

BEE-JEG News



Bethesda Chevy Chase-Jewish Community Group

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September/October 2014

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

Please join us for *High Holy Day* Services

Free & Open to all, no tickets required

Services conducted by
Rabbi Judith Kummer
and **Cantor Sonia Pilz**

Winston Churchill High School
11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac

Erev Rosh Hashanah—Wed., Sept. 24, 7:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah Day—Thu., Sept. 25, 9:30 am
Rosh Hashanah Fam. Service—Thu., Sept. 25, 2:45 pm
Kol Nidre—Fri., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm
Yom Kippur Day—Sat., Oct. 4, 9:30 am
Yom Kippur Family Service— Sat., Oct. 4, 2:45 pm
Text Study and Neilah — Sat., Oct. 4, 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 Holiday 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 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!

Late Registration for Religious and Hebrew School

Registration for the 2014/2015 School Year

The 2014/2015 school year judaic classes will be for grades K-7 with special programs for older students and BCCJCG members. Students in 8th grade and up are eligible to be teen assistants. Please visit bccjcg.org to get the Sunday/Hebrew school registration form. If you did not register at the beginning of the summer, it's not too late to register.

Religious School Orientation, Late Registration & Tashlich Sunday, September 14th

The Meet & Greet, orientation and late registration for the Religious School is scheduled for 2:30—4 pm in room 126. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome, so come early to enjoy a nosh and meet our staff and other families. During the orientation/late registration students will go with the teachers to one of the art rooms at the JCC to do a project. If you are coming with younger children (ages 3 & 4) they will be able to join the older siblings.

From 4—4:30 pm everyone will meet and go outside for **Tashlich**, which is the symbolic casting away of one's sins. This is open to everyone and we hope that we'll see many people from the community for Tashlich.

Sunday, September 21st

First day of religious school. Classes are from 10:00 -12:15.

We also offer 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 Ulpan classes for students of Israelis who speak Hebrew at home.

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. 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 Sojna Keren Pilz

Sonja is a native of Offenburg, Germany. This fall, Sonja will begin her fourth year of Rabbinic studies at the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin, Germany. She is working on a concurrent doctoral degree in Rabbinic literature at the University of Potsdam, Germany. As part of her ordination studies, Sonja completed a year in Jerusalem at the Conservative Yeshivah. Sonja has studied Jewish studies and psychology at the Albert-Ludwigs-University in Freiburg and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She taught for many years and tutors children for their b'nai mitzvah. She also does workshops with children, young people and adults in Germany and Switzerland on such topics as Parashat haShavua, Hebrew, liturgy and Kashrut. Before embarking on her rabbinical training, Sonja worked as a chazzanit and research assistant, and she helped create a family-friendly Siddur for Kabbalat Shabbat. Sonja speaks German, English, Hebrew, and French.

Canned Food Drive

We will be collecting canned food to donate to the Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg, MD. Canned food items can be brought to Churchill H.S. when we are there for High Holiday services (September 24 and 25 and October 3 and 4) or to the Sukkoth Open House celebration on October 12. Please contact us at (skrosner@bccjcg.org) if you are able to help bring the canned food to the Manna Food Center or have questions.



Thank you

Israeli Folk Dancing

Sunday Mornings from 9:30 am—12:30 pm

Circle Dances and some Line Dances 9:30—Noon

Partner dances — Noon—12:30 pm

Farmland Elementary School (7000 Old Gate Road, Rockville, MD)

No Dancing on October 5.

Dancing on September 14 & 21 at the Rockville JCC

Cost: \$7.00/person (\$5/person for students and BCC-JCG members)

Email: dance_bccjcg@yahoo.com

Send email to above email address if you would like to be added to our email list.

September 2014

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 noon, October 4, 2014.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and mail it to the BCC-JCG at the address below, no later than **September 22, 2014**.

May the Almighty bless you and yours and inscribe you this New Year of 5775 into His Golden Book of Life, Health and Happiness.

BCC-JCG Religious Committee

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - 5775

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: _____

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Please mail forms and payment to:

BCC-JCG
6125 Montrose Road
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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.

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, Prayer Book Fund, and/or Youth Group)
 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

For more information please contact Sarah Krosner at 301-738-2183
 Or send an email to skrosner@bccjcg.org

SAVE THE DATES!

September 28—Potluck: Calling all young professionals! We will be hosting a Potluck Brunch on Sunday, September 28th at 11:30 am at Grosvenor Park III condos. Meet other 20- and 30-somethings and learn how you can become more engaged in the BCC-JCG community. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance... and bring your favorite dish! Stick around for the Tashlich service at 1pm in the same location. Contact Karyn Seidel at karyn.seidel@gmail.com.

September 28, 1 pm, Tashlich: Join us for Tashlich at Grosvenor Park III condos. Weather permitting we'll have a nosh afterwards. This will be a great opportunity to meet other members in our community. More details will be available at services on September 25 and on our website.

October 12, 3—5 pm, Sukkah Open House: Come join us for a festive Sukkot afternoon! The Sukkah will be built and ready to use. Location to be determined—check out our website after September 26 for location. Questions: Send email to skrosner@bccjcg.org or call Sarah at 301-738-2183.

December 20, 5:30—8:00 PM: Havdallah, Potluck and CHANUKAH PARTY!

May 1 & May 2: Israel Independence Day Celebration with Rabbi Kummer.

May 1—Dinner & Candle Lighting at Lebanese Taverna in Bethesda

May 2—2nd Annual Israeli Independence Day Celebration and Silent Auction

May 2 Activities include:

Sunday School (10 AM—12:15 PM) with Rabbi Kummer

Enjoy a Nosh with the Rabbi and Staff—12:15—1:00 PM

Discussions with Rabbi Kummer—5:00—7:00 PM)

Picnic and singing of folk songs (7:00—8:45 PM)

Havdallah (8:45—9:00 PM)

Dancing and Wine Tasting (9:00—11:00 PM)

Wine Tasting—sample wines from local vineyards and around the world

Silent Auction (tables for auction will close at 9:30 PM)



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
- ◆ Hebrew Ulpan Class
- ◆ Classes for grades K– 7
- ◆ **Family** Activities
- ◆ **Adult** Education
- ◆ Israeli Folk Dancing
- ◆ Community Service Programs
- ◆ Open High Holy Day Services



We meet primarily 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.

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- Sep. 14 **Religious and Hebrew School 'Meet and Greet,' Orientation, and Late Registration, 2:30—4 PM**
Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:30 pm, Social Hall at the Rockville JCC
- Sep. 21 *Religious School, 10:00 am—12:15 pm*
Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:15 pm at Rockville JCC
- Sep. 24 **Erev Rosh Hashanah services, 7:30 pm**
- Sep. 25 **Rosh Hashanah services, 9:30 am**
Rosh Hashanah family services, 2:45 pm
- Sep. 28 *11:30 am Young Professional Potluck*
1:00 pm Tashlich
- Oct. 3 **Kol Nidre services, 7:00 pm**
- Oct. 4 **Yom Kippur services, 9:30 am**
Yom Kippur family services, 2:45 pm
Text Study (5:30 pm) followed by the Neilah service (~6:30 pm) and a light 'Break-the-Fast'
- Oct. 5 **NO DANCING**
- Oct. 12 *Religious School, 10:00 am—12:15 pm*
Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:30 pm at Farmland E.S. in Rockville
SAVE THE DATE—Sukkoth Open House.
- Oct. 19 *Religious School, 10 am—12:15 pm*
Israeli Folk Dancing, 9:30—12:30 pm at Farmland E.S. in Rockville