



# THE FLAME

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Lighting the Way for Jewish Women Leaders • Established 1916*

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## - Opening Meeting - A Conversation with Barbara Mikulski: Challenges of Leadership from a Woman's Perspective



**Featured Speaker:  
Retired Senator Barbara Mikulski**

***Thursday, October 15, 2020  
9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.***

**Virtually Presented via Zoom**

## Message from Our President



Time goes by really fast when you become the president of The Federation. There has been so much to do. Because we are in the middle of the Covid-19 crisis, we are looking at things very differently.

All committee and organizational meetings will be virtual until the end of the year. My mantra right now is “We need to think outside the box,” since no one ever expected or prepared for this situation.

Immediately after The Federation installation, the leadership jumped right into planning for this year’s Presidents’ Reception. Each of our constituent organizations were invited to learn about Federation via Zoom. They had the opportunity to welcome Linda Hurwitz as she facilitated a dynamic presentation about “Inspiring Others Through Leadership.” The Federation is most appreciative to Linda for her time and expertise.

On August 19th, we had a virtual “Thank You” for our immediate Past President Linda Boteach. The Board, chairs and past presidents expressed their feelings and memories about the last two years and Linda’s presidency.

Even though we were on Zoom, you could not miss the genuine feelings of all who attended.

We are working to bring to you interesting and timely programs that reflect what is happening in today’s world. Our Opening Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. via Zoom, will feature Retired Senator Barbara Mikulski, who will talk about the challenges of leadership from a woman’s perspective. This is a meeting that you will want to attend.

Throughout this year, Federation is focusing on the following goals:

- ◆ Develop a strong leadership team
- ◆ Create effective communications among our organizations
- ◆ Be a strong voice for the Jewish women of Maryland
- ◆ Expand our membership

We look forward to a year that will be full of new experiences, highlighting creative and meaningful virtual meetings and building strong relationships with our constituent organizations.

May you and your family have a happy and healthy new year in 5781.

Be safe,  
Marcia Bornfriend



## Opening Meeting—October 15th ZOOM Presentation Featuring Retired Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski

Our opening meeting will occur on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. and will feature **Senator Barbara Mikulski (Ret)** in a ZOOM presentation. ***A Conversation with Barbara Mikulski: Challenges of Leadership from a Woman’s Perspective***, will prove to be most interesting and informative as the Senator will share with us how she dealt with issues within a male dominated working environment. Senator Mikulski will also share with us some of her tactics on how she managed her profession and became a formidable leader. We plan to hold a short business meeting prior to the featured presentation. Those who have registered will receive a link to join the program prior to the event. Reservations can be made by emailing [annfishkin5@gmail.com](mailto:annfishkin5@gmail.com) or 410-484-9604.

## President's Reception—ZOOM Conference



The ZOOM room was full as President Marcia Bornfriend called the meeting of The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland to order at 10 a.m. on July 16, 2020. Our past president, Linda Boteach provided a spiritual reading, which was followed by a business meeting to update all participants on current officers, events, programs and activities of our organization.

Marcia then introduced our speaker, Linda Hurwitz, past chair of the Board of the Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. Linda provided an energetic and informative presentation: *Inspiring Others Through Leadership*. We learned about her 4-5 Ps of leadership and the Zoom participants had time to discuss them.

Each year Federation past presidents and the Executive Board subsidize this event and invite our constituent presidents or vice president(s) and their representatives to attend so that they can become more familiar with our organization as well as receive some education that may help them in their leadership roles. A big thanks to all of our past presidents and the Executive Board.

## Thank you Past President Linda Boteach for your wonderful Leadership!



## UPCOMING FEDERATION MEETINGS

### Thursday, November 19, 2020, 7:30 p.m. – Zoom

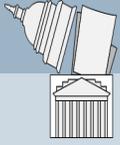
The Supreme Court Now: How It Affects YOU!

We are happy to welcome Michele Gilman, Venable Professor of Law at the University of Baltimore School of Law. She will discuss important women's issues and how the Supreme Court is addressing these issues. How appropriate, since this is the year of the woman.

### Thursday, January 21, 2021, 11 a.m. – Zoom

After the Inauguration: What Next?

Join us for this presentation by Barry Rascovar, a well-known Sunpaper columnist, speaker and author of [The Great Game of Politics](#). He will address us via Zoom or in-person, as Covid-19 dictates. A brief business meeting will precede Barry Rascovar's program.



Legislative Update  
by  
Jo-Ann Orlinsky

## Federation—Legislative Update—August 2, 2019

Although the General Assembly session does not start until January, it has become very clear that Criminal Justice Reform will be high on the list of bills to be introduced. Police reform issues include: banning choke holds; creating more transparency in the handling and disposition of citizen complaints; returning police authority to Baltimore City; changes to the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) to create the ability to fire officers more quickly and to do away with qualified immunity for officers. Senate Judiciary committee Chairman William Smith created a Senate task force this past summer.

Leaving civil rights decisions to the end of their session, the Supreme Court issued several decisions which ultimately will affect women and which may require Maryland legislation.

Louisiana clinic case required doctors, who perform abortions, to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. Although Chief Justice Roberts of the Supreme Court voted with the four “liberal” justices to strike down the law, he relied on a prior case which established the “undue burden rule” for abortion cases. His opinion may well lead to a narrowing of the undue burden clause in future cases. There are at least 16 abortion cases in the “pipeline” at the Supreme Court. Many states have enacted anti-abortion laws.

In a 7-2 decision, the Court ruled that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) gives the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to decide what constitutes preventive care and screenings, including the ability to create exemptions from their own guidelines. The National Women’s Law Center said more than 61 million women get their contraception coverage through the ACA.

## WOMEN’S RIGHT TO VOTE



Our Federation of Jewish Women’s Organizations of Maryland was founded in 1916. At that time, women were demanding their right to vote, and our Federation of women was right there leading the way. In 1916, Alice Paul formed the National Woman's Party (NWP), a militant group focused on the passage of a national suffrage amendment. Over 200 NWP supporters, the Silent Sentinels, were arrested in 1917 while picketing the White House, some of whom went on a hunger strike and endured forced feeding after being sent to prison. Under the leadership

of Carrie Chapman Catt, the two-million-member NAWSA also made a national suffrage amendment its top priority. After a hard-fought series of votes in the U.S. Congress and in state legislatures, the Nineteenth Amendment became part of the U.S. Constitution on August 18, 1920. It states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." After 100 years, our country is still fighting for justice for all.

This November, all women will be able to cast a vote thanks to the struggles of so many women before us. Please make sure you are informed early on how and where to VOTE. **EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**





## Under Our Umbrella

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

### [Upcoming Events by our Organizations](#)

#### **BETH EL SISTERHOOD - VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES**

September 13 (Meeting at 11:30 a.m.; Speaker at 12:30 p.m.) – Anat Hoffman - Israeli activist for women's rights. She is the director and founding member of Nashot HaKotel, also known as Women of the Wall. Anat will join us LIVE from Israel. Registration due by Friday, September 4.

See below for registration information.

October 5 (Meeting at 11:30 a.m.; Speaker at 12:00 noon) – Mary Bubala - Emmy Award winning news anchor/reporter with more than 30 years in journalism. Mary comes to us from WBFF Channel 45 and previously from WJZ Channel 13. Registration due by Friday, September 25.

See below for registration information.

November 2 (Meeting at 11:30 a.m.; Speaker at 12:00 noon) – Ivan Weiner - Executive Director of the Albuquerque Film and Music Experience in NM. He'll share anecdotal stories about his close friends Robert Redford, Jeff Bridges and Dennis Hopper and discuss the film industry in the face of Covid-19. Ivan will join us LIVE from New Mexico. Registration due by Friday, October 23. See below for registration information.

#### **Individual Meeting and Subscription Costs & Registration**

(All meetings will be live via Zoom and by invitation only!) Beth El Sisterhood member \$10/individual program

Beth El Congregation member (non-Sisterhood member) \$13/individual program

Non-member of Beth El Congregation or Sisterhood \$15/individual program

For more information about program registration, please contact: Marcia Boonshaft at [boonshaftjm@gmail.com](mailto:boonshaftjm@gmail.com) or 410-484-3112. Additional information may be found on the Federation website at <http://jewishwomensfed.org/Events.html>.

#### **BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD**

September 9, 2020: Our Opening Zoom Meeting will be a Meet and Greet ice breaker for all to participate in. It will include Identifying baby pictures of members and playing Boggle. For more information contact Paula Scurnick at 410-526-9264 or [pscurnick@verizon.net](mailto:pscurnick@verizon.net).

October 14, 2020: Neil Rubin, former editor of the Jewish Times will speak about Jewish Humor. For more information contact Paula Scurnick at 410-526-9264 or [pscurnick@verizon.net](mailto:pscurnick@verizon.net).

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

Thank you for your contributions and support!



## Under Our Umbrella Continued

### **BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE BALTIMORE CHAPTER**

BNC BALTIMORE thrives!! Our Live and Learn Committee is busy making arrangements for some of our popular Study Groups to be conducted via Zoom in Fall 2020, available only to our members whose dues are paid. Prospective new members can contact either of our Membership Chairs (Brenda Cohen 410/581-2229 or Hara Eckstein 410/453-6608). Also, check our website at [blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccbaltimore](https://blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccbaltimore) for the latest course listings.

### **CHANA**

October 21, 2020 at 7pm - Join us on Facebook Live as we premier VOICES of CHANA. Stories of Survival, a virtual gathering for supporters and survivors of domestic violence and abuse in our community. VOICES of CHANA will feature a brief but powerful program which explores the alarming crisis within a crisis that victims and survivors have endured since mid March, with the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Hear stories from the front lines and join us as we raise awareness, organize and empower survivors to collectively make their voices heard in this second annual VOICES event. For more info call 410-234-0030 or email us at [Info@chanabaltimore.org](mailto:Info@chanabaltimore.org).

During the pandemic with many people not leaving home or working from home some CHANA clients are trapped with their abusers. The staff of CHANA is working tirelessly to assist in these difficult circumstances.

You can help CHANA clients by purchasing gift cards for Giant Food and gas and mailing the cards to Lauren Shaivitz, 11708 Greenspring Ave Lutherville, MD 21093.

If you are cleaning closets you can drop off your unwanted clothing, shoes, linens and stuffed animals (in tied plastic bags, please) - at one of CHANA'S three clothing sheds. Please note that we cannot accept housewares, books, toys, electronics or breakables. THANK YOU!

The sheds are located at the Beth Tfiloh Congregation, 3300 Old Court Rd (lot near the main entrance) ; Temple Oheb Shalom, 7310 Park Heights Ave (small parking lot to the left of the front entrance); Rosenbloom Owings Mills JCC, 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave (lower parking lot).

### **COVENANT GUILD**

Sunday, March 21, 2021 - Mah Jongg Tournament. (Place and time TBD)

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - Donor - The Suburban Country Club - 11:00 a.m.

### **HADASSAH OF GREATER BALTIMORE**

Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.- Wine, Israel & Friends IT TAKES A VILLAGE.

Opening Fall Meeting. Join us to see and hear past National President Marcie Natan, Chair of Youth Aliyah, describe our programs that help the children in need at our Hadassah youth villages.

We will also hear from a wine expert about the wines of Israel. Link <http://www.hadassah.org/events/openingmeeting2020>.

Monday, September 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch and Learn Zoom Series for 2020-2021 will begin on September 14. More information to follow.

### **ISRAEL BONDS WOMENS DIVISION**

Thursday, November 5-Fashion Show event. Virtual. More details to follow. For information, please contact Hillary Lewis, registered representative 443-471-2783. or email at [Hillary.lewis@israelbonds.com](mailto:Hillary.lewis@israelbonds.com).



## Under Our Umbrella Continued

### KAPPA GUILD, INC.

October- Date and Time TBD. Virtual meeting and virtual tour of Mercy Hospital's Pediatric Unit to see equipment purchased.

November- Date and Time TBD. Virtual meeting and virtual tour of Rose of Sharon Equestrian School to see equipment purchased.

Winter- Virtual Bingo Fundraiser- Date and Time TBD.

### Women of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

Fill Your Cup Zoomfest every Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

September 9 - Suiting Everyone: Baltimore's Needle Trade presented by Jack Burkert, local historian

September 16 - Demonstration using Paolymer Clay by Dr. Joanne Neff and Suzanne Strutt

September 23 - Derrekh Eretz: Why Civility Matters presented by Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl

September 30 - Women in Prison presented by Laura Hahn, Towson instructor on criminal justice

October 7 - Israeli cooking with Michelle Sapp, a personal chef

October 14 - JMM Virtual Tour: Jews in Space—Talia Makowsky

October 21 - Art of Storytelling presented by Leslie Atkins, author and ghostwriter

October 28 -The Dead Sea Scrolls presented by Robert Baer, historian

November 4 - Island Cooking

November 11 - Musical Presentation with Maria Cannon

Contact Marcia Bornfriend for program registration at [marcia410@comcast.net](mailto:marcia410@comcast.net)

Opening Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. zoom

Program: Folk Music in the Living Room presented by Cantor Karen Webber

December Meeting Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

Program: Virtual Tour of the Barnes Foundation

To make a reservation for any event, send your email address to [womenofbhc@gmail.com](mailto:womenofbhc@gmail.com) and you will receive a zoom link very close to the time of the event.

### THE WOMEN OF HAR SINAI - OHEB SHALOM CONGREGATION

All of these events are via ZOOM. No cost to participants.

September holds our High Holidays so we will not be having a particular event but will have a honey cake drive-by for the congregation.

October 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Nancy Patz will be featured in a ZOOM video reflecting upon her life as a well-known and well published author of children's books.

November brings Gary Reiner, who will discuss his book (via ZOOM) , **Counting on America: A Holocaust Memoir of Terror, Chutzpah, Romance and Escape**. This will be an evening presentation so that all congregants can participate.

Our own Judy Handelman will ZOOM a craft project for Chanukah. Each registered person will be responsible for purchasing their own supplies, and Judy will demonstrate as we follow along, making a perfect Chanukah gift. We wish you a healthy, peaceful New Year and **PLEASE VOTE!**

save the date



104th Federation Annual Convention

May 13, 2021



**Federation Calendar**  
(meetings are held on Thursdays)

**Opening Meeting**  
October 15, 2020

**Evening Meeting**  
November 19, 2020

**Mid-Winter Meeting**  
January 21, 2021 (North Oaks—If facility is open)

**Winter Meeting**  
March 18, 2021  
Annapolis Trip

**104th Annual Convention**  
May 13, 2021

**President Reception 2021**  
Date to be determined



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**WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR—SHANA TOVA!**

