



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Shabbat Schedule

- Friday, July 29th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 30th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
- Friday, August 5th, at 6:30 p.m.  
Singles Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the APR
- Saturday, August 6th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel
- Friday, August 12th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 13th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Audrey Handleman Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
- Friday, August 19th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 20th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Adam Danoff Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
- Friday, August 26th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 27th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Rachel B. Edlow Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
- Selichot Service at 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Friday, September 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 3rd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Adam Sheff Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Havurah Minyan at 9:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

## News from Israel Bonds

The High Holy Days are the time to welcome in a new year, but they are also a time to partake in an old tradition -- investing in Israel's future through the purchase of Israel bonds. The annual Israel Bonds High Holy Days appeal is now more than four decades old. Each year, appeals held in synagogues throughout North America generate tens of millions of dollars for Israel's continued economic development.

During this year's High Holy Day services, you will be given a card affording you the opportunity to invest in Israel bonds. When you pick up that card, you will have in your hands the key to participation in Israel's future. Since its inception in 1951, the Israel Bonds organization has been an integral part of Israel's continued growth and development. In fact, many of the developments we are witnessing today -- a surging economy, the absorption of new immigrants and movement toward peace -- have been made possible through the economic foundation laid by Israel Bonds sales throughout the years.

To date, the Bonds program has provided Israel with more than \$14 billion in loan capital. As the nation looks ahead to the 21st century, Israel views continued loan funds generated by Israel Bonds investments as one of the primary cornerstones of a new era. Investment in Israel bonds does double duty, benefitting Israel as well as the investor. When your opportunity comes during our annual Israel Bonds High Holy Days appeal, help build for Israel's future, and your own, through an investment in Israel bonds.

## Oops!

In the article about the spring session of the Saul Bendit Adult Institute that appeared in the June 10th edition of the Beth El Scroll, Seymour Gross' name was inadvertently omitted from the list of instructors. We regret the error.

## Membership Information

Andrew and Melissa Dubroff have moved to 7838 Heatherton Lane, Potomac, MD 20854. Joseph and Dorene Rosenthal have moved to 7212 Millwood Court, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 229-4940. Richard Bensinger and Virginia Diamond have moved to 11225 Ensley Court, Richmond, Virginia 23233. Norman Graber has moved to 2103 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Evelyn Bitterbaum has moved to 10201 Grosvenor Place, #510, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 530-3464. Jack and Naomi Cohen have moved to 5901 Montrose Road, Apt. 804 South, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 881-7010. Jerry and Rita Ives' new address is P.O. Box 59006, Potomac, MD 20859.

## Hold The Date!

The 1995 Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism will take place Thursday, November 2 through Monday, November 6, 1995 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Learn how the synagogue works and how you can make it work even better!

## Member in Need of Assistance

A Beth El member needs a volunteer to help her walk while shopping, etc. two or three times a week. She uses a cane, but needs additional assistance. Please call the synagogue office at (301) 652-2606.

## Beth El Welcoming Committee Needs You!

The Beth El Welcoming Committee is looking for interested individuals/families to act as mentors and welcome new Beth El members to our community. If you would like more information and/or would like to volunteer to be a mentor, please call Debbie Heller at (301) 654-5497 or Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

### Vatikkim Luncheon

We invite you to join us for our Vatikkim luncheon on August 18, 1994 when our speaker will be Sid Levine. The topic will be "Ancient Jewish History Without Bubbe Meises." Sid has been a student and teacher of Biblical history for more than 25 years.

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.

Reservation Form

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, August 18, 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 August 16, 1994. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

### All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Harold and Vera Fassberg on the publication of their son's new book by Magnes Press in Israel.

Mazal Tov to Larry and Bruna Kay on the birth of their daughter, Miriam, on April 26, 1994 in Rome, Italy. Miriam is the granddaughter of Joseph George and Ruth Kay.

Mazal Tov to Erwin and Elaine Shalowitz on the marriage of their son, Jonathan Avram, to Naomi Fukushima on May 29th at the Synagogue of the Jewish Community Center of Tokyo, Japan. The couple will reside in Palo Alto, California while Jonathan pursues an MBA degree at Stanford University.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Ellen Sweetwood and Karen Safer.

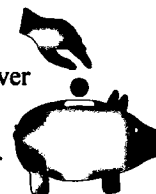
### Keruv

Keruv wants to answer your questions! Feel free to ask about almost anything, and we will try to answer you in the Beth El Scroll or, if you prefer, privately.

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 which will resume in October. For further information on Keruv, call Betty Schuchat McDonald at (301) 656-0742.

### Shopping Certificate Update

Please continue to purchase certificates over the summer. They are still available by "standing order", in the office, over the phone by calling either Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362 or Kathy Hooley at (301) 652-2606.



### LULAV AND ETROG ORDER FORM 1994

This year we are purchasing our Lulav and Etrogs from New York directly, thus saving everyone money -- almost 20%. In order to do this, however, all orders must be placed and paid for by September 9th.

I would like to order the following lulav and etrog set:

\_\_\_\_\_ Small \$38.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Large \$47.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Deluxe \$57.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office.

Orders must be received by September 9th!! NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 9TH Orders can be picked up on Sunday, September 18th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID!!

### BETH EL SCROLL

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# Congregation Beth El

Cordially invites you and your friends

to a

## Selichot Night

of

Music and Prayer

on

Saturday, August 27, 1994 at 9:00 p.m.

Special Musical Presentation

## **"Light for the Heart's Dark Places"**

### *Some Thoughts Before Selichot*

Music: Michael Isaacson

Text: Hazzan Samuel Rosenbaum

with

Abraham Lubin, Hazzan

Elizabeth Taylor, Mezzo Soprano

Hazel Cheilek, Conductor

Michael and Judith Platt, Narrators

Virginia Nanzetta, Flute

Marguerite Baker-Nan, Clarinet

Holly Avesian, Harp

Kenneth Krohn, Vibes

Douglas Walters, Cello



Dedicated in memory of Trudy Haber, Helen Hirsch, Ira Kline and Milton Wittman

This program was made possible by Charlotte Simos and the Irving "Ozzie" Simos Music Endowment Fund



A reception will follow the program

11:00 p.m. Selichot Services

with

Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman and Hazzan Abraham Lubin

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of June 27, 1994)

### **Bauer Confirmation Fund**

In Honor Of: Ethel Morgan's speedy recovery by Heinz Bauer.

### **Bendit Adult Institute Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Betsey Smokler and beloved sister, Cissie Balbes by Clare S. Lerner; Beloved father, Alex Smallberg, by Sheila Smallberg Cohen; Hannah Passes by Dr. and Mrs. Harold Passes.

### **Beth El Forest**

In Honor Of: Jason Nathaniel Froehlich's Bar Mitzvah by Elaine, Jim and Cristina David. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Harry M. Segal, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Rose Schofer by Irving and Vivian Beyda; Sue Bernstein by Irving and Vivian Beyda; Minnie Cohen by Irving and Vivian Beyda; Bob Bortz, father of Jim Bortz, by Janyse and Bernard Weisz; Kenneth Freedman by Janyse and Bernard Weisz.

### **Building Fund**

In Memory Of: Simon Zipper and Leopold Levi by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal.

### **Cantor's Fund**

In Honor Of: Cantor Lubin by Warren, Judith and Elyssa Greenberg. In Memory Of: Beloved daughter, Lisa Anne Frank, by Suzanne B. Goldberg; Dora Schulman Hindin by Frances H. Leibowitz; Annie Slamowitz by Curtis, Wendy and Ariana Levinson.

### **Chevra Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Bernard Simowitz, father of Lee Simowitz, by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Maier Joseph Byer by Dr. Abner A. Byer;

My beloved wife, Dorothy (Dubby) Freedman, by Henry E. Freedman; Theodore Heilborn by Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Fassberg; Monty Horovitz by Warren, Judith and Elyssa Greenberg.

### **College Fund**

In Honor Of: Warren Greenberg receiving the Kavod award by Claire Marwick.

### **Conservative Judaism in Israel**

In Memory Of: Nettye Schumer by Ellen and Bob Schumer.

### **Disabled Access Fund**

In Honor Of: Sam Nash's 95th birthday by Clare Lerner. In Memory Of: Barbara "Piri" Brown by Eran Gasko; Helen Hirsch by Albert and Betsy Prosterman.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

In Memory Of: Dora Potosky, mother of Neil Potosky, by Dolly and Marvin Band; Morton Goldman by Neil and Carolyn Goldman & Family; Beloved father, Phillip Glovinsky, by Sam and Frances Glovinsky; Dorene Zalis by Judith Newman.

### **General Endowment Fund**

In Memory Of: Harold Scheininger by Michael Scheininger.

### **General Fund**

Sari Shaftel. In Honor Of: Evelyn Margolis' Torah Fund Award by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Granddaughter, Susan J. Maller, receiving her Ph.D in Psychology by Lillian Maller; Seymour and Shirley Gross by Warren, Judith and Elyssa Greenberg. In Memory Of: Lily Sporn by Rosalie Sporn; My beloved wife, Dorothy (Dubby) Freedman, by Henry E. Freedman; Sam Mininberg by Ann Barley; Dorothy Freedman by Dorothy and Leon Glaser; My beloved husband, Judge Abraham H. Maller, by Lillian Maller.

### **Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund**

In Honor Of: The extra special birthday of Sam Nash by Leena and Erwin Groner; A hearty Mazel Tov to Harriet Wilkins on her special birthday by Leena and Erwin Groner. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Dora Lang, by Allan Lang.

### **Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Memory Of: Ida Friedman by Barbara Friedman; Edmund Meltzer by Sherman Kimball.

### **Library Fund**

In Honor Of: The confirmation class of '94 by Suzin Glickman; Jody's conversion by Robert and Jody Benjamin. In Memory Of: Father-in-law, Max Kaynard by Mina Kaynard; Beloved father, Georg Sachs, by Daniel Sachs; Judge Abraham Maller by Judith and Jonathan Levin; Father of Carol Luskin by Judith and Jonathan Levin.

### **Mazon**

Beth El Men's Club. In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph receiving a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Hebrew Union College by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Howard Copperman receiving the Kavod award by Claire Marwick; Birth of Miriam Kay, daughter of Bruna and Larry Kay, by Ruth and Joseph George Kay; The marriage of John Claude Harte, son of Marlene and Bennett Harte, to Bonnie Zetlin, by Lillian Maller. In Memory Of: Israel Sheeskin by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin; Charles Chernin by Jerry and Fay Chernin; Beloved mother, Rose Brown, by David H. Brown.

### **Mintz Landscaping Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Isaac Goldman, by Max Goldman; Judge Abraham Maller by Mary Dubrow.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: Dr. Herbert Tanenbaum's retirement by Dr. Herbert Wiser; Sam Nash chanting Maftir at his 95th birthday by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Ruthie Ehrenstein's graduation and becoming a Rabbi by Lillian Kessler; Rabbi Rudolph's Doctor of Divinity degree by Emanuel and Davetta Landau; Marriage of Bea and Ed Golfer's son, Alan to Debbie, by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Gerald and Debbie Ehrenstein' daughter becoming a Rabbi. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Mary Wiser, by Dr. Herbert Wiser; Alex Moskowitz and Joseph Greeble by Alan and Corinne Swoff; Father-in-law, Samuel Kline, by Etta Kline; Betty E. Rosoff by Janice Raffel; Harold Rib, brother of Louis Rib, by Lenore and Melvin Richter; Joseph Millenson by Roy H. Millenson; Rebecca Marcus, mother of Dr. Larry Marcus, by Dr. and Mrs. Larry Marcus; Mother of Vera Deckelbaum by Dr. and Mrs. Larry Marcus; Thelma Levinson by Herb and Anita Levinson.

### **Music Fund**

Charlotte M. Simos. In Honor Of: Cantor Lubin by Martin S. Dembo; Elsie Woolman's special birthday by Milton and Faye Doberman.

### **Nitzanin Fund**

In Honor Of: Rachel Milner's 1st birthday and Stefanie Milner's 3rd birthday by Hattie Ulan and Mark Milner. In Memory Of: Minna Shaftan by Florence Gang.

### **Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund**

In Honor Of: Amy Goott's receiving the UJA Federation Young Leadership Award by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Alan Spiegel, best wishes to 1994-95 USY Leadership, by Claire Marwick; Dennis Ross receiving the Kavod award by Claire Marwick; Frank & Melanie Goldstein's 25th anniversary by Karl, David and Karen Freiberg; Rabbi Rudolph's Doctor of Divinity Degree by Daniel and Elaine Mann. In Memory Of: Judy Greenberg's father by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Charlotte Sege by George and Carol Sege.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

In Honor Of: Sam Nash's 95th birthday by Judge and Mrs. Joseph A. Woolman; Ronnie Jill Kweller's engagement to Dr. Stgeven Falkow by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Grace Neulander by Daniel and Hadassah Thursz; Rose Streit Lieberman by Toby and Bernie Moss; Harold Rib, brother of Louis Rib, by Reba Hirsh; Dr. Frederick Theodore, father of Dr. William Theodore, by Peter and Esther Herscovitch; Melanie Susan Landau by Emanuel and Davetta Landau.

### **Rabbi's Fund**

In Honor Of: Performing the ceremony for Rachele Kromash's baby naming by Joe, Dana and Rachele Kromash. In Memory Of: Jack Pleeter by Dr. Saul Pleeter; Mollie Taubenblatt by Selig A. Taubenblatt; Goldie Moss by Toby and Bernie Moss; My beloved wife, Dorothy (Dubby) Freedman, by Henry E. Freedman; Harvey Phillips by Robert and Barbara Phillips; Abraham Danish by Rosalie Shapiro.

### **School Enrichment Fund**

In Memory Of: Philip Danoff, father of Jerry Danoff, by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Sally Cohen, mother of Robert Cohen, by Robert and Sheila S. Cohen; Philip Danoff, father of Jerry Danoff, by Beth El School Committee.

### **Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund**

In Memory Of: Sister, Mildred E. Allen and mother, Hulda by Harriet Wilkins; Ida Gordon by Ronald and Eleanor Feldbaum, Judge Abraham Maller by Ronald and Eleanor Feldbaum; Rachel Schettewi Cohen by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi.

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## Sisterhood News

### Beth El Sisterhood Co-Presidents Host Dinner for Sisterhood Board

Our new Co-Presidents, Janet Goldhill and Leslie Carter Silver, entertained the Sisterhood Board at a delicious dinner on June 15th at the kosher Chinese restaurant, Human Gourmet Palace. They thanked members of last year's Board and the professional staff of Beth El, who had been quite generous in their services for Sisterhood. This past year's President, Ellen Elow-Mintz, handed over the Sisterhood gavel; in turn, Janet and Leslie presented Ellen with a gift from the Sisterhood Board in appreciation of her work on our behalf these past two years. She also received a Past President pin.

For those of you who recall the Sisterhood election in May, Janet and Leslie were slated to be Executive Vice President and Co-Vice President for Education respectively. We can thank the suggestions of the "Presidents' Meeting" at the Seaboard Conference for convincing them to become Co-Presidents for Beth El Sisterhood. While Janet is relatively new to Beth El, having moved here two years ago, she has most recently been our Executive Vice-President for the past year and has been generous in giving of herself to many Beth El and Sisterhood activities. She is also quite experienced in synagogue work, having served as President of her Sisterhood in Texas and on the Texan Branch Board. Leslie was the Vice-President for Education last year and has also served in a number of ways during the years that she and her family have belonged to Beth El. They were elected at an ad hoc Board meeting on May 24th. Janet and Leslie are already working on next year's activities and are preparing the new Board by holding a training session with a National Women's League Coordinator on July 13th.

One of the events that was most appreciated by those present at the Congregation Annual Meeting was the donation to the Congregation of two checks: one for the completion of the Sisterhood pledge to the synagogue for \$16,000, and the other for a \$1500 donation to the Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund.

Please save the date of Sunday, September 18th for the exciting opening program of the 1994-95 year. We hope to see all of you at our Opening Brunch and Meeting.

Reminder: The Gift Shop will be closed the entire month of July and the first two weeks of August.



LESLIE CARTER SILVER AND JANET GOLDHILL, SISTERHOOD CO-PRESIDENTS.

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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. 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.

**August 1 - August 4**  
David and Julie Murray  
Steven Musher and Carolyn Garmise  
Gerald Nagler and Myra Levine  
Marvin and Twila Nattel  
Leonid Naydorf and Ella Sapozhnikova  
Gary and Annick Nemirovsky  
Irwin and Hellaine Nepo  
Barry and Karen Neuman  
Robert and Beatrice Newell  
Roy Niedermayer and Gail Ross  
Selwyn Notelovitz and Amy Voorhes  
Peter and Diane Novick  
Richard and Varda Nowitz  
Gregory and Yelena Nusinovich  
Robert and Rosine Nussenblatt  
Phillip Ochs and Sheila Cohen  
Samuel and Debra Olchyk  
Alan and Linda Orenstein  
Herman Orentlicher

**August 8 - August 11**  
Max and Vivian Osias  
Jerome Ostrov and Roberta Baruch  
Arthur and Sarah Paikowsky  
Steven and Dianna Palance  
Mark and Rina Palchick

Jacob and Diana Pankowski  
David and Helene Papilsky  
Maurice and Milly Papilsky  
Alan and Sharon Parver  
Jeffrey and Freida Paskow  
Harold and Gaye Passes  
David and Gertrude Pearl  
Irving and Hamaline Peltz  
George and Elaine Perlman  
Irwin Pernick  
Jerry Pfeffer  
Robert and Barbara Phillips  
Anthony and Marion Plicht  
Harry and Babette Pitt  
Michael and Judith Platt  
Saul and Elizabeth Pleeter

**August 15 - August 18**  
Milton and Bertha Pochter  
Michael Polis and Rhoda Barish  
Mark Pollak and Janet Meyers  
Richard and Sandra Pollen  
William Pollin and Teresa Amiel Pollin  
Joel and Betsy Popkin  
Arthur and Helen Popper  
Zvi and Bunny Porath  
Robert and Linda Posilklin  
Saul and Marcia Possick  
Michael and Adeen Postar  
Louis and Carole Potash  
Michael Pote and Lisa Muehnick Pote  
Albert and Doris Povich  
Barry Pupkin and Barbara Klein

David and Marci Raab  
Emanuel and Harriet Rabin  
Samuel Rabkin and Judith Hedstrom  
Aaron and Shirley Racusin  
Irving and Grace Ralfman

**August 22 - August 25**  
David Raim and Leslie Shedlin  
Arnold and Hilary Raizon  
Howard and Anita Ratain  
Sydney and Anne Ratcliffe  
Sanford and Shelley Reback  
Herman and Dorothy Rebhan  
Alfred and Marilyn Reines  
Stuart and Sarah Reiter  
Bernard and Charlotte Resnick

Harvey Resnik  
Louis and Helen Rib  
David and Marjorie Richman  
Melvin and Lenore Richter  
Basil and Margaret Rifkind  
Elliott and Laura Robinson  
Bernard and Cheryl Rod  
Isadore and Rose Rod  
Alexander and Beatrice Rosenberg  
David and Deborah Rosenbloom  
Emanuel and Sherry Hoffman Rosen

## Education Notes

This column, once titled "From the Principal's Desk," is now headed "Education Notes." The purpose of this name change reflects an interest in welcoming broader participation from the synagogue community in school sponsored events. This message, then, is addressed particularly at those families whose affiliation is not with the Religious School. This includes, but is not limited to, day school families, families who have chosen informal educational alternatives, families whose children are not involved in any program of formal religious studies, couples, empty nesters, and Vatikim. The catch is that those families tend not to read this column because it is not perceived as relevant to them; they don't have children in the Religious School. As a result, there is a clear dependence on word of mouth - the grapevine - to spread this message. Admittedly, the basis of this column will continue to be the Religious School and families served through that branch of the congregation. However, the goal here is to clarify that it is not unintentional that I use the term "school sponsored" to describe some of the many programs organized under the auspices of the school. This is a signal welcoming wider participation in the programs we organize. Such programs would include parent education programs, Erev Shabbat services and the monthly tikkun olam projects. The first school sponsored offerings that fit this classification are: High Holiday Junior Congregation services at both Beth El and Whitman from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; the Religious School Open House, which will include a speaker program, on Sunday, October 23rd; and the Consecration and B'nai Torah Service on Friday, November 11th. Participation in this service is open to students in kindergarten or just beginning formal religious school studies. We will also begin the year with a tzedakah drive encouraging every child to contribute \$1 toward Yachad's low income housing projects. I look forward to wider participation in school sponsored events this year.

### Office Aide

At this writing I am still in search of a Sunday morning office aide. I am looking for a high school student interested in answering phones, running copies and helping out in the school on Sunday mornings. Preference will be given to students enrolled in the religious school or our recent confirmands.

## Beth El Singles (35 - 50) Calendar of Events

<b>Beth El Singles Dinner and Shabbat Service</b>	
Friday, August 5, 1994, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	
Cost: \$10.00 for Beth El members, \$13.00 for non-members	
Reservations are due by Monday, August 1, 1994.	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Telephone (home) _____	
(work) _____	
Include check and mail to: Nancy Graber, 11702 Milbern Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 (301) 983-8370	

Future Beth El Singles Shabbat Dinners and Services will be held on October 28, 1994, January 27, 1995, March 24, 1995, May 12, 1995 and June 9, 1995. Please mark your calendar now and plan to be there.

There will be a discussion of election issues and candidates on Thursday, October 20, 1994.

## Mid-Week Carpooling

The carpool line at the end of mid-week Religious School classes has fortunately become a Beth El institution. Although it seems to take forever, rarely does it take more than 7 minutes to get all the children safely out of the All Purpose Room, into their cars and on their way. I look forward to everyone's patience at the beginning of the year as students learn their new numbers and we all get back into the smooth pattern dismissal usually follows.

For now, parents of mid-week students should call the school office to get a new carpool number. Numbers are assigned for one year. Last year a few people thought they could just use their old number, which created confusion on the opening days of school.

## Curriculum Update: Tefillah Instruction

A few years ago we began the process of changing how tefillah instruction is presented in our school. The implementation of that policy gave us performance levels in the 3rd-7th grades. That decision has proven to have been well conceived, and it has largely worked out exactly as expected. At the time that change was being discussed, a decision was made that changes to the content of our program of tefillah instruction would wait for another year. The time has come, and in response to input from parents, students and teachers, we will begin to implement a curriculum in the Hebrew Level I and II classes that includes Hebrew language and spoken Hebrew as learning objectives in addition to the tefillah objectives. There are textbooks that go along with this new curriculum. The most significant plus on that note is that it will give the students a greater degree of focus and will better fit the capabilities of the broad range of students with which we are blessed. Next year the program will be extended to the Level III class and perhaps the year after that to the Level IV class.

One of the great strengths of our school is the program of tefillah instruction and the teachers who present it. The enthusiasm of the staff for the new materials and their ideas how to adapt our goals to the program and the program's goals to our objectives was little short of inspiring. There is cause for optimism and excitement over a change for which so many people have been asking.

## Vaad HaStudentim

A final note on the work of the 1993/94 Vaad HaStudentim: among the highlights of the committee's work were decisions on disbursal of tzedakah funds, input to the School Committee for the student survey and discussions on school spirit raising activities. Much time went into discussions on tzedakah funds. Reflecting the input of the Committee, the more than \$1,100 raised this year was distributed among the Society for the Protection and Preservation of Nature in Israel, Geshar Foundation, Jewish Social Service Agency (for immigrant resettlement), Southern Poverty Law Center (Klan Watch and Teaching Tolerance Projects), Weizman Institute, Yad Vashem and Children's Hospital. I congratulate and thank this year's representatives and the alternate representatives who attended meetings. These included Tyler Abrams, Mindy Budgor, Jennifer Eisen, Rachel Fersh, Joshua Glick, David Goldberg, Erica Kaye, Jennifer Lebovich, Marissa Levy, Benjamin Lozovski, Arielle Pankowski, Carey Polis, Joshua Rosenbloom, Rachel Ross, Shira Savada, Eric Schulman, Leah Silver, Jonathan Stern, and Jason Sznol.

## From the Desk of the Youth Director

### Join in the Fun —

### Congregation Beth El Youth Groups

Beth El Youth Groups are a place where kids feel welcome. Our goal is to provide a warm, fun atmosphere where our youth feel at home, make friends, and explore their Judaism. Ski trips, conventions, sports leagues, social action projects, and overnights are just some of the events our youth groups offer. While all of our programs offer a wide spectrum of activities and opportunities to socialize with other Jewish youth, all of our programs are infused with Jewishness. Through our programs, our youth will build a strong Jewish identity while learning valuable social and leadership skills, as well as gaining self confidence.

Youth groups meet from September through June. Each group has an advisor who is responsible for the running of the group. U.S.Y. (the youth group for 9th - 12th graders) elects a Board made up of members who, along with the advisor, determines their schedule of events and helps run all of the programs.

Joining a Beth El Youth Group ensures that you will receive all Youth Department mailings, monthly phone calls from the group advisor, and discounts on group activities.

You can join a Beth El youth group by filling out a Beth El Youth Group Membership Application which was sent to you in your High Holiday Information Packet. If you need additional applications, please call Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, at (301) 652-2606.

To find out more about the various youth groups, please read the information below. In addition, members of Beth El are invited to Youth Group Kick-Off day on Sunday, September 11, 1994 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the synagogue. You will have the opportunity to meet the group advisors and learn about upcoming programs. Fun, food and games will be provided. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

## THE YOUTH GROUPS

### BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)

Advisor: Charni Selch Dues = \$18.00

Bonim, the Hebrew word for builders, is our beginning youth group. Bonim meets once a month. Bonim activities center around holiday activities, Jewish arts and crafts, and group games.

### MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Advisor: Ariel Glassman Dues = \$18.00

Machar is the Hebrew word for tomorrow. Machar meets once a month. Machar activities include field trips such as ice skating, putt-putting, and trips to area children's theatre in addition to holiday activities and group games.

### KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Advisor: Michael Scheinberg Dues = \$24.00

Kadima, the Hebrew word for forward, gets kids even more involved in the Youth Department. Kadima meets a minimum of twice a month. Kadimaniks participate in a variety of social activities such as rollerskating, go-carting, and pizza parties, in addition to performing community service at area shelters and the

food bank. They also have the opportunity to attend United Synagogue Seaboard regional days, conventions and a week-long encampment at the end of August.

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff Dues = \$28.00

U.S.Y., United Synagogue Youth, meets at least four times a month. Each month offers a spectrum of programming from athletics to religious services. Our chapter participates in regional volleyball and basketball leagues, raises money for Tikun Olam, the U.S.Y. charity, and has many fun social events such as mystery tours, ski trips, dances, educational seminars and Take 30 dinners. USYers also look forward to many United Synagogue Seaboard regional activities: fall and spring conventions, interchapters, and a week-long leadership training camp at the end of August.

## Nitzanim News

The Nitzanim Shabbat services for families with children under age six will be held August 13th and August 27th at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. Please join us for this special service filled with songs, prayer, a Torah parade, story and Kiddush.

Thanks to Mark Milner and Hattie Ulan for sponsoring the Kiddush on June 25th in honor of Stephanie's third birthday and Rachel's first birthday.

Nitzanim had a wonderful year and we appreciate the tremendous time, effort and enthusiasm of Rhonda Friedman, President, and all of the other officers and parents who helped to make the 1993-94 year a successful one. We look forward to another year of Nitzanim services and special holiday activities.

(Donations, continued from page 4)

### *Sisterhood Hospitality Fund*

In Honor Of: Janet Goldhill, best wishes to 1994-95 Sisterhood Leadership by Claire Marwick; Leslie Carter Silver, best wishes to 1994-95 Sisterhood Leadership by Claire Marwick; speedy recovery of Julia Copperman by Bea and Bernie Berger. In Memory Of: Harold Rib, brother of Louis Rib, by Bea and Bernie Berger.

### *Sisterhood Remembrance Fund*

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery for Julia Copperman by Gloria and Beryl Frank. In Memory Of: Milton Feldman by Judith Muntner.

### *Social Action Fund*

In Honor Of: Dennis Ross receiving the Kavod Award by Oscar and Yael Greenberg; David Levine, best wishes to 1994-95 Men's Club Leadership by Claire Marwick; A speedy recovery of Vicki Bergman, sister-in-law, by Clare Lerner; A speedy recovery of Jan Brodinsky, sister-in-law, by Clare Lerner. In Memory Of: Rachel Anixt by Anna A. Cohen; Beloved parents, Dr. Morris and Kate Robinson, by Dorothy Alberstadt; Bernard Simowitz, father of Lee Simowitz, by Oscar and Yael Greenberg; My parents, Rose G. Alter & Philip Goldstein, by Eleanor Goldstein Cohen.

### *Suls Youth Activities Fund*

In Honor Of: Joshua's teacher, Jacquelyn Levine, by The Claxton Family.

### *Vatikkim*

In Honor Of: Judith Newman, best wishes to 1994-95 Vatikkim Leadership by Claire Marwick; Sam Nash's 95th birthday by Judith Newman. In Memory Of: Judge Abraham Maller by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Richard Arnheim by Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim.

# July 29, 1994 - September 1, 1994

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					<b>29</b> 8:00am - 5:00 p.m. Camp Pack-Up - APR 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:02pm Candles	<b>30</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services
<b>31</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR 3:00pm Ives/Spirgel Wedding - Sanct., SH, Gallery, BR	<b>1</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Aerobics	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Vatikkim Study Session - SH 6:30pm Aerobics	<b>5</b> Scroll #1 Deadline 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Singles Dinner - APR 7:55pm Candles	<b>6</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:30am Havurah Minyan 12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel
<b>7</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:15am Zachary Elon Kalman B/M 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Aerobics 7:45pm Nursery Bd - APR 8:00pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Vatikkim Study Session - SH 6:30pm Aerobics	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:47pm Candles	<b>13</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Audrey Handleman B/M 10:30am Nitzanim - APR
<b>14</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR 12:00pm Goldman/Brown Wedding - Sanct, SH, Gal	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm School Bd. - BR	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>18</b> 12:00pm Vatikkim Luncheon-SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm 50+ Singles Mtg. - APR	<b>19</b> Scroll #2 Deadline 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:38pm Candles	<b>20</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Adam Danoff B/M
<b>21</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>25</b> 12:00pm Vatikkim Study Session - SH 6:30pm Aerobics	<b>26</b> 11:00am Paulson Wedding - Chapel 1:00pm Special Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:28pm Candles	<b>27</b> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Rachel Birnbach Edlow 10:30am Nitzanim - APR 9:00pm Selichot Service - Sanctuary
<b>28</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club Brkfst/Program - APR	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Aerobics	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Religious School Comm. Mtg. - BR	<b>31</b> Nursery Staff Work Day - APR 6:00pm Aerobics			

Minyans: 7:30 am & 8:00 pm

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