

# BNC BULLETIN

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## BNC Baltimore Virtual Closing Meeting!

Thursday, June 10, 12:30 p.m.

Following a brief business meeting including elections for next year's board, join us for a virtual tour of *Judith Leiber: Master Craftsman* hosted by the Jewish Museum of Florida. This exhibition honors the Holocaust survivor-turned-mega-designer's life, work and legacy and will feature photographs of Leiber alongside a comprehensive selection of Judith Leiber's bags, belts, pillboxes and glasses, from collectors in Florida as well as from The Leiber Collection.

**RSVP to Deane Sevel by mailing a check payable to BNC to: 3305 Janellen Drive, Baltimore, MD 21208.**

For any guests, please include their email address so they can receive the Zoom link.

Cost: \$10 member attendee - \$15 guest attendee - \$18 supporter \$25 sponsor

(supporters and sponsors will be recognized at the meeting)



## Virtual Federation Convention

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland will host a unique and inspiring Zoom 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention with a speaker this year on May 13, 2021. The topic will be "Welcoming the Stranger." The meeting will also honor one outstanding member of each organization. The BNC honoree will be Norma Axel. If you want to send a *mazel tov* to Norma or any of the other honorees, visit the website [jewishwomensfed.org](http://jewishwomensfed.org) where you can get a copy of the form to be used for submitting your donation, as well as all other pertinent details about the Convention.

## **From Our President**

My term as President of the Baltimore chapter of BNC will come to a close at our June Closing Meeting. When I look back at these three years, it is very clear that my first 20 months were quite different than these last 15! The pandemic turned everything upside down and along with the rest of the world we had to adjust as well. Classes were cancelled and then reinvented as virtual experiences. We learned new ways to communicate through Zoom and became much more familiar with our different screens. It was difficult and scary – but we survived. Now we have vaccines and the hope that soon we can see each other in person again. I feel proud of the contributions our chapter made during my tenure in helping purchase the special research microscope for Brandeis University faculty and students and for helping the library to digitize their special collections on social justice. Our incoming president has work ahead of her - rebuilding our membership and invigorating our fundraising efforts are just two of the challenges. But I am confident that our members will support the new Board and create wonderful new experiences, in-person and virtual, to continue our mission and our friendships. Please join us at our June meeting. I look forward to seeing you at great programs in the fall.

## **Good and Welfare**

### **Condolences**

To Millie Dorf on the loss of her husband, Stanley Dorf

To Benita Lozinsky on the loss of her sister, Beatrice Kuff

To Roz Pearlman on the loss of her nephew, David Eisman

### **Speedy recovery**

To Susan Berman, who had surgery for a broken ankle

To Marcia Snyder, who had a car accident and neck surgery

### **Acknowledgment**

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland has acknowledged our chapter's Serve-A contribution.

## **Mitzvah Cards**

### **In memory of**

Beatrice Kuff, sister of Benita Lozinsky, by Lisa Kane and Merle Ann Siegelman

Stanley Dorf, husband of Millie Dorf, by Suzanne Strutt and Merle Ann Siegelman

Irina Greben, beloved mother and grandmother of Greben family, by Benita Lozinsky

David Eisman, nephew of Roz Pearlman, by Merle Ann Siegelman

### **Speedy recovery to**

Susan Berman, by Suzanne Strutt and Merle Ann Siegelman

Marcia Snyder, by Suzanne Strutt and Merle Ann Siegelman

### **Mazel tov to**

Bart and Michelle Azealinsky in honor of the birth of their grandchildren, by Benita Lozinsky

## **BNC Activity Calendar**

You can still register for any of the following events by sending \$5 for each to Irene Palter, 12320 Rosslare Ridge Road, #202, Timonium, MD 21093. All proceeds support the **Honoring Our History Campaign**.

### **Tuesday, April 27, 1:30 pm – Kovid Knitters, Etc.**

Join us on Zoom to knit, crochet, or do any needlework of your choice, while being able to see and chat with one another. All skill levels are welcome. Facilitators: Merle Ann Siegelman, 410-664-8855, Norma Axel, 410-308-0827

### **Wednesday, April 28, 1:30 pm – Baltimore History – What You May or May Not Know**

Come watch a few films narrated by Johns Hopkins, Executive Director of Baltimore Heritage. Then we will have time for discussions since these are short films. See what you can learn about our city! Facilitators: Norma Axel, 410-308-0827, Brenda Cohen 410-581-2229

### **Wednesday, May 5, 1 pm – Indoor, Terrace and Container Gardening**

Our speaker will be Marcus J. Williams. He is a Home Educator and Master Gardener Coordinator from the University of Maryland Extension Center. Join us to hear his talk and get your questions answered. Facilitator: Leslie Sandler, 410-433-6366

### **Thursday, May 6, 1:30 pm – Tips and Tricks, Hacks That Help**

Who knew that a plastic hanger with end clips could make it easy to hang a recipe up where you could read it? Well, someone did—along with a lot of other simple gimmicks using common household items to make life easier. (Better yet, she put it out there where we could find and use it!) Suzanne Strutt will demonstrate ten of these clever rigs and will supply the YouTube sources you can explore to find even more. Facilitator: Suzanne Strutt, 410-236-6177

### **Wednesday, May 12, 1: pm – Our Maryland Waterways**

Join us to learn about the health of the Chesapeake Bay, the Inner Harbor and other Maryland Waterways. Our speaker will be **Jen Aioso, Executive Director of Blue Waters**. Q and A to follow her talk. Facilitator: Leslie Sandler, 410-433-6366

### **Wednesday, May 19, 1:30 pm – Exploring the Best in Jewish Literature (continued)**

Explore more of the best in 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> century Jewish authors through selected works. We will be including women's literary contributions, Nobel Prize winners, and rare finds. Participants are encouraged to add their own notable picks. Text: *Oxford Book of Jewish Stories*, edited by Ilan Stavans. Facilitator: Devorah Brooks, 410-484-4332

### **Tuesday, May 25, 1:30 pm – Kovid Knitters, Etc.**

Please refer to Tuesday April 27 listing for details. Facilitators: Merle Ann Siegelman, 410-664-8855, Norma Axel, 410-308-0827

### **Tuesday, June 2, 1:30 pm – Exploring the Best in Jewish Literature (continued).**

Please refer to Tuesday May 19 listing for details. Facilitator: Devorah Brooks, 410-484-4332

### **Tuesday, June 23, 1:30 pm – Exploring the Best in Jewish Literature (continued)**

Please refer to Tuesday May 19 listing for details. Facilitator: Devorah Brooks, 410-484-4332

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