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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, April 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3rd, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Michael Goldman Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Havurah Minyan, at 9:30 a.m., in APR
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 10th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Men's Club Shabbat, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim, at 10:30 a.m., in APR

Friday, April 16th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, April 17th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Hilary Koenig Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.
USY, at 10:00 a.m., in BR
Gan Shabbat, at 10:45 a.m., in APR

Off The Bimah

As Passover approaches, think for a moment about the time in the Seder when the youngest child at the table asks the four questions. I ask you to add an important fifth question: **will you make room at your Seder table for one additional guest?**

It is once again time to remember that the freedom we as a people gained through our exodus from Egypt, and which we now celebrate, came before Mt. Sinai and our receiving of the Ten Commandments. Without it, the achievements of each of us and our people would not have been possible, for we are the children of that freedom.

Today there is no parting of the waters; no miracles. Just a real need to provide to those among us who are so impoverished as to be hungry. It is true, there is no Torah without bread -- no learning, no warmth, no safety, and very little decency.

The meaning of the fifth question becomes an important and life-giving request. I ask as your rabbi that you contribute to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, the amount of money that you would spend to invite one additional guest to your Seder table. MAZON, which make grants to organizations fighting hunger in this country and abroad, will see that the tradition of "feeding the hungry" is fulfilled. As the poor are fulfilled so, too, will you be.

I wish you the joys of the Passover season.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Siyyum For The First Born

The annual Siyyum for the First Born Child, will be held on Monday morning, April 5th at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow. The breakfast is sponsored by Sy and Barbara Wolf.

Six Recipients of Awards

At the February meeting of the Congregation, Erwin Groner, President, presented certificates of appreciation to: Mary Dubrow, Steve Frank, Blanche Lozner, Norma Golumbic, Evelyn Margolis, and Jeff Annis; for all of their work for the congregation. Todah Rabah.

New Torah Covers

Jeanette Kuvin Oren and Amanda Ford are spearheading the design of new Torah covers for the refurbished sanctuary. Please call Jeanette at (301) 231-8664 or Amanda at (301) 229-3436, if you are interested in sharing creative ideas.

Pesach (Passover) Schedule

Sunday, April 4th, Spring School Vacation until April 13th

Monday, April 5th, Erev Pesach
Service and Siyyum Breakfast, at 7:15 a.m.
Office Closed at 12:00 p.m.
Erev Pesach Service, at 6:30 p.m.
First Seder

Tuesday, April 6th, First Day Pesach
Festival Services, at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Congregation Seder, at 7:15 p.m.
Office Closed

Wednesday, April 7th, Second Day Pesach
Festival Service, at 9:15 a.m.
Weekday Minyan at 8:00 p.m.
Office Closed

Sunday, April 11th, Festival Service, at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 12th, 7th Day Pesach
Festival Services, at 9:15 a.m. and **7:30 p.m.**
Office Closed

Tuesday, April 13th, 8th Day Pesach
Festival Services at **7:00 a.m.** and 9:15 a.m.
Yizkor recited at both services
Weekday Minyan at 8:00 p.m.
Office Closed

Wednesday, April 14th, School Resumes

**We have a handful of places left
on our congregational trip to Israel
The dates are June 28th - July 12th
For further information contact
Rabbi Maltzman immediately!!**

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, a story, and Kiddush.

Todah Rabah to Debbie and Sam Olchik, who did a wonderful job in leading our Shabbat services in February.

If you would like to contribute some time to Nitzanim next year, either as an officer, or on a single-event basis, please contact Rhonda Friedman at (301) 299-9213.

Torah Fund Cocktail Party

Jacquelyn Levine will be the 1993 recipient of Sisterhood's Annual Torah Fund Award. The award is presented to a most deserving member who has given generously of her time, energy and leadership to Sisterhood. Jackie continues to serve Sisterhood in various capacities.

Sisterhood is very happy to honor Jackie on Sunday, April 18th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., at our Torah Fund Cocktail party to be held in the beautiful home of Edward and Jill Gerstenfield.

Minimum contribution	\$28.00
Guest	\$12.00
Benefactor \$150.00 entitles two people to attend.	

RSVP to Miriam Crowell at (301) 951-8644 or Doris Povich at (301) 320-5440 by April 8th.

All In The Family

Mazal Tov to Ann Ball on the birth of her grandson, Joshua Alexander Gara, born on February 23, 1993 and to parents Ellen and Michael Gara. Mazal Tov to Jim and Jill Kaufman on the birth of their son, Jonathan David, born on January 23, 1993.

We wish a speedy recovery to Evelyn Treinish, Jonathan Levine, and Irving Zimmerman.

Mazal Tov and congratulations to Sarah Oren, age 6, daughter of Dan Oren and Jeanette Kuvin Oren upon winning first place, overall, in the Purim Art Contest '93. This event was sponsored by the Washington Jewish Week. Her winning entry "King Ahasuerus, Queen Esther and Esther's dog" was the colorful cover of the March 4, 1993 issue of the Washington Jewish Week.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Rita Weiss, on the death of her mother, Celia Brown, and to Dr. Irwin Shuman, on the death of his wife, Marlene.

Dear Keruv

Dear Keruv: My husband is Jewish, I am not. I believe that our (future) children should be brought up in a one-religion household; my husband and I have talked a lot about this and I wholly agree that our home will be a Jewish one. Although I feel drawn to Judaism, I have not yet decided to convert.

My problem? Fear, I am afraid I will never be accepted, even if I convert. I am afraid my children will never be accepted as Jews, no matter our religious observances. I hear "converts don't have the history" and "Oh, you're not Jewish." So, Keruv, can I find acceptance at Beth El? Future Jew(?)

Dear Future Jew: We regret that you have met people who do not see you as an individual reaching out to Judaism, but as symbol of the non-Jewish world who must bear the awful burden of the disastrous history of Jewish relations with the non-Jewish world. To them, you and your marriage are threats to the survival of Judaism.

Congregation Beth El believes the opposite, we welcome you, encourage you to make a Jewish home, and hope you continue to consider conversion. At a recent Keruv meeting, for example, one person disparaged converts and non-Jewish spouses, but was met with opposing arguments citing converted and non-Jewish spouses bringing up children in observant Jewish homes, non-Jews active in synagogue life, and the need to welcome them to Beth El or risk losing a Jewish family. Most Jews simply do not hear the comments you've heard, and don't know to rise to your defense -- but would. We urge you to seek them out and listen to them when confronted with prejudice.

Beth El offers you help, too. Many classes teach beginning Judaism. Keruv was formed to help you find a role in the synagogue and in Jewish life. We welcome you to join us (converts, non-Jewish spouses, their families, and their friends) and become part of the answer to people who doubt the Jewishness of converts, and the children of interfaith marriage or who see no role for a non-Jewish spouse in the life of the synagogue.

Keruv ("outreach") addresses 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 information about Keruv or to arrange for Keruv to discuss interfaith issues with your Havurah, call Betty Schuchat McDonald at (301) 656-0742.

Our next meeting, held in the All Purpose Room at 8:15 p.m., will be Tuesday, April 27th.

Terri Annis is forming a support group of Jews-by-choice who need a little help after conversion in being and feeling Jewish. If you'd like to be a part of this group -- or if you need a Jewish questions answered -- call Terri at (301) 656-5219.

Directory News

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Karlin have moved to 6124 Robinwood Road, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 229-2326. New telephone numbers for Harry and Iris Goldman (301) 869-9701 and Jay Horowitz (301) 926-2429.

Who's Who and What's What . . .

With this issue of the Beth El Scroll, the new slate of officers of the congregation has been presented to the Board of Directors, and should have already arrived at your home. This is a changing of the leadership of the congregation. A new group of officers has been nominated by the nominating committee for approval at the May congregation meeting.

People are often very funny about change. Whether it is a change for the good or a change for the bad it is still change, and people don't like it. I, on the other hand, am always an optimist. I don't mind change. If it is a bad change then I will change again until I find a good change. After all, life is a series of changes.

Our current officers have worked quite hard to make this year and the previous year successful. Leonard Bebchick and Erwin Groner interviewed me two years ago for the position of Executive Director of Beth El, and we began to plan for the coming years. It has been a good two years for Beth El, under their leadership, and a good two years for me. As I have settled in, I have made changes and seen people's reactions to them. I see change as improvement, with no reflection on the past, its experiences or individuals. So too should the congregation look toward the change of leadership. This change allows a new outlook and perspective, with fresh ideas and different skills available. We will officially thank our outgoing officers at the Installation Dinner on June 4, 1993, as we officially install the new officers. Please join us to witness the transition at this special dinner.

I look forward to working with the new officers, and further our efforts to set goals and achieve them. I hope that you, as well, will help and support our new officers as they settle into their leadership roles.

Steven J. Kravitz
Executive Director

BETH EL SCROLL

8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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Tuning in with Cantor Lubin

Josef (Yossele) Rosenblatt (1822-1933) is, undoubtedly, the most universally known and admired Hazzan of the 20th century. He was a remarkable personality and, besides being one of the most gifted Hazzanim of his generation, he was also a most pious and generous soul. He was a genuine credit to his people and to his calling as a Shliach Tzibbur (Emissary of the Community in prayer).

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Hazzan Rossenblatt's Yahrzeit. To commemorate this occasion our congregation collaborated together with seven other congregations throughout the country and commissioned a musical work which will dramatize the life and musical creativity of this master Hazzan.

The commission and forthcoming performance of this musical drama was made possible through the generosity of Allan and Rockey Lang and Charlotte Simos. Congregation Beth El is extremely grateful to them for making such cultural events happen at Beth El and for the benefit of the greater Washington Jewish community.

In 1933 Hazzan Rosenblatt was invited to Jerusalem to work on a Yiddish film, "The Dream of My People," and once in Eretz Israel, he decided to settle there permanently. However, as fate would have it, he died of a heart attack on June 19, 1933 and was buried in Jerusalem on the sacred Mount of Olives.

There are many fascinating anecdotes related about Hazzan Rosenblatt's life. His son, the renowned scholar Rabbi Samuel Rosenblatt, of blessed memory, wrote a complete biography of his father. Included in the book is the following story. After hearing the magnificent voice of Yossele Rosenblatt at a concert he attended, the great Irish tenor, John McCormack, complimented the Hazzan by calling him "Hello, Jewish McCormack!" Hazzan Rosenblatt at once repaid the tribute with: "Hello, Irish Rosenblatt!"

I urge you not to miss this musical tribute and to attend the world premiere performance of "The World of Yossele Rosenblatt" on Sunday, May 2, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth El.

I want to take this opportunity to heartily thank the enthusiastic and hard working committee of this event, so ably chaired by Brenda Bregman.

Wanted -- Computers

The synagogue office is looking to expand its computer network from 7 to 13 computers. We have 3 computers waiting for "hook-up" but we are looking for 3 additional computers. Do you have an IBM compatible 286 or 386 computer which you would like to donate to Beth El? Please call Steven Kravitz, Executive Director, at (301) 652-2606 for further details.

WE NEED YOU!!!!

Help us plan the synagogue picnic.

Call Rachel at (301) 652-2606

for further details.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations (Donations received as of March 5, 1993)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved father, J. Arnold Pines, by Elaine S. Pines; Eva Leiter by Sarah and Joseph Leiter.

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Julius Scolnic, brother of Rabbi Scolnic by Bea and Bob Newell; Rosie Wolfson by Isadore Wolfson; Leo Horn, uncle of Jason Horn, by Jason and Josephine Horn; Murray Raim, father of David Raim, by Dennis and Diane Horn; Samuel Reiter, father of Harvey Reiter, by Dennis and Diane Horn; Max Stettner by Beth El Sisterhood.

Building Fund

In Honor Of: The Bar Mitzvah of David Sherzer by Al and Evelyn Fox. In Memory Of: Arnold Lawall by Shereen and Allan Mendelowitz.

Cantor's Fund

In Memory Of: Lillian Hurwitz by Beatrice Breger.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Mamie Copperman by Julia and Howard Copperman; Emanuel Robinson by Irving and Vivian Beyda; father and grandfather, Herbert I.J. Berner, by the Assal Family.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Rabbi Dr. A. Kaminka by Irene Kaminka Fischer.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: 50th anniversary of the death of mother, Anna Turteltaub, by Helena Koenig; Albert Lisbona by J. Jacques and Fortune Schettewi.

General Endowment Fund

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

General Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Reiter, father of Harvey Reiter, by Dan Sigelman and Debbie Schechter; beloved father, Bernard Turteltaub, by Helena Koenig; Sylvia W. Gerber by William Gerber.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Nicholas James Kaufman, son of Bernice and Jay Kaufman, by the Parver Family. In Memory Of: Beloved wife, Estelle Kimball, by Sherman P. Kimball.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Lewis Katz by Charlotte and Roy Millenson; Erika and Martin Weiss by Rita and Irvin Weiss; Boruch Wagman by Abraham and Louise C. Wagman.

Mazon

In Memory Of: Morris Moshman by Annette and Jack Moshman; Harry Berman by Ken and Beth Berman; Julius Scolnic, brother of Rabbi Scolnic, by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Fani Mendelowitz by Jack and Flora Singer; Daniel Weisbach by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother and grandmother of the Edenbaum Family by Robert and Sandra Edenbaum; Louis Lesser by Allen Lesser; Sara Burkorn by Ruth Lee Greenberg; Julius Kaplan by Rosalie M. Sporn; Max Liss by George Liss.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of new grandson of Ina and Joe Young by Elaine Pines.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: David Sherzer becoming a Bar Mitzvah by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Israel Backer by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Sarine Cohen Lisbona by J. Jacques and Fortune Schettewi; Ida Goldberg, Louis Goldberg and Minnie Haber, by Trudy and Murray Haber; Max Stettner by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Kweiler; Meyer Simon by Lenora and Raymond Lassen.

Rabbi's Fund

In Memory Of: Arnold M. Bass by Rosalyn Bass; Morris Racusin by Aaron and Shirley Racusin; Fannie Kleine by Herman Kleine; Fortune Harari by Vivian and Irving Beyda; Maurice Greenstein by Judy and Craig Futterman.

Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund

Aaron and Shirley Racusin.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: A Mi Sheberach for Orrin Nathaniel Schwarz by Frances H. Leibowitz.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved sister, Ursula Mandelstam, by Marion F. Wolff.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Tanenbaum by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum; Adolph B. Kahn by Bernard H. Kahn.

Vatikkim Fund

In Memory Of: Fred Nosovitsky by Sam Nash; Julius Scolnic, brother of Rabbi Scolnic, by Sam Nash; Leo Hochstadt by Rhoda Mancher; Julius Scolnic, brother of Rabbi Scolnic, by Mel Evy and Elana Getz; Julius Scolnic, brother of Rabbi Scolnic, by Ruth Shartsis.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Harry I. Young by Ina and Joe Young; Leila Rosen Young by Ina and Joe Young.

1992-1993 Heritage Series

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

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.

The lecture is open to the public and free of charge. No previous formal study in Bible is required.

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

Wanted - Used Books

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Shabbat Havurah

The next meeting of the Shabbat Havurah will be on Saturday, April 3rd immediately after the kiddush in the Chapel. Our speaker will be Dr. Warren Greenberg, Professor of Health Economics at George Washington University, who will speak on the topic, "The Israeli Health Care System in Transition." All are invited to attend

Sisterhood News

Calendar of Sisterhood Events

April 18th	Torah Fund Cocktail Party
April 29th	First of Four Sessions on "Women and the Tallit" (discussion and workshops to make your own tallit)
May 2nd	Sisterhood Board Meeting
May 4th	Sisterhood General Membership Meeting and Elections
May 16th	Plant Sale

Sisterhood PLANT SALE Sunday, May 16th

It's time to think about gardening.

**Plan to buy your flowers at the
Sisterhood Plant Sale on
Sunday, May 16th.
Among the plants that
will be available are:**

**Agreratum • Asters • Begonias
Dianthus • Geraniums • Impatiens
Lobelia • Marigolds • Nicotiana
Petunias • Portulaca • Salvia
Snapdragons • Verbena • Vinca
Zinnias • Tomatoes • Peppers
Hanging Baskets**

**A form for advance orders appears
elsewhere in the Beth El Scroll.
Plan your garden and
support Sisterhood.**

Women and the Tallit: Discussion and Workshop

On April 29th at 8:00 p.m., **Sheila Birnbach** will lead a discussion on "Women and the Tallit". Sheila's discussion will be followed by a workshop over three weeks (May 6th, May 13th, and May 20th at 8:00 p.m.) in which participants will actually make a tallit. Nationally recognized Judaic artist and Beth El member, **Jeanette Kuvin Oren**, will teach the workshop.

The **discussion** is open to all Beth El members. The size of the **workshop** will be limited. There is no registration fee for Beth El members, but participants will purchase and pay for their supplies to make a tallit. Jeanette will give participants a list of all supplies needed at the first workshop. Please note that the discussion and workshop are not for women only--Beth El men are also invited! And you don't have to know how to sew. The tallit can be made using a sewing machine or by hand.

These four sessions will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about the tallit and how to make a tallit for yourself or for a loved one's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. To register for the workshop only, please complete the form below and mail or deliver to the Beth El office. (No registration is needed for the discussion).

REGISTRATION
Workshop: Make Your Own Tallit
May 6th, 13th, and 20th
8:00 p.m.

I wish to register for the three-session workshop. I understand that class size will be limited.

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Address _____

For more information, please contact
Jeanette Kuvin Oren at (301) 321-8664.

Gift Shop News

Don't forget to stop in at the new Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop in the rotunda. You will find many beautiful and unique Passover items including haggadahs.

Your Talents Are Needed!!

Sisterhood continues to look for enthusiastic members to chair or join the many committees of the organization. Please contact **Harriet Filler** at (301) 469-7740 to lend your voice and hands to Sisterhood activities.

Note about Checks

When sending checks to Beth El for Sisterhood events, please make them payable to **Sisterhood** and write **Sisterhood** on the outside of the envelope.

Paper for Sale

But not just any paper! Sisterhood has lovely stationery and note papers to fit your every need. Please contact volunteer **Marilyn Hammerman** at (301) 881-0011 for individualized service to select the writing paper that shows your good taste!

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County
proudly presents the world premiere of

The World of Yossele Rosenblatt

A delightful evening of musical theatre
honoring one of the greatest cantors of all time



*Narrative and story by
Joseph A. Levine*

*Music Arranged by
Charles Davidson*

*Performed by the
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and the Beth El Youth Choir*

*Musical Director
Bruce Steeg*

*Drama Director
Carol Nissenson*

*Cantor Abraham Lubin
will sing the role of Yossele Rosenblatt*

Sunday, May 2, 1993 at 7: 30 PM



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*Donors will receive 2 reserved seat tickets and acknowledgment in the program
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Parents of North American Israelis

In the Washington, DC area where secrets are a way of life, perhaps one of the best kept secrets is the existence of our organization. Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI). Although we hear a lot about local people who are planning to make, or have made aliyah, seldom do we hear about the problems and concerns faced by those they have left behind. PNAI is a support group which was established to help parents and other close family members deal with these subjects and maintain the bond between them.

The Washington Chapter of PNAI is one of more than 50 chapters in the United States and Canada that offers a common meeting ground for parents and other relatives of those who are now making their home in Israel. Members come from diverse backgrounds and all walks of life. They may differ in their religious practices and political preferences, but they are bound together by a common hope and concern for the well-being and future of their loved ones in Israel. PNAI provides a platform for sharing the excitement and concern of having family members actively participating in the exciting task of building a Jewish State; it also offers support and a sympathetic shoulder to lean on when separation from loved ones becomes too difficult to deal with alone.

In addition, PNAI's agenda includes:

- providing information on, and understanding of, the realities facing the North American oleh -- the joys as well as rigors;
- lobbying to help improve the American-Israeli family link, e.g. PNAI's effort to eliminate Israel's exit travel tax [accomplished];
- helping the Israeli economy through encouraging and promoting the sale and purchase of Israeli products whenever and wherever possible;
- assisting olim in times of need including the provision of modest loans from the PNAI Emergency Loan Fund.

The national organization publishes a topical quarterly, *The Bridge* (HaGeshet), which journalistically joins relatives in North America with families in Israel. PNAI is also affiliated with sister organizations in Great Britain and Australia.

We are very much a grassroots organization drawing our strength from the PNAI chapters which are autonomous in their program pursuits. The Washington Chapter generally meets about six times a year usually at the Jewish Community Center of Great Washington in Rockville. Discussion topics have included; housing, banking and credit options confronting the oleh, income tax obligations in dual citizenship; Israeli & U.S. laws as they pertain to wills and trusts; U.S. and Israeli politics in relation to Mideast problems. Meetings have also featured or have been augmented with personal accounts of life in Israel by olim visiting family here, and by chapter members returning from visits there. There is ample opportunity for socializing and refreshments are always served. Metropolitan Washington PNAI members also receive a local chapter newsletter.

Annual membership dues are \$25.00. For information about membership and meetings call the PNAI Washington Metro Area Chapter President, James Churgin at (301) 530-1931.

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- * You are a man and AIDS isn't just a gay man's disease
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- * Our 3 congregations have lost 10 family members to AIDS in the past 6 years

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The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily evening minyan for the next two weeks. The Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m., except on Wednesday nights when the Saul Bendit Adult Institute meets, the minyan will be at 7:40 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.

April 5 - April 8

Ira and Etta Kline
Sidney and Jean Kline
David and Hedva Kobes
Andrew and Katherine Koblenz
Daniel Koch and Leah Brasch
Edward and Helena Koenig
Robert and Evyon Koenig
Naomi Kolko
Lawrence and Barbara Koltun
Jeffrey and Sandi Kamarow
Irwin and Rita Kopin
Bernardo and Rosa Kotelanski
Marvin and Barbara Kotz
Mark and Marjorie Kramer
Robert and Loretta Kramer

April 12 - April 15

Ira and Jill Krefting
Malvin and Linda Krinn
Jay and Connie Krupin
Leah Kupersmith
William and Gaby Kuperman
Carl and Muriel Kupfer
Adam and Sari Kurland
Robert and Vera Kurlantzick
Harry and Miriam Kuskin
Arnold and Linda Kuzmack
David and Sandy Landsman
Emanuel and Davetta Landau
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And we do need "profits!"

We now have over 500 participating families in the shopping certificate program. 20 new families have just recently joined in the program. Last year, their efforts produced a profit for the congregation of about \$42,000. Are you one of the over 500 participants? If not join now, it's so easy!! Certificates are available in the synagogue office, the gift shop, at Vatikim and Sisterhood meetings, through the mail and even through delivery.

This year, there is considerably more competition: a number of non-profit organizations and several elementary schools have joined the ranks. Some of our people are alternating between their school and Beth El. Some are buying from us and giving cash register tapes to their schools. And, yes, some are buying only from their schools. But how about those who aren't patronizing anyone? What a pity for no worthy organization to be benefitting from such an easy and cost-free opportunity to earn 5%.

Please consider buying certificates -- especially from Beth El! For further information about our shopping certificate project, contact Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328 or Petrina Chavis at (301) 469-0518.

Vatikim Luncheon

At our April 15th Vatikim Luncheon, Avi West, who is the Associate Director of the Board of Jewish Education, will talk to us on "Taking Jewish Ritual Into The 21st Century."

Lunch is at 12 noon at a cost of \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. The program is at 1:00 p.m. Please fill out the following reservation form to pay in advance. Checks should be made payable to Beth El Vatikim 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 three (3) days before the scheduled event to assure proper food planning.

RESERVATION FORM VATIKKIM LUNCHEON
Thursday, April 15, 1993

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikim luncheon.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____.

Name: _____

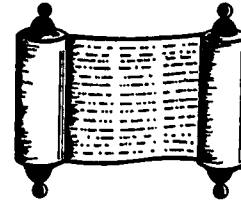
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Please have your response reach us by April 12, 1993

**NO RESERVATIONS
WILL BE ACCEPTED THEREAFTER**

Note: This is the only form that will appear.

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT



**Saturday, April 10th
9:15 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker, Julian Feldman
Executive Director of the
Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington**

**Members of Men's Club will lead the Service
on Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach
Please join us for this special service**

Kiddush to follow

Men's Club News

On Sunday, April 4th, the Men's Club will have as its guest our own Rabbi William Rudolph. His topic will be, "Laws Concerning Passover." The program will follow our usual schedule: Minyan at 9:00 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and Rabbi Rudolph's talk at 10:00 a.m. All are invited.

On Saturday, April 10th, we shall observe Men's Club Shabbat. Officers and members of the Men's Club will participate in the service. Our guest speaker will be Julian Feldman, Executive Director of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, who will speak on, "The Evaluation of the Greater Washington Jewish Community."

On Sunday April 11th, there will be no Men's Club breakfast or program because of Passover. The minyan will be held at 9:00 a.m. as usual.

The Men's Club would like to thank the following individuals who have sponsored breakfasts this year:

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| Irv Hamburger | Sam Fishman | Roy Millenson |
| Josephine Stein | Claire Marwick | Max Stettner* |
| Abner Byer | Evelyn and Ron Treinish | |

*The Men's Club extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Max Stettner.

HOLD THAT DATE!!
**Beth El's Day At The
FREDERICK KEYS GAME**
Sunday, May 16th
Game Time 2:05
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Details to follow in Beth El Scroll and Religious School

**BETH EL SISTERHOOD
PLANT SALE**
Sunday, May 16, 1993 9 am to 1 pm

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Choose from our selection of plants on the day of the sale, OR use this form to order in advance.

<input type="checkbox"/> Fuschia	HANGING BASKETS \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy Geranium	<input type="checkbox"/> New Guinea Impatiens
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MARKET PACKS (4-9 plants) \$3.00

Ageretum (9)
 Hawaii Blue

Asters (9)
 Dwarf Queen Mix

Begonia (4)
 Mix Green Leaf
 Red Bronze Leaf
 Pink Bronze Leaf
 White Bronze Leaf

Dianthus (6)
 Wee Willie

Geraniums (4)
 Orbit Salmon
 Pinto Bi-Color
 Pinto Quicksilver

Impatiens (4)
 Orange
 Pink
 White
 Salmon
 Red
 Lilac
 Rose
 Red and White

Lobelia (6)
 Blue Moon

Marigold (9)
 Aurora Yellow Fire
 Spice Saffron
 Safari Tangerine
 Disco Flame

Nicotiana (6)
 Starship Mix

Petunias (9)
 Ultra Burgandy
 Red Dream
 Super Cascade Salmon
 Challenger Blue
 Lilac Madness
 Challenger Mix

Tomatoes (6)
 Better Boy
 Big Boy

Red Cherry
 Roma

Peppers (6)
 Cal-Wonder
 Sweet Banana

Portulaca (9)
 Sunglow Mix

Salvia (9)
 Red Carabinere

Snapdragons (9)
 Liberty (med.)
 Rocket Mix (tall)

Verbena (6)
 Romance Mix

Vinca (6)
 Peppermint Cooler
 Grape Cooler
 Mix
 Blush Cooler

Zinnia (9)
 Lilliput (medium)

5 - INCH POTS \$3.00

Tomatoes
 Big Boy

Geraniums
 Red
 White
 Pink

PLEASE MAIL ADVANCE ORDER FORMS BY APRIL 25th TO

Mrs. Joyce Abell, 8417 Carlynn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

Advance orders will be set aside for pick-up between 9 am and noon. Payment may be made at time of pick-up.

From the Youth Director....

Spring is upon us and youth programming is better than ever. We have some wonderful events coming up and we invite all of the Beth El children to participate. Upcoming activities include, Chocolate Seders, Israel Ice Cream Parties, a Shabbat Service and lunch. Also, keep you ears open for a June trip to Kings Dominion.

USY will continue to sell bagels on Sunday mornings after Passover. If you would like to order a dozen or more in advance for your Havurah, or any other function, please call Ariel at (301) 652-2606 by Wednesday of that week. Please watch the Beth El Scroll, your mail, and the bulletin board in front of the office for youth department announcements.

B'shalom,

Rachel Berlin, Youth Director

For information and reservations for youth programs please contact your child's advisor. If a flyer requests for an RSVP, please do so, it is difficult to adequately prepare for programs with out the correct information.

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		MACHAR	
March 28	Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Passover Cleaning	April 4	Chocolate Seder
April 18	Holocaust Memorial	April 25	Israel Geography Party
April 20	Take 30/Pizza Dinner/ Board Meeting	March 26-28	KADIMA Kadima Kallah
BONIM		April 4	Chocolate Seder
April 18	TBA	April 18	Putt Putt

From the Principal

Students in Rachmiel Tobesman's seventh grade classes have had the benefit of a variety of exciting programs over the course of the past several months. On Monday, February 22nd, which corresponded to the Yom Tov of Rosh Hodesh Adar, Mr. Tobesman led a Rebbie's Tisch. The program was part of the class study of Comparative Judaism. Mr. Tobesman, our resident Hasid and a follower of the tradition of the Breslover Rebbie, taught niggunim (chanted melodies), special prayers and told stories of tzadikim and the power of faith. Also present were students from the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes as well as a number of seventh grade parents. In preparation for the class

participation in the BJE program "The Immigrant In Each of Us," Mr. Tobesman devised a Family History Project. Students interviewed family members to learn about their immigrant past. Mr. Tobesman will follow up on these successes with a program led by his class commemorating Yom HaShoah on Sunday, April 18th, at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Purim was occasion for the school's first, of what I hope to be many, Purimiyadas. The tradition of gathering for Purim spiels dates back over many hundreds of years among East European Jews. In this tradition, students in our Sunday programs gathered to entertain each other with songs, dances and plays. The program was a great success thanks to our dedicated teachers, enthusiastic students and supportive parents. Some of the highlights, of a highlight filled morning, included Ms. Roark's fifth graders, parody of the Purim story replacing Shushan with Shushanington and Haman with a Jack Kent Cooke bent on moving the team to Virginia; Ms. Rosenbloom's second graders acting out the story with a very convincing David Benjamin as Ahashverush; and Ms. Olchyk's and Ms. Cohen's first graders' musical version of the story to the tune of Sesame Street music. Kol HaKavod to everyone involved in making the Purimiyadas such a great success.

School Calendar Notes

April 3-13	No School Spring Break
April 18 (Sunday)	Regular Schedule Yom HaShoah program grades 4-7
April 20, 21 & 25	Regular Schedule Special Yom HaAtzmaut programming
May 2 (Sunday)	5th grade field trip/Experience Israel

Yom Hashoah V'hagvurah

The congregation is invited to a seventh grade led program commemorating Yom HaShoah V'HaGvurah, Holocaust Heroes and Martyrs Day. The program will take place on Sunday, April 18th, at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. An exhibition of memorabilia from this period including concentration camp clothes and ghetto money will be a part of this presentation.

Registration Notes

We hope to continue into a second year, two special classes which debuted this year, the First Grade Enrichment class and the Special Needs class. The Special Needs class has progressed well under the leadership of teacher, Rachel Albert. Ms. Albert has developed a program meeting the anticipated, diverse needs of her students. In order for this class to be continued next year we will need to add a few students to the register. If you are interested in enrolling in this class or know someone who may be interested please contact the school office. Similarly, the First Grade Enrichment class has progressed well. Under the guidance of Allison Redlich, who took this teaching assignment in January, the class has continued their instruction in Bible stories, conversational Hebrew and music. If we receive satisfactory enrollment we will continue this mid-week First grade class and will add a Second grade class. The classes will meet on Thursday afternoon. If you would like more information on this class or would like to register, please indicate so on your registration forms which will be in the mail shortly.