



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Off The Bimah

Of all the issues that tear at our society, few provoke as much emotion, or seem as complex, as does the question of homosexuality.

After a much publicized debate, which has stirred and will continue to stir strong emotions in our Movement, the Committee on Laws and Standards recently rejected a proposal that would have allowed homosexuals to serve as rabbis in Conservative Congregations and thus grant them full and open religious equality. At the same time a resolution was passed saying that gay men and women were welcome as individual members with, of course, all the rights and privileges to be granted them as any other member of a Conservative congregation.

The positions expressed by the committee reflect society's viewpoints ranging from those who feel that society must cultivate the heterosexual marital ideal or its foundations will be threatened, to those who maintain that to discriminate in any way against a person because of his or her sexual orientation is the moral equivalent of discrimination against a person on the basis of color or religion—that is to say, bigotry plain and simple. And there are those torn between those two claims who do not concern themselves with the actions of consenting adults in the privacy of their home, who oppose government involvement with what consenting adults do in private, but have difficulty with the unambiguous language in Judaism which condemns homosexuality. (One proponent within our movement maintained that the verses in the Bible that call male homosexuality an "abomination" referred only to coercive or casual sex since, he said, the kind of committed adult homosexual relationships known today were not widespread in Biblical times. Other members of the Committee disagreed.)

It is clear that this issue will remain a controversial one for years to come. Whatever our own philosophical, legal, or emotional orientations may be, the possibility has been left open—and I welcome this—to reconsider the question after a movement wide discussion of appropriate Jewish standards of sexuality for our age.

*Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman*

## Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Sadie Brooks**, beloved wife, and **David Brooks**, beloved brother, on the death of **Louis Brooks**.

## Shabbat Schedule

- Friday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 20, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Joseph Zalis Bar Mitzvah  
Nitzanim Service, at 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 26, 16, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 27, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Shabbat Study Group, at 12:45 p.m. in the  
Board Room
- Friday, July 3, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 4, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

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If anyone is interested in Chanting a Haftarah during the summer months, please contact Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman at the synagogue office at (301) 652-2606. There are a few openings available. Please contact the Rabbi if you would like a High Holiday honor as well.

## Directory News

Daniel Hirsch and Brenda Gruss have moved to 10201 Garden Way, Potomac, MD 20854, their new phone number is (301) 299-2367.

Additional Beth El Directories are available from the Synagogue office for a \$4.00 fee.

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## 1992-1993 Officers Duly Elected and Installed

Elected at the Sisterhood meeting on May 14, 1992 and installed on June 5, 1992, was the following slate of officers:

President	Ellen Elow-Mintz
Executive Vice President	Evelyn Margolis
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### Trustees:

<b>Two Year:</b>	<b>One Year:</b>
Shiela Birnbach	Lillian Kessler
Bernice Blumenthal	Bea Berger**
Julia Copperman	Dale Gold**
Judy Goldman*	Sandra Levy**
Shirley Gross	Hellaine Nepo**
Doris Povich	Trudy Weker**

\* Name inadvertently left off previous list  
 \*\* Serving last year of two-year term. Lillian Kessler was elected to replace Evelyn Margolis as trustee for one year.  
 Note: Bea Golfer resigned as Catering Co-Vice President

Members who attended the final membership meeting of the year were treated to an evening of Yiddish music by Seymour Gross, accompanied by Marilyn Hammerman at the piano with her inimitable arrangements of a wide variety of Jewish music. As a surprise, Marilyn and Shirley Gross provided Seymour with an appropriate headdress for Chassidic songs. Those present also enjoyed do-it-yourself sundaes to top off the evening.

Sisterhood's officers were officially installed at the Congregation Installation following the Installation Dinner on June 5th. At the Joint Board Dinner and Meeting on June 11th, the Old Board passed on to the New Board the portfolios of office.

## New Items at the Gift Shop

Lillian Kessler announced that there are some new items available in the Gift Shop — non-tarnishable silver-plated candlesticks. These might be suitable as bridal gifts or for hostess gifts. If you need any sort of Judaica during the summer, just let Lillian know of your needs and she will be glad to arrange a time to meet you. Keep an eye on the displays in the Gift Shop window to see what's new!

## Jewish Week Subscriptions

Julia Copperman wants to remind all Beth El members that when you buy or renew subscriptions to the *Jewish Week*, if you do it through her, Sisterhood will receive a credit for the subscription without any added cost to you. Just send her your statement and check made out to Sisterhood in the amount billed. You can send it to the Beth El office, addressed to her, or to her home address: 9806 Marquette Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. If you have any questions, call Julia at (301) 530-3624.

## Book Review and Current Events Groups Conclude Successful Season

With their final discussion program the Book Review Group had a stimulating session on May 10th attended by the largest number of interested people for this year. Whether it was the popularity of Alan Dershowitz' book, *Chutzpah*, or the topic of how much nerve Jews should use in dealing with other Americans, there was a lively discussion which bodes well for the continuation of this group next year.

The final meeting of the Current Events Group, in which all those who attended were invited to bring up whatever current news event(s) concerned them, was held on Sunday morning, May 31st. It was a good chance to "sound off" on whatever concerned the group.

If you are interested in either of these groups, or have another suggestion for next year, call Jill Gerstenfeld at (301) 530-7272 or Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328.



We apologize to Marilyn Kweller, whose letter was inadvertently inserted in the *Scroll* without her permission.

## In The Mail

Dear Friends,  
 Thank you very much for your recent generous donation of food.  
 We appreciate your steadfast support of Bethesda Help, as well as the significant number of Beth El members among our dedicated working group.

Sincerely,  
  
 Reba Hirsh  
 Corresponding Secretary

## Foundation of Jewish Studies Scholar-in-Residence

The opening community lecture by Professor Menachem Kellner, Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00 p.m. at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, "A Post Modern Understanding of the Jewish People", launches the three-month tenure of the Fall 1992 Scholar-in-Residence sponsored by The Foundation of Jewish Studies. The lecture is free of charge and open to public. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

Professor Kellner holds the Wolfson Chair of Jewish Thought at the University of Haifa where he has taught since 1972. He is the co-author of the highly regarded *Contemporary Jewish Ethics and Dogma in Medieval Jewish Thought*. Professor Kellner has taught and served as a guest lecturer at the University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Temple University and Northwestern University. He is the recipient of prizes and awards from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Memorial Foundation, Hebrew University and the American Academy for Jewish Research. He holds a Ph.D. from Washington University, St. Louis.

Sponsored by the Foundation of Jewish Studies in the Washington area, Professor Kellner will teach adult education mini-courses and offer individual lectures on the Messiah in Judaism, the History and Idea of the Chosen People, the Cultural History of Spanish Jewry, and Moses Maimonides, at local synagogues, community centers and the Board of Jewish Education in Maryland, DC and Virginia during September, October and November. For more information, please contact the Foundation for Jewish Studies, (301) 770-4787.

### BETH EL SCROLL

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## The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily evening Minyan for the next two weeks. We invite the post Bar/Bat Mitzvah children of these families to attend the Minyan with their parents. It is only through the help and participation of all our members that we can maintain our daily evening Minyan. The Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. During the week of your assignment, please attend as many evenings as possible. We are anxious that those who are saying Kaddish have a Minyan that they can attend at Beth El.

### June 22 - June 25

Elias and Andrea Savada  
Gordon and Liliana Schatz  
Edmund and Gerda Schechter  
Peter Schechter  
Harold and Elissa Scheinberg  
Michael and Diane Scheininger  
Edmund and Charlene Scherr  
Mark and Kimberlee Schifrin  
Barry and Elinor Schimel  
Jane Schimel  
Peter and Marianne Schissler  
Benjamin and Joyce Schlesinger  
James and Brenda Schmand  
Herman and Minna Schneider  
Howard and Shira Schneider

### June 29 - July 2

Kate Schneider  
Michael and Maris Schneider  
Benjamin Schoen and Judy Danish  
Devera Schoenberg  
Andrew Schoenholtz and  
Janice Liebowitz  
Tom and Sarine Schrank  
Jonathan and Carla Schraub  
Oliver and Rachel Schueftan  
Jay and Wendy Schuler  
Brian and Cookie Schulman  
David and Sonja Schultz  
Michael and Faith Schwartz  
Stanley and Carole Schwartz  
Ira and Deborah Schwarz  
Jay and Betty Schwartz

## Nitzanim News

The next Nitzanim Shabbat service will be on June 20th, at 10:30 a.m., in the All Purpose Room. As usual all children 6 and under and their families are invited. A Gan Shabbat service for children in grades K-3 will be held on June 13th at 10:45 in the All Purpose Room.

Remember to fill out your Nitzanim questionnaire regarding interests and activities that you would like Nitzanim to pursue and to volunteer in helping Nitzanim activities happen. For questionnaires or to volunteer next year call Nancy Rose at (301) 951-3631.

## Cantor Lubin Appears on TV Program

Cantor Abraham Lubin is featured in a special TV presentation, "The Cantor", produced by Beth El member, Dr. Sanford Kay. The half hour program will be telecast on Montgomery Cable Channel 49 (Channel 23 on Cable ready sets) on Tuesday, June 23rd at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 28th at 9:00 p.m.

We are proud of both Cantor Lubin and Dr. Kay for the production of this timely documentary on "The Cantor".

## 1992 Beth El Retreat

We would like to thank everyone who made the 1992 Beth El Retreat such a overwhelming success. We look forward to the 1993 Retreat on March 27, 1993. Thanks again for everything.

Bunny and Zvi Porath and  
Elissa and Hal Scheinberg

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

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

In Honor Of: The birth of new granddaughter, Coren Shur, by Elizabeth and Chuck Anello. In Memory Of: Abe Horn by Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer; Adele Weinstein, mother of Elizabeth Anello, by Elizabeth and Chuck Anello; Helen Pittel by Sandra C. Woronow; Ruth Wald's daughter-in-law, Cecilia Wald, by The Vatikkim; Sam Zukerman by Julia and Howard Copperman; Harry Lerner by Judge and Mrs. Harry H. Kuskin. The following have made donation in memory of Sam Zukerman, beloved husband of Etta Zukerman: Reba Hirsh; Judge and Mrs. Harry H. Kuskin; Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Irvin and Ethel Hamburger; Lillian Kessler; Judith Newman; Marcia and Saul Possick. In Memory Of: Samuel Zukerman, husband of Etta Zukerman, Oscar Lowy, father of Michlean Amir, and Ida Bloom, mother of Carole Kaminsky, by the Sisterhood.

### ***Building Fund***

In Memory Of: Dan David Cassouto, father of Louise Wagman, by Abraham and Louise C. Wagman; Harry Lerner, husband of Clare Lerner, by Kate L. Schneider; Lt. Aaron M. Kopit, brother of Leo Kopit, by Leo Kopit; the parents of Libby and Irvin Klavan by Libby and Irvin Klavan.

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

Irene Hauser. In Memory Of: Samuel Zukerman by Dr. Frank R. Vanoni

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

In Memory Of: Samuel Zukerman by Kate L. Schneider; Benjamin Copperman, father of Howard Copperman, by Julia and Howard Copperman; Leonard Vogel by Dr. Irene S. Vogel; Sam Zukerman by Dr. Herbert and Estelle Wiser.

### ***College Fund***

In Memory Of: Dorothy Greif by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greif.

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

In Honor Of: Dr. Marilyn Wind by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: Rose Liebling by Dr. Herman I. Liebling.

### ***Elsie Mintz Landscaping Fund***

In Memory Of: Abraham Mancher by Rhoda Mancher; Rose Mintz, mother of Daniel Mintz, by Daniel Mintz and Family; Albert Langerman by Dr. Elaine Shalowitz; Gertrude Leff Kaminsky by Carole and Bob Kaminsky and Family; Harry Goldman by Jack Goldman.

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

In Memory Of: Isadore Meltzer by Sherman Kimball; Samuel Bresler by Elaine and Herbert Tanenbaum.

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

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery to Dr. Ed Levin by Dolly and Marvin Band; a speedy recovery to Mrs. Pauline Rosenblatt by Dolly and Marvin Band. In Memory Of: Jeanette Nerden, Elizabeth's mother, by Dr. and Mrs. Morris Belkin; Sam Zukerman by Dolly and Marvin Band.

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

In Memory Of: Muriel Lyman's mother by Elsie and Joe Woolman; father, Maurice Derkay, by Lee and Gloria Derkay

### ***General Fund***

In Honor Of: The warm support of the Rabbi, Cantor, and the congregation on the recent loss of her father, Oscar Lowy, by Michlean Amir; David Brooks receiving the Kavod Award by Jesse and Marian Kaiser; the special birthday of Bernard Resnick by Maxine and LeRoy Aarons; Gerald Ehrenstein receiving the Kavod Award by Adele Ehrenstein. In Memory Of: Diana Kramer by Florence and Arthur Gang; Jacob Greenberg, father-in-law, by Leo Kopit; Sam Zukerman by Ethel and Ray McGuire; Morris Stein by Anna M. Gelman.

### ***Library Fund***

In Memory Of: Esther Rosen by Lil and Abe Maller; Molly Tanenbaum, mother, by Nina T. Kaynard; dear Aunt and Uncle, Anna and Meyer Leder, by Miriam and Eli Spark.

### ***Mazon***

Beth Berman. In Honor Of: Marilyn and Dan Kweller's 47th Wedding Anniversary, by Ronnie J. Kweller; her Aliyah this past Shabbat by Ronnie J. Kweller; the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Manny and Sylvia Haynes by Roy and Charlotte Millenson; a speedy recovery for Trudy Weker by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: Rebecca Moyal by Sylvia Moyal; Leonard Pitch by Marion and Anthony Pitch; J. K. Javits by Roy and Charlotte Millenson.

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

Lillian Kessler and Lucy Ozarin. In Honor Of: Bea Golfer becoming President of the B'nai B'rith Max Kroloff Chapter by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Joshua Levin receiving his Doctorate by Toby and Bernie Moss; the engagement of Daniel Levin to Risa Agin by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Elizabeth Goldberg by Davetta and Emanuel Landau; Sam Zukerman by Elsie and Joe Woolman; Sam Zukerman by Bernard and Rita Jacobi; Philip Zimmerman by Dr. Hyman J. Zimmerman; their mother, Pauline Weintraub, by Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Weintraub; Edith Baum by Bruce and Linda Baum; Carl Kogan by Mr. Jack Werner; Samuel Zukerman by Milton and Faye Doberman.

### ***Music Fund***

In Honor Of: The birth of Sophie Jacobson by Julia and Howard Copperman. In Memory Of: Aaron Werner by Ethel and Jack Werner; beloved brother, Nathan J. Bronstein, by Dorothy Alberstadt.

### ***Noe Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund***

In Memory Of: Jacob Salus by Dr. Sydney G. Salus; her beloved father, Jacob Hauser by Frances Lesser.

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

The Men's Club has recently made a contribution of \$2,000.00. In Memory Of: Israel C. Bloom by Carole and Bob Kaminsky and Family; Samuel Slavin, father of Judith Smith, by Leonard and Gabriela Bebhick; Sam Zukerman by Leonard and Gabriela Bebhick; Aladar Sege by George and Carol Sege; Diana Kramer by Claire Marwick.

### ***Prayerbook Fund***

In Memory Of: Father, Isaac Woolman, by Joseph and Elsie Woolman

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

Bettie Lee and Charles Goldberg. In Honor Of: A speedy recovery to Lillian Kensky by Paula and Herman Kleine; Marilyn Wind receiving the Golda Meir Award by Selma C. Siegel; birth and naming of their daughter, Sophie, by Joanne and Mark Jacobson; a speedy recovery to Rose Lashinsky by Sandra C. Woronow.

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

In Memory Of: David Cluck, father by Josephine C. Stein

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

In Memory Of: Sara Mancher by Rhoda Mancher.

### ***Vatikkim***

In Honor Of: Abe Maller's 85th Birthday by Elsie and Joe Woolman. For the Recovery of Trudy Weker by Clare Lerner. In Memory Of: Sam Zukerman, husband of Etta Zukerman, by Sam Nash, Jack and Bea Goldman, Elsie and Joe Woolman and Margaret Bogler; Harry Lerner, husband of Clare Lerner, by Margaret Bogler; a very fine gentleman, Sam Zukerman, by Clare Lerner; Samuel Zukerman by Claire Marwick.



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## Men's Club News

On Sunday, June 21st, at 10:00 a.m., the Men's Club will present Horst Brand who will speak on "What Has Accounted for Survival of the Jews?" Mr. Brand has taught the History of the Jews at the Institute for Learning in Retirement which is affiliated with American University, and has also taught the same subject at Beth El's Adult Institute. The Morning Minyan is at 9:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m.

## Exhibit By Tamar Fishman

A one-woman exhibit of the papercuts of Mrs. Tamar Fishman of Beth El is currently underway at the DC/JCC Gallery at 1836 Jefferson Place, NW. The gallery hours are: Monday - Thursday 10:00-5:00 and Friday 10:00-3:00. The exhibit will continue until June 24th.

## Rainbow Place Shelter for Women

Once again, Rainbow Place Shelter for Women, located at the Rockville Presbyterian Church, successfully housed, clothed and fed approximately thirty women from November through March. Members of Congregation Beth El helped in many ways, including baking, cooking, serving food and donating clothing and toiletries. The Sisterhood, through the efforts of Blanche Lozner, bought underwear, nightgowns and toiletries for the women, our Religious School classes baked and cooked, and Julia Copperman prepared a complete Christmas dinner for the Shelter.

I would like to publicly thank the following people who contributed to this effort in some way this year:

Dolly Band	Jonathan, Rebecca and
Elizabeth Bauer	Zachary Maltzman
Margaret Bogler	Claire Marwick
Suzanne Bronheim	Susan Moller
Petrina Chavis	Ellen Murphy
Julia Copperman	Helaine Nepo
Amy and Barbara Eisenstein	Ruth Rondberg
Nancy Feldman	Carol Schechter
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Lila Harvey	Minna Schneider
Dunya Hecht	Susan Brinn Siegel
Michelle Herman	Leslie Silver
Sandy Komarow	Sandy, Jonathan, Elana and
Dorthea Lear	Adam Simon
Jackie Levine	Anita Stillman
Blanche Lozner	Manette Sznol
	Ellen Teller and
	Martin Kanovsky

I think I speak for all the volunteers when I say that we receive more than we give when we involve ourselves in this project. If you are interested in volunteering in some way next year, please contact Leslie Silver at (301) 654-2369, who has graciously agreed to organize Beth El members for Rainbow Place Shelter.

Julie Strauss Maltzman

## Summer in the City

Are you looking for something worthwhile to do this summer? Tired of studying? Feeling the need for some hands-on experiences? Have a backlog of community service requirement hours? The DC/JCC has the perfect solution. You can help others while you have fun, by choosing from a variety of volunteer options. Plan to volunteer every day, once a week, once a month, or once. Come by yourself or bring a friend. We can find the opportunity to meet your needs and interests.

If you are interested in working with children, you can be a camp counselor at the DC/JCC summer camp or with the DC Recreation Department, or you can work at Martha's Table or in the DC/JCC preschool at Washington Hebrew Congregation.

You can volunteer at the Washington Home or at a DC public library. You can help by cooking at a food kitchen or helping to prepare meals for homebound AIDS patients at Food & Friends. You can help to plant a community garden or to renovate low income housing. You can tutor kids in elementary math and reading. If you have artistic skills, you could spend the summer brightening up DC by painting wall murals.

These are only a few choices. We will try to match your talents with someone who can benefit from your help. For more information, contact Elsa Newmyer, Teen Community Service Coordinator, District of Columbia Jewish Community Center, at (202) 775-1765.

## Youth Activities . . . Galore!

Today Rabah to the congregants who supported our **Beth El USY Tikum Olam Spring Raffle**, and many thanks to the following businesses for their contributions: **Plastercraft, Putt-Putt, Wurzburg Haus, Alfi's, Bethesda Cinema 'n Drafthouse, Video Village, The Montgomery Playhouse, York Flowers, Putter's Paradise, Residence Inn, Shoe Train, Plaster House, Claude's, Snider's, The Paper Store, Pumpnickel's, Toby's Dinner Theatre, and Ted Kliman, artist.**

In this, my last *Scroll* column, I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with your children these past four years. It has been my pleasure to have been affiliated with this congregation, and to see its youth program develop and grow. I am grateful to **Barbara Lerman**, who was instrumental in bringing me to Beth El, to **Dr. Michael Ackerman** who served devotedly as my Youth Chairman for three years, and to **Norman Graber** for his efforts this past year. Today Rabah to the many parents who volunteered their time to lend a hand at youth events, and to my wonderful staff, **Michelle Stravitz, Stacey Morrison, Burman Berger, and Gary Kell**. I have made many, many good friends at Beth El. I will miss you all!

B'Shalom,

Edie Caroff, Youth Director

## Terminal Cancer Boy Wants to Break Record

Craig Shergold is a seven year old Jewish boy suffering from terminal cancer. It is his ambition to be included in the Guinness Book of World records for the largest number of business cards ever collected by one person.

Craig would be grateful if you could send him one of your business cards to the address below. Obviously, speed is of the essence. To help Craig meet his goal, please tell others.

Craig Shergold  
c/o Children's Make a Wish Foundation  
32 Perimeter Center East  
Atlanta, GA 30346

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### From the Principal's Desk

At this writing there are two weeks left of events in the school year. The zeitgeist is end-of-year wrap up, summer is almost here and look to next year. It is also a time to take stock of the past nine months.

It should come as no surprise that I hope there will be a halt to the frequent changes of school director. Four directors in six years is not the best way to develop and sustain an excellent program. I would like to thank the faculty for the exceptional work they have done in dealing with the uncertain situation at the beginning of the year, with the transition of school leadership and of course for their work in the classroom. Some teachers have gone through four of the transitions and most have gone through at least three of the change-overs. Is there an impact with those changes? At minimum each new principal comes in with their own style of personnel management, concept of administrative regimen, and most importantly, a philosophy of how best to convey our four thousand year heritage to the next generation. A teacher would have good reason to be anxious about turnover at the top. The faculty has been open minded about the innovations I have introduced and has been a willing partner in implementing my philosophy of Jewish education.

Coming into the lives of the children of this Congregation has been the most satisfying part of this job. As a group our students consistently demonstrate enthusiasm for learning and exceptional academic abilities. Their response to the various Tikun Olam projects has been one of the more overt signs of their buying into our educational process. It is a most welcome challenge to keep them stimulated in the classroom.

I am exceedingly grateful to the parents of our students. Attendance is good, students arrive ready to learn, on time (Jewish Standard), and there has been little difficulty finding the volunteers to do the necessary tasks to keep the school running. Admittedly, many children need to be given more encouragement

to practice their Hebrew reading at home; and I would like every child to be picked up on time from school; and I want soccer, baseball, violin, etc. to be relegated to secondary or tertiary status in the realm of priorities; and of course I want everyone to recognize that formal religious education in our school goes beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah. All that aside, I am thrilled by the great support for our standards given by the parent body and the spirit of volunteerism which is widespread. Our students demonstrate a home grown enthusiasm for learning and respect for our mission.

I owe much of my success to Education Committee Chair Suzanne Bronheim. She has consistently made herself available to offer wise council. I appreciate the work of the Education Committee which has been a terrific sounding board, support, and enthusiastic participant in further developing our school programs.

Serving as religious school principal takes a great deal of devotion. Directing a school is much like raising a child, you take it from one level of development to the next. You carefully nurture it, kvell over the successes and deal with the shortcomings. Turning over a school is like giving up a child to adoption. It is with this in mind that I would like to thank Emily Feinberg for the role she played throughout the year offering advice, making herself available to answer questions, and proffering timely reminders.

I would also like to thank Gail Ross. Gail represented the Sisterhood as the other half of the committee that developed this year's parent education program "How to Raise A Jewish Child in A Non-Jewish Society." The success of this program is largely a result of her efforts. I look forward to working with Gail next year as we further develop this successful program. I also thank our presenters Avi West, Julie Maltzman, Rabbi Rudolph, Frank Richardson and Sherry Askwith.

It has been a great pleasure to work with Rabbi Maltzman, Hazzan Lubin and Steve Kravitz. They have all played significant roles in the achievements of this school year.

I am encouraged by the response to the Parent Volunteer forms that were included in the registration packet. Besides adding to the substitutes list and potentially to the faculty, outgrowths of this survey will be more voices and participants in developing the parent education programs and the formation of a Parents Action Committee (a sort of PTA).

It is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to next year. Have a great summer.

Louis Nagel

## June 14 - July 11, 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>June 14</b> 11:00am USY Election - BR <b>Flag Day</b> Men's Club Picnic	<b>June 15</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>June 16</b> 8:00pm Keruv Comm. - APR 8:00pm School Comm. - BR	<b>June 17</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH	<b>June 18</b> 12:00pm Vatikim Luncheon-SH 7:30pm B'nai B'rith - APR 7:30pm BJE - BR (Louis)	<b>June 19</b> 6:30pm Friday evening service	<b>June 20</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 9:15am Joseph Zalis B/M 10:30am Nitzanim 4:30pm Cahn Party 9:30pm Reflections Dance Summer begins
<b>June 21</b> 9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 1:00pm Sabat Party Father's Day	<b>June 22</b> 8:30am Nursery Camp Starts 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts Camp Starts	<b>June 23</b> 12:15pm Nursery - SH 8:00pm Bb. Mtg. - BR Nursery Camp Begins	<b>June 24</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH	<b>June 25</b> 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 7:30pm BJE Annual Meeting-Sanct.	<b>June 26</b> 6:30pm Friday evening service	<b>June 27</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 12:45pm Shabbat Study Group - BR
<b>June 28</b> 9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 5:00pm Mervis Party	<b>June 29</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>June 30</b>	<b>July 1</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH	<b>July 2</b> 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH	<b>July 3</b> 6:30pm Friday evening service	<b>July 4</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 10:30am Havurah Service-APR Independence Day
<b>July 5</b> 9:00am Men's Club Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR	<b>July 6</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>July 7</b>	<b>July 8</b> 7:00pm Aerobics - SH	<b>July 9</b> 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH	<b>July 10</b> 6:30pm Friday evening service Scroll Deadline	<b>July 11</b> 7:30am Shabbat Services & 9:15 a.m. 12:45pm Sedra of the Week

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

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

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