

Bet Yeladim Preschool

From the Executive Director Ellen Rappoport



Important Dates

4/18 School Closes at
12:15 for Erev Passover

4/19 & 20 Passover,
School Closed

4/18-4/22 Spring Break
for part day program

4/25 & 26 School Closed
Last two days of Passover

Now that Spring is here. . . .



Don't forget the sunscreen!

Please remember to register for 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

Dear Parents,

Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of watching my 6 1/2 and 3 1/2 year old granddaughters play. I was once again amazed at how powerful and important play can be. Cara and Dana went into the closet and helped themselves to rolls of wrapping paper which were used as "on stage" props for the show that they were going to perform for the adults in the room. As the main characters in their show, they were portraying the Disney character Ariel, the mermaid. Before our very eyes, they used baby blankets and jump ropes to bind their legs to create fins just like Ariel's. They both sang and danced and used empty paper towel rolls for their microphones. Their great-grandmother was also there and "kvelled."

As very proud observers, we saw them problem solve, be creative and were very willing to share their talents. After the performance, my granddaughter, Dana, shared that actually she was scared to sing and dance before all the adults, but she knew she could do it.

We observe our yeladim every day as they engage in play and grow and learn about themselves and others and problem solve, think creatively ----we love it.

Take time to observe your own children and delight in their discoveries. Remember that "childhood is a journey, not a race."

On April 1st, Barbara Davis, our administrative assistant will be retiring. Barbara has been an integral part of the Bet Yeladim family for twenty years. Barbara's warm smiles and welcoming personality have touched thousands of our families and staff during her tenure at Bet Yeladim. For many, she has been the first point of contact as families called or toured our school. She has perfected the skill of "inviting families" into Bet Yeladim. Whenever anyone has a question or concern they know that they can rely on Barbara for assistance. Barbara is always there for anyone in need. She has been an important part of the memory and history of Bet Yeladim. Barb, we will miss you!!!

Have you noticed all the new yellow lines on

the parking lot? We have added yellow lines to demark a safe walking area on the parking lot for our children and parents. If you are parked at the back of the rear parking lot and are walking to the building, please walk within the yellow lines. We have also created a walking area in front of the cars that park up against the fence and gate.

REMINDER - PLEASE PARK IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL... Thank you!

Shalom!



News from the Associate Director Barbara Frederick



Dear Parents,

During the last few months Bet Yeladim has experienced a steady stream of new families touring our school for possible registration for the 2011-2012 school year. As administrators we are accustomed to answering many questions about our curriculum and what "teaching" occurs in the classroom. However, all heads make an affirmative nod and all mouths break out in a grin when we speak about the good values that we strive to teach and instill in our children each and every day. Unfortunately during the last few weeks there have been children, parents and friends of staff who have experienced illnesses and sometimes hospitalization. Our teachers have taken these misfortunes and turned them into "teaching moments" about compassion, caring for one another and reaching out to those who need our encouragement and good wishes to help them through their healing process. Your children have created lovely cards along with their personal good well wishes, sometimes in their own handwriting or dictated to their teachers. In other words they are learning how to be a "mensch" - a good person. Thank you to our teachers for taking these opportunities for providing valuable lessons on instilling good values. Children learn best through their own involvement and hands-on experiences and I can't think of a better way for them to learn about what is to be a "mensch."

Our fourth and last Enrichment Program for the school year will begin in April. We are excited to offer a new program, Soccer Shots. This program will use our indoor classroom space to teach soccer skills. We also welcome back "Music for Life", "Around the World" and "Jump Bunch." Please look for registration forms in your child's tote tray.

We hope that you will consider Bet Yeladim's summer program "RUACH" when making plans for your child. Last year we had a very successful program and look forward to another exciting summer. Registration forms are due by April 1. If you are need of a registration form or have any questions please stop by the office and we will be happy to assist you.

There is an excellent publication, "Tips For Turning Everyday Activities Into Learning Activities," which is under a statewide project, *Countdown to Kindergarten*. This project involves many organizations, public school systems, libraries, and others working to ensure that all Maryland's young children have nurturing experiences and arrive at school ready to succeed. I plan to share this valuable information with you through my newsletter articles to help strengthen the partnership between home and school to assure your child's success and happiness. Language and literacy includes all the skills that will help children learn to read, write, and to express their ideas in spoken language. By using these activities you can help your child develop language and literacy skills:

- ◆ Talk to your child from the day he/she is born. Even as an infant, he/she is learning the sounds of language and the rhythm of conversation.
- ◆ Respond when your child begins to babble. He/She is trying to learn to talk and needs your encouragement.
- ◆ Play with words - words that rhyme, silly sayings, and knock-knock jokes.
- ◆ Read to your child every day. Even a very young child will benefit from the closeness of reading time and from hearing new words as you point to the pictures.
- ◆ Ask your child questions about the books you read together. Ask about the pictures and about what may happen next.
- ◆ Provide the materials for your child to "write" lists, stories, and signs even though now she may only be scribbling.
- ◆ Allow your child to speak and respond in social situations rather than speaking for her or rushing her to answer.

Next month, I will share information about personal and social development.

Chag Smeach,



Happy Birthday!

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

January: Grant Barnes, Jacob Brodsky, Hannah Dash, Eliza Hirsch, Rebecca Hutchinson, Ava Murray-Swank, Lily Peters, Sela Shooman and Garrett Working.

February: Arjun and Siddarth Bajaj, Emmaline Burger, Jay Dash, Reese and Logan Earp, Adrienne Fein, Mallory Goldman, Laura Himmel, Kayla John, Emmy Katkow, Luna Lesko, Jason Molinari, Ava Weinberg and Ian Wells.

March: Tyler Appenzeller, Addison Burstein, Scott Corbett, Kaleb and Kyler Faria, Matthew George, Brandon Goldman, Phoebe Greenberg, Darcy John, Abigail Karon, Dylan Levine, Hannah Merrit, Jacob Miller, Avi Rhodes, Cecelia Rosenberg, Sophia Saunders and Hayden Toole

If we've missed anyone's birthday we're sorry!
Please let us know.

Become a Birthday Book Buddy!



Honor your child's birthday by purchasing a book for \$18 (Chai) to celebrate his/her birthday. We will put a book plate commemorating your child's special day inside a new hardcover book that will be kept in his or her classroom for everyone to read and enjoy. What a great way to say happy birthday and support Bet Yeladim at the same time!

For more details, call Barbara Davis at (410) 997-7378

Bet Yeladim Donation Form

Please complete this form and return it with your check payable to Bet Yeladim.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Send card to: _____

Address: _____

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In Memory of : _____

Please apply my donation to:

\$ _____ Birthday Books (\$18.00)

See information on this page.

\$ _____ Annual Fundraising Donation

Board suggested \$125.00 for 2010-2011 fundraising donation to be used for playground and resource materials.

\$ _____ Scholarship Fund*

Funds used to assist families with the tuition fees.

\$ _____ Teachers' Wish List

\$ _____ Tzedakah Fund

Funds used to support various charities throughout the school year.

\$ _____ 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!



A heartfelt thank you to the following families for their kind and generous donations:

To Rob and Michele Levine, parents of Arielle and Aaron, for their donation to our Fundraising Fund, and for their donation in memory of Robin Winick.

To Siobhan D'Andrade and Helena Phillips for their donation in memory of Rupa Murali's sister-in-law.

To Janet Brady for her donation of a baby bouncy seat.

To Debra and Steven Epstein, parents of Mollie, for their donation of puzzles.

To the Tow Family for their donation of a bike and books and for their monetary donation.

To Wendy and Jim Fitzsimmons, parents of Claire, for their donation of books.

To Herman and Marcha Glassband, grandparents of Carly and Spencer, for their donation.

To Marilyn Singer for her donation of packages of Glimmer Snow Blankets and her donation in memory of the Horwitz Family's grandmother/great-grandmother.

To the National Supply Company for their donation of supplies for a Tikkun Olam Project.

To Barbara Frederick for her donation in honor of the marriage of Jason and Randy Rosenberg; and for her donation in honor of the birth of Karen Schultz' grandson, Hayden Drew.

To Ellen and Harold Rappoport for their donation in honor of the marriage of Jason and Randy Rosenberg; and for their donation in honor of the birth of Karen Schultz' grandson, Hayden Drew.

To Hal and Lori Kasoff for their donation in honor of Ellen Rappoport.

To Josh and Jen Berman, parents of Abby and Jack, for their donation of a baby swing, toys and books.

To Mark and Marsh Rose, grandparents of Ari Rosenthal, in honor of his 6 month birthday.

To Barbara and Larry Bormel, for their donation in honor of their grandson, Jake Miller.

To Renee and Mark Strausberg, parents of Lila, for their donation of toys.

To Elik and Kelli Livay, parents of Abbi and Danielle, for their donation of toys.

To Deb Hennessy, mother of Jordan and Aidan, for her matched donation by Microsoft's Matching Gift Program.

To Stacey and Neil Seitchik, parents of Brennan, for their donation of puzzles and books.

To Jeremy and Alison Goldman, parents of Mallory and Brandon, for their donation of food for the Staff Appreciation Breakfast.

To Mindy and Brian Kantsiper, parents of Noah and Jeremy, for their donation of books and CDs.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the families listed below for their generous contributions to our different campaigns:

Bet Yeladim's Annual Giving Campaign

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| Joshua and Liana Rosenthal | Weilun and Sarah Cheng |
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| Eric and Dahna Goldberg | Deb Hennessy |

Finally Home Campaign, Heart and Soul

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Benjamin and Stephanie Gordon | Shapiro and Mack, P.A. |
| Robert Fleishman and Laurie Reimer | David and Bryna Dash |

Bet Yeladim's Tikkun Olam Project

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| Oren and Alisha Rovner Blam | Rob and Michele Levine |
| Steve and Heidi Karon | Rick and Allyson Glassband |
| Robert and Deborah Wilcox | Zachary and Jennifer Price |

Mazel Tov to the following families on their wonderful nachas!

To Melissa and Peter Everett on the birth of Jeremiah's baby brother, Ethan!
To Annie and Mike Siddall on the birth of Georgia's baby brother, Oscar!

We are saying Mishebeirach for Nathan Krasnopoler, 20 year-old Bet Yeladim alumni student, who was critically wounded in a biking accident. We are praying for his complete recovery, and keeping his family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

CHECK OUT ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BET YELADIM WITHOUT SPENDING AN EXTRA DIME!!!

GIANT-Bonus Card

Simply use your Giant bonus card and earn cash for Bet Yeladim. Go online to www.giantfood.com and designate Bet Yeladim as your school.

Bet Yeladim's school ID # is: 03937.

You must re-designate the school each year!

GIANT GIFT CARDS

Do you shop at Giant? Then purchase a card through Carol Jackson . Giant will donate 5% of face value of gift card purchases to Bet Yeladim.

SAFEWAY, SHUTTERFLY, & OFFICE MAX

Participating merchants such as Safeway, Shutterfly, and Office Max will make contributions based on your purchases when you designate Bet Yeladim as your school. All you have to do is register Safeway, debit, and credit cards and Bet Yeladim can earn money. Go to

www.escrip.com to register.

Bet Yeladim's ID # is: 6475049.

HARRIS TEETER

Simply use your VIC card and earn cash for Bet Yeladim. Go online to <http://www.harristeeter.com> and designate Bet Yeladim as your school

Bet Yeladim's ID # is: 7893.

TARGET REDCARD

Sign up and use your REDcard or Target Visa and Target, along with Target.com, will donate 1% of your purchases to Bet Yeladim. Log onto www.target.com/tcoe and designate Bet Yeladim as your school.

Bet Yeladim's ID # is 21920.

FOOD LION

Simply use you Food Lion MVP card and earn cash for Bet Yeladim. Go to www.foodlion.com and click on "fundraising" on the left hand menu and then choose "Bet Yeladim" as organization. Enter your 12-digit number to link your card to our school. At least 25 MVP cards need to be linked to Bet Yeladim in order to participate.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION

Clip this logo off of participating grocery products and drop them off at the designated basket outside Carol Jackson's office. Each BoxTop is worth 10 cents or more! Go to www.boxtops4education.com for more information on participating products.



In the Jewish Community Howard County

Columbia Jewish Congregation
(410) 730-6044
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
(410) 484-4543
www.bethelbalto.com

Looking for an innovative, engaging Hebrew School program in Howard County? Beth El's Howard County Chavurah has what you're looking for. Classes are held mid-week in Howard county for preschool-7th grade. Classes are led by experienced Jewish educators. Children learn through active participation and hands-on learning experiences. B'nai mitzvah tutoring available. Come find out about the Hebrew School program where children are excited to attend class each week! Family programs, adult education, Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations are all part of the fun! Synagogue membership not required for participation in the Howard County Chavurah. All families welcome! For more information, contact the program coordinator, Randi Albertsen, rbknla@verizon.net, 410-370-2837

Shalom Aleichem
(410) 730-3917
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.

Hadassah, Howard County Chapter
www.hocohadassah.org
info@hocohadassah.org

Beth Shalom Congregation
(410) 531-5115
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 3rd 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 4th Saturday each month at 11:00 am)

Tot Shabbat - Prayers, songs & fun for ages 0-5 and family, led by Cantor Alan Rubinstein. (The 2nd 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 3rd Saturday each month at 11:00 am)

Bet Aviv Congregation
(410) 992-9994
www.betaviv.org

Holiday Boutique/Silent Auction to Benefit Local Community. The Meeting House in Columbia at 5885 Robert Oliver Place on Weds. 11/17 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. .Sponsored by Bet Aviv Sisterhood. Contact: Alyse Borakove at 240-755-0158 or Judy Silver Weisberg at 410-440-6556. Space available for vendors.



In the Jewish Community Howard County

Temple Isaiah
(301) 317-1101
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.
4th 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

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-2nd grades attend our award winning Religious School program on Sundays and our 3rd-7th 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.

Calah Congregation
(410) 792-8029

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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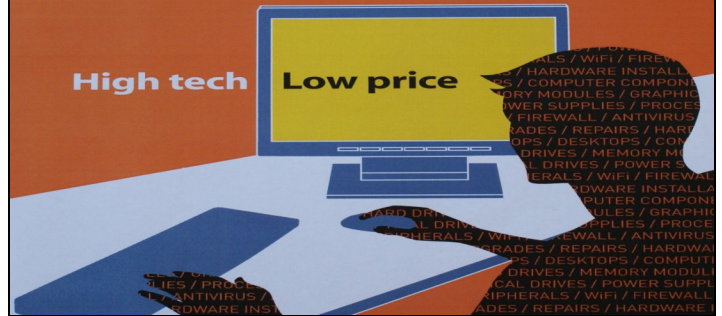
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