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## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

### “Women in the Forefront of Israel High-tech”

#### Moderator:



**Nancy Boguslaw**, Deputy Director of the Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC), has arranged for three of these remarkable female executives to talk about the companies they head and how they became world-class leaders in high tech.

#### Panelists:



**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.



**Vered Caplan**, CEO of Orgenesis, a global biotech company working on cell and gene therapies collaboratively with Johns Hopkins Medicine.

**Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**  
via Zoom

RSVP by 1/23 Register on our  
website at <http://jewishwomensfed.org/>

## Message from Our President CeCe Rund



*Greetings! It is Chanukah time again and the beginning of a New Year. Where does the time go? I can tell you that the Executive Board and committee chairs of the Federation have been most busy. Meetings and zooms are the weekly routine as we prepare for January's program, our convention*

*in May and special projects. A BIG thank you to all our Board members and chairs of our committees for keeping us alive and well.*

*We opened our educational programs in September with Kohenet Dr. Harriette Wimms and Tracie Guy-Decker presenting, **Envisioning a Truly Inclusive Jewish Community**. To me, this was a thought-provoking program. Well done and most informative. You may go to [jewishwomensfed.org](http://jewishwomensfed.org) and watch the video of this program. All of us need to open our minds to hear different perspectives, Thank you Dr. Wimms and Tracie.*

*November brought Barry Rascovar, a professor, writer, and consultant, who talked about **America at a Crossroads**. Barry discussed a variety of political issues and views based upon this country's election results.*

*We continue to hold our educational programs via zoom due to COVID issues, weather issues and for the convenience for our members.*

*Sadly, we lost two valuable members this fall. Sylvia Katzel, who was serving as our Recording Secretary and a longtime member, Betty Seidel. See the memorials in our Flame and web site. We are missing these wonderful women.*

*We developed a Think Tank, chaired by Helene Waranch. We meet monthly and are looking at many aspects of our Federation and how we can better communicate and serve our members and community. We will be sponsoring a Representative Program (may not be the final title) in the near future where all Federation Representatives will be invited along with our organizational presidents for a nice breakfast and information exchange. This is your opportunity to ask us anything! Learn more about our Federation. We, too, will be asking you questions because we want to hear about your needs, ideas for the Federation and how we may be able to assist you with issues, education and more. We are planning on a great part day program for YOU! Be well, stay safe, enjoy one another's company and love.*



*Wishing you a warm and happy winter.*

*CeCe Rund*



### IN MEMORY OF OUR FEDERATION MEMBERS

We remember Betty Seidel, who died on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the age of 100. Betty was a long-time active member of The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland. In her active years, she contributed much to this organization and served on many committees. Betty had a zest for life, was a creative poet and fun to be with. Betty wished that her full life be remembered with joy and with the doing of a kind word or deed for someone in need.



Sylvia Katzel was serving as our Recording Secretary when she suddenly died on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Sylvia will be remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and daughter who whose greatest joys were her family and friends. Sylvia enjoyed volunteering with numerous charitable organizations and served as a leader in many. Everyone who knew her loved her unmatched warmth, kindness, generosity, and optimism.

May the memory of both of these wonderful women be for a blessing.

## Federation Legislative Update—2022

**And the winner is . . . . . DEMOCRACY**

Leading up to the November 8 election, deniers and threats of violence had many of us wonder just what would happen at this year's nationwide election. With the opportunity to vote by mail, use of drop boxes or show up in person as our choices I am confident that most, if not all of us did vote. I used a drop box and was notified by email that my ballot was received, and then on November 9th that it was counted. The system worked for me as I hope it did for everyone.

I had the privilege of meeting Wes Moore when he was starting a new position at the head of

Catonsville Community College, at least 20 years ago, I was representing my congregation as a member of BLUES, and organization that joined Blacks and Jews to work together for betterment of our city and county. He talked to our group then and must have really impressed me, as he was the only speaker that I remember from the period of my life.

As we go forth with our newly elected officers may we wish all of them success as they work to keep our Democracy, the winner of our National competition a peaceful and successful term in office.



**Legislative Update  
by  
Karan Engerman**

## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - Women in the Forefront of Israel

Join us on Thursday, January 26, 2023 on Zoom for our Mid-Winter Conference!

As most of us are probably aware, Israel is a global leader in the high tech industry, possibly *The world leader* in high tech. Many of us may not be aware that amazing, talented, and transformational women have been a leading force in some of Israel's largest, multimillion, and multibillion high tech Israeli companies. Furthermore, several of those women have connections here in Maryland!

With the assistance of Nancy Boguslaw, Deputy Director of the Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC), we have arranged for three of these remarkable female executives to talk about the companies they head and how they became world-class leaders in high tech. Their presentation will take place at the Women's Federation mid-winter conference on Thursday, January 26, 2023. The conference is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

The presenters include:

**Vered Caplan**, CEO of Orgenesis, a global biotech company working on cell and gene therapies collaboratively with Johns Hopkins Medicine

**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

**Nancy Boguslaw** has graciously agreed to moderate this program.

We are very excited to meet and learn from these pioneering and exceptional women, one of whom will be joining us via Zoom from Israel. It's a program you will not want to miss! Invitations will be emailed.

Reservations deadline January 23, 2022. Click on the registration link [HERE](#). You may also visit our website at [Jewishwomensfed.org](http://Jewishwomensfed.org) to register.

For all information, please contact Shulamit Finkelstein at [shulamitf44@gmail.com](mailto:shulamitf44@gmail.com)

## Opening Meeting Report: by CeCe Rund

### ENVISIONING A TRULY INCLUSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Kohenet Dr. Harriette E. Wimms: Jews of Color Engagement within the Associated and the founder and director of the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project along with Tracy Guy-Decker, Senior Partner with Joyous Justice, LLC and co-creator and co-host with April Baskin of the podcast “*Jews Talk Racial Justice with April and Tracie*” provided our members with a special and in-depth program about just how inclusive are we. Both speakers referenced our Torah as well as spiritual leaders and experts in the field of society and inclusion within a society. They shared slides with the audience. One that stood out was this: “Equal rights for others does not mean fewer rights for you. It’s not a pie!” Well said! Opening out hearts and minds may be a process that requires a daily refresh. Following the formal part of the presentation, an engaging discussion with all our participants about equality, equity, diversity and belonging ensued. We were fortunate to have such talented women.

## November Meeting Report: by CeCe Rund



**Barry Rascovar**

As part of the Women’s Federation mission to be a resource and a voice for the organizations under our umbrella, we strive to keep our members abreast of important developments that affect us, our families, and our communities. To that end, on September 17th, we were honored to feature as our keynote speaker Barry Rascovar, professor, author, commentator, consultant, and an influential voice on Maryland politics for over four decades.

The topic of Mr. Rascovar’s post-election presentation was “America at a Crossroads,” and he did not disappoint! In his astute and frank assessment, Mr. Rascovar noted that while not much has changed as a result of the election, there is still a lot of uncertainty. Despite high inflation,

crime, the repeal of Roe v. Wade, and a 44% approval rate of President Biden’s performance, the media were wrong about a “red wave.”

In Mr. Rascovar’s analysis, the deciding factors for Democratic wins were abortion rights, high student loans, and concerns about threats to democracy. Additionally, Democrats were able to win over independent and Hispanic voters. Nevertheless, Mr. Rascovar predicted that Donald Trump will be the nominee for president in 2024, either for the Republican Party or as an independent candidate. As for what the election brought us in DC is a return of control in the Senate by Democrats and forthcoming “gridlock,” Mr. Rascovar said.

Mr. Rascovar concluded his presentation by observing that “ranked choice voting” in elections, as is practiced in Alaska for example, is a good sign for preserving democracy. We would like to give a big thank you to our keynote speaker, Barry Rascovar, and to our President Cece Rund for sponsoring him.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS

**March 16, 2023** Protecting yourself from the Dark Web presented by Tina C. Williams-Koroma, Esq., CISSP, PMP, is a serial entrepreneur – Founder/CEO of TCecure, and most recently, Founder of CyDeploy (<https://www.cydeploy.com>).

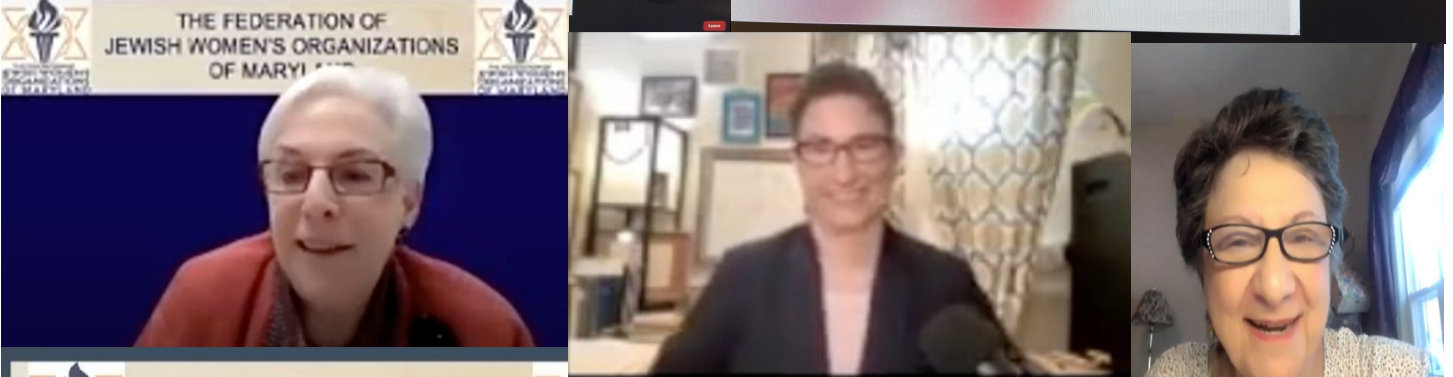
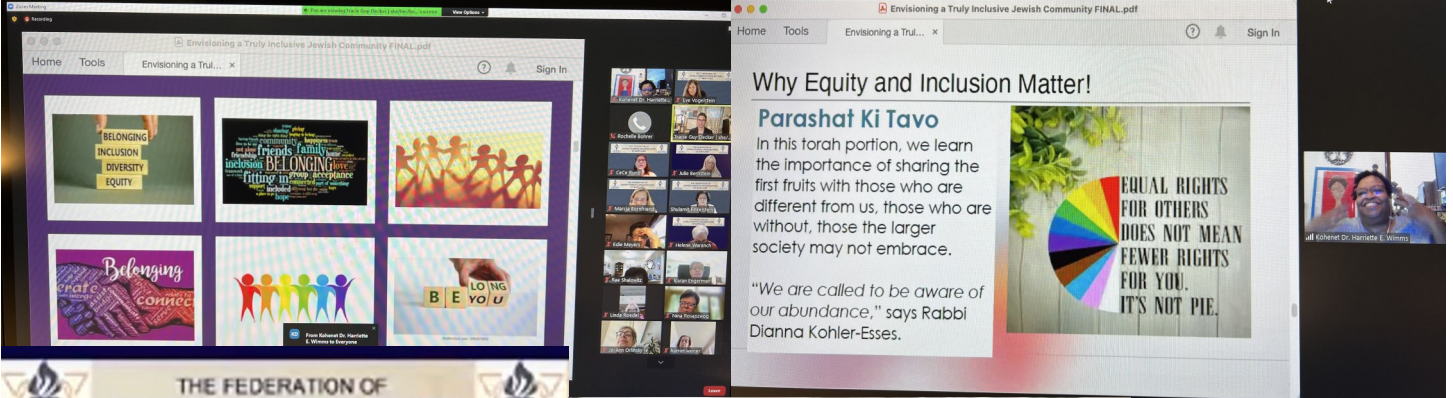
**107th Annual Convention May 18, 2023**—Co-chairs Nina Rosenzweg and Janet Livingston.

**E.B. Hirsh Honoree—Betsy Narrow.**

Presentation of the **Women Who Lead, Influence and Inspire Award** to our honorees.



# Zoom Pics from our Opening and November Meetings!



**From Left to Right -Kohenet Dr. Harriette E. Wimms , Marcia Bornfriend, CeCe Rund Helene Waranch , Tracie B. Guy-Decker, Edie Meyers, Eve Vogelstein, Nina Rosenzweg, Barry Rascover, Julie Bernstein and Shulamit Finelstein.**





## Under Our Umbrella

### Upcoming Events by our Organizations

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events.  
Submit your information to Elissa Ness, [easealthew@aol.com](mailto:easealthew@aol.com).

#### BETH EL SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood meets the 1st Monday of every month  
**January 12, 2023** meet the author's evening with Lisa Barr at 7:30pm.

**February 23, 2023** meet the author's evening with Jean Hanff Korelitz at 7:30pm.

**March 23, 2023** meet the author's evening with Debby Applegate at 7:30pm.

The cost for all evenings is \$30. All are on Zoom

**March 18, 2023** Sisterhood Shabbat Services led by our women!

#### BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023 7pm** -Seth Front and the Jewish Zodiac (with Midway Jewish Center Sisterhood.) This event will be on Zoom. We join over 20 other affiliates for an evening with comedian Seth Front, creator of the Jewish Zodiac. A deli food parody of the Chinese zodiac. The cost TBD. Please contact: Suzanne Kiewe [SuzKiewe@gmail.com](mailto:SuzKiewe@gmail.com) for more info.

**Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 9:30am.** Sisterhood Shabbat at Beth Israel Congregation- Owings Mills. This event is FREE. Join us as our Sisterhood leads our congregation in prayer. Please contact Sandie [Kirshpudgiekirsh@gmail.com](mailto:Kirshpudgiekirsh@gmail.com) for more info.

**Sunday, April 30, 2023** Time and cost TBD. Quarter Auction and Vendor Show at Beth Israel Congregation- Owings Mills. Play and purchase items for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and for fun! Please contact Sharon Carr [Sharon2HB@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon2HB@gmail.com) for more info.

#### CHIZUK AMUNO SISTERHOOD

**Saturday, January 14, 2023 - 6pm** - Havdalah and an Evening of Mitzvot. Join us for the beautiful Havdalah service, some good food, and an opportunity to do a mitzvah. In conjunction with the Chizuk Amuno Gemilut Hasidim initiative, we will be creating small projects that will benefit local organizations. A wonderful event for the entire family.

**Sunday, March 5, 2023 – 4 – 8pm.** Vashti's Banquet - In honor of Queen Vashti in the Purim story, who stood up to her King at the cost of her own life, we are honoring and celebrating the women of Chizuk with activities of enrichment, education, pampering, and fun and dinner.

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 - 12 – 3:30pm** Edith Askin Book Review - Join us for lunch and discussion with author, Murray Siegel on his new book MurMurings. Murry Siegel is a local Pikesville author. The book is available in the Judaica Shop for \$10.

#### HADASSAH OF GREATER BALTIMORE

**January 17, 2023 on Zoom**, Hadassah's Global Efforts in Time of Crisis and Conflict. You can join a watch party. Cost \$20. Ticket price includes a drawing for the book "Relentless Courage: Ukraine and the World at War." Rhoda Smolow, Hadassah's 27th National President, will talk about Hadassah's global efforts, and Svet Jaqueline, award winning photojournalist, will share photos of her time in the Ukraine during the on-going war, capturing images of the country and the people. For more information, contact Julie Bernstein.

**Thursday, January 26, 2023** on Zoom. Maggie Anton will share details on writing her latest novel, The Choice, followed by an interactive book discussion. Cost \$10. Contact Amy Landsman at [Landsmanamy@gmail.com](mailto:Landsmanamy@gmail.com) for questions.

#### KAPPA GUILD, INC.

**Sunday, January 8, 2023** Chinese To Go from David Chus China Bistro. Cost \$30. Pick up 1:00-2:00pm.

For more information and an order form, contact Sheila Mentz at 410-484-8215 or email at [morahsheila@aol.com](mailto:morahsheila@aol.com).

**Friday, March 31, 2023** Shabbat To Go Dinner, Catering By Yaffa. Contact Sheila Mentz at 410-484-8215 or email at [morahsheila@aol.com](mailto:morahsheila@aol.com) or Miriam Stern at 410-602-0175 or email at [bubbysternmail@aol.com](mailto:bubbysternmail@aol.com).

#### MOSES MONTEFIORE ANSHE EMUNAH

**January 24, 2023; 1pm** "Movie and Popcorn Day" Free to Members at MMAE , 7000 Rockland Hills Drive, Baltimore, MD 21209. A movie of interest to the ladies-Title TBA, will be shown in our Youth Room. Popcorn will be served along with cold beverages for your enjoyment! Contact Judi Raphaeli, [jraphi@gmail.com](mailto:jraphi@gmail.com) for more info.

**March 7, 2023 - time TBA** Price TBA; "Purim Early Seudah" - at MMAE, 7000 Rockland Hills Drive, Baltimore, MD 21209. An early Purim Seudah will be served followed by a program. This is a joint project with our synagogue. Contact Judi Raphaeli, [jraphi@gmail.com](mailto:jraphi@gmail.com) for more info.



## Under Our Umbrella

### Upcoming Events by our Organizations continued...

#### MOSES MONTEFIORE ANSHE EMUNAH Continued...

**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](mailto: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.

#### WOMEN OF BHC

Special Programs - Questions, [womenofbhc@gmail.com](mailto:womenofbhc@gmail.com). or call 410-764-1587 Ext. 272).

**Monday, February 17, 2023 at 9:30am** on Zoom: 63rd Interfaith Institute, Building Trust: Finding Common Ground.

**Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 10:30am:** Women's Shabbat in BHC Sanctuary with lunch to follow.

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 12:30pm:** Concert with Cantor Ben Ellerin and Cantorial Intern Leslie Goldberg.

Wednesdays with Women of BHC is offering a variety of programs on zoom. To attend, email [womenofbhc@gmail.com](mailto:womenofbhc@gmail.com) and request the zoom link. Questions, call 410-764-1587 ext. 272.

**January 4, 2023, at 7:30pm:** Cryptology and Women: Creating the Legacy presented by Jennifer Wilcox.

**January 18, 2023 at 10am:** Maestros of Murano: Italian Glass Artistry presented by Howard Cohen.

**February 1, 2023 at 7:30pm:** Bustles and Buttons: A Freudian Analysis of Victorian Clothing presented by Sara Jablon-Roberts, Ph.D.

**February 15, 2023, at 10am:** Cooking with home chef, Bernice Parrazzo.

**March 1, 2023 at 7:30pm:** Make-up for the Stars and their Stories presented by Lauren Cohen, make-up artist.

## Sponsor a Federation Meeting!

In the past, some of our constituent organizations have graciously hosted our meetings and/or programs by donating a room in their facilities and providing a light breakfast. We would like to offer the opportunity for you, as a constituent organization, to showcase your facility by co-sponsoring one of our programs or meetings. Since The Federation does not have a home base, we depend upon our members to assist us and are most grateful. It is also a way to get to know each other. We also welcome any individual member who would like to donate towards a speaker or program. You would be recognized as a co-sponsor for the program and gratefully acknowledged. If you are interested, please contact CeCe Rund at 410-429-5411 or [crrund@yahoo.com](mailto:crrund@yahoo.com).



Please remember our Service men and women. Donations to Serv-A, The Federation's long term social action project, go directly to the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council.

Contact Rochelle Bohrer (410) 922-9762 or  
Ferne Rogow (240) 604-3674 to send your contribution.  
Thank you for your contributions and support!



Federation Calendar  
(meetings are held on Thursdays)

Meetings Held Either Virtually or in Person

2023



Mid-Winter Conference—January 26, 2023

March Meeting—March 16, 2023

107th Annual Convention— May 18, 2023

Visit our website for more information at  
[jewishwomensfed.org](http://jewishwomensfed.org)



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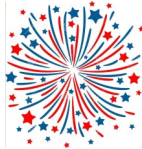
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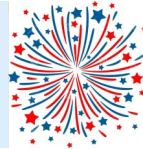
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