



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Off The Bimah

Some time ago I spoke on Shabbat morning about the decision of Israeli's leading orchestra to perform a program of music by Richard Wagner, the German composer and Nazi icon. At the time I defended the decision in these words:

"If one considers the richness and variety of Israeli's cultural life, the quality of its orchestras, and the talent of its instrumentalists, it is difficult to believe that it is but a country of only four million, with limited resources and unlimited problems; but with all the hunger for cultural experience, there is an intolerant streak which, as we have seen, can make itself felt even in the concert hall.

"The efforts to introduce Wagner to Israeli audiences now is therefore more than an attempt to extend the musical horizons of the country. It is a fight for free speech."

A number of people present vehemently argued with my position. In response, I re-thought my approach and believe I was mistaken. I listened to those who felt that this is far more than another first amendment controversy. I am especially grateful to Darryl Sherman for his thoughtful comments. I include a portion of them as this message is most appropriate during this Passover and Holocaust remembrance season.

"The ban against Wagner is more than just a ban against one egomaniacal composer who happens to hold some odious views.

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**YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO PLAN TO attend the historic premiere** of the oratorio "Ever Since Babylon" on Sunday, April 26th, 7:30 p.m., at Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, Maryland. Sung in English with some Hebrew, Spanish, and Latin, the oratorio commemorates the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the New World and of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.



Prof. Samuel Adler



Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum

Commissioned in part by Congregation Beth El, the oratorio will be performed by the Thomas Jefferson High School orchestra and choir, which have been nationally recognized for musical excellence. Soloists for the performance include Chrissellene Petropoulos, who has performed at the Vienna State Opera and Kennedy Center, soprano; Arnold Saltzman, cantor of Adas Israel Congregation, Washington, DC, tenor; Randall Scarlata, Fulbright Scholar, baritone; and Elizabeth Wright Taylor, who has sung with the Santa Fe and Cincinnati Operas, alto. Beth El members Judith and Michael Platt, actors in regional theatre, will narrate.

Conducting the oratorio will be its composer, Samuel Adler, chairman of the composition department of the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. Professor Adler has composed more than 300 pieces, which have been performed in the United States, South America, Europe, and Israel. He has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ford Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation. The librettist of "Ever Since Babylon" is Samuel Rosenbaum, executive vice president of the Cantors Assembly and former cantor of Temple Beth El in Rochester, New York. An earlier oratorio by Cantor Rosenbaum called "Yizkor: In Memory of the Six Million" was nominated for an Emmy award.

Tickets for non-reserved seats are \$10.00 in advance from Beth El and \$12.50 at the door. Tickets for a reserved section begin at \$25.00 and include a reception with the composer at Beth El following the concert.

## Shabbat Schedule

- Friday, April 24, at 9:15 a.m.  
7th Day Festival Service  
Shabbat and Yom Tov Service, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Shabbat and Yom Tov Service (Eighth Day Pesach)  
Tahli Frankel Bat Mitzvah  
Yizkor will be recited at both services  
Shabbat Study Group, at 12:45 p.m.
- Friday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Liza Zassenhaus Bat Mitzvah
- Friday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m.  
Sisterhood Shabbat  
Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner, at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Gan Shabbat, at 10:45  
Sedra of the Week, at 12:45
- Friday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Debra Levin Bat Mitzvah  
Nitzanim Service, at 10:30 a.m.

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## CALENDAR:

- May 3 - PLANT SALE 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- May 3 - JEWISH FAMILY LIVING WORKSHOP  
9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
- May 8 - SISTERHOOD SHABBAT 6:30 p.m.
- May 10 - BOOK REVIEW 11:00 p.m.
- May 14 - SISTERHOOD MEETING AND ELECTION 8:00 p.m.

## Busy Sunday Morning in May

Plant Sale: Now is the time to pick out your garden plants!! You can pre-order using the form you received in a recent mailing, which permits you to simply pick up the order anytime after 9:00 a.m., May 3rd. Or you can select your plants anytime until 1:00 p.m. HINT TO HUSBANDS AND CHILDREN: Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 10th.

Jewish Family Living Workshop: Given the intriguing topic, all parents should plan to attend these lively sessions, as they drop off their children at Sunday and Religious School. Sherlyn Goldstein-Askwith, a member of our Beth El family, will conduct the program: "How to Talk So Your Child Will Listen and How to Listen So Your Child Will Talk."

## Sisterhood Shabbat and Golda Meir Award Presentation

Starting at 6:30 p.m. on May 8th, Sisterhood members, will assist Helen Rib in leading the Friday evening service. At 7:30 p.m. we will dine at a traditional Friday night dinner. (The reservation form was in the last *Scroll*. The deadline is May 5th; hurry up and send your checks made out to Beth El Sisterhood to the Beth El office.) At 8:30 p.m. everyone is invited to hear the annual Celia and Samuel Resnik Memorial Lecture, which will be delivered this year by Dr. Linda Gordon Kuzmack, a member of Beth El, who has been associated with the Holocaust Museum. Both the lecture and the Golda Meir Award are sponsored by Dr. Harvey and Audrey Resnik in memory of his parents. Dr. Marilyn Wind is the recipient of this year's award in recognition of her outstanding leadership.

## Chutzpa — Next Book Under Discussion

The Book Review Group will meet Sunday, May 10th, at 11:00 a.m. at Beth El to discuss Alan Dershowitz' story of his life and times, the relevance of his Jewish background to his experiences as a trial lawyer and teacher of law. Join us if you have read this book or are interested in finding out more about one of the most fascinating legal practitioners of this half of the twentieth century.

## Patronize the Beth El Gift Shop!!!!

There are still many items available and suitable for Mother's Day, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding and hostess gifts and much more!!

## Final Sisterhood Meeting of this Year: May 14th

Come to our last meeting of the 1991-1992 year at Beth El on Thursday evening, May 14th at 8:00 p.m. There will be a surprise dessert and program. The main business of the meeting is election of officers. Any further nominations must be made in writing and in the hands of a member of the Nomination Committee before April 30th.

## Potpourri

Call Marilyn Hammerman at (301) 881-0011 for all of your personalized stationery and paper goods, needs—graduations, wedding and Fathers' Day celebrations.

Many thanks to the following members who donated *chai* for Sisterhood hospitality:

- March: Elsie Woolman
- April: Bea Golfer
- Sarah Greenbaum

Refuah Schlayma to Harry Lerner

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## Off The Bimah

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Just as we are commanded to remember the Exodus, the coming out from Egypt, and what G-d did for us there, we must also remember the Holocaust and what Hitler and his moral and intellectual progenitor did to us there. To argue that enough time has passed and that the concerns of the Holocaust generation can be shunted aside is to confuse the Jewish people's historical experience with that of another people. And then individually and communally we become accomplices with those who, having denied that our peoples' lives had any meaning, now see us denying that their deaths had any meaning. If we do not blot out the names of our peoples' enemies, if the Jewish state of Israel does not recognize that it has a special obligation not to be a party to the rehabilitation of Richard Wagner, if we have consciously blurred the line between ethics and aesthetics, then we risk becoming like Hermann Levi a self-abasing Jew who was the foremost interpreter of Wagner's pagan operas during the life and after the death of the much venerated composer. The historian Peter Gay writes, 'Levi's deification of Wagner was thus more than personal, or a German-Jewish tragedy, though it was both. It was part of a larger cultural tragedy, baleful for civilization at large but particularly destructive for Germany. . . . When Richard Wagner was buried . . . the Jew, Hermann Levi, was one of the pall bearers. He left the best part of himself in that grave.' If we now become a party to the exhumation of those spirits of Valhalla then all that shall be left in that grave will be the best part of ourselves."

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

## 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.

## All In The Family

Mazel Tov to **Judith and Jonathan Levin** on their eldest son, **Joshua Zvi**, having just received his Ph.D. degree from the Department of Biology at MIT. He will do his postdoctoral work at Cal Tech. Their younger son, **Daniel Zev**, is engaged to **Risa Agin**. An August wedding in Philadelphia is planned.

Mazel Tov to **Ellen Murphy** who was nominated to serve on the Seaboard Branch of the Women's League for 1992-1994 as the elected representative to the Branch Board of Directors.

Mazel Tov to **Henrietta Levine** of John F. Kennedy Lodge, who has been installed as president of the National Capital Association of B'nai B'rith at their recent convention.

## Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Flora Singer** on the death of her mother, **Fani Mendolowitz**.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

# The 41st Annual Dinner Dance

## May 30, 1992

### Great Food, Great Music, A Great Time!!

### Help Us Honor Our Past Presidents and

### Present a Special Achievement Award to Claire Marwick!!

Any questions or for information about rides or babysitting, call Carla Schraub at (301) 469-0156

Send your reply card in by May 10th and be eligible for great prizes!!!

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

### ***Beth El Forest***

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery for Susan's sister, Karen, by Dr. Stephen and Susan Levinson; A speedy recovery for Kitty Eisenberg by Helen and Lenny Rib; Marilyn Wind receiving the Golda Meir Award by Samuel Nash; Melissa Popper's Bat Mitzvah by Julia and Howard Copperman; Nancy and Manuel Zymelman's 30th Anniversary by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Dale Gold by Jose and Tutti Sokol. In Memory Of: Murray Berger, father of Howard Berger by Sisterhood; Bernard Rosenblum by Sonya Wernick; Bernard Rosenblum by Shaari and Danny Waldman; Esther Zeitchick by Josephine and Jason Horn; David Ben Raphael by Natalie and Benson Adams.

### ***Cantor's Fund***

Mazel Tov to Hazzan and Mrs. Abraham Lubin by Shirley and Seymour Gross. In Honor Of: Hazzan and Mrs. Abraham Lubin's children's recent engagements by Ina and Joe Young; the marriage of Joy Lerner to Lee Gross by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Lerner.

### ***Estelle Kimball Nursery School Fund***

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Estelle Kimball by Louis Kimball.

### ***Esther and Louis Pinck Israel Pilgrimage Fund***

In Honor Of: The marriage of James Resnick to Beth Flax by Claire Marwick; the marriage of Burman and Deborah Berger by Claire Marwick; the marriage of Beth and James Resnick by Trudy and Murray Haber.

### ***General Endowment Fund***

In Honor Of: Roz Sporn's granddaughter, Emily Jeanne Sporn, by Ruth and George Kay; a speedy recovery of Trudy Weker by Ruth and George Kay. In Memory Of: Murray Berger, father of Howard Berger by Samuel Nash.

### ***General Fund***

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Charlotte Simos by Ilene and David Jacobowitz.

### ***Library Fund***

In Memory Of: Anna and Hy Shuster by Miriam and Eli Spark; Rose Cohen by Jessica Goldin.

### ***Mazon***

In Honor Of: Rabbi Samuel Fishman's special birthday by Dorothea and Arnold Lear.

### ***Morning Minyan Fund***

In Memory Of: Alvin Rosenberg, brother of Alex Rosenberg by Doris and Al Povich; Max Cohen by Doris and Al Povich; Benjamin Frishman, brother of Sam Frishman by Doris and Al Povich; Max Cohen by Dorothea and Arnold Lear.

### ***Music Fund***

In Honor Of: Leo Ritter's 85th birthday by Cantor and Mrs. Abraham Lubin. In Memory Of: Ida F. Haimovicz by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Hamer.

### ***Nitzanim Fund***

Ellen and Benjamin Bornstein.

### ***Rabbi's Fund***

In Memory Of: Lewis D. Prag by Dianne J. Lerner; Morris David Lerner by Herbert J. Lerner; Bernard Rubenstein, by his daughter, Marcia Possick.

### ***Saul Bendit Adult Institute Fund***

In Honor Of: Gerald Ehrenstein receiving the Kavod Award by Samuel Nash.

### ***Sisterhood Hospitality Fund***

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Rebecca Cohen by Sandra Woronow.

### ***Sisterhood Torah Scroll Fund***

In Honor Of: Dale Gold by James and Muriel Lyman. In Memory Of: Anne I. Jacobs, sister, by Shirley Boris.

### ***Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund***

In Memory Of: Mathilde Menasce Schettewi by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi.

### ***Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund***

In Memory Of: Uncle Ed by Marcia and Don Weinroth; sister of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Tenner by Marcia and Don Weinroth.

### ***Vatikkim***

In Honor Of: Sam Zukerman's birthday by Reba Hirsh.

## **Restricted Funds Facts: Noe Groner Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund**

The Noe Groner Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 by Erwin and Leena Groner and his brother, Alfred, in memory of their father. Erwin's children attended Camp Ramah when they were young and the Groners established the fund so others may be encouraged to send their children to Camp Ramah. Camp Ramah is the summer camp of the Conservative movement, with 40 years of experience, is well versed in giving children an outstanding summer experience. The Scholarship program also provides scholarships for children with special needs to attend the Camp Ramah Tikva Program, which is one of the very few Jewish summer camp programs available to special needs students. This year two children from Beth El will be attending Camp Ramah, for their first time, with scholarships from the fund. If you are interested in sending your child to Camp Ramah, call Steve Kravitz, in the synagogue office at (301) 652-2606, and he can loan you a video about Camp Ramah, which you can watch at home. Your donations to the Noe Groner Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund allow the fund to continue existing and gives children a wonderful summer experience which they will enjoy and cherish forever.



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## Havurah

The spring time is full of good occasions for Havurot to get together. There are Purim and Pesach, each full of tradition and a good excuse for a get-together. Yet these occasions are also taken by synagogue, family and other interests. Of course, once Pesach has begun, then there are no weddings or B'nai Mitzvah during Omer counting season. What is needed is a good reason for a Bar-b-que.

A quick check into tradition yields just the perfect justification. It is the 33rd day of the Omer or Lag ba'Omer. On this day you are encouraged to have a good time. It is usually perfect weather for a picnic.

We hope all Beth El Havurot, old and new, are enjoying the spring. The Jewish Family Life Havurah, one of the newly formed Havurot, is looking for additional members. This group has children between 7 and 10 years old. Please call either Roberta Safer at (301) 571-1707 or Audrey Corson at (301) 229-5855.

## Men's Club News

On Sunday morning, April 26th, the annual Kavod Awards Breakfast will be held in the Social Hall at 9:30 a.m. The three people being honored this year are: Stanley Klimen for service to Beth El, David Brooks for service to the Jewish community, and Gerald Ehrenstein for service to the community at large. A seated breakfast is served and admission is \$8.00 per person. Come enjoy the breakfast and help us honor three deserving people.

The 30th Annual Adult Laymen's Summer Retreat will be held on May 28-31st, again at Cascade, Maryland. The Scholar-in-Residence will be Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. His topics include the Life and Religious Thought of Franz Rosenzweig, Martin Buber and Abraham Heschel.

For more information/reservations call: Abe Finkel at (301) 946-4720 or Larry Selwin at (301) 871-1699.

## Beth El Forest

Effective May 1, 1992, Trees purchased for the Beth El Forest will be \$7.50. Leaves on the Tree of Life are available for \$250.00 and Yahrzeit plaques are \$300.00.

## 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.

## Angels Needed!!

We are in need of 10-15 prayerbooks for the vision impaired. If you would like to dedicate a large print prayerbook, please send \$40.00 for each book to the synagogue office with your dedication.

## Bingo Volunteers Needed

The Hebrew Home of Greater Washington needs volunteers on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday of the month for help with Bingo. The time is from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Please phone Alan Schulman at (office) (301) 468-4815 or (home) (301) 924-0078 if you are able to help.

## Auction Planned to Help Local Man with Leukemia

The "Bill Gold Drive for Life" will be holding a fund-raising auction on May 9th at 8:30 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel in Pentagon City. The event is the latest effort to help find a "miracle match" bone marrow donor for Bill Gold, a 35-year-old Arlington father with leukemia. Donated items to be auctioned off include Redskins tickets, weekend getaways, a computer, a Persian rug and much more. Steve Buckhantz, Channel 5 sports director, will host the gala event. All proceeds and contributions are tax-deductible and go directly to cover testing costs associated with the donor search. To order tickets, send \$18 per person to: Bill Gold Drive for Life, P.O. Box 4771, Falls Church, VA 22044. For further information, call (703) 671-7178.

## Directory News

By now all of you should have received your new *Beth El Directory* in the mail. Additional copies are available from the synagogue office at \$4.00 a copy. Please mail a check for \$4.00 to the synagogue office and the directory will be mailed to you.

At this time we wish to apologize to Jonathan and Debra Morgenstern; we listed their address and phone number incorrectly. The correct listing is: Jonathan and Debra Morgenstern, 1138 Halesworth Drive, Potomac, Maryland 20854, (301) 294-3456.



Wednesday, May 20, 1992  
at 8:00 p.m.

Lecture

## GOD AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

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## Nitzanim News

Nitzanim would like to thank the families who sponsored the Kiddush after the Shabbat Morning Children's Service on April 18th: **Lisa and Lewis Horowitz**, in honor of **Rivke's** second birthday, **Kay Klass and Mark Levitt**, in honor of **Joel's** first birthday; and **Evelyn Karson and Donald Kaplan** in honor of **Josh's** second birthday. Yasher Koach to **Lewis Horowitz**, for leading the April 18th Shabbat service in **Rene Boni's** absence.

Our Havdallah and Dinner, planned for March 28th, had to be canceled as there were very few advance reservations. Todah Rabah to **Brenda Schmand** and **Debbie Olchyk**, for their efforts in planning the event. We hope Nitzanim families will RSVP for special events in advance whenever possible—frequently we have last minute reservations and it is difficult to plan our activities.

## Notes from the Board of Director's Meeting

At the March Board meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended hiring a Bethesda-based accounting firm, Kaufman, Davis, Reubelmann, Posner & Kurtz, for the coming year. They will assess, evaluate, and propose improvements in our accounting system. This firm submitted the lowest bid and demonstrated the best experience with nonprofit organizations. The Board decided to hire the firm, subject to receiving good reports from references as to their credentials.

The Long-Range Planning Committee gave a preliminary report on its study of the adequacy of the facilities for Beth El's religious and nursery schools and size of the sanctuary for the next few years.

The problem of building security was discussed. Because there have been a few recent awkward incidents of intrusion by people who had no valid business in the building, the security arrangements will be re-assessed with a view to increasing control over access to all areas. The President suggested that members be alert to the presence of strangers and take responsibility for introducing themselves and talking with them.

These subjects and others, such as budget, will be discussed at the Congregation meeting in May to provide opportunity for input from the members.

The policy for kitchen and custodial charges for events held by synagogue groups was restated. "Kitchen and custodial help hired specifically for a group-sponsored event during daytime, evening or weekend hours will be charged to the group. Regularly scheduled kitchen and custodial personnel who attend to a group-sponsored event during their normal working hours will not be charged to the sponsoring group. Any group wishing to obtain an estimate of charges in advance of an event may do so by consulting the Executive Director."

Information from monthly Board meetings will be carried in the *Scroll* in response to interest expressed variously by members. (We hope that members will also find in these notes a basis for discussion at Congregation meetings, where most final decisions are made regarding Beth El's operations.)

Norma Golumbic

## 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. The evening Minyan will begin at 7:45 p.m. on the Wednesday nights that the Saul Bendit Institute meets and conclude at 8:00 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.

### April 27 - April 30

Barry and Karen Neuman  
Robert and Beatrice Newell  
Judith Newman  
Roy Niedermayer and Gail Ross  
Peter Novick  
Richard and Varda Nowitz  
Bette Nussbaum  
Robert and Rosine Nussenblatt  
Philip Ochs and Sheila Cohen  
Estelle Odle  
Samuel and Debra Olchyk  
Jay Olshonsky and Gayle Forst  
Dan Oren and Jeanette  
Kuvin Oren  
Alan and Linda Orenstein  
Herman and Evelyn Orentlicher

### May 4 - May 7

Max and Vivian Osias  
Jerome Ostrov and  
Roberta Baruch  
Lucy Ozarin  
Arthur and Sarah Paikowsky  
Steven and Dianna Palance  
Mark and Rina Palchick  
David and Helene Papilsky  
Jeffrey and Freida Poskow  
Harold and Gaye Passes  
David and Gertrude Pearl  
Irving and Hamaline Peltz  
Max and Anne Perim  
George and Elaine Perlman  
Irwin Pernick  
Robert and Barbara Phillips

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### From The Principal's Desk

At the March 17th School Committee meeting two significant changes were added to the school program that will take effect in the 1992-93 school year. An optional mid-week enrichment class will be offered to next year's first grade class and the seventh grade class will meet during Sunday late session from the beginning of the year.

The first grade enrichment class will be an opportunity for students to pursue areas of study not included in the general curriculum due to time limitations. Among the potential areas of study are: conversational Hebrew, dance, art and bible stories. The class will be scheduled to coincide with Tuesday afternoon's Religious School classes. A second grade enrichment class will be added in the 1993-94 school year.

The seventh grade class will no longer participate in Shabbat Morning Junior Congregation. Instead the students will attend classes on Sunday mornings from the beginning of the year. In order to continue developing their familiarity with the Shabbat service students will be required to attend the Congregational Shabbat morning service at least once a month through the course of the school year.

## Dinner with the Rabbi March 6 and April 3

Throughout the school, classes are participating in learning experiences that take advantage of some of the special human resources we have within the Beth El family.

Daniel Mann who directed the Israel Affairs Department of B'nai Brith and is on the faculty of Baltimore Hebrew University talked to the 8th/9th graders about Israel and the American Press and provided background on the \$10 Billion Dollar Loan Guarantee story as a part of the classes' study on contemporary Israel.

The 7th grade classes of Julie Maltzman and Sarah Leventhal learned about the art of papercutting from an acknowledged expert and a skilled instructor Tamar Fishman. The activity was in part motivated by the upcoming BJE sponsored student art exhibition.

Douglas and Brenda Bregman re-stated their wedding vows with Rabbi Maltzman officiating and witnessed by the 4th grade early session classes and their children Lauren, Ben and Daniel. This was a part of the class' study of the Jewish life cycle. A beautiful invitation was executed by Daniel Goldman and the ketuba was crafted by Perri Pleeter. A special thanks to the newly re-weds for their enthusiastic participation and to teachers Juliann Goldman and Alisa Lotati who organized and prepared the students for this activity.

## Religious School Early Registration - April 12-May 10

By now you should have received registration materials for school year 1992-93. Registration forms will be accepted starting on Sunday, April 12th. The "Early" registration period will continue through May 10th. All registrations received after May 10th will be charged at a higher "Regular" tuition rate. Classroom spaces will be filled on a first-come, first served-basis so please get your registration forms in as soon as possible. If you have not yet received your school registration packet please stop in or call the school office at (301) 652-2608 to receive the necessary forms.

## Special Needs Class

The Religious School will offer a class for special needs learners for the 1992/93 school year. The class will be open to children in upper elementary school grades who are in self-contained classes for their secular education. The program of studies will parallel the general curriculum and will include history, ethics and values, holidays and Hebrew instruction. Class size will be limited to five students. The class will be held on Sundays from 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. If you are interested please contact Louis Nagel, Education Director in the School Office at (301) 652-2608.

## Youth Activities . . . Galore!

**Bonim (Grades K-2)** - Be with us at Bonim's annual trip to **Adventure Theatre** in Glen Echo Park on **Sunday, May 3rd** at 3:30 p.m. We will see **The Phantom Tollbooth**, based on the book by Norton Juster. It is a scary (but not too scary) tale of a young boy's quest for wisdom! Tickets are **\$4.00** per participant, and parents and siblings are encouraged to join us. We must have your reservation by April 29th.

**Machar (Grades 3-5)** - Join us on **Sunday, April 26th** at 3:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Rockville at **Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus**. Tickets for this "up close and personal performance" are **\$6.00** per member. Reservations are a must! Parents and siblings are welcome. Pick-up time is 4:45 p.m. on the JCC grounds.

**Kadima (Grades 6-8)** - Columbia Kadima has invited us to a **Regional Splashdown Party** at the Columbia Swim Center in Wilde Lake Village on **Sunday, May 3rd** from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is **\$7.00** per member which includes refreshments. RSVP by April 26th. A Kadima chapter event is being planned for **Sunday, May 17th** - save the date!

**USY (Grades 9-12)** - Meet us at the **Cabin John Indoor Ice Rink** on **Sunday, April 26th** to skate with USY from 12:30-2:30 p.m. We will leave the Beth El parking lot at 12:15 p.m. The cost is **\$7.00** per member and includes your skate rental.

Today Rabah to the following congregants who offered home hospitality to our USY guests during the **Regional Heschel and Chalutzim Weekend on April 3-5: Rabbi Samuel and Tamar Fishman, Warren and Judith Greenberg, Robert and Brenda Gerwin, Gail Fribush and Rabbi Rudolph, Timothy and Hannah Lipman, and Sharon and David Spiegel**. We appreciate your generosity.

*Shalom U' lihtraot,*  
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  
May 3rd - Adventure Theatre

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

Advisor: Gary Kell - (301) 345-3868  
April 26th - Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus  
May 3rd - Adventure Theatre with Bonim Group

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

Advisor: Stacey Morrison - (301) 530-9328  
May 3rd - Regional Splashdown Party in Columbia, Md.  
May 17th - Spring Program (to be announced)

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

Advisor: Burman Berger - (301) 424-1269  
April 26th - Indoor Ice Skating at Cabin John Park  
May 14-17th - USY Spring Convention  
May 30th - Spring Reunion Dance

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

**Next Youth Committee Meeting** - Thursday, May 21st  
at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

*New members are always welcome!*

# April 19 - May 16

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Apr 19</b> 9:15am Services 6:30pm Service NO SCHOOL 4/17-4/26	<b>Apr 20</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>Apr 21</b> 10:00am Saul Bendit Inst.	<b>Apr 22</b> 6:45pm Advanced Ulpan-RM. 201 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm. 208 8:00pm Saul Bendit	<b>Apr 23</b> 9:00am Beginning Hebrew - Rm 209 Candles at 7:34 p. m.	<b>Apr 24</b> 9:15am Service 6:30pm Friday evening service 6:30pm Service Candles at 7:35 p. m.	<b>Apr 25</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 9:15am Tahli Frankel B/M 12:45pm Shabbat Study Group - BR PESACH - Yizkor
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<b>Apr 26</b> 9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Kavod Awards - SH 11:15am Exten. of Hebrew-Rm 205 7:30pm Ever Since Babylon 9:00pm Post Concert Reception - SH	<b>Apr 27</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts School Resumes	<b>Apr 28</b> 10:00am Saul Bendit Inst. 7:45pm Nursery Parents - APR 8:00pm Board Meeting 8:00pm Inter. Hebrew - RM. 208 Scroll #20 Deadline	<b>Apr 29</b> 6:45pm Advanced Ulpan-RM. 201 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm. 208 Yom HaShoah	<b>Apr 30</b> 9:00am Beginning Hebrew - Rm 209 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session 8:00pm Saul Bendit Institute	<b>May 1</b> 6:30pm Friday evening service Candles at 6:42 pm	<b>May 2</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 9:15am Lisa Zassenhaus B/M
<b>May 3</b> 9:00am Plant Sale 9:00am Men's Club 11:15am Exten. of Hebrew-Rm 205 1:30pm Bonim - BR Parent's Workshop 9:30 & 11:30 am-BR	<b>May 4</b> 4:15pm Religious School - APR 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>May 5</b> 8:00pm Keruv - BR Resume Weddings	<b>May 6</b> 6:45pm Advanced Ulpan-RM. 201 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm. 208 Yom HaAtzmaut	<b>May 7</b> 9:00am Beginning Hebrew - Rm 209 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session 4:15pm Religious School - APR	<b>May 8</b> 6:30pm Sisterhood Shabbat Evening Services 7:15pm Sisterhood Dinner No Nursery School-Parent/Teacher Confer. Candles at 6:49 pm	<b>May 9</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 10:45am Gan Shabbat 12:45pm Sedra of the Week
<b>May 10</b> 9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 11:00am Sisterhood Book Review-BR 11:15am Exten. of Hebrew-Rm 205 1:30pm Machar - APR Mother's Day	<b>May 11</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>May 12</b> 6:00pm Trinity Lutheran Church Dinner 7:45pm Nursery School Board - BR Scroll #21 Deadline	<b>May 13</b> 9:00am Nursery School - SH 6:45pm Advanced Ulpan-RM. 201 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm. 208	<b>May 14</b> 9:00am Beginning Hebrew - Rm 209 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session 6:30pm Legg-Mason - BR 7:00pm AMI - APR 7:30pm Sisterhood Election - SH	<b>May 15</b> 6:30pm Friday evening service Candles at 7:02 pm	<b>May 16</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 am 9:15am Debra Levin B/M 10:30am Nitzanin Services 9:15pm JASS Casino/Dance Retreat Weekend

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

**EVENING MINYAN: 8:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
7:45 p.m. Wednesday**

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