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Shabbat Schedule

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

Saturday, January 22nd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat Shira and UJA Shabbat, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel
Nitzanim Service at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, January 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 29th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Alizah Lowell Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Friday, February 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 5th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Marissa P. Levy Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Havurah Minyan at 9:30 a.m. in the APR
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Off the Bimah

On December 13th our congregation was one of only 16 synagogues in the United States to be honored at a Dedication Ceremony of the U.S. Holocaust Museum Congregational Campaign. We are among the first synagogues in North America to have successfully raised the funds to have our name proudly and permanently inscribed on the Congregational wall on the first floor of the museum. More significant is the fact that we have been paired with a destroyed community in Lithuania which will vicariously be restored by enshrining their name with ours. The Hasidic Congregation in Kovno, Lithuania, was built in the 19th century, when Kovno became a center of Jewish Cultural and religious activity in Lithuania. On June 25, 1941, as Einsatzgruppe A entered Kovno, Lithuania collaborators staged a pogrom in which 1,500 Jews were killed. The Yagshto Street Synagogue went up in flames. Within a few months thousands of Kovno's Jews were shot by the Einsatzgruppen. Of the 40,000 Jews who were living in Kovno before the war, only 2,000 survived. Neither the Yagshto Street Synagogue building or community were rebuilt.

When you bring your children and grandchildren to the museum, show them our name on the wall and remind them that we and they are the living memorials to this and to other destroyed communities. At the same time, remind them of the message implied in the words of the Israeli folk song:

The song does not end....
It only begins.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

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.

Membership Information

Julia Maloney has moved to 1703 Cody Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902; Gary and Dawn Rosenfeld have moved to 216 Crestmoor Circle, Silver Spring, MD 20901, (301) 681-6967.

If you will it....

Did you know that you can name Beth El in your will as a beneficiary of your estate?

We can give you the wording to have added to your will, so that you may make a contribution in your memory. The Beth El Support Foundation, our vehicle for the long-term financial needs of the congregation, is now looking for members who would be willing to contribute to the Support Foundation in this way. Our dream is to have an endowment program to help support the various needs of our congregation. Please call Mark Weinberg, 468-5500, for further details. You can help us reach our goal.

...our dream can come true.

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

BETH EL AUCTION UPDATE...

BE THERE AT 7:30 P.M. ON MARCH 19, 1994 TO HONOR ELLEN DARR

or....

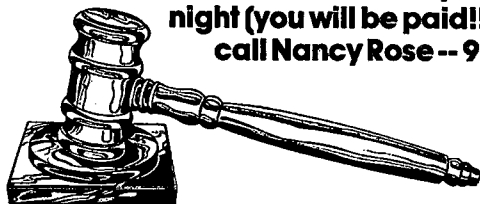
Be sorry you missed an opportunity to bid on a fabulous array of items in the following categories: Art and photos, beauty services, books and magazines, gift certificates to many of the nicest clothing stores in town, crafts, home improvement, exercise programs, financial opportunities and advice, food items and restaurants, catered meals by some of the best cooks in our congregation, vacation opportunities and tours, jewels, medical services, sporting activities and events, and more and more and more...

For additional information call Carla Schraub at (301)469-0156

AN EXTRA SEAT IN YOUR CAR? Please volunteer to drive someone who will need transportation to and from the Auction. Call Brenda Bregman at (301) 652-0027 and SAY YOU'LL HELP!

CALLING ALL BETH EL TEENS!

The Auction Committee is compiling a list of teenagers who will be available to baby sit on the evening of March 19 so that congregants with young children will be able to attend the auction. Teenagers who are interested in baby sitting that night (you will be paid!!!) should call Nancy Rose -- 951-3631.



Nitzanim

Please join us for Nitzanim Shabbat services for families with children age 6 and under. The service consists of a Torah parade, songs, stories, and key parts of the Shabbat service. Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room.

The Nitzanim Hanukkah party was a great success, thanks to the help of so many of the parents. Special thanks to Evelyn Karson, who coordinated the event, and to Leslie Shedlin, Marcia Greenblum, Thera Finbloom and Wendy Parker.

Thanks to the Zissmans for sponsoring the kiddush on January 8th in honor of Melissa's 3rd birthday.

Dear Keruv

Our babysitter, who has worked for us for many years, recently began to cross herself before lunch. I am so uncomfortable about her crossing herself, especially at Shabbat dinners, I no longer invite her to join us for Shabbat. Should I invite her, but ask her not to cross herself? Or should I invite her and try to ignore my own feelings?

Congregant

Dear Congregant: Many people, Jews and non-Jews, are uncomfortable with the outward expressions of others' religions, particularly at mealtimes, our most communal act. No Jewish law forbids your babysitter's practice at meals, and she may be offended if you ask her to refrain -- as you might be if asked not to recite Hamotzi.

If you can talk to her, explain your feelings and reach a mutual solution, even if that is no longer sharing Shabbat meals. If you cannot talk to her, you will have to decide whether you are more comfortable inviting her or not inviting her. When you do share meals, try to accept that her expression of her religion is not a comment or criticism of Judaism.

Note: Shabbat discussions are held in the Chapel after the Kiddush. Everyone is welcome.

February 19, Shabbat Discussion: "B'nai Mitzvah in Interfaith Families".

March 8, Tuesday evening: "Interdating". Beth El teens will join us for this discussion.

April 16, Shabbat Discussion: "The Non-Jews Among Us".

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. For further information on Keruv, call Betty Schuchat McDonald at (301) 656-0742.

Parking With Care

Once again, we find it necessary to remind our members that we should try to be kind and respectful of our fellow neighbors. In that vein, we would like to remind everyone to be careful parking on the residential streets surrounding the building: **please do not park on someone's lawn or in their driveway; please do not block any driveways.** Several of the neighbors have complained about our lack of concern when parking in the neighborhood, and we should be sensitive to their needs. In addition, please do not park against the yellow curbs in the synagogue lot. Should there be the need for an emergency vehicle to drive through the lot, it would be unable to get through.

Yes, it may take you a few minutes more to park and it may not be as convenient. But, as a sign of respect for each other and our fellow neighbors we hope you will park with care.

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 24 - January 27

Judith Casey
 Richard and Shelley Chasen
 Richard and Petrina Chavis
 Gerald and Fay Chernin
 Elliot and Vivian Cines
 Charles and Joan Claxton
 David and Miriam Cohen
 Israel and Anna Cohen
 Jack and Naomi Cohen
 Jeffrey Cohen and Leslie Fried
 Louis and Susan Cohen
 Louis and Shirley Cohen
 Richard and Eleanor Cohen
 Robert Cohen
 and Sheila Smallberg Cohen
 Stephen and Lynn Cohen

January 31 - February 3

Stanley and Selma Cohen
 Walter and Debbie Cohn
 Norton and Dorothy Come
 Edward Comer
 and Joan Schaffer
 Jeffrey and Feme Cooper
 Mitchell and Renee Cooper
 Robert and Diane Coplan
 Howard and Julia Copperman
 Fred and Ilse Cutler
 David and Renee Dalva
 Abraham Danish
 Jerome and Patricia Danoff
 David and Ellen Darr
 Morton and Lillian Davis
 Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum

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.

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.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Perla Falk on the death of her husband, Irving Falk; and to Myra Hopp on the death of her sister, Wynona Herd.

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 22, 1993)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother of Leonard Rib by Marcia and Paul Merlin.

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Benjamin Liebling by Dr. Herman I. Liebling; Benjamin Goldberg and Edward Meyer by Robert, Jody, Rachel, David and Ethan Benjamin; Fannie Stein by Norman I. and Ruth Stein; Cindy Simon by Gail, Ross and Roy Niedermayer; Rose Kaplan by Howard, Elana and Adam Hoffman.

Building Fund

Patricia and Herbert Jacobi. In Memory Of: Samuel Iskowitz by Jerry Ives; Louis Lyman by Mr. and Mrs. James Lyman.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin by Jill Gerstenfeld. In Memory Of: Betty Haber by Trudy and Murray Haber.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Esther Weisz, by Joseph I. Weisz.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Andrew and Elizabeth Douglas, Happy Chanukah, Love, Susan and Howie Feibus; Betsy Ginsberg, Happy Chanukah, Love, Susan and Howie Feibus; Lauren Ginsberg, Happy Chanukah, Love, Susan and Howie Feibus. In Memory Of: Tovi Bloom by Hellaine Drucker Nepo.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Ernestine Goldstein by Judith and Jonathan Levin and Family.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Marguerite Bousso by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi.

General Fund

In Honor Of: The Bar Mitzvah of David Elson by David and Roberta Benor. In Memory Of: Anna Kushelevsky by Charlotte Levinson; Eunice Wilcove by Ralph Wilcove; Cindy Simon by Andrea Shandell; Robert Treinish by Leo B. Cohen; Robert Treinish by Kay Kaufman.

Havurah Fund

In Memory Of: Anita Rib, mother of Lenny Rib, by Howard and Susan Feibus.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: The Feibus Family, Happy Chanukah, Love, Bubbie and Hotch by Howard and Susan Feibus; The birth of Adam Schefkind by Wendy and Harvey Reiter; The special birthday of Harvey Fenster by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Albert. In Memory Of: Cindy Simon by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky Family; Cindy Simon by Andrea Shandell.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved sister, Ida Rosen, by Calvin Golumbic; Beloved daughter, Isabel Davison, by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Mazon

Dr. Lawrence I. Sank. In Honor Of: My Bar Mitzvah by Avi Shoham; The 30th wedding anniversary of Howard and Julie Copperman by Claire Marwick; In Memory Of: Louis Janus by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Janus.

Morning Minyan Fund

Julian E. Levin. In Honor Of: The 30th wedding anniversary of Julia and Howard Copperman by Shirley and Seymour Gross; The speedy recovery of Hyman Zimmerman by Herb and Anita Levinson; The 30th wedding anniversary of Howard and Julie Copperman by Bea and Alex Rosenberg; A full recovery of Hy Zimmerman by Shirley and Seymour Gross. In Memory Of: Norton Nepo by Irwin Nepo; Benjamin H. Edenbaum by The Edenbaum Family.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Joshua Yanovski's 5th birthday by Susan and Jack Yanovski.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Jonathan Feibus, Happy Chanukah, Love, Mom and Dad by Howard and Susan Feibus; Rocky Lang's chanting a Haftarah by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Burt Cooper by Samuel and Eleanor Frishman; Sadie Leibowitz by Hannah L. Lipman.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Gutmann by Hanna Gutmann; Pattie Baron's brother by Peter and Marianne Schissler; Anita Rib, mother of Lenny Rib by Potomac Havurah.

Rabbi's Fund

David M. Richman; Charles and Bettie Lee Goldberg; Craig and Judy Futterman. In Honor Of: In prayer and support for Marianne by Peter and Marianne Schissler. In Memory Of: Frieda Schissler by Peter and Marianne Schissler; Beloved brother, Emanuel Robinson, by Dorothy Alberstadt; Peshe Risin by Rose Risin; Lillian Straszky by Edith Orban; Marilyn Brown by David H. Brown.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Anita Rib, mother of Leonard Rib, by School Staff; Mother of Louise Brenner by School Staff.

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

In Memory Of: Ethel Potash and Betty Appleberg by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potash.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Manos Rozhansky by Ruth Rondberg and Barbara Freedman; Fred Rehns by Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim; Sam Spott and Isadore Simon by Rondberg Family; Isadore Simon by Rondberg Family; Steven Fefferman by Wendy and Harvey Reiter; Benjamin Levine by Shirley Levine.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Melvin Wine by Mark Wine.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Louis Lyman by Mr. and Mrs. James Lyman.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: The hospitality of Ruth and Tsvi Assal by Debby and Menachem Shoham; Hazzan Abraham Lubin by Debby and Menachem Shoham; Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman by Debby and Menachem Shoham; My Bar Mitzvah by Avi Shoham; The 75th birthday of Stella Peck by Doris and Sidney Coplon. In Memory Of: Beloved brother of Barbara Greenberg by Doris and Sidney Coplon.

College Scholarship Information

Long and Foster Real Estate is taking the opportunity of its 25th anniversary celebration to announce a special scholarship program for deserving high school seniors. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need, academic achievement, leadership and community service. The \$1,000 individual, one-time scholarships will be awarded to 25 students on May 1, 1994.

Additional information and applications for the Long and Foster scholarship program can be obtained from Beth El member Linda Beer. Contact Linda at (301) 215-6810. The deadline for applying is March 1, 1994.

At your next life-cycle event,
consider a 3% donation to Mazon,
a Jewish response to hunger.

BETH EL MEN'S CLUB
Cordially Invites you to:

**"PERSPECTIVES IN
DIALOGUE - 1994"**

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

Winter Blues Sale -- 50% off selected items

Now's the time to write all those notes you have postponed.
Buy some new stationery from Sisterhood to brighten your days!
Call Marilyn Hammerman at (301) 881-0011.

Adult Education at a Glance

January 23: "Design in Today's Economy", slide show and discussion by Connie Krupin, (Sisterhood), 10:00 a.m., Board Room.

January 23: "Myth and Facts of Health Care Reform", by Dr. Warren Greenberg, Pres., Washington Institute for Israel Health Policy Reform, (Men's Club), 9:00 a.m. Service, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Program.

January 30: "Vision for the State of Maryland", Congresswoman Helen Bentley, (Men's Club), 9:00 a.m. Service, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Program.

February 6: "Beyond Hamentashen", a Purim program with Julie Maltzman (Parent/ Family Education Program), 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Board Room.

February 8: "Take 30" discusses "The Religious Right", (Religious School), 7:00 p.m. All welcome.

February 13: "South Africa in Transition", by His Excellency, Harry Schwarz, South African Ambassador to the U.S., (Men's Club, 9:00 a.m. Service, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Program.

February 27: "Israel Quest", with Nick Martin, UJAF, who will discuss the new cooperative program to encourage teens to strengthen their Jewish identity and visit Israel, (Sisterhood), 10:00 a.m.

March 2: "How to Run a Passover Seder" (Part 1), with Rabbi Maltzman; moving through the Haggadah, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Board Room.

March 6: "More Than Matzah", with Fromma Lipman; a workshop to enrich the Passover experience beyond the Seder, (Parent/Family Education Program), 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Board Room.

March 9: "How to Run a Passover Seder" (Part 2), with Cantor Lubin; music of the seder, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Board Room.

Youth News

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.

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.

Scholarships available for Beth El students going to Israel:

Applications for scholarship money for Beth El students going to Israel are available in the Youth Director's office. Members of Beth El who have been members in good standing for a minimum of two years prior to the date of the trip to Israel are eligible.

AZYF Guide for student trips to Israel is available for students to check out from the Youth Director's office. Stop by and pick the trip that is right for you.

New Committee Forming

We are forming a new Bikur Cholim Committee. This committee will call, and when possible visit, members of Beth El who are ill. If you are interested in joining this new group or have any ideas or suggestions which will help make this effort successful, please call Rhonda Kleiner Lowell at (301) 294-8858.

**Large Print Prayer Books
and Hearing
Enhancement Receivers
are available for your use
in our sanctuary.
Please see the ushers
when you arrive.**

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 Handloff	(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

For information about the various programs please call your child's advisor or Rachel B. Handloff, Youth Director, in the synagogue office. (301) 652-2606

USY

**January
28-30** Interchapter at B'nai Israel

**Kadima
January
30** Watch the Superbowl with Beth El Kadima

**Machar
January
16** Glen Echo Adventure Theater ("James and the Giant Peach")

**Bonim
January
23** Tu B'shevat Seder

Have You Discovered The Library?

Tucked in the corner between Rabbi Maltzman's office and the Chapel is one of the quietest spots in Beth El. A great place to study, read or just browse through magazines until your child's Religious School class ends. The Beth El library houses about 1500 volumes of Judaica, from Bible study and theology to Jewish history, music, cookery, art, travel, biography, literature, and Israeli politics. There are several shelves of children's books, and we subscribe to about 20 magazines and newspapers. New books are bought on a regular basis throughout the year; look at the blue-dotted books above the card catalogue to see what we have recently acquired.

Magazines are for use in the library only, but most books go out for three weeks. There are no fines, but we trust borrowers to return materials promptly.

The library is supported entirely by donations to the Library Fund. What better way to honor or remember a loved one than to support the collection of literature of the People of the Book?
Evelyn Margolis, Librarian

From the Principal

Following recent elections, a neo-fascist party captured a huge block of seats in the Russian parliament. One *Post* article I read focused on the disappointment of the Russian intelligentsia. In Russia, the intelligentsia have long held an elite position in society: independent of ideology and superior to party and politics. In an overwhelmingly "peasant" society, their role was to uplift the narodniki (peasant masses). The intellectuals saw the election as an anti-intellectual revolt and a great failure on their part. Our Jewish tradition has always called for spiritual uplifting, but with little of the elitism of Russian tradition. The Talmud instructs, "Do not say I will study when I have time, because you may never have the time." We are an egalitarian society and it is everyone's responsibility to grow, to seek perfection, to play a part in bringing about tikkun olam and ultimately to usher in the messianic era. In the Religious school we act in that spirit: encouraging and rewarding excellence while striving to create an environment where all students can excel.

Seventh grade Trip

In mid-December the seventh grade classes participated in a BJE sponsored activity on Jewish identity called "Cherish The Difference." At its conclusion, the students were challenged to write song lyrics expressing the theme of the program. Mr. Tobesman's highly enthusiastic Monday/Wednesday class serenaded me with their composition:

Hebrew school, Mr. T,
Nagel's ties we love to see;
Stories, prayers, history,
We are Beth El;
We are very proud to be,
Part of the Jewish family.
Say it loud,
Jews and proud,
We are Beth El.

Tikkun Olam

For the month of February the Religious School will sponsor an Essential Items Drive for the benefit of Bethesda Cares. We will be collecting:

Toilet articles: toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, shaving cream, lotion, rubbing alcohol, combs, deodorant, & shampoo AND

Hospitality supplies: instant cocoa, instant coffee, tea, powdered creamer, individual instant soup mixes, crackers, cookies, spoons, napkins & hot cups.

This project is inspired by the quality ascribed to the Ruler of the Universe as the One who "Shasah li kol tzarki" (Who provides for all my needs). Contributions will be accepted throughout the month of February.

Parent Education

On Sunday, February 6th, Julie Maltzman will lead a workshop called "Beyond Hamentashen." Ms. Maltzman's presentation will deal with the history, background and some interesting ways your family can celebrate this somewhat enigmatic holiday. The workshop will be held in the Board Room from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Spring Sports

It is just about little league time, and I would like to remind you that it is highly undesirable for children to leave class early to go participate in sports activities. These students tend not to focus on their lessons, stop paying attention in anticipation of leaving class early, and rack up largely a wasted day. In addition, the early exit also tends to devalue the rest of the class time for those remaining. Please do everything you can to get your child into a league or onto a team that does not play its games on mid-week Hebrew evenings or practice every night. The next Sandy Koufax may be in this school, but let's take our chances that he isn't.

Donations

Our donation computer program only has the capacity for a maximum of 40 characters in the "in honor of" or "in memory of" descriptions. Any donations received with messages longer than 40 characters will be shortened. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the donation description brief. Please be sure to give us the name of the fund, your name and address, and who you would like the donation acknowledged to and their address along with your check. Do not combine your donation check with any other payments (it is ok to combine several donation categories on one check). If you have any questions regarding donations, please call Esther at (301) 652-2606.

The Havurah Minyan

Everyone is *welcome* to daven and discuss Torah at the Havurah Minyan. We meet in the "all purpose room" on the first Shabbat morning of each month (except during July and August) at 9:30 in the morning.

1994 Entertainment Books

The 1994 Entertainment Books are only available until the end of January! Hurry in and pick yours up! 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.

January 21, 1994 - February 3, 1994

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 No Religious School 9:00am Minyan & 9:30 Men's Club Bkfst 10:00am Persp. in Dialog. - Sanct. 11:30am Krauss Wedding - Chapel 6:30pm Men's Club Magic Show - SH	17 M.L. King, Jr. Birthday Office & Schools Closed 9:00am Minyan (No Evening Minyan)	18 10:00am Nursery Workshop - BR 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm School Bd. - BR	19 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR	20 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 5:30pm Aerobics	21 Scroll #13 Deadline 4:57pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Singles Dinner	22 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Shabbat Shira UJA Shabbat Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR 10:00pm DC Caribbean Carnival-SH
23 9:00am Minyan & 9:30 Men's Club Bkfst 9:30am Sisterhood - BR 10:00am Persp. in Dialog. - Sanct. 10:00am Cantor - Chapel 11:30am B'nai Mitzvah Mtg-Sanct. 1:00pm Nitzanim Tu B'shevat Seder - SH	24 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts	25 5:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Youth Comm. - APR 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR	26 8:00am Nursery Video Day - APR (VCR) 4:00pm Tu B'Shvat Seder - APR 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR	27 Tu B'Shevat 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 4:00pm Tu B'Shvat Seder - APR 5:30pm Aerobics	28 2:30pm Lowell Picture Taking 5:05pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:15pm Lowell Shabbat Dinner - APR	29 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Alizah Lowell B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 7:30pm Lowell Party - SH
30 9:00am Minyan & 9:30 Men's Club Bkfst 10:00am Persp. in Dialog. - Sanct. 10:00am Cantor - BR 2:30pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby-APR	31 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts	1 5:30pm Aerobics	2 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR	3 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Ahavat Shir - SH	4 Scroll #14 Deadline 5:13pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	5 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Marissa P. Levy B/M 9:30am Havurah Minyan - APR 10:00am Jr. Congregation 7:30pm Levy Party - SH, Gal

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

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