Friends and Officers.

Each year, our Federation develops resolutions. This year, three resolutions; Equity for Women, Mental Health Today and Antisemitism were presented at convention, voted upon, passed and now stand. I encourage you to read these and to use them where applicable. They are based upon our Jewish values and were recognized by our legislators at our 107th Convention.

We, at the Federation, remain busy...working for you. I welcome anyone to please call me with any suggestions or concerns. Leave me a message at my home number, 410-429-5411, and I WILL return your call. We exist because of you, our valued members!

L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu!



Federation Legislative Update—2023

This summer has changed our world in many ways. Global warming and politics have not always worked together to produce a meaningful outcome.

In the last article I wrote, I certainly didn't expect that fires around the world would be newsworthy. When smoke from fires in Canada affected our air, I never imagined how far reaching this problem would be. I am sure that all of us are so much more aware of fire danger than we ever thought we would need to be. In our government, we have a past President who has been

indicted on several serious accounts. Our current President's son is under scrutiny and may, too, be indicted by the time you read this article.



Legislative Update
by
Karan Engerman

If I was still living in Chicago, I doubt if this would have seemed so unusual. Locally, our State Senator, Ben Cardin, has decided to retire. Senator Cardin has been our State Senator for so long it is going to be hard to replace his experience and accumulated knowledge. With all the heat and political turmoil, we are fortunate that our corner of the world is secure and comfortable.

IN MEMORY OF CAROL J. CAPLAN



A long time, active member of our Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland, Carol Joseph Caplan passed away on July 25, 2023 at the age of 95. Carol grew up in the Forest Park area of Baltimore and graduated from Forest Park High in 1945. She then attended and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Mount St. Agnes College and then embarked on a career as a social worker for the State of Maryland. However, her true passion was as a volunteer at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and with various Jewish organizations. For many years, she served as an adult advisor to the Junior and Senior Youth groups (as they were known at the time). Carol also volunteered with many different parts of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation including Sisterhood (served as President), the BHC Cares Committee, the Interfaith Institute and served on the Board and Nominating Committees of Baltimore Hebrew. In 2005, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation honored Carol by naming their Volunteer of the Year award after her. Carol was a past President of our Federation and also served on the regional and national boards of Women of Reform Judaism.

Carol's decades of service to her community were underpinned by the immense value she placed on her family, her congregation and her faith. She was a firm believer in L'dor v'dor as she tried to pass on values, traditions, culture and history to the next generation. She truly made the world a better place through her commitment to performing acts of tikkun olam and her belief in the power of faith to overcome challenges and bring people together. She is deeply missed.

107th Annual Convention Report

On May 18, 2023, we held our 107th Annual Convention at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Our theme was, **“Women Who Lead, Influence and Inspire”**.

Over 280 ladies from our Jewish community attended this inspiring and informative day. Registration included a canvas bag, pen, program book and a free copy of Lilith magazine. The morning session started with a special greeting from Attorney General Brown and Delegate Rosenberg. They recognized our program and our resolutions as being important to Maryland and congratulated our E.B. Hirsh recipient and our honorees. We continued with our morning business meeting that included inducting our First Vice President, Shula Finkelstein and our Recording Secretary, Eve Kresin Steinberg. We also voted on our three 2023 Resolutions; Equity for Women, Mental Health Today and Antisemitism: Revisited. These most important resolutions were all passed unanimously. Our organizations are invited to utilize these resolutions as needed. The resolutions are in the program book and can also be found on our website; jewishwomensfed.org. CeCe Rund, President, provided a report that updated all on our activities and future endeavors within the Federation and our community.

The highlight of the morning session was the giving of the E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award to Betsy Narrow, an inspirational community leader. Following Betsy’s acceptance speech, attendees were ushered into the lunch room where Yaffa provided a delicious chicken lunch. Over 13 of our Maryland legislators took time to attend our lunch, address the attendees and to provide citations for the Federation! Following lunch, our keynote speaker, Susan Weidman Schneider, founder and editor of Lilith magazine, presented her program about women learning to turn off their mute button. This was most introspective and thought provoking. Ms. Schneider also sold and signed her book, Frankly Feminist, at the conclusion of the convention.

Rochelle Bohrer concluded the convention with our highlight: Presenting the honorees from each constituent organization with the award, **“A Woman Who Leads the Way”**. Everyone watched a video production (produced by Eve Vogelstein and Marcia Bornfriend) showing each recipient receiving her rose and certificate and providing a short speech. We are always so proud of these wonderful women and thank them for their leadership and their inspiration. This convention was certainly an inspirational day. We look forward to seeing YOU at our 108th Annual Convention at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation!



The Federation to Begin Lilith Salons in Baltimore

A Lilith salon is a quarterly gathering where you'll encounter new ideas and new people when you come together to talk about the original and provocative thinking you find in each new issue. Come join us in a new adventure! Lilith Salons are coming to the Baltimore area starting in December 2023, sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland! As an enticement, The Federation is gifting the first 20 registrants for the Opening Meeting on September 21, 2023 with a FREE one-year subscription to Lilith magazine. Register for the program with your RSVP to Shulamit Finkelstein (shulamitf44@gmail.com) and then attend the opening meeting. We will then gather your necessary information at the Opening Meeting in order to have your FREE one-year subscription to Lilith delivered to your home. You must attend the Opening Meeting featuring Dr. Robert Freedman who will be addressing the political issues in Israel and his ideas on how to solve them.

Details about the Salons will be forthcoming. We are also looking for members who may like to share their homes for the salons. Attendees may be up to 20 women. Please contact CeCe Rund at 410-429-5411 or crrund@yahoo.com if you are interested in sharing your home for one of the Salon events. We are planning to have 3-4 each year. I look forward to hearing from YOU!

A LOOK BACK AT OUR PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Each year, the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland sponsors a program that we call The President's Reception. Some of our past presidents, officers and chairs of our committees helped to sponsor funds to support this program. We invite our constituent organization Presidents or Vice Presidents to attend. The purpose of the program is to understand what the Federation is all about. This year, our program was titled. "Getting to Know YOU: Getting to Know Us".

Fifteen member organizations attended to hear Annette Saxon and her panel; Jill Sapperstein and Lisa Greenberg discuss **How to Market Your Organization: Planning, Promoting and Putting it All Together**. Our members requested that we provide such a program since we are all facing challenges with keeping our organizations viable with changes in society, aging members and a world of electronic media and living. Attendees also received a folder filled with pertinent Federation information and contact information. We also provided a great breakfast and held a short business meeting prior to the presentation so that our members could hear what we are doing within our Federation and community, how we run our business and how we act as an umbrella organization for all Jewish women.



We are grateful to Annette Saxon and her team for their time, energy and knowledge. These talented women shared their experience and information on using PR to promote your organization and how to make a project successful and more.





107th Annual Convention Honorees- 2023

Top Row, L-R: Hindy Abramson, CHANA, Cathy Litofsky, Adat Chaim Sisterhood, Leeba Friedman, Jewish Caring Network, Rochelle Bohrer, Convention Honoree Chair, Betsy Narrow, E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Cece Rund, President, The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland, Debbie Wofsey, Temple Isaiah Sisterhood, Davida Oken, Miriam Lodge, K. S. B. Inc., Betty Jacobs Keyser, Covenant Guild, Inc., Harriet Robinson, Hadassah of Greater Baltimore.

Middle Row, L-R: Holly Venick, Shalom Tikvah, Susan Dubick, Rodger C. Snyder Memorial, Ladies Auxiliary #117, Jewish War Veterans, Sherrie Bauman, Levindale Auxiliary, Inc., Myra Cohn, Beth Israel Congregation Sisterhood, Linda Freud, Israel Bonds Maryland Women's Division, Imani Graham, Support for Families of Nursing Home Residents.

Bottom Row, L-R: Cherie Stewart, Beth El Sisterhood, Dr. Michelle Chudow, Chizuk Amuno Congregation Sisterhood, Sherri Bell, The Women's Club of Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation, Robin Karlin (in memory of Sylvia Karlin), Ner Tamid Sisterhood, Carol Sandler, Associated Women, Pam Russell, Women of Baltimore Hebrew, Sandy Kanter, Beth Tfiloh Congregation Sisterhood, Marilyn Sherr, Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Sisterhood, Miriam Stern, Kappa Guild, Inc.

Laura Black and the Associated team up with our Federation



On July 18, 2023, The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland and The Associated partnered to sponsor a program featuring, Laura Black, author of Climbing Down the Ladder: Finding A New Kind of Happiness. Nina Rosenswog from the Federation and Melinda Michel from The Associated worked with a combined team from both organizations to bring this exciting program together.

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation was the venue and over eighty ladies attended. The day began with pastries, fresh sliced fruits and coffee and women were able to schmooze prior to the actual program. Laura Black opened the program by reading excerpts from her book and then delved into the content. The room was then divided into groups and given poignant questions to ponder and discuss. These questions came from information in the book and were issues that women deal with throughout their careers as a professional, a mother, wife or a volunteer. Each table summarized their discussions for the entire room. Laura took all of this information and brought it to a conclusion by explaining how women, who were so very busy, and defined by their working careers or their volunteer life or their status in their younger years and who now face retirement or have already retired may find themselves climbing down that successful, incredibly busy life. What now? Where and how do women find satisfaction and happiness in life? Well, I suppose one will have to read her book to discover that answer.

Ms. Black sold and signed her books at this program. All proceeds from the day, including book sales were donated to The Associated to support their mental health programs.



Under Our Umbrella

Upcoming Events by our Organizations

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events.

Submit your information to Elissa Ness, easelthew@aol.com.

BETH EL SISTERHOOD

Sunday October 15. 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Deadline Oct 9) Fall Shredding Event located in the Beth El parking lot. This event is sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood and Men's Club. Pricing – 1-3 bags \$15, 4-5 bags \$25, \$5 for all additional bags. Registration Randy Jacobs: 443-310-6696.

Wednesday October 18. 12-3:30 p.m. GAME DAY with Beth El Congregation. Cost is \$35. Please contact: Beverly Penn 410-746-3150 and Esta Schein 410-303-5461.

BETH TFILOH SISTERHOOD

Sunday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Chanukah Gift Boutique to be held in the Main Lobby, Beth Tfiloh Congregation, 3300 Old Court Rd., Baltimore, MD 21208. Check off all your holiday needs with great gift ideas for all ages from a variety of quality vendors. The Gift Boutique is hosted by the BT Sisterhood. Free Entry. Please contact Rosalie Klotzman, Chairperson; EMAIL: Bubbienpop33@aol.com.

COVENANT GUILD

Sunday, October 29, 11:00 a.m. General Meeting and Paid Up Membership Brunch. The event will take place at the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, 40 E. Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208. No cost to the new members. We warmly welcome our new members to Covenant Guild. Please contact Beth Schlein, President, 410-530-2055, bethschlein.covenantguild@gmail.com for more info.

Wednesday, November 15. Card Party - more info to be posted online when available. For more information, contact Beth Schlein, President, 410-530-2055, bethschlein.covenantguild@gmail.com.

CHANA

October 12, 6:00 p.m. VOICES: Empowering Conversations Addressing Domestic Violence Together. Join us for an enlightening and deeply personal talk on domestic violence featuring LTC (Ret.) JC Glick and Jennifer Glick, Esq. This talk promises to deliver a unique blend of personal experience and professional insight into an issue that plagues societies worldwide. The event will be held at the Sheraton Baltimore North, 903 Dulany Valley Road, Towson, MD. The cost will be \$118 per person, \$54 for guests under 30. Please contact Dayna Leder, 410-234-0030, info@chanabaltimore.org for more info. <https://chanabaltimore.org/events/voices-empowering-conversations/>.

ISRAEL BONDS MARYLAND WOMEN'S DIVISION

Thursday, November 9, 11:15 a.m. Israel Bonds Maryland Women's Division Presents: The Rina L. Janet Fashion Show & Lunch 2023. Join us as we honor Erika & Lew Schon. Program chairs, Randi Hertzberg & Sharon Zuckerbrod. Cost - \$125 Couvert or most ads offer complimentary seat/s with RSVP. For information, contact Hillary Lewis or Alex Weiss at: 410-484-6680, ext. 1.

KAPPA GUILD

Monday, September 11, 11:30 a.m. Opening Meeting at Basta Pasta in Eldersburg.

December 11-24, -11 a.m. -8 p.m. daily, 12 noon-5 on Sunday. Holiday gift wrap fundraiser at The Shoppes at Kenilworth. Bring your holiday gifts to be wrapped. Cost determined by the size of the item.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF HAR SINAI - OHEB SHALOM CONGREGATION

October 14, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Life Coaching program presented by Jacob Luskin. This event will be held at the home of Bonnie Block. Please contact nicki.schonfeld@gmail.com for more info.

October 22, 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Wine Tasting Event at the Basignant Winery. Please contact nicki.schonfeld@gmail.com for more info.

October 28, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Trivia Night located at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation. Please contact nicki.schonfeld@gmail.com for more info.

November 5, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Breakfast Speaker Series featuring Shelley Morhaim. The Topic is - Reimagining Pikesville and the Region. This event is open to the community. It will be held at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation, 7310 Park Heights Ave. Pikesville. Please contact nicki.schonfeld@gmail.com for more info.

THE WOMEN OF BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

Monday, September 11 and November 13 at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. Women of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation will have their bi-monthly Book Circle. If you are interested, contact Marla Lipman, cloudshl@aol.com.

Thursdays, September 21 and November 9th at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Grandparents, Schmooze and Share. For more information, Contact Gail Dezube, gail.dezube@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 8 at 12:30 p.m. Join Women of BHC for our Opening Meeting for an informative program on the Maryland Women's Heritage Center. More information will be coming soon.

Monday, November 5 and 6 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. WBHC Holiday Boutique. We will have a variety of vendors, a silent auction and a café.

Federation Calendar (meetings are held on Thursdays)

Meetings Held Either Virtually or in Person

2023-2024

Opening Meeting—September 21, 2023

November Evening Meeting—November 16, 2023

Mid-Winter Conference—January 25, 2024

Spring Fling—March 21, 2024

108th Annual Convention—May 16, 2024



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