



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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OUR 41ST YEAR NO. 16

MARCH 27, 1992

Shabbat Schedule

- Friday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Melissa Popper Bat Mitzvah
Shabbat Study Group at 12:30 p.m.
Nitzanim Havdallah at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m.
Shabbat Dinner - Grades 6-10, USY
- Saturday, April 4, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat Hahodesh
Feld Lecture
- Friday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Adam Budgor Bar Mitzvah
Shabbat HaGadol
Gan/Nitzanim Shabbat, at 10:45 a.m.
Sedra of the Week, at 12:45 p.m.
- Friday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m.
EREV PESACH
- Saturday, April 18, 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Nitzanim Services, at 10:30 a.m.
Congregation Seder, 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 41st Annual Dinner Dance

May 30, 1992

Great Food, Great Music, A Great Time!!

For Information Call: Carla Schraub at (301) 469-0156

Help Us Honor Our Past Presidents

They've Made Us What We Are Today!!

A Trio of Engagements

Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin now have all *three* of their children engaged. Their daughter Sharyn became engaged last fall to Marc Levitt, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Levitt. Stephanie, her older sister, followed this past January with her engagement to Scott Feldman, of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Feldman. And now their cup truly "runneth over" with the announcement this month of the engagement of their son, Dr. Harlan Lubin, to Rebecca Heitler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Heitler, of Denver, Colorado.

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

Shopping Certificate profits help pay congregation bills. Do YOU participate?? Call to find out about our new incentive. For further information please contact Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328 or Petrina Chavis at (301) 469-0518.

Minyan News

Any Wednesday that the Saul Bendit Institute meets (March 25th - April 30th) the evening Minyan will be at 7:45 p.m. rather than at 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Community Events

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.

All In The Family

Mazel Tov to **Bunny Rosenstock** on the engagement of her daughter, **Susan Lynn**, to **David Friedman**. A fall wedding is planned.

Mazel Tov to **Jody and Joseph Bleiberg**, on the birth of their daughter, **Ava Sarit**.

**Refuah Schlayma to Edith Greenberg
and Leon Sherman**

Be Present at the Premiere of

"EVER SINCE BABYLON"

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992

at 7:30 P.M.

A New Oratorio Commemorating the

500th Anniversary of

Columbus' Voyage to the New World

and of the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain

With Orchestra, Chorus and Four Soloists

Invitations and Ticket Information Will Be Mailed Soon

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Announces

Operation Bedikat Chametz for Passover 5752

Before Passover this year, USYers across North America will help the elderly and infirm members of their congregation and the community prepare for Pesach and perform the ritual search for chametz.

If you know of an individual who would benefit from having USY assistance with pre-holiday light housework, kindly complete the form below and return it to **Edie Caroff, Youth Director** as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please contact the person(s) listed below about participating in **Operation Bedikat Chametz**.

Name of individual(s) needing assistance _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Congregant's Name _____

Phone Number _____

All names submitted will be kept confidential.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

CALENDAR:

- Mar. 29-30 - SEABOARD BRANCH TRIP TO ELLIS ISLAND AND SEMINARY
- Apr. 5 - TORAH FUND COCKTAIL PARTY (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
- Apr. 5 - CURRENT EVENTS GROUP, 11:00 a.m.
- Apr. 17-25 - PASSOVER
- May 3 - PLANT SALE 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- May 3 - JEWISH FAMILY LIVING WORKSHOP
- May 8 - SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
- May 14 - SISTERHOOD MEETING AND ELECTION, 8:00 p.m.

Annual Highlight of Sisterhood Year: Torah Fund Cocktail Party

The invitations are out! Everyone come to our Torah Fund Cocktail Party on Sunday afternoon, April 5th from 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Eugene Sporn, 7205 Arrowood Road, Bethesda, Maryland. Come honor Dale Gold, this year's Torah Fund Award Recipient. In case you have lost or misplaced your invitation, call Torah Fund Chairman, Doris Povich at (301) 320-5440 or Miriam Crowell at (301) 951-8644 to make your reservation, or for further information. Doris is pleased to announce that we have already exceeded last year's total of Benefactor donations (\$136.00) and we now have at least fourteen Benefactors! The minimum donation is \$28.00, which entitles the donor to one admission, and which also entitles the donor to bring a guest for \$12.00.

Jewish Family Living Workshops to Conclude on May 3rd

The final workshop in the Jewish Family Living series will be Sunday, May 3, 1992. As usual there will be two sessions, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., coinciding with the two Religious School sessions. The topic for the workshop is "How To Talk So Your Child Will Listen, How To Listen So Your Child Will Talk." Many thanks to Rabbi Rudolph and Julie Maltzman for the presentations on Shabbat and Pesach, respectively.

Gift Shop Features Passover Items

See the beautiful Seder plates, Matzah plates, and other special items to enhance your Seder table displayed in the Beth El Lobby Gift Shop. Also available are many Haggadahs, including the new "Passage of Freedom Haggadah," and one by Rabbi Goldberg. Not only will you be getting a good buy, but any profits are given directly to Sisterhood. Last month Lillian Kessler, Gift Shop Chairman, turned over a check for \$300.00 to the Treasurer.

Todah Rabah to Sponsors of Sisterhood Hospitality

Treasurer, Julia Copperman, is very pleased to report the receipt of a number of donations of *chai* (\$18.00), given to Sisterhood to honor someone on a *simcha* or other occasion. These funds will be used to help defray the costs of the brunches served at Sisterhood meetings, which have averaged \$200.00 recently. The following donations were made:

February Meeting

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| Trudy Weker | In honor of our anniversary |
| Marilyn Wind | In honor of David and Gary's birthdays |
| Harriet Filler | In honor of several February birthdays |
| Dunya Hecht | In honor of Gregory and Jennifer's birthdays |

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| Evelyn Margolis | In honor of son's new job and Harvey Gold's baby |
| Josephine Stein | In honor of Claire Marwick and Miriam Crowell |
| Trudy and Murray Haber | To help provide food |
| Fran Lebowitz | |
| Lillian Kessler | |
| Evelyn and Ronald Treinish | |
| <i>March Meeting</i> | |
| Charlotte Resnick | |
| Jackie Levine | In honor of her daughter, Isobel |
| Isobel Levine | In honor of her parents |
| Claire Marwick | In honor of her grandchildren |
| Bea Berger | |
| Trudy Weker | In honor of our February <i>Simcha</i> |
| Lucy Ozarin | In honor of Claire Marwick |

Anyone who is so inclined may send a check for \$18.00 made out to Beth El Sisterhood to the Beth El office, attention Sisterhood Treasurer, Julia Copperman, along with the name of the person being honored, or of the event being honored, or of the event being celebrated.

Marilyn Wind to Receive Golda Meir Award

The Sisterhood Golda Meir Award for this year will be given to Marilyn Wind at the Sisterhood Shabbat on May 8th. In recognition of the many years of devotion and service to Beth El and to Sisterhood and of her outstanding leadership over the years, Marilyn will be honored at the Sisterhood Shabbat during the Friday evening service and ceremonies following the Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner on Friday, May 8th. Details on the dinner and speaker will be made available at a later date. Marilyn's outstanding service as President of Congregation Beth El, as President of the United Synagogue Seaboard Region and as a National Board member, as well as Torah Fund Chairman of Sisterhood, among many other offices, chairmanships and service, are recognized by the Award.

Call Marilyn Hammerman at (301) 881-0011, for your personalized stationery and other paper goods needs.

Report of the Nominations Committee

This is the official report of the Beth El Sisterhood Nominations Committee, delivered as required at least thirty days before the election meeting:

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| President | Ellen Elow-Mintz |
| Executive Vice President | Audrey Resnick |
| Education Vice President | Arlene Shykind |
| Membership Vice President | Claire Marwick |
| Activities Vice President | Gabriela Bechick |
| Catering Vice President | Isobel Levine |
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| Recording Secretary | Ellen Murphy |
| Corresponding Secretary | David Adelberg |
| Financial Secretary | Manette Sznol |

Trustees: (Two Years)

- Sheila Bimbach
Bernice Blumenthal
Julia Copperman
Diana Kramer
Doris Povich
Shirley Gross

One Year (remaining of 2-year term)

- Bea Berger
Dale Gold
Sandra Levy
Evelyn Margolis
Hellaine Nepo
Trudy Weker

Further nominations may be made in writing by not fewer than five members in good standing, submitted to the Committee of Nominations, provided written consent of the person so nominated is received not later than fifteen days after notice of report of the Committee, undersigned: Elizabeth Bauer; Harriet Filler; Dale Gold; Jacqueline Levine; Judy Scolnic.

Beth El Self Help

Members of Beth El have become increasingly concerned about the effects of the current recession on our own small community. There is a general desire to become the sort of community which can help itself in the best Jewish tradition. We feel that we have the resources to assist those members who may, because of lack of a job or due to an unexpected crisis, need help in coping with specific problems requiring medical or dental services, legal advice, financial aid, or locating new employment. We would like to try to help. Please give us the opportunity, contact: Brenda Gerwin at (301) 652-3297 or Erwin Groner at (301) 299-3114.

Nitzanim News

Nitzanim would like to thank the following parents for sponsoring the kiddush after the Shabbat morning service on March 21st: Kay Klass and Mark Levitt, in honor of Max's third birthday, Leslie and Warren Leonard, in honor of Ariel's third birthday; Ellen and Ben Bornstein, in honor of Eitan's Fifth birthday; and Amy and Gene Goott, in honor of David's fifth birthday.

About 45 people attended the Nitzanim Shabbaton on February 29th, and enjoyed an excellent lunch, a discussion with Rabbi Maltzman and a children's music and drama program. Thank you to all who helped with this event: Gail Fribush, Jeannette Kuvim Oren and Rabbi Maltzman.

All parents who are involved in Nitzanim activities are urged to consider a leadership position for next year. The positions of President, Vice President for Special Events, and Vice President for Financial Affairs are open (and may be shared). These positions do not require a great deal of time! If you are interested or would like more information, please call Nancy Rose at (301) 951-3631 or Leslie Shedlin at (301) 320-5859.

On April 12, Nitzanim will hold a Model Pesach Seder for young children. Advance reservations are required. See the announcement below for information.

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.

March 30 - April 2

Abbe and Rhonda Lowell
Rami and Michelle Loya
Reuben and Blanche Lozner
David Lozovsky
Robert and Carol Luskin
Edward and Dalya Luttwak
James and Muriel Lyman
Judith Lyon
Bernard and Frances Maggin
Herbert and Evelyn Magid
Abraham and Lillian Maller
Jerome Malin
Rhoda Mancher
Steven Mandel
Daniel and Elaine Mann

April 6 - April 9

Lawrence and Linda Mann
Harry and Laura Mannheimer
Lawrence and Marlene Marcus
Robert Margolis
Sam and Evelyn Margolis
Philip and Phyllis Margolius
David Margulies and Donna Vogel
Maurice and Gertrude Matloff
Maxine Martin
Claire Marwick
Gary Marx and Julie Rabinowitz
Michael Mates and Lona Feldman
Robert and Kathy Matty
Jean and Reva Mayers
Betty McDonald

1992 Bible Heritage Series

Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. at Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW. **Sexuality from Biblical to Rabbinical Times with Professor Marc Lee Raphael**, Department of Judaic Studies and Religion, College of William and Mary. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. For more information please call The Foundation for Jewish Studies at (301) 770-4787.

BETH EL SCROLL

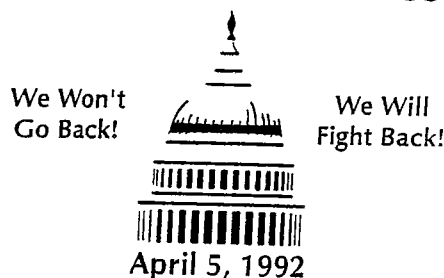
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Protect Abortion Rights NOW!

March for Women's Lives



Join the Congregation Beth El Contingency of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. You may connect with us at:

9:30 a.m. Interfaith Multi-Cultural Worship Service
at the Washington Monument
or
10:00 a.m. N.I.H. Metro Stop
or
10:30 a.m. Among the Religious Delegations on the Ellipse

Look for our Congregation Beth El Banner! (wear white)
For more information call:
Judith Casey 530-8636 or Evelyn Karson 897-8175 (eve. only)

MARCH WITH US FOR NOW AND THE FUTURE...

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

Beth El Forest

Bradley Boulevard Havurah, in honor of Irving and Doris Zimmerman's 50th Anniversary; Rhoda Mancher, in memory of Alvin Rosenberg, brother of Alexander Rosenberg; Harold and Judy Zassenhaus, in memory of Alvin Rosenberg; Natalie and Benson Adams, in memory of Ernst Bremer.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

Judith and Jonathan Levin, in memory of Howard Berger's father, Murray Berger; Julia and Howard Copperman, in memory of Benjamin Frishman; Jose and Tutti Sokol, in memory of Zvi Sharfstein; Nancy Rosenthal, in memory of Joseph Berinstein.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

Roy and Charlotte Millenson.

Disabled Access Fund

Bernard and Anita Ash, in memory of Jennie Ash.

Arthur S. Feld Memorial Fund

Flora Feld.

Fine Arts Fund

The following donations have been made in memory of Sidney Gerber: Dolly, Marvin and Mindy Band; Allison Band Levine and Andy Levine; Ian Band and Kim Loewenstein; and Selma Dorfman. Dolly and Marvin Band, in honor of Hazzan and Mrs. Abraham Lubin's son, Harlan's, and daughter, Stephanie's, engagements; Naomi and Jack Cohen, in memory of George Kessler's mother.

General Endowment Fund

Linda Greenhouse, in memory of H. Robert Greenhouse; Gloria and Beryl Frank, for a speedy and complete recovery for Judith Levin, in memory of Benjamin Kay, brother of Joseph George Kay, and in honor of David Gerwin's engagement to Lisa Gersten.

General Fund

Elisabeth Bauer, in memory of her mother, Frieda Heller; Leslie Goldsmith, Dale Kunim, Joshua, Noah and Seth, in memory of Murray Berger, father of Howard Berger; Sylvia and Irwin Ruff; Ellen R. Murphy, in honor of Alan Spiegel's Bar Mitzvah, and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Hans and Helen Hirsch and Refuah Shelemah to Judy Levin; Dan Oren, in honor of Hyman Shapiro.

Estelle Kimball Nursery School

Sherman Kimball, in honor of the Annual Nursery School Family Shabbat Dinner

Library Fund

Charlotte and Roy Millenson, in memory of Louis Katz; Mina T. Kaynard, in memory of Rebecca Kaynard

Rabbi Jerome Lipnick Israel College Scholarship Fund

Isadore Wolfson, in memory of his mother, Rosie Wolfson; Bob and Brenda Gerwin, in memory of Murray Berger, father of Howard Berger.

Mazon

Clare and Harry Lerner, in honor of Charlotte Simos and the recovery of Stanley Klimen; Sharyn and David Spiegel, in honor of their son, Alan's, Bar Mitzvah.

Morning Minyan Fund

Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish, in memory of Alex Rosenberg's brother and Sam Frishman's brother, for continued good health of Al Povich; Julia and Howard Copperman, in memory of Alvin Rosenberg; Laurie and Melvin Richter, in memory of Max Cohen; Gloria and Beryl Frank, in memory of Max Cohen; Marcia and Saul Possick, in memory of Max Cohen and in memory of Murray Berger.

Esther S. and Louis A. Pinck Israel Pilgrimage Fund

Judith and Jonathan Levin, in honor of speedy recovery for Jeanette Isen, mother of Brenda Gerwin; Allan and Shereen Mendelowitz, in memory of Arnold Lawall; Claire Marwick, in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Gertrude and Si Weker; Bob and Brenda Gerwin, in honor of Werner and Bernice Blumenthal's son, Ari's, engagement.

Prayer Book Fund

Norman and Ruth Stein, in memory of Ruth Stein's mother, Celia Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schettewi, in memory of Albert Lisbona.

Rabbi's Fund

Martin Dembo, in memory of Max Cohen; Howard Berger and Linda Goldsmith; Len Sheeskin, in honor of the Aliyah he recently received; Jack and Bea Goldman, in memory of Murray Berger; Ellen, Alexander and Norman Eule, in

honor of Alan Spiegel's Bar Mitzvah; Fay and Gerald Chernin, in honor of the speedy recovery of Mrs. E. Spitz; Dr. and Mrs. Burton S. Epstein, in memory of Benjamin Frishman; Elaine and George Perlman, in appreciation for the honors; Frances Leibowitz, in honor of Beatrice (Basha Bat Shlomo) Hindin.

Leila Rosen Young Equality Fund

Roz Sporn and family, in honor of the birth of her granddaughter, Emily Jeanne Sporn to Dan and Sharon Sporn.

Social Action Fund

Iris Kivitz, in memory of Benjamin Frishman, brother of Sam Frishman and Alvin Rosenberg, brother of Alex Rosenberg; Judge and Mrs. Joseph Woolman, in memory of Murray Berger.

Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund

Daniel Gordon, in memory of David N. Gordon.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

Josephine Stein, sponsor Sisterhood functions in February and March; Joseph and Elsie Woolman, in honor of Lillian Maller's special birthday; Dunya and Alan Hecht, in honor of the birth of Rachel Leah Blumenthal.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

Trudy and Murray Haber, in honor of Bernice and Werner Blumenthal's new granddaughter, Rachel Leah.

Sisterhood Silver Fund

Bea and Bernie Berger, in memory of Jacob Burman.

Sisterhood Torah Scroll Fund

Claire Marwick, to wish good health to Judith Levin.

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

Gloria and Beryl Frank, for a speedy recovery for Harriet Wilkins.

Vatikkim

Jack and Bea Goldman, for their participation in the Vatikkim Sabbath Service; Claire Marwick, in honor of Vatikkim Shabbat; Reba Hirsh, in honor of Vatikkim Shabbat Service.

CONGREGATION SEDER

The Congregation Seder will be held on Saturday evening, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Synagogue Social Hall
I/We would like to make the following reservations:

_____ Adults @23 Total \$ _____

_____ Non-member Adults @ \$26 Total \$ _____

_____ Children 7-12 @ \$14 Total \$ _____

_____ Children 2-6 @ \$7 Total \$ _____

_____ Children under 2 No Charge

Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Address _____

I/We would like to be seated with _____

Price includes contribution to Mazon

Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to:
Claire Dubinsky, 14403 Ash Court, Rockville, MD 20853

RSVP by Monday, April 13, 1992

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Reservations are Limited to 250

Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Passover falls on Friday evening, April 17th through April 25th. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration.

A Passover home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz or Leaven in preparation for the welcome of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of Chametz or Leaven throughout the Passover days, both at home and when away.

The term Chametz or Leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

Foods During Pesach

1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dried peas and dried beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category.

2. Permitted Foods

A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label

The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes also require no supervision.

B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Passover use are permitted in their frozen state.

C. If Certified for Passover Use by Rabbinical Authority

Matzos, matzo flour, Passover noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Passover use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear rabbinical signature.

Dishes and Utensils

1. Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Passover should be used with the following exceptions:

A. The silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Passover if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

B. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Passover if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

C. Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Passover.

2. Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.

3. The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.

4. A dishwashing machine may be used for Passover after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.

5. Microwave ovens are made kosher for Passover by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.

6. Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over. Some authorities call for a sinkliner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

Consult the Rabbi regarding any problem that confronts you in connection with Pesach.

Selling of the Chametz

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in our home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of **Mechirat Chametz**, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Maltzman sell your chametz, please mail in the following form.

I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Maltzman to sell my chametz before Passover, April 17, according to Jewish law.

Signature _____

Address _____

Feast for the First Born

The Annual Feast for the First Born Child will be held on Friday morning, April 17th, at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow.

Men's Club News

On Sunday, April 5th, the Men's Club will feature Mr. R. Christopher Whalen, Senior Vice President of the Whalen Company, Inc. Mr. Whalen's topic is "Social Security and the Deficit". The Whalen company is a 20-year old Washington firm which analyzes the economic and financial impact of political trends. They provide strategic business and communications counsel to clients in the U.S., Canada, Western Europe and the Far East. Mr. Whalen will explain how the U.S. Government is using the current surplus in the Social Security program to fund the federal deficit, instead of setting the funds aside to meet the future liability. This creates several problems which could be dangerous for future benefits if this continues. Come hear his suggestions for a few solutions to this problem. Most Americans are not as angry as they should be about the management of this very important resource. The speaker is on at 10:00 a.m., breakfast is served at 9:30 a.m. and the morning minyan is at 9:00 a.m.

THE MEN'S CLUB IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 1992

KAVOD AWARD WINNERS
FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
JEROME EHRENSTEIN
FOR SERVICE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

DAVID BROOKS
FOR SERVICE TO BETH EL
STANLEY KLIMEN
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KAVOD AWARDS BREAKFAST

APRIL 26, 1992 EIGHT DOLLARS PER PERSON
Make check payable to Men's Club, Congregation Beth El

Send to: Men's Club, Congregation Beth El
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814

Attention: Herbert Wiser (Treasurer)

Todah Rabah to Reba Hirsh

for coordinating the recent Vatikim Shabbat and for working enthusiastically for many hours to make this service a success; to **Bernard Jacobi** for reading the Preliminary Service and Mussaf Service; and to **David Brooks** for performing the Shacharit Service.

NITZANIM MODEL PESACH SEDER

WHAT: Model Seder for children ages 2-5, including stories, songs and crafts
WHEN: Sunday, April 12, 1992 10:30 - 12:00 Noon
WHERE: Beth El All Purpose Room
 R.S.V.P.:

Call Marc and Annette Lieber at (301) 881-3889

Reservations are required, and space is limited

Sedrah of the Week Study Group

Dr. Elliot Wilner will lead a monthly study group on the Sedrah of the week, with rabbinic commentary (in English) on the second Shabbat of every month. This is the second Shabbat study group sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. The group will meet in the Board Room after the Kiddush at 12:45 p.m. The first session begins on April 11. Everyone is welcome.

Shabbat Study Group

Shabbat Study Group, led by Dr. Linda Kuzmack, which meets on the fourth Saturday of the month, will now be studying the book by Rabbi Neil Gillman, *Sacred Fragments*. We will meet in the Board Room at 12:45 p.m. The series is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. Everyone is welcome!

Beth El Tree Disappears

We are pleased to advise that the fallen tree in the parking lot has all but disappeared thanks to the good work of Jack Edlow and all the woodcutters and splitters including: Jonathan Schraub, Jeff Annis, Bernie Weisz, Cary Feldman, Gene Goott, Daryl Sherman, and Mike Miller.

Also, we must thank Guardian Tree Experts who sent a crew to slice the trunk. It really helped. We hope you will remember their efforts if you need tree work.

Wood has been, and will continue to be, sold until it is all gone. Thanks, Jack, you turned a loss into a gain for Beth El.

Funeral Practices Committee to Hold Workshops

The Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington will hold an afternoon of workshop/discussions on May 17, 1992 from 1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Temple Israel, 420 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

The workshops are designed for:

Potential, new and experienced members of Synagogue funeral or bereavement committees or members of Chevrot Kadisha who want to be more active and informed about Jewish traditional practices.

Professionals in the fields of geriatrics, hospice care, social work or others who work with Jewish families around issues of death and mourning.

Jewish educators, resource people, librarians, and group organizers who want to learn more so they may help others.

Rabbis who may want to participate in this movement.

Interested individuals, who want to learn about Jewish traditions around death and mourning.

Each participant may choose to attend two of the five one-hour in-depth workshops from 2-3 and repeated from 3:30 -4:30 p.m. Experienced Chevra Kadisha members may choose a 2 1/2 hour discussion on topics to be chosen by the group.

1. Traditional Jewish practices regarding autopsies, organ donations, embalming, open caskets, funeral, burial, cremation, meal of condolence, shiva, shloshim, 11 months of Kaddish.

2. Organizing a Chevra Kadisha, bereavement or funeral committee. How to generate interest and carry on the work, and what resources are available. How to educate congregants. Spiritual rewards.

3. Cemeteries - acquiring cemetery space for your congregation or group, dealing with cemetery requirements, safeguarding cemetery funds.

4. Doing tahara - Jewish tradition of washing and dressing the *Met* (body).

5. Dealing with grief; the role of the Jewish hospice.

6. Discussion among active Chevra Kadisha members to swap ideas, happenings, and coordinate efforts.

At 1:15 p.m. we will show the video *A Plain Pine Box*. The general session will open at 1:30 with a D'var Torah followed by the philosophy and history of the Greater Washington Jewish Funeral Practices Committee. The wrap-up at 4:30 p.m. will provide materials for organizing a synagogue study session for Yom Kippur afternoon.

Donations of \$5.00 or \$10.00 at the door will cover light refreshments (Kosher), a bibliography of materials, a starter packet, and the cost of organizing this event (all work is done by volunteers).

Chevrot Kadisha will want to consider ordering cases of *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning* by Maurice Lamm, available at a special price of \$9.00 per book in cases of 36. Other related materials will be available for purchase.

The Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington is a 16 year old association of 24 synagogues, havurot, and B'nai B'rith Lodges, which educates its members on traditional Jewish funeral practices and contracts for a low-cost, traditional Jewish funeral with a local funeral home. For further information and to order books in advance, call Gershona Marcus at (301) 460-5385.



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Youth Activities . . . Galore!

Bonim (Grades K-2) - Join us on **Sunday, April 12** at 1:30 p.m. at our **Passover Crafts Center**. Our Bonim members will be creating original works of art to enhance their Seder tables. The event is open to members only, and the fee is **\$2.00** per participant. Pick up time is 3:00 p.m. Parent volunteers are needed.

Thank you, **Bob Janney, Irene Stone and David Levin** for helping our group at **Plastercraft** on February 9th.

Machar (Grades 3-5) - Be here on **Sunday, April 12th** at 1:30 p.m. as Machar members share in our **Passover Pinatas Program**. Curious? **\$2.00** is your admission fee for this fun-filled holiday event which ends at 3:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to lend us a hand.

A special thank you to **Gail Caslani and Jessica Caroff** for assisting us at the **Wheel-a-While Rollerskating Rink** on February 23rd.

Kadima (Grades 6-8) - We are proud to be sending nine Kadimaniks to the **Seaboard Region Spring Kadima Kallah** at Adas Israel Congregation on the weekend of March 22-29. They are: **Mark Epstein, Alan Spiegel, Debbie Weinberg, Joanne Lipkind, Dan Stern, Tamar Wilner, Melissa Ingber, Alison Krupin and Melissa Sherman**.

Join us on **Sunday, April 12th** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. as Beth El Kadima hosts the **Annual Chocolate Seder**. We have invited the Kadima groups from Har Shalom, Ohr Kodesh, and Nevey Shalom to be our guests. The cost is \$6.00 per participant and reservations are necessary. Chocoholics - you will love this program. Don't miss it!

March 27th is the registration deadline date for the **Seaboard Region Spring Convention** to be held from **Thursday, May 14th** to **Sunday, May 17th** at Camp White Mountain in High View, W. Va. Busses will leave the Washington area at 11:30 a.m. The cost is **\$154.00**, with a 30% reimbursement available to active USY members. The study theme for the convention is "**Gemillut Chasadim**" (Acts of Loving Kindness). Applications will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. Space is limited.

USY (Grades 9-12) - On the weekend of **April 3-5**, Beth El USY will host the **Regional Heschel and Chalutzim Kinnus**. To be members of the **Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society** a USYer must demonstrate active involvement in the study of **Torah** (2 or more hours of study per week), **prayer** (weekly attendance at services), and **acts of loving kindness** (community service projects). **Chalutzim** members join the Israel Awareness Committee in organizing regional Israel programs, participate in pen/tape pal programs with Israeli teens, and study at least 10 new Hebrew words a week. Todah Rabah to our congregant families who have offered their home hospitality to our guests. We look forward to a wonderful weekend!

Our USYers will be participating this year in a rewarding new intergenerational outreach project sponsored by the United Synagogue entitled **Operation Bedikat Chametz**. Getting ready for Passover can be an arduous task, particularly for the elderly or the infirm. In order to help this segment of the Jewish population prepare for Passover, our USY members will be performing the ritual of **bedikat chametz**, and doing some light pre-Pesach housework. The involvement of our USYers in this important mitzvah helps create caring and committed Jews, and assists in the Jewish responsibility of Tikun Olam, improving our world. If you know of a congregant or a resident in the community who would benefit from this service, kindly complete the form that you received in the Synagogue's last mailing and return it to the Youth Office immediately.

We will once again be offering "A Gift of Gefen" to raise funds for our Beth El USY Tikun Olam Drive. Make an **\$18.00** donation to Beth El USY, and receive a 1/2 gallon of Pesach wine absolutely free! Wine will be available for pick-up at Beth El during the week of April 12th. Please note the order deadline which is April 7th. Thank you for your support.

Shalom U' lhitraot,
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 29 - Visit to the Ring House

April 12 - Pesach Craft Center

Machar (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Advisor: Gary Kell - (301) 385-3868

March 29 - Joint Program with Ohr Kodesh Machar

April 12 - Passover Pinatas

Kadima (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Advisor: Stacey Morrison - (301) 530-9328

March 27-29 - Spring Kadima Kallah at Adas Israel

April 12 - Chocolate Seder at Beth El

USY (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Advisor: Burman Berger - (301) 424-1269

March 27 - Deadline for Spring Convention

March 29 - Tikun Olam scholarship application deadline

April 1 - Basketball League Championship

April 3-5 - Regional Heschel and Chalutzim Kinnus Weekend at Beth El

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

Community Resettlement Program - Seders

United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Washington is sponsoring a Community Resettlement Program. Volunteers are needed to host Russian and Iranian newcomers for Passover seders. If you can be a host for Passover please fill out the attached form and mail it to: Mrs. Judy Klein, United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Washington, 6101 Montrose Road, Rockville, Md. 20852.

1992 Passover Hosts

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (H) _____

(W) _____

I can host _____ (number) for the (1st or 2nd) seder.

_____ Yes, I can provide or arrange transportation. Do you run a traditional seder? _____

Any specific requests or additional information:

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29	9 am - Men's Club Minyan, Bikst:APR 1:30 pm - Yiddish Folk Festival 3 pm - Boy Scouts Torah Fund Recep.	30	10 am - Haddasah - BR 47 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Aerobics-SH 7 pm - AZA - YL	31	Scroll #18 10 am - Saul Bendit Morning Institute 7 pm - Smoke-enders-RM 206 8 pm - Chevra Kadisha - BR				
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
5	9 am - Men's Club Minyan, Bikst:APR 9:30 & 11:30 am - Parent's Wkshp-BR 11 am - Sisterhood Current Events-SH 11 am-Wedding- CH 11:15 am - Exten. of Hebrew - Rm 205 1:30 pm - Bonim-BR Sisterhood Torah Fund Cocktail Party (Outside)	6	7 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Aerobics - SH	7	10 am - Saul Bendit Morning Institute 7 pm - Smokenders - RM 206 7 pm-Legg Mason-BR	8	7 pm - Boy Scouts 7 pm - Aerobics - SH 7 pm - Parent's Workshop - BR 8 pm - Saul Bendit Adult Institute	9	12 Noon - Vanikkim Study Session - SH 7 pm - Alliance for Mentally Ill - APR	10	6:30 pm - Service Candles at 7:21 p.m.	11	7:30 & 9:15 am - Services Shabbat HaGadol Adam Budgor B/M 9:30 a.m - Havurah BR 10:45 am - Gan/Nitzanin Shabbat 12:45 pm - Sedra of the Week - BR

MORNING MINYAN: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

EVENING MINYAN: 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

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