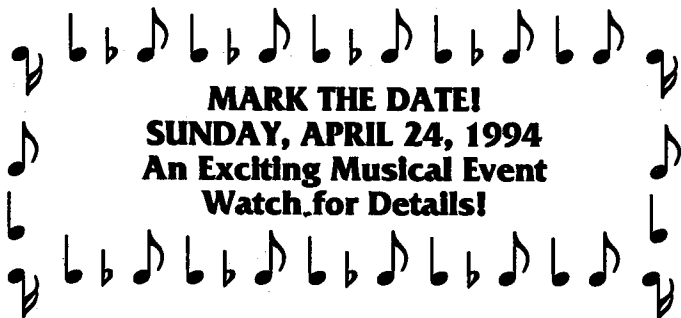




### Rebecca's Thoughts

The following poem was written by seven year old Rebecca Webber, daughter of William and Laurie Webber. She read her words to the Congregation on a recent Shabbat morning. Thank you to Rebecca for her sensitivity and courage.

This world is falling apart, we need to do what we can to make it stay alive!  
We can't let other people do it alone, we have got to help them!  
Why are we fighting?!? Because we don't care! If you have a relative in the war they're doing a great job, but think it over, why do we fight?!  
That's why I wanted to come here, to share my thoughts with you!!!



**MARK THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1994**  
**An Exciting Musical Event**  
**Watch for Details!**

### 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!!**

### 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

Gary and Susan Tabach have moved to 8920 Copenhaver Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 424-8547. David Dunn and Tamara Dunitz have moved to 5214 Portsmouth Road, Bethesda, MD 20816, (301) 320-3705.

### All in the Family

Mazel Tov to Benson and Celia Silverman on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Rose Silverman, on January 24, 1994.

Mazel Tov to Mason and Betty Goldman on the engagement of their daughter, Juliann, to Kenneth N. Brown, son of Dennis Brown and Marilyn Brown of New Jersey. An August wedding is planned.

We wish a speedy recovery to Naomi Cohen and Abe Kriss.

### 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.

## Tuning in with Cantor Lubin

I must confess that a few years ago when I attended my daughter's graduation from college and heard for the first time the initials P.C., I did not know what they abbreviated. I soon learned that these initials meant "politically correct" and we have all been inundated with this expression ever since. In fact it had soon acquired an almost cynical connotation with a less than serious application of its intended meaning.

Observing the ills of our society with its prevailing cynicism, insensitivity and lack of integrity, it might be time to substitute the initials R.C., "religiously correct", for P.C.

I know that this sounds so naive that I may well be advised to "wake up and smell the coffee" as it were, and recognize that "in the real world" one is better off doing that which is "politically correct" than that which is "religiously correct." I guess my response to that is that unless we begin to change the "real world" as it is, with its violence and hate, and exchange it with values and love, we will continue to wake up daily, and yes, "smell the coffee" and smell the tastelessness of reading the daily newspaper headlines that shatter our senses and our being.

In one of our morning daily prayers, we chant as we beseech God to "grant us this day and every day, grace, kindness and mercy ... " What a simple and yet powerful agenda for us to consider and pursue every morning, "this day and every day." It doesn't take much to be graceful, to offer a kind word and to perform an act of mercy. These are "religiously correct" things to do. It is going back to the basics of our faith and it is ultimately what God seeks from us. This simple agenda is still relevant in order to change the "real world" into a world that is real, genuine and true.

### BETH EL SCROLL

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### Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Vera Deckelbaum on the death of her mother, Elizabeth Mankowski; to Gary Wind on the death of his mother, Min Wind; and to Freda Segal on the death of her sister, Esther Morris.

### Dear Keruv

Dear Keruv: My wife is not Jewish. May she attend the evening minyan with me? Congregant

Dear Congregant: Beth El welcomes - and encourages - your wife to attend any of our religious services. Should you attend a service which requires a minyan (a quorum of ten Jewish adults), it is suggested that if fewer than ten other adults are present, you should quietly let the leader of the service know your wife should not be counted as a Jew. We do not wish to single her out or offend anyone, but we must respect others' needs for a minyan of Jews. Many prayers, including Kaddish, may not be recited without a minyan.

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

- March 18, Shabbat Discussion: "B'nai Mitzvah in Inter-faith 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.

### 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. For the six weeks beginning March 16, 1994, the Wednesday evening minyan will be at 8:20 p.m. due to the Saul Bendit Adult Institute classes. 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.

#### March 7 - March 10

Michael and Deborah Fink  
 Robert First  
 Irene Fischer  
 Michael and Irene Fishman  
 Samuel and Tamar Fishman  
 Jerry and Sally Flanzer  
 Neil and Sandra Fleitell  
 Ronald and Rosalyn Fleisher  
 Lawrence Fluger and Linda Fassberg  
 David Fogel and Ilana Bar-Lehav  
 Herbert and Marilyn Forrest  
 Samuel Forstein and Faye Ehrenstamm  
 Murray and Anne Foss  
 Al and Evelyn Fox  
 Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell

#### March 14 - March 17

Arthur Frank and Mary Kay Dawson  
 Beryl and Gloria Frank  
 Roger and Betty Frankel  
 Steven Frank  
 Steven and Regina Frank  
 Henry and Dorothy Freedman  
 Sam and Penina Freedenberg  
 Stanley Freeman  
 Karl Freiberg  
 Barry and Barbara Friedman  
 Gary Friend and Tara Sonenshine  
 Gerald and Sandra Friedman  
 Helen Friedkin  
 Marc and Daniella Friedman  
 Moshe and Sarah Friedman

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of February 4, 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 Shukliansky by Marilyn Plevin; James F. Kiele 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.

### **Chevra 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 Perlman; 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. Sickel; 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.

### **Vatikkim**

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.

## **AIPAC 35th Annual Policy Conference**

Join over 2,000 pro-Israel activists from across the country for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) 35th Annual Policy Conference March 13-15, 1994, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. Vice President Al Gore and House Minority Leader Newt Gingrich will kick off the conference on Sunday, March 13th, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will address the closing luncheon on Tuesday, March 15th. Senators Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) and Tom Harkin (D-IA) will be the featured speakers at the banquet on Monday evening, March 14th.

Delegates will participate in exciting and innovative workshops discussing political activism, the peace process, lobbying, media, economic opportunities in Israel, coalition building, and much more.

A special rate for Sunday's program is only \$75.00. Registration for the entire conference is \$375.00. For more information on AIPAC's Policy Conference, call (202) 639-5200.

## **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.

## 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!

## 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.

## Vatikkim Luncheon

After a long and harsh winter, we are happy to resume our Vatikkim luncheons on the third Thursday of the months ahead. The next luncheon will be on March 17, 1994. Our speaker that week will be Marta Wassertzug of Congregation Beth El. Her talk will be: "The Jews of Argentina."

Lunch is at noon, at a cost of \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. The program is at 1:00 p.m. Please fill out the reservation form below, and make your checks payable to Beth El Vatikkim. Please mail the form and check to: Bea Goldman, 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902, (301) 942-9434, or Lillian Kessler, 11809 Rosalinda Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 299-6201.

Please note that we will not accept reservations later than two days before the event to assure time for proper food planning.

### Reservation Form

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, March 17, 1994.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

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

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

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

Please have your response reach us by March 15, 1994.  
No reservations will be accepted after this date.

## 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.

## 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.

## "After the Handshake: Women Working for Peace"

On Sunday, March 6, 1994, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a program sponsored by Na'amat USA that is being held at Congregation Beth El. The program is entitled "After the Handshake: Women Working for Peace," and it features the following speakers: Ruth Yaron, from the Israeli Embassy, Aviva Meyer, from New Israel Fund, and Bobbie Gottschalk, from Seeds of Peace. The moderator is Phyllis Margolius. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$11.00/person. Please call (301) 649-4901 to register.

## *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!

# SPECIAL PESACH INFORMATION

## Memo From The Rabbi

The following Pesach guidelines have been made available through the Conservative Movement. It is an incomplete list but helpful nonetheless. Please feel free to call on me with any individual questions and be sure to fill out the form to sell your chametz. I will conduct the "Mechirat Chametz" on Thursday, March 24, 1994, at 7:15 a.m., after the Siyyum. Have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and congregation.

## Siyyum For The First Born

The Annual Siyyum for the First Born Child will be held on Thursday, March 24th at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow.

Our thanks to Sy Wolf, who is sponsoring the Siyyum in memory of Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, and Abraham and Dora Wolf.

## PESACH (PASSOVER) GUIDELINES

### Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Pesach falls on Saturday evening, March 26th through Sunday, April 3rd. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration.

A Pesach home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz or leaven in preparation for the welcoming of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of Chametz or leaven throughout the Pesach days, both at home and when away.

The term Chametz or leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

### Foods During Pesach

#### 1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dried peas and dried beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category.

#### 2. Permitted Foods

##### A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label

The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes also require no supervision.

##### B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Pesach use are permitted also in their frozen state.

##### C. If Certified for Pesach Use by Rabbinical Authority

Matzot, matzo flour, Pesach noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear rabbinical signature.

### PESACH YIZKOR BOOK LISTING

Our Pesach Yizkor Book will be available on Sunday, April 3, 1994 at either the 7:00 a.m. or the 9:15 a.m. service.

Please complete and mail the form below without delay. Please PRINT or TYPE the form to avoid errors.

I/We are enclosing a contribution to Congregation Beth El of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please check one:

I/We would like to use the same listing(s) from the 1993 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book.

I/We did not have a listing in the 1993 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book. Please include the names listed below in the Pesach Yizkor Book.

I/We had a listing in the 1993 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book and would like to have that listing plus the following names:

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

REMEMBERED BY:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by Friday, March 25, 1994.

# SPECIAL PESACH INFORMATION

## Dishes and Utensils

1. Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions:

A. Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Pesach if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

B. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

C. Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Pesach.

2. Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.

3. The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.

4. A dishwashing machine may be used for Pesach after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through a cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.

5. Microwave ovens are made kosher for Pesach by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.

6. Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over them. Some authorities call for a sink liner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

## **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 lead 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.

## **Selling of the Chametz**

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in your home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of Mechirat Chametz, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Maltzman sell your chametz, please mail in the following form by March 24, 1994 or drop it off in the Rabbi's office.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman to sell my chametz before Passover, March 24th, according to Jewish law.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONGREGATION SEDER**

The Congregation Seder will be held on Sunday evening, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

I/We would like to make the following reservations:

_____ Adults @ \$25	Total \$ _____
_____ Non-member Adults @ \$30	Total \$ _____
_____ Children 7-12 @ \$14	Total \$ _____
_____ Children 2-6 @ \$7	Total \$ _____
_____ Children under 2	No Charge
Grand Total \$ _____	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to be seated at a Singles table.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to be seated at a Vatikim table.

Price includes contribution to Mazon

Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to: Beth El, Attn: Seder

RSVP by Sunday, March 20, 1994  
No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!  
 Reservations are limited to the first 250 people.

## Youth Calendar

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

**Sunday, March 20** **Glove Puppets**  
Meet Charni in the Board Room at 1:30 p.m. and make your own puppet.  
Cost: Free for members, \$2.00 for non-members. RSVP to Charni.

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

**Sunday, March 20** **No One's Birthday**  
Meet Ariel in the Youth Lounge at 1:30 p.m. Cost: Free for members;  
\$2.00 for non-members. RSVP to Ariel.

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

**Saturday, March 3** **Saturday Night at Bowl America**  
Meet Miko at the Rockville Bowl America for a Saturday night on the town. Cost: \$8 - includes bowling and snacks. RSVP to Miko.

**Sunday, March 20** **Murder Mystery at the Blair Mansion**  
There has been a Murder at the Blair Mansion in Silver Spring. Local Kadima and USY chapters are invited to solve the Mystery. The bus will leave from Har Shalom at 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$25 - includes ticket, snacks, and transportation. RSVP to Miko.

**Wednesday, March 16** **Kadima Kallah Applications Due**  
Kadima Kallah, a regional convention for Kadimaniks will be held this year April 22-25. It will be hosted by Tifereth Israel. Over 120 Kadimaniks will be in attendance. Application materials are available in Rachel's office.

**Saturday, March 19** **USY/Kadima Shabbat**  
See info under USY

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

**Wednesdays in March** **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 Spigel (897-5438) if you have any questions.

**Tuesday, March 8** **Take 30 and Pizza Dinner**  
Once a month the Religious School and Youth Department co-sponsor a seminar for 8th - 12th graders. A pizza dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. and the session begins at 7:00 p.m.  
RSVP to Rachel.

**Wednesday, March 19** **USY/Kadima Shabbat**  
Join Beth El USYers and Kadimaniks for Shabbat services in the Sanctuary and lunch.  
RSVP to Debbie Weinberg, (301) 983-2803.

**Saturday, March 19** **Tikun Olam Babysitter Club**  
USYers will offer babysitting services tonight to help raise money for Tikun Olam. USYers will donate half of their earnings towards the USY charity fund. USYers interested in participating should call Tammy Wilner, (301) 320-2478.

**Sunday, March 20** **Murder Mystery at the Blair Mansion**  
See info under Kadima.

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 first time Ramah campers.

Applications for scholarship money for Beth El students going to Camp Ramah are available in Rachel's office.

### 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 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.

### 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.



## Nursery School News

### Junior Counselors Needed!

The Beth El Nursery School Camp is looking for Junior Counselors for its two three-week sessions, from June 21- July 30. Counselor hours are: Tuesdays - Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Interested in a well-paid and fun summer position? Call Ellen Darr at (301) 652-1228.

### Beth El Nursery School Camp is accepting applications now in the school office.

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. For more information, please call the Nursery School office at (301) 652-1228.

### 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

Call (301) 652-1228 for more  
information

## From the Principal

In January, Hazzan Lubin began a series of visits with the kindergarten - second grade students. These sessions give the students the opportunity to get to know the Hazzan and to learn about his role in the congregation. The children have asked some great questions and, judging from their thank-you notes, have enjoyed the sessions.

In honor of Tu B'Shvat, the students of the mid-week seventh grade classes led holiday-related activities for the 3rd - 6th grade classes. Both Mr. Tobesman's and Mr. Srulovich's classes researched prayers, literature and Biblical sources for statements referring to nature and trees that went into the content of their programs. Both classes responded to the challenge with enthusiasm and style, offering their schoolmates a learning experience and a standard for which to aim when it is their turn to lead this holiday celebration.

### A Word of Appreciation

I would like to thank the many members of the Beth El community for their support and patience when my older daughter recently spent a week in the hospital for a surgical procedure. All is well, and the unpleasant part of this experience is now behind. I'll say an al hey on returning calls late, lacking patience and for being difficult to reach during this period. I'd particularly like to thank Rachel Handloff, Ellen Darr and the teachers for taking on some added responsibilities to maintain the smooth running of the school.

Parent Education - "More than Matzah," a workshop on the history, traditions and some special touches you can add to enrich your family's Passover experience will take place on Sunday, March 6th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room. The presenter of this workshop is Fromma Lipman. This workshop will be the last program of this year's jointly run Sisterhood/

Religious School workshop series, "Celebrate Judaism." On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank the parents who supported this series through their attendance.

This year's schedule, under the theme "Celebrate Judaism," was entirely focused on holidays and mitzvot. In past years, an effort was made to find a balance in workshops between purely Jewish/religious themes and more secularly-oriented, parenting skills programs. I am soliciting feedback on these agendas, as we will be planning another series for next year, and your comments would be most welcome. Again, I thank you for your past support.

Tikkun Olam - Preparation for the celebration of Pesach will form the motivation for two tikkun olam projects sponsored by the Religious School this month. We will be collecting Kosher for Passover foods and chometz simultaneously. The mitzvot we will be performing will be a combination of Baal Taschit (Not Wasting) and "Let(ting) all who are hungry come and eat." Collection boxes will be placed outside the school office from March 6-20. Chometz will go to people served through the Whitman-Walker clinic. Passover foods will be distributed by the Jewish Social Services Agency. Over the years it has been a pleasure to observe our younger students stopping by the collection boxes trying to figure out which foods go in which box.

Upper School Social Action - Our Upper School students have been representing us in the community fulfilling spirited acts of tikkun olam. In addition to our eighth graders' activities at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen and Bethesda Retirement and Nursing Center, the ninth and tenth graders have become active in community service. On February 6th, a group of tenth grade students served meals in the District from McKenna's Wagon. Ninth graders will be doing the same thing in March and April. These students will also be volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, Greentree Shelter, the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and Bethesda Helps. In addition, our tenth graders are working on independent projects in order to complete their 32-hour Confirmation requirement. These students, through their unselfish acts, bring honor to their families and to their synagogue community.

REGISTER NOW!

SAUL BENDIT ADULT INSTITUTE  
SPRING, 1994

Six Wednesday Evenings - March 16 to April 20

**First Hour Classes - 7:30 to 8:20 p.m.**

- Verse by Verse through the Book of Genesis - Part 2 ..... Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
- Jewish Music and Prayer ..... Hazzan Abraham Lubin
- The 17th Century: A Remarkable Era of Jewish Life ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
- Going Back to the Sources ..... Rabbi William Rudolph
- The Rabbi's Maid and Other Women in the Talmud ..... Norman Shore
- The Jewish Experience: A Film Series ..... Moderators: Drs. Jack Ventura and Faith Schwartz

**Coffee Break - 8:20 to 8:40 p.m.**

**Second Hour Classes - 8:40 to 9:30 p.m.**

- The Last Witnesses: Children Who Survived the Holocaust ..... Moderator: Marion Wolff
- Flora Singer, Leo Bretholz, Harriet Steinhorn-Roth, Werner Hasenberg, Edith Cord, Amichai Heppner
- What Can Modern Jews Believe? ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
- The Search for Jewish Spirituality - Part 2 ..... Rabbi William Rudolph
- Jewish Values and Health Issues ..... Rabbi Barry Freundel
- New Jewish Novels: The Past Is Present ..... Dr. Dorothy Friedman
- Renaissance of Yiddish American Music ..... Seymour Gross

**Two-Hour Classes - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

- Intermediate Hebrew Prayerbook Reading ..... Helen Rib
- Advanced Hebrew Conversation ..... Marta Wassertzug

Six Tuesday Mornings - March 15 to April 19

**Talmud Class - 8:10 to 9:00 a.m.**

- A Taste of Talmud (No Registration Fee) ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic

**First Hour Classes - 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.**

- Verse by Verse Through the Book of Genesis - Part 2 ..... Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
- The 17th Century: A Remarkable Era of Jewish Life ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic

**Coffee Breaks - 10:50 to 11:10 a.m.**

**Second Hour Classes - 11:10 to Noon**

- Music and Prayer ..... Hazzan Abraham Lubin
- What Can Modern Jews Believe? ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
- Little Known Jewish Communities Around the World ..... Joseph Hantman

SEE BROCHURES FOR DETAILS

Note: The evening minyan will start at 8:20 p.m. (rather than 8:00 p.m.)  
on evenings when Institute classes are scheduled.

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Please enroll me in the following A.M. \_\_\_ P.M. \_\_\_ course(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Beth El.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Morning: 1-hour course (6 classroom hours) (Talmud - no fee) .....	\$12.00
Evening: 1-hour course (6 classroom hours) .....	\$15.00
2-hour course (12 classroom hours) .....	\$30.00

## Social Action News

This spring Beth El members will have two new opportunities to help respond to the housing needs of our community. The Social Action Committee invites your participation in these rewarding projects:

**May 1st:** Beth El will participate with several other area synagogues in Yachad's (the Jewish community housing development corporation) annual program, "Sukkot in April." One Sunday a year, groups of volunteers engage in "urban barnraising" by repairing and maintaining homes of elderly, disabled and low income people. This valuable program often enables homeowners to remain independent in permanent housing. Beth El needs between 25 and 40 volunteers who can work a minimum four hour shift on Sunday, May 1st. The tenth grade of our Religious School has already signed up! If you can paint or do yard work, you qualify, too. Plumbing, carpentry and electrical repair skills are also needed. To volunteer, call house co-captain Ed Block, (301) 598-7309.

**May 8th through May 14th:** Beth El will participate in the congregation-based shelter program (CBS) operated by Community Ministries of Montgomery County, of which we are a member, and the Montgomery County Department of Social Services.

Under the terms of the program, we will provide overnight shelter and meals to 20 homeless men and women for seven nights, from Sunday night, May 8th, through Sunday morning, May 14th. Our guests will be housed in the All Purpose Room from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., and will not be on Beth El premises at any other time so that the impact on synagogue activities will be minimal. The CBS program has been successfully operated for 11 years with participation of 50 churches. Beth El will be the first synagogue to join this community effort to provide temporary shelter to homeless people, all of whom have been closely screened by the Department of Social Services and all of whom must commit to treatment to remain in the program. Both a CBS staff member and a Beth El member will be present at all times the program is in operation. Our Religious School students will have the opportunity to be involved by preparing some meals during the week.

You have the opportunity to help as well. Volunteers are needed to:

- prepare and serve meals
- provide bag lunches
- be present during shelter hours (early and overnight shifts)
- provide extra sets of sheets and towels\*
- launder and store linens at the end of the week
- transport bedrolls (CBS-provided) to next site at the end of the week
- shop for food
- visit with shelter guests

\*If you have any to donate, please call Julie Maltzman.

The Social Action Committee will meet on Thursday, March 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall to plan for this program. All interested persons are invited to attend. Membership in the committee is open! If you are unable to attend, but would like to help out, please call Jack or Stephanie Ventura, (301) 593-1872, Julie Maltzman, (301) 530-9199, or Debbie Ross, (301) 229-4131.

## Beth El Auction March 19, 1994 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth El

### List of Things to Do Today:

1. Return your response card to the Auction Gala Committee. Make sure that you say you'll be there to bid on wonderful Auction items, to sample Ridgewell's delicacies, to dance and sway to the musical entertainment, and to help salute Ellen Darr's 10 years of service and dedication to the Beth El Nursery School.
2. Call Brenda Bregman at (301) 652-0027 if you have an extra seat or two in your car and can transport someone to the Auction Gala.
3. Call Brenda Bregman at (301) 652-0027 if you need transportation to the Auction Gala.
4. Call Nancy Rose at (301) 951-3631 if you're a teenager interested in babysitting on this evening so that congregants with young children will be able to attend the Auction. You will be paid.
5. Call Nancy Rose at (301) 951-3631 if you need names of Beth El teens who are available to babysit. We want everyone to come to the Auction! Don't stay home just because you need a babysitter!
6. Call Carla Schraub at (301) 469-0156 for additional information.



### Kashrut Update

Pizza brought into the building must be from a kosher establishment. Koshers Express, Katz's, The Nut House, and Shalom all carry Kosher pizza.

]The Hunan Gourmet Restaurant is no longer certified kosher by the Rabbinical Council of Greater Washington.

### 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