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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, June 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 11th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Aaron Niedermeyer Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, June 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 18th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Mindy Budgor Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:45 a.m.
Keruv at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, June 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 25th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Ivan Askwith Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Saul Bendit Institute Has Record Enrollment

The spring term of the Saul Bendit Adult Institute that just concluded was one of the most successful ever, with a record enrollment for a spring term. Fourteen different classes were offered on Wednesday evenings and six classes on Tuesday mornings. Leading the staff of outstanding instructors were our own clergy, Rabbis Maltzman and Rudolph, Hazzan Lubin and Rabbi Emeritus Scolnic, teaching about Genesis, Jewish classical texts, 17th century Jewish life, Talmud, Jewish spirituality, the beliefs of modern Jews and music and prayer.

We were extremely fortunate also to have Rabbi Barry Freundel, Dr. Dorothy Friedman, Norman Shore, Helen Rib, Marta Wassertzug and Joseph Hantman as instructors. In addition, in an outstanding series arranged and moderated by Marion Wolff and videotaped by Aaron Murphy and Steve Frank, we were touched to have six Holocaust survivors share their gripping stories with us. They included Flora Singer, Leo Bretholz, Harriet Steinhorn-Roth, Werner Hasenberg, Edith Cord and Amichai Heppner. Finally, many congregants enjoyed a series of films from the highly acclaimed "Eternal Light" series.

The Saul Bendit Adult Institute was established and is supported by the Saul Bendit Fund. The Institute Committee is chaired by Jill Gerstenfield, with Al Fox serving as Vice Chairman. The committee will be meeting soon to plan for the fall term and would welcome any ideas and suggestions for courses.

If your children have recently married, please call Esther Rubin at (301) 652-2606 and let her know. They are entitled to a free one year membership.

Keruv

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.

High Holidays

Check your mailboxes for our High Holiday Packet after the first week of July.

Please return your registration form as soon as possible so that the office staff can have time to process them.

All Registration Forms must be in by August 1, 1994. The tickets will be mailed three weeks prior to Rosh Hoshanah.

Todah Rabbah

Our special thanks for two generous donations received during the month of April: the "Elijah" lithograph which is hanging in the Gallery was donated by artist Selma Hurwitz, and a "new" copier for the synagogue office was donated by Jason Smolen.

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we are preparing to close the 1994 books and prepare the congregant accounts for fiscal year 1995. To facilitate this we would appreciate payment of all outstanding obligations by June 30th. Thank you.

Shopping Certificate Update



Are you using shopping certificates? Everyone's help and support is needed to make this fund raising effort a continued success. Many thanks to those using certificates. If you currently use credit cards, won't you please consider using shopping certificates for part of your purchases? Five percent of all sales go directly to Beth El. All profits help pay the congregation bills and help keep our dues increases to a minimum. Certificates can also be used to purchase Senior Metro cards at Giant.

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, in the Gift Shop, or at Vatikim meetings.

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

Membership Information

Bernard and Charlotte Resnick have moved to 11410 Strand Drive, Apt. 402, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 231-7363.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Peter Matteson and Karen Safer on the birth of their son, Alexander John Matteson, on April 21 1994. Alexander's grandparents are Arnold and Roberta Safer.

Mazal Tov to Marvin and Dolly Band on the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Band, to Alan Nagler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Nagler of Princeton, N.J. An April, 1995 wedding is planned.

Mazal Tov to David Rosenbloom on his award of an honorary Doctorate of Law from Marietta College.

Mazal Tov to Stephanie Coplan for being selected first prize winner among first graders in Montgomery County in the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's eighth annual Healthy Choices poster contest.

Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Bea Goldman and Irving and Doris Zimmerman.

Cemetery Plots

If you would like to be a part of a volume purchase of cemetery plots at King David Memorial Gardens, please contact Steven Kravitz, Executive Director, at (301) 652-2606. A minimum of 10 plots must be purchased in order to receive the discount. The plots will be in Block 21 and will cost \$2,000 each. We would like to make the arrangements with King David by August 1, 1994.



Men's Club News

On June 12th and June 19th, the Men's Club will hold its weekly breakfast and program. The breakfast is always wonderful, and the programs are informative and entertaining. There will be no breakfast or program on June 26th. Every Sunday the minyan begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10:00 a.m. All congregants are welcome.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Jerome Danoff on the death of his father, Philip Danoff; to Merle Shoneman on the death of her mother, Rita Gordon; to Lillian Maller on the death of her husband, Judge Abraham Maller; to Judy Semo on the death of her father, Benjamin Jurin; to Alan Swoff on the death of his mother, Fay Eckstein; and to Henry Freedman on the death of his wife, Dorothy Freedman.

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. 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.

June 13 - June 16

Robert and Evyan Koenig
Jeffrey and Sandi Komarow
Irwin and Rita Kopin
Bernardo and Rosa Kotelanski
Marvin and Barbara Kotz
Mark and Marjorie Kramer
Robert and Loretta Kramer
Melvin and Andrea Kraus
Alan Kravitz and Sandra Kresch
Ira and Jill Krefting
Robert and Janet Kreitman
Malvin and Linda Krinn
Jay and Connie Krupin
Carl and Muriel Kupfer
Adam and Sari Kurland
Steven and Sherry Kurtz
Harry and Miriam Kuskin
Arnold and Linda Kuzmack
David and Sandy Landsman
Emanuel and Davetta Landau

June 20 - June 23

Robert and Zelda Landsman
Allan and Rockey Lang
Marvin and Della Lang
Seymour and Anne Lapporte
Bernard and Sylvia Laps
Raymond and Lenora Lassen
Arnold and Dorothea Lear
William and Karen Lebovich
Vladimir Lechtman
Lester and Ruth Lee
Charles Lehrhaupt and Frances Eisenstein

David and Elizabeth Leight
Joseph Leiter

Myron and Lenore Lenkin
Joe and Laurie Leone
Warren and Leslie Leonard
Reuven and Dora Leopold
Allen and Barbara Lerman
Herbert and Dianne Lerner
Howard Lesser and Hanna Gutmann

June 27 - June 30

Lawrence and Judith Lessin
Boris and Leona Levine
Curtis Levinson and Wendy Schneider-Levinson
David and Jacquelyn Levine
Daniel and Mirella Levinas
David and Molly Levin
Edgar and Naomi Levin
Edward Leviton
Herbert and Anita Levinson
Howard and Janet Levine
Ira and Susan Levine
Jan Levit and Paula Mintzies
Jonathan and Judith Levin
Joseph and Ellen Levin
Kenneth Levine and Diana Huffman
Mark Levitt and Kay Klass
Melvyn and Joan Levitsky
Robert Levine and Michele Lieban
Levine
Robert and Andrea Levine
Seth Levita

Moroccan Magic Sponsors

The following Beth El congregation members were also sponsors of the April 24th Moroccan Magic concert: Reba Hirsh, Elmira Hopp, David Siegel and Susan Brinn Siegel, Rosalie Shapiro and Jack and Stephanie Ventura.

We have a number of cassette tapes of the Moroccan Magic program available in the synagogue office at a cost of \$10.00 per tape. Please call the office if you want to purchase one of the few remaining copies.

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 note that if you have a child under age six and have not received any Nitzanim mailings this year, your child's birthday may not be recorded correctly in the synagogue's membership records. To correct this, please call Selma in the Beth El office.

Nitzanim is looking for someone to lead Saturday morning services on the fourth Saturday of every month. An outline of the Nitzanim service is provided, but creativity is encouraged. If you know anyone who would enjoy leading services and is comfortable in front of children under the age of six and their parents, please contact Rachel Handloff at (301) 652-2606.

50+ Singles

The 50+ Singles group has begun meeting on a regular basis as of May, 1994. The group will meet in the Beth El All Purpose Room at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. The program for the June 16th meeting will feature Seymour Gross, a talented singer of Yiddish songs. Evelyn Bitterbaum welcomes your ideas for the monthly meetings. You can contact her at (301) 951-4128.

Several interest groups have already formed within 50+ Singles. You may contact the leader of each group for more information: Bridge (Gertrude Oliner), Book Discussion (Charlotte Kasdon), Dancing (Audrey Bernard), Shmoozing (Shirley Alegand), Walking/Hiking (Israel Rubin) and Concerts/Museums (Viola Musher).

Volunteers Urgently Needed at Bethesda HELP, Inc.

Bethesda HELP offers volunteer opportunities to Officers of the Day who are scheduled one day (or one weekend) per month. As an Officer of the Day, you would work at home coordinating other volunteers in providing food or services to the elderly, disabled and low-income persons and families of the Bethesda area. Needed, as well, are drivers who also serve one day a month, taking eligible clients to medical appointments or delivering groceries. Calls are relayed from an answering service, and neither type of duty ties the individual to the phone all day. Training is provided, and experienced volunteers are available as back up. For information, call Sybil Silver, (301) 986-1926, or Elaine Fanning, (301) 530-8430.

Food and Toiletries Donations

There are two beautiful new baskets in the gallery for your food and toiletries donations. When you travel, please collect the personal size toiletries provided by hotels and bring them to Beth El.

The toiletries are donated to Bethesda Cares which provides services to the homeless in our community. The items especially needed are the following: disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, spray deodorant, lotions and shampoo. Both full size and travel size are appreciated.

The food is donated to Bethesda HELP which maintains a food pantry servicing needy households in our immediate area.

This is a very easy way to help those less fortunate than ourselves when we shop, travel and come to shul.

Vatikkim Luncheon

We invite you to join us for our Vatikkim luncheon on June 16, 1994. Luna Ereza Diamond will talk about "The Sephardic Legacy."

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.

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Reservation Form

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, June 16, 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 June 14, 1994. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of May 12, 1994)

Contributions were made to the Handicapped Access Fund, the Social Action Fund and Mazon by the following congregants in honor of the tenth anniversary of the Early Shabbat Minyan: Herb Rosenthal, Samuel Frishman, Lillian Kessler, Lucy Ozarin, Davetta and Emanuel Landau, George Liss, Josephine Gimble, Estelle and Herb Wisner, Dave Levine and Phil Borish.

Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Honor Of: The speedy recovery of Heinz Bauer by Walter and Sharon Spiegel and the Lowell Family.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Erika Weiss's 3rd birthday by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Ashleigh Bohn's 4th birthday by Irvin and Rita Weiss; The speedy recovery of Jim Colen by Irvin and Rita Weiss; In Memory Of: Judge Abraham Maller by Calvin and Norma Golumbic Bernard and Rita Jacobi, Mr. and Mrs. James Lyman and Mr. and Mrs. Max Osias; Beatrice Schneider by Dr. Mark E. Sobel; Dr. George Yessin by Dr. Mark E. Sobel; Trudy Haber by James and Muriel Lyman, Christine Sneringer and Barbara J. Mohr; Helen Hirsch by James and Muriel Lyman; Jeanette Orentlicher by Herman Orentlicher; Jack Brown by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Nita Smith by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Leah Kohl by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Rose Rubinstein by Marcia Possick; Pauline Kessler by Ellen Eule; Sister-in-law, Rowena Chinn, by Ben and Sarah Kalsner; Ben Owen by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Bina Zipper by Mr. and Mrs. Werner Blumenthal; Trudy Haber by Mr. and Mrs. Werner Blumenthal.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Cantor Abraham Lubin by Jan Levit and Paula Mintzies, Jerome Danoff and Family and George and Kathy Hooley. In Memory Of: Sarah and Nathan Weinstein by Joe and Ina Young; Helen Hirsch by Margaret Bogler; Judge Abraham Maller by Margaret Bogler; Frieda Gordon by Israel Rubin.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Ida and Israel Bloom by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Gertrude Lefk Kaminsky and Louis J. Kaminsky by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Beloved father, Benjamin Copperman, by Howard Copperman.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Pauline Kessler by Mollie Raffes; Barney Susser by Hyman and Barbara Shapiro.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph receiving his Doctor of Divinity Degree by Bernie and Bea Berger; Warren Greenberg receiving the Kavod Award by Bernie and Bea Berger; Howard Copperman receiving the Kavod Award by Bernie and Bea Berger. In Memory Of: Rebecca Moyal by Sylvia Rosenwasser.

Crowell Religious School Scholarship Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Dr. Jack Crowell by Miriam Crowell; Edith Gendason by Miriam Crowell.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Maller by Clare Lerner; Milton Gerwin and Maurice Isen by Robert and Brenda Gerwin; Dr. Milton Wittman by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Zavel Sandler by Dr. and Mrs. George Liss; Joseph S. Leibowitz by Tim and Hannah Lipman; Beloved cousin, Dr. Milton Wittman, by Pearl Gelb; Abraham David Rubin by Israel Rubin.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Dr. Jack Papier by Eugene and Bette Hellman.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Nettie Sherman, by Irving and Melva Tofsky; Beloved father, Harry Gerber, by Gertrude Gerber; Beloved father, Henry Gerber, by Esther Kohn.

General Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph receiving a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Hebrew Union College by Arthur and Florence Gang.

General Fund

In Memory Of: Rose Groeneman by Staff of Gaithersburg High School; Judge Abraham Maller by The Weisman Family; Sidney Littner by Bradley Hills P.T.A.; Theodore I. Mayer by Diann and Heather Geronemus and Edith Fox; Maurice Derkay by Lee and Gloria Derkay; Leonard Vogel by Irene Vogel; Beloved mother, Gertrude Le Vine, by Les Le Vine.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Rose Blumberg Asner by Marti Asner; Selma Poyry by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Havurah Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Zukerman by Milton and Faye Doberman.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Rachel Zins grandmother Adele's birthday by Julia Fink; The help and support of Candace Kaller by Ellen Darr; The help and support of Sharon Markus by Ellen Darr. In Memory Of: Isadore Meltzer by Sherman P. Kimball; Naomi Webber's mother by Barry and Barbara Friedman, Brenda, Jim, Joshua and Carly Schmand, Ellen Darr, Walter and Sharon Spiegel, Leslie Shedlin, David, Jacob and Sam Raim; Loving grandmother of Andrea Kirstein by Ellen Darr; Beloved mother, Minna Feldman, by Cary Feldman.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Helen Hirsch by Melvin and Lenore Richter; Trudy Haber by Milton and Renee Thaler.

Mazon

Richard and Varda Nowitz. In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph, who recently received his Doctor of Divinity Degree by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Harold and Shirley Lerner by Clare S. Lerner. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Ida Serlich, by Edna Krents; Helen Hirsch by Roz Sporn and Walter and Sharon Spiegel; Trudy Haber by Barbara Hadley and John Burke and George and Priscilla Tievsky; Beloved father, Louis Liss, by Frances L. Spaeth; Louis Tishkoff by Julian and Eve Tishkoff.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Shirley Langerman, by Elaine L. Shalowitz; Trudy Haber by Mary Dubrow.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: The wonderful recovery of Shirley Gross by Cary and Nancy Feldman; Howard Copperman receiving the 1994 Kavod Award by Seymour and Shirley Gross; Harriet Wilkins special birthday by Seymour and Shirley Gross; A speedy recovery of Amy Schaefer, daughter of Bea and Alex Rosenberg, by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweiler; Rabbi William Rudolph earning his Doctor of Divinity Degree by Claire S. Marwick. In Memory Of: Harvey P. Freedman by Julian Levin; Beloved father, Louis Freiberg, by Karl Freiberg; Elizabeth S. Goldberg by Davetta and Emanuel Landau; Abraham Maller by Seymour and Shirley Gross; Enrojo Miselbach by Magda Miselbach and Kathy and Augustin Litvak.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Jeffrey Theodore's Bar Mitzvah by Aaron Dreilinger; Aaron Niedermayer's Bar Mitzvah by Aaron Dreilinger; Roberta Safer's recovery by Claire S. Marwick. In Memory Of: Aaron Jacobson, father of Carol Lusk, by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Helen Hirsch by Mr. and Mrs. William Filler and George and Carol Sege.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: The birthday's of Ben and Dorothy Gordon by Roy H. Millenson; Aaron Lewis Bartko by Bonnie Wagman and Clifton Hancock; Abraham and Louise C. Wagman by Bonnie Wagman and Clifton Hancock; In Memory Of: David E. Snyder by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Silverberg; Miram C. Edelstein and Rebecca C. Calderon by Bonnie Wagman and Clifton Hancock; Boruch and Leah Wagman by Bonnie Wagman and Clifton Hancock; Dan David and Hannah Cassouto by Bonnie Wagman and Clifton Hancock; William Guy Hoffman by Ira Hoffman; Robert Band, father of Bernard Band, by Bernard and Annabelle Band; Judge Abraham Maller by Reba Hirsh.

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Social Action News

Sweat Equity Yields Big Reward for Beth El Volunteers

On May 1st, about 30 Beth El members took part in a project called "Sukkot in May," a project in which people repair homes for owners who do not have the means to do so themselves. Working in two shifts, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., we fixed up the house of Mrs. Teresa Felton, and elderly woman living in Washington, D.C. There were many jobs, including replacing windows and a screen door, painting several rooms inside the house and painting around the windows outside the house.

"Sukkot in May" was coordinated by Yachad, the Jewish community housing corporation, and the nationwide program, "Christmas in April." This was Beth El's initial participation in this project, in which 4000 homes in 300 cities were renovated. Our volunteers found their efforts tiring but very rewarding, and agreed we should do it again next year!

Special thanks are due to our hard-working house captains, Ed Koenig and Ed Block, who were ably assisted by Steve Koenig and Dave Meininger. We are especially proud of our student volunteers, Greg Hecht, Elana Hammerman, Rebecca Bronheim, Livia Katz, Avigal Segal, Ari Lipman, Erika Benke, Ari Stern, Sharon Komarow, Jonathan Klein and Sharon Litwin.

Thanks also to volunteers Dick Belferman, Dunya Hecht, Beryl Frank, Michele Herman, David Rosenbloom, Jerry and Karen Greenberg, Marilyn Hammerman, Suzanne Bronheim, Justine Block, Rob Ferish, Bert King, Leslie Shedlin, David Raim, Eran Gasko, Bonnie Berger, Lynn Katz and Michael Shalom.

Thank you all for unselfishly giving your time and energy to make a big difference in Mrs. Felton's life, and for representing Beth El with distinction in the greater community.

Congregation Based Shelter

Beth El successfully hosted the CBS program the week of May 8th through May 15th. It was truly a congregational event with wide-ranging participation by Beth El members. Everyone who helped out, particularly those who had direct contact with our guests, found the experience not only rewarding, but very affecting and humbling as well.

The volunteers found the face of homelessness to be a very human one. Among the guests we sheltered were a 61 year old man in search of work, a woman recently released from the hospital and a married couple. We were touched to see the consideration, gratitude and good humor they displayed under the difficult circumstances with which they cope daily. We truly feel enriched to have spent time with them.

The generosity of spirit of Beth El's volunteers was heart-warming. Several volunteers made unscheduled return visits to our shelter, either to bring guests necessary clothing items or to finish a card game. It was a sweet moment to see several children as young as six serving dinner, and to observe guests chatting among themselves as they waited for the bus at 6:30 a.m., holding the brown bag lunches prepared by our Religious School students.

We want to thank each of the people listed below who unselfishly gave their time, energy and resources. This project would not have been possible without them.

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For donating linens and towels: Toby and Bernie Moss, Michele Herman, Anita and Bernard Ash, Stephanie and Jack Ventura, Julie Rabinowitz and Gary Marx, Ruth and Horst Brand, Bert and Heinz Just, Terri and Jeff Annis, Lois and Joseph Levy, Margery and Sheldon London, Evelyn and Ronald Treinish, Lynn and Nadav Katz, Sophie Weinberger, Ina and Joe Young, Julie and Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, Debbie and Dennis Ross.

For serving as captain of the day: Lynn Katz, Ruth Rondberg, Marsha Rehns, Diane Garfield, Cheryl Rod, Michele Herman, Jack Ventura and Debbie Heller.

For serving dinner, bringing breakfast and staffing the shelter: Lynn, Nadav and Livia Katz, Suzanne and Rebecca Bronheim, Frances Marshall, Ruth Rondberg, Margaret Bogler, Elaine Pines, Gladys and Avigal Segal, Debbie and Daniel Heller, Marsha Rehns and Phillip Arnheim, Rachele and Gary Bernstecker, Darryl Sherman, Marilyn Hammerman, Eleanor Cohen, Judy Bernhardt, Toby Moss, Cheryl Rod, Bernice and Joel Breslau, Michele Herman, Lydia Glucksberg, Jack and Stephanie Ventura, Ruth Brand, Julie, Rabbi Jonathan, Rebecca and Zachary Maltzman, Diane Garfield and Peter, Abby and Sam Hauslohner, Sandy, Jon, Ilana and Adam Simon, Sheila Birnbach and Rachel and David Edlow.

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Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Ellen Elow-Mintz's tenure as Sisterhood president by David and Barbara Elow; The naming of their grandchildren, Sarah Jane Heckman and Lindsey Leigh Katz by Bernie and Ruth Ann Heckman. In Memory Of: Bella Kaplovsky by Lillian Miller; Minnie Nepo by Irwin and Hellaine Nepo; Hilde Betty Kahn by Walter K. Kahn; Beloved mother, Fannie Tievsky, by George Tievsky; Min Rosenberg's mother by Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum; Helen Hirsch by Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum; Dr. Milton Wittman by Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum; Trudy Haber by Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum; Morton and Regina Bogler by Margaret Bogler; David and Hermina Rottenberg by Margaret Bogler; Fannie Tievsky by Marvin Tievsky.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Ruth and George Kay's new granddaughter, Miriam Aliza Kay, by Roz Sporn.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Memory Of: Helen Hirsch by Bernard and Rita Jacobi and Bernie and Anita Ash; Charles Goldstein by Vivian Cines; Trudy Haber by Bernie and Anita Ash.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

Soraya Aghamolla; In Memory Of: Adolph B. Kahn by Bernard and Betty R. Kahn; Irving Spiegel by David R. Spiegel.

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

In Honor Of: Harriet Wilkins' 80th Birthday by Bernie and Anita Ash, Dale and Harvey Gold and family, Sy Wolf, Elmira Hopp, Reba Hirsh, Jerry and Fay Chemin, Helene Ross, Clare S. Lerner, Mr. and Mrs. Max Osias, Calvin and Norma Golumbic, Bob and Carole Kaminsky.

Social Action Fund

Walter Leibowitz and Ruth Spodak. In Honor Of: The Kavod Award to Howard Copperman by Marilyn and Gary Wind; The Kavod Award to Warren Greenberg by Marilyn and Gary Wind; The Kavod Award to Dennis Ross by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Trudy Haber by Kassel and Joan Abelson; Helen Hirsch by Kassel and Joan Abelson.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Philip Danoff by Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer; Rita Gordon by Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer; Trudy Haber by Michael and Ruth Frank.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Trudy Haber by Bob and Carole Kaminsky.

Vatikim

In Honor Of: Harriet Wilkins by Margaret Bogler and Ruth Shartsis. In Memory Of: Judge Abraham Maller by Lillian Kessler, Judith Newman, Kate L. Schneider and Ruth Shartsis; Sara and Abraham Mancher by Rhoda R. Mancher. In Memory Of: Judge Abraham Maller by Lewis and Eleanor Sargent, Saul and Marcia Possick, Judge and Mrs. Harry Kuskin, Samuel Nash, Dr. Hans Hirsch and Mary Wichman.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: Danny Spiegel's Bar Mitzvah by George and Priscilla Tievsky; Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Seiden by George and Priscilla Tievsky. In Memory Of: Judge Abraham Maller by Alex and Sylvia Abraham; Our dear friend, Trudy Haber, by Alex and Sylvia Abraham; Helen Hirsch by George and Priscilla Tievsky; Dr. Milton Wittman by George and Priscilla Tievsky.

Sukkah Building Kit or Do-It-Yourself Instructions -- Order Early This Year!

Sukkot begins this year on Monday night, September 19th. For the seventh year Congregation Beth El is offering an easy-to-assemble, moderately priced Sukkah kit to enhance your enjoyment of the holiday.

The complete kit will produce a free-standing 8' x 8' x 8' square frame Sukkah made of #2 spruce. All necessary holes are pre-drilled and hardware (bolts, wing nuts, corner braces) and directions for assembly are included. Tools required are pliers, wrench, or nutdriver. You will need to provide your own siding (such as sheets, shades, or plastic), roofing branches, and decorations.

Pictures of the assembled Sukkah can be seen on the synagogue bulletin board near the office and in the Nursery School Hall. The Sukkah put up by the Nursery School is from a Beth El kit.

The cost of each complete kit is \$90 (which covers the cost of materials and a contribution to the synagogue). A limited number of kits are made during the summer and will be sold to the first people from whom we receive payment. MAIL IN YOUR ORDER SOON TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT SINCE WE ARE EXPECTING THE KITS TO SELL OUT EARLY THIS YEAR.

Call Jerry Danoff at (301) 365-1180 for further information. Kits can be picked up at the home of Pat and Jerry Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, by arrangement in August. (Be prepared to carry home several pieces of 8' lumber).

For Do-It-Yourselfers:

An instruction packet including directions for purchasing the materials and completely making the Sukkah yourself is also available. We have plenty of copies and will mail them anywhere you wish.

The do-it-yourself instructions cost \$5 and include an exact shopping list of lumber and hardware needed, plus directions for how to cut the wood, drill the holes, and assemble the Sukkah.

Please complete the order form below and send it with your check made payable to "Congregation Beth El" to Pat Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. Please write Sukkah kit or Sukkah instructions on the check.

Sukkah Order Form

I would like to order _____ complete Sukkah kits at \$90 each. Kits can be picked up in August.

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A check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

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(Congregation Based Shelter, continued from page 5)

Debbie, Dennis and Ilana Ross, Sandi and Jeff Komarow, Gail Fribush and Rabbi Bill and Marc Rudolph, and Joe and Lois Levy.

For shopping and donating goods and food: Janet Goldhill, Ellen Eule, Blanche Wine, Stephanie Ventura, Carolyn Shanoff, Ann Goodman, Julie Maltzman and Debbie Ross.

For donating food and preparing meals: Debbie Heller, Leslie Shedlin, Cheryl Rod, Bert Just and Claire Lerner.

For staying overnight, donating and preparing breakfast and staffing the shelter: Gary Marx, Mark Goldstone, Julie Maltzman, Rhonda Lowell, Dick Belferman, Sheila Birnbach, Jonathan Simon, Beryl Frank, Steve Mandel, David Spiegel, Norman Eule, Horst Brand, Jack Ventura, Ben Bronheim and Rebecca Bronheim.

For making and installing signs: Barbara Mandel and Jeff Annis.

For donating toiletries: Dolly and Marvin Band, Cynna and Paul Cohen, Susan, David, Michelle and Julie Siegel, and Joe and Lois Levy.

For transporting bedding: Blanche Wine, Gladys Segal and Julie Maltzman.

For washing linens and towels: Lynn Katz, Stephanie Ventura and Debbie Ross.

For lending cots: Ellen and David Darr and Esther and Elliot Wilner.

For donating use of cellular phone: Cellular One.

For arranging use of phone: Sara Greenbaum.

For donation of food: Katz's Supermarket and Bagel City.

For financial contributions: West Bethesda Havurah, Walter Leibowitz and Ruth Spodack, and all the many contributors to the Social Action Fund.

For opening up, closing up, supervision in the kitchen and many details: Hien Thanh, Wesley Jennings, Karl Smart, Elsie Hercules, Dorothy Beverly, Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, Rabbi Bill Rudolph and Steve Kravitz.

For hospitality posters and baked goods: Ellen Darr and the teachers and students of Beth El Nursery School.

For donation of food and preparation of dinners and lunches for five of the seven days: Louis Nagel and the following dedicated teachers, their students and parents: Edith Sievers, Juliann Goldman, Stephanie Cohen, Deborah Olchik, Penina Freedenberg, Deborah Rosenbloom, Rori Pollak, Louise Brenner, Yonina Michelson, Marcia Merlin, Sarah Roark, Helen Rib, Cheryl Kreiser, Rachmiel Tobesman, Rachel Albert, Taly Edery, Merav Levenson, Michael Srulovich and Rachel Handloff.

For organization and coordination of meal preparation: Deborah Rosenbloom.

Youth Calendar

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

Sunday, June 26 The Discovery Zone
Join Bonim on a trip to the Discovery Zone. A bus will leave from Beth El at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10.00. RSVP to Charni.

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

Thursday, June 16 End of Year Party
Start the summer right. Join Ariel for a super duper party. Food, fun, and games!
Time and place TBA. For more information, call Ariel.

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

Friday, June 17 Kings Dominion
See information below.

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

Friday, June 17 Kings Dominion

Attention 5th - 12th graders: Do you want to go to KINGS DOMINION?

Friday, June 17th is our day. Join Beth El and Har Shalom USY and Kadima and have a paramount time. For just \$38.00 you will get video bus transportation, all day pass to the park, and refreshments. RSVP to Rachel by Monday, May 30th.

From the Principal

13 Mitzvot Awards - On Friday, May 6th we celebrated the 6th grade Thirteen Mitzvot Awards Shabbat. This is one of the most exciting projects conducted by our students, the challenge to do 13 mitzvot projects over the course of the school year. Each year participation to completion is nearly 100%. Thanks to teachers Cheryl Kreiser, Merav Levinson, Sarah Roark and Anita Schubert. Participants in this year's project were: Flavio Averbug, Daniel Bass, Jason Belinkie, Jessica Binder, Leslie Blitz, Lauren Bregman, Jessica Caslani, Jennifer Dorfman, Andrew Feinberg, Hillary Ganek, David Goldberg, Daniel Goldman, Wendy Greenbaum, Lauren Heymann, Samuel Janney, Zachary Kalman, Erica Kaye, Morgan Levine, Susanna Lewis, Matthew Lipsit, Benjamin Lozovsky, Sara McDonald, Jesse Palchick, Perri Pleeter, Joshua Rosenberg, Evan Rosing, David Ross, Estye Ross, Michael Schneider, Gabriel Shalom, Adam Sheff, David Turnbull and Michelle Weiner.

Highlights of the service were speeches by students Daniel Goldman and Erica Kaye on what the project meant to them, and the presentations of the weekend's scholar-in-residence, Danny Siegel. Students were presented with The Torah (JPS) which, of course, is the basis of the project being celebrated, as well as the text for the seventh grade text study class. A booklet presenting the students best mitzvah projects was available at the service. Anyone who is interested in obtaining a copy of this booklet can request one through the school office. Below is an essay which in error was not included in the booklet:

Tzedakah

For my thirteenth mitzvah I decided to help the less fortunate. I made a commitment to give a quarter per week to a tzedakah box. The money goes to Israel with my mom when she goes on "Miracle Mission" with UJA Federation every year.

I chose to do this because it makes me feel good to know that it is going to food clothing and other essential articles, and not to candy. This act of kindness affects me to know that someone is smiling right now because of me.

This action made me more aware because no matter how rich anyone is they should always be able to give a little. Yes I am going to continue to do this as long as I know that it is getting good use. Remember a little bit goes a long way.

by Andrew Feinberg

Beth El Youth Choir

Under the guidance of music teacher Anita Schubert a choir was assembled from among our 3rd-7th grade students. The choir performed at the Jewish Music Festival of Youth Choirs at Temple Rodef Shalom on Sunday, May 1. Representing Beth El were Rachel Benjamin, Rachel Claxton, Rachel Dellon, Rachel Edlow, Ariel Goldberg, Elizabeth Goldman, Elliot Lesser, Liza Nusinovich, Paulina Nusinovich and Jennifer Rubin. Accompanying the choir was Yelena Nusinovich.

Parent Education - Forum on Jewish Education

The April 17th Forum on Jewish Education drew an impressive, enthusiastic group. The program was devised to develop a realistic picture of what can be expected from a synagogue school education. Panelists included Jane Lewit (United Synagogue), Avi West (BJE) and Brenda Bregman (Beth El, Israel Quest chair). The main subjects discussed were teachers, student motivation, the Conservative movement's 6

hour per week requirement and Upper School Curriculum. According to Avi West, the teacher should be "a mench," the product of a Jewish education, and be personally committed to Jewish education. Brenda Bregman reminded everyone that, "parents have a role...to inspire our children." Jane Lewit brought her experience to bear by saying that, in general, about 50% of synagogue school teachers could be considered "good;" many teachers have only one skill, either "methods" proficiency or Jewish knowledge; and that parents tend to put higher expectations on religious school teachers than on secular school teachers. In dealing with the rigors of a six hour program, it was advised that the message from the home be clearly articulated - "religious school and synagogue are important." Special activities break up the time; a variety of experiences are presented and there should be a regular commitment to attendance on the part of students. With upper school programs the ideal objective is to develop the ability to "see the world through Jewish eyes." A program should seek to build a positive image, improve self-esteem. An appropriate program would grapple with the "issues of the day." On the heels of this Forum, the questions we should be asking ourselves are: What are our goals and expectations? Which of our goals and expectations are unrealistic? Where do we stand relative to other synagogue school programs? What changes should we be making to fulfill our highest capabilities?

Yom HaAtzmaut Activities Days

On Sunday, April 17th, the kindergarten-2nd graders were treated to an exceptional Yom HaAtzmaut program. The social hall was transformed into an Israel landscape complete with historic sites, tourist office, an archaeological dig, art museum and the Western Wall. The success of the program was based on the participation of teachers and aides including Juliann Goldman, Edith Sievers, Stephanie Cohen, Deborah Olchyk, Penina Freedenberg, Deborah Rosenbloom, Melissa Popper, Helene Cohen and Corinne Schneider. Also playing a pivotal role in enhancing the experience was school committee member Bert King who searched far and wide to accumulate posters, pamphlets, pins and Israeli treats.

SCHOOL CALENDAR NOTES - SCHOOL YEAR 1994/95

School starts:

Shabbat, September 10	First Junior Congregation Service
Sunday, September 11	Sunday Classes
Monday, September 12	Monday/Wednesday Classes
Tuesday, September 13	Tuesday/Thursday Classes
Upper School Classes (8th-10th grades)	

Reading Hebrew

As you receive this newsletter the school year will have come to a close. It is important that the gains made over this year, especially those made in Hebrew studies, not be left to decline over the course of the summer. In particular, I encourage parents to have their children review tefillah material, taught over this past year, on a regular basis over the summer. This suggestion sounds strange, especially given the actual obligation of daily prayer (which we do teach). But, be that as it may, idealist that I am, this request is meant to achieve at least two goals: first, as an inducement toward experiencing the spiritual value of prayer, a benefit which is interfered with when it is subsumed by the more pressurized atmosphere of the learning process; and second, to provide the opportunity for teachers and students to hit the ground running in the fall, instead of spending the first two to four weeks trying to make up for three months away from this subject area. I encourage you to use the lazy days of summer to nurture your child toward a different experience with tefillah Hebrew. It will also pay dividends with an easy return to school in the fall.

June 1994

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>10 July Scroll Deadline 8:00am Nursery Pack-Up Day 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:13pm Candles</p>	<p>11 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Aaron Niedermeyer B/M 10:30am Nitzanim - APR 8:30pm Niedermeyer Party-Gal, Crtyd, SH</p>
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<p>12 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR 3:00pm Court of Honor - APR</p>	<p>13 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>14 <i>Flag Day</i> 6:15pm USY - APR 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR 7:45pm Nursery Bd. - APR</p>	<p>15 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR</p>	<p>16 12:00pm Vatikim Luncheon-SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm 50+ Singles Mtg. - APR</p>	<p>17 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:16pm Candles</p>	<p>18 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Mindy Budgor B/M 10:45am Gan Shabbat - APR 12:45pm Keruv - Chapel</p>
<p>19 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR 12:00pm Handley/Arden Wedding</p>	<p>20 Nursery Camp Set-up - APR 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>21 <i>Summer Begins</i> Nursery Camp Starts 6:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm School Bd. - BR</p>	<p>22 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR</p>	<p>23 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 6:30pm Aerobics</p>	<p>24 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:17pm Candles</p>	<p>25 No Rentals 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Ivan Askwith B/M 10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>
<p>26 <i>17th of Tammuz - Fast Day</i> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Sisterhood - BR</p>	<p>27 6:00pm Aerobics - APR 6:00-10:00pm USY - SH</p>	<p>28 6:00-10:00pm USY - APR 6:30pm Aerobics</p>	<p>29 7:00-9:00am USY - SH 6:00pm Aerobics</p>	<p>30 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 6:30pm Aerobics</p>		

Minyans: 7:30 am & 8:00 pm

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