

Off the Bimah

In formulating our plans for travel this summer, I had to be cognizant of my need to find a synagogue to say Kaddish each day. Interesting challenges presented themselves: Williamsburg, Virginia, where we vacationed for three days, had only a weekly service. After several phone calls, an old classmate and colleague arranged a minyan near Norfolk. (His Shul, which does not conduct a daily minyan, responded by filling up the Chapel and we had a wonderful reunion.) I attended Reform Services in Berkeley, California, and Orthodox and Conservative Minyanim in San Francisco. One Sunday night at 8 p.m., I came to say Kaddish for Mincha (the Afternoon Service) and found only two people present. One of them made a call and told me that the Chabad House in San Francisco will wait 20 minutes for me if I made it downtown in that time before sunset. As it turned out (and in a scene reminiscent of a celebrated car chase through the hilly streets of San Francisco), my friend was an Orthodox cab driver who led me frantically downtown and, with seconds to spare, I was able to fulfill my obligation.

During this year of Kaddish (which I fulfilled at Beth El and elsewhere, particularly at the Hebrew Home to which I am grateful), I discovered for myself that Kaddish is a spiritual bond between the past and future, that it is a Jew's way to celebrate life, that it has immense therapeutic value, and that its message of continuity and community is a most compelling response to death. I have admired congregants who have made Kaddish a regular part of their lives, daily or weekly. They are subjected to the same inconveniences and obstacles as the rest of us, but they have their priorities straight. They know that, as the word itself implies, Kaddish is holy. In the final tally, they have enriched and ennobled their own lives.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin S. Lewis, son of Nancy and Steven Lewis, on Saturday morning, October 6.

HOLIDAY AND SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Evening, September 28, at 6:30 p.m.
KOL NIDRE

Saturday, September 29, at 9:00 a.m.
YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Wednesday Evening, October 3, at 6:30 p.m.
SUKKOT EVENING SERVICE

Thursday Morning, October 4, at 9:15 a.m.
SUKKOT MORNING SERVICE

Thursday Evening, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.
SUKKOT EVENING SERVICE

Friday Morning, October 5, at 9:15 a.m.
SUKKOT MORNING SERVICE

Friday Evening, October 5, at 7:45 p.m.
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Saturday Morning, October 6, at 9:15 a.m.
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Wednesday Evening, October 10, at 6:30 p.m.
SHEMINI ATZERET EVENING SERVICE

Thursday Morning, October 11,
at 7:30 p.m.
SHEMINI ATZERET EARLY MORNING SERVICE
YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

at 9:15 a.m.
SHEMINI ATZERET MORNING SERVICE
YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday Evening, October 11, at 7:00 p.m.
SIMCHAT TORAH EVENING SERVICE

Friday Morning, October 12, at 9:15 a.m.
SIMCHAT TORAH MORNING SERVICE

An Early Shabbat Service will be held at 7:30 a.m.

The Congregation is invited to attend the Kiddush following Morning Services.



Sisterhood News

Calendar

- Oct. 14-16 Tour of Jewish New York
- Oct. 28 Holiday Bazaar
- Nov. 1 Paid-Up Membership Dinner
- Nov. 4 Membership Meeting and Brunch
- Nov. 11-15 Women's League National Convention

November 1 - Paid-Up Membership Dinner

The annual Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 1. Seating is by reservation only. Be sure to send the reservation form to Financial Secretary Manette Sznol so that she receives it by October 23.

Our Speaker, Dr. Shulamith Reich Elster, Headmaster of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School since 1982, has been professionally involved with education as well as career-guidance and information programs for more than 20 years. She will speak on "Looking for Holiness in Our Lives."

Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner

Join Sisterhood and be our guest at the annual Paid-Up Membership Dinner on Thursday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. While there is no charge if you have paid your dues, you must make a reservation by Tuesday, October 23 if you plan to attend.

Complete the form below and send it with any appropriate payments to Financial Secretary Manette Sznol, 4938 Cloister Drive, Rockville, MD 20852.

Reservation Form

- I am already a paid-up member and am coming to the dinner (no check required).
- I am enclosing a check for \$ _____ for _____ guests (\$8 each guest).
- I am enclosing a check for \$25 dues and am coming to the dinner.
- I am enclosing a check for \$25 dues but cannot attend the dinner.
- I am enclosing a check for \$30 dues and am coming to the dinner. I am not a member of Beth El.
- I am enclosing a check for \$30 dues but cannot attend the dinner. I am not a member of Beth El.
- Total Enclosed.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Invitations Available Through Sisterhood

Marilyn Hammerman, Stationery Chairman, will be happy to assist you with your Bar or Bat Mitzvah invitations. She has a beautiful selection, including many styles and price ranges. Individual designs and needs can be easily accommodated. Thank you notes, placecards, napkins, and kipot can also be ordered. All proceeds from the sale of stationery items to Beth El Sisterhood. Call Marilyn at 881-0011.

New Year's Greetings

The following Sisterhood members extend their best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to their friends at Beth El:

- The Alberstadt Family
- Sherry and Dennis Askwith, Jeff and Ivan
- Dolly and Marvin Band and Family
- Dr. & Mrs. Solomon Barr
- The Julie and Harris Belinkie Family - Happy New Year
- The Darrs - A Year of Good Health and Peace
- Faye and Milton Doberman
- Dr. & Mrs. Burton S. Epstein and Family
- Dr. & Mrs. Harold E. Fassberg and Family
- Judith and Warren Greenberg and Elyssa
- Mr. & Mrs. Judah Greenzaid
- Dr. & Mrs. Murray Hammerman, Lorre, Steve, Robert, Ted, and Elana
- Irene and Julius Hauser
- Dunya, Alan, Jennifer, and Gregory Hecht
- Diane and Sanford Kay
- Rita and Irwin Kopin and Family
- Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Kotz, Glenn, Bruce, and Gary
- Clare and Harry Lerner
- Jan, Howard, David, Jonathan, Michelle, and Lauren Levine
- Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Levinson and Family
- Naomi and Martin Levy
- Muriel and Jim Lyman
- Laura and Harry Mannheimer
- Phyllis and Philip Margolis - L'Shanah Tovah
- Annette and Jack Moshman
- Ellen, Aaron, and Noah Murphy
- Bea and Bob Newell
- Judith Newman - Greetings for a Happy New Year
- Sandy and Dick Pollen
- Norma and Howard Roseman
- Dr. & Mrs. Robert Rubin, Elyse and David
- Susan and Harvey Sherzer, Sheri and David
- Ellen and the late Harold Sweetwood
- Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish
- Marilyn, Gary, Rebecca, and David Wind
- The Zitelmans - Beverly and Harry, Randee and Marc, Cindy and Rick, and Grandchildren

November 11-15 - Women's League Convention at the Concord Hotel

The Annual Convention of the National Women's League for Conservative Judaism will be held November 11-15 at the Concord Hotel in Kiamesha Lake, New York. Beth El women who have attended previous conventions have found the meetings, workshops, and entertainment to be stimulating and enjoyable. This year's theme is "Truth, Justice, and Peace." For further information, call Trudy Weker at 365-2747.

A Hebrew Reading "Marathon" for Beginners
Begin to read Hebrew in a single day

Builds on Jewish vocabulary already possessed by most Jews, e.g., mazel tov, kosher, shalom, Rosh Hashanah, minyan

Place: Congregation Beth El
 Date: Sunday, October 21
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Registration: \$25.00

Includes lunch, snacks, and textbook

A six-week follow-up course will be offered.
 For further information, call Rita Kopin at 530-2344.

Beth El Scroll

CONGREGATION BETH EL of Montgomery County
 8215 Old Georgetown Road
 Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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From the President

Beth El has two very critical needs this year - one is volunteers to help in our many activities and the second is financial.

With a congregation the size of Beth El, it is very difficult for either the Rabbi or me to know all of you and to know what areas you excel in and how you could help Beth El. In order to develop a data base to provide us with information about your areas of expertise, your interests, your needs, and the demographics of the congregation, we will be sending you a questionnaire. We urge you to respond to this questionnaire and help us better serve you. One committee that is in need of some volunteers right now is our Havurah Committee. If you are willing to help our Havurah Chairperson, Ann Birk, please give her a call at 365-4447 or let the office know of your interest.

The second area that is very critical is the financial one. Beth El has increased the number of activities we offer to a substantial degree. The myriad of activities offered are extremely costly. We are very appreciative of the role that the Sisterhood has assumed in this area. Claire Marwick and her committee have made a commitment to raise as much money as possible through the sale of Giant, Magruder's and Shalom certificates. You don't even have to come to the synagogue to pick up your certificates - Claire's hard working committee will provide home delivery. The congregation earns 5% of the value of the certificates; however, it costs you no more than if you paid cash or by check. Certificates can be used exactly like cash with change returned. This is the best way to earn money for the congregation without it costing you any extra. Since we earn \$500 for every \$10,000 of certificates sold, we have to sell a lot of certificates to earn a lot of money. If you consider what you spend on food, toiletries, prescriptions, and other items available in these stores, you will see that by using certificates, you can make a big difference. For every member who spends \$200/month in certificates at these stores, we earn \$120/year. While that may not seem like much on an individual basis, it adds up. If 100 members used certificates at that rate, we would earn \$12,000, if 200 members used certificates, we would earn \$24,000, and with 400 members using certificates at that rate, we would earn \$48,000. Clearly, the more people participating in this program, the more we will earn. Also, the more we earn this way, the less we will have to raise in dues and appeals. If you shop at Giant, Magruder's, or Shalom, only do so with certificates you buy from Beth El!!

Shalom,
 Marilyn

Thank You

Judith Newman would like to express her gratitude to the many members for their outpouring of sympathy and contributions in memory of her husband, Milton Newman.

Tuning in with Cantor Lubin

Kol Nidre

The Kol Nidre prayer is undoubtedly one of the most celebrated and best known prayers in the entire Jewish liturgy. This prayer is so well known, not because it contains great religious insights, but rather and perhaps only because its stirring musical setting is generally accepted as an expression of the deep religious feelings which move the Jewish heart on Yom Kippur - The Day of Atonement.

Kol Nidre is, in fact, not a prayer in any given sense of the word. Rather, it is a legalistic formula in Aramaic (with the exception of one single phrase in Hebrew). The history of this strange text is, it must be admitted, still obscure. Read at their face value, the words of the Kol Nidre are certainly startling - especially when we are used to thinking of them as being connected with our holiest feelings at the holiest moment of the Jewish calendar year.

Throughout the history of this legalistic formula, it has been the subject of hostility and attack, misunderstanding and misrepresentation. In fact, many of our great Gaonic authorities were themselves worried about its inclusion in our ritual because of some possible adverse legal ramifications in pronouncing this formula relating to vows and promises made during the year.

These are many theories regarding the exact history of the Kol Nidre; suffice it to state here that almost all authorities agree that the text of the Kol Nidre was created in connection with intolerable anti-Jewish persecutions of the early middle ages. Jews, at various periods during their history, found themselves exposed to relentless persecution. Entire communities were faced with physical extinction unless willing to forsake their faith. Only in this context can one come to an understanding of this strange text and custom. Forced under torture to abandon their faith, a way had to be found for those who gave in, if only temporarily, to return to their ancestral faith once freedom was regained. The recitation of the Kol Nidre formula declared that the oaths and vows which they had made were null and void, for they had been made under duress.

The Kol Nidre gained in significance during the horrible times which the Marranos experienced in Spain as a result of the Inquisition in 1492. These "New Christians," the Marranos who in their heart still clung to Judaism, would assemble on Yom Kippur even in secret cellars to renounce their newly adopted faith which was forced upon them in the first place. Kol Nidre was the form of renunciation they used; and for this reason the text received religious significance.

What could be the meaning of Kol Nidre in times and in countries where freedom prevails? This question has been asked more than once of the Jewish people. The Kol Nidre has become to mean two things to the Jew. Being present at the recitation of the Kol Nidre, a Jew renews his identification with his people and his religion. The Kol Nidre also has become a memorial to Jewish martyrdom. The text, as such, has lost its literal meaning but the liturgical act, the chanting of the stirring and haunting melody, has lifted the

Kol Nidre from a purely legalistic formula, which it once was, into one of the most moving emotional religious acts a Jew can experience.

Register Now! Saul Bendit Adult Institute Fall Term '90

Evening Program - 15 Courses
Five Wednesdays - Oct. 17 to Nov. 14
One Tuesday - Nov. 20

Morning Program - Five Courses
Six Tuesdays - Oct. 16 to Nov. 20
See Brochures for Details

Notes from the Executive Director

This has been a remarkable summer for me, having married off two children in the course of two months. Thank you to all of you who extended your best wishes to me and my family. Normally the let down after weeks of planning for a wedding is all encompassing, but I was thrown immediately into the annual frenetic atmosphere of the last-minute rush of late High Holy Day ticket buyers. One of our helpers during this busy time was my mother, Millie Silverstein, who was visiting with my father from Netanya, Israel. Singlehandedly, she processed the first rush of ticket applications. There is talk of bringing her back here next year to help, Please God!! We had help from many of you this year but I am leaving the names to Erwin Groner, our First Vice-President, for his High Holy Day wrap-up in a later issue.

We are now the proud owners of two new "Rimonim" recently acquired by the Ritual Committee for one of our Torah scrolls.

Naomi Cohen

Teshuva, Tefila, Tzedakah

Please support our

USY Kol Nidre Canned Food Drive

When: Friday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Holiday Services at Beth El and Walt Whitman

Our USY members will be collecting canned foods for the needy at each location. Kindly bring one or more cans of food with you when you attend service.

Thank you,
Edie Caroff, Youth Director

Men's Club News

The Men's Club would like to thank Bob Davidson and his crew of able carpenters for the excellent job they did constructing the Beth El Sukkah in Sunday, September 23. For the past several years, the Men's Club has been reusing the same materials to construct the sukkah. We invite the congregation to enjoy this sukkah during Sukkot for what may be the last time. Michael Kay is designing for us a new, state-of-the-art sukkah which will make its debut next year.

On Sunday, September 30, the Men's club Board of Directors will meet at 10 a.m., following the 9 a.m. Minyan and breakfast. Our program of speakers will resume on October 7.

On Sunday, October 7, the Men's Club will have a guest speaker (name to be announced) at its breakfast meeting. We shall have our Minyan at 8:30 a.m. (note change of time due to Sukkot), followed by the breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and the speaker at 10 a.m.

Letter from the President

Dear Beth El Member,

The Men's Club is looking forward to another year and we wish to thank you for supporting our programs and for generously sponsoring a Sunday morning breakfast.

Our membership goal for this year is 350 members!!

We need your participation.

On Sunday morning, October 14, Cantor Abraham Lubin will speak on "The Contributions of Russian Jewry to Our Musical Heritage." Please come and join us for breakfast and a stimulating discussion.

Let me take a minute and tell you how your contributions and support will be put to use this year. Our 1990-1991 program is:

Regular Sunday morning: Minyan at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and speakers on Judaism, the family, and youth at 10 a.m.

Nov. 4 Joint Sisterhood Men's Club Brunch and Program

Jan. 7, 13, 20,

27, Feb. 3 Perspectives in Dialogue Series

Jan. 19 Men's Club Sabbath and Luncheon

Mar. 24 Purim Carnival

Mar. 17 Youth Sports Breakfast

May 5 Kavod Award Breakfast

June 2 Synagogue Picnic with USY, Scouts, and Nitzanim

The funds we raised last year were used to purchase computer equipment and supplies for our Hebrew School and a food warmer for the synagogue kitchen, to subsidize the Israel Scholarship Fund, to redesign and rebuild the synagogue sukkah, to make possible our outstanding Perspectives in Dialogue Series, and to provide other assistance to the synagogue when needed. We are a major contributor to the activities of the synagogue. We are a vehicle for meeting other members of the congregation and for forming new friendships.

I, therefore, invite you to join with us by sending in the

form below with your current dues and by participating in our interesting and stimulating group and their activities.

Sincerely,
Jose Sokol
President, Men's Club

The Men's Club would like to thank the following individuals who have agreed to sponsor one or more breakfasts this year:

R. Bass

H. Bender

H. Birnkrant

P. Borish

H. Belferman

I. Beyda

E. Blum

J. Broder

Men's Club Membership Form

I wish to join the Beth EL Men's Club!

1988-89 Annual Dues \$25.00

Breakfast Sponsor \$18.00

Total \$43.00

Please mail your contribution to: Treasurer, Beth El Men's Club, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Vatikkim Luncheon

The next Vatikkim Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 18. Marjory Weiss and some of her International Folk Dancing friends will perform.

Lunch is at 12 Noon at a cost of \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. The program is at 1 p.m.

Please fill out the following reservation form to pay in advance. Checks should be made payable to Beth El Vatikkim and sent to:

Beatrice Goldman, 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902, Phone: 942-9434 or

Lillian Kessler, 11809 Rosalinda Drive, Potomac, Maryland 20854, Phone: 299-6201.

Reservation Form

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim Luncheon.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Please respond by October 16.

Nitzanim News

Nitzanim would like to thank **Ellen Elow-Mintz and Dan Mintz** for sponsoring the Kiddush after the Shabbat Morning Children's Service on September 15 in honor of the sixth birthday of their daughter, **Miriam**.

Nitzanim will conduct a one-hour long service for children under six on Yom Kippur. The services will be held at both Beth El and Walt Whitman at 10:30 a.m. Parents should plan to stay. Non-members who wish to attend should call the Beth El office in advance.

The next Family Shabbat Evening Service will be held on Friday, October 5, at 7:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Children with a birthday in October will be invited onto the Bimah.

The next Gan Shabbat Service for children in Grades K-3 will be held on Saturday, October 13, at 10:45 a.m. in the All Purpose Room.

Sukkah Decorating

Children of all ages are invited to decorate the Synagogue Sukkah on **Sunday, September 30** from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Material will be provided by Nitzanim.

Youth Activities...Galore!

Bonim (Grades K-2) - Join us on Saturday evening, October 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. for the **Nitzanim/Bonim Family Havdalah and Dinner**. Dorothy Beverly is planning one of her delicious meals for us, and we have craft projects for the kids and a songfest for attendees of all ages. A reservation is a must - check this Scroll for your reservation form.

Machar (Grades 3-5) - Please be with us on Sunday, September 30, at 1 p.m. (note the date change) for our opening event which will include an arts and craft workshop and Sukkah decorating. Bring a dairy lunch - we will provide drinks and dessert. This activity is free for all paid-up members of the Machar group. There is a \$3 per person charge for potential members in Grades 3-5.

Kadima (Grades 6-8) - Be part of the gang at the **First Annual Kadima/USY Ethnic Nite** on Sunday evening, October 28 from 6-9 p.m. Mark the date on your calendars now - details will be arriving at your homes shortly. Members and potential members in Grades 6-8 are welcome to attend.

USY (Grades 9-12) - On Friday, September 28, USY volunteers are needed to help set up for the **Israel Bond Appeal** at Walt Whitman High School from 3-4:40 p.m. **Cary Feldman**, UJA Bond Chairman, has graciously offered to provide round-trip transportation after school from each of the following locations for those who want to lend a hand - Churchill High School, Walter Johnson High School, and Beth El. If you can assist and want to hop a ride on Cary's Caravan, give me a call as soon as possible.

Also on September 28, our USY group will be sponsoring the **Kol Nidre Canned Food Drive** to benefit the homeless and AIDS victims within our community. Each

congregant is asked to bring one or more canned food items to holiday services at either Beth El or Walt Whitman. USY members will be present at each location to collect the donations. Let us count in you!

Remember to join us for the **USY Break-the-Fast and Movie Nite** at Beth El on Saturday evening, September 29, following Neilah Services. Watch your mailbox for details. USY members and potential members in Grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend - and bring a Jewish friend with you!

On Friday morning, October 12, our USYers will be chanting the Torah and Haftorah portions at **Simchat Torah Services**. If you would like a part in the service and have not yet been contacted, call **Elyssa Greenberg**, USY Religious/Education Vice President, at 942-5812 immediately.

We are very proud of our USY members who were selected to serve on the 1990-1991 Seaboard Region United synagogue General Board. They are **Michael Woorman (Administration)**, **Michelle Weintraub (Athletics)**, and **Rebecca Wind (Yearbook)**. Our own **Laura Weinberg**, USY Regional Secretary, will be working with the General Board to oversee the communications Committee and the Jewish Youth Association. Good luck to all our USYers in their new positions - b'hatzlacha!

Chag Sameach,
Edie Caroff, Youth Director

Youth Activities Calendar of Events

For information and reservations for all events, contact Edie Caroff, Youth Director, at 652-2608, or your child's Advisor. Please join us!

Bonim (Grades K,1,2)

Advisor: Michelle Marcus (493-5094)

Oct. 13 Havdalah Program with Nitzanim

Nov. 2 Bonim Shabbat Dinner with the Rabbi

Machar (Grades 3,4,5)

Advisor: Michelle Marcus (493-5094)

Sept. 30 Holiday Crafts/Sukkah Decorating

Oct. 28 Annual Putt-Putt Miniature Golf Tournament

Kadima (Grades 6,7,8)

Advisor: Stacey Morrison (530-9328)

Oct. 28 Kadima/USY Ethnic Night

USY (Grades 9-12)

Advisor: Burman Berger (424-1269)

Sept. 28 USY volunteers Set Up UJA Bond Appeal at Walt Whitman

Sept. 28 Kol Nidre Canned Food Drive at Beth El and Walt Whitman

Youth Chairman: Dr. Michael Ackerman (493-8927)

Next Youth Committee Meeting - Thurs., Oct. 18, at 8:15 p.m. - Board Room

New members are always welcome!

Family Havdalah Service and Dinner Nitzanim and Bonim

Please join other Nitzanim and Bonim families for a Havdalah Service and a dairy buffet dinner.
Saturday, October 13 6-7:30 p.m.

Cost: Adult \$4; Child \$2;
No charge for children under 3.
\$12 Maximum per Family

Send the form below with your check to: Leslie Shedlin,
7903 Springer Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.

Reservation Form

Please reserve space for _____ adults and
_____ children, ages _____.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Please respond by Tuesday, October 9!

Announcing the 1991 Beth El Retreat

The 1991 Beth El Retreat will be held January 25-27. We will be sharing a weekend of relaxation and recreation amidst the West Virginia mountains at the beautiful Coolfont Resort. The amenities at Coolfont include a swim and fitness center, tennis, hiking trails, cross country skiing, and more. Coolfont is only a two-hour easy drive from Washington, but you will feel that it is a world apart.

We have reserved space for 60 participants, of which 15 are reserved for children. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The cost of the weekend, including lodging and meals, is \$175 per person and \$90 for children under the age of 12. There is no charge for infants in cribs.

Your reservation must be accompanied by a deposit in order to be confirmed. The deposit required is \$100 per person over 12 and \$50 per child. The single room supplement is \$25.

For further information, call Bunny Porath at 907-8990 or Elissa Scheinberg at 340-7325.

Please complete the form below and send it with your deposit to the synagogue office. Reservations must be received by October 26.

Retreat Reservation Form

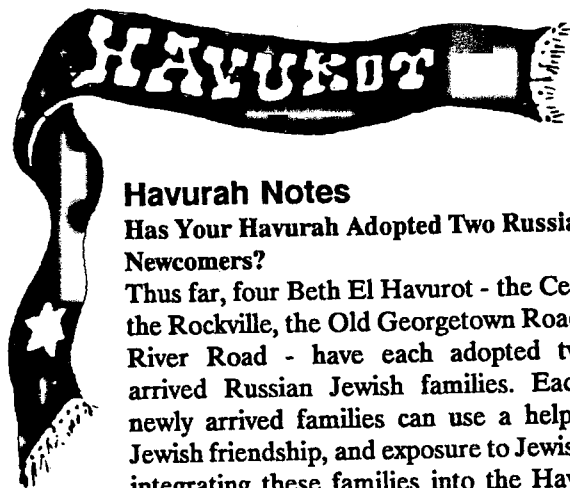
I would like to make the following reservations for the Synagogue Retreat on January 25-27:

_____ No. of Adults _____ No. of Children

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____



Havurah Notes

Has Your Havurah Adopted Two Russian Jewish Newcomers?

Thus far, four Beth El Havurot - the Cedar Lane, the Rockville, the Old Georgetown Road, and the River Road - have each adopted two newly arrived Russian Jewish families. Each of the newly arrived families can use a helping hand, Jewish friendship, and exposure to Jewish Life. By integrating these families into the Havurah, the Havurot have provided these links for the newcomers as well as have enriched their own Havurah.

There is still a large number of Soviet Jewish families who are still arriving in this area. Each family may have different needs. Some can barely speak English or drive an automobile; others can speak English very well and own their own automobile. Some have lived here only a few weeks; others have been here for more than a year. Some may be able to use your old furniture' others may have moved into their own home.

We shall be able to provide the leaders of your Havurah with the names, telephone numbers, and backgrounds of the newly arrived immigrants. Please call Warren Greenberg at 942-2518. Let us continue to make Beth El the synagogue of friendship for our newly arrived immigrants.

Warren Greenberg

Social Action Committee

We received the following acknowledgement from Bethesda HELP:

Dear Rabbi Maltzman,

We greatly appreciate the extremely generous contribution of food recently received from Congregation Beth El.

It is only through the combined effort of concerned groups such as yours who care and share that we are able to meet the increasing need for assistance in our local community.

Again, thank you for your continued participation in our program.

Sincerely,

Reba Hirsh

Corresponding Secretary

Bethesda HELP

This month's collection of non-perishable food will be delivered to help the AIDS sufferers in our community. Your contributions are needed.

The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next two weeks. It is only through the help and participation of all our members that we can maintain our daily Evening Service. The Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. During the week of your assignment, please attend as many evenings as possible. We are anxious that those who are saying Kaddish have a Minyan that they can attend at Beth El. It is a Mitzvah of the first order.

October 1 - October 2

Sally and Jerrold Ganzfried
Diane Garfield and Peter Hauslohner
Hy Garfinkel
Anna Gelman
Gertrude Gerber
Esther and Sylvan Gerber
William Gerber
Brenda and Robert Gerwin
Elaine and Alfred Gessow
Edith Gessow
Michael Gevitz
Rita and Samuel Gillman
Norman Gitomer
SuzAnne and Mark Gladstone
Carol and Harry Glazer

October 8 - October 9

Marilyn and Jeffrey Glick
Dale and Harvey Gold
Flora and Benjamin Goldberg
Betty and Charles Goldberg
David Goldberg
Annette and Irving Goldberg
Joan and Seth Goldberg
Simone Goldberg
Lynette and Terry Goldberg
Scott Golden and Stephanie Cohen
Jessica Goldin
Beatrice and Jack Goldman
Diane Goldman
Judith Goldman
Leslie Ayn Goldman

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Ellen Sweetwood and Ruth Vinsky on the loss of their beloved husband and father,
Harold Sweetwood.

"May the Almighty comfort the Mourners in this period of their bereavement."

Soviet Jewry Committee

Kelman Family Leaves Soviet Union

Alla, Boris, and Maxim Kelman arrived in the United States on August 9, 14 years after they first requested permission to leave the Soviet Union. Beth El's Soviet Jewry Committee "adopted" this family 18 months ago and participated in an extensive campaign for their release by contacting American and Soviet officials as well as the Kelman themselves.

The Kelmans have settled in Palo Alto, California where Boris will work for the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews in the San Francisco office of the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews, coordinating support for the Jewish cultural movement in the Soviet Union.

In a recent interview with the Northern California Jewish Bulletin, Kelman credits his freedom in large part to the "unceasing efforts on behalf of refuseniks by American Jews." (See the article on the bulletin board in the Beth El lobby.)

The Kelmans' oldest son, Efim, was recently married and unable to leave the Soviet Union at this time, but the hope is that he will be able to join his family soon.

Sunday, October 14 - Household Items and Judaica to be Collected at Beth El for New Immigrants

From 8:30-11 a.m., members of the Soviet Jewry Committee will be in the Beth El Board Room to receive donations of specific household items and Judaica to complete baskets for newly arriving Soviet Jewish families.

Experts predict that over the next two years, the Washington area will receive more than 1,000 new immigrants, more than during the past ten years combined. The Jewish Social Service Agency and the UJA Federation are asking the community to continue helping in the resettlement of these families.

Refer to the list below and call Sharon Fox at 652-7637 with inquiries about which items are still needed. A small monetary donation (made out to the Soviet Jewry Committee) to help purchase items will also be gratefully accepted. If you can help on Sunday the 14th, call Sonja Schultz at 530-1620.

Household Items: •bed linens •towels •bathroom accessories •dishes, bowls, and silverware •pots, pans, toaster oven, tea kettle •kitchen accessories (utensils, pitchers, drainer) •tablecloth •telephone •radio •clock •paper goods •cleaning supplies •iron •sewing kit
Judaica: •Kiddush cups •candlesticks •challah covers •holiday items (Seder plates, menorahs, etc.) •mezuzahs •Jewish musical tapes •any other suggestions

Please Mark the Date in Your Calendar!
Monday, November 5
"The Kinnor Choir of Riga, Latvia"
A Major Congregational Cultural Event
Details Will Follow!

New Member List 1990-1991

We are happy to welcome 44 new additional member-families to our Congregation. We hope their association with the Congregation will bring to them and to their children the inspiration and spiritual uplift of Judaism. The names and addresses of our new members are listed below. If one or more of these families live in your neighborhood, we would love you to reach out and personally welcome them.

ACKERMAN, Richard and Ilene, 7809 Woodrow Place, Cabin John 20818	301-229-5549
ANCHORS, Michael and Laurel, 1703 Wilmart Street, Rockville 20852	301-770-5759
AXELRAD, Jeffrey and GILLMAN, Patricia, 8016 Hampden Lane, Bethesda 20814	301-656-2451
BENDER, David and Nanette, 7217 Armat Drive, Bethesda 20817	301-469-6825
BIRNKRANT, Harry and Myra, 11810 Milbern Drive, Potomac 20854	301-299-6406
BRAND, Horst and Ruth, 7803 Granada Drive, Bethesda 20817	301-320-3090
BRODER, Samuel and Gail, 6004 Rossmore Drive, Bethesda 20814	301-897-5257
CHARAPP, Sheldon and Elaine, 5800 Nicholson Lane, Apt. #706, Rockville 20852	301-230-8929
CHAVIS, Richard and Petrina, 8817 Saunders Lane, Bethesda 20817	301-469-0518
COHEN, Lewis, 12024 Winesap Terrace, North Potomac 20878	301-990-0061
DORFMAN, Joel and Laurie, 10610 Muirfield Drive, Potomac 20854	301-983-8350
DYMOND, Lee and Donna, 11525 Pleasant Meadows Drive, Gaithersburg 20878	301-340-9161
EISEN, Eric and SHAPIRO, Claire, 10028 Woodhill Road, Bethesda 20817	301-469-0612
ERMER, Marilyn and David, 7827 Aberdeen Road, Bethesda 20814	310-657-4441
FASTOW, Joseph and Ellen, 8705 Bellwood Road, Bethesda 20817	301-365-2288
FRANKEL, Roger and Betty, 7321 Heatherhill Court, Bethesda 20817	301-229-5850
GOLDEN, Alan and Andrea, 14317 Outpost Way, Gaithersburg 20878	301-294-2375
*GOLFER, Edward and Bea, 8717 Ewing Drive, Bethesda 20817	301-530-9119
GREENBLUM, Eli and Marcia, 11215 Waycross Way, Kensington 20895	301-933-5319
GROSS, Alan and Barri, 5523 Alta Vista Road, Bethesda 20814	301-530-1411
JACOBSON, Mark and Joanne, 7517 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda 20817	301-469-8947
KANOVSKY, Hershel and Rose, 3330 N. Leisure World Blvd., #608, Silver Spring 20906	301-598-8424
KAYE, Frederic and Maria, 9103 Kirkdale Road, Bethesda 20817	301-530-5906
*LEAGER, Marc and LEWIS, Laurie, 6024 Southport Drive, Bethesda 20814	301-530-2470
LEBOVICH, William and Karen, 7302 Summit Avenue, Chevy Chase 20815	301-654-3519
LEHRHAUPT, Charles and EISENSTEIN, Frances, 1544 Great Falls St., McLean, VA 22101	703-883-1411
LEVINE, Robert and Andrea, 7547 Coddle Harbor Lane, Potomac 20854	301-983-0777
LEVITSKY, Melvyn and Joan, 7201 Millwood Road, Bethesda 20817	301-229-2068
LEVY, Stuart and Susan, 3425 Hewitt Avenue, Silver Spring 20904	301-871-8865
LONDON, Sheldon and Margery, 4028 Chancery Court, N.W., Washington, DC 20007	202-337-0294
MARCUS, Michelle, 5103 Dudley Lane, Apt. #204, Bethesda 20814	301-493-5094
MOLLER, Susan and Jacob, 7510 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda 20817	301-365-8816
NASH, Edith, 5320 Tuscarawas Road, Bethesda 20816	301-229-8717
OLCHYK, Samuel and Debra, 7111 Exfair Road, Bethesda 20814	301-654-2499
PALCHICK, Mark and Rina, 5502 Greystone Street, Chevy Chase 20815	301-951-3613
PAPILSKY, David and Helene, 11801 Rockville Pike, Apt. #1510, Rockville 20852	301-984-6230
REBHAN, Herman and Dorothy, 5901 Montrose Road, Apt. #N501, Rockville 20852	301-816-0068
REISER, Brian, 7505 Democracy Boulevard, Apt. #439, Bethesda 20817	301-469-6277
ROSENTHAL, Mark and Ellen, 5810 Conway Road, Bethesda 20817	301-564-6323
RUBIN, Kenneth and Susan, 7313 Heatherhill Court, Bethesda 20817	301-229-7613
SCHOENHOLTZ, Andrew and LIEBOWITZ, Janice, 7125 Fairfax Road, Bethesda 20814	301-654-7377
SIEGEL, Selma, 5225 Pooks Hill Road, Apt. #610 South, Bethesda 20814	301-530-3311
SIMIU, Emil and Devra, 6031 Valerian Lane, Rockville 20852	301-984-7063
SIMON, Alan and Elizabeth, 1744 U Street, N.W., Apt. #K, Washington, DC 20009	202-328-1423

*We are happy to welcome the new spouses of our members.

All in the Family

Mazel Tov to Marce Haber on the birth of her grandson, Michael Steven, son of Tracey and Jonathan Haber.

Mazel Tov to Debra and Alan Birnkrant on the birth of their son, Ron Benjamin, brother of Reuven and Avi.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Moises and Perla Steren on the

engagement of their son, Albert J. Steren, to Diane J. Snyder. Diane and Albert are both OB-GYN residents at Johns Hopkins. A December wedding is planned.

Mazel Tov to Dr. & Mrs. Burton Epstein on the birth of their grandson, Nathan, son of Dr. & Mrs. Steven Epstein.