



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Shabbat Schedule

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

Saturday, December 11th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
David Elson Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.  
Nitzanim Service, at 10:30 a.m., in the APR  
Third Day Hanukkah

Friday, December 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 18th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Tallie Lieberman Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, at 10:00 a.m.  
Gan Shabbat, at 10:45 a.m., in the APR  
USY, at 11:00 a.m., in the BR

Friday, December 24th, Office and Schools Closed  
Morning Minyan, at 9:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Service, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Adam Goldsmith Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.

Friday, December 31st, Office and Schools Closed  
Morning Minyan, at 9:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Service, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st, New Years Day  
Shabbat Services, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

## Beth El Wins Gold and Silver Solomon Schechter Awards in Music and Family Programs

Congregation Beth El won two prestigious Solomon Schechter Awards, from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, for excellence in the Synagogue's program.

A gold award in the category of Music and a silver award in Family Programming was awarded to our congregation. We congratulate Hazzan Abraham Lubin, under whose direction our music program has won the gold award. Our congratulations also go to Ellen Darr, Louis Nagel and to the parent organizations of our children for their total efforts in the area of Family programs. Congratulations are also due to Marilyn Wind for coordinating our entries to the Solomon Schechter Awards Committee.

We quote from the awards letter:

"As you know, these coveted awards are presented only to synagogues that have demonstrated excellence in congregational programming. As such, they are a source of pride not only to the winning congregations themselves but to the United Synagogue as well. Please know that we greatly appreciate your efforts, which will serve as a model for your fellow congregations."

We are proud of the wonderful efforts and accomplishments of our staff and the overall programs of our Congregation.

## 50+ Singles Event

The next 50+ Singles event will be on Monday, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Dr. Herman Liebling, a member of the group, and a docent at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden will discuss (with slides), "Why and How Sculpture Turned Modern After Rodin." The discussion will be followed by a Hanukkah "Social Hour". For further information, phone Dr. Liebling at (301) 229-6267.

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## BETH EL RETREAT AT THE COOLFONT CONFERENCE CENTER FEATURING A SPECIAL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

The Annual Beth El Weekend Retreat will be held at the Coolfont Resort/Conference Center, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on the Weekend of March 4-6, 1994. The Retreat provides members, new and old, a chance to share a Shabbat with the Rabbi, Hazzan and fellow congregants at the intimate and serene setting of the Coolfont Resort. Coolfont is an easy two-hour drive from D.C. The amenities at Coolfont include a swim and fitness center, tennis and hiking.



This year, we are featuring a special scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Alan Gonsler. Rabbi Gonsler is a noted child psychologist and family therapist. He will speak and lead discussion sessions during the weekend on the topics of: "How to Raise An Emotionally Healthy Jewish Child," and "Will Our Children and Grandchildren be Jewish in the Twenty-First Century."



The per-person cost, including all lodging and meals, will be \$220 for adults and \$110 for children (12 and under). However, we are offering a special reduced rate of \$199 and \$99 for those who respond and pay in full before January 14, 1994. These rates are based upon double occupancy. Guests will have a choice between staying at the Woodland House Lodge or sharing one of the resort's Mountainside Vacation Homes. Attendance is limited and spaces fill up fast. So, mark your calendars and make your reservations as soon as possible. For further information, call Julia Loeb at (301) 493-5868.

### RETREAT RESERVATION FORM

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MARCH 19, 1994**

**GALA AUCTION**

**Honoring Ellen Darr**



Watch the Beth El Scroll for further information

If you would like to help please call  
Carla Schraub at (301) 469-0156

**Baruch Dayan Emet**

*Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Eve Farren Farber, on the death of her father, David Farren.*

**All In The Family**

Mazal Tov to Ellen and Larry Fink on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Seth Meltzer, born on September 5th. Mazal Tov to Louis and Faina Nagel on the birth of their daughter, Jamie Shannon, on November 8th.

We wish a speedy recovery to Judy Futterman and Ralph Wilcove.

Mazal Tov to Dan Oren. He co-authored a new book that has just been published by Henry Holt. The book is How to Beat Jet Lag - A Practical Guide for Air Travellers, co-authors are Norman Rosenthal, M.D., Walter Reich, M.D., and Thomas Wehr, M.D.

**Super Sunday and Super Week**

Volunteers are needed to "reach for the stars", to help raise funds for and make a difference to those in need locally, in Israel and around the world on Sunday, February 6th, during UJA Federation's **Super Sunday Phone-a-thon**. Volunteers are also needed for the **Super Week Dial-a-thon**, the week-long continuation of **Super Sunday** from Tuesday, February 8th through Tuesday, February 15th.

**Super Sunday** is from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington in Rockville.

**Super Week** shifts are available day or evening at various convenient locations.

Volunteers work in shifts to make calls to community members asking for their commitment to UJA Federation's 1994 Annual Campaign and Operation Exodus, the campaign to resettle Russian and Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

If you receive a call from a volunteer, please help us "reach for the stars" and respond generously. For further information or to volunteer, please call the **Super Sunday/Super Week** hotline at (301) 230-7235.

**Nursery News**

Last reminder for 1994-95 applications for Beth El Nursery School. We will be issuing contracts for the next school year around January 15, 1994 and any applications filed after January 1st by Beth El congregants will be given preference on wait list only. To receive an information and application packet, please call the school office at (301) 652-1228. Children must have turned 2 years old by September 1st to attend our school.

In the last 3 weeks, we have enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast complete with homemade apple-cranberry sauce, cornbread, sweet potato coins and green beans while wearing our Pilgrim and Native American costumes, and our annual Beth El Nursery School Family Hanukkah Party complete with latkes, applesauce, homemade Hanukkah cookies, gifts, gelt and distinctive performances ON-STAGE and LIVE!

We would like to announce a special welcome to Martha Strauss who answered our ad for a volunteer grandparent. Martha joins one of our four year old classes one Friday morning a month, and the class loves having her participate in their classroom activities. She's out on the playground, reading stories, enjoying challah and grape juice for Shabbat snack and then she attends our weekly Shabbat assembly in the All Purpose Room. It's a busy morning, but lots of fun for all. If anyone else would like to volunteer for this special program, please call Mary Beth Schiffman at (301) 289-7488. Y'ashayr Kochecha to Martha!

**Vatikkim Luncheon**

Please help us celebrate **Hanukkah** with Hazzan Abraham Lubin at our **Vatikkim Luncheon** on Thursday, December 16th. As he did last year, Hazzan Lubin will have a musical program for this joyous occasion.

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 Vatikkim 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 two (2) days before the scheduled event to assure proper food planning.

Reservation Form

**VATIKKIM HANUKKAH LUNCHEON**

Thursday, December 16, 1993

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at Vatikkim Luncheon.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your response reach us by December 14th**

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED THEREAFTER.

**Note: This is the only form that will appear.**

### Dear Keruv

Dear Keruv: I am a Jewish female married to a non-practicing Catholic. We were married by a rabbi and keep a Jewish home, which my spouse supports and has pride in our doing so. My husband is well-versed in Jewish practices and history, is continually studying about Judaism, respects my beliefs, and wishes our children to be raised as Jews, including belonging to a synagogue; however, he has no intention of converting. Although my husband is not a practicing Catholic, per se, he considers himself Catholic and does believe in Jesus. This brings me to my question.

My husband is concerned about how to reply to our children once they are old enough to ask questions about his belief in Jesus. How does he explain to his children, who are raised Jewish, that their father has beliefs different from those of their mother and themselves? How can he relate to them his beliefs about Jesus in a way that will not confuse them? -- Congregant.

Dear Congregant: Many families wrestle with your questions and each will find its own solution. Keruv welcomes their insights, additions and changes to the following which has worked for one family at Beth El. We also suggest you talk to Rabbi Maltzman for individual guidance.

Before discussing your beliefs with your children, do two things. Ground them in historical facts: Jesus was a learned Jewish man who lived by Jewish law, taught others the religious and ethical principles of Judaism, and died a Jew. Then explain the nature of religious beliefs to them: Religious beliefs cannot be proven or disproven in empirical ways and are frequently based on what one has lived with and been taught since birth. As part of this explanation, tell the children to respect the religious beliefs of righteous people, even when they do not personally accept those beliefs -- good people, even our parents, justifiably have different beliefs.

With this background, you can explain the concept of the Jewish Messiah as found in the writings of the prophets, and that followers of Jesus claimed Jesus was this Messiah (whether Jesus himself made the claim is disputable). Jews do not believe that Jesus accomplished what a Messiah was supposed to achieve. Christians, however, do believe and therefore evolved a religion separate from Judaism based on this belief.

This discussion process takes time, can be difficult, and might require some adult education. We believe, however, that the result -- mutual respect and understanding in your Jewish home -- is worth the effort.

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.

Please join us for Keruv's -- **Hanukkah Party**, Saturday, December 11th, 6:00 p.m. at Levine - Janney home, 5835 Conway Road, Bethesda. We invite everyone - kids and parents - to gather with us for Hanukkah fun and dairy potluck (bring latkes, a salad, or dessert). Please call Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919 for details and directions.

### Single Group Inquiries

50 and Under Singles - Call Nancy Graber at (301) 983-8370.  
50+ Single Group - Call Faith Schwartz at (301) 493-5441.

### Brunch With The Rabbi — Sunday, December 19th

Attention Beth El Eleventh and Twelfth Graders! You are hereby invited to join Rabbi Maltzman and fellow high school juniors and seniors for brunch on Sunday, December 19th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the All-Purpose Room. This will be the second year of the Beth El Post Confirmation Brunch with the rabbi. Never mind if you:

- A) weren't Confirmed (although we are quite proud of those of you who attained that distinction),
- B) go to the day school.

All of Beth El's high school juniors and seniors are welcome. Come shmooze with Rabbi Maltzman, see some of your old friends, or make new ones. RSVP to the Religious School office, (301) 652-2608.



### Membership Information

Daniel Geselowitz and Sandra Cohen have moved to 6309 Landon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817. Charles and Davida Adelberg to 5410 Parkvale Terrace, Rockville, MD 20853. Bary and Ruth Berger to 15303 Kwanzan Court, N. Potomac, MD 20878, (301) 948-2023.

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### **Bauer Confirmation Fund**

In Memory Of: Elisabeth Bauer by Heinz Bauer.

### **Bendit Adult Institute Fund**

In Honor Of: Saul Bendit Adult Institute by Marta Wassertzug's Advanced Hebrew Conversation class. In Memory Of: Robert Treinish by Claire Marwick.

### **Beth El Forest**

In Honor Of: 50th wedding anniversary of Trudy and Murray Haber by Trudy and Simon Weker. In Memory Of: Peter Sokolower by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Holiber; Robert Treinish by Sandy Woronow; Harold Haber by Murray and Trudy Haber; Gayle Tucker by Elaine and Roy Becker; Irving Muntner by Michael and Judith Muntner; David Hamovit, son of Jerry and Joel Hamovit, by Neil Levy and Linda Perle; Ira Kline by Julia and Howard Copperman; Ira Kline by the Saul Bendit Institute Committee; Alexander Teitler by Roy and Elaine Becker; Rachel Shamash, mother of Vivi Sheff, by Alan and Ruth Vinitzky; Dora Lipowitz by Jason and Josephine Horn; Ira Kline by Jason and Josephine Horn; Florence Meyers, mother of Janet Meyers and Ira Kline, husband of Etta Kline, by Beth El Sisterhood.

### **Building Fund**

In Memory Of: Esther Aisenberg by Irwin Aisenberg.

### **Cantor's Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Moses Lubin, by Hazzan Abraham Lubin.

### **Chevre Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Jean Niederman by Etta Kline.

### **College Fund**

In Memory Of: Samuel Drucker by Hellaine Drucker Nepo; Henrietta Dewald by Michele Herman.

### **Disabled Access Fund**

In Honor Of: Gloria and Beryl Frank by Jason and Josephine Horn. In Memory Of: Paul Wittman and Rose Zahn Wittman Schifter by Evelyn and Milton Wittman; Jennie Civval by Clare Lerner.

### **General Endowment Fund**

In Memory Of: Evelyn Orentlicher by Trudy and Simon Weker; Julius Sherman by Trudy and Simon Weker; Ira Kline by Trudy and Simon Weker; Abe Kay by Trudy and Simon Weker; Charlotte Millenson by Trudy and Simon Weker.

### **General Fund**

D. J. Burbine; Philip Angel; George Loewenstein. In Honor Of: 50th wedding anniversary of Trudy and Murray Haber by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; 10th wedding anniversary of Lynn Goldin and Henry Bimkrant by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; the recovery of Helen Hirsch by William and Harriet Filler. In Memory Of: Fay Zizza, sister of Allan Lang, by Claire Marwick; Father of Adda Rose Bitterbaum by Ellie and Sam Frishman; Blanche Reinitz, mother of Richard Reinitz, by Ellie and Sam Frishman; Rose Kogan by Ethel Werner. The following have made contributions in memory of Robert Scott Treinish: Jerry and Phyllis Bernstein; Shirley and Harold Smith; Legal Copy Approval Dept. of Marion Merrell Dow, Inc.; Honey and Marvin Perlberg; Sheryl and Jeff Greenberg; Joyce and Charles Troshinsky; Gilda and Ellis Evans; by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Eskin.

### **Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund**

In Honor Of: Hearty Mazel Tov to Herb and Peggie Levinson on the birth of their grandson, Randall Drew Steinberg, by Erwin and Leena Groner; a hearty Mazel Tov to Sandy and Arthur Becker on the birth of their grandchild, and the wedding of their daughter, Amy, by Erwin and Leena Groner.

### **Havurah Fund**

In Honor Of: The engagement of Sherry Straus to Brian Greenberg by Andrea and Mike Druckman.

### **Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Honor Of: Estelle Kimball Memorial Lecture by Sherman Kimball; Estelle Kimball Memorial Lecture by Jon Kimball. In Memory Of: Robert Treinish by Sherman Kimball; Estelle Kimball by Doris and Albert Povich; Joseph Bitterbaum by Wendy and Harvey Reiter.

### **Library Fund**

In Memory Of: Max Weker by Trudy and Simon Weker; Ruth Holiber by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Holiber; Dr. David Alberstadt by Dorothy Alberstadt; Beloved mother, Sophie Krigelman, by Reba Hirsh; Beloved father, Dr. Cyril Freed, by Jill Gerstenfeld.

### **Mazon**

Elaine Pines. In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Rabbi Eugene Lipman by the Saul Bendit Adult Institute. In Memory Of: Sam Lotman by Zelda and Philip Janus; Florence Meyers, mother of Janet Meyers, by Irene and Philip Gallas; Anna Boman by Eve B. Tishkoff; Robert Treinish by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller; Helen Rosenfeld by Bert Just; Ira Kline by Al and Evelyn Fox; Beloved sister-in-law, Edith Sklaroff, by Claire Marwick; Maurice W. Cohen by Cyma Heffter.

### **Mintz Landscaping Fund**

In Memory Of: Robert Treinish by Lillian Kessler; Harry Wilder by Mitzi Goldman; Beloved father, Jacob Koenig, by Edward Koenig.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

Julian Edwin Levin. In Memory Of: Ira Kline by Hope and Phil Borish; Fannie Solomon by Ruth and Abner Byer; Robert Treinish by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Robert Treinish by Hope and Phil Borish; Harlee S. Popick by Barbara P. Rosing; Harry Minker by Jack Minker; Ira Kline by Claire and Robert Dubinsky; Ira Kline by Isadore Routhenstein and Irene Routhenstein; Irvin Levinson by Herbert Levinson; Claire S. Rosoff, Doris and Bernard Raffel by Janice Raffel Samet; Robert Treinish by Jack Goldberg.

### **Music Fund**

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin's class in Torah reading by Sheila Birnbach. In Memory Of: Robert Treinish by Julia and Howard Copperman; Jennie Berde by Irene Hauser; Minnie Boston by Sandra Pressman.

### **Nitzanim Fund**

In Honor Of: Elana's 6th birthday by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman.

### **Pink Israel High School Scholarship Fund**

In Honor Of: Wedding of Robert Scheinberg and Naomi Kalish by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Minna G. Scherr and Jacob Mann by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Robert Treinish by Trudy and Simon Weker; Robert Treinish by Ellie and Sam Frishman; Beloved father, David Schechter, by Edmund Schechter; Rose Sheeskin by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

In Memory Of: Robert Treinish by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum; Harry Perlman by Elaine and George Perlman; Anne Landau by Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Landau; Jack G. Shapiro by Annabelle and Bernard Band; Irving Troffkin by Howard and Rhea Troffkin; Thomas P. Gold by Harvey R. Gold; Benjamin Perlman by Elaine and George Perlman.

### **Rabbi's Fund**

George Tievsky. In Honor Of: Hearty Mazel Tov to Hal and Elissa Scheinberg on the marriage of their son, Robert to Naomi Kalish, by Erwin and Leena Groner; Ben Bornstein by Erwin and Leena Groner; His Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah by Sam Nash; 50th wedding anniversary of Trudy and Murray Haber by Sam Nash; the Rabbis and the Cantor by Ellen Sweetwood; Twins born to Jonathan and Alisa Talisman by Ethel and Jack Werner; Dr. Irwin Shuman, for his interest and caring, by Martin Dembo. In Memory Of: Rebecca Small by Albert Small; Sara Baker by William Baker; Myer A. Siegel by Selma Siegel; Beloved husband, Irving Bogler, by Margaret Bogler.

### **Resnik Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund**

In Memory Of: Audrey Resnik by Trudy and Simon Weker.

### **School Enrichment Fund**

In Honor Of: Sarah and David Roark's daughter, Simone Ann, by Ina, Jerry, Mark and Richard Wernick; Birth of Ryan Stutman Horwitz by Ina, Jerry, Mark and Richard Wernick; Dr. Irwin Shuman, for his interest and caring, by Martin Dembo. In Memory Of: Herman Elson, father of Norton Elson, by Marilyn and Gary Wind.

### **Sisterhood Torah Fund**

In Honor Of: Cecelia Levine by Susan J. Levine.

### **Social Action Fund**

In Memory Of: Mother of Phyllis Margolius by Shirley R. Levine; Ira Kline by Shirley R. Levine; Felicia May Lozner by Blanche and Reuben Lozner; Stanley and Alice Resnick by Bernard T. Resnick; Robert Treinish by Toby and Bernie Moss.

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## Men's Club

On December 12th, the Sunday morning minyan will begin at 8:45 a.m., followed by the Men's Club breakfast and Board meeting at 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. respectively. On December 19th, the Men's Club will hold an informative presentation or program at 10:00 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. minyan and 9:30 a.m. breakfast. All congregants are welcome.



## The Evening Minyan

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

### December 13 - December 16

Joachim and Elizabeth Baer  
William and Pearl Baker  
Stanley and Judith Baldinger  
Anne Siegel Ball  
Rachelle Ballon  
Bernard and Annabelle Band  
Ian and Kim Band  
Marvin and Dolly Band  
Richard and Florence Bank  
Bruce and Ann Barcome  
Jeffrey and Patricia Baron  
Solomon and Rita Barr  
Abraham and Gertrude Bass  
Raymond and Vivian Bass  
Rosalyn Bass

### December 20 - December 23

Heinz Bauer  
Bruce and Linda Baum  
Jesse Baumbold and Linda J. Golden  
Leonard and Gabriela Bechick  
Arthur and Sandra Becker  
Harvey and Arlyn Becker  
Roy and Elaine Becker  
Alfred and Linda Beer  
Harris and Julie Belinkie  
Elizabeth Belkin  
David and Nanette Bender  
Howard and Sondra Bender  
Bruce Benjamin  
Robert and Jody Benjamin  
Robert and Susan Benke

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### **Suls Youth Activities Fund**

In Honor Of: The marriage of Rich Handloff and Rachel Berlin by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; the marriage of Rich Handloff and Rachel Berlin by Ina, Jerry, Mark and Richard Wernick; the marriage of Rich Handloff and Rachel Berlin by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Nathan L. Mintz by Daniel Mintz; Kate Schwartz by Stanley Schwartz.

### **Torah Scroll Fund**

In Honor Of: Trudy and Murray Haber's 50th wedding anniversary by Claire and Robert Dubinsky. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Samuel Sklaroff, by Claire Marwick.

### **Vatikkim**

In Honor Of: Helen Hirsch by John and Marion Wolff; Grandson Neils' marriage to Stacey Scher by Frances Leibowitz; 50th anniversary of Rita and Bernie Jacobi by Judith Newman; Rita and Bernard Jacobi's special anniversary by Lila and Herbert Harvey. In Memory Of: Dr. Emanuel Feiring by Kate Schneider and family; Beloved brother, Abraham Nash, by Sam Nash; Beloved husband, Samuel Liebowitz, M.D., by Frances Leibowitz.

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

In Honor Of: Avi Shoham's Bar Mitzvah by Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Frank. In Memory Of: Barbara Wolf by Trudy and Simon Weker; Beloved father, Joseph Kopit, by Leo Kopit; Albert Piatt by Max and Judy Bernhardt; Joshua Bernhardt by Max and Judy Bernhardt; Barbara Wolf by Max and Judy Bernhardt; Barbara Wolf by William and Harriet Filler; Joseph Bannett, brother of Abe Bannett, by Sy Wolf.

## Sisterhood News

**THE SISTERHOOD DANCE  
SCHEDULED FOR  
DECEMBER 11TH,  
HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

## Camp Ramah in New England

If you are looking for a summer camp that will provide your children with the best summers of their lives and give them an opportunity to learn to cherish their Jewish tradition, then listen to what our parents say about Camp Ramah:

"The most wonderful camping experience a child could ever have."

"A truly marvelous place for Jewish children to spend their summer."

"One of the best Jewish experiences a child can have."

"Ramah has taken a little spirit and rekindled it. May daughter comes alive when she comes here."

Camp Ramah offers fantastic sports, waterfront, arts and adventure programs that rival even the most expensive private camps -- PLUS the opportunity for your child to experience Jewish culture, religion and Israel in a warm, nurturing atmosphere that is fun and exciting.

The Ramah experience is unique because it combines the thrill of summer camp with meaningful Jewish content. If you would like more information about our summer programs for children entering grades 4 - 11 (or our one week program for younger campers entering grades 3 - 6), please fill out and send us the form below, or call us; we will be glad to send you our new video along with details on the 1994 season.

Let us show you how our campers have the most wonderful and fulfilling experience of their lives. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yes, send me a free videotape of Camp Ramah and information about the coming summer. Mail to Camp Ramah, 161 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02194 or call (617) 449-7090.

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR NEW BETH EL PROJECT!

Are you looking for a way to give something back to the community? Do you want to teach your children how to do mitzvot? Are you looking for a way to be more involved in Beth El? Do you have a few hours a month to spare? If you answered yes to any of the above, the Social Action Committee has a project for you.



Beth El and the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington are embarking on an exciting new partnership which gives Beth El members the opportunity to become involved with a unit of the Hebrew Home. Beth El will "adopt" Unit 1-E at the Home, around 35 residents, and will have the responsibility for regular visits and some special one-time programming.

Some residents of the Hebrew Home have no family, others have no family in town to visit them. Visits from Beth El members will provide spiritual and moral support, connecting people of the Hebrew Home with the Jewish community. It will show that the community cares about them and demonstrates that we, at Beth El, are committed to responding to the human needs of our senior citizens.

Activities at the Home may include (but are not limited to) any of the following:

- reading to residents
- playing games
- leading bingo
- talking with residents
- recording oral histories
- baking challah

Other Beth El members who are unable to make regular visits but who wish to be part of this ongoing project may participate in special event programming such as piano or other musical recitals, travelogues or slide shows, group sings, holiday celebrations, sharing a hobby, etc.

The Hebrew Home residents and staff are very enthusiastic about this program, and are looking forward to working with us. Orientation and training will be provided for all volunteers. Beth El is only the second synagogue to "adopt-a-unit" in this pilot program which will become a model for the entire Home.

All volunteers are welcome -- families are encouraged to participate together. Join in with your friends, or join to meet other members of Beth El. High school students can receive credit toward their community service requirement for hours spent at the Hebrew Home. Together we can make this project a rewarding experience!

If you would like to volunteer, or if you need more information, please call Sara Greenbaum (301-656-5263), Michele Herman (301-469-7654), or Debbie Ross (301-229-4131).

## 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.

## Nitzanim

Nitzanim holds Shabbat services for families with children age 6 and under. Please join us for this special service consisting of songs, stories, key parts of the Shabbat service, and a Torah parade. The Nitzanim Shabbat service is held in the All Purpose Room, on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please note that there will be no Nitzanim service on December 25th. The Nitzanim Hanukkah party will be held on December 12th at 1:00 p.m. -- please join us!

Thanks to David Raim and Leslie Shedlin for sponsoring the Kiddush on November 13th, in honor of Sam's 4th birthday, and to Debbie and Michael Fink, in honor of Jennifer's 2nd birthday, and on November 27th, in honor of David's birthday.

## Shopping Certificate News

Many thanks to everyone helping to make the shopping certificate program a success this year. Shopping certificates are available for Giant, Safeway, Magruder's, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Shalom, Katz's, Sniders and Fresh Fields. Stock up on certificates for all your holiday shopping. Join the over 140 "standing order" families and receive yours by mail or they can be purchased in the synagogue office, in the Gift Shop, or in the rotunda on Sunday mornings. For further information, please call Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362.



## Youth News

For information and reservations for youth programs please contact your child's advisor. If a flyer requests a 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

## Youth Calendar

USY		Kadima	
December		December	
1,8	Basketball	3,4,5	Kadima Kallah
2	Board Meeting	18	USY Kadima
5,6,7,8	Gelt-O-Gram Sales	29	Congregation Bullets Game
14	Take 30/Pizza Dinner		
18	USY Kadima Congregation	Machar	
22-30	International Convention	December	
29	Bullets Game	5	Hanukkah Happening
		12	Hanukkah
		Bonim	
		5	Hanukkah Celebration
		12	Hanukkah

## From the Principal

How quickly our children grow up! Jean Piaget, the Swiss educator most recognized for his observations of cognitive developmental stages, noted the dramatic changes that take place at the age coinciding with the transition from nursery school to kindergarten. This is a time that the average child shifts from the pre-operational level of reasoning to what he calls "Concrete Operational Reasoning." What parents are most clearly observing is that their child's comments, observations and insights have dramatically advanced to a whole new level. They suddenly have remarkable persuasive skills, no longer miss a trick, let a contradiction slip by and pick up on connections and relationships like never before. For our children this time of transition is when they begin their formal Jewish education. A sort of communal, mini-Bar/Bat Mitzvah is built around this confluence, Consecration. This inevitable developmental stage which we capitalize on by launching the process of formal religious study to me represents Judaism's unique wisdom for recognizing and sanctifying significant moments in the life cycle. By the way, Piaget had the revolutionary observation that at about age thirteen there is another cognitive leap. Could Judaism sanctify that?

School at its core is an intellectual pursuit. In the primary grades especially it works best when it works at a concrete level and when the material is perceived as relevant. When nursery school children learn about how the mail gets from the blue box at the corner to Aunt Sarah's house in Los Angeles they develop an understanding and an appreciation for a process they are already a part of. In Religious School we teach Jewish ethics, values, traditions, rituals and history. We teach in order to develop an appreciation and an understanding of those things that we expect, like the example of the postal service, to be a process they are also already a part of.

In the Biblical book of Proverbs is written, "Raise children in the path they should follow, and when they are old, they will not depart from it." What our children are as people and as Jews depends on how we raise them - the decisions we make, the priorities we establish and the examples we set. The children of Beth El are blessed with terrific parents. Loving parents who strive to give their children the best of everything. And they follow our example. When our children see a home alive with Yiddishkeit (Jewish values) that will likely be the path they will follow. When our children see modes of behavior informed by Menchlikeit (respect for others) that too will likely be the path they will follow.

This year the Religious School community is engaged in an education program focusing on Menchlikeit. Our goal is to provide the intellectual basis and guidance toward behavior informed by Judaism's value of honor and respect for others and to make the school a laboratory for those ideals. From Pirke Avot we learn:

Which is the path of virtue a person should follow?

Whichever brings honor to their Maker and brings honor from fellow human beings.

In respecting the ethics, values, traditions, rituals and history of our people we follow the path of virtue and raise our children in the path they should follow.

(These comments were based on my presentation at this year's Consecration ceremony.)

## Consecration

On Erev Shabbat, November 12th, the Religious School celebrated the beginning of the Jewish education of 49 students. The Shabbat service, Consecration and B'nei Torah ceremony were followed by the Kindergarten through Second grade Family Shabbat Dinner. More than 88 families were present, filling the social hall to capacity. Mazel Tov to the families of the consecrants and B'nei Torah. We hope to see them continue to be a part of the Religious School through Confirmation.

I would like to thank the teachers Edith Sievers, Juliann Goldman, Stephanie Cohen, Debbie Olchyk, Penina Freedenberg and Debbie Rosenbloom; teachers aides Melissa Popper, Helene Cohen and Sarah Eisenstein and our music teacher Anita Schubert for preparing the children for their participation in this event.

The Consecrants were: David Baumgold, Rachel Bensinger, Suzanne Blackman, Ben Bleiberg, Joseph Brody, Ezra Cohn, Liora Diamond, Samuel Eckland, Abraham Einhorn, Hannah Epstein, Benjamin Fersh, Carolyn Forstein, Michael Futterman, Ilana Galil, Aaron Ganek, Natalie Goldsmith, Ethan Hochheiser, David Jacobs, Rebecca Kaplan, Adam Klein, Benjamin Kubic, Nora Levy, Molly Lieberman, Lisa Mann, Emily Mirengoff, Margo Nagel, Zachary Palchick, Brian Polis, Stephanie Postar, Ilana Ross, Vanessa Sandler, Karen Sidransky, Evan Sznol, Andrew Weisberg, Eric Weissmann, Seth Yastrov.

The B'nei Torah were: Jeni Birnbaum, Joshua Cohen, Matthew Dubroff, Michael Goldman, Lily Goldstein, Dena Greenblum, Milton Koch, Laura Mandel, Sara Sidransky, David Sievers, Diana Stern, David Weissman, Andy Wolfe.

## Teacher Professional Development

On Sunday, October 31st, the Religious School faculty participated in an in-house Teacher's Professional Day. Our workshop was on cooperative learning and teaching with primary sources. The facilitator was Carol Ingall who is a consultant for the Melton Research Center, a think tank for Conservative Jewish education associated with the Jewish Theological Seminary. Ms. Ingall was the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education, and is the author of numerous articles and books on Jewish education and Jewish history. This workshop has had an immediate impact on some classes as I have observed the Think-Pair-Share cooperative learning process already being implemented.

This workshop represented our second experience with USTEP. USTEP, the United Synagogue Teacher Enhancement Program, is a 12 hour per year, two year commitment to teacher training sponsored by the United Synagogue Department of Education. Our commitment to USTEP will have immediate and long term effects toward enhancing the level of instruction offered by our Religious School. The workshops integrate training in teaching methodology with content relevant to religious school instruction.

## 1994 Entertainment Books

The 1994 Entertainment Books are in! New sections, new format and ready to be used on 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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 5:00pm Vaad - BR 5:30pm Camp Ramah Present. - APR 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Adult Educ. - Rms. 208, 202, 201	<b>2</b> 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 5:00pm Vaad - BR 5:30pm Aerobics 5:30pm Camp Ramah Present. - APR 8:00pm Ahavat Shir - SH	<b>3</b> 2:45pm Schachter 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 Schachter-Lankford Wedding
<b>5</b> 7:30am Bloodmobile - SH 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:00am Parent Ed. - BR 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-APR 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 8:30am Masorti - BR 10:30am Nursery School Hanukkah Party - SH 4:00pm School Hanukkah Party - SH 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Adult Educ. - Rms. 208, 202, 201	<b>9</b> 1st Day HANUKKAH 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 4:00pm School Hanukkah Party - SH 5:30pm Aerobics 7:00pm AME - APR	<b>10</b> HANUKKAH Scroll #10 Deadline 2nd Day 4:26pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	<b>11</b> HANUKKAH 3rd Day 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am David Ebon B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanin Service - APR
<b>12</b> HANUKKAH 4th Day 8:45am Minyan/Men's Club Brkfst/Mtg-SH 9:30am Sisterhood - BR 10:00am Cantor - Chapel 1:00pm Nitzanin Hanukkah - SH 1:15pm Youth Activities - APR, YL 4:00pm Dance Class - APR	<b>13</b> HANUKKAH 5th Day 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 7:00pm 50+ Singles - BR	<b>14</b> HANUKKAH 6th Day 5:30pm Aerobics 6:15pm USY - APR 7:00pm Hanukkah Party - APR 7:45pm Nursery Bd. Mtg - SH 8:00pm Exec. Bd. Mtg-BR 8:15pm Roah Chodesh Group - Chapel	<b>15</b> HANUKKAH 7th Day 12:00pm RA Lunch - SH 12:45pm Nursery - BR 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Adult Educ. - Rms. 208, 202, 201	<b>16</b> HANUKKAH 8th Day 8:00am No Nursery School - Parent/Teach Conf. 12:00pm Vatikim Luncheon-SH 5:30pm Aerobics	<b>17</b> 8:00am No Nursery School Parent/Teach. Conf. 3:00pm Frenkel Rehearsal-Sanct. 4:28pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	<b>18</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Tallie Lieberman B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:45am Gan Shabbat - APR 11:00am USY - BR 7:30pm Frenkel-Goodman Wedding - Sanct./Gal/SH
<b>19</b> 9:00am Minyan & Men's Club - APR 9:30am Kennedy Lodge - SH 10:30am Brunch w/Rabbi-BR 11:30am Confirmation Meeting - BR 3:00pm Boy Scout Court of Honor - APR 4:00pm Cantor - SH	<b>20</b> 10:00am Sabra Hadassah - BR 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	<b>21</b> <i>Winter begins</i> 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Board Mtg. - BR	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Adult Educ. - Rms. 208, 202, 201	<b>23</b> Scroll #11 Deadline 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 5:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Kennedy Lodge - APR 8:00pm School Bd - BR	<b>24</b> <b>OFFICE &amp; SCHOOLS CLOSED</b> 9:00am Minyan 4:30pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	<b>25</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services
<b>26</b> School Vacation 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst. - No Prgm 9:30am Sisterhood - BR	<b>27</b> School Vacation 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>28</b> School Vacation 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst. - No Program 5:30pm Aerobics	<b>29</b> School Vacation 6:00pm Aerobics 7:30pm Adult Educ. - Rms. 208, 202, 201	<b>30</b> School Vacation 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session-SH 5:30pm Aerobics	<b>31</b> School Vacation <b>Office Closed</b> 9:00am Minyan 4:36pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	

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

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