



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Off the Bimah

Between 1934 and 1940, a secret policy was allegedly devised in the highest councils of the Japanese government which could have saved one million Eastern European Jews from the Holocaust. This was called the Fugu Plan (named after the Japanese blowfish whose deadly poison is removed before being eaten as a delicacy) - a proposal for enrolling the talents and skills of European Jewry in the building of Japan's twentieth-century empire in Manchuria.

The Japanese believed they could utilize Jewish brain power and invite Jewish investment from America. The plan, of course, never materialized. Nevertheless, thousands of Eastern European Jews were issued transit visas by a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania during World War II that said they were enroute to Curacao. Most of them, astonishingly, made their way across the vast continent and over the ocean to Japan (one of the most famous groups who managed to escape from Europe this way was the Mir Yeshiva). Some of these families helped establish the Jewish Community of Japan in Tokyo after the war.

As Jews throughout the world remain exhilarated and bewitched by the extraordinary Soviet Jewish exodus that is changing the very fabric of Israeli society and world Jewish demographics, it is interesting to reflect on a century of Jewish immigration to and from Eastern Europe. The Japanese connection is but one small, albeit fascinating, element of a remarkable contemporary phenomenon.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

MAZON Presentation

During Services on Saturday, April 13, Rabbi Maltzman will make a presentation on behalf on Mazon to Mr. Robert Fersh of the Food Resource and Action Center.

All in the Family

A warm welcome back to Mervyn Weiner following his surgery. Mazel Tov to Frances and Bernard Maggin on the birth of their granddaughter, Leah Jordan Maggin, daughter of Cynthia and Richard Maggin, born on February 15.

Mazel Tov to Sarah and Arthur Paikowsky on the birth of their daughter and son, Dana Miriam and Adam Gordon.

Mazel Tov to Jeffrey Lerman on being a semi-finalist in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search for 1991.

Todah Rabah to Our Megillah Readers

We would like to thank the following people who read the Megillah on Purim: Melissa Lerman, Melanie Darr, Orli Frenkel, Jacob Frenkel, Eric Spiegel, Ariel Sokol, and Laura Weinberg.

SHABBAT AND PESACH SERVICES

Fri., Mar. 29	7:15 a.m.	SIYYUM HABECHOR BREAKFAST FOLLOWS
	6:30 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE FIRST SEDER
Sat., Mar. 30	9:15 a.m.	MORNING SERVICE
	6:30 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE
		FIRST DAY OF PESACH - SECOND SEDER CONGREGATION SEDER
Sun., Mar. 31	9:15 a.m.	MORNING SERVICE
		SECOND DAY OF PESACH
Thurs., Apr. 4	6:30 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE
Fri., Apr. 5	9:15 a.m.	MORNING SERVICE
	6:30 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE
		SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH
Sat., Apr. 6	9:15 a.m.	MORNING SERVICE
		EIGHTH DAY OF PESACH YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

An Early Shabbat Service is held at 7:30 a.m.
The Congregation is invited to attend
the Kiddush following Morning Services.

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend
the Bat Mitzvah of Inbal Sivan,
daughter of Dalia and Ron Sivan,
on Friday morning, April 5,
and the Adult B'not Mitzvah of
Leslie Silver and Sharon Spiegel,
on Saturday morning, April 6.

Notes from the Executive Director

At the last Congregation Meeting, those present approved the appointment of three more directors to the Support Foundation, the new Endowment Corporation of Beth El. The names of those serving as directors will be Mark Weinberg, Beryl Frank, Andrew Koblenz, Max Krents, Martin Dembo, and Sy Wolf.

For some time now, I have wanted to shorten my hours and work in a part-time position. It is, therefore, with regret that I will not be renewing my contract with Beth El for the new fiscal year. I shan't be a stranger, however, as I am still retaining my membership and you will probably find me at Shabbat Services. I have made a lot of friends here over the time I have served as your Executive Director and hope you will keep in touch.

Naomi Cohen



Calendar

Apr. 7	Joint Men's Club/Sisterhood Meeting
Apr. 14	Sisterhood Board Meeting
Apr. 21	Torah Fund Cocktail Party
Apr. 26	Sisterhood Shabbat: Service and Dinner
Apr. 28	Plant Sale
May 5-6	Seaboard Branch Spring Conference
May 12	Sisterhood Meeting - Election of Officers
June 7	Installation of Officers
June 18	Supper for Outgoing and Incoming Boards; Meeting

Everybody Come - Joint Men's Club/Sisterhood Meeting

Take a break from sweeping up matzah crumbs. Attend the Men's Club Minyan on Sunday morning, April 7, starting at 9 a.m. Enjoy the brunch prepared by someone else at 9:30 a.m. Then, be enlightened by Stuart Eizenstat, well-known Washington Attorney and activist in the Jewish community, who will speak on the topic "Israel and the Gulf Crisis" at 10 a.m.

Hold on - that's not all! Reversing our usual order, Sisterhood will hold a brief business meeting at 11 a.m. to include the announcement of next year's slate of officers. The election meeting will be held on May 12. As usual, there will be babysitting available for those who request it in advance. Call Elizabeth Bauer at 301-654-8321 if you will need this service. Let's all be there April 7!

Annual Sisterhood Weekend Events Are Separated This Year April 21 - Torah Fund Cocktail Party

By now, you should have received your invitation to the Torah Fund Cocktail Party on Sunday, April 21, from 4-6 p.m. This year, we will be honoring Norma Golumbic who, for many years, has worked selflessly for Beth El Sisterhood. The minimum donation remains \$28 and \$10 for a guest. All monies collected are sent directly to the National Torah Fund of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism to support the activities of the Jewish Theological Seminary in training our future rabbis, cantors, and teachers. Sabrina and Jack Edlow have graciously opened their home again to us. Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while supporting this very worthwhile cause. The deadline for reservations is April 7. For further information, call Torah Fund Chairman Doris Povich at 301-320-5440.

April 26 - Sisterhood Shabbat Service and Dinner

The annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service will take place on Friday, April 26. The 6:30 p.m. Service, which will be led by Sisterhood members, will be followed by a Shabbat Dinner in the Social Hall. The dinner, to begin at 7:15 p.m., will be highlighted by a guest speaker and presentation of the Golda Meir Award for Leadership. These annual events are provided by the Celia G. and Samuel Resnik Memorial Lecture Fund. The speaker this year is Carolyn Sanger, Chairman of the Community Integration Subcommittee, Newcomer Resettlement, UJA Federation. Carolyn has held numerous leadership positions in Jewish organizations, has visited Israel seven times, and travelled to the Soviet Union in May, 1985 to talk to refuseniks. She will speak about Soviet Jewry and emigration. Presentation of the leadership award will be made by Congregation President Marilyn Wind to Sisterhood Past Presidents Miriam Crowell and Claire Marwick. Chairman of this year's Sisterhood

Shabbat is Susan Sherzer, Sisterhood Past President and Congregation Second Vice President.

Use the form in this Scroll to make your dinner reservation to attend this important evening. Mark your envelope "Sisterhood Dinner" and send it to the synagogue office.

Todah Rabah from President Bauer

The Sisterhood Purim Theater Party at the JCC was a delightful afternoon. The play was amusing and thought-provoking and the lovely reception with the cast members took place amidst a colorful display of Israeli art. A special Todah Rabah to Bea Breger, Activities Vice President, for work above and beyond the call of duty for this event. In addition, she sponsored the refreshments in honor of her daughter's wedding.

Thanks to the many who gave and the few who came to the Kitchen Shower. Sisterhood can now donate to the Congregation many needed items for use in preparing and serving food to everyone.

Thanks also to Miriam Crowell and Julia Copperman for all their efforts in arranging the Patroness Luncheon on March 24. The profits will be used to support our Beth El teenagers with scholarships for study and travel in Israel.

Order Stationery Items Through Sisterhood

Sisterhood Stationery Chairman Marilyn Hammerman can help you with all your stationery needs - invitations, party items, gifts, etc. Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation will be here before you know it. Remember, Sisterhood benefits when you make a purchase. Call Marilyn at 301-881-0011.

Women, Pesach, and the Haggadah - A Timely Message

Those of us who attended the March 3 Sisterhood Meeting were treated to a wonderful talk by Julie Strauss Maltzman. Drawing on her wide knowledge of Jewish lore, she told of the relationship between Pesach, the Haggadah, and women throughout the ages. Here is a brief summary of her talk.

We now live in an era of very exciting changes regarding women's participation in Judaism - changes affecting the personal, ritual, communal, and legal aspects of our lives. But there is a certain element of truth in the old joke of a woman who, after slaving for weeks cleaning, shopping, moving dishes, cooking, and serving, finally sits down at the Seder table and says: "For this, God, we were freed from slavery?" With the theme of freedom expressed throughout the Haggadah, it was only natural that early Jewish feminists felt that the story of the Jews' freedom from Egyptian slavery paralleled the women's struggle within Judaism. What started with the concept of a "Woman's Haggadah" and women-only Seders has evolved into the concept of an "Egalitarian Haggadah" that attempts to eliminate sexist language, such as translating "The Four Sons" as "The Four Children."

Another area of concern is that of hearing women's voices in the Haggadah. Many Haggadot through the ages have added current commentary but where are the voices of recent women poets and authors? Even the new Conservative Haggadah, edited by a woman and containing added material about other forms of liberation, does not cite a woman's voice. We can overcome this omission ourselves by inserting a poem such as "Blessed Is the Match" by Hannah Senesch, a poem in honor of Vitke Kempner by a comrade in the Vilna Ghetto, or a passage from the writings of Anne Frank or Ida Nudel.

Finally, we should look into the story of the Haggadah itself. While the significance of the role of women in the beginning of the Hebrew nation has been passed over, the rabbis and sages through the centuries have recognized the importance of women. The Hebrew slaves Shifra and Puah, midwives whom Pharaoh commanded to kill new-born boys at birth, refused. The Torah tells of God's rewards for these righteous women whose acts were the first stirrings of resistance among Jewish slaves. A modern Midrash tells us that Shifra and Puah were midwives not only to the children they delivered but also to the entire Jewish nation in its deliverance from slavery. Then there are Yocheved and Miriam, mother and sister of Moses, whose courage and strength are evident not only in saving Moses but in Miriam's role of using music after the Jews escaped the Red Sea. Another courageous woman is Zipporah who rescues Moses and eventually marries him. While combativeness, conflict, and killing are integral to the story of Pesach, in contrast, when one learns about the role of women in this story, it is one in which they acted peaceably and heroically to save lives. We can, therefore, understand better why the Rabbis in the Talmud said: "It was on account of the righteous women that Israel was redeemed from Egypt."

Tuning In with Cantor Lubin

In a survey that was taken some years ago, it was discovered that the single most celebrated religious event in the entire Jewish calendar was the Passover Seder. Not even the High Holy Days are observed by more Jews throughout the world than that one single family gathering at the Seder table. One of the most important components of the event is that every member of the family has an opportunity to participate - from the youngest who asks The Four Questions to the oldest who leads the rituals of the Seder ceremony. This is perhaps the reason for its universal appeal in the Jewish world.

Passover is also a good example of a festival replete with a variety of musical categories for the various liturgical occasions. The festival begins with the Ma-ariv Service and its special nusach (traditional musical formula) used during the three Pilgrimage Festivals. It is followed by the repertoire of songs during the Seder celebration. During the entire series of services throughout Passover, there are a number of musical highlights including the prayer for Tal (dew); the reading from the Torah of the triumphant song of the Shirat Hayam (the Song of the Sea) which celebrates the Exodus from Egypt and the crossing of the Sea of Reeds or the Red Sea; the traditional chanting of the Song of Songs with the appropriate cantillations for this Biblical text; the Yizkor Memorial Service, as well as the Psalms of Praise - the Hallel Service - which is chanted during each morning's service of the festival.

Each prayer, Biblical reading, and liturgical event calls for its special melodic formula and tradition. It is this rich and colorful repertoire of liturgical songs of our tradition that gives each liturgical event and festival celebration the special atmosphere and mood for the occasion.

Please join us during the forthcoming Passover celebration as we share the religious fervor and musical tradition that our parents and ancestors cherished and kept alive throughout our history. We can continue the tradition only if we know it. Knowledge is gained through active participation.

Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

Sisterhood will be holding their Shabbat Dinner on Friday, April 26, at 7:15 p.m. It will be preceded by a brief Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Congregation, their families, and the community are invited to attend. The Golda Meir Award will be given to Miriam Crowell and Claire Marwick and the Resnik Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Carolyn Sanger after dinner.

I/We would like to make the following reservations:

_____ Member Adults @ \$9.75	Total \$ _____
_____ Non-member Adults @ \$11.75	Total \$ _____
_____ Children 6-12 @ \$7	Total \$ _____
_____ Children under 6 @ \$4	Total \$ _____
_____ Youth Members @ \$5	Total \$ _____
	Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

I/We would like to be seated with _____

Please mark you envelope "Sisterhood Dinner."

RSVP by Friday, April 19

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!

Note: This is the only form that will appear.

News Flash!! Shoppers Food Warehouse Certificates Available

In addition to Giant, Magruder's, and Shalom shopping certificates, we now have certificates for Shoppers Food Warehouse. They are available in \$10 and \$25 denominations.

BETH EL SCROLL

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From the President

Use your check-off on your bill or use the form in this Scroll and join MERCAZ now!!

In June, 1992, delegates to the next World Zionist Congress will be selected. This election is of tremendous importance to us as Conservative Jews. The World Zionist congress sets the policy for how money we donate through Federation is used in Israel and the Diaspora. The number of delegates MERCAZ, the Zionist arm of the Conservative Movement, has at the World Zionist Congress is directly proportional to its membership. Only by joining MERCAZ will you be able to influence how your Federation dollars are spent here and in Israel. How can joining MERCAZ make a difference?

1. Before we were represented at the World Zionist Congress, we received \$500,000. After the last World Zionist Congress at which we had a reasonably large number of delegates, we received \$1.5 million in allocations. By increasing our membership, we can increase our allocation.

2. MERCAZ promotes religious pluralism in Israel - our rabbis in Israel should be able to officiate at weddings, funerals, and conversions. Our Masorti congregations should get the same support from the Israeli government that the Orthodox and even other religions get. A strong MERCAZ can promote this.

3. We will be able to secure increased funding for Jewish Education and Zionist Affairs Programs created for our camps, schools, adult programs, and ulpanim.

Membership for a couple costs \$15 and for an individual \$10. If you haven't joined or renewed your membership, do so now.

Shalom,
Marilyn

An Open Letter to the Congregation

Dear Congregant,

If ever our homeland and our Movement needed our support, now is the time!

We are pleased that our congregation participates in voluntary MERCAZ dues check-off as a statement of support for our Movement in Israel. If you have not already joined, I ask you now to complete the enclosed membership form and return it to MERCAZ as soon as possible. I know that you will want to be counted among the committed Conservative Jewish Zionists who actively support our Movement in Israel.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

I would like to join MERCAZ.

Last Name (Printed) _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

Signature(s) _____

Congregation _____

City & State _____

Dues Options: ___ \$3 Student ___ \$10 Individual

___ \$15 Family ___ \$25 Sponsor ___ \$100 Charter

Send to MERCAZ, 155 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Members,

We are informing you of some important changes that were approved by the Board last year regarding membership. As you know, Beth El follows the United Synagogue policy of allowing only Jewish members, although we encourage non-Jewish spouses to participate in all activities of the Congregation with restrictions relating to receiving Torah honors, the holding of office, and voting.

It had been our practice to give a "Single Parent Membership" to families where there is a non-Jewish parent. Last year, members of the Board agreed that such classification is insensitive; certainly, children of these members are growing up in one home with two loving parents - not with a "single parent." The Board felt that the connotation of this terminology is offensive to parents who are quite happy together. So a new category was established - Special Family Membership - to take the place of Single Parent Membership.

The Board voted to include in the new Special Family Membership those men and women who are, indeed, single parents. You probably realize that some years ago the Single Parent Membership was created to alleviate the financial burden that one parent would face in paying for a regular Family Membership. Single mothers and fathers will continue to pay dues asked of single parents.

Initially, the change in name from Single Parent Membership to Special Family Membership was simply a matter of semantics, as we were attempting to use more positive language in identifying different categories of membership. However, after the decision to create a Special Family Membership, the Board felt it would be proper to ask for full Family Membership dues from members who have non-Jewish spouses. This decision was based on the fact that, as with our Regular Family Membership, there are two parents contributing to the management of the home and there are two parents who are welcome to participate in the synagogue.

We realize that the situation regarding mixed marriages doesn't apply only to Family Memberships. The general rule is that, in the case of a marriage where one of the partners is not Jewish, the dues will be the same as for when both spouses are Jewish in whichever membership category they fall.

We hope that this letter of explanation clarifies our reorganization of the membership categories and that it helps explain the rationale behind this change which will take effect, fiscally, on July 1, 1991. This year will serve as a grace period.

We truly value your membership. If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact the Executive Director at 301-652-2606.

Sincerely,
Toby Moss Naomi Cohen
Membership Chairperson Executive Director

Household Boxes for Soviet Immigrants Huge Success

For the second time this year, the generosity of Beth El congregants resulted in the collection of basic kitchen equipment for at least seven families - with lots of extra bits for several more. Thank you to the hard workers who organized it and packed everything into sets: Dick Belferman, who is our synagogue's liaison to the community Soviet Jewry effort, Cathy Binder, Debra Friedmann, Dunya Hecht, Evelyn Margolis, Bea Newell, Gail Ross, and Minna Schneider.

Sonja Schultz, Chair

Men's Club News

There will be no Men's Club breakfast or meeting on Sunday, March 31, the second day of Passover. Chag Sameach!

On Sunday, April 7, the Men's Club and Sisterhood will hold a joint meeting. The speaker will be Stuart Eizenstat; his topic will be "Israel and the Gulf Crisis." We are expecting a sellout crowd so please plan on arriving early. On Sunday, April 14, the Men's Club Board of Directors will meet. Come find out what happens behind the scenes to bring all our Men's Club programs to fruition. Everyone is invited on both Sundays to the Minyan at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10 a.m.

Looking ahead just a bit, our speaker on Sunday, April 21, will be the ever-popular Robert St. John: Mr. St. John has been a friend of Israel for 43 years ever since, as a war correspondent for a New York newspaper, he covered Israel's War of Independence. The title of his talk will be "Tongue of the Prophets: How Modern Hebrew Was Born." Please circle the date on your calendar now - you won't want to miss this exciting, renowned speaker.

Make plans now to attend the Kavod Award Breakfast on Sunday morning, April 28. This is where we give kavod - honor - to three deserving individuals in recognition of their service. Our honorees this year are: Dr. Harry Pitt for Service to the Community-at-Large, Phyllis and Philip Margolius for Service to the Jewish Community, and Al Fox for Service to Beth El.

The Men's Club would like to thank the following individuals who have agreed to sponsor one or more breakfasts this year: D. Levinas, H. Levinson, L. Marcus, H. Mininberg, D. Mintz, I. Rubin, W. Safire, S. Salus, B. Sandler, L. Sargent, E. Savada, B. Schlesinger, J. Schraub, D. Schultz, S. Scolnic, J. Segal

Nitzanim News

On February 23, 15 Nitzanim and Bonim families participated in our second Buffet Dinner and Havdalah Service. It was a fun evening for all. The children especially enjoyed the arts and crafts projects as well as their job of counting three stars. Thanks to Debbie Friedmann and Donna Vogel for their efforts in preparing for this event and to Rabbi William Rudolph for leading the Service.

Nitzanim would like to thank Cynthia and Jonathan Dorfman for sponsoring the Kiddush after the Shabbat Morning Children's Service on March 16 in honor of Caroline and Emily.

All parents who are involved in Nitzanim activities are urged to consider a leadership position for the 1991-1992 year. The positions of President, Vice President for Religious Services, Vice President for Special Events, and Vice President for Financial Affairs are open. If you are interested in one of these positions, please call Ellen Elow-Mintz at 301-229-4924.

In addition to the officer positions, we need parents to help with activities. A questionnaire has been developed which lists all of the jobs for which volunteers are needed. The questionnaire is available at all Nitzanim functions, in the synagogue office, or by calling Ellen Elow-Mintz.

Religious School News

From Our Classrooms:

Grade 7 - Teacher: Julie Maltzman

On February 28, the seventh grade class made lunch for the women who live at Rainbow Place, a homeless shelter to which Beth El lends assistance. They did this as part of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah

curriculum to demonstrate their commitment to acts of Tzedakah. They completed this project on Purim as a way of observing "Matanot le-eyyonim" (gifts to the poor) - one of four mitzvot performed in connection with this holiday's observance.

Congratulations February's "Star" Recipients

Grade Alef: Emily Dorfman, Melanie Ermer, Rachel Koblenz, Allison Lipsit

Grade Bet: Charles Cohen, Rebecca Mandel, Ari Schoenholtz, Leah Silver, William Casey, Ian Weisz, Joey Friedmann, Rachel Ross, Sam Ganzfried, Justin Shapiro, Jacob Goldsmith, Abigail Hauslohner, Jennifer Lebovich, Joshua Rosenbloom, Ross Koenig, Gregory Smolen, Jacob Ackerman, Anna Cohen, Rebecca Eisen

Grade Gimel: Jessica Caslani, Samuel Janney, Daniel Bass, Maya Lotati, Benjamin Lozovsky, Andrea Bobb, Erica Kaye, Andrew Feinberg, David Ross, Susanna Lewis, Sara McDonald, Daniel Goldman, Sara Moller, Jessica Binder

Grade Dalet: Erin Rosenthal, Michelle Axelrad, Adam Danoff, Rachel Edlow, Rachel King, Mindy Budgor, Gabe Ross, Lisa Rod, Karen Zahler, Marissa Levy, Naomi Rosenberg, Tallie Lieberman, Daniel Spiegel, Aaron Niedermayer, Steve Feldman, Steven Friedman, Jeffrey Theodore, Jonathan Schlesinger, Aaron Tievsky, Emily Lodish

Grade Hai: Daniel Savada, Alex Abbell, Michael Goldman, Michael Hurwitz, Elana Simon, Melissa Klein, Jessica Frankel, Jonathan Simon, Ethan Arnheim, Lauren Shapiro, Benjamin Bregman, Irena Glick, Hilary Allard, Bettie Levy

Grade Vav: Jeremy Bronheim, Alexander Eule, Jonathan Moller, Melissa Popper, Dana Wine, Michael Simiu

Grade Zayin: Avigal Segal, Erika Benke, Michael Sapoznikow, Elana Hammerman

Note: Registration Begins April 8

If you are a current school family and have not received registration material, contact the school office immediately at 301-652-2608. Registration will continue through May 6. After May 6, registration will be open to non-members. You may enroll your child under non-member status after consultation with the Educational Director and if you meet the criteria for non-member enrollment.

Until next time,
Emily Feinberg, Educational Director

Confirmation Class Trip

The Confirmation Class Trip to New York City, escorted by Rabbi Maltzman, will be Sunday, April 21, to Monday, April 22. The highlight of the trip will be a visit to Ellis Island.

Youth Activities...Galore!

Bonim (Grades K-2) and Machar (Grades 3-5) - Members of our Bonim and Machar groups will perform at the Intergenerational Talent Show on Sunday, April 14, at 1:15 p.m. The cost for the program and luncheon is \$4 per person. Check this Scroll for your reservation form. We are still seeking performers and sponsors. Please contact me immediately if you are interested in participating.

On Sunday, April 28, both youth groups will attend the Barry Louis Polisar Concert at Tifereth Israel Congregation at 3:30 p.m. Polisar is well known in the area for his unique ability to entertain children and their parents at the same time.

Kadima (Grades 6-8) - Members of Kadima and USY are

encouraged to attend a special teen program "From Generation to Generation" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, at Adas Israel Congregation. Survivors of the Holocaust will share their personal experiences with small discussion groups of teens, after which participants will attend the annual community-wide memorial observance for Yom HaShoah V'Hagvurah sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.

On Sunday, April 14, Kadimaniks are invited to join us at the Intergenerational Talent Show at 1:15 p.m. and then at a Regional Splashdown Party from 4-7 p.m. The party will be held at the Columbia Swim Center in Wilde Lake Village. The cost, which includes dinner, is \$7 per members. Come and bring a friend! USY (Grades 9-12) - Our USYers will observe Holocaust Week (April 7-14) by attending the area's Memorial Service at Adas Israel on Wednesday, April 10.

April 12-14 is the weekend for Seaboard Region USY Spring General Board Retreat in Fairfax, Virginia, followed by Beth El's second Intergenerational Talent Show. On Sunday evening, April 14, a Gala Dinner Dance will be held in New York City to honor Rabbi Paul Freedman who is retiring from his position as Director of International USY. If there are USYers or USY alumni interested in joining a delegation from Seaboard in attending, please contact me.

Now that peace has thankfully been restored to the Persian Gulf, Israel is the place for USYers to be this summer! The USY Israel Pilgrimage Program, because of its length and quality, represents the best way to educate our teens about Judaism and their Jewish identity. Applications are now being accepted for all pilgrimage programs (Israel, Israel/Poland Seminar, and Israel/Eastern Europe) as well as for NATIV, in which USY graduates spend their freshman year of college in Israel. Scholarships are available for all programs through Beth El and Seaboard Region. Call Jacob Blumenthal, Regional Youth Director, at 301-230-0801 for more information.

Our Tikun Olam Spring Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, April 28. We are still soliciting raffle prizes. If you or your business could offer a tax-deductible donation, please contact me immediately. All donations will be acknowledged in a future Scroll.

"The Golden Year" Photography Contest - A photography contest for elementary through high school students is being sponsored by the Hebrew Home of greater Washington in honor of Older Americans Month. All entries will be displayed at the Home, and there will be cash awards for the winners in each of the three categories (elementary, middle, and high school). Call me to receive an application form. The contest deadline is April 19.

Honorable Menschen - Todah Rabah to the following Kadimaniks and USYers for helping at the Annual Purim Carnival: Melissa Lerman, Elyssa Greenberg, Anne Tishkoff, Noah Portugal, Arianna Ross, Eric Spiegel, Melanie Darr, Ariel Fishman, Marcie Frank, Laura Weinberg, Joseph Schultz, Josh Levy, Alan Spiegel, Jonathan Moller, and Jeremy and Ben Greenberg.

Mazel Tov to the Weinberg sisters - Laura for successfully editing "The Seaboarder," a regional USY magazine, and Debbie whose Mitzvah Report was published in Seaboard Region's "Related to Religion" winter issue. We're so proud of you both!

Shalom U'lihitraot,
Edie Caroff, Youth Director

Don't Forget - Spring Ahead!

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 31, at 2 a.m.

Youth Activities Calendar of Events

For information and reservations for all events, contact Edie Caroff, Youth Director, at 301-652-2608, or your child's Advisor. Please join us!

Bonim (Grades K-2) and Machar (Grades 3-5) Advisor: Michelle Marcus (301-493-5094)

Apr. 14 Intergenerational Talent Show/Luncheon

Apr. 28 Barry Louis Polisar Concert

Kadima (Grades 6-8) Advisor: Stacey Morrison (301-530-9328)

Apr. 10 Teen Holocaust Program at Adas Israel

Apr. 14 Intergenerational Talent Show/Luncheon
Regional Splashdown Party in Columbia

USY (Grades 9-12) Advisor: Burman Berger (301-424-1269)

Apr. 10 Teen Holocaust Program at Adas Israel

Apr. 14 Intergenerational Talent Show/Luncheon
Volunteer at The Shepherd's Table

Youth Chairman: Dr. Michael Ackerman (301-493-8927)

Youth Committee Meeting - Thurs., Apr. 9, 8:15 p.m. - Board Room

New members are always welcome!

Vatikkim Luncheon

The next Vatikkim Luncheon will be on Thursday, April 18. Our own Seymour Gross will sing Yiddish songs for us - and perhaps with us.

Lunch is at 12 Noon at a cost of \$5 for members and \$6 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:

Bea Goldman, 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902, Phone: 301-942-9434 or

Lillian Kessler, 11809 Rosalinda Drive, Potomac, Maryland 20854, Phone: 301-299-6201.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim Luncheon.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Please respond by April 16.

Note: This is the only form that will appear.

Announcing Beth El's Second Annual Intergenerational Talent Show and Luncheon

Sunday, April 14 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per person

Yes, count me in for this special event.

Name _____

Address _____

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Total payment enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Beth El Youth and forward them to Edie Caroff at the office by April 9. See you there!

The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next two weeks. We invite the post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah children of these families to attend the Minyan with their parents. It is only through the help and participation of all our members that we can maintain our daily Evening Minyan. 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.

April 1 - April 3

Cheryl and Bernard Rod
Rose and Isadore Rod
Edna Roistacher
Ruth Rondberg
Norma and Howard Roseman
Beatrice and Alexander Rosenberg
Minerva and Gilbert Rosenberg
Sarah and Norman Rosenberg
Carol Calhoun and Paul Rosenberg
Alice and Steven Rosenberg
Suzanne and Marvin Rosenblatt
Florence Rosenbloom
Bernice Rosenstock
Nancy and Herbert Rosenthal
Joseph Rosenthal

April 8 - April 11

Ellen and Mark Rosenthal
Barbara and Douglas Rosing
Ruth Ann Ruttenberg and Benjamin Ross
Beverly Ross
Deborah and Dennis Ross
Sheila and Henry Roth
Blanche and Isaac Roubin
Isadore Routhenstein
Eileen and Israel Rubin
Susan and Kenneth Rubin
Fran and Robert Rubin
Roxanne Littner and Roy Rubinfeld
Carol Rudolph
Rose and Samuel Saady
Eliana and Howard Sachar

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Carolyn Garmise on the loss of her beloved father, Morris L. Garmise, and to Irvin Weiss on the loss of his beloved father, Martin Weiss.

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

Community News

Camp Counselors Needed by Special Needs Department

The Special Needs Department of the JCC is looking for high school and college students to work as counselors with children and teens with disabilities in its summer camp. Positions are available for

mainstream counselors and for staff to work in the self-contained unit. For more information or an interview, call 301-881-0100, ext. 6746.

Yom HaShoah V'Hagvurah Holocaust Memorial Observance

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington is sponsoring the annual community-wide Yom HaShoah V'Hagvurah Holocaust Memorial Observance on Wednesday, April 10, at 8 p.m., at Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street NW, Washington.

Prior to the community-wide observance, there will be a special teen program, "From Generation to Generation" at which survivors of the Holocaust will share their personal experiences with the teens. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at Adas Israel and the teens are then invited to attend the community-wide observance.

Volunteers Needed to Assist Homebound Elders

The Friendly Visitors program of the Jewish Social Service Agency needs volunteers to bring laughter and friendship to a homebound older person. A one-hour commitment once a week to read to, write letters for, or simply chat with elders in their homes is all that is required. JSSA provides orientation and ongoing support. For further information or to volunteer, call Nina Ellins at 301-881-3700.

Jewish Undergraduate Scholarships

The Jewish Social Service Agency announces the availability of scholarships for the 1991-92 academic year from the Jewish Undergraduate Scholarship Fund. Grants of up to \$3,500 will be awarded to students who are full-time undergraduates, under 30 years old, and from the metropolitan Washington area. Awards are based on financial need. To be placed on the mailing list for an application, call 301-881-3700, ext. 420.

ESOL Tutors Needed

The Jewish Community Center is looking for tutors who can give extra help to Soviet Jews who are learning English in ESOL classes. Tutoring can be done during the day or evening and as little as an hour per week would be helpful. Teaching experience is helpful but not necessary, and books and other supplies and any training are supplied. For further information, call 301-881-0100, ext. 6785.

JSSA Seminars, Workshops, and Ongoing Groups

The Jewish Social Service Agency is sponsoring a large series of seminars, workshops, and ongoing groups for children and adults. Topics include parenting, children and teenagers, separation and divorce, bereavement, interfaith issues, and vocational services. For a complete brochure of all activities, including date, time, and cost, contact JSSA at 301-881-3700.

New Member List 1990-1991

We are happy to welcome eight 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.

ABRAHAM, David and Estelle, 5103 Elsmere Avenue, Bethesda 20814	301-530-6530
LEAR, Arnold and Dorothea, 8900 Wooden Bridge Road, Potomac 20854	301-424-2217
LIEBERMAN, Samuel and Miriam, 9410 Holland Avenue, Bethesda 20814	301-964-9488
LONDON, Paul and Jacqueline, 5309 Tuscarawas Road, Bethesda 20816	301-229-1221
MORRIS, Jonathan, 4456 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington 20008	202-333-2357
PAIKOWSKY, Arthur and Sarah, 3088 Schubert Drive, Silver Spring 20904	301-890-9413
SHEESKIN, Leonard and Sylvia, 12210 Greenleaf Avenue, Potomac 20854	301-340-2352
SPIEGEL, Walter and Sharon, 10238 Parkwood Drive, Kensington 20895	301-564-0405

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

Arthur S. Feld Memorial Lecture Fund

Flora and Ben Goldberg in memory of Marcia Cohen; Benjamin Goldberg in memory of his wife, Helen Goldberg.

Beth El Forest

Dorothy and Henry Freedman in memory of Dorothy's father, Harry Markowitz; Mildred Wine in honor of the birth of Logan William; Ellie and Sam Frishman in memory of Louis Ruthen; Mr. & Mrs. Bruce G. Philipson and Mr. & Mrs. Harry P. Zitelman in honor of Jordan Zell's Bar Mitzvah; Naomi G. Kolko and Family in honor of a speedy recovery of Arthur L. Kolko; Max Cohen in memory of Teddy Marks.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

Esther and George Liss; Jeanne Ende in memory of her mother, Yetta Greenberg.

Computer Fund

Priscilla Tievsky in memory of her father, Abraham Leon Cohen.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Lehman in memory of Marcy Lehman.

Disabled Access Fund

Mr. & Mrs. William Filler in honor of the birth of Dr. & Mrs. Milton Wittman's granddaughter, Janine Adelberg.

Estelle Kimball Nursery School Fund

Jon Kimball in honor of Sherman P. Kimball; Sherman Kimball in memory of Ruth B. Kimball and Ida Meltzer.

Esther A. and Louis A. Pinck Israel Pilgrimage Fund

Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish in memory of Israel Backer; Ruth and Tzvi Assal in memory of Herbert Berner; Mr. & Mrs. William Filler in memory of Helen Klieger and Irving Simos; Ellen R. Murphy in honor of Brenda and Bob Gerwin's 30th Anniversary; Estelle and Herbert Wiser in honor of a speedy recovery of Judith Levin and Milton Doberman.

Fine Arts Fund

Dr. & Mrs. Marvin A. Band in memory of Rae Band and Chickie Loewenstein's Grandmother; Sandra and Albert Dorfman in memory of Mr. Joseph Dorfman.

General Endowment Fund

Beryl Frank in memory of Rachel Frank; Phyllis and Lester Machta in memory of Harriet S. Margaretten and Paul Machta; Lola and Gerald Sherman in memory of Jean Sherman; Gloria O. Frank in memory of Maxwell J. Oling.

General Fund

Rose Risin in memory of her husband, Julius Risin; Myra Hopp in honor of Harriet Wilkins and Clare Lerner and a complete recovery of Mervyn Weiner and Edna Krents; Dr. Bruce A. Mallin in honor of Elissa and Hal Scheinberg with sincere thanks for their terrific help under trying circumstances; Max Krents in memory of Morris Krents; Bonnie Wagman and Clif Hancock; Ilene and David Jacobowitz in honor of Naomi Cohen's Special Birthday; Martin S. Dembo in memory of William A. Dembo; Julie and Jonathan

Maltzman in memory of Erwin Groner's mother, Lottie Groner; Barbara and Sy Wolf in memory of their parents, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw and Dora and Abraham Wolf; Susan and David Spiegel; William Gerber in memory of Sylvia Gerber; Ruth and Norman I. Stein in memory of Celia Sherman.

Henry Hopp Library Endowment

Margaret Bogler in honor of the birth of Davida and Charles Adelberg's daughter and Evelyn and Milton Wittman's granddaughter, Janine Adelberg.

Leila Rosen Young Equality Fund

Rena Young; The Young Family in memory of Leila Rosen Young, Sara Rosen Kaufman, Samuel J. Rosen, and Harry I. Young; Ilene and David Jacobowitz in honor of Toby Moss' Leading Musaf Services.

Library Fund

Louise and Abraham Wagman in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Maggin's 40th Wedding Anniversary and in memory of Boruch Wagman; Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum in memory of Samuel Tanenbaum; Linda and Alan Orenstein in memory of David Pollack.

MAZON Fund

Marion and John Wolff in honor of Avigal Segal's Bat Mitzvah; Beatrice and Bernard Berger.

Morning Minyan Fund

Martin S. Dembo in memory of William A. Dembo.

Music Fund

Cyma and Jerome Heffter in memory of Leah Heffter.

New Building Fund

Dr. Lucy Ozarin in honor of a speedy recovery of Milton Doberman and his devoted wife, Faye, and the birth of Davida and Charles Adelberg's daughter, Janine Adelberg; Libby and Irvin Klavan in honor of a speedy recovery of Mrs. Lynette Pfeffer and in memory of Myer David Rosen; Dr. Herman Kleine in memory of Mrs. Fannie Kleine.

Prayerbook Fund

Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Schettewi in memory of Albert Lisboa, Mathilde Schettewi, and Sarine Lisboa; Marcia Possick in memory of her father, Bernard Rubinstein; Beatrice Breger in memory of Lillian Hurwitz.

Rabbi's Fund

Kimberlee and Mark Schiffrin; Marta and Oscar Olchyk in honor of Debbie, Sam, and Abram Olchyk; Brian Schulman in memory of Leon Schulman; Audrey and Colin Winston in memory of Audrey's Father, Fred Bender; Estelle and Herbert Wiser in honor of a speedy recovery of Brenda Gerwin.

Shabbat Early Morning Minyan Fund

Charlotte Millenson in memory of her father, Louis Katz.

Social Action Fund

Zelda and Philip Janus in memory of Zelda's mother, Tillie Lotman;