



# The Flame

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## THE ANNAPOLIS EXPERIENCE



**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

**Tour the State House and Naval Academy  
Meet elected officials and the Jewish Naval Chaplain**

Bus pick-up is at Greenspring Shopping Center at 7:45 a.m.  
Return at approximately 4:00 p.m.  
Kosher Lunch will be provided

Please send a check for \$20 to reserve your seat to Arlene Mazer,  
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A donation has been made in memory of Nancy Tobias by NCJW for this program

## Message from our President



As I am writing this, watching the blizzard develop, I am looking forward to Spring which will bring our celebration of 100 years for The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland. My thoughts are filled with how really different the lives of American Jewish women are today and yet how our values and mission remain unchanged. Although we are into technology, we are learning to personalize our e-mails and occasionally still use our pens, and although we no longer use our husband's names instead of our first names, the love and support of our families remains supreme. Often I try to picture myself as one of the founding mothers and wonder if I would have measured up. Their ability to understand the problem—Jewish women in Baltimore from diverse backgrounds trying to organize and make the world a better place but in conflict with each other creating a kind of chaos---and then creatively finding the solution that still works 100 years later. From women's suffrage through the World Wars and Nazi destruction and The Depression to the founding of the State of Israel and the continued struggle for women's health and economic rights, The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland has truly made a difference and made things happen. Our work



is not done. We must protect ourselves and our daughters from domestic violence, sexual harassment, rape, workplace discrimination, and financial injustice. Just as in the days of Suffrage, we must oppose the laws that protect the perpetrators of domestic violence, rape, sexual harassment, and sexual violence, especially on our college campuses, and not allow the victims of domestic trafficking to be prosecuted for prostitution. Further, we must continue to strongly advocate for a woman's right to make reproductive decisions based on her ethical, moral and religious beliefs, so that the law of the land is not based on one religion.

HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THIS????? First, we educate ourselves, and our friends and family about the issues and their impact and then learn about the political process that makes it happen. FEDERATION CAN LEAD THE WAY...Participate in our programs. Be a "FRIEND" of Federation. Learn with us as we develop resolutions. Come with us to Annapolis on March 10, 2016 to see how it works. Do this and then "SHOW-UP" on May 19, 2016 to celebrate 100 years of Federation....IT'S UP TO EACH OF YOU TO MAKE US STRONG AND VITAL FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS....."SHOW-UP" with me. I will be expecting you as we measure up to our foremothers.

B'Shalom Sheila K Derman



# Happy 100th Birthday!!

**Mark your calendar to join us on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation for our Centennial Celebration!**

This year we will have a wonderful day starting at 9:00 a.m. The keynote speaker will be **Marcia Greenberger**, Founder and Director of the National Women's Law Center. Our organization will have a special recognition parade in the morning.

A play has been commissioned to illuminate wonderful founders of the Federation and the vision of these women which lit the Flame that still guides us. Baltimore City Council woman **Rochelle "Rikki" Spector** will be honored with the E. B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award. Celebrate with us when each constituent organization will honor one of its members with the Builder of Unity Award.

To kick off the memorable afternoon program, we will toast our Federation and Past Presidents who have lit our path.

Eve Vogelstein and Lynda Weinstein, Centennial Celebration co-chairs

## Highlights... Federation Meetings—Fall 2015

In September we met at the Hadassah office starting with a light Kosher breakfast sponsored by Hadassah and Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood. The program "Federation- 100 years- All The History You Need to Know" was facilitated by Deborah Weiner, an archivist. It was an informative delightful take-off on *Jeopardy*---"*Jfedparady—Federation.*" Everyone participated and learned a lot of history in a very fun way. It was a great start to our centennial.

In November we had our evening meeting at Temple Oheb Shalom. A wonderful kosher dinner was catered by "Accents." The program was a mini "School for a Day," a trademark program of Federation, modified for the evening. *Organization Know How: a Potpourri of Ideas* consisted of sample training modules in advocacy, fundraising, leadership, membership and technology to enhance and grow your organization. The modules were presented by our Federation leadership with exciting and informative participation and much was learned by all as we enter our centennial.



## Meeting and Mikvah Tours

If you were there, you know how wonderful it was! If you missed the unforgettable Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland meeting held on Thursday, January 14, this is what occurred: fabulous breakfast treats, hosted by the Beth El Sisterhood, included kugels, scrambled eggs and lots of delicious treats to heap on a variety of bagels, plus lavish sweets and drinks! A very informative meeting, conducted by President Sheila Derman, included a comprehensive legislative update, March trip to Annapolis, Serv-A, Friends, nominating committee report, and, of course, our exciting Centennial Date To Celebrate in May.

The program offered a unique opportunity to learn about and visit two mikvahs. Beth El Rabbi Faith Cantor presented a delightful, insightful review of mikvahs since biblical days before we explored the synagogue's mikvah. Then we travelled to the Orthodox Mikvah of Baltimore on Clarks Lane, where we experienced another illuminating lecture and tour. It was a day long to be remembered!

President Sheila Derman invited us all to her fascinating home, decorated with a lifetime collection of cats, elephants, memorabilia and colorful paintings adorning the walls. We enjoyed a delicious kosher lunch of Milk and Honey's famous mushroom barley soup, delectable salads, healthy fresh fruit, yummy chocolate top cookies and three kinds of mondel bread. A very good time and a very enlightening time was had by all who attended!

...written by Betty Seidel



## Maryland Healthy Working Families Act Earned Paid Sick Days

Women make up 49 percent of Maryland's workforce and more than 300,000 households in the state are led by women, yet women-dominated industries are among the least likely to offer paid sick days. (Working Matters/Job Opportunities Task Force)

Women should not have to choose between taking care of a sick child, or losing a job, or going to work sick, or sending a sick child to school, exposing others to their illness. Paid sick leave is essential to maintaining a healthy



**Legislative  
Update by  
Jo-Ann Orlinsky**

workplace and protecting public health.

The Healthy Working Families Act would enable workers to earn a limited number of paid sick days a year to recover from illness, care for a sick family member, seek routine medical care or deal with the effects of domestic violence or sexual assault. The bill will be introduced by Senator Catherine Pugh and Delegate Luke Clippinger.

Other proposed legislation of interest to Federation include vacating convictions for prostitution of women who have been victims of human trafficking and equal pay for equal work.

### Nominating Committee , Harriet L. Meier, MD. P.P., Chair

In accordance with Article VII of the Bylaws of The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland, the Nominating Committee will present this slate of officers for the 2016-2017 term at our 100th Annual Convention.

President: Helene Waranch (Baltimore Hebrew Sisterhood)

Vice Presidents: Rochelle Bohrer (Levindale Auxiliary), Linda Boteach (Adat Chaim Sisterhood), Esther Jacobson (Levindale Auxiliary)

Recording Secretary: Marcia Bornfriend (Baltimore Hebrew Sisterhood)

Corresponding Secretaries: JoAnn Nagy (Sinai Hospital Auxiliary), Linda Roedel (Hadassah of Greater Baltimore)

Treasurer: Arlene Mazer (Temple Oheb Shalom Sisterhood)

Auditor: Ann Fishkin (Baltimore Hebrew Sisterhood)

Committee members are, Carol J. Caplan, P.P. (Baltimore Hebrew Sisterhood); Betsy Narrow (Beth El Sisterhood); Jo-Ann Orlinsky (NCJW); Sheila Stern (Hadassah); Eve Vogelstein, P.P. (Levindale Auxiliary); Lynda Weinstein, P.P. (Baltimore Hebrew Sisterhood).

### Addendum for 2015-2016 Directory Book

**Please add these new names, addresses and corrections to your directory book**

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## Under Our Umbrella

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events. Submit your information for the winter issue to: [info@jewishwomensfed.org](mailto:info@jewishwomensfed.org) or call Eve at 443-708-3228.

**Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood** is sponsoring the 56th Annual Interfaith Institute on Monday, March 21, 2016. Our timely title will be "Blueprint for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'Beloved Community.'" The keynote speaker is Dr. Brad B. Braxton, the Founding Senior Pastor of The Open Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Panelists of different religions will respond to Dr. Braxton's keynote address. Rabbi Sachs-Kohen will be the moderator. The cost for this event (including lunch) is \$15. Send reservations to Ann Fishkin, 6501 Trotwood Court, Baltimore, MD 21209. For more info, call 410-764-1587 ext. 270, or email [caroljca@comcast.net](mailto:caroljca@comcast.net).

### **Brandeis National Committee, Baltimore Chapter**

**Sunday April 3rd** from 11am to 2pm. Fundraiser at Ina's Jewelry and Accessories, 1421 Clarksview Rd, Ste 105 (off Falls Rd across from Princeton Cycle).

**Thursday April 14th** at 1:00 pm at the Hadassah Meeting Room. Guest speaker former Goucher History Professor Jean Baker, author of books on The Stevensons, Mary Todd Lincoln, and Margaret Sanger. Guests are welcome.

**Wednesday May 18th.** Trip to Washington, DC with lunch at Filomena's Restorante.

**Thursday June 9th** at 11am at Suburban Country Club. SAVE THIS DATE. Book and Author luncheon featuring Ellen Brazier, recipient of Hadassah's Myrtle Wreath. Ms Brazier will discuss her latest book "*And So It Was Written*" about the time when the Third Temple was built, the Ark of the Covenant was found, and Bar Kokhba ruled. Call Deane Sevel to make a reservation at 410-484-0643 or contact us for any info via the web at: [blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccbaltimore](http://blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccbaltimore).

### **Hadassah of Greater Baltimore**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cell-A-Brate Sunday, April 10, 2016** – 5p.m. at Woodholme Country Club.

We have magic to do! Celebrating 10 years of medical miracles and the hope of magical breakthroughs.

All proceeds benefit Hadassah's Stem Cell Research & Advocacy to fight diseases like ALS, MS, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Diabetes and so much more.

Our evening will include live entertainment, a silent auction and a delicious reception. Dietary laws observed.

Tickets available by calling 410-484-9590.

**Kappa Guild, Inc.** will hold their **46th annual donor luncheon** celebrating 63 years of "helping children in need" on **Wednesday, May 18, 2016** at the Serengeti Steakhouse at 11:30 a.m.

**Rodger C. Snyder Memorial Ladies Auxiliary JWV** will hold their **Installation and Brunch** with the Rodger C. Snyder Post 117 JWV on **Sunday, June 5, 2016** at Suburban Orthodox Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

## Social Action

During this year, the Federation has been collecting disposable baby diapers--all brands and all sizes. They are being distributed to working mothers who fall between the cracks and cannot afford to purchase them, because WIC and food stamps cannot be used for diapers. The women often try to re-use them, sometimes bleaching them, and often results in irritations and infections. For questions and information on where to drop off diapers.

(cash donations also accepted) call Sheila Derman (h)410-486-8877 (c) 410-245-0643

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### IN MEMORIAM

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland deeply mourns the death of Bess Krivitsky, beloved longtime Federation "Friend" and Bnai Jacob/Shaarei Zion Sisterhood President and board member. May her memory be for a blessing among the mourners of Zion. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to her family.



### Federation Calendar

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**March 10, 2016**, Day in Annapolis

**May 19, 2016**, Centennial Celebration, 9:00 a.m.

**June 16, 2016**, President's Reception.

**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.

### 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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## Save the Date

**Centennial Celebration, Thursday, May 19, 2016**

Visit our Website often — for the latest news & information, <http://jewishwomensfed.org>