



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Shabbat Schedule

Friday, February 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 19th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Michael Reiter Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel  
Gan Shabbat at 10:45 a.m. in the APR  
USY at 11:00 a.m. in the BR  
Keruv at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, February 25th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 26th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Emily Sara Lodish Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel  
Nitzanim at 10:30 in the APR

Friday, March 4th, at 6:30 p.m.  
Grades 3-5 Shabbat Dinner, at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 5th, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.  
Lilly Goldman Bat Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.  
Havurah Minyan at 9:30 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

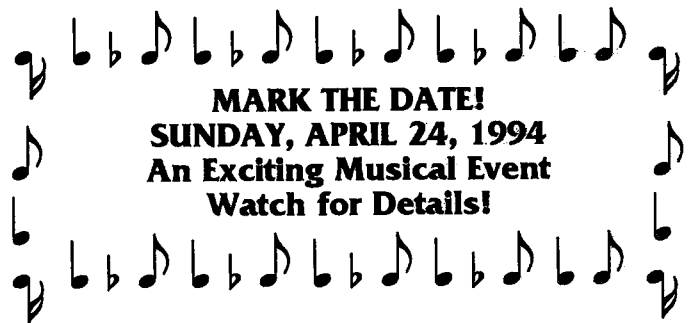
**Congregation Meeting**  
**February 22, 1994**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**in the Social Hall**

## Off the Bimah

### Beth El asks members to please stop contributing!

As you know, my book was published recently and was a great success. I have turned all royalties over to the shul. The synagogue is no longer in need of funds. We have gobs of money weighing down the safe and the Board of Directors, therefore, has unanimously decided to give pledges to you, the members. Please come to the office anytime from 5 p.m. in the evening to 8 a.m. in the morning, and pick up your pledge card which says how much money you would like to recover from the synagogue. Fill it out in either Hebrew or Aramaic. The money will be distributed at the Megillah reading on Purim. Knowing how devoted the members of our shul are, I am sure they will heed this plea not to give the shul any more money, just as they have heeded all our previous pleas in the past! In the meantime, have a joyous and festive Purim.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman



## New IRS Charitable Contribution Rules

The 1993 tax law requires you to have a "contemporaneous" receipt for all charitable contributions of \$250.00 or more after December 31, 1993. If you make a contribution of \$75.00 or more for which you also receive something of value in return, you are also required to have a receipt showing the non-deductible value of what you received.

In order to reduce your paperwork, and ours, we will take advantage of the provision of the law which allows the use of an annual statement which will satisfy your "contemporaneous" receipt requirement. In order to ensure that all payments made by you during 1994 are reflected on that statement, our statement will include all payments received in the Beth El office through January 5, 1995.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION CONCERNS YOUR 1994 CALENDAR YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS. THE CHANGE IN TAX LAWS HAS NO BEARING ON CALENDAR YEAR 1993 CONTRIBUTIONS.

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 ☆ **PURIM FESTIVITIES** ☆  
 ☆ Reading of the Megillah is Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. As is our custom, there will also be a full traditional reading in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. We wish to thank our Megillah readers: Aaron Dreiling, Tallie Lieberman, Hazzan Lubin, Rabbi Maltzman, Daniella Nowitz, Ariel Sokol, Alan Spiegel, Eric Spiegel and Hillary Spierer. The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, February 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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# Auction News

This is a short quiz. Please have your pencils and calendars nearby. Are you ready? Let's begin.

**Question 1.** Where can you bid on a one week stay in a fabulous vacation home in Vermont?

**Question 2.** Where can you secure 5 upper reserve seats, BEHIND FIRST BASE, PLUS PARKING to an Orioles v. Toronto game?

**Question 3.** Where can you find someone both willing and competent to help you figure out your IBM PC?

**Question 4.** Your child has spent years dreaming of becoming a disc jockey, but until now has not known how to try out his/her dream. How can you make this fantasy a reality?

**Question 5.** Where will all your friends be March 19, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.?

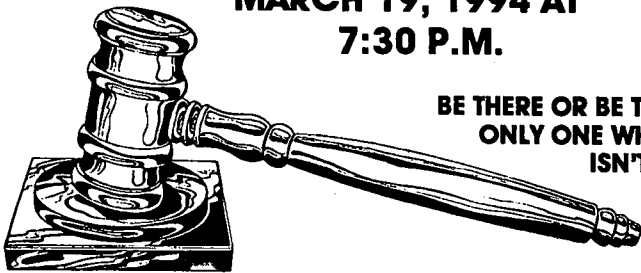
**Question 6.** Where can you go to pay tribute to ELLEN DARR and honor her 10 years of outstanding service as Beth El's Nursery School Director?

**Question 7.** Where can you be the first to taste RIDGEWELL'S KOSHER CUISINE?

**Question 8.** Where can you kick up your heels and celebrate your recently acquired Auction treasures?

**The Answer:**

**CONGREGATION BETH EL'S  
SILENT AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA  
8215 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD,  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND  
MARCH 19, 1994 AT  
7:30 P.M.**



**BE THERE OR BE THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
ISN'T!!**

**P.S. Question 9.** Where are all the volunteers willing to drive those who need transportation to and from the Auction?

Please provide Brenda Bregman with the answer to this question by calling her at (301) 652-0027. Your help is needed.

**P.P.S. Question 10.** Where are all the teenagers to babysit for congregants the night of March 19th? Please provide Nancy Rose with the answer to this question by calling her at (301) 951-3631.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**SAUL BENDIT  
ADULT INSTITUTE  
SPRING, 1994**

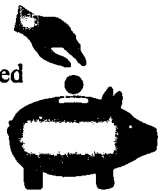
**Daytime Program -- 6 Courses  
Six Tuesdays: March 15 - April 19**

**Evening Programs -- 14 Courses  
Six Wednesdays: March 16 - April 20**

**See brochures for details.**

## Shopping Certificate Update

Help! Everyone's continued support is needed to make the shopping certificate program an ongoing success. Our sales are slightly down as a result of increased credit card use by supporters to purchase their groceries. Please continue to use shopping certificates! If you have not used them in the past, won't you consider giving shopping certificates a try?



Remember, 5% of all proceeds go directly to Congregation Beth El. This provides a major contribution to the synagogue's budget and keeps our dues' increases to a minimum.

Shopping certificates are available for Giant, Safeway, Snider's, Fresh Fields, Magruders, Katz's, Shoppers Food Warehouse and Shalom. Join the many "standing order" families or purchase your certificates by mail, in the synagogue office, in the Rotunda on Sunday mornings, or in the gift shop.

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

## Membership Information

Stuart and Susan Levy have moved to 12212 Mosel Terrace, North Potomac, MD 20878, (301) 975-9496.

## All in the Family

Mazel Tov to Bary and Ruth Berger on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Lee Berger, on January 17, 1994. Rachel is a first grandchild for Bea and Bernard Berger. Mazel Tov also to Sandy and Arthur Becker on the occasion of two simchas in their family: their granddaughter, Lauren Beth Shapiro, was born to Nadine Becker and Danny Shapiro; their daughter Amy Becker was married to Dr. Warren Kaplan.

## Beth El Gift Shop

New Israeli items have arrived at the Gift Shop: tzedakah boxes, ceramic Havdalah sets, Passover and Shabbat covers, mezuzahs, necklaces, etc. Please drop by to browse and buy!

## USY on Wheels: The Great Escape

United Synagogue Youth is proud to announce registration for our cross-country bus trip, USY-on-Wheels. Wheels is a six-and-a-half week trip across North America where we see all of the major sites including Disneyland, Mt. Rushmore, the Grand Canyon and Universal Studios while we learn to live Jewishly. Wheels observes Kashrut and Shabbat and we pray every day, but we do it all USY-style. The atmosphere and enthusiasm that each bus feels is unlike any other experience. The 40 teenagers and 4 staff members on each bus form close friendships that will last for many years to come. For more information about USY-on-Wheels, contact our youth director or the office in New York at (212) 533-7800, ext. 2314.

## Save Your Giant Receipts!!

Did you know that there is a very simple but effective way to support the Beth El Nursery School? Save your GIANT FOOD "Apples for the Students" receipts!

Every member of the Beth El family can help BENS earn credit for computer and playground equipment and other valuable educational aids. Last year BENS received a computer, a microscope and soccer balls with the congregation's support during the campaign. This year BENS is aiming for a hi-tech laser printer for the school office.

Everyone is urged to save GIANT receipts! Ask your friends and neighbors too! Mail your receipts to the BENS office or use the convenient envelope located on the BENS bulletin board. Every receipt you bring in will help us reach our goal. Please remember that the Giant program ends on March 5, 1994.

**Baruch Dayan Emet**

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Iris Tishkoff on the death of her father, Sam Bonus; to Joseph Leiter on the death of his wife, Sarah Leiter; to Karen Greenberg on the death of her father, Ralph Lider; and to Laura Mayer on the death of her husband, Theodore Mayer.

## Dear Keruv

The Reform movement has announced that it plans to go to the religiously uncommitted and encourage them to convert to Judaism. Where does the Conservative movement stand on proselytizing? Congregant

Dear Congregant: Proselytizing in Judaism has a long history. Ancient Jews proselytized and received converts, including royalty, in large numbers. Even during medieval years, when the illegality of conversion extinguished most proselytizing efforts, tiny but steady numbers of people chose Judaism. With the Enlightenment and increased religious tolerance, Jews ceased proselytizing, based partly on the assumption that fellow monotheists were not pagans and partly on the difficulties of practicing Judaism.

Modern Jews are changing the historically recent attitudes about proselytizing. As you note, the Reform movement seeks out the religiously uncommitted.

Conservative Judaism's response is more complex. We do not have a program of actively proselytizing non-Jews. We do, however, welcome non-Jews to our synagogue and services, encourage them in their efforts to become Jewish, and embrace them with joy when they convert. Beth El also offers (with other synagogues) a course for people who wish to become Jewish, and Jews by choice are active members of the Beth El family.

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

March 18, Shabbat Discussion: "B'nai Mitzvah in Interfaith Families".

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.

## Donation Acknowledgments

Our computerized donation acknowledgment program only has the capacity for a maximum of 44 characters in the "in honor of" and "in memory of" descriptions. Any donations received with messages longer than 44 characters need to be shortened.

Please help us by keeping the donation description brief. Be sure to include the name of the fund, your name and address, and to whom you would like the donation acknowledged, together with their address and your check.

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## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of January 21, 1994)

### **Bauer Confirmation Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Abraham Luks by Ellen Eule; Elisabeth Bauer's mother by Dr. Heinz Bauer.

### **Beth El Forest**

In Honor Of: Mrs. Claire Lush by Rich and Rachel Handloff; the 70th birthday of Diane Chatelan by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn. In Memory Of: Harris Freedman, father of Henry E. Freedman, by Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Freedman; Allen Lesser by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Dave Shuktlansky by Marilyn Plevin; James F. Kieley by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

### **Cantor's Fund**

In Honor Of: Cantor Abraham Lubin by Vera and Harold Fassberg. In Memory Of: Beloved brother, Herman Hurwitz, by Bea Breger.

### **Chevre Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Robert Treinish by The Potash Family; Sam Bonus, father of Iris Tishkoff, by Elaine Pines; Israel Haber, father of Murray Haber, by Trudy and Murray Haber; Min Rosenberg's mother by Etta Kline; Zvi Sharfstein by Jose and Tutti Sokol.

### **Conservative Judaism in Israel**

In Memory Of: Allen Lesser by Roy H. Millenson.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

In Memory Of: Rae Band by Marvin and Dolly Band.

### **General Fund**

David and Edith B. Dash. In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Milton Bornstein by Ellie and Sam Frishman. In Memory Of: Erika Weiss by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Father of Howard Lesser by Sam and Ellie Frishman; Mother of Minerva Rosenberg by Sam and Ellie Frishman; Father-in-law, Adolph Hopp, by Elmira Hopp; Beloved grandmother, Dora Ashkenazy, by Marci and David Raab; Anita Rib, mother of Louis Rib, by George and Lenore Cohen; Samuel DeBois by George and Elaine Periman; Irving Falk by Jack and Frances Jaffe.

### **Library Fund**

In Memory Of: Daniel O. Neuman by Barry S. Neuman; Rebecca Kaynard by Mina T. Kaynard.

### **Mazon**

In Honor Of: The Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Fig by Eric and Shelley Fig. In Memory Of: Jennie Ash, mother of Bernard Ash, by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ash; Joshua Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: Dot and Arnold Lear's new grandson by Etta Kline.

### **Music Fund**

In Honor Of: Engagement of Felice Shalov to Andrew Engel by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman. In Memory Of: Ida Bronstein, mother of Yetta and Max, by Dorothy Alberstadt; Paul H. Press, father of Ann Barcome, by Ann and Bruce Barcome; Beloved father, Isaac Golumbic, by Calvin Golumbic.

### **Nitzanim Fund**

In Honor Of: Our daughter, Melissa's 3rd birthday, by Sharon and Jeremy Zissman.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Celia Shapiro, by Edward Shapiro; Allen Lesser by Renee Rosenberg; Irving I. Epstein and Freda G. Engelman by Dr. and Mrs. Burton S. Epstein; Beloved father, Isadore Richman, by Norma Golumbic.

### **Rabbi's Fund**

In Honor Of: In gratitude by Frances Liebowitz; the birth of Alana Neuman by Cary and Nancy Feldman. In Memory Of: Louis Hurwitz by Beatrice Breger; Beloved mother, Julianne Freiberg, by Karl Freiberg.

### **Social Action Fund**

In Memory Of: Allen Lesser by Judge and Mrs. Joseph A. Woolman; Dr. Meyer H. Zuravin by Ruth Z. Sichel; Minnie Levine by Shirley Levine; Robert Treinish by Shirley R. Levine.

### **Suls Youth Activities Fund**

In Memory Of: John Caplan by Freda and Daniel Segal.



### **Vatkkim**

In Honor Of: Judge Abraham Maller's speedy recovery by Marcia and Saul Possick. In Memory Of: Anita Rib by Marcia and Saul Possick.

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

In Memory Of: Rabbi Eugene Lipman by Seymour D. Wolf; Allen Lesser by Seymour D. Wolf.

## *Ahavat Shir Is Alive and Kicking!*


 If you love to sing, come banish the winter blues and spend the first Thursday of the month with us. You really don't know what you're missing! We learn new Jewish melodies to old familiar songs and sing old favorites. Believe it or not, it's fun!! You don't even have to read music. If you'd like to join us, call Naomi Cohen at 530-6547. We even welcome back old friends!
 

## 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.

### **February 21 - February 24**

Harold and Bernice Elwyn  
Eugene and Eleanor Elzofon  
Asher and Jeanne Ende  
Burton and Diane Epstein  
Jack Epstein and Ava Kaufman  
Steven Epstein and Ada Rose Bitterbaum  
Steven and Jill Epstein  
Norman and Ellen Eule  
Alan and Susan Faden  
William and Elaine Fairweather  
David and Eve Farber  
Alan and Karen Farkas  
Harold and Vera Fassberg  
Joseph and Ellen Fastow  
Howard and Susan Feibus

### **February 28 - March 3**

Jonathan Feibus  
Kenneth and Carolyn Feigenbaum  
Kenneth and Diane Feinberg  
Ronald and Eleanor Feldbaum  
Cary and Nancy Feldman  
Dennis and Shirley Feldman  
Roger and Gail Feldman  
Harvey and Marlene Fenster  
Robert Fersh and Sharon Markus  
Marvin and Debra Feuer  
Eugene Fidell and Linda Greenhouse  
Eric and Rochelle Fig  
William and Harriet Filler  
David and Thera Finbloom  
Larry and Ellen Fink

## *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.

## 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.

### March Bible Heritage Series Lecture: The Passover Retelling

"In Every Generation: Telling and Retelling in the Haggadah" is the subject of the Bible Heritage Series lecture by Professor Devora Steinmetz. The lecture, sponsored by The Foundation for Jewish Studies, will be given on Thursday, March 10, 1994, at 8:00 p.m. at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street, NW. It will be preceded by a reception at 7:30 p.m.

The concluding lecture in the series is by Professor Jonathan Sarna of Brandeis University; it will be presented Thursday, April 7, 1994.

All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, please call The Foundation for Jewish Studies, (301) 770-4787.

### Nitzanim News

The Nitzanim Shabbat family service is a fun and meaningful way to include small children in our Shabbat observance. Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the APR. The service is filled with songs, stories, and a special Torah parade. Both parents and children really seem to enjoy the service!

Please join us for a very special Nitzanim Havdallah Service and Dinner on March 12th at 6:00 p.m. There will be an inspiring candlelighting service as we say goodbye to Shabbat and welcome in the new week, followed by a delicious dairy buffet dinner. Entertainment and crafts for the children will follow. It promises to be a fun and meaningful evening for all. Reservations are optional; please see the form below.

#### RESERVATION FORM

Nitzanim Havdallah and Dinner  
Saturday, March 12, 1994 6:00 p.m.

Adult Members @ \$4 each	Total \$ _____
Children @ \$2 each	Total \$ _____
Children (under 3) No Charge	Total \$ _____

\$12.00 Maximum per family

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO PHONE RESERVATIONS!!!! NO REFUNDS!!**  
(All rates include a 3% Mazon donation)

### Hebrew Home Adopt-a-Unit

It's not too late to join in Beth El's Adopt-a-Unit project at the Hebrew Home. Orientation for all volunteers will be held on Sunday, February 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the chapel of the Smith-Kogod building at the Hebrew Home. Call Debbie Ross at (301) 229-4131, Sara Greenbaum at (301) 656-5263, or Michele Herman at (301) 469-7654 for more information. No special skills are required--just a few hours of your time.

### Jewish Information and Referral Service

Are you searching for a kosher caterer, klezmer band, or other services for your wedding, bar/bat mitzvah or party? Look no further than The Jewish Information and Referral Service (JIRS) at (301) 770-4848. JIRS volunteers would be happy to point out sites of Jewish interest for your honeymoon plans or next vacation, also. Just ask.

The Jewish Information and Referral Service receives numerous phone calls from individuals who have recently moved to our area looking for a Passover Seder to attend. If you would like to offer an invitation to someone new in the community, please Just Ask JIRS at (301) 770-4848.

Looking for a kosher restaurant or a place to say kaddish on your next vacation? Just Ask JIRS at (301) 770-4848.

Moving to a new community? Looking for information on that community's Jewish facilities? Just Ask JIRS at (301) 770-4848.

### Social Action News

#### Urban Barnraisers Wanted!!

For the past three years, Yachad, the Jewish Community housing development corporation, has sponsored Sukkot in April, one Sunday a year on which volunteers engage in "urban barnraising" by repairing and maintaining homes of elderly, disabled and low income homeowners. This year Beth El has been invited to sponsor a house in the community. In order to participate in this most worthwhile project we need:

- \*\*\* between 25 and 40 volunteers who can paint, do yard work and minor home repairs on Sunday, May 1st
- \*\*\* a "house captain" (or co-captains) who can coordinate volunteers, arrange for supplies, attend one training session and "walk through" the house with the owner
- \*\*\* contributions of up to several hundred dollars.

This program is of long-term benefit to the poor and elderly, often enabling them to remain independent in permanent housing. Yachad needs a quick response to their offer. If you can help, either in person or by contribution, please contact Debbie Ross, social action chair, at 229-4131, as soon as possible. House captains are the most immediate need.

A Jewish presence, and particularly a Beth El presence, would be a wonderful way to demonstrate our commitment to the less fortunate in our community.

# Youth Calendar

**BONIM (Grades K, 1, & 2)**  
Charni Selch (468-2127)

**Sunday, February 20 Game Show Madness**  
Meet Charni in the All Purpose Room at 1:30 p.m. for a wacky and zany afternoon. Cost: Free for members, \$2.00 for non-members. RSVP to Charni.

**MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, & 5)**  
Ariel Kalish (229-3022)

**Sunday, February 20 Bowling Party**  
Meet at Bowl America in Twinbrook (2022 Viers Mill Road, Rockville). Cost:\$8 - includes bowling and snacks. RSVP to Ariel.

**KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, & 8)**  
Mike Scheinberg (314-3383)

**Sunday, February 20 Whitetail Ski Trip**  
Meet at Beth El at 12:15 p.m. Prices range from \$53-\$73. **YOU MUST RSVP IN ADVANCE FOR THIS TRIP, no later than Feb. 15.** Permission forms and descriptions of various ski options are available in Rachel's office. RSVP to Rachel.

**Thursday, February 24 Purim Dinner and Megillah Reading (USY and Kadima)**

Meet Mike in the All Purpose Room for a delicious Deli Dinner at 6:00 pm. Then join the entire congregation to hear the story of Esther. Get you Groggers ready. Cost:\$5- RSVP to Mike no later than Tuesday, February 22. There will be a door prize for the best costume.

**USY (Grades 9 - 12)**  
Rachel Handloff (652-2606)

**Wednesday, February 16 Regional Volleyball League**  
Join the Beth El USY Coed Volleyball team. Games are played Wednesday evenings between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. through March 30th. Sign up in Rachel's office. The cost for USY sports is \$15. If you were a member of the basketball team there is no fee. Price includes team t-shirt. Call Alan Speigel (897-5438) if you have any questions.

**Sunday, February 20 Whitetail Ski Trip**  
See info under Kadima

**Thursday, February 24 Purim Dinner and Megillah Reading**  
Meet Rachel and other USYers and Kadimaniks in the All Purpose Room for a delicious Deli dinner at 6:00 pm. Then join the rest of the congregation to hear Megillah Esther. Please come in costume. Prizes will be awarded to the best and most creative costume to join us for dinner. Cost:\$5 - RSVP to Debbie Weinberg at (301) 983-2803 no later than Tuesday, February 22.

**Monday, February 28 USY Executive Board Meets the Youth Committee**

All members of the Beth El USY Executive Board are invited to this months Youth Committee meeting. Each member of the USY Board will give an annual report on his/her position and we will discuss goals for the future. This is a mandatory meeting.

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) 314-3383
Machar (3-5gr.)	Ariel Kalish	(301) 229-3022
Bonim (K-2gr.)	Charni Selch	(301) 468-2127

## Scholarship money available for Beth El students going to Israel

Applications for scholarship money for Beth El students going to Israel are available in Rachel's office. They are due March 1, 1994.

## Montgomery County High School Students. Do you need Community Service Credit?

If the answer to this question is yes, then join USY. The Beth El Youth Department has become a certified host agency for the Montgomery County Community Service Program. Participate in USY social actions projects, and get the community service credit you need to graduate. Call Rachel in the synagogue office for more information. (301) 652-2606.

## A Murder Mystery at the Blair Mansion

Beth El USY and Kadima are invited to join several other chapters to solve this Murder Mystery on Sunday, March 20. Watch the Beth El Scroll and your mail for further details.

## The Youth Department is looking for Host Families for visiting USYers.

USYers from all over the country are looking for home hospitality in the Washington D.C. area so that they may enjoy everything that the nation's capital has to offer. Congregation Beth El has agreed to host the METNY region on April 27 for one evening and a USY on Wheels bus for two evenings during the last week in June. The visiting USYers need beds to sleep in, and a ride to synagogue in the morning, and home in the evening. We will feed them at Beth El. The Youth Department encourages you to participate in the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (Welcoming Guests) and volunteer. Those interested should call Rachel Handloff at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606.

## Single Parent Havurah

Wanted -- Single parents to join our Havurah! If you are a single parent of school-age children, please join us for fun, talk, and support. We are a new Havurah, but already we have met for dessert, a magic show, Shabbat dinner, and ice-skating. We are open to ideas. For more information, please call Nancy Harris at (301) 460-9048.

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

## Nursery School News

Beth El Nursery School Camp applications will be available in the school office beginning March 1, 1994. The summer program is for children 3 - 5 years old. (Children must be 3 years old by June 1, 1994.) There will be two three-week sessions, from June 20 - July 29, Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Beth El Nursery School's  
 Spring Concert**  
**Sunday, March 20, 1994**  
**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Beth El**  
**Featuring the Bethesda Academy  
 of the Performing Arts in**  
**Fools of the World**  
**Tickets: \$4.00/person**  
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## How to Run Your Own Passover Seder

Have you ever wanted to run your own Passover Seder, but you weren't quite sure you could do it? Or is the only Seder you know the one your parents ran? Rabbi Maltzman and Hazzan Lubin will run a two-part Passover program designed to help you learn to run your own Seder or to enhance your current Seder, all in time to make plans for this year's first Seder on March 26th.

Part 1, on Wednesday, March 2nd, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Board Room, will be led by Rabbi Maltzman. He will be using The Rabbinical Assembly's Haggadah, the one used at the congregation's community Seder. These will be available for purchase at \$12.00 each if you would like to use them at home.

Part 2, on Wednesday, March 9th, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Board Room, will be led by Hazzan Lubin. At this session you will learn the music of the Seder. Hazzan Lubin will have musical material available for you. Please feel free to bring a tape recorder so you can practice at home.

Please RSVP to Lisette Brooks at the synagogue office. There is no charge for this workshop.

## 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.**

## The Yiddish Culture Festival of Greater Washington

**Sunday, March 13, 1994  
 at Congregation Beth El**

### Yiddish Round the World

1:30-2:00 Registration  
 2:00-3:00 Keynote Address - Professor Gershon Winer

The following seminars will be offered twice in two consecutive sessions:

- Dora Arias - "The Fight for Survival of Yiddish in Mexico" (Both sessions are in English.)
- Jonathan Boyarin - "Remembering: The Polish Jews of Paris" (Both sessions are in English.)
- Pascual Fiszman - "The Grandchildren of Baron de Hirsch in Argentina" (Session I is in Yiddish and Session II is in English.)
- Miriam Hoffman - "Yiddish Happenings!" Newest Developments in the USA (Both sessions are in English.)
- Mikhail Krutikov - "After Communism: Is There a Place for Yiddish in Russia?" (Session I is in English and Session II is in Yiddish.)
- Eugene Orenstein - "Flowers of the North: Yiddish Culture in Canada, an Historical Perspective" (Session I is in English and Session II is in Yiddish.)
- Gershon Winer - "Yiddish and Hebrew: From Convergence to Divergence" (Session I is in Yiddish and Session II is in English.)

- 3:10-4:00 Session I of seminars
- 4:10-5:00 Session II of seminars
- 5:15-6:30 Panel Discussion
- 6:30-7:45 Kosher Dinner
- 8:00-10:00 Gala concert featuring Michael Wex, humorist and raconteur, and the Capital Klezmers featuring Frieda Enoch.

\_\_\_\_\_ Entire Festival \$45/person (\$40 if registered prior to February 18, 1994)

\_\_\_\_\_ Keynote, Seminars and Panel Discussion only \$25/person

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner and Concert \$30/person

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

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

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

Session I \_\_\_\_\_

Session II \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check made payable to The Yiddish Culture Festival c/o Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

# February 18, 1994 - March 3, 1994

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<p><b>No Religious School</b></p> <p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel</p> <p>9:30am Men's club Brkst/Prgm-APR</p> <p>10:00am Cantor - BR</p> <p>1:00pm Black-Jewish Dialogue - BR</p>	<p><b>President's Day</b></p> <p><b>Office &amp; Schools Closed</b></p> <p>9:00am Minyan (No Evening Minyan)</p>	<p>5:30pm Aerobics</p> <p>8:00pm Cong. Mtg - SH</p>	<p>9:00am Emergency Services Workshop - SH</p> <p>6:00pm Aerobics</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts - BR</p>	<p><b>Erev Purim</b></p> <p><b>No Religious School</b></p> <p>12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH</p> <p>5:30pm Aerobics</p> <p>6:30pm USY - APR</p> <p>7:30pm Megillah Reading</p>	<p><b>Purim</b></p> <p>11:45am Nursery</p> <p>Dance Class - APR</p> <p>5:36pm Candles</p> <p>6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p> <p>7:15pm Lodiash Shabbat Dinner-APR</p>	<p>7:30am &amp; 9:15 am Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:15am Emily Sara Lodiash B/M</p> <p>10:00am Jr. Congregation</p> <p>10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p> <p>7:30pm Lodiash Party - SH</p>
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<p>9:00am Minyan</p> <p>9:30am Men's Club Breakfast - SH</p> <p>10:00am Purim Religious School Unisession-Sanct. BR</p> <p>12:00pm Purim Carnival</p>	<p>6:00pm Aerobics</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Committee Meeting - BR</p>	<p>5:30pm Aerobics</p> <p>8:00pm Board Mtg - BR</p>	<p>6:00pm Aerobics</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts - BR</p> <p>7:30pm How to Run a Seder - BR</p>	<p>8:00am No Nursery School - Professional Day</p> <p>12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH</p> <p>5:30pm Aerobics</p> <p>8:00pm Ahavat Shir - SH</p>	<p>Scroll #16 Deadline</p> <p>Beth El Retreat</p> <p>11:45am Nursery</p> <p>Dance Class - APR</p> <p>5:44pm Candles</p> <p>6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p> <p>7:15pm Grades 3-5 and JEA Shabbat Dinner</p> <p>7:15pm Singles Dinner - APR</p>	<p>Beth El Retreat</p> <p>7:30am &amp; 9:15 am Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:15am Lilly Goldman B/M</p> <p>9:30am Havurah Minyan</p> <p>10:00am Jr. Congregation</p>

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

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