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The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland

107th Annual Convention

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

7401 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21208



CONVENTION CHAIR—Nina Rosenzweig

Co-chair— Janet Livingston

**Keynote Speaker: Susan Weidman Schneider,
Co-founder and Editor-in-chief of "Lilith Magazine"**

**E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree
Betsy Narrow, Community Leader**

**Presentation of the -
"A WOMAN WHO LEADS THE WAY AWARD"**

**RSVP by May 8, 2023
website at <http://jewishwomensfed.org/>**

Message from Our President CeCe Rund



Daffodils, crocus and hyacinths are blooming and remind us of new life. As our Federation emerges into spring, we find that it is a busy time as we prepare for our in-person Annual Convention on May 18, 2023 starting with registration at 9:30 a.m. at Baltimore Hebrew

Congregation. As women's rights are once again on the table, we have a powerful woman-centered conference ready for YOU! Ms. Schneider, editor-in-chief of "Lilith" magazine, will provide an empowering presentation and provide each attendee with a free copy of Lilith Magazine. Our E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award honoree, Betsy Narrow, is exemplary of women's ability to lead the way! Check out our honorees from each of our membership organizations. How wonderful it is to have these ladies as part of our Federation and it is an honor to honor YOU! Mazel Tov! Let these ladies know that you appreciate them by sending them a special Mazel Tov card. (Look at "forms" on our home page and complete and send).

The Federation is also focusing on two resolutions directly related to women's issues: Women's Mental Health and revisiting Women's Equity. We also have a resolution on Antisemitism: Again! Antisemitism is here, again...never has gone away. However, there is a more recent surge in this hateful activity. Please take the time to read our resolutions and see what you can do to make life better for Jewish women.

Linda Boteach, a past president, and I are also starting to add an advocacy page to our newsletter which you can find by going to jewishwomensfed.org. On this page, you will find web sites and information about issues at hand. Our first one will concentrate on antisemitism. If you feel that you have truly witnessed an antisemitic event, please report it. This reporting information will be found on our advocacy page as well.

On February 23, 2023, the Federation held it's first Representative-President's Forum at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom. We had 26 attendees and shared information about the Federation and about each other. We also

discussed needs and possible future programs based upon our membership input. We have already begun to develop some of the ideas that came from this program. One is the new advocacy page on our web site. We will be concentrating on antisemitism with a twist as to how we can help our pre-college youth be prepared for the possibility of encountering antisemitism on campus.

Now, we can kvell a bit. Helene H. Waranch, one of our past presidents received a prestigious award at the recent Mid-Atlantic WRJ Annual Convention; the Eishet Chayil Award (Woman of Valor) for her lifetime achievements. So well deserved! Helene, like her mother, E.B. Hirsh, has been serving our Jewish women and communities for many years in a variety of leadership roles. A beautiful tribute was shown and was produced by Marcia Bornfriend. Marcia Bornfriend, Immediate Past President, also received the Temple Woman of Valor Award and represented BHC! Marcia is no stranger to leadership as well. We are so well represented with Women Who Lead the Way! We are blessed. Mazel Tov to Helene and Marcia.

And, now, another exciting event. Mark your calendars for July 18, 2023 at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Details to follow. The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland and The Associated will partner to present Laura Black, author of [Climbing Down the Ladder](#). Ms. Black will talk about her book as well as sell and autograph her work. We are looking forward to this new and exciting program.

I hope everyone had a peaceful and memorable Passover. Please have a safe summer as well. WE, at Federation, will not be sleeping during the summer, but will be planning for our next year. All my very best to you, our valued members!

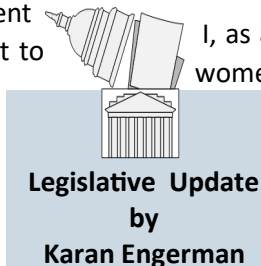
Wishing you a warm and happy spring,

President, CeCe Rund



Federation Legislative Update—2023

It was just a few years ago that we were celebrating the 19th amendment that passed Congress on June 4, 1919 and was ratified August 18, 1920. Here we are in April of 2023 and I can't stop thinking about how different our lives as women would be without the right to vote. Forty years ago the Maryland General Assembly Women's Caucus created an official position to prioritize through legislation: The Declaration Of Rights which is the right to reproductive Freedom. The Right to



Reproductive liberty has moved through both branches of our legislature with a promise from Governor Moore to sign it.

I, as a citizen of this state, am proud of the men and women representing us in Annapolis. The next move from House Speaker, Adrienne Jones, is to ensure abortion rights become part of the Maryland State Constitution. This would guarantee abortion rights in Maryland in the future.

Mid Winter Conference Report—by Shulamit Finkelstein

On January 26, 2023, we were blown away by three women CEOs of multi-million dollar Israeli high tech companies: Carly Furman, CEO of Nayax LLC, a leading provider of cashless payment solutions in the North American market and the Western Hemisphere; Jennifer Roby, Vice President of Finance and CFO of Elta North America, a company working to solve complex and advanced defense and homeland security challenges for the U.S. government, including the manufacture of radar for the Iron Dome and Vered Caplan, CEO of Orgenesis, a global biotech company working on cell and gene therapies collaboratively with Johns Hopkins Medicine. This talk was moderated by Nancy Boguslaw, Deputy Director of the Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC). These women also happen to work in our own back yard of Baltimore! The CEOs told us how they came to be interested in high tech and how they rose to become leaders in what are typically male-dominated fields. We learned about their unique leadership styles, and how, as mothers and grandmothers, we can support our daughters and granddaughters in their career choices. All presentations were most impressive and inspiring.



Nancy Boguslaw



Carly Furman

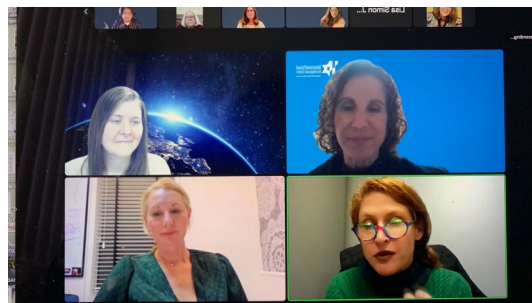


Jennifer Roby



Vered Caplan

Israeli High-Tech



Federation's 107th Annual Convention



CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Susan Weidman Schneider

Susan is a Canadian author, activist and editor of the feminist magazine, "Lilith". Ms. Schneider has written books and articles on a variety of topics including intermarriage, fertility, domestic abuse, conversion, Orthodoxy and feminism as well as LGBTQ issues. She started studying at Brandeis University and considers this time of her life as her political awakening. Susan has been working as editor-in-chief for Lilith in the Manhattan office since the publication of the first issue in 1976.

E.B. HIRSH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREE

Betsy Narrow



Ms. Narrow hails from Harrisburg, PA and was active in her synagogue, Beth El Temple and the local JCC. Betsy was a past president of Levindale Auxiliary (2010-2013) and serves as a current Board member of the Auxiliary. Betsy and her husband, Lou, received the Lifetime Volunteer Award for their tireless work for the Auxiliary, a supportive arm of the Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Nursing Home and Hospital. Ms. Narrow was part of the Levindale household concept which provides a more home-like atmosphere for the residents. Betsy graduated from Pittsburgh's Chatham College with a degree in drama and a minor in elementary education. We are so pleased to have Betsy and her family living in the Pikesville area.

A WOMAN WHO LEADS THE WAY HONOREES 2023

Adat Chaim Sisterhood –
Cathy Litofsky

Hadassah of Greater Baltimore -
Harriet Rubinson

Rodger C. Snyder Memorial, Ladies
Auxiliary - **Susan Dubick**

Associated Women -
Carol Sandler

Israel Bonds Maryland, Women's
Division—**Linda Freud**

Shalom Tikvah - **Holly Venick**

Beth El Congregation Sisterhood –
Cherie Stewart

Jewish Caring Network -
Leeba Friedman

Support for Families of Nursing
Home Residents - **Imani Graham**

Beth Israel Congregation Sisterhood -
Myra Cohn

Kappa Guild, Inc.-
Miriam Stern

Temple Isaiah Sisterhood –
Debbie Wofsey

Beth Tfiloh Congregation Sisterhood
Sandy Kanter

Levindale Auxiliary, Inc. -
Sherri Bauman

Women's Club of Har Sinai –Oheb
Shalom Congregation -
Sherri Boxer Bell

CHANA – **Hindy Abramson**

Miriam Lodge, K.S.B., Inc. -
David Oken

Women of Baltimore Hebrew
Congregation – **Pamela Russell**

Chizuk Amuno Congregation
Sisterhood – **Dr. Michelle Chudow**

Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah
Sisterhood – **Marilyn Scherr**

E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement
Award – **Betsy Narrow**

Covenant Guild, Inc. –
Betty Jacobs Keyser

Ner Tamid Sisterhood –
Sylvia Karlin (In Memoriam)

Representative-President Forum Getting to Know You: Getting to Know US

Twenty-four representatives and/or presidents of our constituent organizations attended our first **Representative-Presidents Forum** held at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation on February 23, 2023. The title of this program was **"Getting to Know YOU: Getting to Know Us"** as the Federation wanted to develop a closer relationship with our membership. As an umbrella organization, The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland crosses all branches of Judaism with its 25 organizational membership. Our goal is to unite Jewish women and to educate, advocate and keep our Jewish women informed and strong. We shared information about the Federation: who we are, what we do and our future plans. One new initiative is appointing one of our vice presidents, Julie Bernstein, as The Representative Liaison for our organizations. We can look forward to stronger communication through our membership organization representatives and a conduit where our organizational representatives can share concerns, needs and ideas.

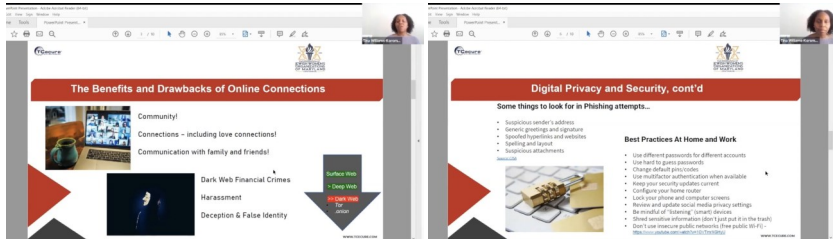
The feedback about this program from the attendees was very positive. The attendees felt that the information was needed, interesting and helpful. Suggestions for future programs included a high response for programs regarding antisemitism and how to talk to your children and grandchildren about facing antisemitism in high school and college campuses. Based upon this feedback, we will now use our web site, jewishwomensfed.org, as a resource site. We will be posting resources for all regarding issues on antisemitism, how to report an incident, links to articles about dealing with antisemitism and talking with your children/grandchildren about this most sensitive and real topic. We also completed a new resolution on antisemitism which will be revealed at our annual convention at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation on May 18, 2023.

Another important suggested topic was engaging younger members to your organization, succession planning and how to keep your organization afloat. Based upon this request, we look forward to having Annette Saxon addressing these issues at our President's Reception on June 29th. The exchange of information during this breakfast forum was most informative and we look forward to sponsoring more such programs in the future.



March Meeting Report—by Shulamit Finkelstein

On March 16, 2023, we had the pleasure of hearing from Tina Williams-Koroma, Cyber Security Expert about the “Dark Web.” Tina showed us how to protect ourselves while navigating social media. Among the best practices that she



encouraged us to follow included using different passwords for different accounts, using hard to guess passwords, using multifactor authentication, being mindful of listening devices, shredding sensitive information and avoiding use of insecure public networks.

President's Reception for President's and Representatives



Date: June 29, 2023

Topic: Promoting and Marketing Your Organization

Registration at 9:30 a.m.

All Current Presidents are invited!

We are so pleased to have past E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Annette Saxon, present at our annual President's Reception. Annette is the outgoing chair of the Associated Women and is on the continental board of Jewish Community Centers of America and of JCC Global. Ms. Saxon will be sharing her expertise with us and is planning an exciting program on promoting and marketing your organization. At one time or another, we have all struggled with membership and attracting young blood among other issues. The Federation is grateful to Annette for sharing her ideas with us. We welcome vice presidents if you are unable to attend. Breakfast will be served. Thank you to our past Federation Presidents and current President for funding and supporting this informative program.

Spotlight on our Organizations

CHANA —CHANA offers a Jewish response to the needs of people who have experienced abuse or trauma. CHANA's team is dedicated to the elimination of domestic violence, sexual abuse, elder abuse and all forms of interpersonal violence. CHANA's counselors listen, support, guide and work to heal survivors of violence. CHANA advocates for community awareness, safety and healing. For help, call 410-234-0030 or contact info@chanabaltimore.org.

COVENANT GUILD, INC.—Founded as a group of women living primarily in west Baltimore to socialize in the evenings, the Guild evolved into a philanthropic organization making a deep communal impact, recruiting thousands of members over the many years. Covenant Guild celebrated it's 75th anniversary in 2022. Members range in age from 35-80 years of age. Their motto is “Loving, Caring, Giving, Sharing”. Through the years, Covenant Guild has financially supported many groups and organizations, hospice programs, hospital rooms, Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company ambulances, mental health organizations, children with special needs, computers for veterans and a lot of hands-on volunteering. This organization has raised 2.3 million dollars for a variety of community organizations! Besides all this hard fundraising work, the ladies enjoy Broadway theatre trips, bowling, Mah Jongg, book clubs and more.



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.

CHANA

Sunday, May 14th 8:00 a.m.— Mother's Day, 6th Annual Race Against Abuse 5K and Fun Run. CHANA's 6th Annual Race Against Abuse 5K and Fun Run raises money and awareness for those who are impacted by violence and abuse. This is an excellent opportunity for families to gather for a great cause and spend time together. Registration and sponsorship opportunities available at <https://chanabaltimore.org/events/chanas-6th-annual-race-against-abuse/> The run will start at the Owings Mills JCC, 3506 Gwynnbrook Avenue, Owings Mills 21117. Contact Dayna Leder, lederd@associated.org, 410-234-0030.

COVENANT GUILD

Sunday May 7, 2023 10 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. Mahjong Tournament held at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation located at 7310 Park Heights Avenue. The price is \$60.00 per person (lunch and snacks included). Please contact Janet Moss, chairwoman at 410-356-5807 or 410-371-0921 or email to tonimoss@aol.com.

HADASSAH GREATER BALTIMORE

Sunday, May 21, 2023 Starting at 5:00 p.m. Cell-A-Brate presents Diamonds & Denim at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation 7401 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21208. An evening of cocktails, kosher hor's d'oeuvres and fun to raise money for stem cell research, celebrate Israel's 75th Anniversary and honor Jill Sapperstein for her work with Hadassah. Silent auction with jewelry, gift cards and themed baskets. Entertainment by singer/ comedienne Jackie Tohn. \$75 Contact Barbara Deitch for more information at deitchfamily@msn.com.

KAPPA GUILD

Sunday, May 7, 2023 11:30-3:00 p.m. Fashion Show and Luncheon. Zamoiski Auditorium at Sinai Hospital. 2401 Belvedere Avenue. Fashions by Taylor Marie. Buffet Luncheon catered by Sinai Hospital. Kosher dietary laws observed. Free parking: Belvedere Garage. Shopping to follow fashion show. Ticket Price \$40. Your check is your reservation. Send check and names of guests with phone numbers to Miriam Stern, 2525 Pot Spring Road #L-422 Timonium, MD 21093. For more information call Miriam at 410-299-0498 or email at bubbysternmail@aol.com or Sheila Mentz at 410-484-8215 or email at morahsheila@aol.com.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 11:30-3:00 p.m. Donor Luncheon celebrating our 70th anniversary and 50th donor. Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Catering by Yaffa. Cost is \$75. For more information call Miriam at 410-299-0498 or email at bubbysternmail@aol.com or Sheila Mentz at 410-484-8215 or email at morahsheila@aol.com.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 11:30-4:00 p.m. Day of Games. Pappas Restaurant in Cockeysville. Delicious lunch and fun afternoon of games. Cost is \$45. For information call Michale Misler at 410-654-0857 or email at radgirl25@comcast.net or angiosm@aol.com.

MOSES MONTEFIORE ANSHE EMUNAH

April 23, 2023 Price and Time TBA "Bus Trip to MGM National Harbor Casino and Lunch" - meet bus at MMAE Parking lot, 7000 Rockland Hills

Drive, Baltimore, MD 21209. A day of gambling followed by a Kosher Chinese Lunch at "Holy Chow" Restaurant will be enjoyed by all attendees. Contact Judi Raphaeli, jraphi@gmail.com for more info.

SHALOM TIKVAH

Sunday, May 21, 2023 Save the Date, Dinks and Drinks to benefit Shalom Tikvah. Pickleball Tournament, Men's, Women's, and Mixed Double Matches followed by food, drinks and other treats. For all players and spectators. Stay tuned for details.

TEMPLE ISAIAH SISTERHOOD IN HOWARD COUNTY

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 8:45 a.m.—Mah Jongg Tournament. Breakfast and registration, 9:15a.m. Review rules, 9:30 a.m. Play begins. Play 6 Rounds of Games (24 games). \$60/person. There will be door prizes and prize money for the top three winners. Games will be at 12200 Scaggsville Rd. Fulton, MD. Register by May 24, 2023 - no refunds after that day! Registration confirmation will be sent from Temple Isaiah when your registration has been received. Tournament rules will be sent out via email the week of the tournament. Payment can be made with credit card through ShulCloud at bit.ly/3HWgs0z or make checks payable to Temple Isaiah Sisterhood and return with your check to Susie Golkow, 10953 Shadow Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. Attn: Mah Jongg Tournament Committee. Let us know if you can East and/or bring a set, and include your email to receive rules and confirmation. Questions? Please contact Doris Geisler at 410.971.8744 or Susie Golkow at 410.707.6123.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF HAR SINAI-OHEB SHALOM

May 4, 2023 9 am-3 p.m. Mindful Retreat-Spring Renewal-Location-HSOS, 7310 Park Heights Ave. Guided meditation, chair yoga, self care practice and zentangling will be included in the Women's Club of Har Sinai Oheb Shalom's mindfulness retreat. All are invited to join in this very special program. Cost-\$10.00. For information, contact Bonnie Block, bhbhugs@earthlink.net.

May 5, 2023 6:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Women's Erev Shabbat Service. Presentation of Lillian E. Shusterman award to Bonnie Block and announcement of Gold-Szold award recipients Janelle Diamond and Kess Krisnick. Location-HSOS, 7310 Park Heights Ave. Readers must be paid TWC members. Contact Arlene Burman, anburman@verizon.net.

WOMEN OF BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

May 2, 6:30 p.m. - Game Night, BHC bring your friends and games. Sunday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. - Closing meeting, program by Word Mavens, brunch. For more information about these events, contact Marcia Bornfriend, womenofbhc@gmail.com or call 410-764-1587 ext. 272.

Wednesdays with WBHC:

May 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:30 p.m. A four-week study program, "Arguments for the Sake of Heaven: A Jewish Perspective" taught by Jane West Walsh.

May 31, 10:00 a.m. "Jewish Mindfulness Meditation" presented by Eva Sivan, Ph.D. For the Zoom link for Wednesday program, contact Marcia Bornfriend, mbornfriend410@gmail.com or call 410-764-1587 ext. 272.

Federation Calendar (meetings are held on Thursdays)

Meetings Held Either Virtually or in Person

2023-2024

107th Annual Convention— May 18, 2023

President's Reception—June 29, 2023

Opening Meeting—September 21, 2023

November Evening Meeting—November 16, 2023

Mid-Winter Conference—January 25, 2024

Spring Fling—March 14, 2024

108th Annual Convention—May 16, 2024



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