



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, January 1st, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 2nd, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Havurah Minyan, at 9:00 a.m. in the APR

Friday, January 8th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 9th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim Service, at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
Sedra of the Week

Friday, January 15th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 16th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Melissa Klein Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat, at 10:45 a.m. in the APR

All In The Family

Mazal Tov to Miriam and Ted Anders on the birth of their granddaughter, Jenna Danielle; born on November 17th to parents Elisa and Steven Anders and brother Brett of Arlington, Va.

We wish a speedy recovery to Evelyn Orentlicher.

Mazal Tov to Sharon Gang, daughter of Florence and Arthur Gang. Ms. Gang has agreed to serve as Legislative Director for Eric Fingerhut, newly elected congressman from the 19th District of Ohio.

Join Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman on a Beth El Mission to Israel, June 27 - July 11, 1993. Highlights will include the opening ceremonies of the 1993 Maccabiah Games. Over 25 people have already signed up; we only have space for 40! Get your deposits in (\$100 per person) as soon as possible.

Hanukkah is Coming

A. Double Mitzvah

1. Support the Seminary
2. Give a Hanukkah gift

B. Seminary Benefactor

1. \$150.00 contribution
 - a) Ensures education of future rabbis, cantors and teachers
2. Entitles donor to receive golden Shofar pin.
3. Invitation for two (2) to attend Torah Fund cocktail party.

Call Doris Povich at (301) 320-5440.

Hazzan Lubin to Sing on West Coast

We are proud to announce that our Hazzan, Abraham Lubin, was invited by the Western Region of the Cantors Assembly to appear at two concerts. On Monday, January 11th, Hazzan Lubin will be the guest at a gala concert in Palm Springs, California, during the Region's Mid-Winter Conference. On Wednesday, January 13th, Hazzan Lubin will appear at a special concert in Los Angeles. The purpose of this program is to raise funds to establish a chair in Hazzanut at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. The U.J. is the West Coast branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

We wish Hazzan and Sandy Lubin a successful and enjoyable bon voyage.

Board Nominations

If you are interested in a position on next year's Beth El Board of Directors, please contact Marilyn Wind at (301) 530-6726, by January 31st.

Entertainment 1993 Books

Buy your Entertainment 1993 Books now! Books are available in the nursery school office. For information or book reservations, call (301) 652-1228. Books are \$35.00 each. For each book sold, \$7.00 goes to support the Beth El Nursery School.

Holiday Schedule

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| Thursday, December 31st | Office Closed at 2:00 p.m. |
| Friday, January 1st | Morning Minyan at 9:00 a.m. Office Closed |
| Monday, January 4th | School Resumes |
| Monday, January 18th | Morning Minyan at 9:00 a.m. Office and Schools Closed |

Notes From Bethesda Cares

Many thanks to all who have donated furniture for our transitional house and warm clothing! Bethesda Cares now has a roomful of furniture to start the house, which we hope to have open by the first of the new year. Twin beds, dressers, kitchenwares such as pots and pans, coffeepot, dishes, etc., are still needed, as well as living room furniture.

In spite of the warm clothing donations, we still need more, as the items are taken as soon as we get them. Gloves, hats, sweaters and jackets (men's clothing only, please) are all appreciated.

To arrange for pickup or delivery, either of furniture or clothing, call Binda Douglas at (301) 681-1185.

Hospitality supplies of coffee and tea, creamer, sugar, lemonade mix and paper napkins are always welcome at our drop-in center, 7728 Woodmont Avenue. If you are in the mood to bake some goodies to go with the coffee, we'd love that, too! All such contributions help us stay within our budget, and are tax-deductible. Call (301) 907-9244 to arrange a drop-off and obtain a receipt.

And, as always, we need volunteers! If you can give one morning or afternoon a week (or a month!), we are greatly in need of volunteers for our drop-in center, to answer phones and be a friendly face around the place. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call (301) 681-1185 for more information.

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

Directory News

Denice Kalman has moved to 7405 Fairfax Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 986-8912; David Brown has moved to 5809 Nicholson Lane, #510, North Bethesda, MD 20852, (301) 881-8317; Jack Goldberg has moved to 6205 Adelaide Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 530-8704

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **William Safire** on the death of his brother, **Leonard Safir**; **Jack Goldberg** on the death of his wife, **Rose Goldberg**; and **David Raim**, on the death of his father, **Murray Raim**; **Joan Schaffer** on the death of her mother, **Ann Schaffer**; **Ann Barcome**, on the death of her mother, **Goldie Press**; and **Heinz Bauer**, on the death of his wife, **Elizabeth Bauer**; and **Judith Levin**, on the death of her mother, **Ernestine Goldstein**.

Dear Keruv

Dear Keruv: My wife is not Jewish, but we intend to rear our children as Jews. How should we convert our infant daughter? - Jewish Father.

Dear Father: Children of non-Jewish mothers are converted to Judaism by a ceremony at a mikvah, according to the Halakha. Your daughter will be immersed in the mikvah after the appropriate blessings. You may enter the mikvah's waters with her and your wife may be in the room with you. The ritual will be witnessed by three rabbis (the Beit Din) who will also interview you and your wife to assure themselves of your commitment to Jewish life. For a son, the conversion ritual is the same, but he must have had a brit performed by a mohel.

Keruv ("outreach") was formed to address the issues and questions that intermarriage brings to Beth El. Through "Dear Keruv" we hope to answer some of those questions. Address your questions to Dear Keruv in care of the synagogue office - or join our monthly meetings to share your experiences with or concerns about intermarriage. For more information, contact Betty McDonald at (301) 656-0742.

Super Sunday Phone-a-thon Will Make A Difference: Person to Person

United Jewish Appeal Federation's 15th Annual Super Sunday phone-a-thon will "Make a Difference: Person to Person" on February 7, 1993 at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington in Rockville from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Volunteers will make calls to help raise funds for UJA Federation's annual fundraising campaign and the Operations Exodus Campaign to resettle Russian and Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

Super Sunday activities will include the collection of non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank and household items in new or excellent condition for distribution to newly-arrived Russian and Iranian immigrants.

Youth activities for registered children ages 3 to 15 are available from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Volunteers will receive free "day" passes to the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington. For further information or to volunteer, call the Super Sunday office at (301) 230-7235.

Tuning in with Cantor Lubin

The primary dictionary definition for the word "army" is: "A large body of men organized and trained for warfare." The conventional task and mission of an army is to confront its so-called enemy and attempt to destroy it in the arena of war. There is, however, an alternate and secondary definition for the word "army" and that is: "Any large group of people organized for a specific cause." It is this latter definition of the word that we have all witnessed in America's noble mission of its army, namely: "Operation Restore Hope."

The scene of a military force occupying a foreign land with the sole purpose of feeding its starving people, is indeed a noble sight to behold.

The Hebrew word for an "army" is "Tzava," with its plural "tzeva'ot." In the course of the most central and climactic section of our liturgy, that is the "Kedushah," we read Isaiah's classic words "Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh Adonai tzeva'ot." - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts." You will note, however, that in the most recent edition of the Conservative prayer book, the Siddur Sim Shalom, the editor (Rabbi Jules Harlow) chose not to translate these words but to leave the original Hebrew words "Adonai tzeva'ot" simply repeated in transliteration. The intention of the translator, I believe, was not to be caught in a situation whereby the English reader of the translation might misunderstand the true meaning of the words "Adonai tzeva'ot."

An army can and should operate, in this post-cold war age, in as many missions of mercy and noble deeds as it is called upon. Is it utopian to consider that an army can be the instrument of first defense against the cruelty of the enemies of humanity known as famine and starvation?

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One of the first American soldiers to be interviewed in Mogadishu, Somalia, soon after his landing said, "We are doing a pretty good deed here."

Perhaps the prophet Isaiah was describing God as "holy" and "Adonai tzeva'ot" as the Lord of armies who would indeed "restore hope" to a suffering people wherever they are, and "doing a pretty good deed."

The concluding words of the verse in Isaiah are: "The whole earth is full of His glory." Indeed God's glory is to be found in Somalia and throughout the world in the missions of armies performing God's work in operations that "Restore Hope."

**Lancaster Host Golf Resort and
Conference Center
Site of the Beth El Retreat,
March 26-28, 1993**

Hold the weekend of March 26-28, 1993. The **Beth El Retreat** will be the place to be! Highlights include:
 -Lectures and musical programs
 -Supervised children's activities throughout the day and evening
 -Plus a 27-hole championship golf course, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and swimming pools, miniature golf course, and fitness center
 -Terrific outlet shopping is practically next door

Spaces will be filled on a **first come, first served** basis. The cost of the weekend, including lodging and meals, is \$175 per person and \$75 for children under the age of 18. There is no charge for infants in cribs. Your reservation must be accompanied by a deposit in order to be confirmed. The deposit required is \$100 per person over 18 and \$50 per child. The single room supplement is \$25.

For further information, call Bunny Porath at (301) 907-8990, Jill Gersentfield at (301) 530-7272 or Elissa Scheinberg at (301) 340-7325.

Please complete the form below and send it with your deposit to the synagogue office. Don't delay - time is getting short.

RETREAT RESERVATION FORM

I would like to make the following reservations for the Synagogue Retreat on March 26-28.

No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____
 I have enclosed a check for \$ _____
 Name _____
 Phone No. _____
 Address _____

Retreat Early Bird Special

If your reservation is postmarked and/or in the office by **February 1st**, the following prices will be in effect:

Adults \$150 Children 18 and under \$50

After February 1st
 Adults \$175 Children 18 and under \$75

Vatikkim - \$150 before and after February 1st.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations (Donations received as of December 11, 1992)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Honor Of: The recovery of Helen Rib by Judge and Mrs. Abraham H. Maller; the special birthday of Anna Gelman by Judge and Mrs. Abraham H. Maller; Rabbi William Rudolph, thanks for his teaching, his humor, and my first Aliyah by Andrea Karsch Druckman; a speedy recovery of Helen Rib by Marta and Bernard Wassertzug; and in appreciation of Saul Bendit Institute by Reba Hirsh. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Leonie F. Sachs, by Daniel and Ruth Sachs.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Susan Levine's birthday by Sara Greenbaum and Darryl Sherman; Saul Possick's special birthday by Herbert and Lila Harvey; a speedy recovery of Betty Milner by Claire Marwick; David Levine being honored as FJMC Beth El's "Man of the Year" by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin. In Memory Of: Morris Goldblatt by Howard I. Goldblatt; Sam Zukerman, husband of Etta Zukerman, by Elmira Hopp; Murray Daskal, husband of Roz Daskal, by Elmira Hopp; Dr. Samuel Z. Freedman by Henry E. and Dorothy M. Freedman; Rose Goldberg by Michael and Gloria Karel; Frank Winston, father of Colin Winston, by Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum; my devoted and dear friend, Alva Bergsman, by Reba Hirsh; Bill Goldstein, husband of Frances Goldstein, by Harvey and Arlyn Becker; Hilda, sister of Mrs. Sidney Kaufman, by Helen and Nat Gordon; beloved mother, Ida Plotkin, by Gertrude Weiss; Sophie Thau Berner, mother of Ruth Assal, by Beth El Sisterhood.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Susan Sherzer receiving the Golda Meir Award by Toby and Bernie Moss; the marriage of Sharyn Lubin and Marc Levitt by Elmira Hopp; Cantor Lubin by Blanche A. Roubain; the marriage of Sharyn Lubin to Marc Levitt by Milton and Faye Doberman; Anna Gelman's special birthday by Herbert and Lila Harvey. In Memory Of: Dr. Frank Winston by Colin and Audrey Winston; beloved husband, Frank Winston, by Ida Winston.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Molly Jacobson by Irvin and Ethel Hamburger; Dr. Frank Winston by Colin and Audrey Winston; Carol Sege's father by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib; beloved husband, Frank Winston, by Ida Winston.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Baruch Porath by Zvi Porath; Joseph Dratch, husband of Claire Dratch, by Bunny and Zvi Porath; Rose Lipton, beloved mother of Carol Kantro, by Andrea and Michael Druckman.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Dr. Marilyn Wind becoming president of United Synagogue Seaboard Region by Toby and Bernie Moss; the Bat Mitzvah of Iana Ruth Foss by Anne and Murray Foss.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: Susan Sherzer by Lillian Kessler. In Memory Of: Howard J. Kohn by Gertrude Gerber; son, Howard Kohn, mother-in-law Bertha Kohn, by Esther G. Kohn.

General Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Sherman by Lola and Gerald Sherman.

General Fund

David and Ellen Darr. In Honor Of: David Levine receiving the FJMC Blue Yamulke Honor by Toby and Bernie Moss; Marilyn Wind becoming President of United Synagogue Seaboard Region by Claire Marwick; a speedy recovery of Isadore Routhenstein by Sylvia and Sam Littman; Benjamin Sank's Bar Mitzvah by Lawrence I. Sank; the Bat Mitzvah of Elisa Lena Ross by Shirley and Seymour Gross. In Memory Of: Golda Leah Possick by Saul and Marcia Possick; Claire Rossoff, grandmother of Janice Raffel, by Rocky and Allan Lang; Sarah Wigdor by William Gerber; Sarah Newborn by Gloria and Don Levine.

Havurah Fund

In Memory Of: Frank Winston, father of Colin Winston, by Ellen and Norman Eule.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

David and Ellen Darr. In Memory Of: Ida Meltzer by Sherman Kimball.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Trudy and Si Weker for their annual gifts to new Synagogue/Sisterhood members by Claire Marwick.

Mazon

Bernie and Toby Moss. In Memory Of: Steven Heiman by Irene Hauser; Carol Sege's father by Marta and Bernard Wassertzug; Murray Daskal, husband of Roz Daskal, by Milton and Faye Doberman; Morris Silver by Leslie and Joel Silver; mothers, Rivka Sheeskin and Freda Weisbach, by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Anna Boman by Eve Tishkoff; Marilyn N. Brown by David H. Brown; Ethel Krents by Max Krents.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Nettie Hochstadt by Rhoda Mancher.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Wedding Anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. A. Byer by Barbara Spitzer; David Levine receiving FJMC Blue Yamulke Honor by Herbert Wiser; David Levine for receiving an award from the Jewish Federation of Men's Clubs as Beth El's "Man of the Year" by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; a speedy recovery of Susan's grandfather, Edward Routhenstein, by Stephen and Susan Levinson. In Memory Of: Rose Goldberg, beloved wife of Jack Goldberg, by Seymour and Shirley Gross; Rose Goldberg, beloved wife of Jack Goldberg, by Toby and Bernie Moss; Rose Goldberg, wife of Jack Goldberg, by Herbert Wiser.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin by Howard S. Weiss; Cantor Lubin's Cantillation Class by Annabelle and Bruce Barcome; Cantor Lubin, with many thanks for teaching the Haftarah and Torah Cantillation Class, by Andrea and Michael Druckman. In Memory Of: Max Richter by Melvin and Lenore R. Richter.

Nitzanin Fund

In Honor Of: Sam Raim's third birthday by Leslie Shedlin and David Raim. In Memory Of: Murray Raim by Jon and Carla Schraub.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Mrs. David Bush's birthday by Karl Freiberg; a speedy recovery of Vera Deckelbaum by Priscilla and George Tievsky; the Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Klein by Charlotte and Bernard Resnick; Annette Abrams helping to make the Sisterhood paid-up membership dinner a success by Claire Marwick; Shirley Gross helping to make the Sisterhood paid-up membership dinner a success by Claire Marwick; Susan Levy helping to make the Sisterhood paid-up membership dinner a success by Claire Marwick; Julie Coppeman helping to make the Sisterhood paid-up membership dinner a success by Claire Marwick; Manette Sznol for helping to make the Sisterhood paid-up membership dinner a success by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Geraldine Baldinger, sister of Priscilla Tievsky, by Priscilla and George Tievsky; Murray Daskal, husband of Roz Daskal, by Priscilla and George Tievsky; Dorothy Gerwin by Robert Gerwin; Betty Treinish by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Joseph Sunshine, father of Shirley Feldman, by Dennis and Shirley Feldman; Sadie Perlman by Elaine and George Perlman; Abraham Yellowitz and Stephen Yellowitz by Beatrice Golfer; May Feldman by Shirley and Dennis Feldman; Jacob Bercovici by Martin Bercovici; Annie Landau by Emanuel Landau; Harry Perlman by Elaine and George Perlman.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Aufruf of Valerie and Guy by Marta and Bernie Wassertzug; in appreciation of the beautiful service Rabbi Maltzman gave at the graveside by Ida Winston; Amanda's naming by Melanie Daub; Ethan and David's conversion by Robert and Jody Benjamin. In Memory Of: beloved wife, Marilyn N. Brown, by David H. Brown; Benjamin Lesselroth and Benjamin Levin by Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Levin; Dr. Frank Winston by Colin and Audrey Winston; Rose Goldberg, wife of Jack Goldberg, by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund

In Honor Of: Susan Sherzer by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Joseph and Rose Brown by David H. Brown.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Rabbi Arthur H. Neulander by Hadassah Thursz.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Honor Of: Susan Sherzer receiving the Golda Meir Award by Trudy and Murray Haber.

Social Action Fund

Dan and Carol Moskowitz. In Memory Of: Harry Lerner, husband of Clare Lerner, by Elmira Hopp.

Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Herman Bamberger by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Susan Sherzer's receiving the Golda Meir Award by Marilyn and Gary Wind; a speedy recovery of Helen Rib by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Beloved brother of Bob Schwartzman by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Ed Gerstenfeld's mother by Marilyn and Gary Wind.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Mother of Ruth Assal by Marta and Bernard Wassertzug.

Young Equality Fund

Sherry Rosen.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Supports Historic Accomplishment

Under the auspices of Beth El Sisterhood, Miriam Rosbrow has just completed the transcription of a monumental Jewish classic, Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought, into braille for the blind. The project consists of 25 volumes with 2,365 pages of braille. Every word was proofread by Barbara Buchanan, who is blind.

As a trained volunteer, Mrs. Rosbrow worked free of charge. The Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund reimbursed Mrs. Buchanan at a very nominal rate. The same fund provided the brailling machine used by Mrs. Rosbrow. The work took several years to complete, including a year's respite for Mrs. Rosbrow to recover from an injury and operation on her hand.

Beth El Sisterhood and the Jewish community at large thank Mrs. Rosbrow, Mrs. Buchanan, and the Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund for their work in making Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought available to an even wider Jewish population.

Stationery Store in Your Own Backyard!

Marilyn Hammerman, Sisterhood's volunteer stationery expert, has many distinctive supplies for all your stationery needs. Starting your own business? You can create a strong image by selecting business cards, letterhead, and envelopes through this service. Browse through the many sample books that Marilyn has in her home. Please call her at (301) 881-0011, for customized papers that will help you and Sisterhood, too!

The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily evening minyan for the next two weeks. The Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. During the week of your assignment, we would appreciate your attending as many evenings as possible, so that those who are saying Kaddish will have a minyan that they can attend at Beth El.

January 4 - January 7

Jerry and Sally Flanzer
Richard and Nancy Fleeter
Neil and Sandra Fleitell
Ronald and Rosalyn Fleisher
Murray and Anne Foss
Evan and Sandra Foster
Albert and Evelyn Fox
Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell
Arthur Frank and Mary Kay Dawson
Beryl and Gloria Frank
Steven Frank
Steven and Regina Frank
Henry and Dorothy Freedman
Stanley and Nathan Freeman
Karl Freiberg

January 11 - January 14

Lawrence Fluger and Linda Fassberg
Herbert and Marilyn Forrest
Murray and Anne Foss
Barry and Barbara Friedman
Gerald and Sandra Friedman
Marc and Daniella Friedman
Moshe and Sarah Friedman
Peter and Debra Friedmann
Philip and Beverly Friedman
Samuel and Eleanor Frishman
Gary and Sylvia Fuchsman
Beatrice Fuhman
Craig and Judy Futterman
Mordechai and Joan Gall
Jeffrey and Lynne Ganek

Morning: 7:30 a.m.

Calendar of Upcoming Sisterhood Events

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| February 11th | Women's Health Discussion: Breast Cancer |
| February 20th | Sephardic Supper and Dance |
| March 14th | Sisterhood Concert |
| March 21st | Sisterhood Board Meeting |
| April 29th | First of Four Sessions on "Women and the Tallis" (discussion and workshops to make a tallis) |
| May 16th | Plant Sale |

Reminder: Parent Education Workshops

The Parent Education Workshops will be held:

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| January 10th | "Finding Your Way through the Siddur" |
| February 7th | "How To Talk with Your Children about Death" |
| March 14th | "Tikun Olam and Tzedaka: Developing a Family Ethic" |

All workshops are held in the Board Room from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (Due to low attendance, the late session has been canceled.)

Save Your Yellow Giant Receipt Tapes!!

Please do not throw out your Giant receipts. The Nursery School is collecting them to get a computer or camcorder. In last year's collection, we barely made our quota (a lot of receipts came in too late to be used). Please help us reach our goal. Turn in to the Nursery School or the main office.

Beth El Self Help

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

From the Youth Director....

Youth News

1993 will be a very eventful year for Beth El Youth Programs. Keep your eyes and ears open for a ski trip in January and a chance to see "Shear Madness" in March. During December, Beth El USY hosted 100 New Jersey USYers for a pre-convention. It was very successful and I would like to thank the following families for their help:

Craig and Judy Futterman
Lyn Katz
Alan and Andrea Golden
Lisa Pote
Neil Levy and Linda Perle
David and Sharon Spiegel
Julian and Iris Tishkoff
Sam and Tamar Fishman
Judith Goldman

Harry and Karen Lipkind
Timothy and Hannah Lipman
Gary and Marilyn Wind
Elliot and Esther Wilner
Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman
Harold and Elissa Scheinberg
Mark and Joanne Weinberg
Eran Gasko and Bonni Berger
Lee and Amy Simowitz

B'shalom

Rachel Berlin
Youth Director

Bagels Bagels Bagels

Sunday, January 10, USY will resume selling bagels from 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Rotunda to help raise money for Tikun Olam. Buy bagels and help support USY.

Are You Having A Wedding, Bar Mitzvah or Party at Beth El?

If you are and would like someone to check coats for you, use USY. USYers would like to help you help us. We will check coats at your party and the money will go to our Tikun Olam fund. For more information see Rachel in the synagogue office or call (301) 652-2606.

USY is now accepting applications for this coming year's summer programs. USY on Wheels will depart on June 27th and conclude its cross-country trip on August 12th. Israel Pilgrimage has two separate departures to accommodate individual schedules: June 22 - August 2, 1993, and June 29 - August 9, 1993. Call Rachel Berlin for more information at (301) 652-2606.

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 on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Rob Eisen, George Washington University, Department of Religion. His topic is "Radical Bible Interpretation in the Middle Ages: The Example of Gersonides."

For information and reservations for youth programs please contact your child's advisor.

| Group | Advisor | Phone Number |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| USY (9-12gr.) | Rachel Berlin | (301) 652-2606 |
| Kadima (6-8gr.) | Stacey Morrison | (301) 530-9328 |
| Machar (3-5gr.) | Ariel Kalish | (301) 229-3022 |
| Bonim (K-2gr.) | Charni Selch | (301) 468-2127 |

Youth Calendar

USY
January
9 USY Formal
12 Take 30: Pizza Dinner and Board Meeting
29-31 USY Interchapter in Tidewater

KADIMA
January
10, Winter Surprise
23, Kadima Dance

MACHAR
January
17 Musical Celebration (DCJCC)

BONIM
January
17 Jewish Game Shows

Pointers for Parents from Parent/Family Education Workshops

On Sunday, November 1, 1992, Beth El parents were treated to an engaging and practical discussion with Board of Jewish Education (BJE) child education specialist, Mara Bier. The following hints were compiled by Marian Fertik Richter, Ph.D. from Ms. Bier's program.

1. Sit down with your spouse (or significant other) and determine long-range goals for your children: e.g., do you want your child at age 18 to be a mensch? responsible? self confident? happy? caring? non-judgmental? self-reliant? secure in Jewish identity?
2. Appropriate goals take into account a child's temperament. Be realistic as you assess each individual child.
3. To help children reach these goals, give them opportunities along the way to (a) be in control, (b) make choices, (c) learn from the consequences of their decisions and mistakes.
4. All children strive for attention, control and independence. Each confrontation you have with your child provides you with a chance to give input, model behavior, and instill values.

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- 5.No matter WHAT you do, your child will feel that he or she never gets enough of your attention!
- 6.Establish rules that make SENSE to your children. Physical punishment is unproductive in changing behavior.
- 7.Treat your children with the respect you accord other people.
- 8.A young child's rising independence also brings fears and conflict; we build self-confidence by convincing them that they're the center of our lives.
- 9.Children misbehave for attention, power, revenge or display of inadequacy. Teens also misbehave for peer acceptance and thrill or excitement.
- 10.Seek to become a RESPONSIBLE parent, who reinforces children's independence and lets them make decisions, instead of a GOOD parent, who does everything for kids.
11. With each birthday give your child one new privilege and one added responsibility.

From the Principal's Desk

Let me declare my unalloyed awe of all those parents who somehow manage to organize and prioritize their schedules so that their children have near perfect religious school attendance, unflinchingly contribute to the monthly tikkun olam projects, send in the checks to pay for books, bring in the slip for the field trip - on time, the snacks for their assigned week, attend services and practice reading at least twice a week while participating in a multitude of outside activities. Let me also say to those other parents who don't achieve perfect grades in these areas and the other expectations we place on you "just keep trying." In the spirit of the talmud, "yours is not to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it."

For years I have been told, "Wait until you have a child" or "Just wait until your child is in school." Well I'm there. My four year old is in nursery school. I have concerns over learning content. I gain satisfaction from seeing her grow, love what she is doing and share what she has learned. I am also seeing the ultimate challenge - informational flyers coming in fast and furious, school closings for sometimes completely illogical reasons, an occasional flurry of forms with tight deadlines, PTA, open house and, of course, parent education workshops. I'm managing, but I am an administrator by profession and my honor is at stake. I do find myself more often thinking to myself, "Is this what I've been putting people through all these years?"

If there is any message I have worked to convey it is that I am open to requests, criticisms and suggestions. If there is some way I can keep you better informed of what is going on in the school please let me know. If someone wants to declare themselves a family organization maven, step up to the plate. I'll organize a workshop for you to facilitate, "The Organized Jewish Parent." I guarantee an audience. I'll even prepare the flyers.

SCHOOL CLOSED DATES: JANUARY - There will be no Religious School classes over the three-day Martin Luther King Birthday weekend January 16-18, 1993.

Tikkun Olam Project-Yom Rishon AIDS Food Drive - For the month of January the Religious School will participate in the

Yom Rishon AIDS food drive. Children will be encouraged to bring either a canned food item or a personal care item. Students throughout the school will be involved in lessons on the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim (Visiting the Sick). In addition, upper school classes will participate in AIDS education programs. Beneficiaries of this drive will be people with AIDS served through the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

PARENT EDUCATION NOTES: FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE SIDDUR with Rabbi Bill Rudolph - I hope you will join us on Sunday, January 10th at 9:30 a.m. as Rabbi Rudolph will speak on "Finding Your Way Through The Siddur." This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn about the organization of the siddur, the elements of the various services and the development of the prayerbook. This workshop will only be offered during the early session class.

SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION - A reminder! In case of a Sunday morning school closing we will broadcast announcements on radio stations WMAL 63 AM and WTOP 1500 AM. While not encouraging this, should you choose to call the Religious School office at (301) 652-2608, there will be a recorded message. If there is no answer you may have called while the line was busy and your call clicked over to a second line not connected to the answering machine. In that case, try again or tune in to your radio.

For mid-week classes and Tuesday night high school, the school's policy on closing for inclement weather follows the lead of Montgomery County Public Schools. If MCPS close for the day or dismiss early because of the weather then there will be no Religious School. Should Montgomery County Public Schools delay opening, then we will operate on our regular schedule.

On Saturdays and Sundays, our school will be responsible for checking the road conditions in the area and deciding if the situation warrants closing. Our tendency is to lean toward caution. If early session classes are canceled then the same holds for late session. We will broadcast announcements on the radio and change the answering machine message to reflect our decision.

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*Beth El Men's Club
Cordially Invites You To
"Perspectives in Dialogue - 1993"*

Sunday, January 10th

Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg

Lt. Governor, Maryland

*"Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Politics
And Were Afraid to Ask"*

Sunday, January 17th

Dr. Susan J. Tolchin

Author, Professor of Public Administration, GWU

"Selling Our Security - The Erosion of America's Assets"

Sunday, January 24th

William Safire

Author, Columnist New York Times

"What's Going to Happen in Washington"

Sunday, January 31st

Stephen Joe Trachtenberg

President, George Washington University

Subject to Be Announced

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

*Discussion by Speaker Followed by
Dialogue with Congregation 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.*

The Congregation and the Community Are Invited

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CONSECRATION-B'NEI TORAH CELEBRATIONS - On Friday, November 13th we celebrated the beginning of religious school studies of our kindergartners with a consecration ceremony. Adding to the evening's festivities was a B'nei Torah celebration in recognition of the beginning of religious school studies of students in other grades. The students performed magnificently in the ceremonies and at the dinner afterwards, singing such standards as Yisrael V'Oraita, Torah Tzivah Lanu Moshe and Zol Zayn Shabbes. I wish to thank and congratulate their teachers Leena Groner, Felicia Dannick, Stephanie Cohen, Debra Olchik, Penina Freedenberg, and Deborah Rosenbloom; aides Sarah Eisenstein, Amy Eisenstein and Helene Cohen; music teacher Anita Schubert and the parents who made this all possible. On the occasion of their Consecration we congratulate:

Rebecca Annis
Nikki Belinkle
Robby Bensinger
Benjamin Bolasny
Daniel Bregman
Sarah Casey
Stephanie Coplan
Rachel Eisenberg
Juliane Faden
Jaclyn Feldman
Eitan Freedenberg
Benjamin Friedmann

Benjamin Ganzfried
Michelle German
Douglas Goldhill
David Gooft
Emma Rose Greenfield Gray
Mark Handelman
Lightning Jay
Jake Kaden
Brandon Kramer
Marlee Kutcher
Andrew Lebovich
Ethan Levy-Forsythe

Elana Lipman
Zachary Moak
Asa Reynolds
Michael Richter
Joshua Rosenthal
Marc Rudolph
Dawn Schwartz
Michael Schwinger
David Segal
Rebecca Teitelbaum
Max Wasserman
Ali Weisz

On the occasion of their B'nei Torah we congratulate:

Adrienne Ackerman
Paloma Bolasny
Rachel Feldman
Matthew Goldhill
Daniel Lieber
Jeffrey Mates
Adam Pankowski
Michelle Parver
Eric Winer
Daniel Winer

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

Nursery Registration

Nursery school contracts for school year 1993-94 will be offered to applicants in early January. In order to receive preference as a Beth El Congregant family, an application must be filed immediately. Call the nursery office at (301) 652-1228.

Nursery News

A final reminder that applications to Beth El Nursery School for school year 1993-94 need to be received by January 4th to be considered for a first round contract mailing in January. If you would like an application and an information packet call the Nursery School office at (301) 652-1228.

Nursery school students, parents and staff have enjoyed a busy start to the school year. At the same time we were learning about all the Jewish holidays we were also learning how to say good-bye to our parents without crying and how our parents could say good-bye to us without a tearful eye. We were learning how to share with a friend, wait our turn, wait to eat snack until the blessings are said and blow our own nose. Putting on your own coat or even knowing which one is yours can be a major accomplishment if you're only 2 years old. However, if you're 4 years old you can delight in trying to figure out how the President of Beth El can make a penny come out of your ear.

This was the first year for our Estelle Kimball Memorial Lecture. It was a moving evening for the Kimball family who came from California and Boston to be here for this special event.

We've once again outdone ourselves with a terrific Book Fair which we hope helps families increase their Judaic home libraries. Thank you to all the Beth El families who supported this event. And of course we enjoyed our Nitzanim Sukkah Kit as built on the playground and decorated by us as well as our Family Sukkot Party.

We had our chance to vote in the classroom, not necessarily for President, but for our favorite story or song. We have enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast complete with Indians, Pilgrims, and homemade corn muffins, apple-cranberry sauce, mashed pumpkin, and pumpkin cookies. Our annual Hanukkah Party was its usual chaotic treat for nursery families. If it all sounds like a lot of fun, it really is!!

Please save your Yellow Giant Register receipts for Beth El. Turn them in to the synagogue office or the school office. Please send them regularly so we can get them counted and mailed.

Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat services for families with children under six will be held this month on January 9th and January 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room.

Our thanks to the Schmand family, Brenda, Jim, Joshua, and Carly, for sponsoring our kiddush in December in honor of Carly's third birthday.

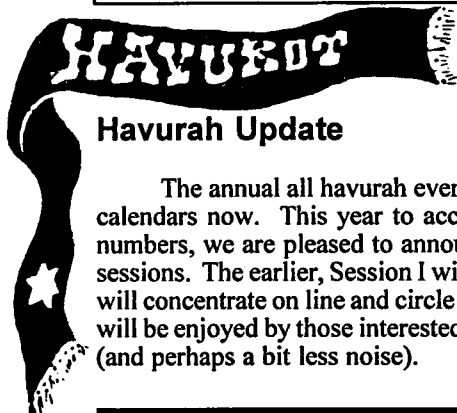
Our next activity will be our Havdallah service and dinner, to be held on Saturday evening, January 9th, at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a dairy buffet dinner and an inspired Havdallah candle-lighting service as we say goodbye to Shabbat and welcome in the new week. Learn how to make this a weekly part of your celebration of Judaism in the home. Reservations are necessary; please see the form below.

Nitzanim Havdallah Service and Dinner

Make your reservations now for the Nitzanim Havdallah Service and Dinner on Saturday, January 9th. Join Nitzanim families for a Havdallah service and dairy buffet. Reservations are needed by January 2nd. Please fill out the form below and send in your check to Leslie Shedlin, 7903 Springer Road, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Make a Difference in Someone's Life

Get Involved!!! Support Jews in need worldwide. Represent Beth El at major United Jewish Appeal Federation events. Call Joanne Jacobson at (301) 229-2367 to join the Beth El team.



Havurah Update

The annual all havurah event is approaching! Mark your calendars now. This year to accommodate our ever growing numbers, we are pleased to announce two separate folk dance sessions. The earlier, Session I will be geared for the young and will concentrate on line and circle dances. The later session (II) will be enjoyed by those interested in more serious folk dancing (and perhaps a bit less noise).

ALL HAVURAH ANNUAL ISRAELI DINNER AND DANCE WITH ROCKY KORR

Who: All members of Havurot and their families

When: Sunday, February 28, 1992

Session I 3:00-5:30 p.m.
Session II 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Where: Beth El Social Hall

Cost: \$8.00 per adult,
\$4.00 per child (2-12 years)

Reservations

1. Send check payable to Beth El to the synagogue office,
"Attention: Annual Havurah Dance"
2. Call your Havurah leader

Attention all Havurah leaders - contact your group now and let us know how many tables to reserve for you and for which session. Call Roberta Safer at (301) 571-1707.

RESERVATION FORM

Nitzanim Havdallah and Dinner
Saturday, January 9, 1992
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Adult Members @ \$4 each Total \$ _____
Children @ \$2 each Total \$ _____
Children (under 3) No Charge Total \$ _____
\$12.00 Maximum per family Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Children's names and ages:

No. of Adults: _____

Reservations will not be accepted after January 2nd

NO PHONE RESERVATIONS!!!! NO REFUNDS!!

(All rates include a 3% Mazon donation)

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).

Magic Show and Spaghetti Dinner

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Congregation Beth El's Men's Club
Presents The Second Annual

Magic Show & Spaghetti Dinner



Featuring The Magic Of "Malcolm"

January 24, 1993 -- At 6:00PM

Adults \$5.00 -- Children \$3.00

For information call David Levine At (301) 299 - 9507

Please send reservations by January 20, 1993 to: Herbert Wiser,
6504 Windermere Circle, Rockville, MD 20852

Please Reserve:

_____ Adults @ \$5.00 _____

_____ Children @ \$3.00 _____

Total _____

For the _____ family!