



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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OUR 41<sup>ST</sup> YEAR NO. 19

MAY 8, 1992

## Cantor Lubin to Sing at International Convention

Cantor Abraham Lubin has been invited to sing at a major concert of cantorial music during the 45th International Convention of the Cantors Assembly to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in May.

The Cantors Assembly is the international organization of cantors affiliated with the Conservative movement.

Cantor Lubin presently serves as treasurer of the Cantors Assembly. We are proud of his achievements and wish him success in his singing assignment at the convention.

### 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!!

You are eligible for a prize

if your response card is postmarked by May 10th.

If your donation is in the "partner" category (\$350),  
you are also eligible for a prize.

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

### Flash!!!

We've hit \$30,000 profit!! Pat yourself on the back if you're one of the more than 500 families supporting the shopping certificate project. But it isn't too late if you haven't started yet. Join us now... on the way to our \$50,000 goal. We'll make it so easy and convenient for you.

*Attention Day School Families*

Our Annual Shabbat Dinner

Will Be Held on June 12, 1992

**Details to Follow**

### Shabbat Schedule

Friday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m.  
Sisterhood Shabbat  
Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner, at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Gan Shabbat, at 10:45 a.m.  
Sedra of the Week, at 12:45 p.m.

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.

Friday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Jeremy Bass Bar Mitzvah  
Shabbat Study Group, at 12:45 p.m.

### Vatikkim Luncheon

Please join us for our next Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, May 21st. Rabbi Emeritus Samuel Scolnic will review Alan Dershowitz' book *Chutzpah*.

Lunch is at 12 noon at a cost of \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. The program is at 1:00 p.m. Please fill out the following reservation form to pay in advance. Checks should be made payable to Beth El Vatikkim and sent to: Bea Goldman at 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902, phone (301) 942-9434 or Lillian Kessler at 11809 Rosalinda Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, phone (301) 299-6201.

### RESERVATION FORM VATIKKIM LUNCHEON Thursday, May 21, 1992

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon. Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please have your response reach us by May 19, 1992.

**Note: This is the only form that will appear.**

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## CALENDAR:

- May 8 - SISTERHOOD SHABBAT 6:30 p.m.
- May 10 - BOOK REVIEW 11:00 a.m.
- May 14 - SISTERHOOD MEETING AND ELECTION  
8:00 p.m.
- June 5 - INSTALLATION DINNER 6:30 p.m.

### Election of Officers at Final Sisterhood Meeting

Everyone is invited to join us for a surprise dessert treat on Thursday evening, May 14th at 8:00 p.m., as well as a wonderful musical program that is sure to entertain you.

Our meeting's main purpose is to elect a slate of officers for next year. There have been a couple of changes: Evelyn Margolis will replace Audrey Resnik as Executive Vice President. Audrey is going to be living overseas next year. Since Evelyn still has one year left in her term as Trustee, Judy Goldman is nominated to that post. If any further nominations are received, a letter of notification will be sent.

### Sale at the Gift Shop

Lil Kessler announces that there will be a sale of Pass-over goods during the entire month of May. Here's your chance to purchase that seder plate you've been eyeing. She also proudly turned over to the Sisterhood Treasury a check for \$1,200 at the last Board meeting, making a total of \$2,700 in profits turned over thus far this year. Congratulations to Lil and her helpers for a great job!

### Seaboard Branch Conference in Baltimore

All Sisterhood members are invited to attend the Seaboard Spring Conference at Chizuk Amuno in Baltimore when a full program of workshops, programs, displays and many other events are scheduled to help us make effective use of all the services that are provided to the Sisterhoods by National and Seaboard Branch. To be held Sunday and Monday, May 17-18, registration is prepaid but you must cover meals. Call Ellen Murphy at (301) 762-7796 for further information.

### A Final Word From President Miriam Crowell

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Sisterhood Board and membership for all of their help and support for this past year, which has been so very rewarding in many ways, culturally, spiritually, and financially. My heartfelt thanks to one and all.

Miriam Crowell

### Todah Rabbahs From Doris Povich

Torah Fund Chairman, Doris Povich, wants everyone to know what a fantastic job they did to make the Torah Fund cocktail party a great affair: to Roz Sporn, who so graciously offered her lovely home as the locale; to Miriam Crowell, who worked so very hard to bring together the delicious dinner and elegant service, aided by Sandy Levy and Jackie Levine; to Sonja Schultz, who singlehandedly addressed and mailed out over 1,200 invitations. Special thanks also go to Dorothy Beverly and her helpers who cooked and served the delicious food. Special thanks also to all who generously made donations to the Torah Fund, all of which go to support the activities of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Dale Gold who received the Torah Fund Award for this year also deserves many thanks for being so gracious and deserving of this award for service to Sisterhood.

### Sisterhood to be Represented at Jewish Community Council

Blanche Lozner has been appointed as Sisterhood's representative on the Jewish Community Council.



## BETH EL SCROLL

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

- Rabbi ..... Jonathan Z. Maltzman
- 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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## Help Beth El While You Shop!!!!!!

Shopping Certificate profits help pay congregation bills. 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.

*John F. Kennedy Lodge*  
*of B'nai B'rith*  
*Cordially Invites You to the Nineteenth*  
*Presentation of its*  
**PROFILES IN COURAGE AWARD**  
*to*  
*Jack A. Blum, Esquire*  
*Former Consultant*  
*U.S. Senate Banking Investigative*  
*Committee*  
*For Disclosing the*  
**BCCI BANKING SCANDAL**  
*Thursday, May 21st*  
*at 8:00 p.m.*  
*Congregation Beth El*  
*8215 Old Georgetown Road,*  
*Bethesda, Maryland*  
  
*Refreshments following the program*

### Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Clare Lerner** on the death of her husband, **Harry Lerner**, **Michlean Amir** on the death of her father, **Oscar Lowy**, **Carole Kaminsky** on the death of her mother, **Ida Bloom**, and to **Flora Singer** on the death of her mother, **Fani Mendolowitz**.

## Restricted Funds Facts - Fine Arts Fund

The Fine Arts Fund, established in 1989, to meet the needs of the interior of the Beth El building has been responsible for the Chapel and library furniture and the redecorating of the Bride's Room. Your donations to the fund allow the fund to continue to provide for the further beautification and decoration of our building.

## Nitzanim News

What a fun and instructive model Passover Seder we had for the kids! Thank you to Marc and Annette Leiber for leading it. Not only did the children enjoy making haroset and eating traditional foods, but also doing arts and crafts, singing songs and having stories read.

Next is our joint picnic with the Nursery School on May 31st. This is always a well-attended and enjoyed event. There will be crafts, games and fun at a local park playground. Reservations are needed (see next *Scroll*).

The next Gan Shabbat Service is on May 9th at 10:45 a.m. in the All Purpose Room for children in Grades K-3. The next Nitzanim Shabbat service is on May 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the same room.

There is a questionnaire for all Nitzanim families about their interests, input and what they would like to volunteer for next year. Nitzanim has become a wonderful and large group of families who enjoy getting their young children involved in Jewish activities in a fun way. Pick-up a questionnaire at the next Nitzanim Service or call Leslie Shedlin at (301) 320-5859.

## Spring and Mattress?

In Camp Springs, Maryland, there is a shelter that is a safe harbor for abused and abandoned women with their children. Everyone gets a single cot. When a new resident arrives, frightened and sick, it would be important that the child be comforted in the arms of its mother. We need a double bed for them.

If you, or anyone you know, have a double bed (in good condition) that you can give to the shelter, it will be a great mitzvah. We can pick it up and deliver it. Your contributions towards our purchase of the bedding, would be a big help. Call Blanche Lozner, Social Action Committee, at (301) 654-0268.

## Donations to Endowments

The endowments for the Congregation are now held by the Congregation Beth El of Montgomery Support Foundation, Inc. and are no longer held by the congregation. As the Support Foundation is a voluntary organization and is therefore unable to handle a vast number of donations, after May 1, 1992 only donations of \$100 or more will be forwarded to the Support Foundation for inclusion with the endowments. Donations received for the endowments which are less than \$100 will be put in the General Fund to be used for a purpose close to the purposes of the endowment specified.

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

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

In Honor Of: Tutti Sokol's Torah reading by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule; Dori and Matthew Shandell Fox's help at Alexander's Bar Mitzvah by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule; in appreciation of Esther Rubin by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule; and in appreciation of Rosalind Daskal by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule; the speedy recovery of Dr. Harold Fassberg by Brenda and Robert Gerwin; the speedy recovery of Trudy Weker by Brenda and Robert Gerwin; Erika DeHaven Weiss' first birthday by Brett and Laura Weiss; Mark Andrew Berlin by Brett and Laura Weiss. In Memory Of: Sydney Freedman by Shaari and Daniel Waldman; husband, Leo Schimmel, by Mrs. Jane Schimmel; Albert Grant by Joe and Elsie Woolman; Hana Schechter by Edmund Schechter; Sylvia Locke, beloved mother of Adele Becker by Arlyn and Harvey Becker.

### ***Building Fund***

In Honor Of: Melissa Popper's Bat Mitzvah by Evelyn and Al Fox. In Memory Of: beloved wife, Cecile Kopit, by Leo Kopit.

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

In appreciation of Hazzan Abraham Lubin by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule. In Honor Of: Marilyn Wind receiving the Golda Meir Award by Susan and Harvey Sherzer.

### ***Chevre Kadisha Fund***

In Memory Of: Mother, Mollie Maller, by Lil and Abe Maller; Joseph G. Resnick by Bernard T. Resnick; Max Scherr by Elaine and Daniel Mann; Jacob and Rose Frishman by Eleanor and Samuel Frishman; mother, Mildred Berinstein by Nancy Rosenthal.

### ***College Fund***

In Honor Of: Danny Sokol, my Bar Mitzvah Tutor, by Alexander Eule.

### ***Conservative Judaism in Israel Fund***

In Memory Of: Morris Heckman and Pauline Heckman by Bernard Heckman.

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

In Memory Of: Raphael Corson by Audrey Corson and Dan Kazzaz; beloved wife, Estelle Kimball, by Sherman Kimball.

### ***Fine Arts Fund***

In Memory Of: Fani Mendelowitz, mother of Flora Singer by Dolly and Marvin Band.

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

In Honor Of: A speedy and complete recovery of Trudy Weker by Elsie and Joe Woolman. In Memory Of: Jean Sherman by Lola and Gerald Sherman.

### ***General Fund***

By Rhonda Kleiner Lowell; Chag Sameach to the Blumenthal Family by Erna Seligman. In Honor Of: The naming of granddaughter Lauren Hoffman by Dr. Maxwell M. Hoffman; service for First Born by Elizabeth and Stuart Weisberg; David Brooks, Gerald Ehrenstein, Stanley Klimen by Rita and Irwin Kopin; MiSheberach to Robert Grossman by Esther and Julius Sherman; Dale Gold receiving the Torah Fund Award by Saradona and Leonard Lefkowitz. In Memory Of: beloved husband, Harry M. Shooman, by Helen K. Shooman; Louis M. Wigdor by William Gerber.

### ***Havurah Fund***

In Honor Of: Ina Young's Torah reading by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule.

### ***Library Fund***

By Audrey and Albert Berger. In Memory Of: Sadye Moshman by Annette and Jack Moshman; Ethel Aisner Aaronson by Eleanor Aisner Sargent.

### ***Mazon***

By Marianne Strauss; By Elmira Hopp; By Bea and Bernard Berger. In Honor Of: Their daughter Melissa's Bat Mitzvah by Helen and Arthur

Popper; Melissa Popper's Bat Mitzvah by Melissa Popper; our new son, Adam Fred Moskowitz, by Carol and Daniel Moskowitz; the marriage of Jim Resnick to Beth Flax by Brenda and Robert Gerwin; holding the Torah on Saturday by Sylvia and Len Sheeskin. In Memory Of: David Pollack and Alison Levy Caffin by Linda and Alan Orenstein.

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

In Honor Of: The engagement of Hazzan and Mrs. Lubin's three children by Nancy and Cary Feldman. In Memory Of: Samuel Frishman's brother, Benjamin Frishman, by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo; grandmother, Helen Moskowitz, by Carol and Daniel Moskowitz; father, Max Mannheimer, by Laura and Harry Mannheimer; Ruben Kaplovsky by Lillian and Jay Miller; Max Cohen, father of Barbara Spitzer, by Elmira Hopp; parents Abraham and Dora Wolf by Sy Wolf; parents Abraham and Sarah Krupsaw by Barbara Wolf.

### ***Music Fund***

In Honor Of: Trudy Weker's recovery by Rosalie Sporn. In Memory Of: father, Solomon Berde, by Irene Hauser; Max Kleine by Herman Kleine.

### ***Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund***

In Honor Of: The marriage of Jim Resnick to Beth Flax by Elaine and Daniel Mann; the birth of granddaughter Rachel Leah by Brenda and Robert Gerwin. In Memory Of: Gussie Deutsch and Joan Latner by Howie and Susan Feibus; Barney Barr by Dr. Solomon E. Barr; Flora Singer's mother by Elaine and Daniel Mann; Harvey Shapiro by Dr. Melvyn Shapiro; Pauline Weintraub by Carol and George Sege.

### ***Prayerbook Fund***

In Memory Of: Sister, Eve Scharf by Elaine and George Perlman; grandfathers Bernard Cash and David Kanovsky by Ellen Teller and Martin Kanovsky; Rose Belkin by Dr. and Mrs. Morris Belkin; Sarine Cohen Lisbona by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Schettewi.

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

In Honor Of: The naming of granddaughter Emily Megan Malka Margalite by Sy and Sondra Taubenblatt; and in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule; Gloria Frank by Grateful students. In Memory Of: Harry Burkom by Mrs. Hessa Broder; sister, Ursula Mandelstam by Marion F. Wolff; Sylvia J. Nash by Samuel Nash; Bernard Rubenstein, father of Marcia Possick, by Marcia Possick; Lillian Hurwitz by Beatrice Breger.

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

In Appreciation of My Board Members by Miriam Crowell.

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

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery for Trudy Weker by Trudy and Murray Haber.

### ***Social Action Fund***

In Memory Of: Father, Samuel Lozner, by Reuben Lozner; Father, Philip Rosner, by Blanche R. Lozner; Fred Moskowitz by Dan Moskowitz.

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

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Irving Spiegel, by David Spiegel.

### ***Vatikkim***

In Honor Of: A speedy and complete recovery of Fran Leibowitz, by Marcia and Saul Possick. In Memory Of: Max S. Cohen, by Gertrude Cohen.

## **Beth El Forest**

Effective May 1, 1992, Trees planted at the Beth El Forest will be \$7.50. Leaves on the Tree of Life are available for \$250 and Yahrzeit plaques are \$300.

## CONDITION WORSENING: Visiting Israeli Scientist Needs Heart Transplant, Financial Aid

When Dr. Yaron Nophar of Israel joined NIH 8 months ago, he was in reasonably good health and anticipated continued scientific success in NICHD's Laboratory of Mammalian Genetics and Development. He had earned his Ph.D. at the Weizmann Institute in 1990 and was at NIH under a World Health Organization grant to study different aspects of the development of mice.

Just recently, the sky fell in on Nophar when he was diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy, a condition whose treatment may necessitate a heart transplant; his insurance carrier (the more expensive of two plans offered to visiting scientists) doesn't cover such a procedure.

Less than a year ago, Nophar, 33, was hale enough to climb mountains in Nepal, Thailand and the Philippines with his wife of 5 years. Only a few months ago, he was able to play soccer and run like any healthy young person. Today however, a flight of stairs poses difficulty. "I get out of breath very easily," he says. "It is rapidly getting worse."

Physicians in both the U.S. and Israel ran extensive tests to make their diagnosis. While medicines to treat symptoms can be prescribed, nothing short of a heart transplant will cure Nophar. It is possible that, without a transplant, he could die within the year. Nophar was born in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv. At age 3, he was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, a condition with which he has lived, quite robustly, for the past 30 years. "I've always managed to do whatever I wanted," he says, "I even served in the Israeli army. Now, a pilot I couldn't become, but otherwise I found a way to contribute as any other citizen in the country."

"There is no clear connection between diabetes and heart disease," Nophar states. "Dilated cardiomyopathy is a very specific disease, and has been related in some cases to viral infection. Sometimes it happens out of the blue sky." As recently as 3 months ago, Nophar suffered symptoms only once every week or two. Now, "I reach a point where I feel it every day. My condition is deteriorating very quickly. I'm afraid I don't have much time. Every day is a new struggle."

Nophar needs at least \$150,000 to be transplanted. Because he has diabetes, the transplant is too complicated a procedure to be done in Israel. "I tried to check whether it is possible to (get a transplant) in Israel, but they can't handle such complicated cases. They have very limited heart transplant experience." He has applied already to two U.S. transplant centers — the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Minnesota. Pitt charges a minimum of \$170,000 while UMinn can do it for about \$112,000. These sums can go much higher. "The only reason I can't (get a transplant) is that I don't have in my pocket such a sum of money."

Nophar should already be in the pre-transplant evaluation stage, which he is trying to finance personally and with family funds. Should he raise enough money to be transplanted, Nophar would need at least a year to recover after the operation. Nophar has tried every other means of helping himself, to no avail. Casting pride aside, he has no choice but to rely on the help of others. Randy Schools, general manager of NIH's R&W and an experienced fundraiser, has volunteered to help Nophar collect money.

Anyone wishing to donate funds for Nophar's care can call Mr. Schools at (301) 496-6061 or contribute directly to the Yaron Nophar Fund, Box 337, 11140 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; Nophar himself can be reached at (301) 496-1851. "Any amount whatsoever would help a great deal," said the scientist.

## 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.

### May 11 - May 14

Anthony and Marion Pitch  
Harry and Babette Pitt  
Shirlene Platshon  
Michael and Judith Platt  
Saul Pleeter  
Milton and Bertha Pochter  
Michael Polis and Rhoda Barish  
Mark Pollak and Janet Meyers  
Richard and Sandra Pollen  
Howard and Adrienne Polster  
Joel and Elizabeth Popkin  
Arthur and Helen Popper  
Zvi and Barbara Porath  
Franklin Portugal  
Saul and Marcia Possick

### May 18 - May 21

Michael and Adeen Postar  
Louis and Carole Potash  
Michael and Lisa Pote  
Albert and Doris Povich  
Renee Pressman  
Peter and Ruth Preuss  
Barry and Barbara Pupkin  
Aaron and Shirley Racusin  
Irving and Grace Raifman  
David Raim and Leslie Shedlin  
Arnold and Hilary Raizon  
Howard and Anita Ratain  
Sydney and Anne Ratcliffe  
Shirley Ratner  
Sanford and Shelley Reback

## In The Mail

Dear Steve Kravitz:

The Yiddish Culture Festival is now over and it was a huge success, thanks in part to Beth El for the role it played as a co-sponsor and for its most generous offering of its facilities as an in-kind contribution. And most especially for your personal interest and cooperation. The synagogue employees were most cooperative in every respect and the banquet and catering staff did a wonderful job and we are so very pleased.

The Planning Committee of the Festival takes this opportunity to express its gratitude and thanks to Congregation Beth El and to yourself for your help in making the Festival an overwhelming success.

With best good wishes,  
Henry Bluestone, Coordinator

We would like to thank Melissa Popper for donating to The Shepard's Table the food collected at her recent Bat Mitzvah. Shepherd's Table is a local soup kitchen in Silver Spring which provides food and other services to needy, homeless and disadvantaged individuals. Congregation Beth El has been a long time financial supporter of Shepherd's Table, and organizes a group each month to feed the hungry. We appreciate Melissa's thoughtfulness, kindness, and insight into helping the hungry and needy.

Diane L. Sondheimer  
Beth El Co-Coordinator for Shepherd's Table

## Men's Club News

On Sunday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m., Nathan Weissman will speak on the Nixon tapes and its references to Jews and other minorities. Weissman is a retired correspondent who has done research on the Nixon tapes and its many hours of recorded data.

On Sunday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Warren Greenberg will speak on the country's health insurance crisis. Greenberg is a health economist and a professor on the faculty of George Washington University. His recent book, "Competition, Regulation, and Rationing in Health Care" addresses the burgeoning problems the health care sector confronts. His approach is very different from the one presented by the Russo Bill, recently discussed at the Men's Club.

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.

## Ilana Boin, Religious School Music Teacher, In The News

Soprano Ilana Boin had great success and affinity with Gypsy music at her Tuesday night recital at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church — perhaps her dark curls and attractive stage presence helped assure that effect. In Brahms's Gypsy songs, "Zigeunerlieder," she flitted through musings of love with a sweet, appealing tone, sometimes teasing, sometimes sincere. In Verdi's song of Gypsy girl, "La Zingara," she offered an expertly accented and ornamented description of the vagabond life.

Against the rippling keyboard accompaniment of George Peachy, Boin ventured into the shifting harmonies of Henri Duparc; her interpretation of "Chanson Triste" unfolded with fluid lines and bloomed in a shimmering crescendo. Her performance of Verdi's "Tacea la Notte Placida" was less fluid — her high phrasings were sometimes clipped when they should have expanded and she lost some of the grace notes in the intricate *cabaletta*. There were also some problems in Verdi's "Stornello," where she and her accompanist were rhythmically at odds with each other.

Throughout the program Boin's diction was excellent. In Martin Kalmanoff's setting of Emily Dickinson's "Some Keep the Sabbath Going to Church," her clear phrasings described the poet's Sundays at home "with a bobolink for a chorister and an orchard for a dome."

—Jeanne Spaeth, Washington Post 4/2/92

## From The Principal's Desk

### 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-con-

tained 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 (652-2608).

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

Time is running out on the Early Registration period which closes Sunday, May 10. 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 (652-2608) to receive the necessary forms.

### Upper School Program

Over the course of this year, and in preparation for next year, the Upper School Program is experiencing a renaissance. The curriculum has been rewritten from the ground up basing each year's program on a unifying theme. A Tikun Olam-Social Action component has been added to each grade's program and a series of expert speakers has been integrated into the program plan.

The Eighth grade curriculum is developed around the concept IM EIN ANI LI, MI LI — If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when? The students will explore Judaism's unique ethical and religious demands to take care of ourselves and others. Organized into two components "The Spiritual Self" and "Relationships" students will investigate Jewish Views on God, Cults, Kabbalah & Jewish Mysticism, Personal Responsibility, Honesty, Homelessness and Prejudice.

The Ninth grade program of studies is built around the concept TZEDEK, TZEDEK TIRDOF — Justice, Justice you shall Pursue. The students will learn about justice and injustice in the world and how the Talmudic rabbis sought to promote fairness. The students will explore how a more just society can be developed and how they can play a part through studies into the ancient Bet Din, Bio-Ethics, Ecology, Contemporary Politics, Civil Rights, Human Rights, Jewish Views on War and Peace, Contemporary Studies on Israel and, the ultimate case of justice perverted, The Holocaust.

The Tenth grade/Confirmation class course is based on the concept B'TZELEM ELOHIM — In God's Image. The students will explore the decision making process (Free Will) and Jewish Views on Sexuality and Sexuality Related Issues. Subtopics will include Homosexuality, Abortion, Pre-Marital Sex, Interfaith Marriage/Interfaith Dating, and AIDS & STDs. The students will also have a seminar with the Rabbi on Conservative Judaism and sessions with the Hazzan relating music to studies in the content areas.

This will be an exciting course of studies for our teenagers leading to Confirmation and hopefully a lifetime of Jewish learning. The attention the School Committee and I have devoted to developing this program is based on an understanding of the

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importance of religious education beyond the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service. Adolescent learners need a different school experience than that presented to pre-adolescents. With an eye toward encouraging a lifetime of affiliation with the synagogue, engaging adolescent learners is taken as a great challenge that must be taken up. This curriculum meets that challenge. We know we can keep the children in the classroom. The contest now centers on getting the children into the building. The parents who have been succeeding at that rank up with the great heroes and heroines of our people. The ball is once again in your court. Let's be realistic. Given the choice what do you think a teenager will choose between: a Tuesday night 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. class at the synagogue, a chance to catch up on homework, some early sleep, an 8:00 p.m. sitcom and Nintendo. I know you've got a challenge. Parents where do you stand! Registration for next year is in process now. Vote with your pens.

We are even offering a partial amnesty to students who have not been in the school since Bar/Bat Mitzvah. They will be accepted back into the school for 8th, 9th or 10th grade. However, in preparation for re-entering the school they will be expected to complete a project from among a nearly limitless variety of choices. This may not sound like a great way to encourage re-entry, but trust me, it is a valuable pre-condition. I am excited about this course of studies and believe the students will be too. This is a program in which the whole congregation will be able to take pride.

## Youth Activities . . . Galore!

**Bonim (Grades K-2) and Machar (Grades 3-5)** - Our Bonim and Machar activities are completed for this calendar year. Thank you, Advisors **Michelle Stravitz** and **Gary Kell** for a job well done!

Today Rabah to the parents who assisted us at our visit to **The Ring House**. They are: **Bob Janney, Irene Stone, Linda Goldsmith, Martha Wexler** and **Vera Kurlantzick**.

Mazel Tov to **Michelle and Steven Stravitz** on the purchase of a new home in Falls Church, Virginia. We wish them much happiness there!

**Kadima (Grades 6-8)** - Kadima fun continues with a **Surprise Spring Event on Sunday, May 17th**. Watch your mailbox for details. Also, mark **Monday, June 22nd** on your calendars. It's our day to head off to **Kings Dominion** with the Kadima groups from Adas Israel and Har Shalom. Be sure to join us!

**USY (Grades 9-12)** - The **Seaboard Region USY Spring Convention** will be held from **Thursday, May 14th to Sunday, May 17th** at Camp White Mountain in High View, West Virginia. Yasher Koach to our Beth El delegates: **Eric Spiegel, Ariel Fishman, Elyssa Greenberg, Arianna Ross, Michael Woorman** and **Anne Tishkoff**.

The **Annual Spring Reunion Dance** is scheduled for **Saturday night, May 30th** at Congregation B'nai Shalom in Olney. Details to follow soon.

Many thanks to the following congregants who supported our **Pesach Gift of Gafen Tikun Olam** project: **Marsha Rehms** and **Walter Arnheim, Judith and Stanley Baldinger, Toby and Bernard Moss, Shirley Ratner** in memory of **Mozart G.**

**Ratner, Donna Vogel and David Margulies, Esther Grabill, Trudy and Murray Haber** in honor of **Marilyn Wind, Arlene and Jerome Golub, Hal and Elissa Scheinberg, and Debbie and Burman Berger** in honor of their parents.

*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!

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

Advisor: **Stacey Morrison** - (301) 530-9328  
May 17th - Surprise Spring Program  
June 22nd - Trip to Kings Dominion

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

Advisor: **Burman Berger** - (301) 424-1269  
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!



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

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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

**MORNING MINYAN: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday**  
**EVENING MINYAN: 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday**

<b>3</b>	9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:00am Sisterhood Plant Sale 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 1:30pm Bonim - BR Parent's Workshop 9:30 & 11:30 am-BR	<b>4</b>	4:15pm Religious School - APR 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>5</b>	8:00pm Keruv - BR Resume Weddings	<b>6</b>	6:45pm Advanced Ulpan-Rm. 201 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm. 208 Yom HaAtzmaut	<b>7</b>	9:00am Beginning Hebrew - Rm 209 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session 4:15pm Religious School - APR	<b>8</b>	6:30pm Sisterhood Shabbat Evening Services 7:15pm Sisterhood Dinner No Nursery School-Parent/Teacher Confer. Candles at 6:49 pm	<b>9</b>	7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 10:45am Gan Shabbat 12:45pm Sedra of the Week
<b>10</b>	9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 11:00am Sisterhood Book Review-BR 1:30pm Mearsh - APR Mother's Day	<b>11</b>	7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>12</b>	6:00pm Edlow Dinner 7:45pm Nursery School Board - BR Scroll #21 Deadline	<b>13</b>	9:00am Nursery School-SH 6:45pm Advanced Ulpan 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm. 208 8:00pm Bd. of Dir. Mtg.	<b>14</b>	9:00am Beginning Hebrew - Rm 209 12:00pm Vatikim 6:30pm Legs-Mason - BR 7:00pm AvM - APR 7:30pm Sisterhood Election	<b>15</b>	6:30pm Friday evening service Candles at 7:02 pm	<b>16</b>	7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 am 9:15am Debra Levin B/M 10:30am Mizanin Services 9:15pm JASS Casino/Dance
<b>17</b>	9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 1:30pm Kadima - YL 6:00pm Deligent Wedding-Sanct.	<b>18</b>	7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>19</b>	7:15pm JCA - Sanct. & Gall. 8:00pm School Comm.-APR	<b>20</b>	6:45pm Advanced Ulpan-Rm. 201 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Intermediate Hebrew - Rm. 208 8:00pm Found Jewish Studies Lecture	<b>21</b>	9:00am Beginning Hebrew 12:00pm Vatikim Luncheon 7:30pm B'nei Brith-APR 8:00pm Youth Comm-BR <b>LEAG-BOMER</b>	<b>22</b>	6:30pm Friday evening service Candles at 8:01 pm	<b>23</b>	7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 9:15am Jeremy Bass B/M 12:45pm Shabbat Study Group - BR

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