



The Flame

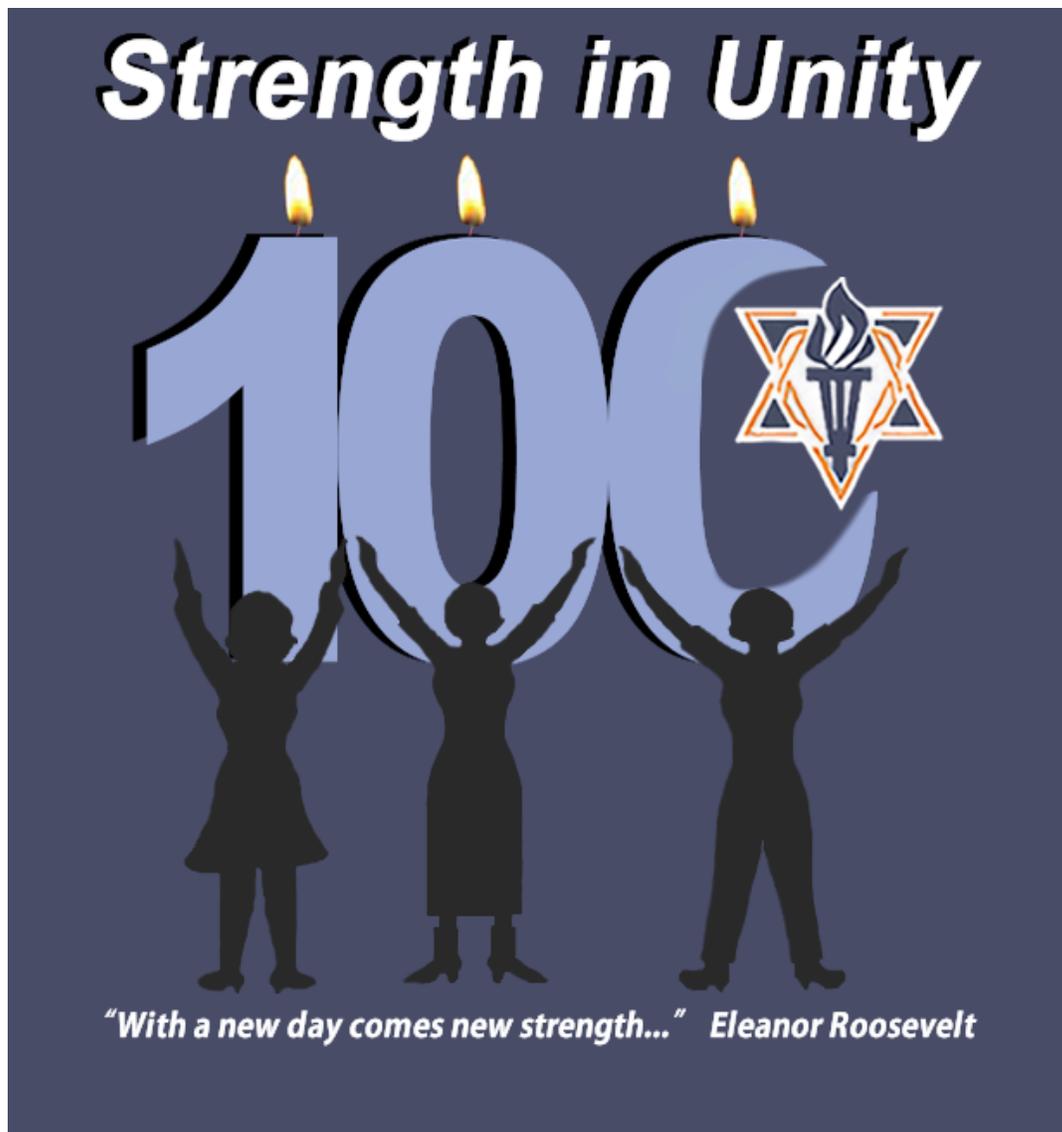
*The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland
Established 1916*

Lighting the Way for Jewish Women Leaders Issue 3— Spring 2016

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May 19, 2016

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

Program and Luncheon \$40 (Dietary laws observed)

Respond by Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Message from our President Sheila K. Derman



*MAN (WOMAN) PLANS AND G-D LAUGHS....*How appropriate is this ancient saying to describe my two years as your President, an honor and a challenge beyond words. I had many wonderful plans to celebrate becoming 100 years old. Then the ultimate challenge—the death of my beloved husband Paul and the illness of my son put everything in a new perspective. Plans changed but in a few days we WILL be celebrating our 100 years in a day filled with excitement and fun as we relive what we were and envision what we will be. I learned that today's Federation woman is not only a leader but also a friend in every way and who provides not only support and comfort but also takes over to get the job done, as we did after the untimely death of Hortense Moses in 1924. As we dug through our archives of 100 years, I learned that our women 100 years ago had vision and skills to solve the problem of the day: "How to bring the different Jewish women in Baltimore together (literally the *uptown* and the *downtown*) for education, advocacy and calendar conflicts." So it began in 1916 as Jewish women from over 40 diverse organizations came together and were instrumental in achieving Women's Suffrage (The Right to Vote for All Woman).

WHAT A START.....We have continued to bring together Orthodox, Conservative and Reform women from Sisterhoods to

workers guilds to study groups to major organizations like Hadassah and NCJW, creating dozens of resolutions through the wars and the Holocaust, supporting hundreds of immigrants from Europe and the Soviet Union and supporting the state of Israel. We came to learn about each other, such as our program this past January about the differing role of the Mikvah in the lives of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform women. We educated our constituents about domestic violence (in the Jewish community, too) and domestic human trafficking in our own backyard. Now, more than ever in this troubled political climate, we must stand up and speak out for women as we did in 1920. We must empower today's woman by the passage of laws that provide financial equality through workplace fairness and pay equity and give every woman the right to make health and reproductive decisions in her life without government interference.

My two years as your President may have been different than I planned but they were wonderfully filled with accomplishment ready for our next century. There are not enough words to thank everyone who not only *SHOWED UP* but also worked together, taking over when necessary to *MAKE IT HAPPEN*. I know that a strong groundwork has been laid for Helene Waranch and her officers. I can't wait to see what they accomplish. *SHOW UP WITH ME INTO OUR NEXT CENTURY*.



Centennial Celebration 100th Annual Convention

Date: May 19, 2016

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Avenue 21208

Celebrate Federation's 100-year history and all of the constituent organizations!

- **MORNING PROOGRAM**

- **Tribute Parade** of our constituent organizations
- **Business Meeting.**
- **Keynote speaker: Melissa Boteach, Vice President of the Poverty to Prosperity Program.**

Ms. Boteach served as the policy lead on "*The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink*", a book and multimedia platform by Maria Shriver and the Center for American Progress It is about the one in three women living in or on the brink of poverty and public, private and personal solutions to help the nation push back. She has appeared on MSNBC, Fox News and C-SPAN; has been a guest on several radio shows; and is frequently cited in English and Spanish print and online media. She was named as one of Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 for law and policy in 2011.

- **HISTORY PANELS** covering 100 years of Federation's accomplishments

- **LUNCHEON**

- **AFTERNOON PROGRAM**

- **Theatrical Production: 100 years of Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland**
- Written by Rhonda Cooperstein and directed by Miriam Bazensky
- **Installation of officers**
- **The E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award** presented to Councilwoman Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Dean of the Baltimore City Council, serving her seventh elected term since her appointment in June 1977.
- **Builder of Unity Awards** presenting to one woman from each of constituent organization.

\$40 FOR LUNCH AND PROGRAM *For reservations, call Arlene Mazer 410-484-5257.

For more information, contact co-chairs, Eve Vogelstein info@jewishwomensfed.org or Lynda Weinstein missmagothy@aol.com

The Annapolis Experience

Federation took 25 women to Annapolis for a day of touring and meeting with legislators. We began the day with a tour of the Maryland State House, viewing the historic rooms and the legislature in session. In honor of Federation's 100th year, Delegate Shelly Hettleman introduced our group as we sat in the gallery. Pictures were taken of us all on the floor of the delegate chamber. Then we proceeded to a hearing room in the nearby legislative office building to visit with many of our local lawmakers. Dana Stein, Dan Morheim and Shelly Hettleman were some of those who talked with us.

At lunchtime, we proceeded to the campus of the US Naval Academy to visit the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel and to enjoy a delicious meal. David Hoffberger, director of the Center, welcomed us and gave us a full history of the Chapel and building. During lunch we had the privilege of hearing from a delightful young Jewish woman in her second year as a midshipman. She talked about her background, her life at the Academy and her desire to become an astronaut. We also learned about the many activities that the Center offers. We then had the opportunity to spend time in the most impressive Jewish chapel. What a fun and informative day!



SERV-A

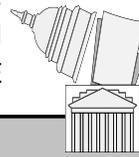
At Passover, while we were celebrating with family and friends, we did not forget our Jewish servicemen and women who are far from home, protecting us throughout the world. Our Federation's SERV-A Project sent funds to the Jewish Chaplain's Council of the Jewish Welfare Board, as we do on major Jewish holidays. How pleased to know that we provide Haggadahs and kosher Passover foods for Jewish personnel to observe the holiday. We heartily thank each caring affiliate organization and sisterhood for submitting annual appropriations and all the wonderful individuals who contribute to commemorate happy or sad occasions. Of course, every gift is acknowledged and we are pleased to receive notes of gratitude from delighted recipients. How sweet it is to be able to bring so much joy and spirituality into the lives of our courageous Jewish Veterans and members of the United States Armed Services. Todah Rabah! Many thanks!

Betty Samuels Seidel, SERV-A Chair

Maryland Healthy Working Families Act Earned Paid Sick Days

As always, the legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly this year ended with the feeling of “WIN SOME—LOSE SOME.” The results of our advocacy efforts on behalf of women’s issues produced a mixed bag of results. Bills which passed included: the expansion of *Equal Pay for Equal Work*, the expansion of grounds for relief in Peace Orders, the extension of domestic violence law to include stalking and harassment and a new bill devised to close the gaps in contraceptive insurance coverage. These bills now go to the Governor for a signature or a veto.

Bills which failed included ending parental rights of rapists, expungement of certain convictions of victims of human trafficking and the immediate transfer of firearms to police after an issuance of a



**Legislative
Update by
Jo-Ann Orlinsky**

domestic violence order. In my opinion, the failure of these bills shows a real almost inbred disregard for the legal rights and needs of women to protect so-called civil rights of others, mostly men. The need for the passage of this legislation will not go away. We must work very diligently and smartly to show that women’s needs are a priority.

Also failed were the Earned Sick Leave Bill and the Fair Scheduling Act of 2016. Senate President Mike Miller has said that the leadership may call a one-day special session to take up the Earned Sick Leave Bill as well as a tax relief bill, which ran out of time.

As you can see our work as advocates is never ending. We must stay informed and vigilant, ready to act. FEDERATION WILL LEAD THE WAY!

100th Convention 2016 Builder of Unity Award Recipients

Adat Chaim Sisterhood –**Cathy Litofsky**

AMIT Women –**Rita Malin**

Associated Women of The Associated –**Liora Hill**

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood –
Karan Engerman

Beth El Sisterhood –**Alice Kuryk**

Beth Israel Sisterhood –**Anita Meddin**

Beth Tfiloh Sisterhood –**Sylvia Sklar**

Bnai Jacob/Shaarei Zion Sisterhood –
Bess Krivitsky (In Memoriam)

Brandeis University National Women's Committee –
Brenda L. Cohen

Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood –**Lynne Lichtig**

Covenant Guild, Inc. –**Beatrice Yoffe**

Hadassah of Greater Baltimore –**Linda Roedel**

Har Sinai Sisterhood –**Arlene Burman**

Israel Bonds Maryland Women's Division –**Betty Samuels Seidel**

Jewish Caring Network –**Stacey Goldenberg**

Jewish Women International –**Sandra Shannon**

Kappa Guild, Inc. –**Miriam Stern**

Levindale Auxiliary –**Joan Askin**

Mildred Mindell Cancer Foundation, Inc. –**Linda Barton**

Miriam Lodge, K.S.B., Inc. –**Marlene Greenebaum**

Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Sisterhood –**Iris Friedman**

National Council of Jewish Women Baltimore Section –
Ferne Rogow

Ner Tamid Sisterhood –**Estelle Levitas**

Rodger C. Snyder Memorial, Ladies Auxiliary –**Rose Haransky**

Sinai Hospital Auxiliary –**Negin Hariri**

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood –**Joan Zimmerman**

Temple Oheb Shalom Sisterhood –**Arlene Mazer**

Add your name to a personalized card to be sent to individual honorees, each for \$5 to let her know just how special she is! Please make check payable to the Federation of Jewish Women’s Organizations of Maryland and send it to Rae Shalowitz, 4 Picasso Court, Baltimore, MD., 21208 410-484-7437, rashally@aol.com by June 1, 2016. For additional information, email Rochelle Bohrer at rochellebohr247@gmail.com or call 410-922-9672. Forms may be found on our website <http://jewishwomensfed.org/>.



Under Our Umbrella

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

BETH EL SISTERHOOD

The Annual Unique Boutique will be held **Sunday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** This year we are offering an evening event called "Sip and Shop" on Monday, May 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Women who work

and stay at home moms can join us for wine and cheese while they shop during our evening hours. Many of your favorite vendors will be returning including Barbara Brodie Designs, DG Designs, Essentials by Iris, Fay Mendelsohn Cosmetics, Fringe Boutique, Glam Girl, Ibhana Creations, Kids Stop, La Cigale, Lena Long Jewelry, Sababa Israeli Jewelry, Shea Marne Accessories, Sock Drawer and More, Sparkle n' Bloom, Swirl, The Fashnique, and the Jewelry Lady. Many new vendors will also be joining us. Flowers will be available for your Spring planting. Lunch will be served at the Unique Cafe. Look for our ads in Smart Shopper and Valpack and bring your coupon for our \$100 cash drawing. For more information email either Sonia Obstler, seobstler@gmail.com, or Helen Bronstein, helenbronstein@verizon.net.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Sunday, May 11th- Book and Author Meeting. This book is "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure. The author will discuss his thrilling debut novel of World War II Paris. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

Sunday, May 22nd, Sisterhood Donor at 11 am. Sisterhood celebrates with a brunch and fashion show. Members and guests are invited.

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE, BALTIMORE CHAPTER

Wednesday May 18th. Bus trip to Washington, DC to visit Anderson House, lunch at Filomena's Ristorante, and visit to Textile Museum. Contact Rena Shenk: 443-352-3901.

Thursday June 9th at 11 am at Suburban Country Club. SAVE THIS DATE. Book and Author luncheon featuring Ellen Brazer, recipient of Hadassah's Myrtle Wreath. Ms Brazer 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.

Mid-July our Live and Learn Study Guide will be out. Last year's guide included 30 different classes. To receive a copy, please call Brenda Cohen at 410-581-2229 or check our website for "Live and Learn Programs" at: blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccbaltimore

KAPPA GUILD, INC.

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Kappa Guild will hold their 46th Annual Donor luncheon celebrating 63 years of "helping children in need" at the Serengeti Steak House at 11:30 am. Contact Sheila Mentz morahsheila@aol.com. Toby's Dinner Theatre on **Sunday, September 11, 2016** to see "Sister Act." Cost is \$55 for the matinee and lunch. Call Michale Misler at 410-654-0857 for information.

HAR SINAI SISTERHOOD

May 5, 2016: Adult Learning Educational Series with our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Herman. Important Jews Who Changed the World. Open to all. A small fee will be charged. Contact Jo-Ellen Unger if interested @ 410-654-9393 x 1003.

May 6, 2016: Sisterhood Shabbat Service highlighting Jewish women in our history and the meaning of Sisterhood. Open to all.

LEVINDALE AUXILIARY

Join us for an installation and dessert reception on **May 9, 2016 at 7:00pm**. It will be held at Levindale, 2434 W. Belvedere Ave. Baltimore, MD. 21215 in the Town Center. For more information, contact Faye Brand at 410-601-2378 or Fbrand@lifebridgehealth.org.

MOSES MONTIFIORE ANSHE EMUNAH

A Book and Author Meeting. "Hitler's Art Thief" Hildebrand Gurlitt, the Nazis and the Looting of Europe's Treasures by Susan Ronald.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm at The Ivy Bookshop - Lake Falls Village, 680 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209. Champagne and Dessert Reception. Suggested donation \$5 per. Your check is your reservation. Call Hinda Sokolow at 410-486-3734.

RODGER C. SNYDER MEMORIAL LADIES AUXILIARY JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Installation and brunch with the Rodger C. Snyder Post 117 JWV on **Sunday, June 5, 2016** at Suburban Orthodox Congregation at 10:00 am. Please contact Sheila Mentz for more info morahsheila@aol.com.

SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

A Fare to Remember; **May 4, 2016, 7:00 am – 4:00-5:00 pm** Main level of Sinai (employee booth). A lovely Variety Sale.

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The Presidents' Reception and Luncheon

Thursday, June 9, 2016
 9:30 am to 1 pm
 Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

**Federation and You:
 Building a Stronger Relationship**

RSVP by June 2, 2016 to Rochelle Bohrer
 Rochellebohr247@gmail.com or 410-922-9672



Federation Calendar

- May 19, 2016**, Centennial Celebration, 9:00 am
- June 9, 2016**, President's Reception
- September 22, 2016**, Opening Meeting
- November 10, 2016**, Information Session
- January 19, 2017**, Mid-Winter Conference
- March 16, 2017**, General Meeting
- May 16, 2017** 101st Convention

NOTE: All Federation meetings are held on Thursdays. The above dates are subject to change and will be announced

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Save the Date
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