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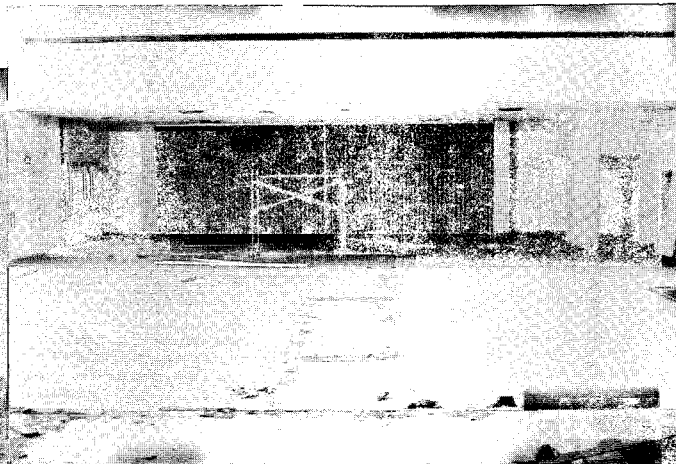
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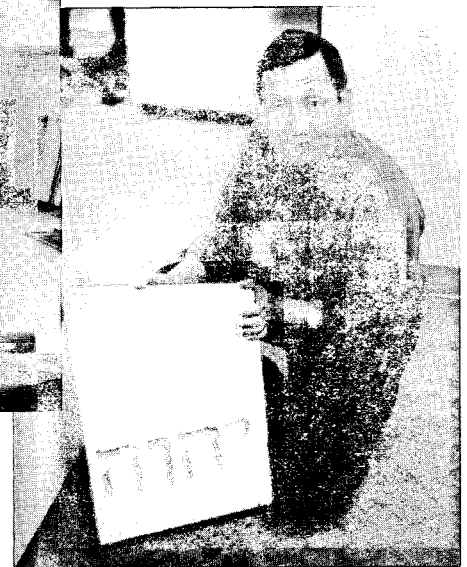
## June 10, 1993 — Beth El Sanctuary Under Renovation



*"Who stole the shul?"*



*"Wow, does this look empty!"*



*It is the Jewish tradition to bury any items with God's name on them. In keeping with that tradition, God's name, which appeared on the Ark, was removed for safe keeping. Picture above is Mr. Hein Q. Thanh, Beth El Building Caretaker, with the cut-out.*

### Shabbat Schedule

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

Saturday, July 3rd, 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.

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

Saturday, July 10th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.  
Nitzanim Services, at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, July 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 17th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.  
Gan Shabbat, at 10:45 a.m. in the APR  
Keruv Discussion, at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, July 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 24th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.  
Nitzanim Services, at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, July 30th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 31st, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

## Tisha B'Av

The observance of Tisha B'Av will be marked at Beth El on Monday, July 26th at 9:00 p.m. with the reading of Megillat Aykiah, and Tuesday, July 27th at 7:30 a.m. Tisha B'Av, which literally means "the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av," is a tragic day in the history of the Jewish people. It might accurately be referred to as "our day of national mourning." Tisha B'Av allows us to give expression to the grief we Jews feel over the tragedies, calamities and suffering experienced by our people during the millennia. On this day we mourn the loss of the Temples in Jerusalem, and the centuries filled with homelessness, persecution and intolerance.

No other people has this kind of day appearing annually on its calendar. Most people, on the contrary, attempt to forget and repress their defeats, and if they do remember, it is only to fan hatred until the moment of revenge. We, however, remember Tisha B'Av in a spirit of contrition rather than vengeance, with self-examination and hope for the future.

The following is a list of the misfortunes associated with Tisha B'Av:

Ca 1260 B.C.E. - Israelites lose opportunity to enter the land of Canaan immediately by accepting the evil report brought back by the spies sent by Moses. (Midrash)

586 B.C.E. - First Temple destroyed by the Babylonians. Jerusalem is burnt and the people led off into captivity.

70 C.E. - Second temple destroyed and Jerusalem razed by the Romans. Independence not recovered until 1948.

135 C.E. - Bethar falls. Bar Kochba had led a rebellion against the Romans in Palestine 132-135 C.E. Bethar was his last stronghold.

136 C.E. - On the year following the Bar Kochba revolt under the orders of Hadrian, the site of Jerusalem is plowed under.

1492 C.E. Expulsion of Jews from Spain.

1929 C.E. - Bloody Arab riots against the Jews broke out in Hebron and Jerusalem.

1935 C.E. - Nuremberg Laws passed.

The tragedies of the ages are recalled, not in bitterness, but rather for the heroism and self-sacrifice of our ancestors in their steadfast loyalty to the Jewish heritage. Tisha B'Av helps the Jews to revere more deeply that tradition for which so much has been sacrificed. This day also should remind us of the suffering and intolerance that the Jew in many parts of the globe still must undergo, but for the fact that they were born as members of the Covenant of Abraham. May these memories stir us to hasten the coming of redemption for our people and for all men who yearn for its lights.

The liturgical highlight of Tisha B'Av is the chanting of the Book of Lamentations (Aicha) in a special plaintive melody. This Biblical book is a series of elegies on the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem. It captures powerfully the sense of desolation which overwhelmed the Jewish people.

Fasting is a central aspect of the observance of Tisha B'Av. The day has been called the "black fast," in contrast to Yom Kippur, which is known as the "white fast."

Please join us at Beth El, as we observe Tisha B'Av and link ourselves with the history of the Jewish people.

## All In The Family

Mazal Tov to Joanne and Mark Jacobson on the birth of their son, Reuben Gordon, on May 20, 1993. Mazal Tov to Harry and Carol Glazer on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Elise Spiegelman, born on June 12, 1993, and to parents Howard and Debra Spiegelman.

Mazal Tov to Sigmund and Carolyn Shapiro on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Mazal Tov to Daphne Blumenthal, daughter of Robert and Rayah Blumenthal, on graduating from St. Johns College.

Mazal Tov to Michal Young and Andrew Fandel on their engagement. Michal is the daughter of Dr. Joseph L. Young and the late Dr. Leila Rosen Young and stepdaughter of Ina W. Young. Ms. Young is a graduate of Duke University and a Clark Scholar in the Notre Dame MBA Program. Mr. Fandel, son of Richard and Sondra Fandel of Rockford, IL, is a Federal Systems Engineer at Zenith Data Systems in St. Joseph, MI. An August wedding is planned.

We wish a speedy recovery to Thea Saunders, mother of Bonnie Sedransky; Anita Levinson; Leah Kupersmith; and Alex Rosenberg.

## July Shabbat Speakers Announced

During July, we shall continue the tradition of inviting Beth El members to speak at the late Shabbat morning service. The following people will speak:

July 3rd — Daniel Mann, Adjunct Professor of Jewish Communal Studies, Baltimore Hebrew University. Mr. Mann's topic will be "A Jewish Perspective on the Clinton Administration."

July 10th — Jack Edlow, President, Edlow International. Mr. Edlow will be speaking on "Swords Into Plowshares."

July 17th — Dennis Ross, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State. Mr. Ross' topic is the "Status Report: The Middle East Peace Talks."

July 24th — Marion Wolff, author of The Shrinking Circle. Mrs. Wolff will speak on "Perspectives of Remembering the Unforgettable."

July 31st — Rabbi William Rudolph will offer the D'var Torah.

## Directory News

David Papilsky's new phone number is (301) 984-2551. Gary, Mary and Julie Rabinowitz have moved to 2618 Washington Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, (301) 588-1271. David and Ellen Abramowitz, 208 Midsummer Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Jeremy and Sharon Zissman, P.O. Box 5902, Bethesda, MD 20824. Ray and Donna Butler, 8221 Langport Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, (301) 977-6047. David and Susan Brinn Siegal, 7026 Longwood Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. Harry and Beverly Zitelman, 5809 Nicholson Lane, #1614, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Jonathan Talisman, 311 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851.

**In the Mail**

Dear Friends,

We recently received your generous contribution of \$250.00

Thank you for your continued support of our community involvement.

Sincerely,

Reba Hirsh  
Corresponding Secretary  
Bethesda Help, Inc.

The following was inadvertently left out of a previous Beth El Scroll.

Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro thank all the many Beth El friends who sent them Happy 70th Birthday cards.

**Baruch Dayan Emet**

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Bernard Wassertzug, on the death of his father, Salomon Wassertzug; Masha Wassertzug on the death of her husband Salomon Wassertzug, Janyse Weisz, on the death of her grandmother, Gussie Herman; RuthAnn Heckman, on the death of her father, Sam Rauch; and Alfred Meisner, on the death of his wife, Shirley Meisner.

**BETH EL SCROLL**

8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

- Rabbi ..... Jonathan Z. Maltzman
- Assistant Rabbi ..... William Rudolph
- Rabbi Emeritus ..... Samuel Scolnic
- Hazzan ..... Abraham Lubin
- Executive Director ..... Steven J. Kravitz
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**High Holiday Information**

**Ushers Needed!**

With more than 2,800 worshippers attending High Holiday services at Beth El and at Whitman, additional volunteers are needed to serve as ushers. We need your help. Please contact Norman Eule at (301) 320-3669, if you can assist us at the holidays.

**Holiday Babysitting**

Professional baby-sitters will care for your children (ages 2 to 6, who must be toilet-trained) enabling you to attend High Holiday services. All children must be registered in advance. For additional information, call Kay Klass at (301) 365-5365.

**High Holiday Tickets**

Ticket information and prices for 1993 High Holiday tickets are located on the Registration Form. Watch your mail-boxes! **Registration forms are due August 15th for High Holiday Tickets and Membership Dues.** Please help our staff and volunteers by returning your Registration Form promptly. Remember, tickets for seats at Beth El are on a first-come first-serve basis.

**Nitzanim**

Nitzanim Shabbat services for families with children under six will continue throughout the summer. There will be two services in July, on the second and fourth Saturdays as usual, and one service on the second Saturday in August. Services are held in the All Purpose Room for approximately 50 minutes beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Nitzanim wishes a happy birthday to Mimi Annis. Our thanks to her parents, Jeff and Terri Annis, for sponsoring our June 12th kiddush in honor of Mimi's third birthday.

**Vatikkim Program for July**

Our speaker for the July 15th program will be Rabbi William Rudolph. In his topic, entitled "The Best Years of Their Lives?" he will examine the problems faced by Jewish college students in the 90's. Among these are the divisiveness between African American and White students on campus, and the bleak job market after college. We shall meet in the Board Room. Please bring your own dairy lunch, as usual, on Thursday study sessions. No reservations need to be made for this program.

**Parents!**

Call to parents of children in the Jewish Day School -- and all other participating schools.

If your school has suspended its shopping certificate project until Fall, please consider buying from Beth El during the summer. Please call Cheryl Rod, (301) 299-8362, for information.

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

(Donations received as of June 11, 1993)

### **Bauer Confirmation Fund**

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Ellen Murphy by Claire Marwick; this year's confirmation class by The Bronheim Family.

### **Bendit Adult Institute Fund**

In Memory Of: Cessi Strauss by Martin Strauss.

### **Beth El Forest**

In Honor Of: Rufeah Shelemah by Ellen Murphy; the special birthday of Selma Klein by Bernice and Werner Blumenthal. In Memory Of: Alan Schwimmer, beloved father of Eden Solender and Lita Wolf by Irvin and Ethel Hamburger; Alphonse Villano, beloved father of Steve Villano, by Irvin and Ethel Hamburger; Anna Deckelbaum, mother of Robert Deckelbaum, by Irvin and Ethel Hamburger; Stanley Kliment by Lillian Kessler; Charlotte Millenson by Lillian Kessler; Manny Brooks by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; Lois Jassie's brother by Bradley Chavurah. Sisterhood has planted trees in memory of: Helen Harburg, mother of Naomi Levy; Celia Brown, mother of Rita Weiss; Marlene Shuman, wife of Irwin Shuman; and Israel Gussow, father of Milton Gussow.

### **Building Fund**

In Memory Of: Anna Werfel, grandmother of Richard Pollen, by Richard Pollen; Baruch Leib Zeger and Chava Zeger by Bernice Blumenthal; Esther Bernstein by Dorothy Alberstadt.

### **Cantor's Fund**

Dexter and Felicia Goldman. In Honor Of: Cantor Abraham Lubin by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

### **Chevre Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Charlotte Millenson by Herbert Wiser; Beloved mother, Sally Leff, by Joan Lipnick; Dr. Edward Strongin by Roy Millenson.

### **College Fund**

In Honor Of: Meir's marriage by Debby and Menachem Shoham and Family.

### **Crowell Religious School Scholarship Endowment Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved husband, Jack Crowell, by Miriam Crowell.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved sister, Thelma Kramer, by Melva and Irving Tofsky; Harry Gerber by Esther G. Kohn.

### **General Endowment Fund**

In Honor Of: The marriage of Donna Scolnic and Bob Gregor by Trudy and Murray Haber.

### **General Fund**

William Kantner. In Memory Of: Parents and sister by Anne and Irving Kalikow; Sylvia Miller, sister of Mina Kaynard, by Joel and Leslie Silver; my parents by Tammy Friedman.

### **Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Honor Of: The birth of daughter and sister, Amy Tamar, by Nancy Rose, Robert, Elana and David Lipman; Molly, graduating from Beth El Nursery School, by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; the confirmation of Marc Fox, Michael Feinberg, and Benjamin Lewis, by Sharon and David Fox; the birth of Andrew and Rebecca Siegel by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

### **Library Fund**

In Memory Of: Charlotte Millenson by Claire Marwick.

### **Mazon**

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Heinz Just by Milton and Faye Doberman; Yael and Wally Greenberg by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Rob Fersh receiving the Men's Club Award by The Goott Family. In Memory Of: Irving Landau, brother of Marilyn D. Kweller, by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller.

### **Mintz Landscaping Fund**

In Memory Of: Melvin Mancher by Rhoda Mancher.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Ellen Murphy by Shirley and Seymour Gross. In Memory Of: Marlene Shuman by Esther and George Liss; Beloved brother, Herman Zagoria, by Etta Kline; Helen Levinson by Herbert and Anita Levinson. The following have made contributions in memory of Stanley Kliment: Esther and George Liss; Bertha H. Pollock; Dr. and Mrs. Israel Shulman; Trudy and Murray Haber; Bertha H. Pollock; Claire Marwick; William Gerber; Shirley and Seymour

Gross; Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller; Martin Dembo; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Isadore and Irene Routhenstein; Shirley R. Levine; Debby and Menachem Shoham and Family.

### **Music Fund**

In Honor Of: The birth of granddaughter, Suzanne E. Kleine, by Paula and Herman Kleine. In Memory Of: Hy Tepper by Dorothy Alberstadt; Elaine Krause by Dorothy Alberstadt.

### **Nitzanim Fund**

In Honor Of: The birth of Amy Tamar Lipman by Leslie Shedlin and David Raim.

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

In Honor Of: The birth of a son to Joanne and Mark Jacobson by Herbert Wiser; the Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Wolf by Trudy and Murray Haber; Jeffrey's Bar Mitzvah by Debby and Menachem Shoham and Family. In Memory Of: Mother of Dr. Robert Deckelbaum by Eleanor and Samuel Frishman; Jack Diamond by Eleanor and Samuel Frishman; Beloved mother, Mary Wiser, by Herbert Wiser; Milton Gerwin and Maurice Isen by Robert and Brenda Gerwin.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

In Memory Of: Jack I. Fleisher by Ronald S. Fleisher; Yaacov Schettewi by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Lena Wagman by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wagman; Jacob and Dorothy Greif by their children and grandchildren, Joseph, Aline, Cecile, Jeffrey, and Julie Grief.

### **Rabbi's Fund**

In Honor Of: A speedy and complete recovery of Corey Solender by Irvin and Ethel Hamburger; the naming of our daughter, Amy Tamar Lipman, by Nancy Rose and Robert Lipman; Donna Scolnic's marriage to Bob Gregor by Debby and Menachem Shoham and Family. In Memory Of: Anne Bayer, Gussie Shapiro and Ruth Greenberg by Leonard and Linda Greenberg; Mary Yerman, mother of Rosalie Wolfson, by Isadore and Rosalie Wolfson; Hilda Bette Kahn by Walter K. Kahn; Beloved father, Harry Possick, by Saul Possick; Fred Roth by Henry Roth; Samuel Bechick by Leonard N. Bechick; Michael L. Brand by Horst and Ruth Brand; Robert Band by Bernard A. Band; Beloved sister, Pearle D. Friedkin, by Martin S. Dembo.

### **Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund**

In Honor Of: Daughter, Ariana Mindel Levinson, by Curtis and Wendy Levinson; Erwin Groner's tenure as President of Beth El by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; Marilyn Hammerman and Seymour Gross contributing the proceeds of their Yiddish performance at Kehilat Shalom Retirees by Marilyn Hammerman and Seymour Gross; Frannie Elson's confirmation by The Tievsky Family; In gratitude to Gloria Frank by Sharon Tievsky. In Memory Of: Bertha Streit by Toby and Bernie Moss; Beloved sister, Pearle D. Friedkin, by Martin S. Dembo.

### **Sisterhood Torah Fund**

In Honor Of: Abe Kay by Mr. and Mrs. J. George Kay; Jose Sokol's birthday by Ann and Bruce Barcome; Shirley Gross election as Vice President of Sisterhood, by The Weiner Family. The following have made contributions in honor of Jacquelyn Levine receiving the Torah Fund Award: David, Isobel, Alex and Seth Levine; Cathy and Jonathan Binder; Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Julie and Harris Belinkie; Brenda and Bob Gerwin; Karl Freiberg; Charlotte and Bernie Resnick; Yael Greenberg; Twila Nattel; Rhonda Barish and Michael Polis; Nettie Levitt and Richard Gilbert.

### **Sisterhood Hospitality Fund**

In Memory Of: David Eleck Snyder by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Silverberg.

### **Social Action Fund**

In Honor Of: Jonathan Simon's Bar Mitzvah by Cathy and Jonathan Binder. In Memory Of: Charlotte Millenson by Blanche and Reuben Lozner.

### **Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund**

In Memory Of: Ann Mininberg by Harvey and Susan Mininberg.

### **Torah Scroll Fund**

In Honor Of: Jackie Levine receiving the Torah Fund Award by Mel and Evy Getz.

### **Vatikkim Fund**

In Honor Of: Our friend and neighbor Reba Hirsh by Rose Risin, Evelyn Magid, and Paula Horowitz; Margaret Bogler's 80th Birthday by Claire Marwick.

### **Young Equality Fund**

In Memory Of: Joseph Lieberman by Toby and Bernie Moss.

## Sisterhood News

### Torah Fund Cocktail Party A Big Success!!

On Sunday, May 23rd, Sisterhood's Annual Torah Fund Cocktail Party was held at the beautiful home of Jill and Edward Gerstenfeld. One hundred people honored Jackie Levine, this year's recipient of Sisterhood's award for outstanding service and dedication.

This festive reception and most successful fundraiser for the Jewish Theological Seminary could not have taken place without the concerted effort of the following people: Julie Copperman, Miriam Crowell, Ellen Elow-Mintz, Harriet Filler, Dale Gold, Norma Golumbic, Lil Kessler, Steven Kravitz, Sandy Levy, Sonja Schultz and Trudy Weker.

A special thank you to Dorothy Beverly for preparing a very appetizing meal.

Doris L. Povich  
Torah Fund Chairperson

### Gift Shop News

The Sisterhood Gift Shop, located in the Rotunda, will be closed for July and August.

### Thank You

As you may have noticed, the synagogue has taken on a more colorful and summery look outside as well as in our courtyard. We wish to thank Sisterhood and Debbie Cohen for supplying some of the beautiful plants and Jodie Blieberg for organizing and planting them. They look wonderful!!

### MERCAZ Needs You

MERCAZ is the American Zionist organization of the Conservative Movement. As such, MERCAZ is the only Zionist organization in America concerned with the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism in Israel. Conservative/Masorti institutions in Israel do not get the government funding that Orthodox institutions do. The only opportunity for our Movement to receive funds is through the World Zionist Organization where our delegates, whose numbers are determined by the size of our membership, have a voice in the funding and decision-making process.

#### Please join MERCAZ today, and support our efforts to:

- \* Ensure religious pluralism in Israel and full recognition of our rabbis, synagogues, mohalim, institutions and programs.
- \* Encourage electoral reform so that extremist minority parties will no longer wield undue power.
- \* Determine an equitable distribution of World Zionist Organization/Jewish Agency funding for the Conservative/Masorti Movement around the world.
- \* Promote civil rights including Conservative/Masorti representation in religious councils and full equality for women.
- \* Support Aliyah and Hebrew language studies.
- \* Oppose any change in 'Who is a Jew' and 'Law of Return'.

Check your High Holiday Registration packet for details on how to belong to MERCAZ.

### Dear Keruv

Dear Keruv Readers: As promised in the last issue of the Beth El Scroll, we are reprinting Rabbi Maltzman's List "Building Your Home Jewish Library." Part One listed Classical Texts, Prayer Books, and books on Jewish Thought and Theology. Part Two, of the list is below, the last part will appear in the next issue of the Beth El Scroll.

### Building Your Home Jewish Library

By Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

#### History:

Great Ages & Ideas of the Jewish People. Leo W. Schwarz, ed. Modern Library, 1956.

History of Israel: From the Rise of Zionism to Our Time. Howard Sachar. Knopf, 1979.

Night. Elie Wiesel. Avon Books, 1972.

The War Against the Jews 1933-1945. Lucy S. Dawidowicz. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1975; Bantam, 1976.

Profiles in American Judaism. Marc Raphael. Harper & Row, 1985.

World of Our Fathers. Irving Howe. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976; Touchstone, 1977; Bantam 1980.

A History of the Jews. Paul Johnson. Harper & Row, 1987.

A History of the Jewish Experience. Leo Trepp. Behrman House, 1983.

Conservative Judaism: Our Ancestors to Our Descendants. Dorff. USA, 1977.

#### Life-Cycle, Prayer & Observance:

The Jewish Way in Death & Dying. Maurice Lamm. Jonathan David, 1969.

The Jewish Way in Love & Marriage. Maurice Lamm. Harper & Row, 1980.

From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History. Arthur Kurzwel. William Morrow Co., 1980.

#### The Jewish Catalogs:

The First Jewish Catalog: A Do-It-Yourself Kit. Richard Siegel, Michael Strassfeld, Sharon Strassfeld, 1973.

The Second Jewish Catalog: Sources and Resources. Sharon Strassfeld and Michael Strassfeld, 1980.

The Third Jewish Catalog: Creating Community. Sharon Strassfeld and Michael Strassfeld, 1980.

To Be A Jew: A Guide to Jewish Observance in Contemporary Life. Hayim Halevy Donin. Basic Books, 1972.

The Sabbath. Dresner. Burning Bush Press, 1970.

To Pray as a Jew: A Guide to the Prayer Book and the Synagogue Service. Hayim Halevy Donin. Basic Books, 1980.

Jewish Dietary Laws. Siegel and Dresner. Rabbinical Assembly, 1982.

To Raise a Jewish Child: A Guide for Parents. Hayim Halevy Donin. Basic Books, 1977.

The Complete Book of Jewish Observance. Trepp, Behrman House, 1980.

Embracing Judaism. Simcha Kling. Rabbinical Assembly, 1987.

Keruv ("outreach") was formed to address the issues of intermarriage at Beth El. Address your questions to "Dear Keruv" in care of the synagogue office -- or join our discussion groups to share your experiences with or concerns about intermarriage. For information about Keruv call Betty Schuchat McDonald at (301) 656-0742.

Our once-a-month discussion groups, held after the Kiddush, will resume October 16th.

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 part of this group call Terri at (301) 656-5219.

## The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily evening minyan for the next four 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.

### July 5 - July 8

Mark and Rina Palchick  
Steven and Dianna Palance  
Jacob and Diana Pankowski  
David and Helen Papilsky  
Maurice and Milly Papilsky  
Alan and Sharon Parver  
Jeffrey and Freida Paskow  
Harold and Gaye Passes  
David and Gertrude Pearl  
Irving and Hamaline Peltz  
George and Elaine Periman  
Irwin Pernick  
Jerry Pfeffer  
Robert and Barbara Phillips  
Elaine Pines

### July 19 - July 22

Albert and Doris Povich  
Barry and Barbara Pupkin  
Emanuel and Harriet Rabin  
Aaron and Shirley Racusin  
Irving and Grace Raifman  
David Raim and Leslie Shedlin  
Arnold and Hilary Raizon  
Howard and Anita Ratain  
Sydney and Anne Ratcliffe  
Sanford and Shelley Reback  
Herman and Dorothy Rebhan  
Alfred and Marilyn Reines  
Blanche Reines  
Stephen and Rena Reiss  
Harvey and Wendy Reiter

### July 12 - July 15

Anthony and Marion Pitch  
Harry and Babette Pitt  
Michael and Judith Platt  
Shirlene Platshon  
Saul and Elizabeth Pleeter  
Milton and Bertha Pochter  
Michael Polis and Rhoda Barish  
Mark Pollak and Janet Meyers  
Richard and Sandra Pollen  
Joel and Betsy Popkin  
Arthur and Helen Popper  
Zvi and Bunny Porath  
Saul and Marcia Possick  
Michael and Adeen Postar  
Louis and Carole Potash

### July 26 - July 29

Stuart and Sarah Reiter  
Bernard and Charlotte Resnick  
Harvey Resnik  
Carol and Kerry Reynolds  
Louis and Helen Rib  
David and Marjorie Richman  
Melvin and Lenore Richter  
Robert and Marian Richter  
Basil and Margaret Rifkind  
Rose Risin  
Elliott and Laura Robinson  
Bernard and Cheryl Rod  
Isadore and Rose Rod  
Ruth Rondberg  
Alexander and Beatrice Rosenberg

## Introducing.....

Cheryl Rod, our new shopping certificate coordinator! She will welcome your calls, your certificate orders -- and your help. Please call her at (301) 299-8362 . . . . . All good wishes, Cheryl!

## Seeking 25+ Year Members of Congregation Beth El

If you joined Congregation Beth El between 1951 and 1968 and are a current member, please complete the form below.

In the next year, we shall honor members of the congregation who have been members prior to 1968.

### Beth El Member 25+ Years

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Principal

Celebrations filled the Religious School calendar over the last month of the school year. The first important celebration came on Shavuot as we celebrated the Confirmation of the class of 1993. Since I highlighted that in my last column I will comment no further. On Friday, June 4th, we celebrated the Sixth Graders' completion of the 13 Mitzvot Projects. This annual assignment has the sixth graders fulfilling 13 mitzvot over the course of the school year. A project is complete when the student writes an essay describing the experience. This year's sixth grade class included: Ivan Askwith, Mindy Budgor, Adam Chasen, Maxwell Cooper, Adam Danoff, Rachel Edlow, Steven Feldman, Steven Friedman, Audrey Handelman, Rachel King, Cherisse Leopold, Marissa Levy, Tallie Lieberman, Emily Lodish, Eric Mates, Aaron Niedermayer, Lisa Rod, Naomi Rosenberg, Gabriel Ross, Jonathan Schlesinger, Steven Seiden, Lindsay Shoneman, Daniel Spiegel, Jonathan Stern, Jeffrey Theodore, Aaron Tievsky, and Karen Zahler.

**Teacher Recognition Shabbat** was celebrated on June 5th. Representing the faculty in the service were teachers Helen Rib and Cheryl Kreiser. Ms. Rib has been a member of the Religious School faculty for 27 years. Ms. Kreiser is a relative newcomer to the school faculty. This year she led Junior Congregation services as well as taught 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes. Yasher Koach to Ms. Rib, Ms. Kreiser and the rest of the religious school faculty. In the Teacher Recognition Ceremony special mention was made of the contributions to the school of Rachel Albert who created our fledgling Special Needs class; Mark Shalom who instituted our Remedial Hebrew Reading program; and Amy Eisenstein who served as teacher's aide for three years and will be going off to Rutgers University in the Fall. I would also like to thank for their contributions teachers who will not be returning in the Fall: Felicia Dannick, Leena Groner, Linda Bernard and Stefanie Fischer.

I would also like to express my grateful appreciation to the Education Committee which has been ably led this year by Arthur Popper. The Committee has given me important guidance and support over the past two years and I look forward to continuing to work with this special group of congregants. I would also like to thank Debbie Cohn, Education Committee Liaison, and Jody Benjamin and Amanda Ford, Co-Chairs of the Parent Action Committee. With the corps of room parents recruited and Room Parent Coordinators, Ilene Ackerman and Gail Caslani, many school activities ran smoother, and our teachers could better focus on other responsibilities. In addition, grade level socials, for almost every class, were held during the first half of the school year helping to bring Religious School families into more contact with each other.

I would just like to offer a hearty thank you to the parents of our students. I appreciate your efforts to get your children to class consistently, to persist in their studies, to practice reading at home and to complete homework assignments. I appreciate the sympathetic responses given when called by a teacher or the principal when there has been a problem in the classroom. Most satisfying is the ever widening support through bringing Jewish life into your own homes. Our efforts are driven by the need to develop Jewish identity. When the partnership between home and school is strong, or when the level of dissonance between the two is limited, then our program is seen to be relevant and meaningful. I thank you for your past support and look forward to continuing our partnership into the future.