



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Shabbat Schedule

Friday, September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 24th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Jonathan Schlesinger Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, September 30th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Leslie and Robin Blitz B'not Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Havurah Minyan at 9:30 a.m. in the APR  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, October 7th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Benjamin Stanton Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

## Nursery School Makes Holiday Shopping Easy

On two Sunday mornings, September 25th and October 2nd, Beth El Nursery School will be taking orders at Beth El for Innisbrook gift wrap and toys from Constructive Playthings. A complete line of holiday and all-occasion paper and accessories is available. Constructive Playthings offer a full catalogue of Judaica and educational toys. All orders are free of delivery charge and a percentage of each purchase goes to the school.

If books are your favorite gift, why not help the nursery school while treating yourself at the same time? For two days only, October 16th and 17th, Borders Books will offer a special opportunity for all Beth El congregants. Fifteen percent of every purchase by a Beth El congregant will be refunded to Beth El Nursery School. In order to have your purchase properly credited, please mention your affiliation at the time of purchase. No scrip to buy, no receipts to turn in, just a simple, "I'm a member of Beth El." will do. Remember, Hanukkah starts on November 27th, so start your holiday shopping with a trip to Borders, and remember to mention Beth El when you go! For more information, please call BENS at (301) 652-1228.

## Social Action News

The Social Action Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, October 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Membership in the committee is open to anyone interested in participation in projects involving the community.

Last year's activities included the High Holiday Food Drive, adoption of a unit at the Hebrew Home, repairing an elderly homeowner's house and sheltering homeless individuals at Beth El for one week last May. Other members are involved with shelter work.



*Beth El students with Mrs. Felton, a very pleased homeowner. Clockwise from left, students are Ari Stern, Ari Lipman, Gabriel Shalom, Jocelyn Shalom and Elana Hammerman.*

Please join us on October 6th to help us plan for the coming year. New ideas and faces are welcome! Questions? Call Debbie Ross at (301) 229-4131.

## New IRS Charitable Contribution Rules

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

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

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

## Shopping Certificate News

It was your effort and cooperation that made the shopping certificate program a great success last year (over \$800,000 in sales with 5% profit going to Beth El!) Let's continue to work together to make this year's effort equally successful.



Stock up on shopping certificates for all your holiday shopping. Certificates are available for Giant, Magruders, Safeway, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Snider's, Shalom, Katz's, and Fresh Fields. Join the many "standing order" families or purchase yours by mail, in the synagogue office, at Vatikim meetings or in the Rotunda on Sunday mornings.

Since 5% of all sales goes directly to Beth El, this is an easy way to keep dues' increases to a minimum. For further information, please call Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362.

## Membership Information

Reuben and Blanche Lozner have moved to 3330 North Leisure World Boulevard, Apt. 428, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

## All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Jack and Susan Yanovski on the birth of their son, Andrew Bernard Yanovski, on July 30, 1994.

Mazal Tov to Jeffrey and Doris Anders on the birth of David Joshua Anders on June 17, 1994. David is the grandson of Ted and Miriam Anders.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Eve Tishkoff.

## Keruv

Dear Keruv: I am 45, not Jewish, but have always been interested in Judaism and attracted to it. How can I go about learning more about becoming Jewish? Outside Looking In

Dear Looking In: We welcome you to Judaism and all the richness it brings to daily life. Becoming and feeling Jewish, as you may have already guessed, is more a process than an event (perhaps a life-long process, even for those who are born Jewish), and Beth El offers many ways to learn more about Judaism and becoming Jewish, including the following:

The conversion course sponsored by Beth El and several other local Conservative synagogues. The course is taught by the participating synagogues' rabbis, runs from October to March, and surveys everything Jewish from holidays to history. Call the synagogue office for information. (One may take this course to simply learn about Judaism, too.)

Saul Bendit Adult Institute courses. These courses can help you negotiate the prayerbook, run a Jewish home, or learn more about a particular issue or subject. The Beth El Scroll will keep you informed about fall and spring classes.

Keruv events. At Keruv's special events, you can be part of Jewish holidays with others who want to share Jewish life with you and ask questions in an informal setting. (Some at Keruv

events are converts who have had the same questions!) The October Keruv discussion about converts' stories might especially interest you.

The Shabbat kiddush and holiday events at Beth El. Attending these lets you see and be part of Jewish life -- and ask more questions. Please feel free to ask questions, too; most people are eager to share knowledge and flattered to be asked.

You can also join Jewish life outside of Beth El in many ways too numerous to list here. The Washington Jewish Week lists events and lectures you can attend, in addition to reporting on Jewish issues. Reading books and magazines is another way to connect, and a good place to start is the Beth El library.

If you would like someone to be on call for questions you might have, contact Keruv, and we can give you your own mensch to call on. Again, we welcome you to Judaism.

## Keruv's Calendar Special Events -- Everyone Welcome!

**Sukkot:** The Annis family is opening their sukkah to all who would like to share the fun of socializing and eating in the sukkah. Drop by 5219 Goddard Road on Sunday, September 25th between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Call Terri or Jeff Annis at (301) 656-5219 for directions.

**Hanukkah:** Everyone is invited to the annual Hanukkah Party at the Levine-Janney home on Saturday night, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Their address is 5835 Conway Road in Bethesda. We promise lots of latkes and dreidel games and Hanukkah fun.

## Shabbat Discussions

Keruv welcomes everyone to our Shabbat discussion group, held after the morning services on the dates listed below. In our discussions we talk about how we have met our own challenges with children, spouses and grandchildren, our questions about how to integrate our non-Jewish family members in Jewish life, and how we preserve our Jewish heritage. We may -- or may not -- limit ourselves to the following topics:

- October 15th: Converts' Stories
- November 19th: The December Dilemma
- January 21st: B'nai Mitzvah in Interfaith Families

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. Address your questions or comments to "Dear Keruv" in care of the synagogue office.

Keruv ("outreach") was formed to address the issues of intermarriage at Beth El. For information about Keruv and its discussion groups and other activities, call Betty Schuchat McDonald at (301) 656-0742.

## Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Abraham Hochberg and Marilyn Hammerman on the death of Frieda Esther Hochberg, wife and mother, and to Ben Bornstein on the death of his grandfather, Daniel D. Ferguson.

# 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.

September 26 - September 29

- Igor and Svetlana Sergeyko
- Erwin and Elaine Shalowitz
- Jonathan and Naomi Shalowitz
- Mark and Sabina Shalom
- Michael Shalom
- Barry and Carolyn Shanoff
- Edward and Roslyn Shapiro
- Harry Shapira
- Howard and Eve Shapiro
- Hyman and Barbara Shapiro
- Melvyn and Rosalie Shapiro
- Vadim and Alla Shapiro
- Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin
- Alan and Vivi Sheff
- Sholom and Adele Shefferman
- Victor and Isobel Sheifer
- Andrew and Judy Sherman
- Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum
- Douglas and Carol Sherman
- Gerald and Lola Sherman

October 3 - October 6

- Harvey and Susan Sherzer
- Leon and Frances Sherman
- Joseph Schlaferman and Judith Zins
- Menachem and Deborah Shoham
- Charles and Merle Shoneman
- Irwin Shuman
- Edwin and Arlene Shykind
- Hugh and Ruth Sichel
- Marc Sichel and Melanie Daub
- Lawrence and Hilda Sidman
- David and Bonnie Sidransky
- David Siegel and Susan Brinn Siegel
- Robert and Paula Siegel
- Marc and Edith Sievers
- Jonathan and Jacqueline Silber
- Benson and Celia Silverman
- Donald and Ruth Silverstein
- Joel and Leslie Silver
- Stanley and Harriet Silverberg
- Emil and Devra Simiu

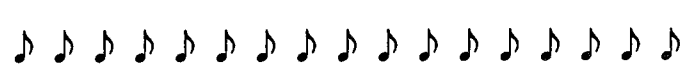


## Ahavat Shir to Sing at Interfaith Thanksgiving Program

Welcome to all who love to sing. Beth El's Ahavat Shir, led by Hazzan Lubin, is looking for singers to participate in a musical performance as part of a joint Interfaith Thanksgiving Program with the Bethesda Methodist Church. The event will occur on Tuesday, November 22nd.

To all those High and Low voices who can commit to approximately 6 rehearsals, please call Sheila Smallberg Cohen at (301) 652-0237, Naomi Cohen at (301) 881-7010 or Selma Kriss at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606.

Rehearsals will be held mostly on Sunday mornings. Dates will be announced soon.



## Yizkor Book Additions

The following Yizkor Book listings were received after publication of the book:

### IN MEMORY OF

### REMEMBERED BY

LOUIS BECKER  
 ELLA BECKER PALIN  
 ALEXANDER TEITLER  
 SARAH TEITLER

Roy and Elaine Becker

JACK I. BENDER  
 ABRAHAM DOSIK  
 IDA DOSIK

Howard and Sondra Bender

KURT EHRENSTAMM  
 REBECCA SCHEINER

Faye Ehrenstamm

Eric and Rochelle Fig

MORRIS WAX  
 ESTHER LONDON  
 ISRAEL LONDON  
 EVA KATZIN  
 JACK KATZIN  
 LILLIAN ZAYON

Marshall and Helene Katzin

RAPHAEL CORSON  
 LOUIS COHEN

Dan Kazzaz, Audrey Corson and Family

JEROME ROSENBLUM  
 MARIE GOLDSCHIEDER FUSS  
 MOZES FUSS

David and Deborah Rosenbloom

GERTRUDE L. CEDARBAUM  
 ISADOR C. WODISKA  
 AMELIA L. WODISKA  
 MORTIMER J. WODISKA  
 MARION C. WODISKA  
 ELLEN BARNETT

Paul and Jo Wodiska

### BETH EL SCROLL

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## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of August 15, 1994)

### **Beth El Forest**

In Memory Of: Arnold Greene by Marcia and Saul Possick; Freida Esther Hochberg by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Beloved father, Jacob Wolfson, by Isadore Wolfson; Mervin Kramer by Dale and Harvey Gold; Ella Palin by Roy Becker; Beloved sister, Sarah Leavit, by Henry E. Freedman; Anna Chinn by Sarah and Ben Kaiser; Rudy Mellinger by Ben and Sarah Kaiser.

### **Cantor's Fund**

In Honor Of: Aaron Tievsky's Bar Mitzvah by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; In appreciation of Cantor Lubin's participation at the marriage of Tamara Ryter to Albert Amos by Gay and Don Losman. In Memory Of: Brad Cohen's mother by Andy and Missy Dubroff, Matthew and Lindsay; Freida Esther Hochberg by Lillian Kessler.

### **Chevra Kadisha Fund**

In Honor Of: The Tishkoff Family celebration by Jerry and Fay Chemin. In Memory Of: Dorothy Neiterman by Charlotte and Bernard Resnick and Sylvia and Lawrence Beck; Beloved mother and mother-in-law of Charlotte and Bernard Resnick, by Louis and Carole Potash.

### **Conservative Judaism in Israel**

In Memory Of: Sally Komer, aunt of Asher H. Ende, by Jeanne and Asher H. Ende.

### **Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund**

In Memory Of: Mary Feld by Flora Goldberg.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

In Honor Of: The speedy recovery of Dr. Bernie Band by Dolly and Marvin Band. In Memory Of: Louis Kohn by Esther G. Kohn.

### **General Endowment Fund**

In Honor Of: Birth of granddaughter, Sarah Rachel Kleine, by Paula and Herman Kleine.

### **General Fund**

In Honor Of: Tutti Sokol's birthday by Bruce and Ann Barcome; Ronald Treinish's recovery from surgery by Sheryl, Jeff, Matt and Carrie Greenberg. In Memory Of: Marjorie Friedman by Barbara Friedman.

### **Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Rose Madeoy, by Rocky M. Lang.

### **Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Honor Of: Our children, Andrea and Mike Druckman, for their moving rendition of the Haftarah on the Shabbat prior to Tisha B'Av, by Marcia and Sol Karsch.

### **Mazon**

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph's degree by Jerry and Sally Fianzer. In Memory Of: Morris Potash by Dr. and Mrs. Louis Potash.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: Ed Golfer by Lillian Kessler; The speedy recovery of Renee Horwitz by Bea and Bernie Berger; The speedy recovery of Ronnie Treinish by Lynn, Nathan, Jessica and Jonathan Treinish; All the morning minyan "Menchim" who are wonderful friends by Deborah Liebowitz; The speedy recovery of Ron Treinish by Julia and Howard C. Copperman. In Memory Of: Ida Applefeld, Willard Applefeld and Paul Shapiro by Ed and Roz Shapiro; Bernard A. Raffel by Janice Raffel; Isadore Kessler by Bea and Bernie Berger; Phillip Berman by Ken and Beth Berman.

### **Music Fund**

In Memory Of: Freida Esther Hochberg by Jack and Stephanie Ventura, Shirley and Hal Ifshin and Howard and Julia Copperman.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

In Memory Of: Rose Debois by Elaine and George Perlman; Eleanor Mitnick Berzofsky by Jay and Sharon Berzofsky; Isidore Kessler by Howard and Julia Copperman and Martin S. Dembo; Libby Shapiro Feinman by Bernard and Annabelle Band.

### **Rabbi's Fund**

In Honor Of: Aaron Tievsky's Bar Mitzvah by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; In appreciation of Rabbi Rudolph's officiating at the marriage of Tamara Ryter to

Albert Amos by Gay and Don Losman; Confirmation of Benjamin Tievsky by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky. In Memory Of: Freida Esther Hochberg by Toby and Bernie Moss; Cecile S. Goldman by Phyllis Margolius; Beloved mother, Rebecca Rubinstein, by Marcia Possick.

### **School Enrichment Fund**

In Memory Of: Marty Wind, father of Gary Wind by Gary and Marilyn Wind; June Balber by Kim and Lyle Lieberman.

### **Sisterhood Hospitality Fund**

In Honor Of: Leslie Carter Silver's election as Co-President of Sisterhood by Bernard and Rita Jacobi.

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

In Memory Of: Hugo Blumenthal by Werner Blumenthal.

### **Sisterhood Remembrance Fund**

In Memory Of: Grace B. Mirmelstein.

### **Social Action Fund**

In Honor Of: 25th anniversary of Sharon and David Spiegel by Ellen and Norman Eule. In Memory Of: Taube Fleischer by Heinz and Bertl Just; Dr. Samuel Spector by Bert Spector; Judge Irving A. Levine by Shirley Levine; Ilse Weinberg by Karl Freiberg.

### **Suls Youth Activities Fund**

In Honor Of: Rachel Handloff by Sam Davidson.

### **Torah Scroll Fund**

In Memory Of: Maury Shykind by Arlene and Edwin Shykind; David Nisan Greenwood by Naomi Greenwood and Family.

### **Vatikkim**

In Honor Of: The marriage of the grandchildren of Marcia and Saul Possick by Gene and Eleanor Elzufon.

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

In Honor Of: Brother, Juli Kopit, special birthday by Leo Kopit. In Memory Of: Eugene Sporn, Sidney Kaplan, and Samuel Sporn by Rosalie M. Sporn and Family.

## Parking With Care

Once again, we find it necessary to remind our members that we should try to be kind and respectful of our fellow neighbors. In that vein, we would like to remind everyone to be careful parking on the residential streets surrounding the building: **please do not park on someone's lawn or in their driveway; please do not block any driveways.** Several of the neighbors have complained about our lack of concern when parking in the neighborhood, and we should be sensitive to their needs. In addition, please do not park against the yellow curbs in the synagogue lot. Should there be the need for an emergency vehicle to drive through the lot, it would be unable to get through.

Yes, it may take you a few minutes more to park and it may not be as convenient. But, as a sign of respect for each other and our fellow neighbors we hope you will park with care.

### *The Havurah Minyan*

Everyone is *welcome* to daven and discuss Torah at the Havurah Minyan. We meet in the "all purpose room" on the first Shabbat morning of each month (except during July and August) at 9:30 in the morning.

## Sisterhood News

### Torah Fund

The Jewish Theological Seminary has just celebrated its 100th year. At a recent commencement, Steven Spielberg said, "If we drink from the well, we have to replenish the well."

Our contributions to the JTS enable the Seminary to financially assist students who will become our future rabbis, cantors and educators. It is incumbent upon us to reach out and support the JTS because "without large numbers of new and well-trained Jewish professionals, we will never stanch the attrition afflicting American Jewry."

Each year the Seminary presents a specially designed pin in appreciation and recognition of Special Gifts contributions. This year's beautiful pin, "A Joyous Heart" (Yismah Layv in Hebrew) is available to Benefactors and up. For a contribution of \$150 a double mitzvah is enjoyed: the Seminary benefits from your contribution, and you receive the pin to wear with pride or to give as a gift for a birthday, anniversary, birth of a baby or other special occasion.

To obtain the Torah Fund pin, please call Doris Povich at (301) 320-5440 or Esther Rubin at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606. Our new Sisterhood Judaica Shop will also display the pin.

### Washington Jewish Week Subscriptions

If you need to renew your subscription to the Washington Jewish Week or want to order a new subscription, please contact Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362. Your order benefits the Beth El Sisterhood.

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

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.

### Men's Club and Sisterhood Jointly Sponsor Political Sundays

The Men's Club and Sisterhood are continuing their jointly sponsored political programs with two more dynamic speakers. These will feature two candidates seeking to become the Lieutenant Governor of Maryland.

On September 25th, Senator Howard Denis will present his vision for the state. On October 2nd, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend will be presenting her views as to why she is the best candidate for the office.

The morning minyan will begin at 8:30 a.m. on September 25th and at 9:00 a.m. on October 2nd. On both days, services will be followed by breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and the featured speaker at 10:00 a.m.

### Seminary Scholars to Examine America's Changing Values

Some of the most sensitive moral issues confronting society -- from abortion and euthanasia to alternative life styles -- will be addressed at the Jewish Theological Seminary's Third Annual Greater Washington Institute to be held at B'nai Israel Congregation in Rockville on Sunday, November 6th.

The Institute, co-sponsored by four local Conservative synagogues, will feature faculty members of the Seminary who will conduct workshops and a panel discussion on the theme "Birth, Death and Sexuality: Conservative Judaism in a Changing World."

The participating congregations are Adas Israel, B'nai Israel, Har Shalom and Ohr Kodesh. Open to the public, the program will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., including luncheon. The workshops include: "Dilemmas at Life's Beginning: Conception, Adoption and Abortion" -- Rabbi Allan Kensky, Assistant Professor of Rabbinical skills and Associate Dean of the Rabbinical School; "Virgins, Wives and Mistresses: The Parameters of Sexuality Inside and Outside of Marriage" -- Ruth Fagen, Instructor in Talmud and Rabbinics; and "When the Last Candle Goes Out: Choices at the End of Life" -- Dr. Harlan Wechsler, Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Philosophy.

In addition, Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg of Adas Israel will moderate a panel discussion entitled "Reflections on the Report of the Rabbinical Assembly Commission on Human Sexuality."

The cost will be \$10.00 per person for advance reservations and \$12.00 at the door, with a special rate of \$5.00 for students. Arrangements will be made for the hearing impaired. For further information, call (301) 881-6550.

Now in its second century, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America offers undergraduate, graduate, rabbinical and professional programs designed to meet the diverse needs of Jewish life in the modern world.

### Rabbi Maltzman, Travel Agent

If you are planning a visit to Israel, ask Rabbi Maltzman for his newly "published" list of his favorite places in Jerusalem.

### Attention Government Employees

Did you know that you can specify Congregation Beth El as a "Designated Agency" to receive contributions through the United Way of the National Capital Area Campaign? By designating Beth El, every paycheck will include a donation to Beth El. As we do not receive a breakdown of donors and amounts, this may not be used to pay any fees due to the congregation. We appreciate those who have done this in the past year and hope that more congregants will take advantage of this easy way to give to Beth El.

## From the Desk of the Youth Director

Congregation Beth El Youth activities are off to a very exciting start. September is a great month to become a member. It is very important for everyone to RSVP to the appropriate youth group advisor if you plan to participate in an activity. This is the best way for activities to run smoothly. If you have any questions regarding youth programming, please feel free to call me in the synagogue office or drop by anytime. I would love to hear from you.

Shanah Tovah,  
Rachel B. Handloff

## JOIN IN THE FUN! Congregation Beth El Youth Groups

### The Youth Group Calendar

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

Sunday, September 25

Join Charni and Bonim for some creative Sukkah decorating. Meet at Beth El in the All Purpose Room at 1:30 p.m. Cost is free for members, \$3.00 for non-members. RSVP to Charni, (301) 468-2127.

#### Advisor: Charni Selch

Sukkah Decorating

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

Sunday, September 25

Join Ariel and Machar for a picking extravaganza. Meet at Beth El at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members. You take home all that you pick. RSVP to Ariel, (301) 652-4015.

#### Advisor: Ariel Glassman

Fall Festival at

Rock Hill Orchard

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

Sunday, September 25

Meet at Beth El at 1:30 p.m. and join Mike and Kadima for an Inner Harbor Scavenger Hunt. Cost is \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members. RSVP to Rachel B. Handloff, (301) 652-2606.

#### Advisor: Michael Scheinberg

Inner Harbor Mystery Tour

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

Sunday, September 25

Join USY for this special New Member activity. Meet at Congregation Beth El at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00, which includes lunch, go carting, transportation and snacks. RSVP to Rachel B. Handloff, (301) 652-2606.

#### Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff

Let's Go Go Carting

## Bagels Bagels and more Bagels!

Beginning Sunday, October 9th, USY will be selling bagels in the Rotunda on Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Bagels are 50 cents each.) Money raised from the bagel sales will go to the USY Tikkun Olam fund. Please help support USY by buying bagels. If you would like to order a dozen in advance, at a cost of \$5.00, you should call Alan Spiegel at (301) 897-5438 by Tuesday, October 4th. Bagel sales will continue every Sunday during the month of October.

## Bonim and Machar: Do you want to go to the Big Apple Circus?

Bonim and Machar will be going to the Big Apple Circus on Sunday, October 9th. Meet at Beth El at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Watch your mail for more information.

## Bikur Choleem Committee

Beth El is creating a Bikur Choleem Committee. Please join us in reaching out to those in our Beth El community who are ill. There is a lot we can do: a phone call, a visit. How about it? Show someone in need that you care. Please call Rhonda Kleiner Lowell at (301) 294-8858. There will be a meeting on October 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room to organize.

## 1994 - 1995 Bible Heritage Lecture Series

The first monthly lecture in the 1994 - 1995 Bible Heritage Lecture Series sponsored by The Foundation for Jewish Studies will be held at the Embassy of Israel on Monday, October 17th at 7:15 p.m. Renowned Bible scholar, Professor Moshe Greenberg, of Hebrew University, will speak on **Praying for the Government from Jeremiah Till Today: An Index of Assimilation**. Participants must be registered through The Foundation office before October 4th to attend this lecture.

The series will continue at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase on Thursday, November 17th, with a lecture on the topic **Saul Bellow Appropriates Genesis** by Professor Alan Mintz of Brandeis University. **Money and Marriage: Feminist Stirrings in Rabbinic Texts** is the topic of the Tuesday, December 13th lecture by Professor Judith Hauptman of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Bible Heritage Lecture Series is free of charge and open to the public. To register for the October lecture at the Embassy of Israel and for a brochure of the series, please call the office of The Foundation for Jewish Studies at (301) 770-4787.

## 1995 Summer European Cruise

Cruise with Holland America's new luxury 50,000 ton ship, the Maasdam. Fly to London on August 13, 1995 from Washington, D.C., then sail to Rotterdam, Holland, LeHavre, France, La Coruna, Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Malaga/Granada, Spain, Monte Carlo, Monaco, Livorno/Florence/Pisa, Italy, and Civitavecchia/Rome, Italy. To receive a 25% group discount, book by January 15, 1995. Cost starts at \$3170.00, including flights and all taxes. The ship provides Friday night services, an Oneg Shabbat and Saturday morning services. Kosher food can be requested. As a group, a bus can be chartered to visit places of Jewish interest, such as Granada, Spain. For more information, please call Jay Baer between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. at (301) 299-4643.

## Education Notes

### Mivtzah Menschlekeit

The school will continue to promote the ethical lessons that form the core of Jewish practice. To that end we will sustain the program begun last year of promoting decent, caring, respectful behavior, Mivtzah Menschlekeit. Almost two thousand years ago Rav instructed:

Which is the path of virtue a person should follow? Which ever brings honor to his Maker and brings him honor from his fellow human beings.

How fortunate that as an ethnic group we have made maximum use of such a variety of means of expression. Among the fundamental modes pushed toward their limits are music,

literature, and language. That we have evolved in this way can be read as an expression of a great drive to communicate, rabbinically considered to be the Jew's role in the world: "a nation of priests," "a light unto the nations..." Sometimes we have so much to say and are tested by the limits of our mother tongue that we have to borrow from other parts of our lingual heritage.

We turn to Yiddish when shayna punim, maven, or schlemiel best captures what we want to say. The list of adjectives to describe a good, nice, decent, caring person is best summed up by mensch. This year the Religious School calls on all within the Beth El community to elevate the level of menschlekeit in their behavior, serving as models for our children and calling for the same decent, caring behavior on their part. For our part we will enhance our attention to this aspect of ethical behavior in our program of studies with text study, discussions, assemblies and family education programs. Two thousand years later, the challenge remains in the lesson of another of the Talmudic sages, Rabbi Eliezer, who taught: "Cherish your colleague's honor as your own."

### Consecration/Ben Torah-Bat Torah Ceremony

On Friday, November 11th we will honor Beth El's children who will have begun their formal religious school studies this year. The service will be followed by a Family Shabbat Dinner. The highlight of the program will be the consecration ceremony, recognizing children just entering the kindergarten, and a celebration of other students just beginning formal Jewish studies. Participation is open to our Religious School and day school children. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. If you are

interested in having your child participate in the evening's events and have not yet signed up, please contact the Religious School office.

### Religious School Open House

Parents are invited to participate in a Religious School Open House on Sunday, October 23rd. Classes will meet as scheduled. The day's program will include time for parents to meet with teachers and a parent education program. While the children are engaged in an assembly, teachers will be able to meet with parents to present their program of instruction, discuss ways parents can help facilitate their child's education and get direct feedback from parents. If needed, parents should be able to visit more than one teacher. Open House will also mark the return of the Religious School and Sisterhood sponsored Parent Education Program. This first workshop is entitled "Raising Your Child To Be A Mensch." The workshop leader will be Rabbi Barry Freundel of Keshet Israel.

### The schedule for the Open House will be:

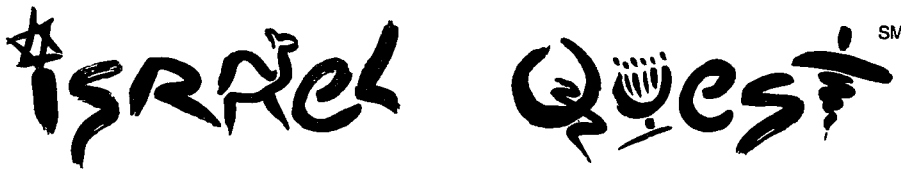
Early Session -	
9:10- 9:30	Parent Visits with Teacher
9:30-10:45	Speaker's Presentation (Board Room) followed by Coffee and Conversation.
Late Session -	
11:30-12:30	Speaker's Presentation (Board Room) followed by Coffee and Conversation
12:45-1:05	Parent Visits with Teacher.

### Parent/Family Education

The Parent/Family Education Committee will sponsor a second annual "Share A Special Sukkah" event. Last year over 20 families participated in this celebration. If you are interested in taking part as a guest or host, please contact the Religious School office.

### Special Needs Class

There is an opening in the Religious School's Special Needs class. The class is open to children in upper elementary school grades who are in self-contained classes for their secular education. The program of studies parallels our general curriculum and includes Hebrew instruction, history, ethics and values, and holidays. Class size is limited to five students. The class is held on Sundays from 11:15-1:15 and Wednesdays from 4:15-6:15. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact the Religious School office.



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# September 23, 1994 - October 6, 1994

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>18</b>                      9:00am Minyan - Chapel                      9:00am-1:15pm Religious School                      Sukkah Visits                      9:30am Politics for a Sunday - SH                      10:30am Tutors Seminar - BR                      2:00pm Boy Scouts - APR</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <i>Erev Sukkot</i>                      10:00am Sabra                      Hadassah Mtg. - BR                      12:00pm Office Closed                      Early/No Religious School                      6:30pm Festival Services</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>SUKKOT</b>                      Office and Schools Closed                      9:15am Services                      6:30pm Services</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>SUKKOT</b>                      Office and Schools Closed                      9:15am Services</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH                      6:00pm Youth Groups - Sukkah                      7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR                      7:30pm 50+ Singles - APR</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <i>Autumn begins</i>                      Scroll #4 Deadline                      6:30pm Friday Evening Service                      6:44pm Candles</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      7:30am &amp; 9:15 am Shabbat Services                      9:15am Jonathan Schlesinger B/M                      10:00am Jr. Congregation                      10:30am Nitzanim - APR                      8:00pm Schlesinger Party - Gal/SH</p>
<p><b>25</b>                      8:30am Minyan - Chapel                      9:15am Shaina Dymond B/M                      9:30am Politics for a Sunday - BR                      12:30-5:00pm Youth Groups - APR</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <i>Erev Shemini Atzeret</i>                      12:00pm Office Closed                      Early/No Religious School                      6:30pm Festival Service</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b>                      Office and Schools Closed                      7:00am &amp; 9:15 am Services (Yizkor)                      7:30pm Erev Simchat Torah Services</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b>                      Office and Schools Closed                      9:15am Services</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      6:30pm Friday Evening Service                      6:33pm Candles</p>	<p><b>1</b>                      7:30am &amp; 9:15 am Shabbat Services                      9:15am Lealie and Robin Blitz B/M                      9:30am Havurah Minyan                      10:00am Jr. Congregation                      12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel</p>
<p><b>2</b>                      9:00am Minyan - Chapel                      9:30am Politics for a Sunday - SH</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      6:00pm Aerobics                      7:00pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute                      6:30pm Aerobics                      8:00pm Religious School Comm. Mtg. - BR                      8:00pm Sisterhood                      Roah Chodesh Group - APR</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      6:00pm Aerobics                      7:00pm Boy Scouts - Room 103                      7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH                      6:30pm Aerobics                      7:30pm Bikur Choleam - APR                      8:00pm Ahavat Shir - SH                      8:00pm Social Action Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Scroll #5 Deadline                      6:22pm Candles                      6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      7:30am &amp; 9:15 am Shabbat Services                      9:15am Benjamin Stanton B/M                      10:00am Jr. Congregation                      10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>

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