



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Off the Bimah

A Jewish ethical will is a testament composed by a parent as a legacy for his/her children. These ethical wills became popular during the Middle Ages and continue to this day. We have several outstanding collections in our library. The underlying assumption of an ethical will is that an individual's most cherished possessions are not material goods but a way of life. It is the formal vehicle through which an elder transmits to the next generation his most cherished asset, the distillation of his/her life's experience, his/her spiritual values and ethical guidelines.

What are those values which you hope and pray will be continued in the lives of your children? How will you express your love to them and what it has meant to you? What does it mean to you to be an American Jew? These and other questions are answered in an ethical will.

One attorney in our congregation who specializes in estate planning now advises and encourages all his clients—Jewish and Gentile—to attach an ethical will to their record of disposition of their material possessions. I urge you to consider writing an ethical will just as many of you have already written "living wills" with instructions on how you wish to be treated in the event of a serious illness. This is one concrete way in which our dreams and aspirations will be carried over to the next generation.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Friday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
10:45 a.m.—Gan Shabbat

Friday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Jesse Lieberman
10:30 a.m.—Nitzanim Services

Beth El Nursery School

presents a

"The December Dilemma"

with

Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman

Friday, Dec. 13th—9:30 a.m.

Beth El Board Room

Everyone Welcome—RSVP 301-652-1228

Record Enrollment in Saul Bendit Institute

Our highly successful Saul Bendit Institute is 14-1/2 years old, and has just broken attendance records. This autumn a total of 452 persons enrolled in 14 evening and 5 daytime courses. We have been gratified to see our faithful students returning for new courses, as well as many new persons attending for the first time.

The Saul Bendit Institute Committee has begun planning for the spring term and would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to courses, instructors, etc. Please let us know what has particularly pleased you about past courses. If your interest was not peaked this autumn, let us know what we might do to tempt you to try one of our courses next term. This is *your* adult institute, and we want to please you, so give us your feedback. Call Beverly Ross at (301) 320-2701, or Al Fox at (301) 320-5571.

Yasher Koach to the Committee for another excellent program. Also, a special thanks to the outstanding instructors who so graciously accepted the invitations to teach—especially Seymour Gross, who stepped in at the very last moment and has done a wonderful job moderating the Yiddish film course. Thanks once again to Evy Fox and Norman and Calvin Golumbic for obtaining the refreshments served during the break each evening.

Firewood for Sale

You can help Beth El save the cost of removing the oak tree that fell into our parking lot. Volunteers have been cutting and splitting this massive two hundred year old four foot diameter specimen. Additional volunteers are welcome. Fireplace sized pieces are ready to load into your vehicle at bargain prices: Car Trunk \$10.00—Station Wagon \$20.00—Pickup Truck \$50.00. Self Service—Honor system—Pay in synagogue office. Make checks payable to Beth El. Delivery possible for extra donation to Beth El Forest. Volunteers contact Jack Edlow or Jeff Annis.

Help Wanted—English Tutors

Tutors are needed for recent Soviet immigrants to help them learn English. There is an immediate need for tutors in the Rockville, Silver Spring and Gaithersburg areas. These immigrants are eager to learn. Training and materials are provided. Call Davida Goldberg, ESOL Coordinator, Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 301-881-0100, ext. 6785.

Judas Maccabaeus—G.F. Handel

On December 7, 1991, at the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda at 8 p.m. and on December 8, 1991, at Gaston Hall, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. at 4 p.m. orchestra and soloists will join Cantate Chamber Singers in presenting Handel's oratorio that dramatizes the struggle for religious freedom.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

CALENDAR

Dec. 8 —SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING—10:00 a.m.
 Dec. 15 —MEMBERSHIP MEETING—10:30 a.m.
 Feb. 23 —JOINT MEN'S CLUB—SISTERHOOD MEETING
 Mar. 8 —JOINT B'NAI ISRAEL—BETH EL SISTERHOOD MEETING
 Mar. 15 —YIDDISH CANTORIAL RECITAL / VIENNESE SWEET TABLE

Everyone Come to December Membership Meeting on the 15th

Plan to join your Sisterhood friends on Sunday morning, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. for a delicious brunch and a brief meeting.

For our program we are most fortunate to be able to listen to a member of the Educational Department of the National Gallery of Art, Mr. Eric Denker, who is a very good speaker and a well known docent. The topic of Mr. Denker's illustrated talk is "Rembrandt—Portrayal of Biblical Themes and Jews." You will be sure to learn much about life in Holland, including something about the many Jews who were models for Rembrandt's paintings, particularly those based on the themes taken from the Hebrew Bible. Be sure to attend this fascinating program.

If you need a baby sitter's services, let Miriam Crowell know (301) 951-8644 to reserve a place for this free service.

Twin Win—A Huge Success

On Saturday night, October 26, Sisterhood hosted a cabaret night featuring the Mechaya Kelzmer Band, which was terrific. This sold-out event was attended by 310 members and guests. And a good time was had by all.

Highlight of the evening was a Klezmer/Yiddish show with Hora dancing in the ball room, extending into the Gallery. Chairman Shirley Gross and her committee's hard work contributed greatly to the affair. Seymour Gross served as master of ceremonies, ably assisted by the very glamorous Jan Sedaka. Adding to the scenery was our very own beautiful "Vanna", Manette Sznol, who skillfully picked winners for all of the evening's valuable prizes. A hearty *Mazel Tov* to Joe Young for winning the Grand Prize of a \$1,000.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

Many thanks to each member of the Cabaret committee who helped to turn this affair into a memorable evening. Additionally, thanks to the numerous donors who contributed all of the prizes and cash to support this event. Thanks also to all those who purchased tickets and gave money gifts; we brought in about \$8,000.00 with a net profit of over \$4,000.00 for the Sisterhood treasury. The support of our membership was outstanding!!

Cordially,
 Shirley Gross and Miriam Crowell

Looking Ahead to 1992

Joint meetings mark the early part of the year: in February, on the 23rd with Beth El Men's Club and on March 8th with the B'nai Israel Sisterhood. Also in March, we will hold a music recital with Cantor Lubin on Sunday, March 15th, followed by a Viennese sweet table refreshments. This event will raise funds for our Israel Scholarship Fund. April brings the Torah Fund Cocktail Party on Sunday the 8th, and the plant sale on the 26th. On the 8th of May the Sisterhood Sabbath and Dinner will take place.

Todah Rabah

President Miriam Crowell wants everyone to know that there were many compliments on the Paid-Up Sisterhood Dinner for the delicious meal and beautiful room, as well as the marvelous program—all due in no small measure to the efforts of the Dinner Committee, Julia Copperman, Claire Marwick and Manette Sznol. Also thanks to artist Avrum Ashery.

Get Set! Ready! Go!

The Sisterhood tour of Baltimore will begin Sunday morning, November 24, at 10:30 with a coffee and bagel breakfast, just before the bus leaves from the Beth El parking lot promptly at 11:00 a.m. If you did not make arrangements yet to join the group, call Miriam Crowell at once, at 301-951-8644 to see if there are any seats available. You're sure to enjoy the Baltimore Jewish Heritage Center, the numerous historic sites, memorials and shuls, synagogues and temples. The guided visit to the Ner Israel Rabbinical College is a rare glimpse of traditional Judaism, as it is practiced today. Ladies, be sure to dress modestly, with long sleeves—no slacks or mini-skirts, please. There will be a sumptuous feast at a kosher Chinese restaurant to wind up the day. We will return to the Beth El lot by 6:30 p.m. ENJOY! ENJOY!

There's Still Time for Chanukah Shopping—But Not Much!!!

With the lighting of the first candle of Chanukah on December 1 this year, be sure to look in on the Gift Shop offerings in the Beth El lobby. Whether you need some candles for your menorah or a new menorah, you'll surely find just the right item to purchase. Chanukah cards, decorations, dreidles, games and many other things will enhance your celebration. In addition there are books, hostess gifts, Bar/Bat Mitzvah items and many other useful things. The shop is open Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, as well as during many synagogue activities. Let Lil Kessler know if you require her services at another time.

Sisterhood Interest Groups

We goofed last issue with the wrong name to call if you are at all interested in joining a book review, current events, or other discussion group, or activity such as aerobics or handicrafts. The person to call is Jill Gerstenfeld at 301-530-7272. Or you may call Membership Vice-President Claire Marwick at 301-657-2328.

Call Marilyn Hammerman for personalized stationary, note cards, invitations and other items for use in your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding or other ceremony at 301-881-0011.

Use Merchandise Certificates When You Shop!!

Be sure to pick up certificates to use when you shop at Giant Food, Magruders, Shalom Market, or Shopper's Food Warehouse. It's too late when you are on the cashier's line. It costs you no more and Beth El collects 5% of what you normally pay for groceries, drug store and even liquor at these stores. Purchase the certificates at the Beth El office, Sisterhood Gift Shop, at many meetings and via the mail order system.

Coming Soon!!!!

Shopping Certificates will soon be available for Katz's Supermarket

From the President

This is sometimes a depressing time of the year, with the days shorter and somewhat gloomy. Hopefully, Chanukah will give us all a little lift. May we all hit a "Gimel" when we spin the "Dreidel".

I love children, as you can probably tell, but the last few Shabbatot with all the "Simchas" and guests with young children and babies, the decorum in the sanctuary has become unruly and it is even difficult to listen to the Rabbi's sermon. I have turned the problem over to Henry Birnkrant, Chairman of the Ritual Committee, to come up with the solution to the problem, so that all of us, children and adults alike, can enjoy Shabbat services. Steve Frank has been an excellent usher and we appreciate his handling of the ushering chores all by himself; but with the ever increasing attendance at our services, Steve needs help. Those of you that attend on a Shabbat morning and have been upset with the noise during services, I appreciate your patience as we are taking care of the problem. Just remember the bright side, we wouldn't be having this problem if our Shabbat services were not so popular.

I have appointed Claire Marwick to be Chairperson and Director of our marketing program for the sale of shopping certificates. It is due mainly to her efforts that the program has been so successful. It provided the funds to support synagogue activities that otherwise would have increased your dues payment; however, Claire needs more help to make the program even more successful. Please call her or the office if you can give us a hand.

Remember, if Chanukah is here can Purim be far behind? Happy Chanukah!

Erwin Groner

BETH EL SCROLL

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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.

December 9th—

December 12th
 Joseph Gottesman
 Diane and Paul Gottfried
 Nancy and Norman Graber
 Esther K. Grabill
 Harriet and Melvin Gravitz
 Sherry and Neil Green
 Karen and Jerrold Greenberg
 Linda and Leonard Greenberg
 Yael and Oscar Greenberg
 Kathleen Trimble and
 Richard Greenberg
 Jean and Robert Greenberg
 Shelly Greenberg
 Judith and Warren Greenberg
 Marcia and Eli Greenblum
 Evelyn and Harold Greene

December 16th—

December 19th
 Barbara and Maurice Greenman
 Noele and Judah Greenzaid
 Aline and Joseph Greif
 Jacqueline and Zvi Greismann
 Mariana Griff
 Beth and Sid Groeneman
 Leena and Erwin Groner
 Barri and Alan Gross
 Shirley and Seymour Gross
 Marilyn and Jonathan Grossman
 Mary and Leo Grossman
 Ruthanne and Kenneth
 Grundfast
 Debra and Gerald Gurney
 Libbie and Milton Gussow
 Marc Haber

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Band Aid

For **Ian Band**, an associate with D.C.'s Lepon, McCarthy, Jutkowitz & Holzworth, spending two nights in the hospital as doctors removed some of his bone marrow was a sacrifice well worth making. Ian recently donated his bone marrow to a total stranger suffering from leukemia. He says it's one of the most gratifying things he's ever done. "The feeling of helping someone prolong his life is difficult to put into words" he offers. "It's like nothing I've experienced before." Band, an immigration lawyer, first decided to donate bone marrow in 1989 after hearing about the massive search to find a donor for **Allison Atlas**, a Bethesda woman with a rare form of leukemia. Although he was not a proper match for Allison, Band, 29, did enter his name into a national donor bank. Following several unsuccessful attempts to match his marrow with other needy patients, the perfect match was found this summer. To protect the recipient's confidentiality, Ian was not told anything about him. "I know he's male and I know he's about my age, and that's all." Although the procedure went smoothly for him, Ian notes that he hasn't been told the patient's condition. "I'm just keeping my fingers crossed."

You can become a Marrow donor Candidate if you are between the ages of 18 and 55 and are in good health. A simple blood test, taking a small amount of blood from the arm, is used to screen possible candidates. All results are entered in the National Marrow Donor Registry. You may be a match for the 9000 leukemia victims waiting for a donor. This free test is sponsored by Friends of Allison. For additional information, call Friends of Allison at (301) 913-9770.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

Beth El Forest

Margaret Bogler, get well wishes for Catherine Rondberg; Ruth and Alan Vinitzky, in memory of Helyn Fanaroff; Ruth Ann and Bernie Heckman, in honor of Elliot Dickler's "special" birthday; Claire Marwick, in honor of the birth of Roy and Charlotte Millenson's new grandson; Naomi Kolko and Family, for a speedy recovery for Isadore Kolko; Sandy and Arthur Becker, in memory of Phyllis Baylin's mother, Mamie Golomb.

Cadel Shabbat Hospitality

Judge and Mrs. Abraham H. Maller, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jesse Sheff.

Cantor's Fund

Julia and Howard Copperman, in hope of Seymour Gross' speedy recovery; Julia and Howard Copperman in honor of the birth of Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel Scolnic's granddaughters, Sarah Aliza and Jessica Meryl; Claire Marwick, in honor of Shirley and Seymour Gross for the many ways that they have enriched Beth El; Priscilla and George Tievsky, in honor of Gloria and Beryl Frank's Anniversary; Priscilla and George Tievsky, in honor of Murray Haber's speedy recovery; Priscilla and George Tievsky, in memory of Geraldine Baldinger; Lenore and Melvin Richter, in honor of Irving Zimmerman's successful recovery; Robert and Brenda Gerwin, in honor of the engagement of Cantor and Mrs. Lubin's daughter, Sharyn to Marc Levitt.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

Asher H. and Jeanne Ende, in memory of Jeanne's sister, Sophie G. Nadler; Bernice and Sidney Euzent, in memory of Charles Lefkowitz; Jack Minker, in memory of Rose Minker; Karl Freiberg, in memory of his father-in-law, Abraham S. Wolf; Rochelle E. Stern, in memory of Hilda Scharf Stern.

Dr. Jack Crowell Hebrew School Scholarship Fund

Miriam Crowell, in memory of Walter Rosenzweig; Miriam Crowell, in memory of the Jeff Weintraub family's Father and Grandfather; Miriam Crowell, in honor of Claire Marwick's Bat Mitzvah.

Disabled Access Fund

Lillian Kessler, in memory of her mother, Tillie Wolper.

Fine Arts Fund

Ellen M. Sweetwood, in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Gloria and Beryl Frank; Dolly and Marvin Band, in memory of the mother of Cheri Baer; Dolly and Marvin Band, in memory of the father of Arthur Adams; Sandy and Arthur Becker, in honor of Ian Band.

General Fund

Irwin M. Aisenberg, in memory of Esther Aisenberg; David and Jackie Levine, in honor of Mr. Isadore Routhenstein's 90th Birthday; Michael Muntner, in memory of Irving Muntner.

General Endowment Fund

Reba Hirsh, in memory of her mother, Sophie Krigelman; Doug and Annette Wolf and sons, in honor of Sy and Barbara Wolf's Anniversary.

Noe Groner Camp Ramah Scholarship Program

Leena and Erwin Groner, in honor of Claire Marwick's Bat Mitzvah.

Rabbi Jerome Lipnick Israel Scholarship Fund

Drs. Robert and Brenda Gerwin, in memory of Dorothy Gerwin; Sandy and Arthur Becker, in honor of Eleanor and Bob Lurensky's 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Henry Hopp Library Endowment Fund

Lil and Abe Maller, in honor of the recovery of Samuel Zukerman; Lil and Abe Maller, in memory of her mother, Rebecca Hoffing.

Library Fund

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Rabin, in memory of Henry E. Rabin.

Elsie Mintz Landscaping Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Max Osias, in honor of Eleanor Sargent's Birthday; Robin Hollin and Gary Dubrow, in memory of Nathan A. Dubrow.

Morning Minyan Fund

Max Cohen, in honor of Isadore Routhenstein's 90th birthday; Elsie and Joe Woolman, in honor of Isadore Routhenstein's 90th birthday; Shirley and Seymour Gross, in celebration of the 90th birthday of Isadore Routhenstein; Anne Gelfand, in honor of the 90th birthday of Isadore Routhenstein; Bea and Ed Golfer, in honor of Daniel Kweller's birthday and Max and Edna Krents anniversary; Martin Dembo, for the continuing recovery of Irving Zimmerman; Margaret Bogler, in memory of Irving Bogler; Michele Herman, in honor of Isadore Routhenstein; Marilyn and Daniel Kweller, in honor of Isadore Routhenstein.

New Building Fund

Jack Minker, in memory of Harry Minker; Diane Kramer, in memory of Amihud Kramer.

Esther S. and Louis A. Pinck Israel Pilgrimage Fund

Claire Marwick, on the birth of Sarah Aliza and Jessica Meryl, new granddaughters of Rabbi and Mrs. Scolnic; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard N. Berger, speedy recovery to Irv Zimmerman; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard N. Berger, in memory of Nathan Botuck; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard N. Berger, in memory of Charles Lefkowitz; Charlotte and Bernard Resnick, in memory of Harry S. Neiterman; Lia Imas, in memory of her sister, Marce Goldberg; Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish, speedy recovery to Irv Zimmerman; Howie and Susan Feibus, in memory of Ruth Yodkovitz's sister, Ethel Lang; Howie and Susan Feibus, in memory of Sara Svigals.

Prayerbook Fund

Elaine and George Perlman, in memory of Ben Perlman; Elaine and George Perlman, in memory of Harry Perlman.

Rabbi's Fund

Sandy and Arthur Becker, in honor of their grandsons, Neal and Robert Yaffe; Dr. Albert Small, in memory of his mother, Rebecca Small; Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Kahn, in memory of Robert C. Fairberg; Elaine and Roy Becker, in memory of Alexander Leiter; Selma, Robert and David Seigel, in memory of Myer A. Siegel; Sandy and Arthur Becker, for speedy recover of Irving Zimmerman; Ruth Berke, in memory of her father.

Saul Bendit Adult Institute Fund

Dr. Ira Kline, in memory of Jean Niederman.

School Enrichment Fund

Ellen M. Sweetwood, in honor of the births of Sarah Aliza and Jessica Meryl, granddaughters of Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel Scolnic.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

Joe and Elsie Woolman.

Social Action Fund

Blanche and Ruben Lozner, in memory of their daughter, Felicia.

Thoughtful . . .

• Are you this kind of parent?

Particular . . .

• Are you interested in giving your child an excellent secular education?

Caring . . .

• Are you concerned about your child's Hebrew and Jewish education, too?

If you are, and you are looking for an elementary school for your child, we would like to tell you about the excellent secular and Judaic education offered at the Hebrew Day Institute for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Please call for further information and a schedule of our Open Houses.

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Religious School

On the evening of November 1 the Religious School celebrated the beginning of the Jewish education of 37 students. The Shabbat service and Consecration ceremony were followed by the Kindergarten through Second Grade Dinner with the Rabbi. More than 77 families were present filling the Social Hall nearly to capacity. Mazel tov to the families of the consecrants. We hope to see them continue to be a part of the religious school through Confirmation.

I would like to thank the teachers, Felicia Dannick, Leena Groner, Ginat Kimhi, Sheryl Nowitz, Penina Freedenberg, Lillian Lipson and our music teacher, Ilana Boin, for preparing the children for their participation in this event. I am also grateful to Jonathan Levy for taking care of the seating arrangements.

The Consecrants were:

Michael Brody	Lauren Leonard
Jonathan Bruser	Erica Levy
Ariela Cohen	Maxwell Loewinger
Jacob Cohn	Julie Martin
Caroline Dorfman	Arielle Menick
Lauren Dutcher	James McDonald
Emma Epstein	Tamar Mintz
David Fersh	Benjamin Pote
Daniel Feuer	Jacob Raim
Leor Galil	Talia Schatz
Melissa Glick	Joshua Schmand
Rachel Goldman	Elisa Schrank
Sarah Goldstein	David Schraub
Lindsay Greenberg	Sarah Schwarz
Sarah Halperin	Sara Siegel
Eve Hoffman	Joshua Stanton
Naomi Janney	Rebecca Webber
Rachel Jutkowitz	Gabrielle Yudkovitz
Alanna Kaufman	

The Religious School is sponsoring an essay contest. The theme is "Freedom of Religion: A Right Worth Fighting For." The topic is inspired by the story of the Maccabees fight for religious freedom as well as this year's Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights. The contest is open to the children of all congregants in grades Kindergarten through 10th grade. Entries will be divided into 5th-10th graders and 4th graders and under. Essays will be judged according to how well the writers point is presented and their ability to defend their position. The grand prize will be a \$50 savings bond. All entrants will receive a prize rewarding their effort. Deadline for entries will be Sunday, December 15.

I would like to announce a few recent faculty changes:

- Dr. Elaine Shalowitz who has been with our high school for many years has asked to be relieved of her responsibilities for the remainder of this year. We thank her for the contributions she has made to the education of hundreds of Beth El youngsters.

- Arie Katz is the latest addition to our faculty. He will be taking over Dr. Shalowitz' 8th/9th grade class. Arie's credentials include participation in USY on Wheels, a USY Israel program, studies at Hebrew University, Co-president of the Jewish Law Students Association and his full time pursuit of a law degree at Georgetown University. We wish Arie success.

- Mark Shalom fills the newest position on our faculty. He is our Remedial Hebrew Specialist. He will be working with students that are having difficulties keeping up with their Hebrew classes. Mark and his wife, Sabina are new members of our congregation. We wish Mark much success with this challenging responsibility.

An ad hoc committee has begun work developing Parent Education Programs. The first program is planned for Sunday, January 5, "How to Raise a Jewish Child in A Non-Jewish Society." The workshop should appeal to the parents of children of all school ages and will deal with promoting Jewish identity, making Jewish rituals a part of the home, dealing with issues of interfaith dating and setting priorities within the family. The workshops will take place from 9:30-10:30 and 11:30-12:30. For more information please contact the school office.

Religious School Star Awards for October, 1991 Second Grade

Philip Arnheim, Calvin Cooper, Sarah Dutcher, Erica Fox, Ariel Goldberg, Janna Schrank, Melissa Sidman, Carolyn Webber, Troy Lieberman, Allison Lipsit, Jessica McDonald, Laura Mirengoff, Emily Dorfman, Rachel Fersh, Dara Postar, Zachary Lipson, Joshua Kalman, Ross Koenig, Elliot Lesser, Aaron Levy-Forsythe, Gregory Schneider, Sarah Segal, Daniel Altschuler, Alexander Baldinger, Rachel Benjamin, Jesse Hochheiser, Gregory Smolen.

Third Grade

Rebecca Mandel, Hanan Nassau, Joey Friedmann, Kendra Rubinfeld, Anna Cohen, Emily Eckland, Rebecca Eisen, Joshua Rosenbloom, Leah Silver, Jennifer Friedman, William Casey, Rebecca Dreilinger, Rachel Dellon, Jacob Ackerman, Sarah Feldman, Samuel Ganzfried, Ari Schoenholtz.

Fourth Grade

Jessica Binder, Miriam Caslani, Ariel Feinberg, Michelle Weiner, Jesse Palchick, Erica Kaye, Leslie Blitz, Daniel Goldman, Andrea Bobb, Lauren Bregman, David Goldberg, Evan Rosing, Susanna Lewis, Hillary Ganek, Adam Sheff, David Turnbull, Samuel Janney, Jeremy Sidman, Sarah McDonald, Matthew Lipsit, Estye Ross.

Fifth Grade

Naomi Rosenberg, Rachel King, Emily Lodish, Aaron Neidermayer, Rachel Edlow, Jonathan Stern, Peter Fox, Adam Danoff, Aaron Tievsky, Tallie Lieberman.

Sixth Grade

Alex Abbell, Joshua Turnbull, Michael Hurwitz, Lauren Shapiro, Michael Goldman, Jonathan Simon, Ben Krefting, Ethan Arnheim, Melissa Klein, Daniel Savada.

Seventh Grade

Daniel Ballon, Alexander Eule.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Condolences on the passing of Jean Silver, the mother of Frances Landers. Condolences on the passing of Julia Breslau, mother of Joel Breslau. Condolences also to Estelle Wisner, on the passing of her sister, Gertrude Evelyn Schoenholtz Silver.



Havurah Update

Several new Havurot have had their first meetings and are well on their way. More groups are being formed representing the full spectrum of Beth El membership. We are contacting all new members but would like to hear from others who are interested in Havurah involvement and have not yet been included in such a group. We look forward to hearing from couples with differing religious backgrounds and single parents who would be interested in a group of new friends. Call now . . . Roberta Safer (301) 571-1701 home, (202) 833-2500 office.

The Gala All Havurah Israeli Dinner and Dance is coming—February 9.

Vatikkim Luncheon

Please join us for our next Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, December 19. "Face to Face with American History" will be the topic of a speaker provided by the National Portrait Gallery in Washington. A portrait collection of outstanding American personalities at the National Portrait Gallery will be shown and discussed.

Lunch is at 12 Noon at a cost of \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. The program is at 1:00 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 at 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902, phone: 301-942-9434 or Lillian Kessler at 11809 Rosalinda Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, phone: 301-299-6201.

Reservation Form
Vatikkim Luncheon
Thursday, December 21, 1991

Please reserve _____ places for me at the
 Vatikkim Luncheon.
 Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Please have your response reach us by December 17.

Note: This is the only form that will appear.

Notes from the Rabbi

Notices have been sent out to all congregation members regarding the B'nai and B'not Mitzvah scheduling for Fall, 1993 and Spring 1994. If you have not received it and would like to schedule one please contact the synagogue office.

Nitzanim News

Very special thanks to Evelyn Karson, Marcia Greenblum, Sue Yanovski, Leslie Dellon and their families for arranging a terrific Chanukah Party. Once again this year we sang along with Robin Helzner. Everyone seemed to know "Clap Your Hands" by Heart. The crafts were wonderful (for the children and the parents). As usual this was a great party!

Our next event will be the Tu B'Shvat Seder on January 26th to celebrate the Birthday of the Trees. Reservations will be needed so watch the *Scroll* for more details.

The next Nitzanim Saturday service will be on December 21st at 10:30 a.m. in the All-Purpose Room. All children under six and their families are invited. Also there is a Gan Shabbat Service on December 14th at 10:45 a.m. for children in Grades K-3.

Remember our **snow policy**. In case of bad weather, the Nitzanim and Gan Shabbat services will be held as scheduled. If Rene Boni cannot attend, the service will be led by a parent volunteer.

From the Mailbox

It is with deep humility and appreciation for all of the good wishes that were heaped upon me during my recent illness that I thank you one and all. I feel they facilitated my rapid recovery.

Irving Zimmerman

Beth El Hospitality Group

The Beth El Hospitality Group has been formed. Several families have agreed to host out of town visitors who would like to walk to Beth El for services. In addition, there are several families who will open their homes for Shabbat or holiday meals to students away from home, and visitors and congregants who would otherwise be alone. Please call Rabbi Maltzman or Michele Herman, 301-469-7654. If you would like more information, or if you would like to be added to our Hospitality group.

High Holiday Appeal

We wish to thank the following, whose donations came after the deadline of the last *Scroll*, for their generous response to our High Holiday Appeal. It is still not too late to make your High Holiday donation. Contact the office at (301) 652-2606 for further details.

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Youth Activities . . . Galore!

• **Bonim (Grades K-2) and Machar (Grades 3-5)**—Each group will have its own **Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 8th** from 1:30-3:00PM. Join us for holiday crafts, games, refreshments, and surprises! The cost is \$3.00 per member. Parent volunteers are needed to join in the fun.

• **Kadima (Grades 6-8)**—Kadimaniks are invited to share in a **Hanukah Happening** in the Beth El Youth Lounge on **Sunday, December 8th** from 1:30-3:00PM. It will feature games, great prizes, and holiday refreshments. The cost is \$2.00 per member. Reservations are necessary by Thursday, December 5th.

• **USY (Grades 9-12)**—We welcome home the following **USY Convention** at the Sheraton Beach Inn in Virginia Beach (November 15-17): **Ariel Fishman, Michael Woorman, Melissa Lerman, Eric Spiegel, Elyssa Greenberg, Arianna Ross, Anne Tishkoff, Terra Adler, and Jen Goldman.**

On **Sunday, December 8th** our USY members will be working at the **Shepherd's Table** from 5:30-9:00PM. Volunteers are needed to help with the preparation and serving of dinner at the homeless shelter.

Join us on **Saturday evening, December 14th** for an enjoyable time at the **Bethesda Cinema** on Wisconsin Avenue. Watch your mailbox for details.

Honorable Menschen

Mazel Tov to the following Bonim members who were winners in our **Annual Putt-Putt Miniature Golf Tournament**: 1st Place—**Erica Fox**; 2nd Place—**Jacob King and Brian Graber**; 3rd Place—**Greg Schneider and Zachary Maltzman.**

Today Rabah to the **Bonim parent helpers** during our fall events. They are—**Bob Janney, Gail Caslani, Jim Schmand, David Raim, Fancine Lanar Yudkovitz, and Howard Berger.**

Best wishes to **Jen Goldman**, USY Treasurer who will be leaving for a 2 month study program in Israel with **USY High. B'hatzlacha, Jen!**

Shalom U' lihitraot,

Edie Caroff, Youth Director

Please note: All youth events are open to paid-up members only. Annual dues (payable to Beth El Youth) are as follows—**Bonim (\$18), Machar (\$18), Kadima (\$20) and USY (\$24).** Contact the youth office at 301/652-2608 if you need a membership form.

All In The Family

Mazel Tov to Jeffrey Jay and Molly Peter, who are the proud parents of triplets Noah, Isaac and Lilly on October 31. Mazel Tov to Jonathan and Debra Morgenstern on the birth of their son, Brett Isaac. Congratulations to Sharon K. Gang, daughter of Florence and Arthur Gang on her appointment as Staff Director for Congressman Donald J. Pease (D.-Ohio). Mazel Tov to Stephanie Cines and Jeffrey Landsman on their recent engagement. Stephanie is the daughter of Vivian and Elliot Cines. A May wedding is planned. Also, Vivian and Elliot Cines are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter Brittany Ilse Cines, daughter of Lisa and Larry Cines. Mazel Tov to Meredith and Ira Hoffman on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Samantha.

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, 1, 2)**

Advisor: Michelle Marcus Stravitz (301/654-7908)
December 8th—Chanukah Party (1:30-3:00PM)

- **Machar (Grades 3, 4, 5)**

Advisor: Audrey Pessin (301/277-9514)
December 8th—Chanukah Party (1:30-3:00PM)

- **Kadima (Grades 6, 7, 8)**

Advisor: Stacey Morrison (301/530-9328)
and Julie Statland (Substitute 301/933-3907)
December 8th—Hanukah Happening (1:30-3:00PM)
December 13th-15th—Fall Kadima Kallah at Olam Tikvah in Fairfax, Virginia.

- **USY (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)**

Advisor: Burman Berger (301/424-1269)
December 8th—Volunteer at the Shepherd's Table
December 14th—Bethesda Cinema
December 22nd-30th—International Convention in Boston, Mass.

Youth Chairman—Norman Graber (301/983-8370)

Next Youth Committee Meeting—Thursday, December 19th at 8:00 PM in the Board Room.

New members are always welcome!

Nursery News

The Nursery School eagerly anticipates it's Family Hanukah Party on December 4th. The children have been busy learning songs to perform, baking Hanukah cookies and sufganiot, making costumes and decorations while trying to understand what it means to stand up for what you believe in and that freedom is a precious gift.

Each child has created a hand-crafted clay hanukiah to take home to light with their family and this gift also includes a box of candles and the blessings. We hope they will be used and treasured for years to come.

Because this season is often stressful for families coping with commercial holiday propaganda, we are offering a Parent Workshop (see notice included) which will discuss the issues surrounding the December holidays.

Final Reminder: the Nursery School is currently accepting applications for school year 1991-93. We will be issuing contract agreements in January and those applying after December will be put on a wait list. Contact the school office, 301-652-1228, for information.

Please save your green Giant receipt tapes for the Nursery School as we are trying to get a computer for the school office and audio/visual equipment for our classrooms. Bring tapes to the office.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 49 am - Men's Club Minyan, Breakfast - APR 11:15 pm - Children's Chanukah Party SH 4 First Chanukah Candle 6 pm - River Rd Havurah - APR</p>	<p>2 4 First Day of CHANUKAH 4:15 pm - Religious School Chanukah Party SH 7 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - AZA-YL 7 pm - JSAP - SH</p>	<p>3 4:15 pm - Religious School Chanukah Party - SH 7 pm - Rabbi's Class Basic Judaism - APR 8 pm - Ritual CM - BR</p>	<p>4 49 am - Nurs. School Fam. Chanukah Party 9:30 Legg-Mason - BR 6:45 pm - Adult B/M-BR 6:45 pm - Advance Ulpan - Rm. 201 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7 pm - JSAP - SH 7:30 pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm 208</p>	<p>5 10 am - Hebrew Literacy - Rm. 209 12 Noon - Vatikim Study Session - SH</p>	<p>6 4:30 pm - Service Candles at 4:26 pm</p>	<p>7 4:30 & 9:15 am - Services 8 pm - Reflections Dance</p>
<p>8 49 am - Men's Club Minyan, Breakfast - APR Abigail Dymond B/M - Sanctuary:SH 10 am - Sisterhood - Meeting - BR 10 am - Hebrew Literacy - Rm. 209 1:30 pm - Machar Chanukah Party - APR 1:30 pm - Kadima Chanukah Party - YL 4 Last Chanukah Candle</p>	<p>9 4 Last Day of CHANUKAH 7 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm AZA-YL 7 pm - JSAP - SH</p>	<p>10 4 Scroll #10 Deadline 7 pm - Rabbi's Class Basic Judaism - APR 7:45 pm - Nursery School Board - BR 8 pm - Executive Board Meeting - Library</p>	<p>11 4 Nursery School - Professional Day 9:30 am - Legg-Mason Seminar - BR 6:45 pm - Advance Ulpan - Rm. 201 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7 pm - JSAP - SH 7:30 pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm 208</p>	<p>12 10 am Hebrew Literacy - Rm 209 12 Noon - Vatikim Study Session - SH 7 pm - Legg-Mason Seminar - BR 7 pm - Alliance for Mentally Ill - APR 8 pm - School Comm. - SH</p>	<p>13 4:30 pm - Service Candles at 4:26 pm 9:30 - Nursery School Parent Workshop w/the Rabbi - BR</p>	<p>14 4:30 & 9:15 am - Services Adult B/M - Rocky Lang, Janice Raffel 9:30 am - Havurah Minyan - APR 10:45 am - Gan Shabbat - BR Lang Reception</p>
<p>15 49 am - Men's Club Minyan, Breakfast - APR 10 am - Hebrew Literacy - Rm 209 10 am - Sisterhood Brunch - BR 1:30 pm - Kadima - YL 47 pm - USY - YL</p>	<p>16 10 am - Hadassah Meeting - SH 7 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - AZA - YL 7 pm - JSAP - SH</p>	<p>17 7 pm - Rabbi's Class Basic Judaism - APR 8 pm - Board Meeting - BR</p>	<p>18 6:45 pm - Advance Ulpan - Rm. 201 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7 pm - JSAP - SH 7:30 pm - UJA - BR 7:30 pm - Intermediate Hebrew - Rm 208</p>	<p>19 10 am - Hebrew Literacy - Rm. 209 12 Noon - Vatikim Luncheon - SH 7:30 pm - B'nai B'rith Meeting - APR 8 pm - Youth Comm. - BR</p>	<p>20 4:30 pm - Service Candles at 4:29 pm</p>	<p>21 4 No School - Winter Break thru 1/1/92 4:30 & 9:15 am - Services Jesse Lieberman B/M 10:30 am - Nitzanin Services Weinblatt Party</p>

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