

13 Our Favorite Associated Person

This might be a little bit of insider information, but for many years whenever we need to reach an official at the Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, we know there's a person who will get for us everything we need. Her name is **Carolyn White**. We know her for her follow-through, high energy and just complete goodness. She's been with the Associated for 22 years, working largely in the marketing department. She has been married for 27 years to her husband, Philip, whom she describes as "the most wonderful man of my dreams." The couple have two grown children and two grandchildren. Ms. White is originally from New York City, and the Associated has been the only employer she's had since moving here. She and her husband enjoy traveling. They have visited the Pocono Mountains, toured Hong Kong, Mexico, Freeport and Nassau. Before she retires, Ms. White would love to visit Israel. — P.J.

14 A Deli Classic

The late Marty Lev's deli opened for business at 1427 Reisterstown Road in July 1958, and he and his family have fed generations on his homemade knishes, brisket, chopped liver and deliciously paper-thin lox ever since. **Edmart's** reputation has spread nationwide, thanks to writer L. John Harris, who mentioned the BALTIMORE JEWISH TIMES favorite in "The Deli Book," as well as in the film documentary "Divine Food: 100 Years in the Kosher Delicatessen Trade." Comprised of one aisle and a deli counter, Edmart is known as "the heart-beat of Pikesville," maintaining its image as the one-stop shop for holiday foods. — L.G.



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15 Detour Dave

"**Detour Dave**" Sandler earned his memorable nickname through his superb ability at suggesting alternate routes to bypass the mayhem during rush hour. He joined the business in December 1986, when he learned that WBAL and 98 Rock were looking for an exclusive radio traffic person to work from a small plane. After 21 years, although traffic reports have been operated out of the studio since 9/11, Detour Dave still loves his job as a traffic personality. If you're planning a wedding or *bar mitzvah*, search the web for "Traffic Jams," Dave's entertainment business. Your favorite radio personality can personally come and DJ your event. — L.G.

16 Tshotckes, Anyone?

We all have them. Those often inexpensive, sometimes kitschy objects that sometimes seem to clutter up our homes and that we can't seem to throw away. In Yiddish, they're called *tshotckes* — otherwise known as trinkets, accessories, decorations, baubles, even ceremonial objects — that are treasures to the holder. Eight years ago, the Jewish Museum of Maryland made a decision to open a groundbreaking exhibit of these whimsical objects — an exhibit that transformed the way Jewish museums nationwide approached their exhibits. — R.L.

17 Crabby But Kosher

Still roundly rejected and denigrated by the diligently devout because it (in their opinion) breaks the spirit of the law, the **Utz Crab Chip** is a delicious *kashnut* culinary and cultural enigma. A kosher product with a rendering of a joyful, dancin' crab on the front of the bag? Don't worry, folks, it's kosher, trust us. (Check

out the OU *hashgachah* — *told ya!*) No crab's in it, just tasty Old Bay seasoning (which, by the way, was invented and mass-produced by a brilliant German-Jewish immigrant to Charm City named Gustav Brunn). The Crab Chip tastes good, but it is admittedly a bit ... perplexing and disarming. What's next, shrimp-flavored kasha varnishkas? — A.F.

18 Bard of Baltimore

There's an old canard that no one is irreplaceable. Indeed, the world will keep spinning on its axis with or without any of us around to hold down the fort. But one exception to that rule is the incomparable **Gilbert Sandler**, author of "Jewish Baltimore: A Family Album," "The Neighborhood: The Story of Baltimore's Little Italy" and "Small Town Baltimore." (Oh, by the way, did we mention he writes a monthly history column for the BALTIMORE JEWISH TIMES?) An audacious raconteur and master storyteller, he is Baltimore Jewry's *griot par excellence* and premier *nummler*. Possessing a graceful pen, erudite wit, keen intellect, folksy manner and wondrous power of recall, Gil Sandler is the collective memory of our community. Without him, many of the anecdotes, happenings and characters chronicled in his books and columns would be lost to the fickle whims and winds of callous obscurity. But more than simply *bubbe meises* from the past, his stories and recollections reveal who we are today, how we got to this point, and where we are going. Gil, please don't ever retire! — A.F.

Gilbert Sandler



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19 Baltimore's Own Senator

Nobody comes close to **Barbara Mikulski** in feistiness. At least, that's the view from Maryland, where the Baltimore-born and raised Ms. Mikulski is a fixture in local and state politics. She has served from the ground up, starting as a community activist who won a seat on the Baltimore City Council in 1971. From there it was on to the U.S. House of Representatives and then, in 1986, the U.S. Senate. By now, Ms. Mikulski is the most senior female senator. The outspoken Ms. Mikulski seems to be in the forefront of the action, promoting bills and actions that benefit the state. — B.P.