



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Shabbat Schedule

Morning Minyan, at 9:00 a.m.  
Friday Evening Service, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 27th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Nitzanim Service, at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 4th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Michael Hurwitz Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Havurah, at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, December 10th, at 6:30 p.m.  
Second Day Hanukkah

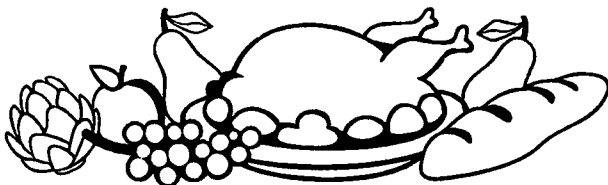
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Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.  
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## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1993  
AT 8:00 P.M.**

**BETHESDA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**SPEAKER: RABBI JONATHAN Z. MALTZMAN  
TOPIC: "EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE"**



## Off the Bimah

Our September ceremony of rededication was a joyous and spirited affair. The procession of Sifrei Torah into the sanctuary, adorned in the magnificent new mantles, was a special moment. For those who were unable to attend the ceremony and missed the discussion of the new sanctuary symbols, I offer the following words of explanation. I hope that this understanding will add to your appreciation of the physical beauty of the jewel and the crown of our synagogue facility. That, in turn, I pray, will enhance the moments we share together - moments of joy and sorrow - in the months and years ahead.

### The Aron Kodesh:

Nine quotations from the *Tanach* referring to "Torah" and "Beth El" are etched in the three glass panels. The letters imply bricks of Jerusalem stone near the base, and rise toward heaven in shapes of clouds. The lettering was designed by Jeanette Kuvin Oren.

### The Upper Windows surrounding the congregation:

The four letters from the dreydl (an acronym for "A Great Miracle Happened There"--*Nun, Gimel, Hey, Shin*) are arranged as if they were floating up to heaven. Like the Ark inscriptions, the letters are to imply that God's words touch us on earth but ultimately come from the heavens.

### The Twelve Tribes of Israel:

Hidden within one brick on each of the twelve lower window sections is a symbol of each of the twelve tribes. Beginning with Reuben, and working around the sanctuary, the tribes represent all Jews. The tribe symbols were designed by Jeanette Kuvin Oren.

### The Seven Torah Mantles:

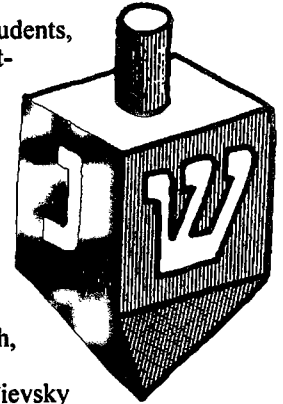
The seven new Torah covers depict the seven Days of Creation. Together, Jeanette Kuvin Oren and N. Amanda Ford designed, painted the fabrics, and stitched the Torah covers. They are made of silk and assorted fabrics. Each is appliqued and quilted in great detail.

Jeanette and Amanda were graciously assisted by Marilyn Hammerman (in the finishing work) and Aaron Dreilinger (in design). For all of them it was a labor of love and a privilege to be part of this project of "hiddur mitzvah," the beautification of our sanctuary.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

### From Ben Tievsky (USY T.O.F.O.)

What is the most popular Hanukkah Treat among children? Chocolate Hanukkah Gelt! Parents, students, Nitzanim, Vatikim, staff, religious school teachers, you are all invited to send your friends and loved ones a "Gelt-O-Gram." Gelt-O-Grams will consist of a bag of Hanukkah gelt and a prewritten personalized greeting or message from you to be delivered to the receiver, in the building, during the week of December 12th, 1993. To order: fill out the form below and send to the Beth El Youth Director's office. Or, purchase one in the building on December 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and December 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.



Proceeds from this Tikkun Olam project will be put into the USY T.O. fund and will be sent to various charities at the end of the year. **PLEASE HELP SUPPORT USY.**

Chag Sameach,

Ben Tievsky  
USY Tikkun Olam Finance Officer

## GELT-O-GRAM FORM

Sender's Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Receiver's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Days in Synagogue (circle all appropriate)      Sun    M    T    W    Th

(circle one)

Student                      Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery School          Class \_\_\_\_\_

Vatikim

Staff

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUR NOTE

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Please return this form and \$1.00 per Gelt-O-Gram by  
Wednesday, December 8th to:

Attn: Rachel B. Handloff  
8215 Old Georgetown Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814

More forms are available in main office.

### 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. The evening minyan is at 8:20 p.m. on Wednesdays that the Saul Bendit Institute meets. 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.

#### November 29 - December 2

- Michael and Joyce Abbell
- Alexander and Sylvia Abraham
- David and Estelle Abraham
- Natan Abraham and Karen Haberly
- David and Ellen Abramowitz
- Kenneth and Tamara Abramowitz
- David and Annette Abrams
- Michael and Barbara Abrams
- Morris and Joyce Abrams
- Michael and Judy Ackerman
- Richard and Ilene Ackerman
- Benson and Natalie Adams
- Irwin Aisenberg
- Marla Allard
- Richard and Dale Allen

#### December 6 - December 9

- Larry and Myra Altschuler
- George and Michlean Amir
- Jack and Faye Amster
- Theodore and Miriam Anders
- Charles and Elizabeth Anello
- Jeffrey and Terri Annis
- Richard Ansbacher and Terry Whitehouse
- Wayne Arden
- Mark Argosh and Paula Weinberger
- Walter Arnheim and Marsha Rehns
- Bernard and Anita Ash
- Dennis Askwith and Sherlyn Goldstein Askwith
- Ethan and Jennifer Assal
- Tsvi and Ruth Assal
- Marcello and Marilda Averbug

## All In The Family

Mazal Tov to Jack and Bea Goldman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Adam Saffer, in Richland, Washington. Mazal Tov to Fran Leibowitz on the marriage of her grandson, Neil Leibowitz, to Stacey Scher on Saturday, October 16th. The couple will reside in Rockville. Mazal Tov to our Youth Director, Rachel Berlin, on her November 13th marriage to Richie Handloff.

Mazal Tov to Alisa and Jon Talisman on the birth of twins, Maxwell Simon and Lita Rochelle Talisman. Mazal Tov to Michael and Andrea Druckman on the birth of their son, Nate Sason Druckman, on October 19, 1993. Mazal Tov to Peggie and Herb Levinson on the birth of their grandson, Randall Drew, born October 22nd, and to parents Jane and Joel Steinberg.

We wish a speedy recovery to Evelyn Treinish, Caryl Brody, Harold Sweed, Clare Lerner and Judge Abraham Maller.

### Baruch Dayan Emet

*Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Norton Elson, on the death of his father, Herman Elson; Stanley Schwartz, on the death of his father, David Schwartz; to Adah Rose Bitterbaum, on the death of her father, Joseph Herman Bitterbaum; Vivi Sheff, on the death of her mother, Rachel Shamash; and to Janet Meyers on the death of her mother Florence Meyers.*

### BETH EL SCROLL

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Rabbi .....	Jonathan Z. Maltzman
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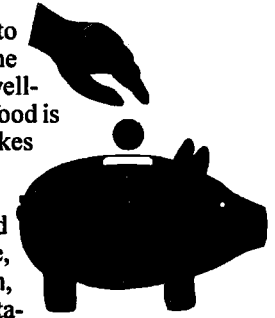
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## Social Action News

**Food for the Hungry:** Remember to bring a can of food whenever you come to Beth El, and deposit it in the large well-marked basket in the coat closet. The food is delivered to Bethesda HELP which makes it available to the needy.



**Clothing Donations:** Are also needed for the closet. All sizes, especially large, for men, and large sizes only for women, are requested. Because of space limitations, clothing should be seasonally appropriate. Donations may be dropped off at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6701 Wisconsin Avenue (intersection of Bradley and Wisconsin), Wednesdays between 2 and 4 p.m.

**Volunteers Needed:** Bethesda Cares has opened a clothes closet for its homeless clients at St. John's. Volunteers are needed to receive and sort clothing Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., and to staff the closet when it is open for clients Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m. A once a month commitment is requested. To volunteer call Binda Douglas at (301) 681-1185.

**Serve as Beth El's Representative to the Bethesda Interfaith Housing Coalition:** Beth El is a member of the BIHC, a non-profit ecumenical organization dedicated to providing affordable housing for low-income families in Montgomery County. BIHC purchases homes, which, in cooperation with the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, are rented to qualifying low-income families. Each member congregation is represented by a voting representative. If you are interested in serving as Beth El's representative at the BIHC's monthly meetings, please call Debbie Ross at (301) 229-4131. Expertise in housing is not a prerequisite. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved with an active and important organization.

**Need More Information about Social Action Activities at Beth El?** Pick up a flier describing Beth El's involvement in our community and ways you can participate from the lucite holder outside the office. If you would like to work with the Social Action Committee please call Debbie Ross. New members and ideas are always welcome!

## Shopping Certificate News

We have sold over \$273,000 in shopping certificates this year!! Your help and support are needed to make the certificate program a continued success! Beth El buys shopping certificates at a discount and sells them at face value. 5% of all sales go directly to Beth El. All profits help pay the congregation bills and help keep our dues increases to a minimum.

Join the over 130 "standing order" families. Certificates can also be purchased in the synagogue office, in the Gift Shop, in the rotunda on Sunday mornings, at the Saul Bendit Institute on Wednesday evenings, and through the mail.

Certificates are available for Giant, Safeway, Magruder's, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Shalom, Katz's, Sniders and Fresh Fields. For further information, please call Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362.

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of October 25, 1993)

### **Bauer Confirmation Fund**

In Honor Of: Abbe and Rhonda Lowell for helping us re-live the Israel trip through video by Heinz Bauer.

### **Bendit Adult Institute Fund**

In Honor Of: Saul Bendit Adult Institute by Charlotte G. Kasden. In Memory Of: Ira Kline by Gene and Eleanor Elzufon; Ira Kline by Ilene and David Jacobowitz.

### **Beth El Forest**

In Honor Of: Melanie Samantha Demb by Isobel S. Levine; Birth of Richard Meyer Weker, son of Dena and Robert Weker, by Trudy and Murray Haber. In Memory Of: Janet Meyer's mother by the Herman family; Cecile Goldman, mother of Phyllis Margolius, by Natalie and Benson Adams; Harold Levitt, grandfather of Michael Postar, by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; Ira Kline by Lillian Kessler; Harry Rambler by the Bernard M. Weisz family.

### **Building Fund**

In Honor Of: Beryl and Gloria Frank by Ellen M. Sweetwood.

### **Cantor's Fund**

In Honor Of: Bea Berger and Betty Drachman by Lillian Kessler. In Memory Of: Rebecca Belinkie, mother and grandmother of Harris Belinkie, by Sophia B. Weinberger; Beloved husband, Arthur Weinberger, by Sophia B. Weinberger.

### **Chevra Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Hyman Rispler by Minna Schneider; Ira Kline by Jonathan and Judith Levin; Beloved father, Max Wolper, by Lillian Kessler; Ira Kline by Bernard and Rita Jacobi.

### **College Fund**

In Memory Of: Harry Leibowitz by Hannah Lipman.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved mother of Dr. Ronald Pomerantz by Dolly and Marvin Band.

### **General Fund**

In Honor Of: Birth of Reuben, son of Mark and Joanne Jacobson, by Walter and Marsha Arnheim; Marilyn Wind for her Bimah mentoring by Walter and Marsha Arnheim. In Memory Of: Our loved ones by Sue Ann and William Kanter; Morris Shapiro by Barbara and Hyman Shapiro; Dr. Leo B. Wigdor by William Gerber; Parents and brothers by Emanuel Rosen; Ira Kline by Leon and Laura Karadbil.

### **Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund**

In Honor Of: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scheinberg by Bernice and Werner Blumenthal.

### **Havurah Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved mother of Janet Meyers by Andrea and Alan Golden.

### **Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Memory Of: Jacob Kaplan by Donald A. Kaplan.

### **Library Fund**

In Honor Of: First grandchild, Oz Fishman, of Rabbi Samuel and Tamar Fishman by Jonathan and Judith Levin. In Memory Of: Ira Kline by Bernice and Werner Blumenthal.

### **Mazon**

Susan J. Levine. In Honor Of: Scheinberg wedding by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib; Betty Gerber by Danielle and Chris Bussell; Rob Fersh by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; Our aliyah honor by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Helen Popper's 50th birthday by the Popper family.

### **Mintz Landscaping Fund**

In Memory Of: Frank Winston, father of Colin Winston, by Colin and Audrey Winston; Aaron Burman, father of Bea Berger, by Lillian Kessler; Murray Kalik, beloved father of Dorothea Lear, by Isadore Routhenstein, Irene Routhenstein, and Shirley R. Levine.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

William Gerber. In Honor Of: Engagement of Bea Golfer's son, Alan Yellowitz, by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scheinberg by Shirley and Seymour Gross; A speedy recovery of Reuben Lozner by the Board and Members of Men's Club. In Memory Of: Ira Kline by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Ira Kline by Ed and Roz Shapiro; Beloved wife, Rose Goldberg, by Jack Goldberg; Ira Kline by Jack Minker; Lillian Kalik by Dorothea K. Lear; Ira Kline by Lillian Kessler; Meyer Goldberg by Davetta Landau; Ira Kline by the Board and Members of Men's Club.

### **Music Fund**

Linda Greenhouse and Eugene Fidell; Elaine Pines. In Memory Of: Cyril Heiman and Archie Berde by Irene Hauser.

### **Nitzanim Fund**

In Honor Of: Michael's fifth birthday by Judy and Craig Futterman; Rachel's birthday by Patricia Sachs; Daughter born to Sharon and Walter Spiegel by Andrea and Alan Golden.

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

In Honor Of: Samuel and Tamar Fishman's Sabra grandson by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Marilyn, Gary, Rebecca and David Wind by Seymour and Ethel Lishnoff. In Memory Of: Aaron Weintraub by Carol and George Sege; Henry Rabin by Emanuel and Harriet Rabin.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

In Memory Of: Ira Kline by Ed and Bea Golfer; Hannah Cassouto and Miriam Edelstein by Abraham and Louise C. Wagman.

### **Rabbi's Fund**

In Honor Of: Their aliyot and Yizkor by Bernard and Rita Jacobi; In honor of their grandson by Perla and Irving Falk; Helen Popper's 50th birthday by the Popper family. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Faye Hertzberg, by Rosalie Shapiro; Dr. Miryam Kay by Hadassah and Daniel Thursz; David Tievsky by Marvin Tievsky; Beatrice Mermelstein by Selma Siegel.

### **School Enrichment Fund**

In Memory Of: Ira Kline by Lenore and Melvin Richter.

### **Sisterhood Hospitality Fund**

David Leicht; Barry and Sandra Handloff; Robert Landsman; Joseph and Ina Young; Selig and Sondra Taubenblatt; Mark Goldstone and Mindy Lieberman. In Memory Of: My mother by Edith Weisz.

### **Social Action Fund**

In Honor Of: Dr. Alla Shapiro's becoming a certified MD by Gloria and Beryl Frank. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Mary Rosner, by Blanche Lozner; Vida Mathilde Ventura by Jack S. Ventura.

### **Vatikkim**

In Honor Of: Judge Joseph Woolman's 80th Birthday, by his wife, Elsie; Dorothy Rehan's special birthday by Elsie and Joseph Woolman; Marriage of Melissa Scott Wilets by Mary Wichman; Our grandson Adam's Bar Mitzvah and recovery of our daughter by Jack and Bea Goldman; Gloria and Beryl Frank by Ellen Sweetwood. In Memory Of: Bertha Tamkin by M. T. Kuskin; Bertha Gold, mother, Anne Coppel; All our dear departed Vatikkim members whose friendship we sorely miss by Elsie and Joseph Woolman; Charles Lefkowitz by Bernie and Anita Ash; Evelyn Ginsberg by Vivian Gorden.

### **Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund**

In Honor Of: Avinatan Shoham's Bar Mitzvah by Judith and Bertram Spector; Stella Peck's 39th birthday by Sy Wolf; Birth of grandson, Oz, to Rabbi and Mrs. Sam Fishman by the Shoham family. In Memory Of: Mother of Abner Levy by Sy Wolf; Sidney Ross by Gail Ross; The unveiling of cemetery plaque for Barbara Wolf, by Mildred Hecht; Cecile Goldman, wife of Aaron Goldman, by Debby and Menachem Shoham.

## MERCAZ

Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman and Dr. Marilyn Wind have been nominated to serve on the National Board of Directors of MERCAZ, the International Conservative Zionist organization.

## 50+ Singles Events

There will be a 50+ Singles meeting Monday, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The speaker will be announced in the December 10th Beth El Scroll. Social session follows the speaker. Call Mel Wachs at (301) 652-4778, for further information.

## High Holiday Appeal

We wish to thank the following for their generous response to our High Holiday Appeal. It is still not too late to make your High Holiday donation.

Kenneth and Tamara Abramowitz  
 Larry and Myra Altschuler  
 Walter Amheim and Marsha Rehms  
 Bernard and Anita Ash  
 Marcello and Marilda Averbug  
 Bernard and Annabelle Band  
 Marvin and Dolly Band  
 Leonard and Gabriela Bechick  
 Harvey and Arlyn Becker  
 Richard Belferman  
 Bary and Ruth Berger  
 Brent Berger  
 Joseph Berman and Marsha Gentner  
 Stuart Berman and Ellen Kappel Berman  
 Kenneth and Rise Birnbaum  
 Alan Birnkrant and Debra Birnkrant  
 Henry Birnkrant and Lynn R. Goldin  
 Werner and Bernice Blumenthal  
 Douglas and Brenda Bregman  
 Harriet Broder  
 Jerome and Hessa Broder  
 Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim  
 Sidney and Miriam Carter  
 Richard and Shelley Chasen  
 Catherine Cogdell  
 Jack and Naomi Cohen  
 Jeffrey Cohen and Leslie Fried  
 Stephanie Cohen  
 Mitchell and Renee Cooper  
 David and Ellen Darr  
 Morton and Lillian Davis  
 Craig Dreilinger and Amanda Ford  
 David Dunn and Tamara Dunietz  
 Norton and Sandy Elson  
 Burton and Diane Epstein  
 Norman and Ellen Eule  
 Harold and Vera Fassberg  
 Kenneth and Carolyn Feigenbaum  
 Cary and Nancy Feldman  
 David and Thera Ehrenthal Finbloom  
 Ronald and Rosalyn Fleisher  
 Lawrence Flugler and Linda Fassberg  
 Albert and Evelyn Fox  
 Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell

Beryl and Gloria Frank  
 Moshe and Sarah Friedman  
 Gary and Sylvia Fuchsman  
 Craig and Judy Futterman  
 Hy Garfinkel  
 Daniel A. Geselowitz and Sandra I. Cohen  
 Harry and Carol Glazer  
 Benjamin and Flora Goldberg  
 Seth and Joan Goldberg  
 Howard Goldblatt  
 Dexter and Felicia Goldman  
 David and Joan Goldstein  
 Richard and Helene Goldstein  
 Sidney and Harriet Goldstein  
 Jerome and Arlene Golub  
 Eugene M. Goott and Amy Kaufman Goott  
 Eli and Marcia Greenblum  
 Joel and Laura Greenzaid  
 Don Hainbach and Michelle Gordon Hainbach  
 Murray and Marilyn Hammerman  
 Bary and Sandra Harris  
 Herbert and Lila Harvey  
 Bernard and RuthAnn Heckman  
 Thomas Helf  
 James and Debbie Heller  
 Alfred and Kiki Hellman  
 Michele Herman  
 Jeny and Linda Herman  
 Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey  
 Elmira Hopp  
 Ben and Sarah Kaiser  
 Donald Kaplan and Evelyn Karson  
 Victor and Phyllis Katz  
 Bert and Susan King  
 Murray and Iris Kivitz  
 Herman and Paula Kleine  
 Edward and Helena Koenig  
 Robert and Evyan Koenig  
 Robert and Loretta Kramer  
 Alan Kravitz and Sandra Kresch  
 Allan and Rockey Lang  
 Arnold and Dorothea Lear  
 Vladamir Lechtman

Lawrence and Judith Lessin  
 Edgar and Naomi Levin  
 Joseph and Ellen Levin  
 Shirley Levine  
 Curtis Levinson and Wendy Schneider-Levinson  
 Joseph and Lois Levy  
 Neil Levy and Linda Perle  
 Marc and Annette Lieber  
 Timothy and Hannah Lipman  
 Robert and Julia Loeb  
 Abbe and Rhonda Lowell  
 Aliza and Elana Lowell  
 David and Sabina Lozovsky  
 Daniel and Elaine Mann  
 Sam and Evelyn Margolis  
 Philip and Phyllis Margolis  
 Claire Marwick  
 Robert and Kathy Maty  
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 Jeffrey Moak and Karyl Barron  
 Bernard and Toby Moss  
 Michael and Judith Muntner  
 Gerald Nagler and Myra Levine  
 Mark and Rina Palchick  
 George and Elaine Perlman  
 Elaine Pines  
 Hary and Babette Pitt  
 Michael and Judith Platt  
 Mark Pollak  
 Saul and Marcia Possick  
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 Jonathan and Carla Schraub

Jay and Wendy Schuler  
 David and Harriet Schultz  
 Stanley and Carole Schwartz  
 Joseph and Judith Semo  
 Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin  
 Douglas and Carol Sherman  
 Charles and Merte Shoneman  
 Joel and Leslie Silver  
 Alan and Elizabeth Simon  
 Joel and Joan Simon  
 Jonathan and Sandra Simon  
 Lee and Amy Simowitz  
 Jack and Flora Singer  
 Matthew Slater and Faith Roessel  
 Marshall and Lynne Sneiderman  
 Jose and Tutti Sokol  
 Bertram and Judith Spector  
 Julian and Diane Spier  
 Howard Stein and Hollis Goldberg Stein  
 Moises and Perla Steren  
 Eliot Sternfeld  
 Martin and Kitty Strauss  
 Ellen Sweetwood  
 Alan and Corinne Swoff  
 Harold Talisman and Marianne Freeman  
 William Theodore and Judith Fradkin  
 George and Priscilla Tievsky  
 Bruce and Susan Turnbull  
 Jack and Stephanie Ventura  
 Bernard and Marta Wassertzug  
 Mark and Joanne Weinberg  
 Herbert and Judith Weintraub  
 Lawrence and Tirza Weiser  
 Gary and Marilyn Wind  
 Bruce Wine  
 Mark and Blanche Wine  
 Mildred Wine  
 Ida Winston  
 Paul and Jo Wodiska  
 Franz Wolf  
 Joseph and Elsie Woolman  
 Joseph and Ina Young  
 Robert and Rhonda Zahler

## Sisterhood News

### Sisterhood Hanukkah Dance December 11, 1993

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 11th, when Sisterhood will host a fun-filled evening starting with a delicious Israeli dinner, followed by Israeli and other folk dancing.

This evening will be a delight for couples and singles. We hope you will book a table and join in this wonderful evening of fun.

Cost per person is \$25.00. Registration must be in by December 1st. Mail the Reservation Form and your check, payable to "Beth El Sisterhood", to the synagogue office attention: "Hanukkah Dinner Dance." Don't miss this gala event.

#### RESERVATION FORM

#### SISTERHOOD HANUKKAH DINNER/DANCE DECEMBER 11, 1993 - 7:30 P.M.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at \$25.00 per person.

My name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Wanted!!!

Single parents of school-age children to form a new Havurah. We will meet monthly, with and without the kids, for fun, information, education, and support. If you are interested in coming to a brain-storming meeting, please call Nancy Harris at (301) 460-9048.

## Todah Rabah to High Holiday Ushers

Herb Levinson and Norman Eule would like to thank the entire High Holiday Ushering Committee for a job well done!

Dennis Askwith, Marvin Yudkovitz, Arthur Popper, Howard Feibus, Fred Sulmer, Ron Klein, Cary Feldman, Ronnie Treinish, Jonathan Simon, Jack Edlow, Tim Lipman, Mitchell Solkowitz, Rachelle Solkowitz, Harry Lipkind, Carol Reynolds, Jeff Annis, Mark Weinberg, Gary Wind, David Wind, Steven Mandel, Brent Berger, Max Krents, Larry Jassie, Ed Golfer, Ira Kline, Robert Luskin, Sharon Caplan, Howard Trofkin, Ed Shapiro, Jerry Broder, Dave Schultz, Seymour Gross, Jerry Herman, Erwin Groner, Alfred Meisner, Emanuel Landau, Cheryl Rod, Herb Rosenthal, Bernard Resnick, Howard Berger, Estie Lipsit, Susan Levine, Pat Danoff, Jerry Danoff, Suzanne Bronheim, Bob Koenig, Elisse Walters, and Miriam Kelty.

## Dear Keruv

Dear Keruv: We would like to avoid the subject, but this has bothered us for awhile: can my non-Jewish husband and I be buried side-by-side? - Not Yet.

Dear Not Yet: You may be buried beside your husband in a non-denominational cemetery, but Jewish tradition has required that Jews only be buried in Jewish cemeteries. However, Jewish mourning rituals -- saying Kaddish, sitting shiva -- may be used to comfort a family bereaved of Jewish and non-Jewish relatives.

We would like to add here a point which was emphasized during October's Keruv discussion group. It applies to everyone. When a family member dies, it is important for someone to notify the rabbis so that they may provide assistance to the bereaved family.

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

Keruv Calendar:

Watch this space for the announcement of our Hanukkah party! (There will be no December discussion group.)

## Shabbat Havurah

The next Shabbat Havurah lecture will take place in the Chapel on December 4, 1993, immediately following the Kiddush. A most interesting and informative lecture, "Reflections on Planning a Jewish Wedding" will be given by our own congregants, Dr. Joseph Young and Ina Young. Dr. Young is Program Director for Human Cognition and Perception at the National Science Foundation. Ina Young is Executive Administrator of the Population Association of America.

## From the Principal

### Religious School Class Hours

Let me share a popular Chasidic story:

Rabbi Uri taught that a coat with two pockets can help you become a good person. In one pocket you should keep a slip of paper which says, "God created the world for me." In the other pocket there should be a slip of paper which says, "I am nothing but dust and ashes."

When you are being selfish and thinking only of yourself, you should read, "I am nothing but dust and ashes." When you are sad and feeling alone, you should read, "God created the world for me."

Sometimes we need to be proud. Sometimes we need to be humble.

Religious school class hours should be well known and are publicized in the school handbook. There are a number of students who regularly arrive at school late. There are a significant number who leave class early. When this is the case with one student it is a minor disruption. When it happens with two or more students it is a significant interference which affects the entire class. It is one thing for parents to make decisions for their own child, but this situation impacts on the teacher and the rest of the class. I call on the cooperation of all parents to bring this kind of interruption to, if not a close, than to an absolute minimum.

### Parent Education

Sunday, December 5th, will be the long awaited presentation by Rabbi Barry Freundel on "Tikkun Olam and Tzedakah - Building A Family Ethic." This presentation was originally scheduled for last March, but was interrupted by the Blizzard of '93. The workshop will be held in the Board Room from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### Tikkun Olam

For the month of December the Religious School will sponsor a Holiday Food Drive. This project is inspired by the mitzvah to "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." We will be collecting food to provide for holiday celebrations of needy families. We are looking for traditional holiday foods, so among the items we are requesting are stuffing mixes, canned sweet potatoes or cranberry sauce. Contributions will be accepted from December 5-19.

### Junior Congregation

Junior Congregation services are an excellent opportunity for pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah age children to become familiar with the Shabbat morning service liturgy and the conduct of the service. It is also a chance for children to be a part of a community of their peers. These services are held every Shabbat morning from 10:00-11:15 a.m. All children, regardless of their relationship with the Religious School, should be encouraged to participate in Junior Congregation.

For Religious School students attendance is a matter of policy. Attendance is a required part of the curriculum for 6th graders. It is also expected that 4th and 5th grade students will participate in these services at least once a month.

Attendance at Junior Congregation is already excellent, almost a full house weekly. The services are masterfully led by Cheryl Kreiser who combines a fine ability to conduct the children through the liturgy with a skill for encouraging maximum participation. We just know that many children are missing out on this special hevra. See you on Shabbat!

**Youth News**

**From the Youth Director....**

Beth El's USY Chapter involves itself in a variety of activities, social actions projects, regional conventions, religious education, Israel programming and many others. One of the most important aspects of USY is our programming concerning Tikkun Olam. As a chapter we try and raise money to contribute to different causes. We have sold our baby sitting and lawn care services at the Beth El auction, and had Sunday bagel sales. This year our first big fundraiser has been organized by Ben Tievsky, the USY Tikkun Olam Finance Officer.

B'shalom,

Rachel B. Handloff

**Youth Calendar**

USY (9th - 12th graders)

November 24th Plymouth Rock Dance

December 1st Basketball  
5th, 6th, 7th Gelf-O-Gram Sale

Kadima (6th - 8th graders)

November 28 Kadima Social Actions Project

December 3rd-5th Kadima Kallah

Machar (3rd - 5th graders)

December 5th Hanukkah Happening

Bonim (K - 2nd graders)

December 5th Hanukkah Creation

**DJP Seeks Hero Type**

Hero type sought by Dedicated Jewish Principal to generate even more enthusiasm in religious school classroom. At Beth El we only want the best teachers for our children. So who is better to talk about how to treat others than Abraham? Yes the Abraham! Decision making - Solomon's my choice? Let's debate on whether "there's nothing new under the sun" with Kohelet; and how does a modern Jew decide between the calling of professional and religious responsibilities - Sandy Koufax are you there? I am looking for congregants who are ready to engage in some self study, create a costume and visit religious school classes. We already have Cookies and Conversation With The Rabbi. Would you like to play the lead role in Doughnuts and Dialogue with David? Call Louis Nagel, in the Religious School office, (301) 652-2608.

**Beth El Nursery School News**

The 1994 Entertainment Books are in! New sections, new format and ready to be used at the date of purchase! This is a school fundraiser: make checks payable to BENS for \$35.00. Available either in the school or the main office. School hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Nitzanim**

The Nitzanim Shabbat service, for families with children age 6 and under, is held in the All Purpose Room, on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The service consists of songs, stories, key parts of the Shabbat service, and a Torah parade. We want to thank Craig and Judy Futterman for sponsoring the Kiddush in October, in honor of Michael's fifth birthday.

On Sunday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m. Nitzanim will be having a Hanukkah party for Beth El families with children 6 and under. Please join us for food, fun and entertainment! If you wish to attend, please send the Reservation Form below, with a check made payable to Congregation Beth El, to the Beth El office and mark the envelope: "Nitzanim Hanukkah Party."

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

Group	Advisor	Phone
USY (9-12gr.)	Rachel Berlin	(301)652-2606
Kadima (6-8gr.)	Michael Scheinberg	(301)314-3385
Machar (3-5gr.)	Ariel Kalish	(301)229-3022
Bonim (K-2gr.)	Charni Selch	(301)468-2127

**Camp Ramah in New England**

The number of Beth El students attending the Conservative movement's summer camp, Camp Ramah, has risen steadily over the past few years. Ramah offers the opportunity for children to grow Jewishly while enjoying traditional summer camp activities. We will be visited by a representative of the camp on Wednesday, December 1st and Thursday, December 2nd from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend this presentation which will take place in the All-Purpose Room.

Let us show you how our campers have the most wonderful and fulfilling experience of their lives. We look forward to hearing from you. Call 617-449-1090 for your own video and information.

**Nitzanim Hanukkah Party**  
For Beth El children 6 and under  
Sunday, December 12th -- 1:00 p.m.  
Religious or Day School Grade K-3

**Restricted to Members of Beth El**  
**Entertainment, Crafts, Food, Fun**

\$1.00 per person, adults and children

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages:

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\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Deadline for receipt of reservations: December 7th*

# November 26 - December 9, 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>21</b> Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg - SH 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 10:00am Adult Cantillation - Chapel 11:00am 1996 B'nai Mitzvah Mtg - Sanct. 1:00pm River Road Havurah - BR 1:30pm Bonim - APR 4:00pm Dance Class - APR	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	<b>23</b> 5:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Kennedy Lodge - APR 7:30pm Interfaith Service at Church	<b>24</b> No Religious School Scroll #9 Deadline 2:00pm Office Closed Early	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Office & Schools Closed 9:00am Minyan (No Evening Minyan)	<b>26</b> Office & Schools Closed 9:00am Morning Minyan 4:28pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	<b>27</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 10:30am Nitzanin Service 10:00pm-4:00am Methodist Boys School Alumni Ball
<b>28</b> No Religious School 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Sisterhood - BR 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst - No Program 4:00pm Dance Class - APR	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 7:30pm Youth Committee Meeting - BR	<b>30</b> 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Board Mtg. - BR	<b>1</b> 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR	<b>2</b> 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Ahavat Shir - SH	<b>3</b> 2:45pm Schacter Rehearsal - Sanct 4:26pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	<b>4</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Michael Hurwitz B/M 9:30am Havurah Minyan-APR 10:00am Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel 6:00pm Schacter-Lankford Wedding
<b>5</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:00am Parent Ed. - BR 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 9:30am Kennedy Lodge - SH 1:30pm Youth Activities - SH, BR, APR 4:00pm Dance Class - APR	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 7:30pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Aerobics	<b>8</b> Erev Hanukkah - First Candle 10:30am Nursery School Hanukkah Party - SH 4:00pm School Hanukkah Party - SH 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR	<b>9</b> HANUKKAH 1st Day 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 4:00pm School Hanukkah Party - SH 5:30pm Aerobics 7:00pm AMI - APR	<b>10</b> HANUKKAH 2nd Day Scroll #10 Deadline 4:26pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	<b>11</b> HANUKKAH 3rd Day 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am David Elson B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanin Service-APR 8:30pm Sisterhood Hanukkah Party - SH

Morning Minyan: 7:30 a.m. Evening Minyan: 8:00 p.m.

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