

### Bet Yeladim Preschool

### From the Executive Director

Ellen Rappoport

Dear Parents,

About nine years ago as Hattie Katkow (former Bet Yeladim teacher and proud grandma of two Bet Yeladim students) and I were hiking on the Appalachian Trail with our husbands and were talking about my job as a principal in Baltimore County--- I shared that I loved what I was doing- but I was tired of the commute and the long hours. Hattie shared that Jean Grinspoon was retiring ...and the rest is history.

Everyone had always talked about what a loving, nurturing preschool Bet Yeladim is and how for over 30 years it has played such an important role in the Jewish community and the community at large. Jean Grinspoon had built such a solid foundation for a Jewish preschool. What an honor it would be-- to be part of Bet Yeladim, follow in her footsteps and give back to the community in which my husband and I had raised our own two children .

**And so I became part of BY's history ---**

I quickly became connected with loving, caring families, precious children --who delight us each day with their excitement for the world in which they live. The other day I was on the playground with our four year olds -- and they wanted me to play basketball with them. I told them that I was not the best at this sport (and many others) - they cheered me on --you can do it Miss Ellen -- you can do it. I love the spirit and enthusiasm of our children. The Shabbats, Passover seders and all the holidays have taken on a new meaning since I have seen them through the children's eyes. I will never forget my first Shabbat at Bet Yeladim--- the children and staff were singing some of our traditional Bet Yeladim Shabbat songs. I actually cried and knew that Bet Yeladim was truly a blessing in my life.

I became part of a staff--an incredible staff --- intelligent, resourceful, creative, funny. We have laughed and cried together and shared our life cycle events. They know how to engage children,

play with them, nurture and love them so that they blossom and become mensches. Each and every staff member respects and values our yeladim and their families. If something needs to be done -- they are right there to support and ensure that it is done right. I have learned so much from each of them. and they have played an important role in creating such a warm, inviting place for our children.

It does take a "Whole Village to Raise a Child." Our Board of Directors over the past years have been the brightest, most creative, caring individuals who supported our program and our vision for providing the best secular and Judaic preschool program in Howard County.

They knew that we needed to introduce an Infant/Toddler program for our school., especially since we had about six moms who were pregnant and needed infant care. They trusted us so that we could do the research and lo and behold - "build it and they will come." And we gave birth to our Infant/Toddler program- now just three years young.

Our Board believed in and worked tirelessly to achieve our goal of bringing our full day and part programs together in one location. Then the stars and the talents on the Board were aligned and we achieved our goal---and we were --- Finally Home --- we have a beautiful new facility, A home of our own--- a sacred place filled with warmth and love.

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**Now that  
Summer  
is here ...**



**Don't forget  
sunscreen!**

Please remember to register for [www.schools-out.com](http://www.schools-out.com) so that you can receive information regarding early dismissals, delayed openings, and school closings related to all inclement weather conditions, possible power outages, and other emergencies.

# News from the Associate Director

## Barbara Frederick



Dear Parents,

The end of the school year always triggers bitter sweet emotions. We always marvel at this time of the year as to how the children have matured since September. Our babies are sitting up, crawling, laughing and babbling. Our toddlers are walking, beginning to talk, learning to trust new people and becoming more independent. Our two-year-olds, three-year-olds and four-year-olds are participating in experiences which promote learning through play in a way that is purposeful and intentional. Their social/emotional development continues to grow as they are making new friends, becoming more self confident and developing a positive self-esteem. Your children have been given the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential under the guidance of Bet Yeladim's amazing staff who believes that "childhood is a journey not a race." For those of you who are leaving Bet Yeladim, I hope that your children's journeys remain rewarding and stimulating and for those of you who will be with us next year, I hope your children encounter a year of learning and growth in all areas of development.

We anticipate another successful summer for our RUACH program. Even though some of our days are filled, we still have space available in some of our sessions. Please contact the office if you wish to add additional days. We are thrilled that our full day students will once again have the opportunity to participate in our summer Enrichment Programs. There will be many new friendships made this summer!

Life at Bet Yeladim never seems to slow down! The administrative staff will be hard at work planning for the new school year. I know we will see many of our families during the summer. If you are "taking a break" please stay in touch or visit with your children. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

The summer months allow us to spend more time together as a family whether it is vacationing, enjoying a more relaxing routine or spending more time outdoors exploring and participating in summer time activities. Wonderful learning opportunities can occur while experiencing time together in a way that

is fun (game like) and meaningful. The basis for learning mathematics is an understanding of numbers, measurement, patterns, and shapes. Children need to use these basic concepts in problem solving in order to do elementary mathematics. By using these activities and adapting them in your everyday experiences you will be fostering mathematical thinking:

- Count objects in everyday routines; count your child's toes as you bathe her, the snaps or buttons as you dress her, and the number of steps as you walk.
- Point out objects that are bigger or smaller than each other (books, toys, shoes, etc.).
- Sort objects by color or size – all blue socks or all your child's t-shirts.
- Describe a pattern; ask your child what comes next in a pattern of blocks or a design on a shirt or string of beads.
- Use descriptive words such as "more than" and "less than" and words that show position such as "under," "below," "above."
- Point out shapes in everyday objects; for example, the front of the cereal box is a rectangle and the rim of the bowl is a circle.
- Show your child how you use measuring tools such as cups and measuring spoons while you are cooking. Record her height with a tape measure or yardstick.
- Talk about the sequence of events during the day: "After lunch, we will go to the park and then to the store."

As all of you know Ellen Rappoport, our Executive Director, is retiring this summer. It has been a privilege to work alongside Ellen. I will greatly miss her presence and will be forever grateful for all that she has given to Bet Yeladim. Ellen has truly made a difference in the lives of our staff, our families and our children. I have had the opportunity to meet with our new Executive Director, Jodi Fishman. I feel confident that there will be a smooth transition as Jodi assumes her position on August 1. I know you will join me and the rest of the staff in warmly welcoming Jodi to the Bet Yeladim family.



# Happy Birthday!

**Everyone here wishes a very happy birthday to the following Bet Yeladim students.**

*April: Jeremiah Everett, Poppy Rose White, Jordan Treger, Rachel Harper, Arielle Levine, Grayson Peoples, Eli Krakower, Abbi Livay, Myla Goldstein, Shayna Safeer, Mackenzie Hoffert, Hannah Berkowitz, Eli Price, Adam Azrieli, Desmond Singhal, Andrew Tharakan, Soha Mahapatra, Sophia Tsao, Ari Berkowitz, Levi Krupkin, Ben Greenberg, and Samuel Rotter*

*May: Cooper Igla, George Stephens, Lila Strausberg, Leah Klaus, Evan Trost, Cora Caplan, Zachary Hirsch, Max Zang, Garrett Zagnit, Amber Cheng, Braeden Dushkin, Rebecca Karon, Joseph Chudnovsky, Naren Nair, Rei Vlahov, Vanessa Ran, Sarah Macer, Ryan Susseles, Sadie Susseles, Cooper Rhoades, Brody Fobes, Rik Chaudhuri, and Isha Chadhuri*

*June: Stella Snyder, Justin Goldberg, Oliver Snyder, Jack Berman, Alexander Berndt, Iman Mbi, Evan Forbes, Benjamin Klein, Mollie Benesch, Amelia George, Marisa Goldberg, Talia Roogow, Evan Weinberg, Preston Slackman, Andrew Rowan, Zahra Sendin, and Charley Schepp*

*July: Abigale Paterniti, Lila Ahr, Ashlyn Freishtat, Brooke Talitsch, Danielle Livay, Nicholas Rovinskiy, Andrew Staples, Alex Shemer, Wesley McCray, Ari Rosenthal, Ryan Miller, Andrew Bloom, Jeremy Kantsiper, and Maia Dang*

*August: Norah Feinberg, Lily Small, Austin Levine, Addison Greenwald, Jonathan Bloom, Jack Zirkle, Isaiah McCray, Sarah Wilcox, Georgia Siddall, Ashvin Sinha, Rohan Sinha, Essie Reed, Ethan Lichter, Aaron Levine, Nathan Ermoshkin, Jordan Hennessey and Jace Alkire*

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Oscar Litwak Playground Fund**

Funds used for the upkeep and purchases for our playgrounds in memory of Oscar Litwak, a former Bet Yeladim student.

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Funds used to assist families with the tuition fees.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Bet Yeladim's Choice**

Bet Yeladim will determine where these funds are most needed at the time of distribution.

**\*Critical need at this time**

**Thank you for your support and generosity!**



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To Rena Shooman for her donation for our Annual Campaign Fundraising.

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To Marilyn Singer for her donation in honor of the adoption of Eliana Krakower.

To Siobhan D'Andrade and Helena Phillips for their donation in memory of Mildred Shulraf, Grandmother of Amy Hoffert.

To Sinai Hospital Auxiliary for their donation of arts and crafts supplies.

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To Oren and Alisha Rover Blam for their donation of a subscription to PJ Library.

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To Harold and Ellen Rappoport for their donation in honor of the birth of Marcia & David Adler's granddaughter, Nina Adler.

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## BOX TOPS COLLECTION

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## In the Jewish Community Howard County

**Columbia Jewish Congregation**  
**(410) 730-6044**  
[www.columbiajewish.org](http://www.columbiajewish.org)

Columbia Jewish Congregation, a 35-year-old congregation, is affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. We emphasize diversity and inclusiveness, and are dedicated to learning, celebrating, and deepening our practice of Jewish tradition in contemporary life. You do not need to be a member to join us for services or activities, so come see what we are all about!

**CJC Shabbat Services** with Rabbi Sonya Starr, Cantor Jan Morrison, and Rabbi Bob Saks Fridays at 8:00 pm, Saturdays at 10:00 am.

**Monthly Tot Shabbat** - Resumes in the Fall. This is a wonderful Shabbat service for preschoolers and their families.

**L'Dor Va'Dor Service** – An intergenerational service for the whole community- led by the Rabbi with participation from Hebrew school students and congregants.

**CJC Hebrew School**- The Columbia Jewish Community School (CJCS), founded in 1971, is the first Jewish religious school established in Howard County, Maryland. The mission of CJCS is to provide Jewish education to children ages 4 – 18 and their families that leads to a lifelong love of Judaism. We teach Jewish beliefs and practices in an accepting and positive manner, emphasizing community, culture and spirituality in a Reconstructionist context. Contact the CJC office to learn more about the school's offerings. You need not be a congregation member to attend CJC's Hebrew School.

**CJC Middle and High School Youth Group** - Year round activities including movie nights, skating, cultural events, community service, and more. Visit the website or contact the CJC office to find out about the Youth Group's offerings.

**CJC Adult Education** - CJC conducts adult education classes throughout the year for members and non-members. Visit the CJC website to see what interests you.

**Beth El Howard County Chavurah**  
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**Shalom Aleichem**  
**(410) 730-3917**  
[www.shalomaleichem.org](http://www.shalomaleichem.org)

**Shabbat Services** — Led by Rabbi Heiligman and Cantor Baer on the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30pm at the Owen Brown Community Center.

**Sunday School** — Meets two Sundays per month, grades K-7 at the Florence Bain Senior Center.

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**Hadassah, Howard County Chapter**  
[www.hocohadassah.org](http://www.hocohadassah.org)  
[info@hocohadassah.org](mailto:info@hocohadassah.org)

**Beth Shalom Congregation**  
**(410) 531-5115**  
[www.beth-shalom.net](http://www.beth-shalom.net)

Beth Shalom Congregation is the center for Conservative Jewish life in Howard County, offering a wide variety of services from religious to secular, social to educational, and profound to fun! Programs are designed to support Judaism through all ages and stages of life. Visit our award-winning adult education program or our creative and exciting religious school. All are welcome!

**Gesher "Shabbat Lights" Friday Night Service** - For grades K - 2; Service will include prayers, songs and fun for Grades K – 2. Families are encouraged to join the main service at conclusion of this service. (The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month at 7:30 pm)

**Family Service** - For ages 0 - 5 and their families. The services will include prayer, songs, stories and dance - led by Fern Cohen. (The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 am)

**Tot Shabbat** - Prayers, songs & fun for ages 0-5 and family, led by Cantor Alan Rubinstein. (The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month at 7:00 pm)

**Preschool T.L.C. Story Time** - "Tales for Loving Children": Preschoolers with parents and family members invited to enjoy stories with a lesson – kindness, honesty, sharing, charity, caring for the Earth are some of the themes children's Librarian, Irva Gabin, will present. (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 am)

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**Bet Aviv Congregation**  
**(410) 992-9994**  
[www.betaviv.org](http://www.betaviv.org)

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## In the Jewish Community Howard County

**Temple Isaiah**  
**(301) 317-1101**  
[www.templeisaiah.org](http://www.templeisaiah.org)

The Temple, a traditional Reform congregation, was founded in 1970. Our families come from diverse backgrounds and we seek to create a warm, friendly atmosphere where each person can explore Judaism and enrich his/her life through the joy and beauty of our faith. Our motto, "Living Torah, Being Torah," demonstrates our commitment to Torah values and spirituality within the framework of the modern Jewish experience.

### **Religious School**

The Temple wants our children to be touched by the special joy and blessing of our tradition. The curriculum is designed to foster and expand our children's knowledge of Torah, Hebrew and t'filah, applying this knowledge to an understanding of the holidays, history of the Jewish people, the State of Israel and personal spirituality. Throughout the year, students participate in workshops and field trips. We invite guest artists, speakers, performers and authors to share their special talents and to develop an appreciation of Jewish culture. Because Temple Isaiah is committed to strengthening the Jewish family, we plan activities and lessons for the whole family. Creating a Jewish family album, studying weekly Torah portions with a guided text, or creating a challah cover are just some of the fun activities that our families participate in together.

### **Family Shabbat Service**

With Rabbi Mark Panoff and Guitar Dave.  
4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 7:30pm.

### **Tot Shabbat**

Resumes in the Fall.

A fun way to celebrate Shabbat with prayers, crafts, songs and story time. Perfect for preschoolers and their families.

### **Shabbat Service**

With Rabbi Mark Panoff and Cantor Rebecca Grad, every Friday night at 8:00pm.

**Oseh Shalom**  
**(301) 498-5151**  
[www.osehshalom.org](http://www.osehshalom.org)

Oseh Shalom is a vibrant, inclusive Reconstructionist synagogue, in Laurel, Maryland, with members from Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's County and beyond. We are dedicated to providing a supportive community for celebrating Jewish life through prayer, learning, cultural exploration and social action.

### **Tot Shabbat**

This fun and engaging 45-minute program includes stories, songs, reflection, prayer and movement for children ages 2-5. It is led by Jeremie Lipczenko, a seasoned educator & Religious School teacher, with help from Rabbi Heifetz, Cantor Bernhardt and musically talented congregation members. The program occurs on the first Saturday of each month at 10 AM.

### **Family Shabbat Service**

This all-ages service includes songs and stories for all ages, and often participation by our Religious School classes. This 45-minute service occurs on the first Friday evening of each month at 7:30 PM.

### **Congregational Shabbat Dinner**

Please join us for a celebratory Shabbat meal most often on the first Friday evening of each month, starting at 6 PM, just before the 7:30 PM Family Service. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the synagogue office at 301-498-5151.

### **Weekly Shabbat Services**

Shabbat services at Oseh Shalom regularly include guitar playing, spirited singing, traditional prayer in Hebrew and English, supplementary poems and readings, reflection, contemporary explanations, story-telling, discussion, and study. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. If children wish to take a play break or make noise, we invite parents to accompany them to our 'quiet room', a play area where you can watch services through a large glass window and listen through speakers. Shabbat services begin at 10 AM every Saturday morning and at 8 PM every Friday evening (except the first Friday of the month, when the 7:30 PM Family Service is the only prayer service).

### **Oseh Shalom Religious School**

Oseh Shalom invites participants of all ag-

es to join in for study and learning in a fun, inclusive environment. Our youngest students, age 3-5, are introduced to Jewish learning through a play based program offered twice a month taught by Risa Kipnis and Cindy Selber. School age children, grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades attend our award winning Religious School program on Sundays and our 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade kids attend on Sunday and Wednesday. We offer a home school program for families who find it difficult to attend the mid-week session but strongly encourage attendance if possible. Teens join our spirited confirmation classes that blend a wonderful dinner option with topical discussions and a range of classes with ample time to socialize and make friends with others on Tuesday nights.

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**Calah Congregation**  
**(410) 792-8029**

[www.calahcongregation.com](http://www.calahcongregation.com)

Calah is an unaffiliated liberal Jewish congregation that meets two Fridays/month at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center. We welcome all who wish to celebrate Jewish heritage. Services combine traditional and modern elements, and emphasize congregational participation, with readings and communal prayers in Hebrew and English. Our aim is to keep membership costs low while keeping the quality of the synagogue high. The congregation consists of single- and two-parent families, singles and couples of all ages. Interfaith and unaffiliated individuals are welcome. High Holy Days and major holidays are celebrated. We also offer several religious, educational, cultural, social and community service activities. Shabbat services are led by highly trained and experienced lay and professional leaders. Clergy are available for baby naming, wedding and funeral services, and B'nai Mitzvah tutoring.

**Calah Sunday School** — Ages 5-13, meets twice a month and leads to a B'nai Mitzvah.

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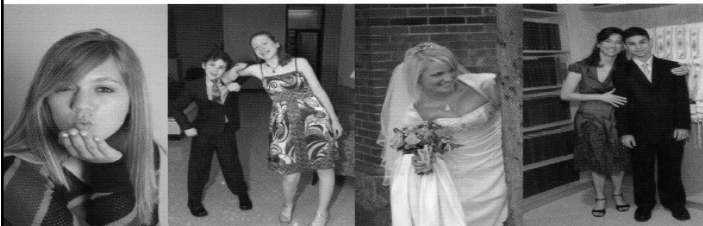
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Thank you FOR BELIEVING IN BET YELADIM !

Our administrative team is the best Barbara Davis, Barbara Frederick , and Carol Jackson I know that I could not have accomplished anything without them. For the past two months I have had the pleasure of working with our new administrative assistant, Torrie Cunningham.

Serving as the Executive Director for the past seven years --- has not been a job. It has been an exciting journey filled with joy, excitement, an opportunity to spend many hours with precious children, watching them blossom as they take delight in everything in their lives. Its provided new wonderful friendships that I will cherish forever.

So ----all that everyone has ever said about Bet Yeladim is true --it is a vibrant, warm environment in which lifelong relationships develop.

Thank you so much to everyone for allowing me to become a part of the Bet Yeladim tradition and its history.

Thank you for all your love and support over the past seven years.

Now that I am retiring for the second time after 40 years in the field of education and since I have learned so much about *Learning Through Play* -- I am going to practice that as my husband and I travel and enjoy our grandchildren .

Shalom! Have a restful, safe summer!!

