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Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, January 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 23rd, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Aaron Dreilinger Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim Service, at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
Shabbat Study Group, at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, January 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Benjamin Bregman Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, February 5th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 6th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Havurah Minyan, at 9:30 a.m. in the APR
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Havurah, at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel
Shabbat Shirah
Tu B'shevat UJA Shabbat

SHABBAT SHIRAH

A Shabbat of Song Teach-In
"What is 'Traditional' in Liturgical Music?"

with
HAZZAN ABRAHAM LUBIN
Saturday, February 6th

Following the Kiddush

- A Program In Honor Of Jewish Music Month -

The Shabbat Havurah is invited
to join in this special program

Off The Bimah

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

After innumerable requests, I am printing the following apocryphal letter. It was taken from a wonderful anthology edited by the master preacher, Rabbi Jack Riemer of Miami Beach, Florida. It is a powerful reminder of the need to maintain a sense of perspective in our lives, despite every day frustrations and missed opportunities. Enjoy and share it with others:

"A LETTER FROM A COLLEGE STUDENT"

Dear Mom and Dad,

It has been three months since I left for college. I've been remiss in writing and I'm sorry for my thoughtlessness in not having written before. I will bring you up to date now. But before you read this letter, please sit down. Okay?

Well then, I'm getting along pretty well now. The skull fracture (that I got when I jumped out of the window of my dormitory when it caught on fire shortly after my arrival) has pretty well healed now. I only spent two weeks in the hospital, and now I can see almost normally, and I get those sick headaches only once in a while.

Fortunately, the fire in the dormitory and my jump were witnessed by an attendant at the gas station near the dorm. He was the one who called the fire department and the ambulance. He also visited me in the hospital, and since I had nowhere to live because of the fire, he was kind enough to invite me to share his apartment with him. It is really a basement room, but it is kind of cute. He is a very fine boy and we have fallen deeply in love and are planning to get married. We haven't set the date yet, but it will be before my pregnancy begins to show. Yes, Mom and Dad, I'm pregnant. I know how much you are looking forward to being grandparents, and I know you will welcome the baby and give it the same love and devotion and tender care you gave me when I was a child.

The reason for delay in our marriage is that my boyfriend has some minor infection which prevents him from being able to pass the premarital blood test, and I carelessly caught it from him. This will soon clear up, I am sure, with the penicillin that we are both taking daily.

I know you will welcome him into our family with open arms. He is kind, and although not well-educated, he is ambitious. Although he is a different race than ours, I am sure that you will welcome him for you have often expressed tolerance of other groups.

Now that I have brought you up to date, I want to tell you that there was no dormitory fire, that I did not have a skull fracture, that I was not in the hospital, that I am not pregnant, that I am not engaged, that I do not have syphilis, and that there is no one in my life. But I did get a D in History and an F in Science, and I wanted you to see this news in proper perspective.

Your loving daughter,

Susan

Join Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman on a Beth El Mission to Israel, June 28 - July 12, 1993. Highlights will include the opening ceremonies of the 1993 Maccabiah Games. Over 35 people have already signed up; we only have space for 40! Get your deposits in (\$100 per person) as soon as possible.

Directory News

Denise and Joel Kalman have moved to 7405 Fairfax Road, Bethesda, MD 20814; Hanna Bernhardt has moved to 300 Gilson Court, Silver Spring, MD 20902; Steven Goldhill has moved to 9512 Woodington Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 299-5128.

Correction: Jack Goldberg has not moved, he is still at 4977 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 907-0393.

Attention Safeway Shoppers

Now available through Beth El are Safeway 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. Certificates are also available for Giant, Magruder's, Katz's, 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.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Harvey Bobb** on the death of his grandmother, **Ida Bobb**; **Susan Turnbull**, on the death of her mother, **Ruth Shapiro Wolf**; and to **Jerry Pfeffer** on the death of his father, **Jack Pfeffer**.

All In The Family

Mazal Tov to Gloria and Don LeVine on the December 11th birth of their granddaughter, Sara Elizabeth, sister of Joshua. Mazal Tov to Laura and Brett Weiss on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Alexandra Bartlett Weiss, on December 16th and to grandparents Rita and Irvin Weiss and sister Erika.

We wish a speedy recovery to Charlotte Levenson and Max Stettner.

Dear Keruv

Dear Keruv: Can a technically non-Jewish child attend Beth El's religious school? (We are rearing our children as Jews, but the mother's not Jewish.) -- Jewish Family

Dear Family: Yes. The Beth El Religious School does not establish whether a child is Jewish as part of its admissions. Because you have chosen a Jewish life for your family and to ease your children's inevitable questions about "what/who am I," Keruv encourages you to convert your children to Judaism as early as possible. In any case, conversion must take place before a child's bar/bat mitzvah.

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 Schuchat McDonald at (301) 656-0742.

RESERVE THE DATES

Saul Bendit Adult Institute

Spring Term '93

Evening Program - 15 Courses

Six Wednesdays
March 17, 24 and 31
April 14, 21 and 28

Daytime Program - Five Courses

Tuesdays - March 15, 23 and 30
Wednesday - April 14
Tuesdays - April 20 and 27
(No Institute Classes During Passover)

1992-1993 Heritage Series

1. The following lectures will be held at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8402 Freyman Drive, Chevy Chase:

Thursday, February 18th - Reception at 7:30 p.m.; Lecture at 8:00 p.m.; "Martin Buber on Selected Bible Texts" with Dr. Max Tickin, George Washington University, Department of Judaic Studies.

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Large Print Prayer Books and Hearing Enhancement Receivers

are available for your use
in our sanctuary.
Please see the ushers
when you arrive.

From The Rabbi

The UJA Federation and the National Jewish AIDS Project Washington Committee are sponsoring the 1993 Jewish Community AIDS Awareness Month to help each of us become more knowledgeable about the AIDS epidemic and its related issues. We must act compassionately; to do so requires us to dispel our fears and misconceptions through education. We are also compelled to educate ourselves and our children to help stop the spread of this plague.

There will be many facets to this program, including a display of Jewish panels from the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at all three area JCC's and the BJE. The Rockville JCC will be showing the quilts from January 29 - February 21, 1993. Panel discussions and educational presentations will accompany the display.

Please pay attention to the community mailings publicizing these events, including a new brochure entitled "The Jewish Community and AIDS." All programs will be accompanied by food drives to benefit people living with AIDS.

I am proud that Beth El will be holding an educational program for parents and high school students in February in conjunction with the community effort.

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.

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

President's Message

A new secular year has begun. As we look back at our accomplishments and mistakes, we also look forward to a new beginning with hope and anticipation for what the new year will bring. For myself, I am very content with the way things are, but I know that things change, and if we do not strive to direct the path of change, then what we have will crumble or fade away. I imagine, you have guessed about one of the things I am referring to - that is the refurbishment of our sanctuary. Our refurbishment effort is our way to direct the path of change that our synagogue is undergoing. This refurbishment project may not be the long term solution for our growing membership, but it is the most economically feasible and least risky solution to meet the needs of our congregation for the next few years. I was very gratified that at the last congregation meeting there was almost complete unanimity concerning the refurbishment and the direction it is taking. I have heard from a few members about the concerns about the design and have relayed them to the architect. Not everyone, of course, has the same tastes, but based on the response that we have received so far from members who have generously supported the project, it seems that the overwhelming majority of the congregation approve.

In November, we had a Beth El Action Auction night. Thank you to Lenore Lenkin and Herb Levinson, co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, and to Michelle Herman and Sheila Birnbach for their hard work that made that night a pleasure, as well as a financial success.

In December, Beth El hosted the Seaboard Regional Convention of the United Synagogue, and a special thanks goes to Steve Kravitz for his extra work and effort and to Ellen Elow-Mintz for her liaison assistance that made the convention so successful. At that Convention our own past president Marilyn Wind was elected president of the Seaboard Region - "A hearty Mazal Tov" to you. Also our outstanding "Shul" (if I must say so myself) won no less than five awards for excellence: Adult education, parent education, family education (Nitzanim), music and Vatikim programs.

We Jews are fortunate we not only have the secular new year but also Rosh Hashanah and three other lesser known Jewish new years. Each one of them gives us a chance for a new beginning and renewed hope.

I wish each and everyone of you a healthy and happy new year.

L'Hitraot

Erwin Groner

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Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

(Donations received as of December 28, 1992)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Helen Rib by Judge and Mrs. Abraham H. Maller.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: 50th anniversary of Leah and Eddie Lerner by Gloria and Don LeVine; 30th anniversary of Howard and Linda Katz by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; the birth of Sara Elizabeth Intrator by Don and Gloria LeVine; new grandson of Herman and Minna Schneider by Helen and Lenny Rib; Esther Grabill's 80th birthday by Marcia and Saul Possick; Anna Gelman's special birthday by Marcia and Saul Possick; the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stein by Carolyn and Barry Shanoff; the special birthday of Meriam Williamowsky by Sandra, Barry, Heather, Richie and Rachel; Sylvia Love's special birthday by Sandra, Barry, Heather, Richie and Rachel. In Memory Of: Morty Stavits by Howard and Leora Hoffman; Frank Winston, father of Colin Winston, by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim; Goldie Press, mother of Ann Barcome, by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Mrs. Isadore Kessler; Siegfried Levy, father of Ruth Hildebrand, by Dr. and Mrs. David Jacobowitz; Goldie Press, mother of Ann Barcome, by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Jonathan Levin's mother by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Ernestine Goldstein, mother of Judy Levin, by Jose and Tutti Sokol; father and grandfather, Dr. Albert Schoenfeld, by Shaari and Danny Waldman; wife and mother of Mildred Lewis by Shaari and Danny Waldman; Mildred Lewis, sister of Eleanor Fisher, by Shaari and Daniel Waldman; Sadie Gordon by David and Susan Siegel; Larry J. Kahn by Emanuel and Harriet Kahn Rabin; George Hurwitz by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; Rose Goldberg by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; Elizabeth Bauer by Beth El Sisterhood.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: The marriage of Sharyn Lubin to Marc Levitt by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Cantor Lubin's beautiful musical program at the regional convention by Marilyn Wind; Susan Sherzer receiving the Golda Meir Award by Toby and Bernie Moss; the marriage of Valerie Herman and Guy Wassertzug, son of Marta and Bernard Wassertzug, and grandson of Masha and Salomon Wassertzug by Claire Marwick; Susan Sherzer receiving the Golda Meir Award by Amy and Gene Goott. In Memory Of: Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Joan Hoffman; Nathan Joseph Sweed, father of Harold Sweed, by Harold L. Sweed.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Pauline Resnick by Bernard Resnick; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Trudy and Murray Haber; Murray Daskal, husband of Roz Daskal, by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Sophie Thau Berner, mother of Ruth Assal, by Helen and Lenny Rib; Goldie Press, mother of Ann Barcome, by Al and Evelyn Fox.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Happy Hanukkah to Andrew and Elizabeth Douglas by Susan and Howie Feibus; Happy Hanukkah to Betsy and Lauren Ginsberg by Susan and Howard Feibus. In Memory Of: Toni Bloom by Hellaine Nepo; Melvin Wine by Mark and Blanche Wine.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Marilyn Wind being elected to president of Seaboard Region by Trudy and Murray Haber; Dr. Marilyn Wind becoming president of Seaboard Region by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Ernestine Goldstein, mother of Judy Levin, by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Benjamin Liebling by Dr. Herman I. Liebling; Hazzan Harry Weinberg by Dr. and Mrs. David Jacobowitz.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Yetta Jaffe and Eva Feldman by Jack and Bea Goldman.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Emma Nestel by Flora and Ben Goldberg.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: William Gross, for his very special birthday, by Irving and Doris Zimmerman.

General Fund

David and Ellen Darr. In Honor Of: Bob Siegel's support during David Raim's father's illness by David Raim; Steve Kravitz, Dorothy and staff for their help with Seaboard Region Convention by Marilyn Wind; Marilyn Wind, new president of the Seaboard Region, by Calvin and Norma Golumbic. Memory Of: Alex and Annie Levine by David Levine; Rose Goldberg, wife of Jack Goldberg, by Marilyn Wind; Ernestine Goldstein, mother of Judy Levin, by Helen and Lenny Rib; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by John and Marion Wolff.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Wedding of Ari Blumenthal to Sharon Parrott by Leena and Erwin Groner; a speedy recovery of Arnold Safer by Leena and Erwin Groner. In Memory Of: Rose Goldberg, wife of Jack Goldberg, by Leena and Erwin Groner; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Leena and Erwin Groner; Ruth Assal's mother, Sophie Thau Berner, by Claire Marwick.

Havurah Fund

In Memory Of: Edward Fohrman by Elizabeth F. Simon.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

David and Ellen Darr. In Honor Of: Happy Hanukkah to Michael, Debbie and Beau by Bubbie and Hotch; all Maury and Rachel Seldin's granddaughters by Anna Hammer.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Our dear parents and grandparents by Professor and Mrs. Eli M. Spark; Dr. Sol Tanenbaum, brother of Mina Kaynard, by Mina Kaynard; David L. Krupsaw by Barbara and Sy Wolf.

Mazon

In Honor Of: The marriage of Sharyn Lubin and Marc Levitt by David and Sharon Spiegel and Family. In Memory Of: Goldie Press, mother of Ann Barcome, by Ellen and Norman Eule; Myer Feldman, father of Lona Feldman, by Lona Feldman and Michael Mates; Rose Goldberg, wife of Jack Goldberg, by Jerry and Fay Chemin.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: Participating in Beth El's Yom Kippur service by Lori and Jeffrey K. Actor.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of: Norton Nepo by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo; Rose Goldberg, wife of Jack Goldberg, by Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gross; Rose Goldberg, wife of Jack Goldberg, by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: The marriage of Sharyn Lubin to Marc Levitt by Priscilla and George Tievsky. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Ericka Kaplan, by Rosalie M. Sporn.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Happy Hanukkah to Jonathan Feibus by Mom and Dad; Elissa Scheinberg's Torah reading by Marilyn Wind. In Memory Of: Paula Brown, Josephine Horn's mother, by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Jonathan Levin's mother, Bertha Levin, by Claire Marwick.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Betty Haber by Trudy and Murray Haber.

Rabbi's Fund

Eva Miriam and Ernest Newbrun. In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman being the most special Rabbi by Marilyn Wind. In Memory Of: Anna Lawch by Marilyn and Steven Ebbin; Elizabeth Bauer, grandmother of Rachel Bauer, by American Appraisal Associates; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Foreign Language Docents, National Gallery of Art; Benjamin Levin by Dr. Edgar Levine.

Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund

Dr. and Mrs. Herman Kleine; Trudy and Murray Haber; David and Ellen Darr. In Honor Of: The special birthday of Leonard Bechick by Mr. and Mrs. Jonel Radu; Toby Moss' beautiful Haftarah by Marilyn Wind; and in appreciation to Marilyn Hammerman and Seymour Gross for their Yiddish Musical Performance at Lisa's Bat Mitzvah by Mr. and Mrs. Knud Ross. In Memory Of: Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Frances P. Schuler-Ellis; Minna Feldman by Cary and Nancy Feldman and Family; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Lorber; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Adult Program Docents at the National Gallery of Art; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Helen M. Banks; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Inga and George H. Schueller; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Greenberg; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Doris J. Rauch; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Howard and Julia Copperman.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of Elena Lipson by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Memory Of: Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Marilyn and Gary Wind.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Esther Grabill's special birthday by Sylvia Bozof; David Levine being honored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Club as "Man of the Year" by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Benjamin Levine by Shirley R. Levine; Sophie Thau Berner, mother of Ruth Assal, by Ina and Joe Young; Morris Belkin by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Miriam P. Crowell; Steven Fefferman by Harvey and Wendy Reiter; Michael Bernstein by Harvey and Wendy Reiter; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Edwin and Martha Strauss; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Blanche and Reuben Lozner; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Reba Hirsh; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Claire Marwick.

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Sisterhood News

VISIT THE NEW GIFT SHOP IN THE ROTUNDA

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!

Mark The Date

Sisterhood Sephardic Dinner/Dance will be on February 20th, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. Plan to attend.

Reminder: Parent Education Workshops

Parent Education Workshops will be held:

- 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.)

Calendar of Upcoming Sisterhood Events

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

Volunteer Opportunity

A Bethesda woman is seeking volunteers to assist in a home based education and therapy program for her developmentally delayed son. Assistance is needed days, evenings and weekends. No experience is required, only an interest in becoming a part of this specially designed programs. Current volunteers include a teenager and a senior, there are no age or other restrictions. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Barbara Hess at (301) 229-6272.

Dear Fellow Congregant,

The joyous holiday of Purim is soon approaching. We celebrate by reading the Megillah, dressing up in costumes and sending "Shalach Manot." Our sense of joy in the holiday of Purim is made even greater by following the tradition of sending these gift baskets to friends, relatives and to the less fortunate.

This year Beth El Sisterhood will be offering you the opportunity to participate in the tradition of "Shalach Manot". This is how it works: By making a donation to Sisterhood, those you designate will receive a card indicating that a basket of "goodies" (hamentashen, fruits, candies, etc.) has been prepared for them. The more greetings for a particular individual or family, the larger the basket. So, if a recipient's name appears on 1-5 orders, (s)he will receive a small basket; with 6-15 orders, a medium sized basket; and if more than 15 orders are received listing a particular recipient, a large basket will be prepared in his/her name. Each recipient will receive one basket with a card identifying all those sending greetings.

Please order only for local residents since we are asking that baskets be picked up at Beth El. Because our congregation is so geographically spread out, we will only be able to deliver baskets to those who are physically unable to make it to Beth El. We are arranging to have the baskets available Friday morning, March 5th; at the Megillah reading Saturday night, March 6th; and Sunday, March 7th, Purim Day. Cards notifying people of this lovely gift will be sent with instructions on pickup or delivery, if needed.

If you wish to donate a basket to charity in the name of a relative or friend living beyond our local area, a beautiful card will be sent to them extending your Purim greetings. What a nice way to share the festive Purim holiday with others!

Simply fill out and return the order form to Beth El "Attention: Sisterhood Purim Basket" with a check made out to Beth El Sisterhood. Be sure to include the names and addresses of all those you wish to send Purim Greetings. Please indicate the way you would like your name to appear on the gift card. We also ask you to consider donating a basket

to be prepared for the less fortunate with items more appropriate to their needs.

Remember the Sisterhood and the Congregation benefit from your generosity, and your friends will enjoy your sharing this age old tradition with them. In the spirit of the holiday 3% of all donations will be directly contributed to MAZON.

You may wish to order a basket for:

- *Relatives *Friends *Rabbi Maltzman *Rabbi Rudolph *Hazzan Lubin
- *Rabbi Scolnic *Teachers/Directors *Youth Advisors
- *Education Director *Shelter Residents (will include non-perishable food items and toiletries).

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 12TH!!!

I am enclosing a check for \$ _____ for _____ orders at \$5.00 each (or 6 orders for \$25.00), made payable to Beth El Sisterhood.

Donor: _____
Phone: _____

Please prepare Purim Baskets for the following:
Name _____ Address _____

Use a separate sheet for additional gifts!!!
Any further questions please call Susan Levy at (301) 871-8865 or Manette Sznol at (301) 983-8060.

Thank you in advance for your interest. Have a Happy Purim.

Best Wishes from Beth El Sisterhood

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of Elizabeth Bauer, who died after a long illness on December 15, 1992. She represented all that is beautiful and good in Judaism. She bore her illness with hope and courage, and continued, until the very end of her life, her desire to be helpful to any people in distress.

Elizabeth was particularly devoted to Bethesda HELP, where she served at least a day a month to drive people to emergency medical attention. Another day a month Elizabeth stayed at home to field the desperate requests, of all kinds, from people who called through the answering service. She also shared her experience and trained many of the people who are drivers for Bethesda HELP today.

Three days before her death, Elizabeth phoned from her hospital bed to tell Rainbow Place, the shelter for homeless women, that she would be unable to deliver the casserole she had promised for dinner that week!

Elizabeth was loved and treasured by Beth El Sisterhood, whom she served for two terms as President. She is greatly missed not only by her fine family, but by people all over who were touched by her love and concern.

Editor's Note: The above was submitted by Blanche Lozner, Elizabeth Bauer's friend and "co-worker" in serving the needs of Bethesda HELP and Rainbow Shelter.

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.

A study group has been formed for the study of biblical texts. Beginning January 24th, we will be studying the book of Amos. If you would like to join, please call Elliot Wilner at (301) 320-2478.

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.

Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat services for families with children under six are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. Please join us for this 45 minute service filled with songs, prayer, a Torah parade, and a story. Our thanks to Benita and Robert Sandler for sponsoring our Shabbat kiddush in December in honor of Jessica's fifth birthday, and for sponsoring our kiddush in January in honor of Gabi's third birthday.

Our Hanukkah party was once again a big success. The children made beautiful Hanukkah decorations, and they had fun decorating kippot. Many thanks to Daniella Friedman for making the goodie bags, and to Evelyn Karson, Leah Brasch, Dan Koch, Leslie Shedlin, Gail Fribush, Terri and Jeff Annis, and Marcia Greenblum for all their hard work in making this such a terrific party.

Our next activity will be our Tu B'Shevat Seder, to be held on Sunday afternoon, February 7th at 1:00 p.m. Join us in our celebration of the birthday of the trees, as we sample and bless fruits, make crafts, and plant seeds. Reservations are necessary; please see the form below. Mail the form, with your check, to the synagogue office by February 2nd. Please mark the envelope "Nitzanim Tu B'Shevat Seder."

Reservation Form	
NITZANIM TU B'SHEVAT SEDER	
For children under 6, their parents and siblings	
February 7, 1993	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Adults @ \$2.00 each	Total \$ _____
Children @ \$1.00 each	Total \$ _____
Maximum \$6.00 per family	Grand Total \$ _____
Name: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Names and ages of children:	

Reservations are due February 2nd	
No phone reservations	

**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 Wisner,
6504 Windermere Circle, Rockville, MD 20852

Please Reserve:

_____ Adults @ \$5.00 _____

_____ Children @ \$3.00 _____

Total _____

For the _____ family!

**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 _____

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 18 - January 21

- Arthur and Florence Gang
- Jonathan and Jane Gang
- Jerrold and Sally Ganzfried
- Melvin and Sondra Geiger
- Sylvan and Esther Gerber
- William Gerber
- Phil German
- Edward and Jill Gerstenfield
- Robert and Brenda Gerwin
- Daniel Gezari
- Mike and Mindy Gillman
- Samuel and Rita Gillman
- Mark and SuzAnne Gladstone
- Harry and Carol Glazer
- Jeffrey and Marilyn Glick

January 25 - January 28

- Harvey and Dale Gold
- Benjamin and Flora Goldberg
- Charles and Bettie Goldberg
- David Goldberg
- Irving and Annette Goldberg
- Jack Goldberg
- Morris and Suzanne Goldberg
- Seth and Joan Goldberg
- Terry and Lynette Goldberg
- Howard Goldblatt
- Alan and Andrea Golden
- Steven and Janet Goldhill
- Dexter and Felicja Goldman
- Harry and Iris Goldman

February 1 - February 4

- Jack and Beatrice Goldman
- Max and Mitzi Goldman
- Mason and Betty Goldman
- Neil and Carolyn Goldman
- Barry and Beverly Goldsmith
- Mark and Catherine Goldsmith
- David and Joan Goldstein
- Richard and Helaine Goldstein
- Sidney and Harriet Goldstein
- Ed and Bea Goller
- Jerome and Arlene Golub
- Eugene and Amy Gooft
- Phillip and Vivian Gordon
- Meyer and Dorothy Gordon
- Nathan and Helen Gordon

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.

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.

(Donations, continued from page 4)

Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Sharon Spiegel's Torah reading by Marilyn Wind.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Ernestine Goldstein, mother of Judith Levin, by Claire Marwick.

Vatikim

In Honor Of: Herbert Harvey's complete recovery by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Anna Gelman and Saul Possick's special birthdays by Bernard and Rita Jacobi; Frederick Kahn by Ruth Shartsis; the very special birthdays of three dear friends, Anna Gelman, Esther Grabill and Saul Possick by Elsie and Joe Woolman.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Ernestine Goldstein, mother of Judy Levin, by Ellen Murphy; Samuel J. Rosen and Sara Rosen Kaufman by Ina and Joe Young; Elizabeth Bauer, wife of Dr. Heinz Bauer, by Ina and Joe Young; Sophie Thau Berner, mother of Ruth Assal, by Ina and Joe Young; Ernestine Goldstein, mother of Judith Levin, by Ina and Joe Young; Bertha Levin, mother of Jonathan Levin, by Ina and Joe Young; Goldie Press, mother of Ann Barcome, by Ina and Joe Young; Frank Winston, father of Colin Winston, by Ina and Joe Young; Ernestine Goldstein, mother of Judith Levin, by Toby and Bernie Moss.

**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.

Havurah Notes

On the first night of Hanukkah the Family sing-Along Havurah enjoyed an old-fashioned Hanukkah Party hosted by our newest members, David and Bonnie Sidransky. After our child-friendly Havdallah service, the traditional blessings over the holiday candles were chanted by everyone as children lit their family Hanukkiot. Youngsters and parents feasted on a variety of homemade latkes and applesauce -- with our hostess's sourcream-yogurt delight -- topped off by rich cookies, chocolate gelt and dreidel games. A Hanukkah song fest was accompanied by

*Beth El Men's Club
Cordially Invites You To*

"Perspectives in Dialogue - 1993"

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 Joel Trachtenberg

*President, George Washington University
"Is It Good for the Jews?"*

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

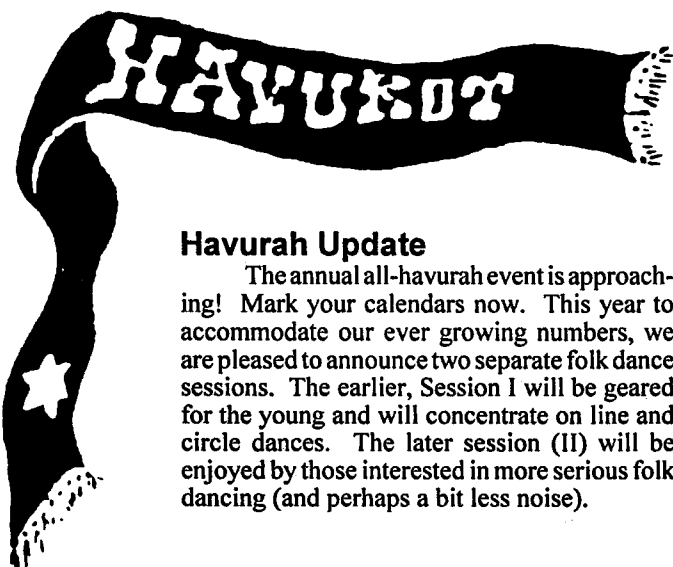
rhythm instruments (drums, bells, sticks, tambourines, sand blocks, wood blocks, triangles) and guitar. The special evening culminated in the debut performance of Hanukkah Story: A Journey to Judea, a choral reading and cantata written by group member Marian Fertik Richter, Ph.D.

If your Havurah is interested in sharing this kind of experience, you may contact Dr. Richter for information or assistance at (301) 897-8007. The Havdallah service is presented in a way that even young children can understand. The Hanukkah cantata -- which needs no rehearsal and enables everyone to participate -- should be available in a published format by Hanukkah of 1993.

Shabbat Havurah

The next meeting of the Shabbat Havurah will be on Saturday, February 6th after the Kiddush. The meeting will take place in the main sanctuary where we will join Hazzan Lubin in his discussions of Jewish music on this Shabbat Shirah. All congregants are invited to attend.

On Saturday, March 6th, we will be pleased to have Mr. Seymour Gross, from our congregation, speak on "Growing Up in Brooklyn: A Yiddish Experience," in the small chapel after the Kiddush. This discussion is targeted toward the young, middle-aged, and elderly in the Congregation.



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).

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).

Lost Coat

On Saturday, November 21st, someone picked up my size 40 Burberry raincoat, instead of his size 42 coat. A switch should make us both happier. Please call (301) 229-1064. Note: Found in pocket - one tootsie roll, lollipop and matches from Thai Kingdom Restaurant on K Street, NW.

Editors Note: There are many items in the synagogue office Lost and Found that are still unclaimed, please come by and see if any are yours.

It's Cold Outside

AND TO OUR SHAME, there are men on the street freezing to death. There is a terrible need for warm clothes -- overcoats, warm jackets, sweaters, scarves, knitted hats, gloves, socks, underwear and shoes. Please bring in your warm, clean, wearable clothing, and put them in the cartons provided in the school hallway. No white shirts please. Most of these men are homeless, and have no laundry conveniences.

The need is urgent and now -- cartons are available from January 15th until January 30th.

Social Action Committee

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.

Singles Meeting

Are you single? Are you ready to meet other interesting singles? Our first singles meeting is set for Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. We have had a good response so far. Come and help organize the best singles group around. Help make initial decisions on how this group should be formed. Should it be one group or two different groups consisting of different age groups? Should there be a once a month brunch? Dances? Balls? Casino Nights? Hiking? Sports events? Singles tables at our Congregation Dinners? If you don't like what other groups have done or have ideas of your own, please come and share them with us. Any questions, call Julie at (301) 652-2606.

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) 299-2367 to join the Beth El team.

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.

(Heritage Series, continued from page 2)

Tuesday, March 16th - Reception at 7:30 p.m.; Lecture at 8:00 p.m.; "Adam's Garden and Noah's Vineyard: A Midrashic Perspective on Moral Responsibility" with Dr. Devora Steinmetz, Director, Beit Rabban, New York, NY.

Tuesday, April 20th - Reception at 7:30 p.m.; Lecture at 8:00 p.m.; "Malbim: A Modern Commentary by a Traditional Commentator" with Professor Benjamin Mintz, Catholic University School of Law ; Ordained, Yeshiva University.

All Lectures are open to the public and free of charge. No previous formal study in Bible is required.

2.The 1993 Presidents Weekend Study Retreat, Sunday, February 14th to Monday, February 15th, will focus on "Abraham Heschel - Classic Jewish Thought for Modern Jews" with Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Gordon Tucker, Professor of Philosophy at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The Retreat will be held at the Loews Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, MD. Reservations are required by January 28th.

For more information and a brochure, please call The Foundation for Jewish Studies, (301) 770-4787.