

Hadassah Calendar for Fall 2007

9/6/07: Young Women: Casa Hadassah
 9/24/07: Got Hadassah? (Every 4th Monday) Open Members' Meeting
 10/11/07: Young Women: Levine Museum of the New South
 10/18/07: Lunch and Learn with Hadassah (Every 3rd Friday) 11:45 AM
 10/21/07: Donor Thank you event—wine & cheese reception
 10/22/07: Got Hadassah? Open Members' Meeting

11/8/07: New member dessert and coffee
 11/10/07: Young Women: Family Havdalah night
 11/19/07: Lunch and Learn with Hadassah
 11/26/07: Got Hadassah? Open Members' Meeting
 12/2/07: Adopt a Family: Hadassah Chanukah Program
 12/24/07: Got Hadassah? Open Members' Meeting
 12/26/07: Lunch and Learn with Hadassah ☆

Happy New Year from "Chapters," the Book Group at Temple Beth El

We invite you to join us for our first meeting this New Year at 3 PM on October 14 in the Temple's Chapel where we'll discuss *Sins of Omission* by Carol Goodman Kaufman.

Susan Proctor will lead us in our exploration of the important subject of domestic abuse in Jewish households.

This nonfiction book was selected from many on the subject and is our focus in October during Domestic Abuse Month.

Our purpose in discussing this book is to raise our awareness and help us gain perspective, understanding, and compassion for those amongst us who may silently suffer.

Please call Lynne Cojac at 704-541-3358 or e-mail at LCojac@aol.com with questions. Guests are welcome and no RSVP is necessary. ☆



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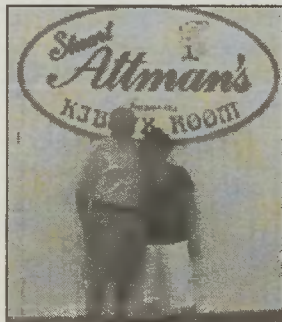
By Maxine Silverstein

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

It's been about ten years since I've visited Baltimore, but the recent release of the movie *Hairspray* made me want to say, "Good Morning, Baltimore." We had planned a weekend trip to Washington, DC to visit our daughter Kara and decided to spend the day in Baltimore. It was a fun-filled, busy day, complete with lots of great Jewish sites. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of our visit to this amazing city.

Baltimore is the home of the Orioles, the Ravens, the Pimlico Race Course and the Social Security Administration; birthplace of Henrietta Szold, Babe Ruth, Edgar Allen Poe, Eubie Blake and "The Star Spangled Banner." Whether Baltimore is your destination, or just a stopover en route to our nation's capital just an hour away, "Charm City" offers a lot to its 13 million visitors each year. Today, the city is best known for its urban renaissance - a jazzy revival for a restrained and genteel city proud of its distinctive ethnic neighborhoods.

Baltimore's potpourri of synagogues serves the city's almost 100,000 Jews. Reminders of a Jewish presence in the city's core are the Lloyd Street and B'nai Israel synagogues, which, together with the Jewish Historical Society of Maryland, comprise the Jewish Heritage Center in the heart of Baltimore's old Jewish neighborhood. We enjoyed our visit to this wonderful historic area full of Jewish history. The Lloyd Street Synagogue is a Greek Revival building with some of its features intact since 1845 and others reconstructed. This synagogue is the third oldest in the United States. Lloyd Street Synagogue served the many German-speaking Jewish immigrants in Baltimore. The three Torah scrolls in the Ark there survived the Holocaust. The synagogue has an early mikveh and a turn-of-the-century matzah oven. It also has a stained-glass window believed to be the first in the United States that incorporated a Star of David as a motif. Right down the street, B'nai Israel is a Moorish-Gothic building dating to 1875. One of the synagogue's most striking features is its hand-carved wooden ark. Unlike the



Gary and Maxine Silverstein visit Stuart Attman's Famous Kibbitz Room

Lloyd Street Synagogue, B'nai Israel is a functioning synagogue that holds Shabbat and holiday services. We were invited to partake in services by many members entering the synagogue.

Lloyd Street, by the way, runs into Lombard Street, whose unofficial, and perhaps equally known, name is "Corned Beef Row." We discovered Attman's Delicatessen voted "Baltimore's Best," and experienced the best corned beef sandwiches that we've eaten in quite a while. It definitely rivals The Carnegie in New York City. Attman's Deli has a long history in Baltimore and a great reputation for serving good food to the area for over 90 years.

We loved all the wonderful old neighborhoods in Baltimore and spent time in Federal Hill. This is one of the city's best-preserved neighborhoods filled with buildings that date to the 19th and early 20th centuries. A network of streets waits, lined with residential row-houses and reminders that Federal Hill participated in the growth industries that made the city a bustling international maritime port, industrial leader and destination for hundreds of thousands of immigrants. Allow about two hours for a walking tour of this historic area.

We didn't have too much free time but we did discover some fabulous places to dine.

Regi's American Bistro on Light Street serves eclectic American cuisine and was great. Don't miss the homemade muffins - quite a special treat. Dangerously Delicious Pies, also

on Light Street, is amazing. A pie bakery that ships fresh pies all over the United States, this place has over 25 types of pies. It's been written up in *Bon Appetit* and is definitely a force to reckon with. For a reasonable shipping fee, a fresh pie can be sent directly to your home. At the very heart of Federal Hill is the Cross Street Market. This old-fashioned fresh food market first opened in 1846. Tradition lives on as generation after generation work together selling everything from fresh produce to live blue crabs, from gourmet foods to fresh-cut flowers.

We loved our busy Baltimore experience and can't wait to go back and spend more time in this great town. What more could you ask for in a city - great sights, fabulous restaurants, a strong Jewish history, fun sporting events and a wonderful harbor area? ☆

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