



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, December 16th, at 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, December 17th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
 Morgan Levine 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

Friday, December 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, December 24th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
 Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 30th, at 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, December 31st, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
 Wendy Greenbaum Sherman Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
 Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Gan Shabbat

Have you been missing something?
 If you are between the ages of 6 and 9 years, you are welcome to attend the all new and improved Gan Shabbat. Services are held the third Shabbat each month between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There will be informative discussions and active participation led by the very creative Les Ziskind. If you have graduated from Nitzanim but are not ready for Junior Congregation, come check out Gan Shabbat. The first service will be Saturday, December 17th. Questions? Call Marcia Greenblum, (301) 933-5319.

Family Fun Day

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum invites you to a Family Fun Day on Sunday, December 25, 1994, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featured will be a Museum Scavenger Hunt, a Sing Along with Jill Moskowitz, a Puppet Show performed by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, plus arts and crafts, refreshments and more fun activities throughout the day. Cost is \$4.00 per person for members and \$6.00 per person for non-members. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For reservations call (202) 857-6572 by December 23rd. The museum is located at 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and 17th Street. The closest Metro stop is Farragut North.

Funds in Need

The staff is constantly asked by congregants which restricted funds are in need of contributions. At this time, the following restricted funds are in dire need of additional funds:

- College Fund: provides for Hanukkah and Passover packages and other mailings to our college students.
- Mintz Landscape Fund: provides for the upkeep and replacement of the bushes and trees on the property.
- Prayerbook Fund: provides for the purchase of our prayerbooks, Bibles, mahzors and other ritual objects.
- Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund: provides for subsidies for Beth El youth to attend USY and Kadima Conventions.
- Torah Scroll Fund: provides for the repair and upkeep of our ten Torah scrolls.

Contributions to the restricted funds are acknowledged in writing through a card sent to the donor and honoree, as needed, as well as through the Beth El Scroll. Your voluntary support of our restricted funds will allow us to provide for their specific purposes.

Minimum Dues Payment

December 31 is the deadline for the second quarterly dues payment. Some members pay monthly, some pay quarterly. If you have not already done so, please make sure that you have paid at least half of your combined dues, building fund and school tuition assessments. Thank you.

New Calendar Year Statement

Watch your mailboxes for this special statement in mid-January to assist you in your tax return preparation.

The Nursery School, Religious School and all administrative offices will be closed Monday, December 26, 1994, and Monday, January 2, 1995. Morning Minyan will be at 9:00 a.m. on both days, and there will be no Evening Minyan.

Education Notes

Take 30 Takes on Interdating

On Tuesday, November 15th, upper school students and parents participated in a program on interdating. The student program, conducted separately from the parents' program, began with a survey of student attitudes. Then three characters, each illustrating a different aspect of the interdating issue, gave a monologue. Students then discussed the dilemmas, considered their points of view and offered solutions. They invited back one of the three characters for a dialogue. In conclusion, Rabbi Maltzman offered his perspective on the subject and encouraged the students to discuss this topic with their parents.

Some of the survey results were especially interesting. On a scale of Agree-Undecided-Disagree to the statement: 1) The person I date as a teenager has nothing to do with the person I may later choose to marry, 26 agreed/13 undecided/11 disagreed; 2) Dating non-Jews has nothing to do with marrying non-Jews, 21/8/19; 3) It is o.k. to date non-Jews while still in high school, 38/11/2; 4) There is a special connection between Jewish people, 33/9/6. Parents were asked: "How would you hope you child answered these questions?" Their survey results: 1) 2/1/17; 2) 0/0/19; 3) 4/2/14; 4) 18/0/2.

A special thanks to Dr. Ben Bronheim for his efforts to bring this program to fruition, crafting of the character sketches and running the parents' session; to Rachel Handloff and Rabbi Maltzman for their assistance with the preparation for the program and their participation; and to Susan Levine, parent and school committee member, and teachers Hilary Wilson and Juliann Goldman for playing the parts of parent and teens with interdating issues.

Junior Congregation

Junior Congregation services are an excellent opportunity for pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah age children to become familiar with the Shabbat morning service liturgy and the conduct of the service. It is also a chance for children to be a part of a community of their peers. These services are held every Shabbat morning from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. All children, regardless of their relationship with the Religious School, should be encouraged to participate in Junior Congregation.

For our Religious School students, attendance is a required part of the curriculum for 6th graders. It is also expected that 4th and 5th grade students will participate in these services at least once a month.

Attendance at Junior Congregation is already excellent -- a full house weekly. The services are masterfully led by Cheryl Kreiser and Sarah Roark who combine the ability to conduct the children through the liturgy with skill in encouraging maximum participation. We want to encourage even more children to be a part of this special hevra. See you on Shabbat!

Consecration

On the evening of November 11th, we celebrated the beginning of the formal Jewish education of 39 students. Among the honorees that evening were four day school students. The Shabbat service, Consecration and B'nei Torah ceremonies were followed by the Kindergarten - First Grade Family Shabbat Dinner. Mazal Tov to the families of the Consecrants and B'nei Torah. We hope to see them continue to be a part of the Religious School through Confirmation. I would like to thank the teachers Edith Sievers and Juliann Goldman and our music teacher Sally Heckleman for preparing the children for their participation in this event.

The Consecrants were: Andrew Berger, Jillian Berman, Sally Cohen, Cornelia Dalton, Justin Davidson, Melissa Eisen, Sam Epstein, Michael Futterman, Rachel Gang, Samuel Geselowitz, Julia Halperin, Adam Hoffman, Chloe Ifshin, Michael Kaufman, Kara Landsman, Ariel Leonard, Lauren Levine, Dean Lieberman, Joshua Lieberman, Drew Litowitz, Gabriel Loewinger, Jonathan Raizon, Amy Rosenthal, Jared Ross, Benjamin Scaldini, Henry Scher, Carly Schmand, Jason Schraub, Megan Schwinger, Jared Senator, Alexandra Smolen, Daniel Solomon, Heidi Susseles, Joshua Sznol, and Eric Weisberg.

B'nei Torah honorees were Rachel Engler, David Gang, Laura Gold, and Kelly Rubin. These students began their Religious School studies after Kindergarten.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Avi Sickel and Micah Sickel, sons of Hugh and Ruth Sickel. Avi, a recent graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School, passed the Maryland Bar Exam. Micah, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park Honors Program, was accepted to University of Maryland at Baltimore MD - PhD program.

Mazal Tov to Mark Wernick, son of Ina and Jerome Wernick, upon his induction into the National Honor Society.

Mazal Tov to Evelyn Wittman on the birth of her granddaughter, Maya Talia Wittman, on November 3, 1994 in Jerusalem. Maya is the daughter of Peretz and Risa Wittman. She is named for her late grandfather, Milton Wittman, a founding member and past president of Beth El.

Saul Bendit Institute Has Successful Fall Term

Enrollment in the fall term of the Saul Bendit Institute increased again, totaling 377 students in the morning and evening sessions. Fourteen different classes were offered Wednesday evenings and six classes on Tuesday mornings. Once again leading the staff of outstanding instructors were our own clergy, Rabbis Maltzman and Rudolph, Hazzan Lubin and Rabbi Emeritus Scolnic, who taught classes on Genesis, the Siddur, Jewish humor and Jewish identity, "Who Wrote the Torah," Judaism and Islam and recent Jewish best sellers.

Joining our clergy was an excellent staff of new and familiar scholars teaching in the Institute. They included Rabbi Karen Kedar, Dr. Dorothy Friedman, Joseph Hantman, Dr. Martin Sicker, Helen Rib and Marta Wassertzug. In addition, we were privileged to have six experts speak on Israel's political, social, economic and religious concerns in the course, "Perspectives on the Middle East," organized by Steve Frank and David Schultz. The experts were Ayman Aamiry, Barry Bogage, Shoshana Bryen, Gregory Snyder, Rabbi Jacob Halpern and Gadi Raviv.

The Saul Bendit Adult Institute was established and is supported by the Saul Bendit Endowment Fund. The Institute Committee is chaired by Stephanie Ventura, with Al Fox serving as Vice-Chair. The Committee is meeting now to plan for the spring term and always welcomes ideas and suggestions for courses.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: I'm worried about all the confusion December brings our family. Some of our relatives celebrate Hanukkah, some Christmas, and a few even celebrate both. We are bringing our children up Jewish, but with all the competition Christmas brings, we're not sure what to do. Help! Congregant

Dear Congregant: We'd like to suggest, gently, that you stop competing. Hanukkah really isn't the Jewish answer to Christmas, and trying to make it so is confusing.

Every family will have to work out its own solutions, but a few points made at a recent Keruv discussion may give you some new ideas:

- Children benefit most from a consistent message: they are Jewish year round and each celebration of a Jewish holiday, life cycle event and Shabbat nourishes their Jewish identity. The December dilemma is difficult for some, but comes only once a year and won't permanently unsettle a committed Jewish family.
- Let the children take part in neighbors' and relatives' celebrations, but always stress it is the others' holiday, not theirs to observe. And in return, let others share in the Jewish holidays: eat in the Sukkah, spin the dreidels, share Shabbat. Children are proud to teach others about our observances and customs.
- Use Hanukkah for more than just giving presents. The story and message of Hanukkah can hold even young children. Some families set aside a night for charity decision-making, letting even young children help decide the family's priorities.
- Instead of letting the children focus on "not Christmas," talk about what Jews have and do, throughout the year.

BETH EL SCROLL

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Shabbat Discussions

Keruv welcomes everyone to our next Shabbat discussion group, held after the morning services on January 21st. The topic that day will be "B'nai Mitzvah in Interfaith Families." 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.

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 Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

Social Action News

Beth El has made a contribution to Montgomery County Hunger Relief, the county's annual drive to help the needy in our community.

Hebrew Home Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for something to do on Christmas day? Before you head to the movies, why not do a mitzvah? The Hebrew Home needs volunteers to fill in for a few hours for staff who would like to spend the day with their families. Please call Debbie Leibowitz, coordinator of Beth El volunteers, for more information, (301) 897-5424.

Bethesda HELP

Bethesda HELP needs your help in providing emergency food supplies to needy families. To that end, a basket is provided at the entrance to the Board Room. Please bring a donation the next time you come to Beth El.

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. 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.

December 19 - December 22

- Hanna Bernhardt
- Max and Judith Bernhardt
- Sanford and Anita Berns
- Gary and Rachelle Bemstecker
- Wayne and Sandra Berson
- Jay and Sharon Berzofsky
- Irving and Vivian Beyda
- Steven and Ellen Bezner
- Jonathan and Cathy Binder
- Ann Birk
- Sheila Bimbach
- Jeffrey and Deborah Bimbaum
- Kenneth and Rise Bimbaum
- Alan and Debra Bimkrant
- Henry Bimkrant and Lynn Goldin
- Evelyn Bitterbaum
- Marc and Linda Blackman
- Joseph and Jody Bleiberg
- Arthur and Mary Blitz
- Edward and Debra Bloom

December 26 - December 29

- Elliot and Betty Blum
- Eli and Gayle Blumenthal
- Robert and Rayah Blumenthal
- Werner and Bernice Blumenthal
- Harvey and Abby Bobb
- Sharon Bobb
- Sheldon and Paola Bolasny
- Philip and Hope Borish
- Benjamin Bornstein and Ellen Sidransky
- Samuel Boxerman and Debra Vodenos
- Sylvia Bozof
- Paul Bran and Nina Levine
- Horst and Ruth Brand
- Beatrice Breger
- Douglas and Brenda Bregman
- Joel and Bernice Breslau
- Harriet Broder
- Jerome and Hessa Broder
- Jonathan and Fay-Ann Brodie
- Gerald and Caryl Brody

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of November 14, 1994)

Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Honor Of: The 80th birthday of Dr. Heinz Bauer by Claire and Harry Baron, Charlotte and Robert Kopp, George H. Schueller, Gertrude, Gary and Ronny Fischbach, Ida D. Levin, and Dr. and Mrs. Saul I. Nitzberg. In Memory Of: Elizabeth Bauer by Martha G. Davidson; Elizabeth Bauer's second Yahrzeit by Dr. Heinz Bauer.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Honor Of: The marriage of Irwin and Carol Pernick by Jack and Stephanie Ventura. In Memory Of: Irving Hammerman by Jack and Stephanie Ventura; Mordechai Stern, father of Esther Wilner by Allen and Barbara Lerman & Family.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: The birth of Benjamin David, grandson of Margrit and Jack Vanderryn, by Gary and Rachele Bernstecker; The special birthday of Stanley Segal by Beatrice and Robert Newell. In Memory Of: Mika Streich by Deborah and Jack Cohen; Samuel Z. Freedman by Henry E. Freedman.

Cantor's Fund

In Memory Of: Goldie H. Press by Ann and Bruce Barcome.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: Eva Steinberg's 90th birthday by Dan Diener.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Carol Rosenbloom's father by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Dear sister-in-law, Edith Sklaroff, by Claire Marwick.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Paulina Brown, mother of Josephine Horn, by Jason and Josephine Horn.

Crowell Religious School Scholarship Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Isidor Paskow by Miriam Crowell; Annie Crowell by Miriam P. Crowell.

Disabled Access Fund

In Honor Of: Mary Dubrow by Clare Lerner. In Memory Of: Adolf Horer by Jack, Stephanie and Jerry Ventura.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Sigmund Gerber by Flora Feld Goldberg.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Irving Falk by Gertrude Gerber.

General Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Niedermayer by Gary and Rachele Bernstecker.

General Fund

Jonathan and Sandra Simon. In Honor Of: The 70th birthday of Werner Blumenthal by Ralph and Betty Parrott. In Memory Of: Sarah Newborn by Donald and Gloria Levine.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved father of Shelley Honikman by Erwin and Leena Groner; Morse Sklar, beloved father of Fred Sklar, by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Niedermayer by Deborah and Dennis Ross and Ellen M. Darr.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Benjamin Vogel-Margulies 10th birthday by Judith and Jonathan Levin. In Memory Of: Irene Golden by Jerome and Ina E. Wernick; Naren Thadani by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Dr. Emanuel M. Sichel by Hugh and Ruth Sichel; Beloved father, Leo Rice, by Jane Schimmel.

Mazon

In Honor Of: The naming of our granddaughter Sarah Florence Isaacs, by Michael and Judy Platt; The recovery of Mary Dubrow's brother by Clare Lerner; The 45th anniversary of Edna and Max Krents by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller; The speedy recovery of Ronald Treinish by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller; Rachel King's Bat Mitzvah by Susan and Bert King. In Memory Of: Anna Berger,

mother of Bernard N. Berger, by Bea and Bernie Berger; David Alberstadt by Dorothy Alberstadt; Louis Janus by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Janus; George Orentlicher by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: The 45th anniversary of Max and Edna Krents by Florence and Arthur Gang. In Memory Of: Herman Altschul by Ed and Helena Koenig.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Werner Blumenthal's special birthday by Rosalie and Bob Grass; Abraham Hochberg by Howard Lesser; The birth of Hannah Sherman by Cary and Nancy Feldman; The special quality of Rabbi Scolnic's Talmud class by Jeanne and Asher Ende. In Memory Of: Sophia Richmond by Julian Levin and Sondra and Sol Brody; Maurice Cohn by Jerome and Cyma Heffter; Louis B. Swoff by Alan and Corinne Swoff; Benjamin H. Edenbaum by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edenbaum; Max Richter by Melvin and Lenore Richter.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Cantor Lubin by Etta Kline.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Carly Schmand's 5th birthday by Brenda, Jim, and Joshua Schmand. In Memory Of: Helene Papilsky's mother by Mark Levitt and Kay Klass; Elie G. Hazan by Danielle Hazan.

Pinck Israel High School Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: The engagement of Michael Marks and Cindy Lerner by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman. In Memory Of: Jacob Sheeskin by Leonard Sheeskin.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: The wedding anniversary of Max and Edna Krents by Sue and John Rosenthal and Bea and Ed Goffer; Daniel Kweller's birthday by Ed and Bea Goffer. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Carola Shapiro, by Yael Greenberg; Irving Hammerman by Barbara and David Gershberg; Beloved mother, Anita Rib, by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Micah Sichel's admission to U of MD, PhD Program by Hugh and Ruth Sichel; Avi Sichel passing the Maryland Bar by Hugh and Ruth Sichel; The naming of daughter, Rachel Hayley Kappel, by Michael and Susan Kappel; His Aliyah by Neil Levy; Lisa Rod's Bat Mitzvah by Bernie and Cheryl Rod. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Golda Leah Possick, by Saul Possick; Rabbi Arthur H. Neulander by Hadassah and Daniel Thursz; Esther Aisenberg by Irv Aisenberg; Sara Baker by William and Pearl Baker.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Niedermayer by Pat and Jerry Danoff.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: The speedy recovery of Clare Lerner by Hugh and Ruth Sichel. In Memory Of: Dr. Maris Slavin by Judith Smith; Roy Niedermayer's father, Harry Niedermayer, by Susan and Bert King and Family; Emanuel Robinson by Dorothy Alberstadt; Freida Hochberg and Irving Hammerman by Jonathan and Sandra Simon.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Mark Wernick's induction into the National Honor Society by Jerome, Ina, and Richard Wernick; Penina Friedenberg's speedy recovery by The Schmand Family; Ellen Elow-Mintz's 40th birthday by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Werner Blumenthal's 70th birthday by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Harry Niedermayer, father of Roy Niedermayer, by Esther and Elliot Wilner; Robert Tucker by Joan and Al Dobbin; Hon. Ruth D. Vogel by Donna L. Vogel; Beloved brother, David C. Glazer, by Harry B. Glazer.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Samuel Sklaroff, by Claire Marwick; Sara Neu by Mrs. Jacqueline Cogan.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: The Bat Mitzvah of Hillary Ganek by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; The Bat Mitzvah of Rachel King by Kim and Lyle Lieberman.

Sisterhood News

Women's League Update

After attending the Women's League of Conservative Judaism's Biennial Convention, Sisterhood Co-Presidents Janet Goldhill and Leslie Carter Silver felt that it was important to share with the congregation information about Women's League activities on a national level.

As Jewish continuity has moved to the forefront of the community agenda, it is clear that the mission of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is on target.

The 1990 National Jewish Population Survey conducted by Barry Kosmin for the Council of Jewish Federations produced findings that confirmed the validity of our goals and programs. According to this and many other surveys, American Jews feel closer to their synagogue than to any other institution in Jewish life. In addition, day school education, Jewish camping and Israel programs have proven to be effective instruments towards guaranteeing a Jewish future.

Women's League can be proud of its long history of encouraging Jewish education and supporting synagogues, Ramah camps, Solomon Schechter schools, USY programs in North America and Israel.

In recent years, we have greatly expanded our adult educational programs to include national study days as well as those replicated by the Branches. Our Seminary Women's League Institute is in its sixteenth year, with spin-offs in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston and other megalopolis areas, including our very own Congregation Beth El.

Most recently Women's League has launched Elderhostel programs in several universities including the Jewish Theological Seminary and the University of Judaism. These have been highly successful, both in numbers of participants and in content, and Women's League sponsorship of more such programs across the continent has been sought.

Recent surveys of our membership indicate a high degree of kashrut observance, synagogue attendance, Shabbat and Yom Tov observance and trips to Israel.

In addition, Women's League public policy agenda has been enriched by our commitment to Jewish learning and traditions. Increasingly, our religious perspective is sought in national forums on a variety of social issues. We should also take pride in the knowledge that Jewish organizations across the spectrum are attempting to emulate Women's League activities.

As we stand in the middle of the final decade of the twentieth century, we can derive great satisfaction from our accomplishments and stand with confidence to face the many challenges that lie ahead.

Washington Jewish Week Subscriptions

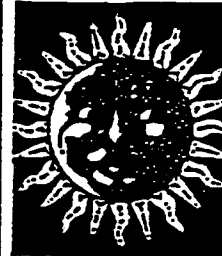
If you need to renew your subscription to the Washington Jewish Week or want to order a new subscription, please contact Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362. Your order benefits the Beth El Sisterhood.

Golda Meir Award Recipient Named

The Awards Committee has announced that Barbara Wolf, the founding president of Beth El Sisterhood, has been named posthumously as the honoree of this year's Golda Meir Award, which will be presented at Sisterhood Shabbat on January 21, 1995. Everyone is invited to join us for this special occasion when the service will be conducted by members of Sisterhood.

See the next issue of the Beth El Scroll for more details.

Now we can give you...



The Sun



The Moon



The Stars

The Rosh Hodesh Group of Beth El Sisterhood cordially invites you to join in a celebration of the "New Moon"

January 11 - "A Model Tu B'Shvat Seder"
8:00 p.m. Rosh Hodesh Gail Fribush
Home of Susan Sherzer - 6740 Selkirk Drive, Bethesda

RSVP by Jan. 6: Jill Gerstenfield 530-7272
Marilyn Wind 530-6726

Nitzanim

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!

Join Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman on a

Beth El Israel Mission
July 30 - August 12, 1995

Two Week Deluxe Trip Including
Overnight in Petra, Jordan!

Contact Rabbi Maltzman for
further information.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR BETH EL'S
ANNUAL WEEKEND RETREAT
AT THE COOLFONT CONFERENCE CENTER
FEATURING SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
RABBI KASSEL ABELSON**

The Annual Beth El Weekend Retreat will be held at the Coolfont Resort/Conference Center, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia (approx. 90 minutes from Bethesda), on the weekend of **March 24-26, 1995**. The Retreat provides members, new and old, a chance to share Shabbat with the Rabbi, Hazzan and fellow congregants at the intimate and serene setting of the Coolfont Resort. Amenities at Coolfont include a swim and fitness center, tennis and hiking.

This year, we are featuring a special scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Kassel Abelson. Rabbi Abelson is the former President of the Rabbinical Assembly, and is currently the Chairman of the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly. Rabbi Abelson will speak on the function of the Committee and the current issues before it. He will also lead discussion sessions on biomedical ethics — specifically, issues relating to the beginning and ending of life. Joan Lipnick Abelson will also be holding a seminar on "Writing Your Life," where she will discuss passing on your experiences and values to your children and establishing an "ethical will".

The per-person cost of the event, including all lodging and meals will be \$220 for adults and \$120 for children (16 and under). However, we are offering a special **reduced** rate of \$200 and \$100 for those who respond and pay in full before **January 20, 1995**. These rates are based on double occupancy. Guests will have a choice between staying in the hotel-style rooms of the Woodland House Lodge or sharing one of the resort's Mountainside Vacation Homes which have private bathrooms for each bedroom, kitchens, large common areas, and a fireplace, or wood-burning stove. Attendance is limited and spaces will fill up fast. So, mark your calendars and make your reservations as soon as possible. For further information contact Bob and Julia Loeb at (301) 493-5868.

**REGISTRATION
Beth El Coolfont Retreat
March 24-26, 1995**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If children are attending, please list their names and ages below.

We/I would prefer to stay in the:
 Lodge Mountain Home (Check where appropriate).

Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

Amount enclosed: \$_____ (make checks payable to Beth El)

If you have any special requests (cribs, dietary restrictions, etc.), please note them on the back of form.

Return by January 20, 1995 for reduced rate

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

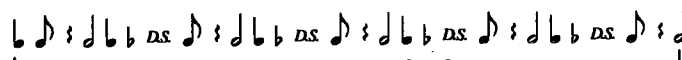
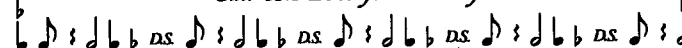
Beth El Nursery School will be collecting Giant receipts again this school year. Please deposit your blue receipts in the envelope on the BENS bulletin board.

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.


Beth El Nursery School Presents
Jill Maskowitz
In Concert Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.
Come join the fun as we sing along with Jill.
She will be performing her repertoire of Jewish songs
for children along with other favorites
Tickets: \$5
Available at the door or through the school office.
Call 652-1228 for more info.




SAVE THE DATE!
MEN'S CLUB MAGIC SHOW AND DINNER
JANUARY 15, 1995 6:30 P.M.

Men's Club Softball Team

The Men's Club is forming a softball team to compete in the local softball league. Several members have already expressed an interest in trying out for the team, including Rabbi Maltzman, who will be competing for the position of second base. If you are interested in playing on the team, please contact Dr. Sandy Kay at (301) 657-1664.

From the Desk of the Youth Director

The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)

Advisor: Charni Selch

December 18, 1994

Winter Wonderland Carnival

(1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

USY has invited all of Bonim to this winter carnival with games, prizes, munchies, and more. All proceeds will go to the USY Tikkun Olam Fund, the official USY charity. Bonim will meet as a group in the Board Room and attend the carnival together. For more information, call Charni at (301) 468-2127.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Advisor: Ariel Glassman

December 18, 1994

Winter Wonderland Carnival

(1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

USY has invited all of Machar to this winter carnival with games, prizes, munchies, and more. All proceeds will go to the USY Tikkun Olam Fund, the official USY charity. Machar will meet as a group in the Youth Lounge and attend the carnival together. For more information, call Ariel at (301) 652-4015.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Advisor: Michael Scheinberg

December 18, 1994

Winter Wonderland Carnival

(1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

USY has invited all of Kadima to this winter carnival with games, prizes, munchies, and more. All proceeds will go to the USY Tikkun Olam Fund, the official USY charity. Kadima will meet in room 208 and attend the carnival together. For more information, call Mike at (301) 345-0978.

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

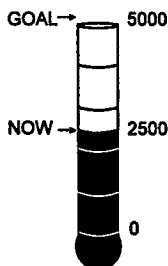
Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff

Do you want to spend your summer in Israel?

Beth El 9th - 12th graders who are thinking about going to Israel should join us on Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. for an Israel Program fair. Meet students who have been on programs with USY, NFTY, Young Judea, and more. You can also find out about scholarship money available to help you get there. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund

The youth department continues its quest to raise money for the Sybil Suls Fund. This fund helps sponsor Beth El 6th - 12th graders who attend regional conventions. The next time you would like to honor or memorialize someone, please consider the Sybil Suls fund. Thank you!



**Come One, Come All to the...
The USY Winter Wonderland Carnival
Sunday, December 18, 1994**

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10.00

(All proceeds benefit the USY Tikkun Olam Fund)

Bonim, Machar, and Kadima kids are invited to join USY for this spectacular carnival. Play games, win prizes, have a nosh with us. Admission includes food coupons and all the game tickets you want. Please join us and help support USY.

Camp Ramah in New England

If you are looking for a summer camp that will provide your children with the best summers of their lives and give them an opportunity to learn to cherish their Jewish tradition, then listen to what our parents say about Camp Ramah:

"The most wonderful camping experience a child could ever have."

"A truly marvelous place for Jewish children to spend their summer."

"One of the best Jewish experiences a child can have."

"Ramah has taken a little spirit and rekindled it. My daughter comes alive when she comes here."

Camp Ramah offers fantastic sports, waterfront, arts and adventure programs that rival even the most expensive private camps -- PLUS the opportunity for your child to experience Jewish culture, religion and Israel in a warm, nurturing atmosphere that is fun and exciting.

The Ramah experience is unique because it combines the thrill of summer camp with meaningful Jewish content. If you would like more information about our summer programs for children entering grades 4 - 11 (or our one week program for younger campers entering grades 3 - 6), please fill out and send us the form below, or call us; we will be glad to send you our new video along with details on the 1995 season.

Let us show you how our campers have the most wonderful and fulfilling experience of their lives. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yes, send me a free videotape of Camp Ramah and information about the coming summer. Mail to Camp Ramah, 161 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02194 or call (617) 449-7090.

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Beth El Torah Covers Featured in New Book

The Beth El Torah covers, created by Amanda Ford and Jeanette Kuvin Oren, are featured prominently in the new coffee-table book Jews in America: Art and Literature, edited by Abraham Karp (Hugh Lauter Levin, 1994). This gorgeous book is available at Borders Book Store in White Flint.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to the family of Alfred Meisner.

December 1994

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						16 Scroll #10 Deadline Nursery Parent-Teacher Conf. - No School 4:27pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	17 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Morgan Levine B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:45am Gan Shabbat - APR 11:00am USY - BR 12:00pm Keruv - BR
18 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 12:00pm Youth Groups - APR, BR, Youth Lounge, Mtg. Rm. 3:00pm Nursery Concert - SH	19 6:00pm Aerobics 7:00pm Cub Scouts	20 5:00pm Take 30 - BR 6:00pm Take 30 - APR 6:30pm Aerobics	21 <i>Winter begins</i> 10:00am Hebrew Literacy Class - Room 208 6:00pm Aerobics 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:00pm Boy Scouts Parents' Mtg. - BR 7:30pm Hebrew Class - Room 209	22 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 6:30pm Aerobics	23 4:30pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	24 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 10:00am Jr. Congregation	
25 School Winter Vacation Starts 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Office and Schools Closed </div> No Evening Minyan 9:00am Minyan	27 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR	28 6:00pm Aerobics 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR	29 12:00pm Vatikim Study Session - SH 6:30pm Aerobics			

Minyans: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

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