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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, April 8th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Aaron Tievsky Bar Mitzvah, at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, April 15th, at 6:30 p.m.
Day School Dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 16th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Steven J. Seiden Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:45 in the APR
USY at 11:00 a.m. in the BR
Keruv at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, April 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23rd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Jeffrey Theodore Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

208. 4) Clothing donations can be taken to the Washington Hebrew Congregation's Bindeman Center, at the corner of Falls Road and Tuckerman Lane. There is a trailer outside the building for all clothing donations. Drop-off times are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 to 3:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, contact Ellen at Newcomer Resettlement Program (770-5120) or Judy at Community Resettlement Program (230-7200, ext. 208).

Adult Education at a Glance

April 17: Forum on Jewish Education: What Can a Religious School Do? Parent Action Committee, 9:30 a.m.

April 24: Putting God on the Guest List. Adult Education Committee discussion about reclaiming the spiritual meaning of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah. 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Putting God on the Guest List: A Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program

Getting ready for that Bar or Bat Mitzvah? How do you decide how to celebrate? Perhaps exploring a different focus will make your experience even more meaningful. Let us help.

The first part of this mini-workshop will feature Rabbi Maltzman discussing and reviewing Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin's book, Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah. This wonderful book addresses recapturing the spiritual meaning of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah when young teens and their families often feel closest to God, making the mitzvah a process of becoming more Jewish instead of just another event.

The second part of the workshop will consist of a panel of recent Bar/Bat Mitzvah parents talking about their experiences and answering nuts and bolts questions such as: How did you handle non-Jewish friends and family? Who do you honor at the service? Where did you house your out-of-town guests? How do you decide who to invite?

Come and find out the answers on Sunday, April 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Reminder to 1995 Bar and Bat Mitzvah Families

May 1st is the deadline for reserving rooms for your Shabbat Dinner, parties or brunches. Please call Miriam at (301) 652-2606 to make your reservation. After May 1st, synagogue, community or rental events may be booked on the Saturday evening of your Simcha.

Social Action News

Congregation Based Shelter: As you know, Beth El will be participating in the Congregation Based Shelter program the week of May 8th through May 14th. A fact sheet describing the program is available in the AIR (acrylic information rack) outside the office. If you have any further questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Debbie Ross at (301) 229-4131 or Julie Maltzman at (301) 530-9199.

Hebrew Home Adopt-a-Unit: Do you speak Russian? our unit at the Home has a very alert Russian-speaking resident who would benefit greatly from your visits. Call Sara Greenbaum at (301) 656-5263 if you can volunteer.

Spring Cleaning? Here's how you can get rid of your unwanted household items and help new immigrants at the same time. 1) Non-furniture household item donations should be taken to Har Shalom Synagogue, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, MD, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and all day Sunday. If you have questions, do not call Har Shalom; call Judy Klein at (301) 230-7200, ext. 208. Items should be marked "Resettlement." Small items can also be taken to the JCC in Rockville. 2) Furniture donations are handled by Goodwill Industries. Donors should specify that items are intended for the Newcomer Resettlement program. Call Goodwill at (202) 636-4233. 3) Cars, TV's, sewing machines, computers, pianos or other large items should be referred to the Resettlement Office at (301) 770-5120 or (301) 230-7200, ext.

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

Steven and Dianna Palance have moved to 2609 Little Vista Terrace, Olney, MD 20832.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Raymond and Lenora Lassen on the birth of their grandson, Brett Austin Gober, on December 24, 1993.

Mazal Tov also to Linda Katz and Donald Stein on the birth of their daughter, Elana Patrice Stein, on February 17, 1994.

Vatikkim Luncheon

We invite you to join us for our Vatikkim luncheon on April 21, 1994. Ellen Greene, a vocalist and guitarist, will perform American and Jewish folk songs, with some sing-alongs included.

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 scheduled event to assure proper planning.

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, April 21, 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 April 19, 1994. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: My daughter's husband is not Jewish, which she believes prevents her from joining Beth El. Can my daughter and her family join Beth El? Does Beth El have interfaith families in its membership?

Dear Congregant: Beth El welcomes everyone, including interfaith families like your daughter's, to all of our synagogue's services and social and religious events. Our warm welcoming spirit has encouraged many families in which one spouse is not Jewish to join Beth El. (No statistics are kept, so we can not tell you how many.)

The membership application packet given to prospective members explains that families in which one spouse is not Jewish may join Beth El. "The non-Jewish spouse is not considered a member, but is encouraged to participate as fully as possible in all facets of synagogue life with the exception of going up to the Torah, voting at congregational meetings, or holding office."

We hope that families like your daughter's will give serious thought to joining Beth El and participating as fully as possible in the life of the synagogue.

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.

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

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

BETH EL SCROLL
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Sunday, April 24, 1994

7:00 PM

Refreshments

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

____ \$100 Patron ____ \$50 Sponsor ____ \$12.50 General Admission
(Tickets will be \$15 at the door)

*Patrons and Sponsors will receive two reserved-seat tickets,
acknowledgment in the program, and a cassette tape of the performance.*

Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth El

*For further information,
call Congregation Beth El at 301-652-2606*

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of February 28, 1994)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

Nancy J. Kowalski. In Memory Of: Sarah Leiter by Josephine C. Stein; Sarah F. Leiter by Joseph Leiter; Maxwell J. Oling, father of Gloria Frank, by Gloria O. Frank.

Beth El Forest

In Memory of: Selma Goldsher, mother of Min Rosenberg, by the Sisterhood; Theodore Mayer, husband of Laura Mayer, by the Sisterhood; Thelma Miner by Ruth and Alan Vinitzky; Marlene Shuman by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Levine and Mrs. Pearl Statland; Jay Rosenthal by Rich and Rachel Handloff; Rose Wand by Esther K. Siegel; Rose Newell, mother of Robert Newell, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell; Adolph Wolfson by Isadore Wolfson; Dr. Milton Wittman by Lillian Kessler In Honor Of: 55th anniversary of Dot and Ben Millstein by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell.

Building Fund

In Honor Of: A full and speedy recovery of Dave Brown by Terri and Bernie Sanker. In Memory Of: Milton Wittman by Sandy and Dick Pollen.

Cantor's Fund

In Memory Of: Luba Levin by Theodore Levin; H. Robert Greenhouse by Cindy Greenhouse. In Honor Of: Hazzan Abraham Lubin by Kempner Family; In appreciation of Hazzan Lubin by Jerry and Fay Chernin.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah F. Leiter by Joseph Leiter; Joseph G. Resnick by Bernard Resnick; Milton Wittman by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib; Beloved mother, Elizabeth Abraham, by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib; Mamie Copperman, mother of Howard Copperman, by Julia and Howard Copperman.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Min Wind, mother of Gary Wind, by Dunya and Alan Hecht.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Min Wind, mother of Gary Wind, by Ellen and Norman Eule.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Dr. Milton Wittman by Lucy Ozarin; Milton Wittman by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Peter Kupferstein by Eran Gasko and Bonni Berger; Milton Wittman by Claire Marwick.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Albert Lisbona by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Ted Mayer by Dolly and Marvin Band; Beloved husband, Sidney L. Kohn, by Esther G. Kohn; Mary S. Silverberg by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Silverberg. In Honor Of: Sanford Levine's special birthday by Dolly and Marvin Band.

General Fund

In Memory Of: Sam Trachtenberg by Mrs. Sondra Geiger; Joseph Greenman by Maurice M. Greenman; Simon Trevas by Suzanne and Marvin Rosenblatt; Dr. Milton Wittman by David and Susan Siegel.

Havurah Fund

In Honor Of: Gus and Kathy Litvak's grandson, Jonathan Remy Litvak, by Ellen, Norman and Alexander Eule.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Birthday of Granddaughter Emily M. Povich by Sherman Kimball; Birth of Grandson Steven Robert Povich by Sherman Kimball. In Memory Of: Beloved Mother Ruth B. Kimball by Sherman Kimball; Cindy Simon by Leslie Shedlin; Karen Greenberg's father by Ellen M. Darr; H. Barak, father of Diane Horn, by Kim and Lyle Lieberman.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Allen Lesser by Anne and Murray Foss; Irene Golden (Beloved Aunt) by Ina and Jerome Wernick; Sarah Leiter, Beloved Wife of Joseph Leiter by Claire Marwick. In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph and Julie Maltzman for leading the Family Education Workshops by Beth El Sisterhood.

Lipnick Israel College Scholarship Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Anita Rib, mother of Louis Rib, by Carol and George Sege.

Mazon

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Shirley Gross by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller; In appreciation to Alex Rosenberg by Jerry and Fay Chernin; The recovery of Louise G. Vollersten by Linda Orenstein. In Memory Of: Dr. Milton Wittman by

Marilyn and Daniel Kweller; Tillie Lotman by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Janus; Beatrice Chernin, mother of Gerald Chernin, by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller; Amelia Hurwitz by Harold Hurwitz; Beloved mother, Anna Jawitz, by Evelyn Fox.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah Leiter by Florence and Arthur Gang; Nan Wiser, grandmother of Ellen-Elow Mintz, by David and Susan Siegel; Milton Wittman by Florence and Arthur Gang.

Morning Minyan Fund

Dennis & Shirley Feldman; Judith Goldman. In Honor Of: Barry and Ruth Berger's new baby, Rachel Lee, by Julia and Howard Copperman; The speedy recovery of Jack Goldberg by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish. In Memory Of: Allen Lesser by Claire Marwick; Barbara Wolf, Abraham and Dora Wolf, and Abraham and Sarah Krupsaw by Seymour D. Wolf; Dr. Milton Wittman by Seymour Wolf; Beatrice Chernin, mother of Gerald Chernin, by Beverly and Harry Zitelman; Nettie Edenbaum by Robert and Sandra Edenbaum; Allen Lesser by Ruth Gutmann.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Irving Warren by Rockey and Allan Lang; Leah Heffter and Bess Cohn by Jerome and Cyra Heffter. In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Shirley Gross by Julia and Howard Copperman; Shirley Gross for a speedy recovery by Lillian Kessler.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Sam's 4th Birthday by The Raim Family; Birth of Bernie and Bea Berger's grandchild by Helen and Lenny Rib.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Alec Chinn, Father of Sarah Kaiser by Sarah Kaiser; Karen Greenberg's father by Esther Siegel and Steve Kravitz; Evelyn Orentlicher by Claire Marwick; Min Wind, mother of Gary Wind, by David and Susan Siegel; Minna Levi by Werner Blumenthal; Mother of Gerald Chernin by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish. In Honor Of: Marriage of Victor Assal, son of Tsvi and Ruth Assal, by Marilyn and Gary Wind; The speedy recovery of Shirley Gross by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: My Dear Friend Allan Lesser by Toba S. Herzenberg; Rose Wolfson by Isadore Wolfson; My dear brother, Daniel Krigelman, by Reba Hirsh; Eve Scharf by Elaine and George Perlman; Allen Lesser by Elaine and George Perlman; Father-in-law, Sam Lerner, by Clare Lerner.

Rabbi's Fund

In Memory Of: Theodore I. Mayer by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Levine; Fred Kolker by Beverly Kolker Friedman; Beloved father, Bernard Rubinstein, by Marcia Possick; Edith Hindin Chesler by Frances H. Leibowitz; Fani Mendelowitz, mother of Flora Singer, by Jack and Flora M. Singer; Sarah Eva Kolker by Beverly Kolker Freedman; Min Wind, mother of Gary Wind, by Lori Saltzman; Neville Brodie by Jonathan & Fay-Ann Brodie. In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman by the Kempner family; his aliyah by Neil Levy; In appreciation to Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman by Jerry and Fay Chernin; A quick return to health for Ruth and Abner Byer by Jack and Flora M. Singer; The rapid recovery of Shirley Gross by Ethel and Jack Werner.

Resnik Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Joseph Cooper by Dr. Harvey Resnik.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: The birth of Jamie Shannon Nagel by Ina, Jerry, Mark & Richard Wernick

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah R. Teitler by Elaine and Roy Becker.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Shirley Gross by Trudy and Murray Haber.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Memory Of: Irving Spiegel by David R. Spiegel.

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The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily evening minyan for the next three 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.

April 11 - April 14

Mason and Betty Goldman
Neil and Carolyn Goldman
William and Emily Goldman
Bary and Beverly Goldsmith
Mark and Catherine Goldsmith
David and Joan Goldstein
Sidney and Harriet Goldstein
Mark Goldstone and Mindy Ann Lieberman
Ed and Bea Golfer
Jerome and Arlene Golub
Calvin and Norma Golumbic
Eugene and Amy Gooft
Phillip and Vivian Gordon
Meyer and Dorothy Gordon
Nathan and Helen Gordon

April 18 - April 21

Barry and Susan Gorman
Joseph Gottesman
Melvin and Harriet Gravitz
Jerold and Karen Greenberg
Leonard and Linda Greenberg
Oscar and Yael Greenberg
Robert and Jean Greenberg
Warren and Judith Greenberg
Eli and Marcia Greenblum
Harold and Evelyn Greene
Maurice and Barbara Greenman
Joel and Laura Greenzaid
Joseph and Aline Greif

Men's Club News

On April 10th, 17th and 24th, the Beth El Men's Club will be holding some informative and entertaining programs. On all three dates the Sunday Minyan will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Men's Club breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and the programs at 10:00 a.m. If you haven't been to a Men's Club Sunday morning breakfast/program lately, please be sure to join us and see what you have been missing! All congregants are welcome.

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Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: The recovery of Shirley Gross by Bernard and Anita Ash; The recovery of Jack Goldberg by Bernard and Anita Ash. In Memory Of: Philip Rosner by Blanche and Reuben Lozner; Bea Chemin, mother of Jerry Chemin, by Bernard and Anita Ash; Milton Wittman by Bernard and Anita Ash; Leah Heffter and Bess Cohn by Jerome and Cyra Heffter; Fred Moskowitz by Dan and Carol Moskowitz; Alan Lesser by Steve Epstein and Adah Rose Bitterbaum; Theodore Mayer by Shirley R. Levine; Milton Wittman by Shirley R. Levine.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Siegel, David Gordon, and Fannie Hoffman by Clara and Daniel Gordon; Gertrude Golub by Jerome and Arlene Golub; Beloved father, Milton Kaufman, by Fern Ingber; Herman by Marcia and Don Weinroth.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of Tallie Lieberman by Ina E. and Jerome Wernick. In Memory Of: Dorothy Waltzer (Beloved Aunt) by Ina and Jerome Wernick; Dr. Milton Wittman by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Vatikkim

In Honor Of: The birthdays of Vivian and Max Osias by Edith M. Shinberg. In Memory Of: Ted Mayer by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Levinson.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Jean Sherman by Gerald and Lola Sherman; Barbara Wolf by Annette and Doug Wolf.

Young Equality Fund

In Honor Of: Avigayl Young's admission to the JTS Rabbinical School by West Bethesda Havurah. In Memory Of: Harry Young by Ina and Joe Young.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Edward Edlitz on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Edlitz.

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!

Our Tu B'Shvat seder was a success! Thank you to Gail Fribush, Terri Annis and Claire Schwartz. A special thank you to Rabbi Rudolph for leading the service.

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.

Israel Independence Day Program

In celebration of the 46th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel, local Jewish organizations are preparing a community-wide Israel Independence Day (Yom Haatzmaut) program on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Washington Hebrew Congregation in Northwest Washington, D.C. The celebration includes an address by the Ambassador of Israel, Itamar Rabinovich and entertainment by Israeli musical sensation Gitit Shoval and local children's groups. Prior to the celebration, there will be a solemn Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron) ceremony to honor those who have died in defense of Israel.

A family "shuk" filled with fun and activities for the children and a food court will be available from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the social hall and atrium area. Dietary laws will be observed. After the program there will be participatory Israeli dancing led by Moshe Shem Tov. For further information, contact the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington at (301) 770-0881.

Block Party '94

The Washington Jewish Week, DC/JCC and UJA Federation of Greater Washington are sponsoring the second annual "Jewish Life in Washington" Block Party '94 on Sunday, May 22, 1994 at Washington Harbour Park in Georgetown from noon to 6:00 p.m. Block Party '94 is a celebration of the vibrant, dynamic and diverse Jewish community in the Washington area.

Block Party '94 will feature continuous live performances for adults and children on two stages, including the Fabrangens Fiddlers and the Kalil Dance Troupe. The event will also feature Judaica, gifts and crafts from local Jewish artisans, kosher Jewish and Israeli food, rides, games and a special Yom Yerushalayim celebration featuring an Israeli performer. Admission is free! The event will take place rain or shine; there will be tents for cover. There will also be continuous shuttle bus service from the Foggy Bottom Metro stop. For more information, call The Washington Jewish Week at (301) 230-2222 or Elona Shaffert of the DC/JCC at (202) 775-1765.

Foundation for Jewish Studies 1994 Memorial Day Weekend Study Retreat

Professor Shubert Spero of Bar Ilan University will serve as the Scholar-in-Residence for the 1994 Memorial Day Weekend Study Retreat, Sunday-Monday, May 29-30, 1994 on the topic **Religion Without Ethics? Ethics without Religion?** The retreat is sponsored by The Foundation for Jewish Studies and will be held at the Ramada Inn Luray, Luray, Virginia.

Professor Spero holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Case Western Reserve University and rabbinic ordination. He is the Irving Stone Professor of Basic Jewish Thought at Bar Ilan University, where he has taught since 1983.

The four study sessions will focus on 1) a philosophic examination of the question whether there can be a Jewish ethic independent of the Jewish religion; 2) examining the question of the involvement of God and the moral autonomy of man in a system of ethics; 3) the uniqueness of Jewish ethics; and 4) the question, "Does Judaism hold a person responsible for his character?"

The Foundation is offering a special discount for young adults under the age of 30. The deadline for reservations is May 10, 1994. Please contact The Foundation for a brochure and more information, (301) 770-4787.

HDI and CESJDS Beth El Family Shabbat Service and Dinner

Make your reservations now for the Day School Shabbat Dinner on Friday, April 15, 1994, following Shabbat services. The service, at 6:30 p.m., will be conducted by the children from the two schools. If you are interested in a part in the service, please call Amy Goott at (301) 229-9185.

Reservations are needed by Monday, April 11, 1994. There will be no refunds. Please fill out the form below and send in your check to the office marked, "Attention: Day School Shabbat Dinner".

RESERVATION FORM Day School Shabbat Service and Dinner Friday, April 15, 1994

Adult Members _____ @ \$10 each
Total \$ _____

Non-member Adults _____ @ \$13 each
Total \$ _____

Children (6-12) _____ @ \$7 each
Total \$ _____

Children (under 6) _____ @ \$4 each
Total \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

I would like to sit with _____

**Reservations will not be accepted after
Monday, April 11, 1994**

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

Guidelines for Life Cycle Events

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

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

Put some Spring in your Step!

Attention all Beth El members who want to get and/or stay in shape! We continue to offer Jacki's Aerobic Workout and Strong Step programs Monday through Thursday evenings in the Social Hall. The step aerobics class, Strong Step, meets each of these evenings at 5:30 p.m. If you have a step, bring it to class. If not, a limited number are available to rent. Aerobic Workout meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:40 p.m. Each one-hour class is choreographed by Jacki Sorensen, and in addition to providing a complete cardio-vascular workout, will also tone and firm large muscles and abdominals. The first class is free, so what do you have to lose besides some unwanted fat? If you have any questions or want more information, call Stephanie at (301) 251-1571. Special rate for new students: 10 classes for \$35.00 or 20 classes for \$60.00.

From the Principal

Religious School Early Registration: April 10 - May 15. By now you should have received registration materials for school year 1994-95. Registration forms will be accepted starting on Sunday, April 10th. The "early" registration period will continue through May 15th. All registrations received after May 15th will be charged at a higher "regular" tuition rate. Classroom spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so please get your registration forms in as soon as possible. If you have not yet received your school registration packet, please stop in or call the school office (652-2608) to receive the necessary forms.

Forum on Jewish Education: "What Outcomes Can We Expect from a Religious School Education?", Sunday, April 17th, 9:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

In planning, organizing and presenting a program of studies, the ultimate question to be asked must be: "What is possible?" Can we turn out Torah scholars? History mavens? Fluent Hebrew speakers? Competent daveners? Mark your calendars for a unique forum that attempts to grapple with the question "What outcomes can we expect from a religious school education?" Panelist presentations will be followed by what promises to be a rigorous question and answer session. This program is being presented by the Parent Action Committee and is being co-chaired by Margie Kramer and Susan King.

Youth Calendar

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

Sunday, April 17 Israel Geography Party
Meet Charni in the All Purpose Room at 1:30 p.m. Make a map of Israel out of ice cream.
Cost: Free for members, \$2.00 for non-members. RSVP to Charni.

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

Sunday, April 17 Patt Patt
Join Ariel at the Rockville Patt Patt. Can you get a hole in one?
RSVP to Ariel.

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

Sunday, April 10 Roller Skating in Rockville
Meet Mike and Kadimaniks from B'nai Israel, Har Shalom, and Har Tzeon at the Rockville Roller Skating Center at 1:45 p.m.
Cost: \$6.00 (includes skate rental and snacks). RSVP to Mike.

Friday, April 22-24 Kadima Kallah
Join over 120 Kadimaniks from all over the region at Tifereth Israel for this awesome weekend. Call Mike if you have any questions.

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

Wednesdays in April Regional Volleyball League
Join the Beth El USY Coed Volleyball team. Games are played Wednesday evenings between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. 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 Spoigel (897-5438) if you have any questions.

Saturday, April 2 USY Shabbat with the
Alternative Minyan
USYers will be participating in the Alternative Shabbat Minyan on Saturday morning. Anyone interested in a part in the service should contact Debbie Weinberg at 983-2803.

Tuesday, April 12 Take 30 and Pizza Dinner
Join the 8th, 9th, and 10th grade Religious School for this monthly program. A pizza dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Rachel by Monday, April 11th.

Wednesday, April 27 Meet METNY USYers
Join Beth EL USYers and USYers from all over New York for dinner and an evening activity. Call Rachel for more information.

Friday, April 29 Shabbat Dinner in Israel
Join USYers for our annual Shabbat Dinner in Israel in honor of Yom Haatzmaut. RSVP to Tammy at 320-2478.

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

A Big Thank You to Max Cooper

Beth El thanks Max Cooper for donating his community service hours to Beth El. He completed the B'kol Echad project for us and we are truly grateful.

USY Spring Convention is May 19 - 22 in West Virginia.

Applications are available in Rachel's office. Anyone interested should stop by or call (301) 652-2606. What a great way to spend the weekend!

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.

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.

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					<p>8 Scroll #18 Deadline YOM YASHOAH - Holocaust Day 11:45am Nursery Dance Class - APR 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:18pm Candles</p>	<p>9 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Aaron Tievsky B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>
<p>10 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR 9:30am Human Sexuality Committee - Chapel 9:30am Sisterhood - BR 10:00am Israel Quest Brunch - SH</p>	<p>11 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>12 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 5:30pm Aerobics 6:15pm USY - APR 7:45pm Nursery Bd - APR 8:00pm Exec. Bd. Mtg.-BR</p>	<p>13 YOM HAZIKARON 4:00pm Religious School - SH 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p>14 YOM HAATZMAUT 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 4:00pm Religious School - SH 5:30pm Aerobics 7:00pm AMI - APR 7:45pm Catering Committee - SH</p>	<p>15 11:45am Nursery Dance Class - APR 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:15pm Day School Dinner 7:25pm Candles</p>	<p>16 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Steven J. Seiden B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:45am Gan Shabbat - APR 11:00am USY - BR 12:45pm Keruv - Chapel</p>
<p>17 Confirmation Trip 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00-11:00am Religious School - BR 9:00am Yom HaAtzmaut Activites - SH 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR 1:00pm Black-Jewish Dialogue Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>18 Confirmation Trip 10:00am Sabra Hadassah 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>19 8:00am Nursery Video Day - APR (VCR) 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 5:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm School Bd. - BR</p>	<p>20 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p>21 12:00pm Vatikim Luncheon-SH 5:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Nursery School Parent Workshop - APR</p>		

Minyans: 7:30 am & 8:00 pm, 8:20 pm Wed of Bendit Institute

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