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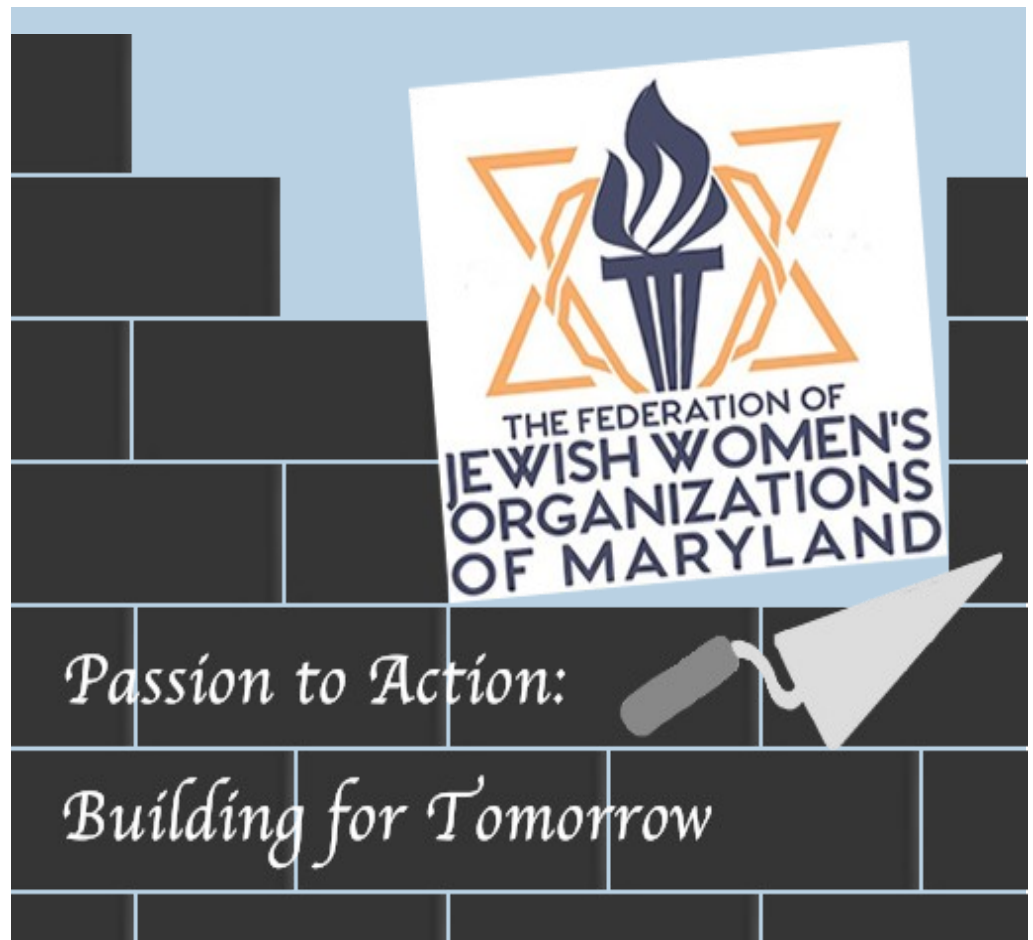
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The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland

102nd Annual Convention

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Passion to Action: Building for Tomorrow



Message from our President Helene H. Waranch



It is hard to believe that Spring 2018 is already here and Federation is actively preparing for the upcoming 102nd Annual Convention entitled: ***Passion to Action: Building for Tomorrow.*** The program for the day will be wonderful and will explore how the passions of our presenters led to their own actions, participation and leadership.

Each of us who has become involved in our organizations has acted on their personal passions. We may have been asked to join by a friend, but we stayed and became interested when we learned more about the mission and values. Our passions have led us to join committees, become chairs and even accept leadership positions. **Why did we join the organization? What causes us to become involved and committed to the organization? What are the passions and values that drive us?**

For me, synagogue sisterhood has been my passion for over 40 years. I grew up with the women in my family participating in Sisterhood and demonstrating that congregations are the heart and future of Judaism. Since I truly loved and respected my family members, I joined Sisterhood as a new bride in a small town congregation in North Carolina. I learned that women are stronger together and have special collective roles in sustaining the congregation, supporting our religious schools and youth groups, preparing holiday and Shabbat

celebrations for families, providing funds to support the congregation, offering educational programs and working to make our communities better places to live.

As I became more involved in the District, National and International Women of Reform Judaism, I found I could passionately encourage other women to get involved in their own congregational women's groups. I could help Jews strengthen their Jewish identity through education and leadership development. I could support and advocate for issues that are part of our Jewish value system and could work to make the world better for all.

Federation has also given me a chance to express my values in so many ways. I feel blessed to be able to put my life-long passions into actions.

With the approach of Shavout, the holiday that celebrates receiving the 10 commandments, the very basis of our values, I hope each of us will re-examine and reaffirm our own passions and reasons for our involvement and actions within our organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland. I have enjoyed serving and working with such talented and committed women who share my values. Federation will always be part of my life and my passion. I wish the new leadership much success. May Federation continue to go from strength to strength.

102nd Federation Convention



You don't want to miss Federation's 102nd Convention—Passion to Action! Join women and guests from the 25 participating Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland for an exciting day of learning, mingling with friends and enjoying delicious catered lunch. Our morning program will be an enlightening panel discussion entitled "Serving Jews Who Serve: Jewish Chaplains Council." Paula Hollinger will moderate and our speakers will be Rabbi/Chaplain Irving Elson, CHC, USN and Rabbi/Chaplain Heather Borshof. Following lunch, Vivian Bass, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Jewish Women International, will give the Keynote Address. The excitement doesn't end there. We will be awarding our annual E. B. Hirsh Award to Jo-Ann Meyer Orlinsky. Culminating our convention will be the presentation of the Builder For Tomorrow Award to an Honoree, from each of our constituent organizations. Come and support your Honoree and enjoy a wonderful day. Karan Engerman and Edie Meyers, Co-Chairs

Date: May 24, 2018

Time: 9:00 am to 2:45 pm

Place: Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Cost: \$40

Mail check to Arlene Mazer, 6 Halston Ct, 21209

Passion to Action: Builder for Tomorrow Awards

Congratulations to all our Honorees!

Adat Chaim Sisterhood—Beverly Fishman

AMIT—Barbara Bloom

Associated Women—Carole Fradkin

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood—

Carole Wilder

Beth El Congregation Sisterhood—

Susan Hackerman

Beth Israel Congregation Sisterhood—

Ellen Naftaniel

Beth Tfiloh Congregation Sisterhood—Sheila Jay

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Kappa Guild, Inc.—Erma Caplan

Levindale Auxiliary, Inc.—Deverah Routman

Mildred Mindell Cancer Foundation, Inc.—

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Miriam Lodge, K.S.B., Inc.—Arlene Block

Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Sisterhood—

Joan Goudy

Ner Tamid Congregation Sisterhood—Nina Ungar

Rodger C. Snyder Memorial, Ladies Auxiliary—

Lois Schworm

Sinai Infinity Mitzvah Foundation—Darla Lansman

Temple Oheb Shalom Sisterhood—Arlene Mazer

Women of Har Sinai Congregation—

Sherri Boxer Bell

Recognize an Honoree with a Mazel Tov Card

Send \$5.00 for each person you want to recognize. Forms are available on the Website. Mail check payable to Federation with the completed form to: Sheila Mentz, 4327 Crestheights Road, Baltimore MD, 21215, morahsheila@aol.com, 410-484-8215. The honoree(s) will be notified of your contribution with a beautiful and personal message.

Nominating Committee

In accordance with Article VII of the Bylaws of The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland, the following slate of officers for 2018 — 2019, submitted by the Nominating Committee, will be presented for consideration at the 102nd Annual Convention on May 24th.

The slate of nominees for office for 2018 — 2019 is as follows:

President	Linda Boteach
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Community Representative	Helene H. Waranch, P.P.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for preparing this slate: Chair: Sheila K. Derman, P.P.

Committee: Jane Davis, P.P.; Barbara Levenson; Harriet L. Meier, M.D., P.P.; Jo-Ann M. Orlinsky; Sheila Stern; Eve Vogelstein, P.P.

Mazel Tov to these wonderful women who have accepted this responsibility. We anticipate with joy their creative energy and commitment of service they shall bring to Federation.

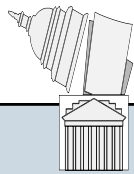
“Disability Resources: Everything You Want to Know But are Afraid to Ask”

Federation's March 15th dinner meeting was held at Beth Israel Congregation. Our excellent guest speakers were Amian Frost Kelemer, Chief Executive Officer, Center for Jewish Education and Ruth Klein, Director, Department of Mental Health of Jewish Family Services. The many attendees experienced a very informative presentation describing the various disability resources and services offered to the Jewish community by these two wonderful agencies. A question and answer segment followed this most interesting discussion. We also enjoyed a delicious Italian meal provided by Milk and Honey Bistro.



Written on the 78th day of the General Assembly Session

The Sick Leave bill that was vetoed by the Governor after last year's session was overridden by the General Assembly and bills to delay the effective date by six months were defeated. The law became effective on February 11, 2018.



HB 1 and SB 2, the Rape Survivor Protection Act, passed both houses and was signed by the Governor. This law establishes a court process by which a woman who is pregnant as a result of a rape may terminate the parental rights of her rapist.

The Repeat Sexual Predator Act of 2018 sponsored by Senator Jim Brochin and Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary (HB 301)) passed the Senate and in the House Judiciary Committee.

This law recognizes that many sexual offenders continue to re-offend. At the request of the State's Attorney, this bill would permit judges, under certain circumstances, to admit

evidence of other sexual offenses without risking a wrongful conviction.

HB 1646, (SB 1036) the domestic violence bill, which requires perpetrators to turn in their guns, passed the House. It also passed the Senate with several amendments and must go to a conference committee to iron out the differences.

The last day of the session was April 9th. Bills which didn't pass by midnight on April 9th will have to be introduced again in January 2019, when there will be a new legislature.

Don't forget the Maryland Primary Election is on June 26th. The Governor and all members of the Legislature are up for election. Early voting starts on June 14th.

Legislative
Update by
Jo-Ann Orlinsky

SERV-A by Betty Samuels Seidel

SERV-A! What is SERV-A? What does SERV-A do? I am happy to share with you some of the answers to these questions! SERV-A is a major Federation project that serves our United States Armed Services. Courageous Jewish men and women faithfully protect us throughout the world. We support their spiritual well being and lift their morale by our gifts which enhance the observance of Shabbat and Jewish Holidays. Most welcome are the prayer books, ceremonials and kosher goodies we provide for currently active Jewish Armed Services and Veterans.

How do we accomplish each miraculous mitzvah? We do it through the submission of Annual contributions by our organizations and sisterhoods, plus the contributions of wonderful individuals, in commemoration of happy or sad occasions. Please do mail your contributions to our treasurer, Ann Fishkin, 6501 Trotwood Court, Baltimore, Maryland 21209 or call her at 410-484-9604. Todah Rabah! Thank you very much!

Here's the good news! We will hear directly from the representatives of the Jewish Welfare Board's Jewish Chaplain's Council when we attend the morning session of our Federation's 102nd Convention on Thursday, May 24, 2018. "Serving Jews Who Serve" is going to be an enlightening first-hand panel discussion about our vital role in the religious life of Jews in the military. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to gain knowledge of and appreciation for our SERV-A's spectacular services!



Under Our Umbrella

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events. Submit your information to Elissa Ness, easelthew@aol.com. Bring your flyers to each meeting so they can be placed on a table.

AMIT

June 13- AMIT's Mother in Israel Campaign presents an evening with National Jewish Book Award winning author Francine Klagsbrun who will discuss her biography, [Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel](#). Event takes place at Chizuk Amuno Congregation. Dinner at 6:00 with the author followed by a book review, Q&A, dessert reception and book signing. Dinner sponsorship levels begin at \$86 per person. Book review/reception cost \$36. Register at www.amitchildren.org. For additional information, email robbiep@amitchildren.org or call 410-484-2223.

BALTIMORE HEBREW SISTERHOOD

Saturday, May 12—10 am Shabbat Shelanu honoring Sisterhood followed by a kiddush. For more info contact Carol Wilder, wildwoman6@verizon.net

Sunday, June 3—11:30 am Closing luncheon with Baltimore Sun Obituary writer Fred Rassmussen speaking on "Tales From the Crypt." Release and Installation of officers and board members. For more info contact Harriet L. Meier, MD, himeier@gmail.com

BETH TFILOH SISTERHOOD

Tuesday, April 24 – An Evening With Robert Balson – 7:30 pm in the Tuvin Assembly Hall. Meet the author of **Once We Were Brothers, Saving Sophie, Karolina's Twins and The Trust**. Dessert reception to follow. \$5 in advance; \$8 at door. Register at bethtfiloh.com/register or call Ellen Karp 443-660-7690.

Tuesday, May 8 – Sisterhood's Donor Dinner 6 pm - Honoring Roselyn Kalb and Rosalie Klotzman.

Thursday, May 10 Take a trip to the Sculpture Gardens 8 am-6 pm - \$65/per person includes transportation, snacks and admission. Lunch is on your own. Register online at bethtfiloh.com/register or call Ellen Karp 443-660-7690.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Beth Tfiloh Sisterhood's Day of Games. Cost \$20 for lunch and snacks. Bring your friends for mah jongg, canasta, bridge, scrabble or whatever you play. We have the tables. Time 12:00 am – 4:00 pm. For information call Ellen Karp: 443-660-7690 or email ellenkarp@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, June 12, 2018— Sisterhood's closing meeting with guest speaker.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

April 29, 9:30 am – noon, SHREDDING EVENT at the [Beth Israel Congregation](#), 3706 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, 21117. Bring documents for shredding to Beth Israel's front parking lot. Suggested donation: \$10 benefits our Sisterhood and Brotherhood. For information, contact Penny Kafka, President, at 410-526-5573 or pennykafka@verizon.net.

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE, BALTIMORE CHAPTER

Thursday, May 17 at 11 am - Annual closing meeting and luncheon at The Suburban Country Club. Guest Speaker will be Matthew A. Crenson, Baltimore's Political Historian. For more information call Deane Sevel at 410- 484-0643.

Check our website for additional info and our Live and Learn Booklet with 30 classes at: blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccaltimore All open meetings convene at 1 pm in the Hadassah Meeting Room, [3723 Old Court Road, Suite 205](#).

CHANA

Sunday, May 13, 2018 (Mother's Day) Race Against Abuse, CHANA's 10K & Fun Run - Race start time – 8:00 am. \$50 for the 10K and \$10 for the fun run. The race will be held at the **NCR Trail**, White Hall, MD. For more information contact us at 410-234-0030 or info@chanabaltimore.org.

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 8:00 am - SAFEGUARDING OUR SENIORS: In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, CHANA and its elder abuse program, Stop Abuse of Elders (SAFE), is hosting the second annual SAFEGuarding Our Seniors event. Featured Speaker is Jayne Miller, WBAL-TV. \$36 includes breakfast. Event will be held at **DLA Piper, The Marbury Building**, 6225 Smith Avenue, Baltimore. For more information, please contact us at 410-234-0030, info@chanabaltimore.org.

CHIZUK AMUNO SISTERHOOD

April 22, 2018 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Torah Fund Mah Jongg Fundraiser Tournament, cost is \$40, price includes lunch. Chizuk Amuno Esterson Auditorium, 8100 Stevenson Rd., Baltimore MD 21208. Registration starts at 9:30, play starts promptly at 10am. Prizes awarded, six rounds of play (24 games) Contact Linda Eisenberg, 410-591-1361 or jaismom@Comcast.net.

(Chizuk Amuno continued)

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6:00 pm, Joint Sisterhood Dinner, cost is \$38. Hosted by Chizuk Amuno Congregation, 8100 Stevenson Road, Baltimore MD 21208. We will be entertained by Baltimore Magician William Gross, with dazzling magic skills and lots of humor. Make check payable to "Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood." No payment will be accepted at the door. Questions, contact Sheila Sandbank, grandmasheilax2@hotmail.com or Ruth Silber, bauberuthe@Comcast.net.

Sunday, April 29, 12:00-3:00 pm. Edith Askin Book Review sponsoring Cynthia Shamash reviewing memoir The Strangers We Become-Lessons in Exile from One of Iraq's Last Jews. Books can be purchased at the gift shop at discounted price of \$20. Program cost \$18 for CAC Sisterhood members and \$23 for non-members which includes Iraqi inspired lunch. Check payable to Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood, 8100 Stevenson Road, Baltimore, MD 21208. For more information contact Sue Crystal 410-206-3846 or Patty Anbinder 410-916-7616.

COVENANT GUILD

May 16, 2018 — 11:00 AM Donor Luncheon Woodholme Country Club. Cost - \$65.00

HADASSAH

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 pm. Woodholme Country Club, 300 Woodholme Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21208. Program: Medical Cannabis 101: Let's Talk.... Guest speakers: Dr. Joel Meshulam, practicing internist in Baltimore and Andrew Grossman, partner, Green Thumb Industries. Wine and light appetizers. Cost \$36 Hadassah members, \$45 for non-Hadassah members. Call Hadassah Greater Baltimore for reservations 410-484-9590.

ISRAEL BONDS MARYLAND

Thursday, May 10 at 5:45 pm. Golda Meir Award Dinner honoring Annette Cooper. For more information call the Israel Bonds office at 410-484-6670 X 1.

KAPPA GUILD, INC.

Wednesday, April 18 – 4:30-7:30 pm. Dining out fundraiser at Miller's Deli at Greenspring Shopping Center. 10% go to Kappa Guild, Inc.'s mission of "helping children in need."

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 – 48th Annual Donor celebrating 65 years of "Helping Children in Need" at Moses Montefiore Anshe Amunah Congregation. Time 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm.

LEVINDALE AUXILIARY, INC.

Wednesday, June 6, 7:00 pm – Installation of new officers and board and Sensory Garden Donor Wall will be revealed.

MIRIAM LODGE

Wednesday, May 9, Noon. Donor, Suburban Country Club. \$40. Info. Arlene Mazer, 410-484-5752.

Sunday, June 3rd, \$160. "Waitress," National Theater, DC. Leave Greenspring Shopping Center at 9am & return at 5:15pm. Lunch included at Hamilton Restaurant. More info, call Marlene Greenebaum, 410-654-3122.

Wednesday, August 22, 9 am to 5:30 pm. \$125. Cruise on Paddle Wheeler on Choptank River. Lunch included. Leaving Greenspring Shopping Center. Info Davida Oken, 410-213-8329.

WOMEN OF HAR SINAI CONGREGATION

Between May 6 and May 13, Women of Har Sinai Congregation will hold their annual Mother's Day flower sale. We will have a variety of stunning flower baskets from which to choose. Orders will be taken on May 6 and flowers can be picked up on May 13, with other pickup arrangements made by request. This event will take place at Har Sinai Congregation, 2905 Walnut Avenue, Owings Mills, MD, 21117. For more information contact CeCe Rund at crrund@yahoo.com.

Thursday, June 7 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Women of Har Sinai Congregation will be taking a trip to Longwood Gardens in PA. We will be departing from Har Sinai Congregation, located at 2905 Walnut Avenue, Owings Mills, MD, 21117. Several of our "sisters" have volunteered to drive their cars and take three passengers with them. Senior admission for those 62 and over will be \$20. Lunch will be on your own in Longwood's scrumptious cafe. For more information, please contact Arlene Burman at amburman@verizon.net.

Federation is Available to Visit You

Each member organization can invite a Federation officer to visit one of your meetings to learn about Federation and what we can do for you. Call President Helene H. Waranch for more information at 410-602-1210.



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Federation Calendar

Save the Dates:

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 102nd Annual Convention
Thursday, June 21, 2018, Presidents Reception—9:30 am
“Volunteering—Making the Connection:
What Gets You Engaged?”

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

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