



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ADAR 13

OUR 41ST YEAR NO. 13

FEBRUARY 17, 1992

Off The Bimah

Ten measures of beauty descended on earth, says the Talmud, and nine of them upon Jerusalem. Upon arrival in Israel last month, the city of peace received the tenth measure. The eighteen inches of snow was breathtaking. Streets were fairyland jungles of fallen limbs which sometimes blocked passage. Yeshiva boys took time off from their studies to build snowmen, garbed with black Kippot, of course. In Meah Sherim, without electricity for days, housewives prepared to knead shabbat challot for baking in the homes still receiving power. Tufted in white, everyday views were overwhelming. The falling snow even rendered the Knesset pristine—the wooded slopes of Sacher Park (near our hotel) beneath it, looking like an alpine forest—while debates on election reform and deportations were necessarily postponed. Thousands of trees were destroyed, the main road to Jerusalem flooded, but the country's water shortage was helped. Snowfall in Beer Sheba. An elderly woman in Rechavia picked her way with determination through the snow, her shoes wrapped in garbage bags. Sidewalks remained icy for days—there are no snow shovels in Jerusalem, the city a study in shades of white and shades of silence.

Indeed, ten measures of beauty descended on the earth and Jerusalem, to my delight, received all ten.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

If you have a question about Bar Mitzvah scheduling please call Rabbi Maltzman directly. B'nei and B'not Mitzvah assignments have been made through June, 1994.

Rabbi Maltzman will accompany the 1992 Confirmation Class to New York on February 23 and 24. The visit will include a tour of the Jewish Theological seminary, Ellis Island, and the lower East Side. The class wants to thank Max Krents for hosting the dinner in New York City.

All In The Family

Mazel Tov to Jack and Bea Goldman, who have just received a citation from the Governor of the State of Maryland and also a Resolution of Appreciation from the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland for Volunteer Service and Leadership in the Community. Mazel Tov to Abe and Gerry Bass on the birth of a new granddaughter, Julia. Congratulations to Eric Spiegel and Anne Tishkoff on their admittance to the Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society. Mazel Tov to Harold Passes on the birth of his first grandchild, Samuel. The parents are Jill and Timothy Tillery of Plano, Texas.

If you know of a fellow congregant who is ill and/or in the hospital, please notify the synagogue office.

Shabbat Schedule

- Friday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 15, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Nitzanim Services at 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 22, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Vatikkim Shabbat
- Friday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.
Nursery School Family Shabbat Dinner at 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, February 29 at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat Shekalim
Nitzanim Shabbaton at 12 noon

Help Beth El While You Shop!!!!!!

Some of you may not know that the profits that are collected from shopping certificates help pay the synagogue bills. This in turn, may minimize dues increases. It costs you no more to use certificates and Beth El collects 5% of what you normally pay for groceries, drugs and even liquor at these stores.

Maybe it's too difficult with family and work schedules or maybe you feel that it's just too much of a hassle to have to come in to the synagogue office to purchase the certificates. Well, we do have a plan perfect for all of us that are so busy and that's hassle free: you can order shopping certificates through the mail for your favorite stores: Giant, Magruder's, Shalom, Katz's and Shoppers Food Warehouse! As an added bonus each first time certificate user who orders a minimum of \$200.00 will receive a \$10.00 certificate bonus with the *second* order. Beth El will assume responsibility for certificates lost in the mail. There is no minimum order. For further information call Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328 or Petrina Chavis at (301) 469-0518. The \$10.00 bonus is only available through the mail.

Certificates are available for purchase at the Beth El office, Sisterhood Gift Shop, at many meetings, in the car pool lines, and through home delivery. **Remember we need your support, you need to shop, what an easy way to help one another. Thank you for your support!!!**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

Saul Bendit Adult Institute • Spring Term '92

Evening Program - 15 Courses

Five Wednesdays - March 25 to April 22 • One Thursday - April 30

Daytime Program - Six Courses

Six Tuesdays - March 24 to April 28

SISTERHOOD NEWS

CALENDAR:

- Feb. 23 - JOINT MEN'S CLUB - SISTERHOOD MEETING
(9:00-11:00 a.m.)
- Feb. 23 - CURRENT EVENTS GROUP
(Time and place posted in Rotunda)
- Mar. 1 - JEWISH FAMILY LIVING WORKSHOP (9:30 & 11:30 a.m.)
- Mar. 4 - BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON TORAH FUND LUNCHEON
- Mar. 8 - JOINT B'NAI ISRAEL - BETH EL SISTERHOOD
MEETING
- Mar. 15 - CANTORIAL RECITAL / VIENNESE SWEET TABLE
- Mar. 29 - SPECIAL GIFTS TORAH FUND RECEPTION
- April 5 - JEWISH FAMILY LIVING WORKSHOP
- April 5 - TORAH FUND COCKTAIL PARTY
- April 26 - PLANT SALE

Joint Meeting of Sisterhood and Men's Club

Everyone come on Sunday morning, February 23rd, to participate in the joint meeting, starting with the minyan at 9:00 a.m. This will be followed by a sit-down breakfast at 9:30 in the Social Hall. Please note that you may reserve a space by calling Sylvia Abraham (301-530-1845) or Gabreila Bebhick (301-229-1785). We do want to be sure there is enough food to go around! We also invite as many members as possible to become sponsors of this and other functions at which food is served. Just send a check to the Beth El office for chai (\$18), attention Treasurer of Sisterhood, Julia Copperman, made out to Beth El Sisterhood, giving the names and/or occasions being marked.

The program, which will begin at 10:00 a.m., is a presentation by Cantor David Schneyer of the Kehillat Chadasha Congregation, an independent Jewish community located in Bethesda. He is also the Director of Ma'alat, a new school for training cantors. Cantor Schneyer will present a program on "The Emergence of the New Jewish Liturgical Folk Music."

While you make your reservation call, tell Sylvia or Gabreila that you will *also* come to the joint meeting with B'nai Israel Sisterhood on March 8th, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a sit-down brunch. At that meeting Sheila Kaufman of Project Pride will talk about drug abuse by Jews, including alcoholism, and other drugs, including prescription drug overuse by many unsuspecting senior citizens.

Jewish Family Living Workshop Doing Very Well

Gail Ross, Jewish Family Living Chairman, reports that over one hundred parents of Beth El school children attended the first workshop on "How to Raise a Jewish Child in a Non-Jewish Society." Many parents expressed their appreciation for this "how to" series to help them create a Jewish atmosphere at home to reinforce what is taught at Beth El, and they wanted more education for themselves to learn how to impart Jewish values. Following workshops on Shabbat and Passover (March 1 - in time to help with this Pesach, which starts on April 17), the series will conclude on April 5, with a session on "How to Talk so Children Listen."

Remember to attend the next workshop on Passover on March 1 at either 9:30 or 11:30 a.m. These times correspond to the sessions of the Sunday School. Anyone interested is cordially

invited to come, even grandparents who might like to help relate more to their grandchildren.

Now is the Time to Make Your Torah Fund Pledge!!!

Since the deadline for reservations for the Baltimore/Washington Area Torah Fund Luncheon is February 19th, call Doris Povich at (301) 320-5440 immediately with your pledge of \$28.00, the minimum contribution needed to attend both the Luncheon and our own Beth El Torah Fund Cocktail Party (on April 5). This is part of a nationwide effort of the National Women's League for Conservative Judaism; Beth El has a quota of over \$3,500.00. Luckily, we have been successful in meeting our quotas over the past several years and hope we can continue the tradition. Since \$28.00 is only the minimum needed to attend these events, we would also encourage larger contributions. There is no further charge to attend and you may bring a guest for a \$12.00 guest fee. In fact, contributions of \$136.00 entitle a member to attend a Special Gifts Reception for Benefactors, on March 29, and a lovely pin designed by artist Michael Katz of Jerusalem and two free tickets to our Cocktail Party, where one of our Sisterhood women will be honored with the Torah Fund Award for dedicated service to Beth El. This year nine people have become benefactors thus far; we had over 20 benefactors last year. Please call Doris as soon as possible with your pledges.

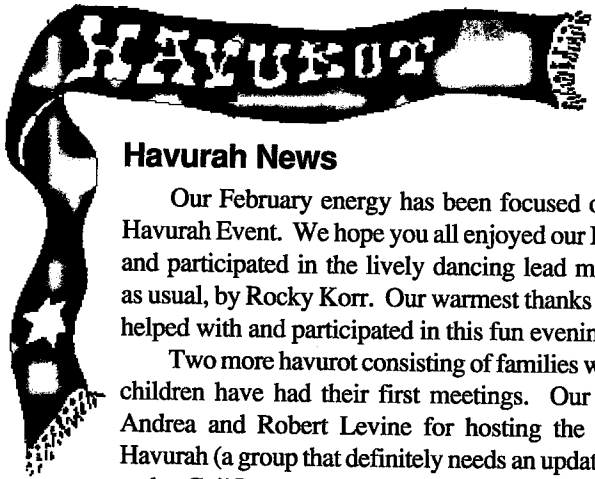
The Torah Fund Luncheon on March 4 will begin at 11:30 a.m. at B'nai Shalom, 18401 Burtfield Road, Olney. There is a \$10.00 plate charge. There will be a speaker from The Jewish Theological Seminary. Hurry and get your reservations in to Doris now!!!

Current Events Discussion Group Under Way

With Claire Marwick serving as discussion leader the initial meeting of the Current Events Group discussed several issues, ranging from the topic raised by that day's speaker at the Men's Club, the administration's tilt toward the Arabs, the outcome of the Iraqi War and that day's op-ed piece in the *Washington Post* on the deportation of Arabs and its effect on the Peace Talks. Anyone interested in attending and sounding off on a current topic is welcome. If you have a newspaper clipping, bring it in. The next meeting will take place following the Joint Men's Club-Sisterhood meeting at Beth El on February 23rd. The exact time and place will be posted on a bulletin board in the Rotunda.

\$1,500.00 Check Handed to Sisterhood from Stationery Profits

At the last Sisterhood meeting Marilyn Hammerman, Stationery Chairman, presented a check for \$1,500 to the Sisterhood Treasury, representing this year's profit so far. While Board members applauded her efforts, Marilyn lamented that this was \$1,000 lower than last year. So call Marilyn at (301) 881-0011 to buy all your paper goods. There is a great selection of stationery, matching paper plates and cups, thank you notes, invitations, napkins and much, much more—anything and everything you will need at your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or wedding celebration, as well as other kinds of parties. JUST ASK!!!



Havurah News

Our February energy has been focused on our All Havurah Event. We hope you all enjoyed our Israeli fare and participated in the lively dancing lead masterfully, as usual, by Rocky Korr. Our warmest thanks to all who helped with and participated in this fun evening.

Two more havurot consisting of families with young children have had their first meetings. Our thanks to Andrea and Robert Levine for hosting the "Newest" Havurah (a group that definitely needs an updated name), and to Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer, hosts of Havurah Family Life.

We are pleased that nine new Havurot have been formed since September. Don't let your family miss out on this unique opportunity. Let us find a Havurah for you. Call Roberta Safer, (301) 571-1707.

Havurah Update

Old Georgetown Road Havurah invites you to a presentation of Facts, Lies and Videotape, with Michael Hoffman, Executive Director of CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy of Middle East Reporting in America). This will be held on Saturday, March 7, 1992 at the Cohens, 6045 Rossmore Drive, Bethesda at 8 p.m. RSVP (301) 530-6547

Vatikim Shabbat Service

Members of Vatikim will conduct Shabbat services on Feb. 22, 1992. You are cordially invited to share this occasion with us.

BETH EL SCROLL

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County
8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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- Rabbi Emeritus Samuel Scolnic
- Hazzan Abraham Lubin
- Executive Director Steven J. Kravitz
- Education Director Louis Nagel
- Nursery School Director Ellen Darr
- Youth Director Edie Caroff
- President Erwin Groner
- First Vice President Leonard Bebchick
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From the President

It has been heartwarming for me to see the sanctuary so full every Shabbat morning. Even when there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or any other wonderful "simchas" such as the 50th wedding anniversary celebrations, the sanctuary is still full to capacity; and, this is even with a well attended early Shabbat morning service. For this reason I feel it is now time for us to begin raising funds for installing the extra permanent seats that were planned when we built the new additions, but never accomplished. At the same time we need to refurbish the sanctuary since the seats that we have are falling apart and the carpeting needs replacing.

The overall project will be under the direction of **Dolly Band**, our fine arts chairperson, and **Leonard Greenberg**, a dedicated Beth El member with expertise in construction and renovations. The campaign co-chairs will be **Benson Adams** and **Peter Friedmann**, both volunteers who are hard working and have already begun to organize the campaign. The "major gifts" chairperson is **Beryl Frank**, whose energy and hard work for the synagogue are indispensable. He will have the advice and assistance of the very able **Phyllis Margolius**, the former campaign chairman for the UJA Federation. We hope to raise all the funds for the project through donations. We will not raise the dues for this purpose. If you would like to help with this project, please call the office or one of the chairpersons.

Even more heartwarming to me than the large attendance of adults at our Shabbat services, is the ever increasing number of children attending, for that is our future. The Nitzanim program, under the able leadership of **Leslie Shedlin** and **Nancy Rose**, co-chairpersons, conduct services on the third Shabbat morning of each month for families with young children under six years old. Anyone interested in any of their activities please call one of the chairpersons or the office. The Religious School conducts a junior congregation service on Shabbat mornings for children from ages nine to thirteen. You do not have to be a student of the Religious School to attend. What we need now is a Shabbat program for the five to nine year olds, and we hope to get that started soon. Once again, please call the office if you are interested in any of these activities. Bringing your children to Shabbat services will provide for them a rich Jewish heritage and a sense of belonging. If they are comfortable and familiar with the synagogue when they are young, then they will most likely feel that way as adults.

This past month **Max Cohen** died, may he rest in peace. He was a good friend and dedicated Beth El member, active in many areas, especially with the Men's Club and early morning minyan. We all enjoyed the breakfasts that he so enthusiastically prepared for us and we will miss him.

This year's "Perspectives in Dialogue", arranged by the Men's Club, has been a great success. The speakers and their topics have been outstanding. The Men's Club also put on a Magic Show that was filled to capacity and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to **David Levine**, the chairperson of this program.

Our Sisterhood has recently pledged \$30,000 to our congregation for the synagogue refurbishment campaign. This wonderful contribution will be the kick-off donation when the campaign starts. Todah Rabah to our hardworking **Sisterhood**.

Hope to see you all in shul.

L'Hitraot
Erwin Groner

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

Beth El Forest

Natalie Adams, in honor of Louis Kramer's birthday; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib, in honor of Jonathan and Judith Levin; Ninetta, Lloyd and Julia Feldman, in memory of beloved father and grandfather, Leon Matsas; Dr. Stephen and Susan Levinson, in memory of Kazuko Okubo's father; Lloyd, Ninetta and Julia Feldman, in memory of Ann Nudell's beloved husband, Sam; Marcia and Saul Possick, in honor of Lillian Mallers' 80th birthday; Howard and Julia Copperman, in memory of Isabella Striner; Deborah Davis, in memory of Magnolia Parker; Lillian Kessler, in honor of Glenn Brenner, beloved husband and father; Lillian Kessler, in memory of Max Cohen, beloved father and grandfather; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell, in memory of Joseph George Kay's brother, Benjamin; Sandy and Abraham Lubin, wishing Eva Levitt our warmest best wishes on her special "jubilee" birthday; Gertrude and Simon Weker, in memory of Anne Brotman, mother of Lorraine Rosen; Margi and Mark Kramer, in memory of Nana.

Building Fund

Alexander and Sylvia Abraham, in memory of Benjamin Kay, brother of Joseph George Kay.

Cantor's Fund

Ethel and Jack Werner, in memory of Moses Lubin, father of Cantor Abraham Lubin, congratulations on the occasion of the engagement of Cantor and Mrs. Lubin's daughter Sharyn to Marc Levitt, in memory of Max Cohen, for the 90th birthday of Mr. Routhenstein, in memory of Benjamin Kay, brother of Joseph George Kay and for a speedy recovery for Harry Lerner; Peggy and Herb Levinson, in memory of Cantor Lubin's father; Alexander and Sylvia Abraham, in memory of Cantor Lubin's father; Marsha and Walter Arnheim, in memory of Cantor Lubin's father; Susan J. Levine, in honor of Cantor Lubin for teaching her the Torah.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

Esther and Elliot Wilner, in honor of David Gerwin's engagement.

Conservative Judaism in Israel Fund

Murray and Anne Foss, for a speedy recovery for Judith Levin and in memory of Max Cohen.

Fine Arts Fund

Myron and Lenore Lenkin, in memory of Moses Lubin, father of Cantor Abraham Lubin; Ian Band and Kim Loewenstein, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Ashton.

General Endowment Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Weker, in memory of Benjamin Kay, brother of Joseph Kay, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Hans Hirsch, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Zimmerman; Elsie and Joe Woolman, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Helen and Hans Hirsch.

General Fund

Marcia and Saul Possick, for a speedy recovery to Rita Jacobi; Lenore Swerdlow, in memory of husband, Max and mother, Sarah T. Schwartz and for a speedy recovery to Harry Lerner and Charlotte Simos; Rosamunde Ginsburg, in honor of her cousin, Claire Marwick's, Bat Mitzvah; Ann and Bruce Barcome, in memory of Paul H. Press, father of Ann Barcome and Rose Hefler, grandmother of Ann Barcome; Marilyn and Gary Wind, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Hans and Helen Hirsch and Irv and Doris Zimmerman; Harriet and Frank Weinstein; Lillian R. Freedman.

Estelle Kimball Nursery School

Sharon and Andrew Tievsky, in honor of the birth of Rebecca Hoffman; Louis Kimball, in honor of his father, Sherman's, birthday.

Library Fund

Samuel Nash, on the special birthday of Jerome Malin; Beatrice Katzen, in memory of Max Cohen.

Rabbi Jerome Lipnick Israel Scholarship Fund

Robert and Brenda Gerwin, for a speedy recovery to Dr. Judith Levin.

Mazon

Alexander and Sylvia Abraham, in memory of Cantor Lubin's father, Moses and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Helen and Hans Hirsch; Claire Marwick, in memory of Max Cohen; Elsie and Jack Trombka, in honor of Claire Marwick; Claire Marwick, in honor of the Blumenthal family, Jacob's engagement and the birth of Gayle and Eli's daughter; Robert and Brenda Gerwin, wishing a speedy recovery to Harriet Wilkins.

Morning Minyan Fund

Nancy and Cary Feldman, in celebration of the birth of Bernice and Werner Blumenthal's granddaughter, Rachel Leah; Michael and Judith Platt, in memory of David and Pauline Platt; Bob and Claire Dubinsky, in memory of Cantor Lubin's father, Moses, and for the speedy recovery of Harry Lerner; The following have made contributions in memory of Max Cohen: Isadore Routhenstein and daughter Irene Routhenstein, Bob and Claire Dubinsky, Stephen and Susan Levinson, Jerry Dunitz, Hellaine and Irwin Nepo, Robert and Brenda Gerwin; and Doris and Irving Zimmerman.

Music Fund

Judith and Jonathan Levin, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Hans and Helen Hirsch.

Esther S. and Louis A. Pinck Israel Pilgrimage Fund

Esther Wilner, wishing a speedy recovery to Murray Hammerman; Doris and Irving Zimmerman, in honor of the engagement of David Gerwin, son of Drs. Robert and Brenda Gerwin; Elissa and Harold Scheinberg, in honor of David Gerwin's engagement to Lisa Gersten and in honor of the birth of a granddaughter to Bernice and Werner Blumenthal; Jose and Tutti Sokol, in honor of Claire Marwick's Bat Mitzvah; Karl Freiberg, in honor of Minna and Al Freiberg's special birthdays; Robert and Brenda Gerwin, in honor of Doris and Irving Zimmerman's 50th anniversary.

Prayerbook Fund

Elaine and George Perlman; in memory of Samuel Debois; The Kahn family, in honor of David Gerwin's engagement.

Rabbi's Fund

Ellen and Norman Eule, in memory of Julia Breslau, mother of Joel Breslau; Calvin and Norma Golumbic, in memory of Isaac Golumbic, father of Calvin Golumbic; Murray and Anne Foss, in memory of Max Cohen; Howard and Sheila Bass Feldman, in honor of baby daughter, Julia Bass Feldman (Delila), granddaughter of Abe and Gerry Bass.

Leila Rosen Young Equality Fund

Toby and Bernie Moss, for a speedy recovery to Judith Levin.

Sanctuary Scroll Fund

Toby and Bernie Moss, in hope of Harry Lerner's speedy recovery.

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Saul Bendit Adult Institute Fund

Hellaine and Irwin Nepo, in memory of Benjamin Kay; Tanya J. Bendit and Dr. Emile Bendit; Robert L. Kaminsky, in memory of Joseph Meltzer, father of Arnold Meltzer.

School Enrichment Fund

Jeanette Leventhal, as an expression of gratitude to Cantor Abe Lubin, from Julie Rachel Silverman's grandmother.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

Joseph and Elsie Woolman; Dr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Gaspar, in honor of Stephanie Hannah Gaspar's naming; Edith and Joseph Weisz; Lillian Kessler, in honor of Irv and Doris Zimmerman's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

Louise G. Sklaroff, in honor of Claire Marwick's Bat Mitzvah; Elmira Hopp, in honor of Claire Marwick's Bat Mitzvah

Sisterhood Silver Project

Calvin and Norma Golumbic, in honor of Lillian Maller's special birthday; Norma and Calvin Golumbic, in memory of Isabel Golumbic Davison, and in honor of Claire Marwick's Bat Mitzvah; Elmira Hopp.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

Norma and Calvin Golumbic, in honor of Doris Povich, for her tireless efforts for the Torah Fund; Eugene and Cecilia Levine, in honor of Susan Judith Levine, who had the honor of reading the Torah on Saturday, January 11th.

Social Action Fund

Shirley R. Levine, in memory of her mother-in-law, Minnie Levine; Barbara Kotz; Marion and John Wolff, in honor of the speedy recovery of Anna Gelman and Sophie Weinberger.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
"EVER SINCE BABYLON"
PREMIERE CONCERT PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992
7:30 P.M.

From The Mail Box

Thank you very much for your recent generous donations of food. Your sustained interest in our project is greatly appreciated, especially in view of the increased need for assistance in our community.

Sincerely,
 Reba Hirsh
 Corresponding Secretary
 Bethesda Help

Upcoming Community Events

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is planning a Super Cities Walk on Sunday, April 5, 1992. For further information please call 202-296-5363 to volunteer to walk or help in any way you can.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington has set dates for the community wide Yom HaShoah, on Wednesday, April 29th, 8:00 p.m., at Congregation B'nai Israel and Yom HaAtzmaut, on Wednesday, May 6th, 7:30 p.m., at Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Nitzanim News

Join us for our next event, the Nitzanim Family Shabbaton. This event will be on February 29th from 12/Noon - 2:00 p.m. It is a special Shabbat experience for families with children under six. A dairy lunch will be served, followed by entertainment for the children (songs & Israeli dance), and a discussion for parents with the Rabbi. Reservations are necessary, so fill out the form below before February 24th!

NITZANIM FAMILY SHABBAT
Saturday, February 29th
12/Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$4/Adult, \$2/Child, Max \$12/Family
 Make checks payable to Congregation Beth El and note for "Nitzanim Shabbaton" on check.

Parents attending: _____

Phone: _____

Children attending: _____

Ages: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail Reservations and Check to:
 Jeanette Kuvin Oren, 13 Great Pines Court, Rockville,
 MD 20850 [Reservations due by February 24th]

Israeli Dance Class

Israeli Dance Class is forming for 5 and 6 years olds. Classes will meet Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please call Susan Greenberg at (301) 986-4966.

**Settlements and the Peace Process
 A Viewpoint**

There will be a forum on Wednesday, February 26, at 8 p.m., in the Beth El Sanctuary, by speakers Shmuel Toledano, Chairman, Council for Peace in Stages and Brigadier General Jacob Even.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Robert Lipsher** on the death of his father, **Charles Lipsher** and to the **family of Max Cohen**. A Memorial Service for Max will be held at Beth El on Sunday, March 1st at 11 a.m.

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.

February 17 - February 20

- Irwin and Rita Kopin
- Bernardo and Rosa Kotelanski
- Emily Kraft
- Diana Kramer
- Mark and Marjorie Kramer
- Robert and Loretta Kramer
- Ira and Gilliam Krefting
- Max and Edna Krents
- Malvin and Linda Krinn
- Marvin and Amy Krislov
- Jay and Connie Krupin
- William and Gaby Kuperman
- Leah Kupersmith
- Carl and Muriel Kupfer
- Adam and Sari Kurland

February 24 - February 27

- Robert and Vera Kurlantzick
- Harry and Miriam Kuskin
- Arnold and Linda Kuzmack
- Marvin and Francine Lanar
- Emanuel and Davetta Landau
- David and Sandy Landsman
- Robert and Zelda Landsman
- Allan and Rockey Lang
- Marvin and Delia Lang
- Bernard and Sylvia Laps
- Raymond and Lenora Lassen
- Arnold and Dorothea Lear
- Lester and Ruth Lee
- Charles Lehrhaupt and Frances Eisenstein
- William and Karen Lebovich

Shabbat Study Group

There is a Shabbat Study Group, held on the fourth Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m., in the All Purpose Room.

Refuah Shlayma to Anna Gelman, Murray Hammerman, Ilse Cutler, Charlotte Simos, Sophie Weinberger, Judith Levin, Murray Berger, Phyllis Dickler and Ralph Deckelbaum.

Retreat Bulletin

Dear Beth El Family:

We are thrilled with the response to the retreat of those wishing to attend. We would appreciate your sending in your reservation by March 25, 1992.

Sincerely,

Bunny Porath and Elissa Scheinberg.

**Lancaster Host Golf Resort and
Conference Center
Site of the Beth El Retreat,
May 15-17, 1992**

Hold the weekend of May 15-17, 1992. The **Beth El Retreat** will be the place to be! Highlights include:

- Lectures and musical programs celebrating the Golden Era of Spanish Jewry
- Traditional Ashkenazic and Sephardic menus presented by Chef Jonathan Rabinowitz, former Chef of the Jerusalem Hilton
- Supervised children's activities throughout the day and evening
- Plus a 27-hole championship golf course, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and swimming pools, miniature golf course, and fitness center
- Terrific outlet shopping is practically next door

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 \$75 for children under the age of 18. 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 18 and \$50 per child. The single room supplement is \$25.

For further information, call Bunny Porath at 301-907-8990 or Elissa Scheinberg at 301-340-7325.

Please complete the form below and send it with your deposit to the synagogue office. Don't delay—time is getting short.

RETREAT RESERVATION FORM

I would like to make the following reservations for the Synagogue Retreat on May 15-17.

_____ No. of adults _____ No. of children

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Address _____



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P'nina Plotkin Boik, piano - Bruce Casteel, classical guitar - Annie Debreceeny, flute

Sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood

**Sunday, March 15, 1992
3:00 p.m.**

**Congregation Beth El of
Montgomery County**

**8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
(301) 652-2606**

Sponsors: \$25 per person
(reserved seats,
name will appear in program)

General Admission:
advance \$12.50 per person
at the door \$15 per person

A Viennese table will follow the performance. Profits will go to the Israel Scholarship Fund.

Return this reservation form with your tax-deductible contribution payable to
Sisterhood, Congregation Beth El to:

**Gabriela Bebchick
6321 Lenox Road
Bethesda, MD 20817**

Sponsors: \$25 per person
(reserved seats,
name will appear in program)

General Admission:
advance \$12.50 per person
at the door \$15 per person

Please send _____ Sponsor ticket(s) to: *(please print)*

(name)

(address)

(telephone number)

Please reserve _____ General Admission ticket(s) for:
(These tickets will be held at the door)

Youth Activities . . . Galore!

* **Bonim (Grades K-2)** - Todah Rabah to parent volunteer **Hilda Sidman** who assisted at our **Bonim Movie Nite** last month.

Our Bonim members will be visiting residents at the **Hebrew Home** in March. Watch for further details.

* **Machar (Grades 3-5)** - Join us on **Sunday, February 23rd** (note the date change) at the **Wheel-A-While Roller Rink** in Rockville for an afternoon of roller skating with fellow Machar members. Meet us there at 1:45pm, and pick-up at 3:30pm. We need lots of parent volunteers - please plan to share the day with us.

* **Kadima (Grades 6-8)** - Don't forget that **Friday, February 14th** is the registration deadline for the **Seaboard Region Spring Kadima Kallah** to be held March 27-29 at Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, D.C. The theme is **Israel: The Dream and Reality**, and the cost is **\$51.00** per member with a 30% reimbursement available for our active Kadimaniks. Our own **Kadima Advisor Stacey Morrison** will be part of the regional staff, and she has many awesome activities in store for you. Don't miss this one!

Many thanks to parent volunteers **Connie Krupin** and **Carol Sherman** who helped supervise our Kadima event at the Montgomery Aquatic Center. What fun our group had that day!

* **USY (Grades 9-12)** - Our USYers are spending the weekend of **February 14-16** at a **Regional Interchapter** at Beth Tikva Congregation in Rockville. The theme of the weekend is **"Differ-ent Opinions in the Middle East"**, and each of our USY members will be given the chance to act as a renowned political leader and share his or her opinion at our "Seaboard Region Middle East Peace Conference". The interchapter will also include a mini-dance, auction and Casino Nite to raise proceeds for the Tikun Olam Tzedakah Fund.

USYers in Grades 9-12 and their parents are invited to join us on **Tuesday evening, February 18th** for an informational evening about an exciting teen opportunity. **Tami Kedar**, the local representative of the **High School in Israel (HSI) Program** will be here to share highlights of the program with us. The HSI program for 11th and 12th graders runs for 2 months; students get high school and college credit and learn about and tour Israel. Between the scholarships available all this can be done for less than \$1500! Please be sure to be here from 8:00-9:00pm; refreshments will follow the presentation. Come and invite your friends.

Our **Tikun Olam Purim Gift Basket Fundraiser** continues through **February 20th**. To have a kosher, gourmet **Mishloach Manot** basket mailed to your family or friends (especially great for kids on campus) contact me at the youth office. Additional order forms are also available at the main office. Our prices are \$18 (standard), \$24 (premium), and \$28 (deluxe). Make checks payable to **Beth El USY**. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

Shalom U'lihitraot,
Edie Caroff
Youth Director

Youth Activities - Calendar of Events

For information about all events, contact **Edie Caroff, Youth Director** at (301) 652-2608. For reservations, contact your child's Advisor. Please join us!

- **Bonim (Grades K, 1, 2)**
Advisor: Michelle Stravitz (301) 654-7908
March (date to be announced) - Annual Visit to the Hebrew Home
March 22 - Purim Carnival
- **Machar (Grades 3, 4, 5)**
Advisor: Audrey Pessin
February 23 - Wheel-A-While Roller Rink
March 22 - Purim Carnival
- **Kadima (Grades 6, 7, 8)**
Advisor: Stacey Morrison (301) 530-9328
February 14 - Registration deadline for Spring Kadima Kallah
March 22 - Kadima to staff Purim Carnival
- **USY (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)**
Advisor: Burman Berger (301) 424-1269
February 14-16 - Regional Interchapter Weekend
February 19, 26 - Seaboard Region Basketball League
February 29 - USY to staff Tikun Olam coatroom

Youth Chairman - Norman Graber (301) 983-8370

Next Youth Committee Meeting - Thursday, February 27th at 8:00 pm in the Board Room.

New members are always welcome!

Men's Club News

On February 16th, Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman will speak on "The New Jewish Population Study". As a result of this study, intermarriage and the future of the Jewish people in America has been getting more focus. The Rabbi will discuss many of the points brought out.

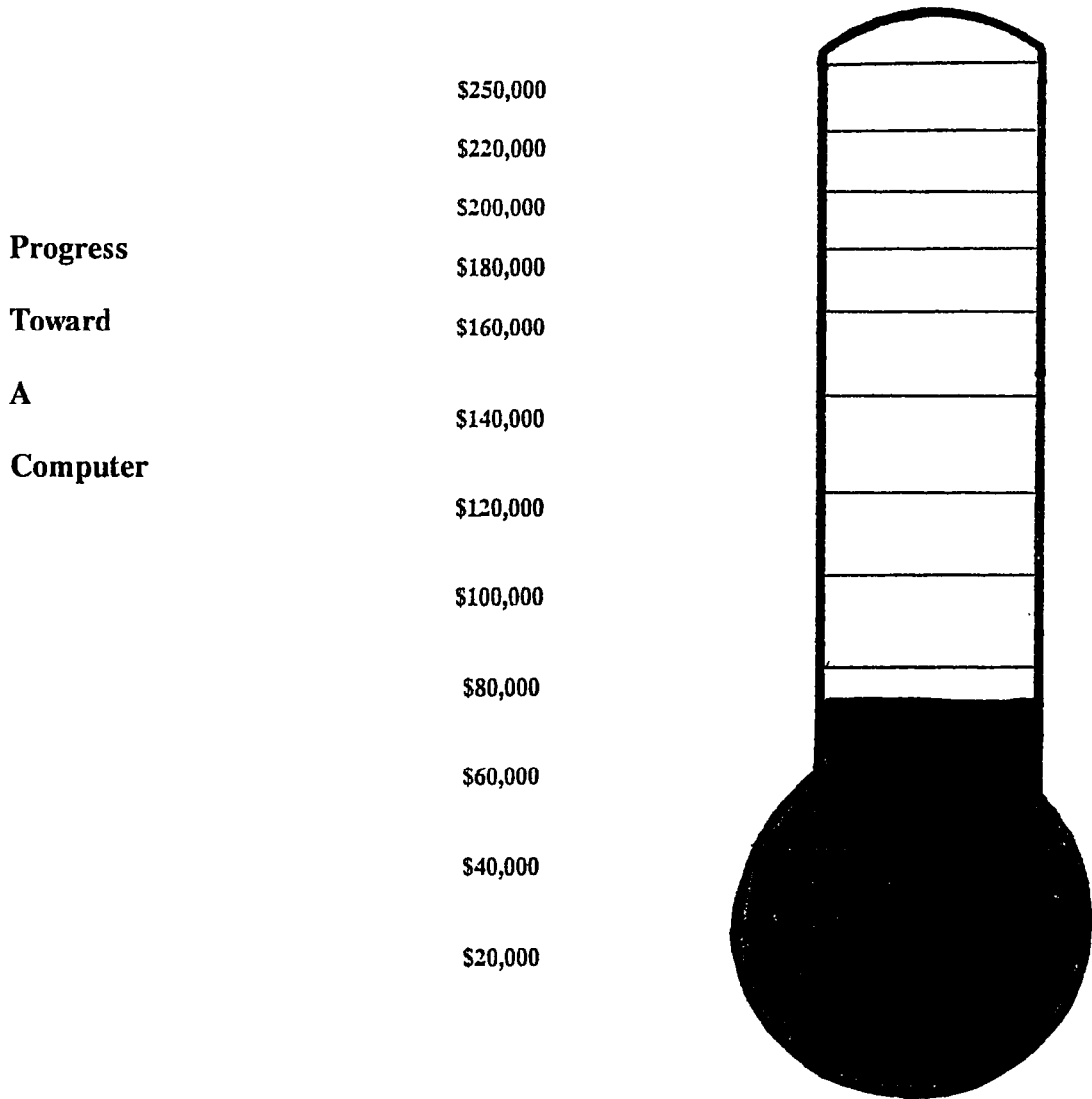
On February 23rd, there will be a Joint Men's Club - Sisterhood brunch and program. The speaker will be Cantor David Schneyer. For more details, read the Sisterhood news in this issue.

The month of March will include Dave Levine on "Investing in Israel" on March 1st; Dave Brooks on "1991 Income Tax" on March 8th; Mark Weinberg on "More on Estate Planning" on March 15th; and the Purim Carnival on March 22nd.

The Magic Show and spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Men's Club on Sunday, January 19th was a sell-out with 280 kids of all ages attending. The show featured Dr. Wonder and Jewel, professional magicians. We thank the chairman of the event, Dave Levine and his committee: Sam Margolis, Isobel Levine, Ronny and Evelyn Treinish, and Doug Wolf. This was a great idea that worked very well.

Apples for the Kids

Thank you for your continued support. By dropping off your Giant Food cash register tapes we can earn a computer for the school office.



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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk

Beth El Religious School STARS for the month of January 1992.

* = Student has received two Stars

Second Grade

Calvin Cooper
Emily Dorfman
Sarah Dutcher
Ariel Goldberg
Jennifer Rubin
Carolyn Webber

Third Grade

Anna Cohen*
Emily Eckland
Rebecca Eisen*
Jennifer Friedman
Joey Friedmann
Hanan Nassau
Joshua Rosenbloom
Kendra Rubinfeld
Leah Silver*

Fourth Grade

Daniel Bass
Jessica Binder
Leslie Blitz
Andrea Bobb*
Lauren Bregman*
Jessica Caslani
Jennifer Dorfman
Andrew Feinberg
Ariel Feinberg
Hilary Ganek
Daniel Goldman
Samuel Janney
Susanna Lewis
Matthew Lipsit
Benjamin Lozovsky
Sara Moller
Sara McDonald
Evan Rosing
David Ross
Joshua Rosenberg
Michael Schneider
Adam Sheff
Jeremy Sidman
David Turnbull
Michelle Weiner

Fifth Grade

Ivan Askwith
Maxwell Cooper
Adam Danoff
Rachel Edlow
Steven Feldman
Peter Fox
Steven Friedman*
Tallie Lieberman*
Emily Lodish
Eric Mates
Aaron Niedermayer
Lisa Rod
Naomi Rosenberg
Erin Rosenthal
Gabriel Ross*
Steven Seiden
Daniel Spiegel
Jonathan Stern
Aaron Tievsky
Lauren Wine

Sixth Grade

Leigh Adler
Hilary Allard
Nathaniel Allard
Irena Glick
Hilary Koenig
Lauren Shapiro
Ilana Simon

Essay Contest

Congratulations to all the children who submitted compositions to the Religious School Essay Contest. There were many fine essays and choosing the best from among the many submissions was a challenge for the judges panel. The first place entry in the 4th grade and under category was William Casey, a third grader in Louise Brenner's class. Honorable mention recognition went to Samuel Ganzfried (3rd grade, Brenner) and Jeremy Sidman (4th, Lillian Lipson). The first place entry in the 5th grade-10th grade category was written by Emily Lodish, a 5th grader in Helen Rib's class. Honorable mention recognition went to Jeremy Bronheim (7th, Julie Maltzman) and Deborah Kobes (7th, Sarah Leventhal). The theme of the contest was "Freedom of Religion: A Right Worth Fighting For." I would like to thank the Suzanne Bronheim and Family for sponsoring the essay contest, our wonderful teachers for motivating their students to write and judges Julie Maltzman and Debra Friedmann.

THE WINNING ESSAYS:

Freedom of religion is very, very important because being your religion is part of your life. If no one could go to synagogue or practice and study Torah that would take part of being a Jew away from us. So if no Hebrew school was allowed, I would have to pass on to my children what I knew which wouldn't be alot because I would forget some. Pretty soon the generation of Jewish customs in my family would die out and Hebrew will gradually get weaker when that happens, to most Jewish families they would really not know that much and not celebrate holidays traditionally. This could also happen to any religion if there is no religious freedom.

William Casey - Third Grade

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Freedom is a right worth fighting for because without freedom we would be forced to do things we do not wish to do. Governments would tell communities what religion to follow, without consulting anyone, just telling. Many people would be slaves and hard labor would await them every day. Innocent people could be accused of murder, robbery, or vandalism without being guilty. The world as we know it would be nothing like this, but would be full of unjust rules and unhappy people.

Religion is definitely a right worth fighting for because religion is your life and you obey its rules and laws. Even in some religions leaders tried to control people's minds, their thoughts. Citizens must have a choice of religion or joining a religion wouldn't mean anything. You choose a religion which you think has the best background, unity, and traditions. If someone were forced to join a religion these powers would have a negative effect rather than positive which is what religions want.