



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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OUR 42ND YEAR NO. 3

OCTOBER 2, 1992

Off The Bimah

It has been many years since our Congregation last organized a group trip to Israel. Yet, I still hear from those who participated echoes and reminders of the impact it had on their lives and the genuine, lasting friendships that were forged during the experience. Isn't it time to offer the same opportunity to those who missed out?

Recent surveys indicate that only 31% of identified Jews in America have ever visited Israel. With all the breast beating about the weaknesses and challenges of Jewish identification in this country, we tend to overlook the impact that a brief stop in Israel can have on the pride and purpose of an American Jew. Would you consider going with us next summer for a Beth El Mission to Israel?

(In addition to the visit the newest museums, historical sites, and Conservative (Magesti) institutions we might even try out the latest rage: Kayaking on the Jordan River!)

I would like to lead this two (2) week trip in late June 1993. If you have any interest in joining us, please give me a call. And remember: Next Summer in Jerusalem!

Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman

High Holiday Hint

To make your drive home from synagogue on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 7th, more pleasant, why not put some fresh fruit and/or crackers in your car to nosh on as you drive home? A little snack in the car will avoid the need to rush home.

It's New For This High Holidays

We will now have several large print Mahzors available at both Einstein and Beth El. If you would like to use one, please see the ushers, and remember to return it to the ushers at the conclusion of services.

Parking

As we begin the new year, we should try to be kind and respectful of our fellow neighbors. In that vein, we would like to remind everyone to be careful parking on the residential streets surrounding the building: please do not park on someone's lawn or in their driveway; please do not block any driveways. In addition, please do not park against the yellow curbs in the synagogue lot. Should there be the need for an emergency vehicle to drive through the lot, it would be unable to get through.

Yes, it may take you a few minutes more to park and it may not be as convenient. But, as a sign of respect for each other and our fellow neighbors, we hope you will park with care.

Shabbat Schedule

- Friday, October 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 3rd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Junior Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Shuvah
D'var Torah: Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
- Friday, October 9th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 10th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Deborah Kobes Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Junior Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat, at 10:45 a.m. in the APR
- Friday, October 16th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 17th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat Chol Chamoayd Sukkot
Debbie Weinberg Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Junior Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim, at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Sukkot Holiday Schedule

The Festival of Sukkot begins the evening of October 11th and ends on October 20th.

- Sunday, October 11th, Erev Sukkot, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 12th, Sukkot, 9:15 a.m., First Day
- Monday, October 12th, Sukkot, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13th, Sukkot, 9:15 a.m., Second Day

Concluding Days of Festival

- Sunday, October 18th, Hoshana Rabba, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, October 18th, Erev Shemini Atzeret, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 19th, Shemini Atzeret, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. (Yizkor recited at both Services)
- Monday, October 19th, Simchat Torah, 7:30 p.m., Fun, Flags and Festivities!!
- Tuesday, October 20th, Simchat Torah, 9:15 a.m.

Nitzanim

Nitzanim services will be held on Yom Kippur at 10:30 a.m.

Because of the popularity of our services, beginning in November, Nitzanim Shabbat services will be held twice a month, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Beginning in November, Gan Shabbat services for children in grades K-3 will be held on the third Saturday of the month.

Sunday, October 11th, is the date of our sukkah decoration party. We will meet in the Gallery. Craft supplies will be available for making paper chains and other cheerful sukkah decorations. Children may keep some of their work for their own sukkah; the rest will be used to decorate the synagogue's sukkah.

Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Schedule of Services

		BETH EL	EINSTEIN
KOL NIDRE Tuesday, October 6	6:15 p.m.	Rabbi Maltzman and Cantor Lubin	Rabbi Rudolph and Cantor Stolper
YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, October 7			
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.	Rabbi Maltzman and Cantor Lubin	Rabbi Rudolph and Cantor Stolper
Torah Reading	10:00 a.m.		
Musaf/Sermon/Yizkor	11:30 a.m.		
High Holiday Day Seminar	2:30 p.m.		
Mincha	4:30 p.m.		
Neilah	5:45 p.m.		
Conclusion of Fast/Shofar	7:05 p.m.		
NITZANIM AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES		BETH EL	EINSTEIN
YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, October 7	10:30 a.m.-		
Nitzanim Family Service	11:30 a.m.	All Purpose Room	Cafeteria
YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, October 7	11:00 a.m.-		
Children 6-12 Years Old	12:30 p.m.	Chapel and Board Room	Classrooms

On the History of the Sefer Torah We Use on Yom Kippur

On Yom Kippur, when the Torah readings are from the very middle of the Torah, we read from the tall scroll, which stands in the center of the Aron Hakodesh and is adorned with a silver crown. With the weight of the heavy scroll equally divided between right and left, the lifting for the Hagbaah is less difficult than otherwise.

That Sefer Torah was originally dedicated in Haigerloch, a small town near Mount Hohenzollern in southwestern Germany in 1861. It survived the Holocaust in hiding. On Shavuot 5711/1951, the reconstituted Jewish Community of the State of Wuerttemberg dedicated it to the memory of Dr. Otto Hirsch, who had served as its President from 1930 to 1935 and as the Executive Director of the Union of German Jews from 1933 until his death in the Mauthausen Concentration Camp in 1941.

It was sent to the United States with the stipulation that the children of Otto Hirsch should donate it to a congregation in this country. In 1954, Hans Hirsch and his sisters donated it to Beth El as the first Sefer Torah to be owned by Beth El. (Another Sefer Torah, also saved from Germany, has been in the possession of Beth El since 1951, on permanent loan from the Jewish Museum in New York.)

Sukkot Activities

Sukkot is indeed a happy holiday. In Hebrew it is called z'man simhateinu — the season of our joy! Sukkot has also been called the Harvest Festival, and The Festival. Sukkot is our time to celebrate the fall season and all that the summer harvest has brought us. Historically, it reminds us of the journey through the desert after our Exodus from Egypt. It is also a time for thanksgiving to God, the source of the earth's bounty. It is a superb and limitless opportunity for family celebration and activity.

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES!!!!!!

Don't forget to participate in our Shopping Certificate Program, the profits help pay congregation bills. It's as easy as a phone call. Delivery and mail service is available along with walk-in service at the synagogue office and the Gift Shop. So, please think of us and help Beth El. Certificates are available for Giant, Magruder's, Katz's, Shauls, Shalom, Fresh Fields, and Shoppers Food Warehouse. For further information about mail or delivery service, contact Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328 or Petrina Chavis at (301) 469-0518.

All In The Family

Mazel Tov to Jeanne and Asher Ende, the proud grandparents of Jessica Joy Ende, born to Elizabeth and Neil Ende on August 8, 1992. Mazel Tov to David Zane, son of Karla and Richard Zane of Atlanta, on his Bar Mitzvah. David is Priscilla and George Tievsky's grandson and nephew of Andrew and Sharon Tievsky.

REGISTER NOW!!!

Saul Bendit Adult Institute Fall Term '92

Evening Program - 14 courses
Six Wednesdays - Oct. 14 to Nov. 18

Daytime Program - Five courses
Two Wednesdays - Oct. 14, 21
Four Tuesdays - Oct. 27 to Nov. 17

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. On the evenings when the Saul Bendit Institute meets, the minyan will be at 7:45 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.

October 5 - October 8

- Georgette and Burt Abramowitz
- Barbara and Michael Abrams
- Joyce and Morris Abrams
- Judy and Michael Ackerman
- Ilene and Richard Ackerman
- Natalie and Benson Adams
- Carolyn and Fred Adler
- Irwin Aisenberg
- Laura and Marc Alberstadt
- Myra and Larry Altschuler
- Michlean and George Amir
- Faye and Jack Amster
- Laurel and Michael Anchors
- Miriam and Theodore Anders
- Elizabeth and Charles Anello

October 12 - October 15

- Terri and Jeffrey Annis
- Terry Whitehouse and Richard Ansbacher
- Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim
- Anita and Bernard Ash
- Sherlyn Goldstein-Askwith and Dennis Askwith
- Jennifer and Ethan Assal
- Ruth and Tsvi Assal
- Patricia Gillman and Jeffrey Axelrod
- Elizabeth and Joachim Baer
- Judith and Stanley Baldinger
- Anne Ball
- Annabelle and Bernard Band
- Kim-Maylee and Ian Band
- Dolly and Marvin Band
- Florence and Richard Bank

Men's Club News

On Sunday, October 4th, the Men's Club will have as its speaker Dr. Chaim Lauer of the Board of Jewish Education. His topic will be "The State of Jewish Education in the Washington Area." There will be a minyan at 9:00 a.m., followed by a breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and Dr. Lauer's talk beginning at 10:00 a.m. All are invited.

Our speaker on Sunday, October 11th, will be Jeffrey Weintraub, area director of the Washington, D.C. Committee of the American Jewish Congress. His topic will be "The Importance of an Ongoing Black-Jewish Dialogue." The program will follow our usual schedule: minyan at 9:00 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and the speaker at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you there.

Singles Group for Beth El?

In a previous *Scroll* we asked for people that were interested in forming a singles group to notify Julie at the synagogue office. If you hesitated calling us for some reason, hesitate no longer, give us a call and join in the fun. It will take everyone's participation for this group to be successfully formed. Call Julie today at (301) 652-2606.

Vatikkim Paid-Up Membership Luncheon

On Thursday, October 15, Marje Weiss and her International Folk Dance friends will dance for us. Lunch, by reservation only, is at 12 noon, free to paid-up 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.

Please note that we will not accept reservations later than two (2) days before the scheduled event to assure proper food planning. (To avoid misunderstandings, you must send in the reservation form even if you are a paid-up member.)

**Large Print Prayer Books, and
Hearing Enhancement Receivers**
are available for your use in our sanctuary.
Please see the ushers when you arrive.

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**RESERVATION FORM VATIKKIM PAID-UP
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

Thursday, October 15, 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
Tuesday, October 13, 1992.*

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
THEREAFTER**

Note: This is the only form that will appear.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

(Donations received as of September 11, 1992)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Robert Davis and Natalie M. Davis by Charlotte Krensky.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Anniversary of Sam and Estelle Bossin by Julia and Howard Copperman; a happy birthday to Seymour Gross by Marcia and Saul Possick. In Memory Of: Esther Leah Horn by Jason and Josephine Horn; Edith Greene by Harold and Evelyn Greene, Belle Kaye by Dr. Mark Sobel, Jennie M. Levy by Michael and Debbie Fink; Richard Arnheim by David and Susan Siegel; Gertrude Berkowitz by Irvin and Ethel Hamburger; Julius Golub by Jerome Golub; Chummy Pitch by Anthony Pitch; Lucy Grabin, mother of Annette Wolf, by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Frances Zeiger by Dr. Mark E. Sobel; Gertrude Benumof by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Building Fund

In Honor Of: The anniversary of Arthur and Florence Gang by Rosalie Sporn. In Memory Of: Henry M. Schwartz and Kate Wernick by Jerome and Ina E. Wernick; parents, Hani and Herman Jacobi, by Bernard B. Jacobi.

Cantor's Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother. Sophie Sedaka, by Morris Sedaka.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: The marriage of David and Linda Gerwin by Doris and Irving Zimmerman. In Memory Of: Roman Bronheim by Helen and Lenny Rib; Hugo Blumenthal by Werner Blumenthal.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Elizabeth Lerman by Allen H. Lerman.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: A complete recovery of Barbara Wolf by Trudy and Murray Haber.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Jacob Appleberg and Morris Potash by Dr. and Mrs. Louis Potash; Freda Goldman by Jack M. Goldman.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Louis Kohn by Esther G. Kohn.

General Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Anniversary of Florence and Arthur Gang by Trudy and Murray Haber.

General Fund

Mrs. Sara L. Lepman. In Honor Of: New grandson of Howard and Norma Roseman by Helen and Lenny Rib; her Aliyah on Yom Kippur by Elmira Hopp; Rosh Hashanah Aliyah by Lillian Kessler; a speedy recovery to Barbara Wolf by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; forthcoming marriage of Gary Myers and Karen Sternburg by Gary B. Myers; Mrs. Erna Seligman's 90th birthday by Robert and Elly Reitler; a speedy recovery of Mrs. Rhona Mael by Ellie and Sam Frishman; 25th Anniversary of Carole and David Metzger by Max and Belle Somberg. In Memory Of: Matthew, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham, by Joan and Al Dobbin; Tess, Seymour, Ann, and Leon Silberman by Meyer H. Silberman; Rosa Madeoy, mother of Rockey M. Lang, by Rockey M. Lang; Rose Levine and Samuel Lerner by Gloria and Don Levine.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of twin grandchildren of Israel Rubin by Erwin and Leena Groner; wedding of Bob and Brenda Gerwin's son, David, by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: The speedy recovery of Rita Meltzer by Sherman P. Kimball. In Memory Of: Paul Shanoff, father of Barry Shanoff, by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Sherry Israel and Rabbi Richard Israel by Hans George and Helen Hirsch; wedding of Deborah Hirsch and Jack Mayer by Hans George and Helen Hirsch. In Memory Of: Herman Stettner, Samuel and Bertha Simkowitz by Max and Helen Stettner.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Emma Danish by Abraham W. Danish, M.D.; beloved mother, Pearl Shalowitz, by Erwin Shalowitz; Bessie Burman, beloved mother of Bea Berger, by Lillian Kessler.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Esther Rubin, Lillian Kessler, Claire Marwick by Martin S. Dembo.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Jacob S. Heffter by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Heffter.

Pink Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Marty Wind by Marilyn, Gary, Rebecca, and David Wind.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: The Bar Mitzvah of Howard Weinstein by Frank, Harriet and Rebecca Weinstein. In Memory Of: Leah Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Hoffman; David and Dorothy Lerner by Susan J. Levine; Samuel B. Ohlbaum by Estie Ohlbaum Lipsit; Freda Bresler by Elaine and Herbert Tanenbaum; Sonia R. de Kahan by Dr. and Mrs. Bernardo Kotelanski.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: E. Rubin, Lillian Kessler, Claire Marwick by Martin S. Dembo; the birthday of Mr. George Selemon by Margaret Bogler; the engagements of their children by Margaret Bogler; our Aliyah on September 5th by Trudy and Murray Haber; Jonathan Aaron Simon by Cynthia and William Simon; a speedy recovery of Saul Gordon by George H. Perlman; a speedy recovery of Barbara Wolf by Florence and Arthur Gang; the naming of daughter Michelle Sophie by Debbie and Edward Bloom. In Memory Of: William Small by Dr. Albert Small; Larry Sargent, brother of Lewis Sargent, by Lewis Sargent; Phillip Berman by Ken and Beth Berman; Rebecca Rubinstein, mother of Marcia Possick, by Marcia Possick; Rose Hurwitz by Mrs. Beatrice Berger; Zelig Gordon by Claire and Bob Dubinsky; Leon Artman, beloved father of Elaine Kraus, by Dorothy Alberstadt; Nathan Richman by David M. Richman.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph for Aliyah July 4th by Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro.

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

In Memory Of: Rachel and Meyer Segal by Freda and Daniel Segal.

Sisterhood Silver Fund

In Memory Of: Dr. Harold Douglas, father of Susan Feibus, by Beatrice and Bernard Berger; Erna Bart, mother of Sylvia Fuchsman, by Beatrice and Bernard Berger.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Memory Of: Rebecca Berman by Ken, Beth and Benjamin Berman.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Shapiro by Dr. and Mrs. Melvyn Shapiro; beloved husband, Lawrence Marwick, by Claire Marwick; Tessie Kweller, mother of Daniel Kweller, by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller; Dr. Harold F. Douglas, father of Sue Feibus, by Marvin Yudkovitz and Fancine Lanar.

Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved brother Abe Konsker by Joan and Al Dobbin; Frances and Max Weinroth by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weinroth.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Nathan and Esther Hinda Brownstein by Rena L. Young; Gertrude Schneider by Rena Young.

At your next life-cycle event, consider a 3%
donation to Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger.

IF YOU KNOW OF A FELLOW CONGREGANT WHO IS ILL AND/OR HOSPITALIZED OR HAS HAD A RECENT LOSS, PLEASE NOTIFY ROZ, IN THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT (301) 652-2606.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Why Be a Member?

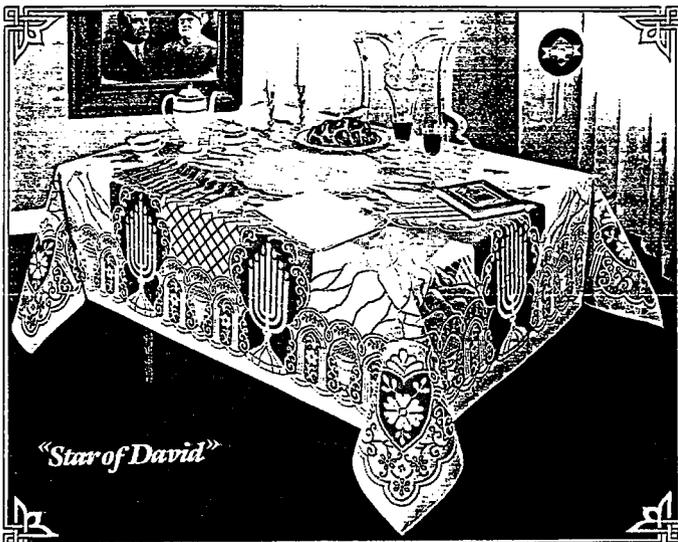
Sisterhood is a dynamic organization whose impact is strong on many aspects of Beth El life. Sisterhood:

- Provides scholarships to Israel for high school students;
- Furnishes the kitchen;
- Provides catering services for simchas;
- Organizes programs on family issues;
- Supports holiday workshops.

Everyone in Beth El benefits from Sisterhood services. And you can be an active, or a passive member, of Sisterhood through volunteer activities, your participation in programs, or your spiritual and financial support. **Please join us.**

Gift Shop News

Now available in the Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop, the "Star of David" tablecloth. As rich in beauty as in tradition. The "Star of David" tablecloth will delight your eye and warm your heart—an original in luxurious lace. A joyful expression of your heritage for the upcoming holidays, the Sabbath and every festive occasion! Durable elegance. Lace with no special care needed because it's 100% Dacron polyester—with soil release finish. Into your washer and dryer—out it comes, fresh and free of stains. Permanent press, never needs ironing. Various sizes oblong and oval, small and banquet sizes. Prices range from \$34.00–\$50.00. Matching napkins are available. Also available in various colors and sizes, poly liners.



*The "Star of David" tablecloth.
As rich in beauty as tradition.*

An Exciting Literary and Social Event For Sisterhood Paid Members

Change is a very important part of life. Those of us with careers know what it is to change jobs or even to choose new careers altogether. This is a commonly accepted course. But, what if you are a housewife in the very traditional sense, who has stayed home to raise children and manage a household? What happens when you want to change careers?

Acclaimed author, **Sabina Shalom**, will discuss this question, and the way she faced the need for change that many of us have felt at different times in our lives, at the annual Sisterhood Dinner on November 17th.

Sabina Shalom searched for the answer to this question and in the process examined and redefined her values. Her book, *A Marriage Sabbatical*, describes the fascinating, often funny, sometimes touching, experiences she encountered. Over a 6-month period, she travelled 50,000 miles, spending a night in a mud hut in Papua, New Guinea; discussing human suffering with Indira Gandhi in India; being invited by the Jewish Lord Mayor to be the guest of Sydney, Australia.

Prior to her marriage, Ms. Shalom had experienced other spiritual journeys. She was born and educated in England. After World War II, she was a volunteer relief worker with concentration camp survivors, one of whom was the youngster Elie Wiesel, later to become the illustrious Nobel Laureate.

She directed the operation to place orphaned Jewish children from the camps in Jewish foster homes in England. Pulling from this experience, as a BBC (London) broadcast-journalist, she presented programs which focused on the Holocaust.

After her marriage, she moved to the United States where raising her children was her full-time job. As the children grew, she went back to broadcasting and hosted programs in Detroit, Michigan. She also wrote on social issues with her works appearing in "Vogue," "Good Housekeeping," and various other magazines on both sides of the Atlantic.

In response to her book, Ms. Shalom has appeared on the Phil Donahue, Merv Griffin, and Sally Jessy Raphael shows, and other radio and television programs from coast to coast.

Today, she is a member of Beth El and our Sisterhood. She is still married to the husband, Mark, who has seen her through many of her journeys. She has two sons and grandchildren who enrich her life even further.

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Reservation Form
Sisterhood Paid Membership Dinner
November 17, 1992
6:30 P.M.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Sisterhood Paid Membership Dinner (Members free, guests \$10.00 each).

My name _____

My guest's names _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 (Checks should be made to "Beth El Sisterhood")

Please reserve _____ copies of *A Marriage Sabbatical* for me; part of the proceeds of which will go to Sisterhood.

**Mail to Claire Marwick, 3221 Brooklawn Terrace,
 Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 (301) 657-2328.**

Sisterhood News *(continued from page 5)*

The dinner is free to Sisterhood members. **Membership is required of all Beth El women wishing to attend.** Guests from outside the Beth El community are welcome. The charge for guests is \$10.00 each. Please complete the reservation form and send to Claire Marwick, 3221 Brooklawn Terrace, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 (301) 657-2328.

Beginner's Cantillation Class for Adults with Hazzan Lubin

If you have not celebrated a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your youth, or if you, otherwise, had not learned the Haftarah and Torah Cantillations, you now have the opportunity to do so.

An adult beginner's class in Cantillations will be offered in the fall. The only important prerequisite to attend the class is the ability to read Hebrew.

If you are interested in this class please call Selma at the synagogue office at (301) 652-2606.

Congregation Beth El Hosts New Jersey USYers, December 23-27

The United Synagogue Youth International Convention will take place in Baltimore from December 27-31. Beth El has been asked to host Hagalil Region (Northern New Jersey) USYers for a pre-convention. The teens will arrive at Beth El on Wednesday night Dec. 23 and depart on Dec. 27 for Baltimore.

Beth El will need families to volunteer to host the kids. The responsibilities of hosting include breakfast, perhaps bag lunches and driving to and from Beth El. The teens will come with sleeping bags. If you would like to volunteer please call Rachel at 652-2606.

This is great opportunity to participate in the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim—hospitality. Please call Rachel as soon as possible since arrangements must be finalized shortly.

From the Youth Director

Shanah Tovah!! Hello, my name is Rachel Berlin and I am Congregation Beth El's new Youth Director. Youth programming this year is guaranteed to be bigger and better than ever. If you haven't participated in one of our youth groups, this is the year to join!! All of the youth groups will have programs in October so watch your mail for upcoming events. Please feel free to call me at (301) 652-2606 if you have any questions or just to say hello. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead and to meeting all of you. *B' shalom,* Rachel Berlin

The Havurah Minyan

Everyone is welcome to daven and discuss Torah at the *Havurah Minyan*. We meet in the "all-purpose room" on the first Shabbat morning of each month (except during July and August) at 9:30 in the morning.

Who's Who and What's What

I am not one who likes to "toot his own horn." To the contrary, I usually am just happy to remain in the background. I have received many compliments within the past year and I would like to set the record straight. I am assisted by a wonderful support staff which is willing to learn and try new things. They listen, cooperate, and even improve on ideas that I have. For most of the congregation, these are the nameless faces behind the scenes who get things done and without whom I would not be a success. I would like to share with you who they are and what they do:

Hilary Azrael - Hilary is the Nursery School, Religious School and Youth Department Administrative Assistant. She helps Louis, Ellen, and Rachel coordinate their programs.

Dorothy Beverly - Dorothy is our kitchen manager, who oversees the Shabbat Dinners, helps the Sisterhood with the catered luncheons, and provides food for meetings and various functions.

Phil Brown and Karl Smart - These two gentlemen are responsible for the set up of chairs and tables, as well as the cleanliness of the entire building.

Roz Daskal - Roz is Rabbi Maltzman's secretary. She also takes care of the plaques within the building. Roz helps coordinate weddings and b'nai mitzvah.

Elsie Hercules and Pat Lucas - These ladies come to give Dorothy a hand with big functions, as well as take care of the kitchen on Sundays and other times when there are rental functions.

Selma Kriss - Selma is Hazzan Lubin's secretary. She also takes care of our yearzeits and our membership database. If you have a change of address or phone number, she's your lady!

Carole Lintz - Carole is our numbers "cruncher," who takes care of your financial accounts and your shopping certificate orders.

Esther Rubin - Esther is a lady who wears lots of hats. She answers the phone and takes reservations for everything. She helps coordinate the Saul Bendit and the shabbat dinners. She also handles all donations and new member inquiries and mailings.

Julie Schoner - Julie is our publication department. She works on the Scroll, the Shabbat Announcements, the synagogue calendar, and mass mailings. Julie also manages our rental business and makes sure that events planned within the building are coordinated properly.

Hien Thanh - Hien is the caretaker of the building. He fixes, patches, paints, replaces and repairs whatever is needed both inside and outside the building.

In addition, I would also like to thank the professional staff for their help and encouragement this past year: Rabbi Maltzman, Rabbi Rudolph, Hazzan Lubin, Ellen Darr, and Louis Nagel. They too have allowed me to look into things and give them new ideas and suggestions, and I have enjoyed hearing their ideas and suggestions in return.

As we usher Rachel Berlin, our new Youth Director, into our midst and plan for a spectacular year, I hope that you will take advantage of the services we provide and feel free to call upon us if there is anything we can do for you.

On behalf of the entire synagogue staff, I wish you and your family a Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah.

Steven J. Kravitz
Executive Director

Beth El Artist Featured in United Synagogue Calendar

We are proud of our own artist, Jeannette Kuvin Oren, whose beautiful wall hanging "To Everything is a Season" is now featured on the cover of the United Synagogue Calendar for 5753/1992-1993. The United Synagogue Calendar can be ordered through the national office in New York: United Synagogue Calendar, P.O. Box 930, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10059-0930, (212) 533-7800, Program Department.

Fall/Winter Bible Heritage Series

The Fall/Winter Bible Heritage Series sponsored by The Foundation for Jewish Studies in cooperation with Congregation Beth El will be held in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, November 19th, Tuesday, December 15th and Tuesday, January 12th and will feature talented Bible scholars on the theme, Biblical Texts and Commentary.

Nursery News

Beth El Nursery School is now accepting applications for school year 1993-94. Beth El members receive admittance priority; however applications are dated as they arrive. We are currently using all available space and our openings are limited. To receive an information packet please call: (301) 652-1228. Applications are *not* available for pick up in the building - please call and leave your name, address, phone number, child's name and birth date.

Thanks to our many friends and supporters we were able to get a computer last year through the Giant School Computer Program. We will be saving Giant register tapes again this year to get more equipment for our schools. The program is scheduled to begin mid-October and the valid tapes must be **YELLOW**. You may bring them or send them to Beth El Nursery School (Synagogue office is fine). We hope you will send them in during the course of the program as last year some arrived too late to be utilized. Thanks for your help!

From the Principal's Desk

A key turning point in the summer, the time when the new school year's imminence is clearest, comes when the August mailing goes off to the post office. This is the mega mailing that included the "Religious School Guide" and enough paper to represent the destruction of a small grove of trees. That final commitment to writing embodies most of the plans for the coming year; a calendar, curriculum outlines, and final textbook decisions among other pledges. It was with great confidence that I sent off this year's mailing and I am looking forward to an excellent year.

By the time you are reading this the school year is already under way. Our school's enrollment is at its highest level in a decade. We broke the 300 mark one week before the start of school and registration forms were still coming in. Helping us reach the 300 mark were the 5 students in our new special needs class and the 12 children in the 8th grade class, a healthy representation of the class that celebrated B'nai Mitzvah over the past year. Given the remarkable support of religious school parents and the superior talent we are able to attract to our faculty the

school can be expected to continue to grow, improve and to earn the mantle of the best religious school in the region.

OPEN HOUSE, SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

Parents' first opportunity to formally meet their child's teacher will be at our Open House on Sunday, October 11th. That date will also mark the opening session of this year's Parent Education Workshop series. Plan on parking your car and spending the two hours of your child's session meeting other parents, meeting your child's teacher, buying supermarket scrip and participating in an excellent workshop. The day's schedule will allow for parents to learn about their child's curriculum and the teacher's expectations, and the chance to ask the teacher questions. Based on a number of reasons, among them an acute shortage of space, parents will not be observing classes in action. Parents who want that opportunity can make arrangements to observe their child's class on another occasion.

Avi West, Assistant Executive Director of the Board of Jewish Education, who addressed a packed Board Room last year, will return to Beth El to address the subject "Integrating Judaism Into Your Daily Life." This workshop will deal with themes of the Jewish home, infusing your child with Jewish values, prayer and Jewish parenting. Mr. West is a dynamic speaker and has a great sense of the realistic, the practical and the ideal. I hope you will come to meet your child's teacher and to hear this thought provoking educator. The Upper School Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

This year's high holy days youth services will be charged with an additional element of excitement generated by new mahzorim. While the lower elementary school age children will have a nicer version of what they used last year, the upper elementary school age children will be davening with a hot off the United Synagogue press *Tiku Shofar*. On the first page of the morning service the text offers "Some Thoughts In Preparation For Rosh Hashanah." One statement is: "Did you know that 'shannah,' the Hebrew word for 'year,' also means 'change'?" What changes happen during the course of each year? What changes happened in your life last year?

For children whose lives are so filled with change, this question looks into the essence of their existence while exploring a central theme of the holiday. Change is an eternal verity. As the poet Whitman recognized, we come to crossroads in our lives and have to choose one way or another. It is up to each one of us to decide how we will choose to look back on our decisions. We also have to decide whether we want to risk the alternative courses or stay with the predictable road. For all of us 5753 will offer a steady barrage of options, life shaping choices, ethical decisions, alternatives. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are opportunities to assess the past year and get a sense of how we want to approach those decisions in the year ahead.

Shanah Tova, Louis Nagel

Join Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman on a Beth El Mission to Israel, June 27 - July 11, 1993. Watch for further details.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/ Program-APR</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Hebrew Literacy - Rm 208 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm Office Closed Party 6:15pm Service Beh El & Hirsch El & Hirsch Erev Yom Kippur No School</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Services Beh El & Hirsch 4:30pm Service & Shofar 7:05 pm YOM KIPPUR OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am AIDS Mfg. - BR 12:00pm Vaikikim Study Session-SH 7:00pm AML - APR 8:00pm Exec. Bd. Mfg. - BR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:29pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service Scroll #5 Deadline</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 10:00am Jr. Congregation Shabbat Shuvah</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Religious School Open House- APR 9:00am Men's Club Minyan/Brkfst-SH 10:00am Assemlie Sukkah 11:00am Nitzanin Decorate Sukkah 6:30pm EREV SUKKOT SERVICE</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:15am Service 6:30pm Service SUKKOT OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15am Service SUKKOT OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Saul Bendit Inst. 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 8:00pm Saul Bendit Inst.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00pm Vaikikim Luncheon-SH 7:30pm Nursery Bd. - APR 8:00pm Youth Comm. - BR</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:08pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Debbie Weinberg B/ M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanin - APR</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Minyan & Men's Club Brkfst/Prgm 9:30am Sisterhood Program-BR 6:30pm EREV SHEMINI ATZHERET SERVICE Sukkot Open House</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00am & 9:15am SHEMINI ATZHERET 7:30pm EREV SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:15am SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00am Saul Bendit Inst. 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 8:00pm Saul Bendit Inst.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00pm Vaikikim Study Session-SH 8:00pm School Comm. - BR</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:58pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service Scroll #6 Deadline</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Erica Bobb B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Shabbat Study Group - BR 7:30pm Safer Party</p>

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

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

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