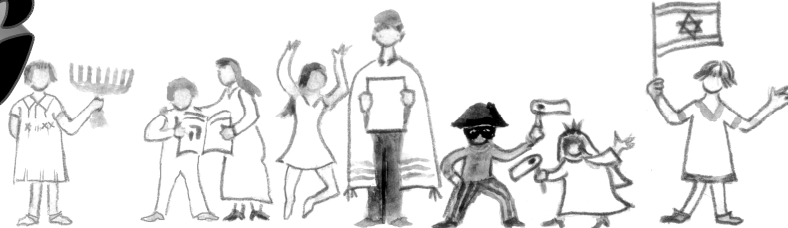


BEE-JEG News



Bethesda Chevy Chase-Jewish Community Group

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August/September 2011

6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 348-3763

SEPTEMBER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Please join us for

High Holy Day Services

Free & Open to all, no tickets required
Services conducted by

Rabbi Judith Kummer & Cantor Marisa James

Winston Churchill High School

11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac

Erev Rosh Hashanah—Wed., Sept. 28, 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day—Thu., Sept. 29, 9:30 am

Rosh Hashanah Family Service—Thu., Sept 29, 2:45 pm

Kol Nidre—Fri., Oct. 7, 7:15 pm

Yom Kippur Day—Sat., Oct. 8, 9:30 am

Yom Kippur Family Service— Oct., Sept. 8, 2:45 pm

Text Study and Neilah Service— Sat., Oct. 8, 5:30 pm

Contributions welcome!

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jewish Community Group has provided a family-oriented approach to Jewish education and life since 1941.

Volunteers Needed for Services

Volunteers help make these free High Holy Day services possible (because as we all know nothing is truly free). Here is a chance to start the new year with a mitzvah already under your belt! **We have very few volunteers** at this time. We need help for:

- ◆ Getting books to/from the storage unit in Rockville
- ◆ Setting up/cleaning up
- ◆ Greeting people as they arrive
- ◆ Helping with the Rosh Hashanah Oneg
- ◆ Helping with the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast

If you can help, please call Sarah Krosner at 301-738-2183. Even an hour can make a difference! *Thank you!*

Condolences to:

*Barbara Kanfee, on the death of her husband,
Jacob Kanfee*

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Time to Start Thinking About Religious and Hebrew School

Registration for the 2011/2012 School Year

We had a great year last year with Celia Barash as our Education Director. We are pleased to announce that for the 2011/2012 school year Judaic classes will be for grades K-5 (last year was K-3) with special monthly programs for older students and BCCJCG members. Students in 8th grade and up are eligible to be teen assistants. Enclosed with this newsletter is the Sunday/Hebrew school registration form. Please consider registering early as it provides us important information when planning for the year.

**REGISTER for Religious School with
payment by SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 and SAVE!**

See enclosed registration form for details.

Religious School Orientation & Registration

Sunday, September 11th: The parent orientation session for the Religious School is scheduled for 10:00-11:30 a.m.. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome, so come early to enjoy a nosh and meet our staff and other families.

Sunday, September 18th: First day of religious school. For this first day of school, class will be 10:30-12:15 (the regular class time is 10:00-12:15). For anyone who couldn't attend on Sept. 11, there will be an orientation from 10-10:30.

We will also be offering Hebrew classes that will be held at the JCC on Wednesday afternoons. In addition to classes for students who do not speak Hebrew at home we offer classes for students of Israelis who speak Hebrew at home. See page 2 for more details about these exciting classes.

Message from the Education Director of the BCC-JCG Sunday School

L'Shanah Tovah--Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by and we are within two months of the High Holy Days. Part of the High Holy Day tradition is to reflect upon the past year and make changes for the coming year. Last year, the BCCJCG re-started the Sunday School, which had been on a hiatus for one year. Our Sunday school students were in Kindergarten through Third grades. Although we had two small classes, the younger students learned the entire Hebrew alphabet while the older ones accomplished reading Hebrew and some understanding of the language. We had many holiday celebrations for Sukkoth, Chanukah, Tu B'shevat, Purim, and Passover. The parents and grandparents of the children came to these programs and saw the students perform plays and songs appropriate to each holiday. On Wednesdays, the BCCJCG started for the first time a mid-week Hebrew program for English speakers and a separate class for native speakers of Hebrew (ages 8-11). These students learned reading, speaking, and writing skills. The Ulpan (native speaking class) was conducted entirely in Hebrew.


As the new Education Director and also in the role of teacher, it was such a pleasure to see how the students progressed and their enthusiasm each week to come to school and participate. Sundays were filled with not only the learning of Hebrew, but projects, music, and stories for each holiday. On Wednesday, the students enjoyed the classes and you could hear them talking afterwards to their parents about what they had learned in the lesson. This year was a success not only because of the wonderful students in the program, but also due to our wonderful teacher, Dina Covaliu and our aides, Jake Kohn, Sigal and Elad Covaliu. The enthusiasm and support of the parents made this past year so rewarding and this also helped to encourage our students. Sarah Krosner, the BCCJCG President provided so much needed involvement from the group and helped with so many aspects of the program.

However, we cannot rest on last year's success and must now go forward to expand not only the number of students for the school, but to also expand our programming. Last year in my message, I wrote about having more participation from the members in the group whether or not, they had children in the school. This year will present such an opportunity with our new proposed program called *Intergenerational Kesharim*. *Kesharim* means connection in Hebrew. There have been many discussions about our students sharing their learning with residents of the Charles Smith Life Communities (Hebrew Home, Revitz House, Ring and Landow Houses). Not only would our students be helping these residents, but also making connection to Israel's elder community in the Beit Shemesh area (between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem). This may start as a small project--sharing one or two holiday celebrations with the residents in the Smith complex and then sending photos, videos, holiday cards to elderly residents in a similar facility

called Melabev. We are just beginning to work on these possibilities for next year in conjunction with the Partnership for Jewish Learning Together, which will

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*Meet & Greet:
September 11th, 10 AM - Noon*

**We've been teaching kids for more years than
Moses spent in the desert.**

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jewish Community Group offers:

- ◆ **Hebrew and Judaics** Curriculum
- ◆ Classes for grades K- 5
- ◆ **Family** Activities
- ◆ **Adult** Education
- ◆ Israeli Folk Dancing
- ◆ Community Service Programs
- ◆ Open High Holy Day Services

We meet at the JCC of Greater Washington (Rockville, MD).

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase
Jewish Community Group**

(301) 762-4188, Celia Barash, Director of Education

The Group admits students of any race, color or ethnic origin.

בגדה הנהיגה

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jewish Community Group Hebrew Classes

...In addition to its innovative Sunday School is offering a mid-week Hebrew Program for ages 8-11.

Hebrew for English speakers 4-5pm

Hebrew Ulpan for native speakers Wednesdays 5-6pm

We meet at the Jewish Community Center
6125 Montrose Rd.
Rockville, MD 20852

For more information call Celia Barash at
301-762-4188

...Or email bccjcg@yahoo.com
www.bccjcg.org

למנוסעם צקרת

About Rabbi Judith Kummer

Rabbi Judith Kummer was ordained as a rabbi at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. A Boston native, Rabbi Kummer received her BA in environmental studies and urban planning from Barnard College. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Jewish Chaplaincy Council of Massachusetts and is a member of the board of Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Community Mikveh and Education Center. She has served as spiritual leader of Reconstructionist synagogues in Maywood and Bordentown, NJ and Hewlett, NY. In addition, Rabbi Kummer has been an adjunct member of the faculty of the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York City. Prior to her work in the rabbinate, she served as the Housing Director at Barnard College and worked in low-income housing finance with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Rabbi Kummer currently resides in Boston, MA.

About Cantor Marisa Elana James

Marisa Elana James graduated from Makom Hebrew High School and the University of Connecticut. After three years of living in Jerusalem, Marisa began her studies in 2010 at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. During those years, she primarily studied at the Conservative Yeshiva and worked for Encounter Programs. Previously, Marisa taught college writing and literature courses at the University of Connecticut and Rutgers, managed a bookstore, and worked as an insurance broker in New Jersey and New York. Marisa currently lives in Jerusalem, where she regularly teaches Introduction to Judaism classes for internationals in Bethlehem and leads services for liberal Jewish communities in Jerusalem. Marisa is the 2010-11 Rabbinical Student Fellow in Israel for Rabbis for Human Rights-North America.

Congratulations to the Lev Family

On July 16 Celia Barash conducted a baby naming service for Miriam Lev, age 2.

Mom, Andrea Lev, celebrated with Miriam's proud grandparents, Lynn and Reuben Lev along with other family members and friends.

Andrea was a former student of the BCC-JCG Hebrew and Sunday School program and it was an honor for the group to be a part of this memorable occasion.

This was the BCC-JCG's second ceremony of this kind with another baby naming planned for next month. we look forward to many more.

מזל טוב to the Lev family!

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hopefully provide some grant monies for this purpose. This is where we will need your help in volunteering with our students. We will have a better idea of what this entails as we work with the Partnership.

So, to summarize what is in this message, I will quote from our sages who wrote the *Pirke Avot*,--called the Ethics of our Fathers. Rabbi Ben Zoma (you might be familiar with him from the Passover Haggadah) wrote "Who is wise? One who learns from all persons, as it is written; "From all my teachers have I gained understanding. We should go forward this year as our students learn Hebrew and Judaism with the goal of sharing their new found knowledge with elderly people from whom they will learn. As you also become involved in this process, we will be learning from everyone as Ben Zoma had intended with his statement seventeen hundred years ago from the Mishnah (third century CE). Then we can create "Intergenerational Kesharim," which will enrich the whole community of the BCCJCG. My very best to you and your families in the New Year.

Celia R. Barash
Education Director

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CALENDAR

Aug. 14	Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30 am—12:15 pm at the Rockville, JCC ~ 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD
Aug. 21 & 28	—NO ISRAELI FOLK DANCING
Sep. 4	Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:15 pm ** Location to be determined
Sep. 11	Religious and Hebrew School ' Meet and Greet ', 10 am—11:30 am NO ISRAELI FOLK DANCING
Sep. 18	Registration 10—10:30 am 1st day of Religious school / 10:30—12:15 pm Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:15 pm**
Sep. 25	Religious School, 10 am—12:15 pm Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:15 pm**
Sep. 28	Erev Rosh Hashanah services , 7:30 pm
Sep. 29	Rosh Hashanah services, 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah family services, 2:30 pm
Oct. 2	Religious School, 10 am—12:15 pm Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:15 pm **
Oct. 7	Kol Nidre services , 7:30 pm
Oct. 8	Yom Kippur services, 9:30 am Yom Kippur family services, 2:30 pm Text Study (5:30 pm) followed by the Neilah service and a light 'Break-the-Fast'
** Due to renovations at Hoover M.S. we are currently working with Montgomery County to determine available schools in the Rockville area where we can hold these dance sessions for the coming school year.	

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUP
6125 Montrose Road ~ Rockville, MD 20852 ~ 301-348-3763
Sunday School Registration Form

If you are a JCC member, please provide the following information

My JCC membership expires on this date: _____ My JCC membership number is: _____

Name	Grade	Hebrew
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Fees—JCC Members:

First child in Sunday School	\$550
Each additional child	\$500
Hebrew Classes (Fall Semester)	\$225

Fees for Non-JCC Members:

First child in Sunday School	\$650
Each additional child	\$550
Hebrew Classes (Fall Semester)	\$275
BCC-JCG Family Membership dues (Not applicable if you are a JCC member):	\$100

Sunday School Dues (includes books) \$ _____

Hebrew School Dues (includes books) \$ _____

BCC-JCG Family Membership Dues (**Not applicable if you are a JCC member**) \$ _____

Tax Deductible Donations \$ _____

Snack / Activity Fee (\$50 per student—Judaics program only) \$ _____

Installment Fee (\$25 if payment is not made in full by 9/18) \$ _____

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____

Less early registration discount for Judaics Program \$ _____

(subtract \$50 if registered with full payment by 9/1)

BALANCE DUE: \$ _____

Enclose a \$50.00 non-refundable pre-registration fee for EACH CHILD.

Items 1 through 4 are applicable only for the Judaics program

1. **Payment Schedule** (if not paying in full by 9/18/2011 – there is a one time \$25 fee for paying in installments):

1/3 of total due by September 18, 2011

1/3 of total due by November 30, 2011

Balance due by December 15, 2011

2. **\$50 discount** if paid IN FULL by **September 1, 2011**

3. All accounts need to be paid IN FULL by December 15, 2011

4. An additional 1.5% per month will be added to unpaid balances effective December 16, 2011. Members are responsible for all collection and legal fees.

Send your payment, made payable to BCC-JCG, with forms to:

BCC-JCG ~ 6125 Montrose Road ~ Rockville, MD 20852 ~ Attn: Registration

I have read and acknowledge the complete tuition, fee schedule, and terms and conditions of membership with the BCC-JCG for the 2011-2012 school year.

Parent Signature: _____

Permissions: Please circle YES or NO for the following:

YES NO I give permission for my child to be photographed and allow BCC-JCG to release said pictures for publicity purposes.

YES NO I give my permission for my child to participate in all activities on or around the grounds of the JCCGW campus, including Ring and Landow Houses.

Please turn over and fill out additional membership information.

Information for BCC-JCG Membership List:

	Father's Information	Mother's Information	Guardian's Information
Name			
Mailing Address <i>(City, State, and Zip Code)</i>			
Home Phone Number			
Work Phone Number			
Cell Phone Number			
E-Mail Address			

My child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah date is: _____

Please indicate below any information that you do not want included in the BCC-JCG directory (this directory is only distributed to BCC-JCG members)

___ Home Address ___ Email ___ Home Number ___ Work Number ___ Cell Phone

Children Not in Sunday School (with ages):

Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

The best way to get information to me is. Please check two.

e-mail ___ mail ___ flyers ___ web site ___ phone ___

Please indicate how you heard about the BCC-JCG.

___ Center Scene ___ Yellow Pages ___ Jewish Week ___ Flyer _____ other (indicate source)

Please indicate your willingness/interest in assisting with the following special activities:

(check at least two activities)

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| ___ Room Parent (Grade(s)___) | ___ Telephone Caller | ___ Board Member |
| ___ Substitute teacher | ___ Staff Appreciation | ___ Chanukah Party |
| ___ High Holy Day Services | ___ Advertising | ___ Classroom Aide |
| ___ Torah Rental | ___ Friday Night Oneg | ___ Saturday Night Havdallah |
| ___ Weekend-in-Woods/Retreat | ___ Newsletter | ___ Brochure/Articles |
| ___ Chaperone/Driver for Class Trips | ___ Art Projects | ___ Flyers |
| ___ Bulletin Board | ___ JCC Chanukah Festival | ___ JCC Purim Festival |
| ___ Silent Auction/Fund Raiser | ___ Plant Sale | ___ Community Service Projects (e.g., blood drive) |

___ Other activities, interests or special knowledge/talents that you would be willing to share with the children such as cooking, art projects, folk dancing, music, religious practices

Please indicate your willingness/interest to be a co-chair for the following committees/sub-committee:

- | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| ___ Budget | ___ Advertising/Marketing | ___ Room Parents | ___ Board Member |
| ___ Communications | ___ High Holy Days/Religious | ___ Silent Auction | |

Special Events: ___ Holiday Parties/Potlucks ___ Frid. Night Onegs/Sat. Night Havdallah ___ Weekend-in-Woods/Retreat

Indicate your interest in the following Open Executive Board positions:

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ Vice President | ___ Corresponding Secretary | ___ Newsletter Editor |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|

September 2011

Dear Friend:

With the approach of the High Holy Day season, many of us wish to acknowledge our love and dedication to dear ones who are no longer with us. To help you do this with dignity and tzedakah, the BCC-JCG is publishing a **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**.

This **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**, or **YIZKOR BOOK**, will contain the names of all the relatives and friends whose memory you wish to honor together with the appropriate prayers. The Yizkor Book will be distributed on Yom Kippur at the Yizkor Memorial Service at approximately 11:30 a.m., October 8, 2011.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and mail it to the BCC-JCG at the address below, no later than **September 12, 2011**.

May the Almighty bless you and yours and inscribe you this New Year of 5772 into His Golden Book of Life, Health and Happiness.

BCC-JCG Religious Committee

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - 5772

Please inscribe the name of my/our departed ones as follows in the

**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUP
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Check here if you want to use the same inscription as last year.

In Memory of

Remembered by

In honor of the above inscription(s), I am forwarding a voluntary donation in the amount of \$_____. (A minimum donation of \$36.00 is suggested; \$54.00 for three names or more)

Subscriber: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail forms and payment to:

BCC-JCG
6125 Montrose Road
Rockville, MD 20852
Attn: Book of Remembrance

BCC-JCG Membership, Donation, & Information Form

Your help is needed to continue our 70-year tradition of offering Open High Holy Day Services. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form below to help us better serve you or to join as an associate member of the BCC-JCG. Donations are always appreciated.

Please Print or Type, Thanks!!

Name(s) _____
Telephone _____ E-MAIL _____
Address(es) _____

I will contribute to the continuing work of the BCC-JCG
___\$54 ___\$90 ___\$120 ___\$180 ___\$360 ___\$500 ___\$720 ___\$1800 ___\$3600 ___\$5000 Other \$ _____
My donation is for the _____ fund
(High Holy Day/General Operation Fund, Torah Fund, Education Fund, and/or Prayer Book Fund)
My donation is **in memory of** _____
Or **in honor of** _____

Acknowledgements will be sent for all donations.
___ I am an alumnus of the BCC-JCG Sunday School and would like to be included in an alumni directory
___ I would like to be an Associate Member (To join our group as an Associate Member (one who does not have children in our Sunday School), please include a separate check for the annual fee of **\$50** to cover the expense of mailings to keep you informed of upcoming events)

Please check off any of the following areas of interest.

___ Friday Night Oneg	___ Havdallah	___ Group Picnics	___ Adult Education
___ Sukkoth Celebration	___ Weekend in the Woods/Retreat	___ A Taste of Passover	
___ High Holy Day Services	___ Israeli Folk Dancing (held Sunday mornings – check website for location or send email to dance_bccjcg@yahoo.com to be added to the dance email list)		
___ Other (please specify) _____			

Please consider making a donation for new prayer books—**Any amount is appreciated.** A donation of **\$36** will pay for a prayer book label.

Prayer Book Donation Amount: \$ _____

Text that will be placed on the inside cover of the prayer book _____

Donated by _____

In Memory of _____

or In Honor of _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please mail this form to: BCC-JCG ~ 6125 Montrose Road ~ Rockville, MD 20852
Checks should be made payable to: BCC-JCG

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