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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, January 7th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 8th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Gavin Fig Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Nitzanim Service at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, January 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Dinner, at 7:15

Saturday, January 15th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Sisterhood Shabbat at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Gan Shabbat at 10:45 a.m. in the APR

Keruv at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, January 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 22nd, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

UJA Shabbat and Shabbat Shira at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Hazzan Lubin to sing and lecture at Cantors Assembly Mid-Winter Conference

We are proud to announce that our Hazzan, Abraham Lubin, was invited by the Western Region of the Cantors Assembly to appear at a gala concert on behalf of the Cantors Assembly. The event will be held at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles on Tuesday, January 11, 1994.

During the Western Region's conference in Palm Springs, Hazzan Lubin will deliver a paper on the topic: "Te'amin, Trop, Accents, Neginot and Cantillations: A critical view of the problem of terminology."

We wish Hazzan and Sandy Lubin a successful and enjoyable bon voyage.

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.

Guidelines for Life Cycle Events

Questions have arisen recently about Beth El's policy regarding the participation of clergy in life cycle events. To clarify the issues raised and to make all congregants aware of the policy, we are stating it here.

Members of Beth El, (other than "Associate" or "Non-resident" members), are entitled to, without additional charge, the services of our Rabbis and Hazzan at their life cycle events as part of their membership. This privilege also applies to the weddings of members' children under the age of 30. Officiation of the Rabbi and Assistant Rabbi or Hazzan at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, or funeral for a member of the congregation does not require payment of a fee for those services. If the congregant wishes to express his/her appreciation for the services of the clergy, it is appropriate, at his/her sole discretion, to make a donation to the Rabbi's or Cantor's (hazzan's) fund, or some other fund of the Congregation in their honor.

Membership Information

Benjamin and Joyce Schlesinger have moved to 6801 Braxburn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817-4713; Bruce and Tina Benjamin have moved to 8113 Jeb Stuart Road, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 340-0907; and Helen Stettner has moved to 5800 Nicholson Lane, #302, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 231-9787.

SHABBAT SHIRAH

SABBATH OF SONG

"THE MEANING OF SONG IN
JEWISH TRADITION"

A SERMON SHIRAH ON SONG BY
HAZZAN ABRAHAM LUBIN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

A PROGRAM IN HONOR OF
JEWISH MUSIC MONTH

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be meeting the first week of February. Anyone interested in being considered for nomination should submit their request in writing to Erwin Groner, through the synagogue office. All requests must be in by the end of January.

Tuning in with Cantor Lubin

"Quick fix", "fast lane", "instant _____" - here you can insert your own word. These and other pithy and similar phrases have become the catch words and signposts of the so-called "smart set" of the 80's and 90's. Speed is now the ultimate substitute for stability; and everything that is quick and immediate is to be regarded as highly desirable in a society that is intoxicated with anything fast, speedy, swift and accelerated.

Hillel, the great teacher and scholar of the first century, was once taunted and tested for his patience by a Roman heathen who came to him to be converted, on condition that Hillel teach him the entire Torah in one quick and easy lesson "while standing on one foot". Hillel wisely replied: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor; this is the Torah, all the rest is commentary."

Nothing of real value is achieved quickly, in one easy lesson. Nothing of any permanence is acquired spontaneously. I am always suspicious of slick sayings, quick retorts and speedy remedies.

The Roman heathen who attempted to vex Hillel with his challenge never learned the now proverbial lesson that "Rome wasn't built in a day". Neither the Torah nor any lasting values are taught quickly as we stand "on one foot".

To raise children takes many years of love, nurturing and teaching. Indeed, it is a life-long agenda. To build anything well and lasting takes time and patience. To achieve real success is to invest over the long haul. Life and its great complexities cannot be fathomed and understood in one speedy lesson.

Speed is advantageous when we wish to reach our destinations in space and distance, but in matters of the spirit and in reaching noble goals in human affairs our tradition teaches us to be diligent and steadfast. That takes much time and even more patience.

If "continuity" is the present buzz word of the Jewish community, then it will be achieved through programs that are continuous and long-lasting, rather than by quick and instant solutions.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Louis Rib on the death of his mother Anita Rib.

When Death Occurs

Call the synagogue office (301) 652-2606 and notify Rabbi Maltzman. If Rabbi Maltzman is not available ask for Steve Kravitz or Lisette Brooks, Rabbi Maltzman's secretary.

After business hours, on weekends, or holidays, call Rabbi Maltzman or Rabbi Rudolph at home.

On Yom Tov and Shabbat, even though detailed funeral arrangements cannot be made, the staff will be available to speak with you and to begin assisting you.

Our Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society) will be notified by the staff immediately.

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.

BETH EL SCROLL

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RETREAT RESERVATION FORM

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of December 13, 1993)

Bauer Confirmation Fund

Craig Dreilinger and Amanda Ford. In Memory Of: Elisabeth Bauer's first Jahrzeit by Bauer Family.

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Jack Pressman and Fannie Boston by Sandra Pressman; Robert Treinish by Joyce and Morris Abrams; Jean Sohn by Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gross.

Building Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph and early Saturday congregation by Lucy D. Ozarin. In Memory Of: Tillie Broder by Jerome Broder; Ira Kline by Rose and Sam Saady; Robert Treinish by Rose and Sam Saady.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: The marriage of Lisa Shapiro and Orrin Schwarz by Frances H. Leibowitz; Cantor and Mrs. Lubin's children's simcha by Trudy and Murray Haber. In Memory Of: Nathan Sweed by Harold and Elizabeth Sweed; Our beloved son, Robert, by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In grateful appreciation for the support and help in our time of bereavement by The Families of Evelyn C. Orentlicher. In Memory Of: Samuel Gelman by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib; Our beloved son, Robert, by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Crowell Religious School Scholarship Endowment Fund

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

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Schneider by Wendy and Curtis Levinson; Pauline Brown by Josephine and Jason Horn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Nathan Lerner by Dolly and Marvin Band.

General Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel LeVine by Gloria and Don LeVine; Marion Rothstein by Ralph Wilcove; Samuel Gelman by Anna Gelman; Betty Rosensweig by Barbara and Hyman Shapiro; Jennie Wilcove by Ralph Wilcove; Adah Rose Bitterbaum's father by Cindy and Peter Rampp.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

Craig Dreilinger and Amanda Ford. In Memory Of: Cindy Simon by Leena and Erwin Groner.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Cindy Simon by Ellen M. Darr; Beloved mother-in-law, Ida Meltzer, by Sherman Kimball.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Irving Ehrenthal by Thera Finbloom.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Michael Kempner's Bar Mitzvah by Kenneth and Carol Kempner. In Memory Of: Beloved uncle, Philip Boman, by Eve B. Tishkoff; Pauline Resnick by Bernard T. Resnick.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

Mildred and Max Goldman. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Ericka Kaplan, by Rosalie M. Sporn; Robert Treinish by Elaine and Erwin Shalowitz; Suzanne Racoosin by Elaine and Erwin Shalowitz; Adele Erdman by Elaine and Erwin Shalowitz.

Morning Minyan Fund

Lois and Joseph Levy. In Honor Of: Synthia Pommiss, sister of Ellen Eule, by Mollie Raffles. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Julia Ende, by Asher Ende; Samuel Reiter by Harvey and Wendy Reiter; Robert Scott Treinish by Lenore and Melvin Richter; Robert Treinish by Sy and Dorothy Harris.

Music Fund

Jonathan D. Levy. In Memory Of: Lillian Cohen by Barbara, Amber, and Cindy Spitzer; Beloved son, Steven Heiman, by Irene Hauser.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Carly Schmand's 4th birthday by Brenda, Jim, and Joshua Schmand.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Al and Minna Freiberg's 50th anniversary by Karl Freiberg. In Memory Of: Ethel Sinclair and Geraldine Baldinger by Priscilla and George

Tievsky; Betty Treinish by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Julia Shapiro by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Meyer Landau by Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Landau; Stephen and Abraham Yellowitz by Beatrice Golfer; Herman Elson by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferber.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: The birth of Michelle Fay Nowitz by Toby and Bernie Moss; Dr. Herschel and Evelyn Sidransky and the entire Sidransky Family by Ellen and Benjamin Bornstein. In Memory Of: Louis Pernick by Irwin Pernick; Golda Leah Possick by Saul Possick; Robert Treinish by Anita and Howard Ratain; Robert Treinish by Isobel Levine; Beloved father, Louis Schneider, by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Levine.

Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund

Marilyn Hammerman and Seymour Gross have donated the proceeds of their Hanukkah/Yiddish performance at B'nai B'rith, Leisure World.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: The birth of Simone Roark by Beth El Religious School Committee; The birth of Jamie Shannon Nagel by Beth El Religious School Committee. In Memory Of: Cynthia Simon by Louis and Faina Nagel; Erica, sister of Jessica Ruttstein, by Beth El Religious School Committee.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In grateful appreciation for the support and help in our time of bereavement by Families of Evelyn C. Orentlicher.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Louis Waxman by Harvey and Wendy Reiter.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

Craig Dreilinger and Amanda Ford. In Honor Of: The marriage of Rachel Berlin to Rich Handloff by The Wilner Family;

The wedding of Rachel Berlin and Rich Handloff by Joanne, Mark, Laura and Debbie Weinberg. In Memory Of: Philip B. Gravitz by Melvin and Harriet Gravitz.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Sophie Kopit, by Leo Kopit; Abraham Sherman by Gerald and Lola Sherman.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Robert Treinish by Harold and Vera Fassberg; Baruch Porath by Zvi Porath; Samuel Madeoy by Rocky M. Lang.

The Evening Minyan

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

January 10 - January 13

Jacob and Marci Blumenthal
Eli and Gayle Blumenthal
Robert and Rayah Blumenthal
Werner and Bernice Blumenthal
Harvey and Abby Bobb
Sheldon and Paola Bolasny
Philip and Hope Borish
Benjamin Bornstein
and Ellen Sidransky
Paul Bran and Nina Levine
Horst and Ruth Brand
Douglas and Brenda Bregman
Joel and Bernice Breslau
Jerome and Hessa Broder
Jonathan and Fay-Ann Brodie
Kenneth and Carol Brody

January 17 - January 20

Gerald and Caryl Brody
Mark Bronfman
and Trina Bellak-Bronfman
Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim
David and Harriet Brooks
David H. Brown
Stuart and Rachel Brown
Arthur and Susan Bruckheim
Lawrence and Susan Bruser
Aaron and Kandi Budgor
Barry Bukatman
Ray Butler and Donna Butler-Tucker
Abner and Ruth Byer
Jeffrey and Sharon Caplan
Steven and Ena Carabell
Sydney and Miriam Carter

BETH EL MEN'S CLUB
Cordially Invites you to:

"PERSPECTIVES IN DIALOGUE - 1994"

Sunday, January 9
ELI ROSENBAUM

AUTHOR, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**"THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF
NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN AMERICA"**

Sunday, January 16
PARRIS GLENDENING

COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
MARYLAND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE

"VISION FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND"

Sunday, January 23
DR. WARREN GREENBERG

PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR
ISRAEL HEALTH POLICY REFORM
PROFESSOR OF HEALTH ECONOMICS, GWU

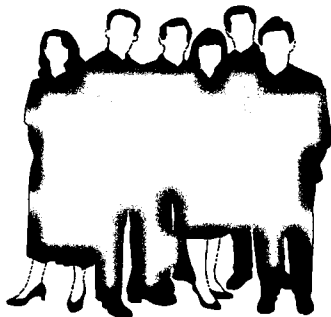
**"THE MYTH AND FACTS OF
HEALTH CARE REFORM"**

Sunday, January 30
CONGRESSWOMAN HELEN BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MARYLAND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE

"VISION FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND"

Sunday, February 13
HIS EXCELLENCY, HARRY SCHWARZ
SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

"SOUTH AFRICA IN TRANSITION"



Morning Service 9:00am
Breakfast 9:30am

Presentation by speaker followed by
dialogue with Congregation 10:00-11:00am

**THE CONGREGATION AND THE
COMMUNITY ARE INVITED**

Sisterhood News

N'div Layv - a gift from the heart.

For 51 years Sisterhood Torah Fund campaigns have raised funds to support the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The money perpetuates the Seminary Schools and programs.

A contribution of \$150.00 supports the Rabbinical School, Cantors' Institute, College of Music, Graduate School, College of Jewish Studies, the Prozdor (Jewish education for secular high school students) and numerous affiliates. It also includes a Benefactors' pin in gold tone, pictured above.

Your contribution is three fold! You support the Seminary, you wear a beautiful pin, and you and a guest may attend our Beth El Torah Fund cocktail reception in the Spring.

To make a tax deductible pledge, please call:

Doris Povich 320-5440
Marilyn Wind 530-6726 (Co-Chair)



**BETH EL MEN'S CLUB
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL
MAGIC SHOW AND
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 16, 1994
AT 6:30 PM**

RESERVATIONS
ADULTS \$5.00 CHILDREN \$3.00

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO:

**BETH EL MEN'S CLUB
ATTN: HERBERT WISER
8215 OLD GEORGETOWN RD.
BETHESDA, MD 20814**

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS
BY JANUARY 12, 1994**

MAGIC SHOW

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Please make reservations for

_____ ADULTS @ \$5.00

_____ CHILDREN @ \$3.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Youth News

USY raises \$130 for Tikkun Olam.

Gelt-O-Gram sales went extremely well. I would like to thank the Beth El USY Executive Board for all of their initiative and help. A special thank you to Marcia Rod who put in a lot of time as well. The entire USY chapter would like to thank all of the members who supported this program. Please look for it again next year.

Youth Calendar

USY	Kadima
January	16 Ice Skating with USY at Cabin John Ice Rink
8 USY Formal	30 Watch the Superbowl with Beth El Kadima
11 Take 30 on Summer Israel Programs	Machar
16 Ice Skating with Kadima at Cabin John Ice Rink	16 Glen Echo Adventure Theater ("James and the Giant Peach")
28-30 Interchapter at B'nei Israel	Bonim
	23 Tu B'shevat Seder

Hey 9th - 12th Graders, Do you want to play Volleyball?

Beth El USY will be sponsoring a volleyball team in the regional league. Games are played on Wednesday evenings, at the Board of Jewish Education, beginning the first week in February. The cost for the league is \$15, (includes team t-shirt). Anyone interested in playing should contact Rachel Handloff in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606).

Beth El 5th - 12th Grade Ski Trip

Beth El will be taking its 2nd annual ski trip to White Tail on Sunday, February 20th. Watch your mail and Scroll for more information.

From the Principal

Report Cards - In mid-January, mid-year progress reports will be sent home. The anticipation, excitement and tension that accompany Progress reports are a part of any process where a person in a position of authority passes judgement on the whole array of behaviors that define us. Religious School progress reports call for different sensitivities than those that guide the secular school teacher. What we do not have in almost any sense of the word is failure. Most of our measurements are not Pass/Fail, but Pass/Not Yet Completed or Not Yet Mastered. The only difference between a gifted student's mastery of the V'Ahavta and that of the less able student is the speed with which the prayer was learned.

About three years ago the Religious School began to send home narrative reports. These replaced forms with letter grades as the essential comment. The purpose was to present a more affirmative evaluation and to sidestep the tendency toward just looking down the columns, hoping for or expecting straight A's. Comments communicate more than letter grades. You can expect your child's teacher comments to reflect the priorities of her classroom or the behaviors that she has seen as noteworthy. If there is something that went without comment, the likelihood is that either there was not much to report or the teacher did not observe anything of special significance. If you still want more information, get in touch with the teacher. Generally teachers' comments will fall in the areas of Academic Progress, Participation, Cooperation, and Completes Assignments. The reports are written to parents. You are encouraged to read the report and discuss the comments, positive and negative, with your child.

Judaism is above all about community. Hillel taught, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the rest is commentary." The Religious School seeks to prepare our children for their role in the community. It is our hope that they will be well versed, confident, active participants. Perhaps even leaders? The Religious School seeks to present the possibilities for Jewish expression and facilitate achievement of our highest aspirations.

Hanukkah Happenings

What an exciting time we had in the school celebrating the Festival of Lights. There were levivot (latkes) and sufганиyoat (doughnuts) a plenty, and then our regular schedule was suspended so that the Kindergarten-7th grade classes could participate in Hanukkah Activities Day. Teachers prepared game and craft activities employing the lessons learned in earlier weeks (and years) on the holiday. Students made refrigerator magnets

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

Take 30 on Summer in Israel Programs

Are you interested in spending the summer in Israel? On Tuesday, January 11th, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., the youth department and religious school will be sponsoring a SPIN program. (Send Pilgrims to Israel Now) Students who have participated in a variety of programs will be available to speak about their experiences, show slides and videos. Information on scholarships available to Beth El members will also be available. Students in 9th - 12th grade and their parents are invited and encouraged to join us for this program.

Ice Skating for Kadima and USY

Join Beth El Youth at Cabin John Ice Skating Rink on Sunday, January 16th. For more information please contact Mike Scheinberg at (301) 314- 3385.

Attention Babysitters

Beth El is constantly on the lookout for teens interested in sitting for Beth El members. The youth department is trying to establish a list of those people interested in providing such services. Babysitters are definitely needed on Saturday, March 19th in the evening during the Beth El Auction. Anyone interested should contact Rachel in the synagogue office.

in the shape of dreidels, menorah sun catchers and micrography drawings. There was a scavenger hunt, Jeopardy and a lotto game. The mid-week classes gathered in the All-Purpose Room for assemblies. Classes sang humorous and traditional tunes, chanted the brachot and lit candles. Students from each 3rd-7th grade class wrote compositions dedicated to freedom. In a tachlis twist on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah candle lighting ceremony, nine students, representing each class, then recited their verses and lit a ceremonial candle on a Hanukkiyah. I thank the teachers for their work organizing room parents, setting up imaginative activities and assigning the necessary projects. I also thank the many parents who came to help chaperon the activities.

The Great Jewish Experience

On Sunday, December 5th, our fourth and fifth grade classes participated in the Habad-Lubavich organized "Great Jewish Experience." Students and parent chaperons had abundant praise for this experience with Jewish history, ethics and values that was billed as "two hours that last a lifetime."

Tikkun Olam - Ahavat Eretz Yisrael (Love of the Land of Israel)

The tikkun olam project for the month of January will be contributing to the Jewish National Fund to plant trees in Israel. We invite each student to contribute \$1 to this project. The cost of trees is now \$10 and we hope that each class will be able to plant a tree.

Vayehi Ohr - Let There Be Light

On Sunday, December 5th, Rachmiel Tobesman's 7th grade class presented an interactive experience for the children of the Religious School Kindergarten-third grades called, "Vayehi Ohr." As a lead in to Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, this program taught about the many lights that illuminate Jewish life. Mr. Tobesman's students taught their younger schoolmates about Hanukkah lights, Shabbat lights, yizkor lights and ner tamid, the eternal light. I heard of at least one student who chanted a song learned in the activity from that morning until long into the evening. For the experience they provided our students, their early arrival, serious preparation and mature presentation, I would like to thank the students of Mr. Tobesman's class: Ivan Askwith, Max Cooper, Adam Danoff, Rachel Edlow, Audrey Handelman, Marissa Levy, Lisa Rod, Naomi Rosenberg, Jonathan Schlesinger, Daniel Spiegel and Jonathan Stern.

Shopping Certificate News

Many thanks to everyone using shopping certificates. It is your support that makes this fund raising effort a major success.

Shopping certificates are available for Giant, Safeway, Snider's, Fresh Fields, Magruders, Katz's, Shoppers Food Warehouse and Shalom. Beth El receives 5% of all sales. Last year our sales totaled over \$1 million. The profits help to keep our dues' increases to a minimum. We need everyone's help and participation to make this program a success. Due to grocery stores' now accepting charge cards, a number of our "regular" supporters are now charging their groceries. As a result, our sales will be down unless more congregants begin to use the shopping certificates.

For more information, please call Cheryl Rod at 301-299-8362



Social Action News

ATTENTION HEBREW HOME ADOPT-A-UNIT VOLUNTEERS

Is your Havurah or singles group looking for a social action project? Would you like your child's religious school class to sing songs for our seniors? Is your high school student interested in community service? Can you play piano? Accordion? Do magic tricks? Does your pet like to visit others? If so, the social action committee invites you to participate in Beth El's newest project, "adoption" of a unit at the Hebrew Home in Rockville.

A meeting for all those interested in volunteering--groups, individuals, or families--will be held on Thursday evening, January 13th at 7:30 in the Board Room. This meeting will be informational: Staff from the Hebrew Home will be present to answer questions and get us started planning our programming and visits to our unit, 1-E. If you missed the previous announcements in the Beth El Scroll, pick up a bright green flier from outside the office, or call Sara Greenbaum at 656-5263, Michele Herman at 469-7654, or Debbie Ross at 229-4131 for more information.

Bethesda Cares thanks Brent Berger and several of his friends for collecting and delivering 30 large bags of much-needed warm clothing to its clothing closet at St. John's Church last month. Donations were requested from guests at a holiday party--a great idea!

**Beth El Singles 30-50
Friday Evening Shabbat Dinner
January 21, 1993
at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us as we kick off our Beth El Singles Group with our first event in 1994. Shabbat dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. followed by Friday evening services. Please fill out the response form below and mail with check payable to Congregation Beth El. All responses must be received by Friday, January 14, 1994.



I will be attending the Beth El Singles Shabbat Dinner on Friday, January 21, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I am enclosing: \$10.00 (member) or \$13.00 (non-member)

Mail check and form to: Nancy Graber
11702 Milbern Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

January 1994

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>School Vacation</p> <p>7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services</p> </div>						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>2</p> <p>School Vacation</p> <p>9:00am Minyan & 9:30 Men's Club Bkfat</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>3</p> <p>School Resumes</p> <p>6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>4</p> <p>5:30pm Aerobics</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>5</p> <p>6:00pm Aerobics 7:30pm Adult Educ. - Rms. 201, 202, 208</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>6</p> <p>8:30am Masorti - BR 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Ahavat Shir - SH</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>7</p> <p>Scroll Deadline #12</p> <p>4:42pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>8</p> <p>7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:15am Gavin Fig B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR 12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel 7:30pm USY Formal Dance - SH</p> </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>9</p> <p>No Religious School/ Conferences</p> <p>9:00am Minyan & 9:30 Men's Club Bkfat</p> <p>9:30am Sisterhood - BR</p> <p>10:00am Persp. in Dialog. - Sanct.</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>10</p> <p>10:00am Sabra Hadassah-BR</p> <p>6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>11</p> <p>5:30pm Aerobics 6:15pm USY - APR 7:45pm Nursery Bd - APR 8:00pm Exec. Bd. Mtg.-BR</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>12</p> <p>6:00pm Aerobics 7:30pm Adult Educ. - Rms. 201, 202, 208</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>13</p> <p>12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 5:30pm Aerobics 7:00pm AMI - APR 7:30pm Social Action Cty. - BR 8:15pm Rosh Chodesh Group - Chapel</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>14</p> <p>4:49pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:15pm Congregation Dinner</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>15</p> <p>7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:15am Sisterhood Shabbat</p> <p>10:45am Gan Shabbat - APR</p> <p>11:00am USY - BR 12:45pm Keruv - Chapel 10:00pm DC Caribbean Carnival - SH</p> </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>16</p> <p>No Religious School</p> <p>9:00am Minyan & 9:30 Men's Club Bkfat</p> <p>10:00am Persp. in Dialog. - Sanct.</p> <p>6:30pm Men's Club Magic Show - SH</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>17</p> <p>M.L. King, Jr. Birthday</p> <p>Office & Schools Closed</p> <p>9:00am Minyan (No Evening Minyan)</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>18</p> <p>10:00am Nursery Workshop - BR 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm School Bd. - BR</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Aerobics</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>20</p> <p>12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 5:30pm Aerobics</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>21</p> <p>Scroll #13 Deadline</p> <p>4:57pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>22</p> <p>7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:15am Shabbat Shira UJA Shabbat</p> <p>10:00am Jr. Congregation</p> <p>10:30am Nitzanim - APR 10:00pm DC Caribbean Carnival-SH</p> </div>

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

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