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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, November 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 5th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Lauren Heymann Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, November 11th, at 6:30 p.m.
K - 1 Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Lindsay Gordon Shoneman Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 p.m. in the APR
Michael Schneider Bar Mitzvah at 4:45 p.m.

Friday, November 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 19th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Hillary Ganek Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:45 a.m. in the APR
USY at 11:00 a.m. in the BR
Keruv at 12:00 p.m. in the BR

Off The Bimah

In the fall of 1980, soon after arriving in Tokyo, I was invited to give a lecture on Judaism to a gathering of clergymen from all over Japan. After the talk, I sought out the only other English speaking colleague present, who turned out to be a Maryknoll Catholic priest from the Bronx, New York. Father Bill Grimm was then serving a small parish in Hokkaido, hundreds of miles north. A wonderful friendship blossomed. Over the years, I have admired his work and career, which included the establishment of a half-way house for ex-convicts in a poor, seedy area of Tokyo. When I left Japan, Father Bill presented me with a small silkscreen, which hangs in my office today, embroidered with the words of the "Shma" in Japanese.

In recent years Father Bill has been producing educational videos on world religions for distribution and use by Maryknollers throughout the world. This past spring Beth El was used as the site for a video on Judaism, entitled "Wings and Roots." It is a sensitive, accurate, and authentic portrayal of a synagogue and the Jewish life-cycle and calendar. Featured in the film are members of our professional staff and various congregants, all of whom were gracious and generous in giving of their time. A copy of the video is available for borrowing through the Beth El library, or for purchase through my office. The delicacy and care that went into its production is a positive step towards removing the ignorance and mystery that surrounds the Jewish religion worldwide. "Yasher Koach" to our friends at Maryknoll!

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

United Synagogue Seaboard Region Convention

Please plan now to attend the Seaboard Region Biennial Convention to be held at B'nai Israel Congregation on December 16 - 18, 1994. The theme this year will be "The Mitzvot of Leadership," and Rabbi Moshe Edelman will be the Scholar-in-Residence and keynote speaker. Rabbi Edelman is the director of Leadership Development at the international offices of United Synagogue. United Synagogue promises a dynamic and stimulating -- and fun! -- weekend.

Mr. Alan Ades, the current International President of United Synagogue, and Rabbi Jerome Epstein, the CEO of United Synagogue, will also be at the convention. This will provide wonderful opportunities for you to meet with the national leadership.

Please check with the Regional office at (301) 230-0801 for registration forms and plan now to attend the convention. Meet your peers from throughout the region, meet experts who can help you help your synagogue, and bring your successes to share with other congregations.

Shabbat Hospitality

Volunteers are needed to offer Shabbat hospitality to out-of-town visitors to Congregation Beth El (preferably within walking distance). If you are willing to participate in the mitzvah of "Hochnassat Orchim", please call Marilyn Hammerman at (301) 881-0011 or contact Rabbi Maltzman.

Attention Parents of 1997 B'nai Mitzvah Candidates

If your child was born in 1984, and you have not received a letter about your upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah by November 3, 1994, please call Lisette at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606.

Missing!

Do you have Beth El library books, prayer books, Bibles or machzors? Please return them, no questions asked, to the Coat Room shelf. Also, would the person who borrowed the large print Haftarah book from the Chapel please return it to the synagogue office? Thank you.

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.



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.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Judy Zins and Joseph Shlaferman on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Zins Shlaferman, on August 26, 1994.

Mazal Tov to Miriam and Jeff Green on the birth of their son, Rafael Nechemia, on September 1, 1994 in Beersheva, Israel. Rafael is the first grandchild of Jack and Naomi Cohen.

Mazal Tov to Leslie Whipkey and Lee Hoffman on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Celia Hoffman, on September 22, 1994.

Mazal Tov to Annette and Irving Goldberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Erica Dobkin, on September 22, 1994. Zoe is the daughter of Mindy and Darren Dobkin.

Mazal Tov to Sara Greenbaum and Darryl Sherman on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Katriela Sherman, on September 30, 1994.

Mazal Tov to Sandra Kresch and Alan Kravitz on the birth of their daughter, Meryl Beth Kravitz, on October 5, 1994. Meryl is the niece of Steven Kravitz.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Esther Wilner on the death of her father, Mordechai Stern, and to David and Harriet Brooks on the death of their grandson.

Nitzanim

Join us for our Hanukkah party on November 27th. Look for details in the next Beth El Scroll.

Remember, Nitzanim Shabbat Services are held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. A special service for children ages six and under and their parents, Nitzanim Shabbat Services feature a Torah parade, stories, lots of songs and a snack. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily evening minyan for the next two weeks. The Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. The Wednesday minyan starts at 8:20 p.m. on November 9th. 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.

November 7 - November 10

- Harvey and Diane Weiner
- Herbert and Judith Weintraub
- Mark and Joanne Weinberg
- Mervyn and Shirley Weiner
- Steven and Sandra Weinstein
- Allan and Jocelyn Weissman
- Bernard and Janyse Weisz
- David Weisbach and Joan Neal
- Howard and Susan Weiss
- Irvin and Rita Weiss
- Joseph and Edith Weisz
- Lawrence and Tirza Weiser
- Stuart and Elizabeth Weisberg
- Simon and Gertrude Weker
- Jack and Ethel Werner
- Jerome and Ina Wernick
- Laurence and Patricia Wexler
- Yuli and Martha Wexler
- Barton Widom and Deborah Reiser
- Elliot and Esther Wilner

November 14 - November 18

- Gary and Marilyn Wind
- Bruce Wine
- Mark and Blanche Wine
- Mark Wilner and Bette Landish
- Colin and Audrey Winston
- David Winter
- Herbert and Estelle Wiser
- Steven and Elaine Wishnow
- Paul and Jo Wodiska
- Douglas and Annette Wolf
- Franz Wolf
- Sy Wolf
- John and Marion Wolff
- Isadore and Rosalie Wolfson
- Steven and Frandee Woolf
- Joseph and Elsie Woolman
- Mark and Tessa Wooman
- Jack and Susan Yanovski
- Norman Yastrov and Hattie Goodman
- Joseph and Ina Young

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September 20, 1994

Congregation Beth El
Steven Kravitz
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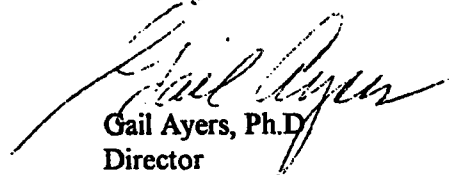
Dear Mr. Kravitz:

I wish to extend my deepest apologies for the great inconvenience and discomfort experienced by you and the members of Congregation Beth El on September 14 and September 15, at Whitman High School, because the air conditioning was not operating properly. Although you followed all of the correct procedures in scheduling the facilities and your air conditioning requests had been forwarded to Energy Management, it was not discovered until after your services that the auditorium chiller unit was broken. A full refund for the air conditioning costs had been authorized which you should be receiving in approximately 3 weeks.

We do appreciate the importance of the High Holy Days services we did review your energy requirements with Walt Whitman and Energy Management after we became aware of the problems you experienced on Wednesday evening. Early Thursday morning it was thought that the system was in full operation since both chillers seemed to be working. Unfortunately, when the school chiller was turned off, the auditorium chiller did not continue to operate independently. Maintenance staff were not able to detect that the auditorium chiller was not operating properly until after an extensive evaluation of the system on Friday morning.

Again we apologize for the impact the lack of air conditioning had upon your members. We appreciate and value your use of schools and hope that we can continue to serve you and the members of your congregation. Please give us a call if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Gail Ayers, Ph.D.
Director

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cc: Clarence Stukes, Director, MCPS Plant Operations

Note: This explanation is different than the one received on September 15th, and does not explain why Churchill, Wooten and Johnson High School auditoriums also had no air conditioning at the same time. Dr. Ayers has assured us that she will personally check in advance and will be on hand next Yom Kippur to make certain that everything will be operating correctly.

Sisterhood News

Women's League For Conservative Judaism Biennial National Convention

Janet Goldhill, Leslie Carter Silver, Marilyn Wind and Connie Krupin will be attending the Women's League National Convention from November 13 -17, 1994 at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York. The convention is expected to draw more than 1500 delegates from the United States, Canada, South America, England and Israel.

Highlights of the convention, whose theme is "Walk in the Path of Understanding", include "A Dialogue for Peace" with Ambassador Colette Avital, Israel Consul-General in New York, and Dr. Najit Arafat Khelil, President of the Arab Women's Counsel. Special guest Rabbi Ishmar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America will lead provocative study sessions on contemporary issues.

This biennial convention affords women the opportunity to learn new skills, network with like-minded women from across the continent, and learn text and discuss issues of importance.

Sisterhood Discussion

Sisterhood invites you to a discussion with Dr. Patricia Freiberg, Ph.D., on how influences in our pasts affect our present behaviors and how we can modify our behavior patterns. Dr. Freiberg is a psychologist in private practice and the chair of the Clinical Program on Psychotherapy Practice at the Washington School of Psychiatry. The discussion will take place Sunday, November 20th at 9:30 a.m.

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DATES: 4 Mondays from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM
November 21st & 28th
December 5th & 12th

PLACE: Beth El - Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

FEE: \$50.00 tuition REQUIRED MATERIAL: Bible

For further information, call Rita Wertlieb (301) 340-9530

Donations

Our donation computer program only has the capacity for a maximum of 40 characters in the "in honor of" or "in memory of" descriptions. Any donations received with messages longer than 40 characters will be shortened. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the donation description brief. Please be sure to give us the name of the fund, your name and address, and who you would like the donation acknowledged to and their address along with your check. Do not combine your donation check with any other payments (it is ok to combine several donation categories on one check). If you have any questions regarding donations, please call Esther at (301) 652-2606.

Vatikkim Luncheon

At our Vatikkim luncheon on November 17th, Mrs. Catalina Schydrowsky, a Peruvian economist who now lives here, will discuss the Jewish community of Peru and what remains of the Jewish community of Cuba.

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, 5450 Whitley Park Terrace, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 530-5650.

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

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, November 17, 1994

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Education Notes

Teacher Professional Development

Religious School teachers gathered for a four hour workshop on "The Teacher as Moral Educator" on Sunday, September 25th. The workshop was led by Carol Ingall, Ed.D., a faculty member of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Ingall facilitated discussion on being a role model, the use of stories and the six E's of moral education: Example, Explanation, Excellence, Exhortation, Ethos, and Experience. Complimenting the content aspects of the workshop was material on the educational process. This workshop is organized in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism as a part of their USTEP program. The teachers' next workshop will be on Sunday, October 30th, as a part of Teachers' Professional Day.

Tikkun Olam - Malbish Arumim (Clothing The Naked)

Start checking your closets for cold weather wear that could be put to good use by the city's needy. From November 6 - 13, the Religious School will sponsor a winter clothing drive for the benefit of people served by Luther Place.

In preparation for this project, students will learn about the mitzvah of Malbish Arumim (Clothing The Naked) and act on these lessons by bringing in old clothes to contribute to this project. Clothes should be warm, clean and in good condition. Shoes, boots and coats for children and youth are especially needed. An exception: no white shirts. A collection box will be placed in the hallway outside the school office. Volunteers are needed to sort and deliver. If interested, please contact the school office.

Upper School Open House

Mark your calendars: The Upper School will hold an Open House on Tuesday, November 29th. Plan to stay the full two hours (7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), as there will be opportunities to meet with the teachers and a parenting workshop. More details to follow.

Snow Emergencies

November is not too early to start thinking of what to do in case of snow.

Mid-Week Classes

If Montgomery County Public Schools cancel school or dismiss early, there will be no Religious School. Should Montgomery County Public Schools delay opening, then we will operate on our regular schedule.

Weekend Classes

On Saturdays and Sundays, our school will be responsible for checking the road conditions in the area and deciding if the situation warrants closing. We will broadcast announcements on radio stations WMAL 63 AM, WTOP 1500 AM and WASH 97.1 FM.

Usually the School's phone lines get very tangled when there is a sudden late snowfall, as happened a few times last year. Please tune into the radio stations before calling the school. Should you call the school, don't be surprised if there is no answer; the call may have switched over to another line where there is no answering machine. Try again.

Nursery School News

Entertainment '95 Books Are Here!

Save on dining, shopping and other entertainment opportunities! The Beth El Nursery School is offering Entertainment '95 books for \$35.00. To get yours, visit or call the school office at (301) 652-1228.

Giant Receipts Program Benefits BENS

Beth El Nursery School will be collecting Giant receipts again this school year. Please deposit your blue receipts in the envelope on the BENS bulletin board.

Winter Concert

Mark your calendar now for our Winter Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 p.m. Jill Moskowitz will delight all with her special renditions of Jewish songs and other childhood favorites. For more information, call the school office at (301) 652-1228.

Save Your Stuff

We rent you a table space, then you sell your own stuff. Mark your calendar to buy and sell at our do-it-yourself spring cleaning sale on Sunday, March 26, 1995. Until then, don't throw it out -- save it to sell!

Nursery School Applications

Applications for the 1995-1996 school year are now available. Please call the BENS office at (301) 652-1228 to have one mailed to you. Applications are not available for pick up at the school.

From the Desk of the Youth Director

Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund Drive

The youth department is currently running a drive to raise money for the Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund, which was set up to supplement the activities of our youth program and provide subsidies to members of USY and Kadima who attend regional conventions. It is our goal to bring the fund up to \$5,000 by January 1, 1995. The next time you are making a donation to honor someone or memorialize someone, would you consider a gift to the Sybil Suls Fund?

Todah Rabah

The youth department would like to sincerely thank Jerome and Pat Danoff for their hard work and generosity. This year the proceeds from the Sukkah Kit Project, a total of \$915.45, were donated to the Sybil Suls Fund. This contribution will benefit many of our Beth El children, and we are truly grateful.

The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2) Advisor: Charni Selch
November 13 Bonim Menorah Making
(1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Get ready for Hanukkah by joining Charni in the All Purpose Room to make your own menorah. This program is free for members, \$3.00 for non-members. RSVP to Charni, (301) 468-2127.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5) Advisor: Ariel Glassman
Sunday, November 20 Hanukkah Hunt
(1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Hanukah trivia, treats and more are all a part of this Hanukkah Hunt through the synagogue. This program is free for members, \$3.00 for non-members. RSVP to Ariel, (301) 652-4015.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8) Advisor: Michael Scheinberg
Sunday, November 6 Regional Kadima Day
Join Seaboard Region Kadima at Har Shalom in Potomac for a fun-filled afternoon of magic and excitement. For more information regarding this program, call Rachel Handloff, (301) 652-2606.

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff
Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, & 30 USY Volleyball League

Join the USY coed Volleyball team. We play on Wednesdays between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. The league will run from Wednesday, October 12th through Wednesday, December 7th. For more information, call Debbie Weinberg, (USY Executive Vice President), (301) 983-2803.

Thursday, November 3 Fall Fling
(6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.)

All USYers attending this year's Fall Convention in Virginia are invited to this chapter get-together. Learn what Fall Convention is all about and meet all the Beth El USYers who are attending. Show your chapter spirit. Dinner will be provided and chapter t-shirts handed out. This meeting is mandatory for all Beth El USYers attending Fall Convention. RSVP to Rachel Handloff, (301) 652-2606.

Tuesday, November 15 Take 30
On the second Tuesday of every month the Youth Department and Religious School co-sponsor a seminar that discusses a current

event or issue important to young Jewish students today. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room and the speaker begins at 7:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. This program is open to all members of Beth El in 9th-12th grades. Please RSVP to Rachel Handloff, (301) 652-2606 by Thursday, November 10th if you plan to join us for dinner. There is no charge for this program.

Other Youth News

USY Regional Fall Convention at Virginia Beach (November 18 - 20)

Have the weekend of your life in Virginia Beach. Spend Shabbat with over 200 9th-12th graders from all over Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. For an application or questions, please call Rachel Handloff in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606.

From Sara Malech (USY Tikkun Olam Finance Officer)

What is the most popular Hanukkah treat among children? Chocolate Hanukkah Gelt! Parents, students, Nitzanim, Vatikim, staff, religious school teachers: you are all invited to send your friends and loved ones a "Gelt-O-Gram." Gelt-O-Grams will consist of a bag of Hanukkah gelt and a prewritten personalized greeting or message from you to be delivered to the receiver in the building during the week of November 28, 1994. To order: fill out the form below and send to the Beth El Youth Director's office. Or purchase one in the building on Sunday, November 20, 1994 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and November 21, 22, and 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the synagogue office.

Proceeds from this Tikkun Olam project will be put into the USY T.O. fund and will be sent to various charities at the end of the year. **PLEASE HELP SUPPORT USY.**

Chag Sameach,
Sara Malech,
USY T.O.F.O.

GELT-O-GRAM FORM

Sender's Name and Phone _____

Receiver's Name _____

Days in Synagogue (circle all appropriate)

Sun M T W Th

(circle one)

Student/Grade _____ Nursery School/Class _____

Vatikim

Your Note

Please return this form and \$1.00 per Gelt-O-Gram by Wednesday, November 23rd to:

Attn: Rachel B. Handloff, Congregation Beth El
8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814
More forms are available in main office.

When You Don't Need a Nursing Home

Even when you don't need a nursing home, the Hebrew Home can help. Did you know that the Hebrew Home's network of services includes assisted living, short stay assisted living, independent retirement living, an adult day program (in partnership with JCA), outpatient therapy, geriatric assessments, and counseling for families on options for seniors? The Hebrew Home is much more than a nursing home. Call (301) 770-8476.

Thanksgiving: An Old Jewish Habit

The closing Community Lecture and Reception sponsored by The Foundation for Jewish Studies will be held at Congregation Beth El on Monday, November 21st at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Jo Milgrom, Fall '94 Scholar-in-Residence, Professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and author of Handmade Midrash will speak on the topic **Thanksgiving: An Old Jewish Habit**. This event will conclude Jacob and Jo Milgrom's tenure in the Washington Jewish community as the Fall '94 Scholars-in-Residence. For more information about The Foundation for Jewish Studies and its activities, please call (301) 770-4787.

The Shepherd's Table

The shepherd's Table is a community-based facility in Silver Spring helping the disadvantaged. Its services include a soup kitchen serving an evening meal seven days a week, a clothes closet, individual counseling and medical attention.

Congregation Beth El has been a sponsor and supporter of Shepherd's Table for several years. A Beth El group prepares and serves a meal once a month and participates in other programs. Shepherd's Table is grateful for the assistance provided by Beth El members, especially Jonathan Simon, Ilana Simon, Sam Freedenberg, Betty and Dick Drachman, Howard and Holly Stein, Leah Stein, Ariel Fishman, Gladys Segal, Avigal Segal, Michele Herman, Gail Fribush and Howard Berger.

Beth El's continued participation is highly valued. Additionally, Shepherd's Table welcomes any food donations, especially sugar, ketchup, mustard, tuna fish, canned vegetables, coffee and canned fruit drinks. Winter coats and blankets are needed as the cold weather approaches. Monetary contributions are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause in any fashion, please contact Diane Sondheimer, Beth El's coordinator, at (301) 493-8428.

Social Action News

Hebrew Home Volunteers

Be part of a very special project — join other Beth El members who volunteer with "our" unit at the Hebrew Home. Volunteers of all ages engage in a variety of activities with the residents, from the very popular weekly exercise class to calling numbers at bingo night. Times and activity choices are very flexible.

Due to a recent influx of volunteers, the Hebrew Home staff will offer an orientation for all new Beth El volunteers on Thursday evening, November 17th at 7:30 in the social hall of the Smith-Kogod Building at the Hebrew Home. Please call Kathy Matty, Beth El liaison to the Hebrew Home, at (301) 897-5597 to sign up.

We are planning a Hanukkah party for the residents on December 4th. Watch for future announcements (or call Kathy Matty) to find out how you can help. Our nursery school students will also be visiting in November to sing Hanukkah songs. Volunteers all agree we receive much more than we give for our time spent in this rewarding endeavor. Why not you, too?

Bethesda Cares in Need of Warm Clothing

Warm clothing is needed for the homeless in the winter months ahead. Bethesda Cares' Clothing Center is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to receive clothing donations and for clients to shop. The Center is located in the basement of St. John's Episcopal church, at the intersection of Bradley and Wisconsin. Park in the lot next to Pier 1 and look for a steep set of outside stairs on the side of the church facing you.

Warm clothing for adults is especially appreciated now. The Center can use sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves, blankets, and socks and underwear, and also welcomes donations of gym-type carrying bags with shoulder handles. (Clients carry their belongings everywhere, and plastic bags fall apart quickly.) If you have further questions, please call Binda Douglas at (301) 681-1185.

Chesed Committee

Beth El is inaugurating a new committee which will:

- call and visit the sick
- help the incapacitated
- relieve someone caring for a seriously ill member of the family
- provide transportation for someone who is ill (i.e., medical visits)
- provide transportation to the synagogue
- take food to those who cannot cook or get out to shop.

If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please call Rhonda Kleiner Lowell, (301) 294-8858, or Gail Ross, (301) 229-7005. Please call also if you are or know of a Beth El member who needs the services of the Bikkur Choleem Committee.



Men's Club News

The first two presentations of the month of November will be from our synagogue's leadership. On Sunday, November 6th, President Leonard Bechick will be speaking on two topics: "The Jewish Agency — Some Personal Reflections" and "Beth El — an Update." On Sunday, November 13th, Rabbi William Rudolph will discuss "Jewish Identity in the '90's." On both dates the Morning Minyan will be at 9:00 a.m., followed by the always wonderful bagels and lox breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10:00 a.m. All congregants are warmly welcomed.

Interested in Joining a Havurah?

Being part of a Havurah is a wonderful way to meet other Beth El members in small group settings. The havurah celebrates Jewish life in various ways, such as observance of holidays and festivals, socializing, sharing of simchas and study. Belonging to a Havurah is a unique opportunity for involvement and friendship. Whether you are new to Beth El or a long-time member, we are hoping to form new Havurot for all those who are interested.

We hope you'll join us for dessert and coffee on Sunday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ellen and Norman Eule, 8512 Carlynn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. Please RSVP to Ellen Eule at (301) 320-3669 or to Elaine Pines at (301) 770-6749.

We encourage and strongly welcome your participation.

Thank You from David Rosenblatt

I would like to thank the members of Beth El for their wonderful support during my recent campaign to become one of the three Democratic nominees for the Maryland House of Delegates from District 16. Unfortunately, the campaign fell a little short, and we finished a strong fourth in an eight person race.

Nonetheless, I believe we accomplished a lot and added to the continuing dialogue about the issues facing our community and Maryland. This was reflected in local newspaper endorsements, including that of the Washington Jewish Week, and the active support of more than 200 people.

The campaign could not have accomplished what it did without the tremendous backing of Beth El members. I especially want to thank Sanford Kay, the Bronheim family, the Turnbull family, Leslie Silver, and the members of the Beth El Men's Club and Vatikim. I was truly honored to be the beneficiary of all of your good will.

I also want you to know that my enthusiasm for community involvement is not diminished and that I plan on remaining active.

Thank you again!

KASHRUT GUIDELINES AT CONGREGATION BETH EL

As a Conservative congregation, Beth El adheres to the standards of *Kashrut* as understood by our Movement and as interpreted by the Rabbi as the religious authority of the congregation. Whatever the private practices of individual members may be, we adhere publicly to these standards and require that they be observed strictly at Beth El.

The following guidelines regulate our overall *Kashrut* requirements:

1. Only approved caterers using a *Mashgiach* are allowed to use the Beth El kitchen. Beth El members may use the kitchen when properly supervised.
2. Kosher meat or meat products brought into the kitchen must come from an approved Kosher establishment.
3. Only the foods which are inherently kosher may be brought into the kitchen, if the ingredients are checked and approved.
4. No prepared or cooked items, dairy or meat, from individual homes may be brought into the synagogue. Prepared foods from an approved Kosher caterer may be brought into the building.
5. Baked goods prepared in individual homes may not be eaten or served in the synagogue. Only baked goods from approved establishments or under approved labels may be eaten in the synagogue.
6. Wines labeled as Kosher are required for Kiddush only.

Beth El also recommends that life cycle celebrations, "*Seudot Mitzvah*," (i.e., meals that fulfill religious obligations) be kept Kosher (or dairy) wherever they are held. We ask that families discuss this matter in detail with the rabbi prior to the event.

These rules are to be used as a guide only. We remind you that any uncertainties, ambiguities, or questions should be referred to the rabbi for a specific ruling. Thank you for your cooperation.

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