

People In The News

An occasional roundup of accolades, events and happenings.

Staff Report

Top Chef **Jill Snyder** joined the stars of the culinary world at the recent New York City-hosted Archaeological Institute of America's evening honoring Harrison Ford and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Ms. Snyder is one of the Bravo Channel's "Top Chef Season Five" contestants.

- **Rabbi Susan Grossman** of Beth Shalom Congregation in Columbia has earned a Doctorate of Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She will be honored by the synagogue in a special *Shabbat* service, Saturday, May 30.

- Beth Israel Congregation's **Cantor Roger Eisenberg** appeared on WYPR's Thursday, May 7 "Mid-Day Show" to discuss the *shul's* Job Club with host Dan Rodricks. The initiative helps congregants network for employment.

- Stevenson University has appointed **Barbara G. Zirkin**, Ed.D., as the new

associate dean of distance learning for graduate and professional studies.

- Local magician **Peter Engelman** just had his book "Magic, Malice and Murder" published in Japanese.

- **Robert "Bob" A. Manekin**, senior vice president and director of brokerage and investment services of Manekin, LLC, has been appointed to a two-year term on the Greater Baltimore Committee's Board of Directors.

- **Ian Silverman** raised more than \$8,000 for his *bar mitzvah* project by organizing the first Swim-a-Thon to benefit Pathfinders for Autism, held April 26. The event, at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, was attended by Olympic medalists Michael Phelps and Katie Hoff. Also participating were Mason Surhoff and his family, including former Baltimore Orioles star B.J. and his wife, Polly Surhoff. □

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Food Stars: From left to right are Top Chef contestants Kile Duval, Leah Cohen, Ariane Duarte, Patrick Dunlea, Radhika Desai and Jill Snyder.