



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, February 10th, at 6:30 p.m.
2nd - 3rd Grade Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the SH

Saturday, February 11th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

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

Saturday, February 18th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
UJA Shabbat
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
Keruv at 12:00 p.m. in the BR

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

Saturday, February 25th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Daniel Bass Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Beth El Makes Its Mark at Seaboard Region Convention

The biennial convention of the Seaboard Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism featured Beth El and its members in numerous roles. The convention, which was held at B'nai Israel Congregation in Rockville, provided an opportunity for leaders from the region's synagogues to learn, pray, sing and, of course, eat together.

Beth El applied for and was awarded Regional Convention awards for our efforts in social action and adult education. The number, range and depth of our activities in these two areas were recognized by the region. Our adult education efforts, and particularly our Saul Bendit Institute, have received many awards throughout the years. Many thanks to Al Fox, who chaired the Institute Committee for years, and to this year's new chair, Stephanie Ventura. Our social action program, under the dynamic leadership of Debbie Ross, has added many new activities in the past year and will, undoubtedly, receive much recognition in the years to come.

As part of the Mitzvah Fair at the convention, Jerry and Pat Danoff showed off the Beth El sukkah building kits that they developed and have provided to over 100 congregants. The Danoffs arrived equipped with literature about the program and tools, and very quickly erected a sukkah in the entrance hall of B'nai Israel. There was considerable interest from other congregations who would like to duplicate our program. Of course, they will have to find a way to clone our secret ingredient for success -- Pat and Jerry!

Beth El was really in the spotlight at the Saturday evening banquet and installation of officers. Marilyn Wind was installed for a second term as Seaboard Region President. The region has benefitted from Marilyn's energy, enthusiasm and leadership, just as we at Beth El have for years. She was introduced by Rabbi Maltzman, who spoke eloquently about Marilyn's dedication and true love for Judaism, Israel and the Conservative movement. Suzanne Bronheim was installed as Vice President of the region. The evening was topped off with a program of Hebrew and Yiddish songs by our own Hazzan Lubin. The other cantor scheduled to perform with our hazzan that evening was sick, but Hazzan Lubin's terrific performance more than filled the gap.

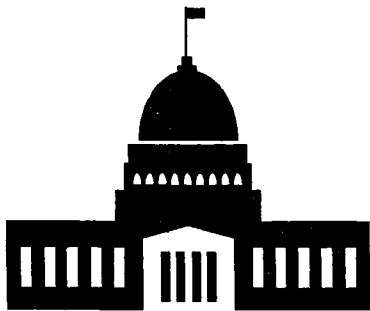
We will all have an opportunity to participate in another weekend with others in the Conservative movement on November 2 - 6, 1995. The International Convention for United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism will be held here in Washington, D.C. Plan to attend!

Bimah Accessibility

The reading table in the Sanctuary may be brought down from the bimah to the seating level for individuals with disabilities who are called to the Torah for an honor.

You Are Invited to Spend a Capital Evening at Beth El

Save Saturday Evening, April 1 for an evening of politics with a satiric twist.



Beth El's Annual Fundraiser will feature the tuneful political wit of
the CAPITOL STEPS!!

Schmooze before and after the entertainment with hors d'oeuvres and dessert.
Be present for the special raffle prize—two round trip tickets to Israel, donated
by The Ticket Counter!

Watch the mail for your invitation!

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 Nancy and Michael Kay on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Taylor Kay, on November 25, 1994. Margaret is the granddaughter of Sanford and Diane Kay.

Mazal Tov to Fran Leibowitz on the birth of her great granddaughter, Samantha Elyse Leibowitz, on December 11, 1994. Samantha is the daughter of Stacey and Neil Leibowitz. Her grandparents are Sandy and Norman Reid and Carol and Michael Leibowitz.

Mazal Tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Seitzman on the engagement of their son, Stephen Jay, to Jessica Sobell of Margate, N.J.

Mazal Tov to Patricia and Howard Sachs on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Sarah Sachs, on January 4, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Julia and Bob Loeb on the birth of their daughter, Talia Arielle Loeb, on January 13, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Arthur and Florence Gang on the marriage of their daughter, Sharon Kim, to Larry Edwin West of Seattle, Washington on January 1, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Linda Beer who recently attained the professional designation of Certified Retirement Living Specialist (CRLS). Linda is affiliated with the Bethesda/Hampden Square office of Long & Foster.

Membership Information

Margaret Bogler has moved to 5901 Montrose Road, Apt. 502S, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 816-2189. Daniel and Margery Swerdlow have moved to 9225 Cranford Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 983-2453.

Vatikim Luncheon

The next Vatikim luncheon will be on March 16, 1995. Please look for notice about the program and other details in the Beth El Scroll issue 44-13.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Elizabeth Pleeter on the death of her father, Henry Sidler, and to Deborah Leibowitz on the death of her mother, Sarah Simon Golub.

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.

February 13 - February 16

Jerry and Sally Flanzer
 Ronald and Rosalyn Fleisher
 Lawrence Fluger and Linda Fassberg
 David Fogel and Ilana Bar-Lehav
 Donald Forest
 Herbert and Marilyn Forrest
 Samuel Forstein and Faye Ehrenstamm
 Murray and Anne Foss
 Albert and Evelyn Fox
 Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell
 Arthur Frank and Mary Kay Dawson
 Beryl and Gloria Frank
 Steven Frank
 Steven and Regina Frank
 Sam and Penina Freedenberg
 Henry Freedman
 Stanley Freeman
 Karl Freiberg
 Helen Friedkin
 Jerry and Laurie Friedman

February 20 - February 23

Barry and Barbara Friedman
 Bernard Friedman
 Gerald and Sandra Friedman
 Marc and Daniella Friedman
 Moshe and Sarah Friedman
 Philip and Beverly Friedman
 Thomas and Ann Friedman
 Peter and Debra Friedmann
 Gary Friend and Tara Sonenshine
 Samuel and Eleanor Frishman
 Gary and Sylvia Fuchsman
 Beatrice Fuhrman
 Craig and Judy Futterman
 Mordechai and Joan Galil
 Jeffrey and Lynne Ganek
 Arthur and Florence Gang
 Jonathan and Jane Gang
 Jerrold and Sally Ganzfried
 Diane Garfield and Peter Hauslohner
 Hy Garfinkel



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.

Who's Who and What's What

Torah Scroll Fund Appeal Successful!!

Todah rabah to all those who responded to our plea for funds. In a little over one month the necessary funds were contributed to cover the expense of repairing our Torahs. In the next few months several of our Torahs will be taken to New York City for the repair. Once they are returned the others will be taken for repairs. All of our Torahs will be back in time for Rosh Hashanah.

Other Restricted Funds Still in Need

There are still two funds which are in need of additional support: the College Fund and the Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund. The College Fund provides Hanukkah and Passover packages to our college students. We usually solicit the college addresses via the Beth El Scroll in the summer and early fall. Please forward any new addresses or change of address to Rachel Handloff, our Youth Director. The Suls Youth Activities Fund provides subsidies for Beth El youth to attend conventions. Your help in providing funds for these specific purposes would be greatly appreciated.

Many people do not have an understanding of how the restricted funds work. Money collected through donations for the restricted funds is accounted for individually and spent for the specific purpose. This is why the word "restricted" is used. We report the activity of the restricted funds at the Annual Meeting in May.

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.

Chapel Prayerbook Rearrangement

Due to the large attendance at the morning minyans and the Friday evening services and the lack of bookshelf space in the Chapel, we have now put the prayerbooks in the racks under the seats. Please be sure to look under the seat in front of you for a prayerbook. If you are in a seat with no row in front of you, the prayerbook is under your seat. The shelves are now occupied by the bibles needed for the Shabbat morning minyan. Please be sure to put your prayerbook back underneath the seat from where it came, so that the next person will be able to find it easily.

Tax Statements

By now you have received the annual statement of contributions made to Beth El. Please be sure to read both the front and back carefully. Also, unless you find something which is incorrect, please don't call us with tax questions. Unfortunately, we do not have a CPA on staff and therefore are unable to give tax advice.

Shabbat Manual

Special thanks to members of the Keruv Committee for their help in rewriting the Shabbat Manual. The Shabbat Manual, available from the Usher Station, is a detailed explanation of our Shabbat service. If you know of someone attending services who is not familiar with our service, please direct them to the Usher Station and the Shabbat Manual.

Food and Toiletries Baskets

Outside the Board Room are two baskets, one for food and the other for toiletries. Please help us help those less fortunate by bringing in items. These baskets are emptied regularly by congregants and brought to Bethesda Cares.

I have never previously wanted to write a column with my name on it, mostly out of modesty. However, many people enjoyed learning what's "going on" from my past columns and asked why I don't write more often. Time permitting, I will try to do my best.

Steven J. Kravitz
Executive Director

Lunch and Learn Course Sponsored by The Foundation for Jewish Studies

Thursday, March 2nd is the first session in a six-week course "An Interpretive Study of the Passover Haggadah" taught by Rabbi Barry Freundel of Keshet Israel Congregation. The Lunch & Learn Bible Study Group will meet Thursdays, March 2 - April 6, from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m., at the B'nai B'rith Building, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW (at 17th Street). There is a \$10.00 registration fee. Participants are requested to bring a Haggadah with them and a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. For registration information, please contact the Foundation for Jewish Studies at (301) 770-4787.

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Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Honor Of: Heinz Bauer's 80th birthday by Faye H. Landey, Paul and Martha Sanders, Betty and Alan Sunshine, David and Annette Lashner, Theodore and Ann Kaplan and Stephen and Jacqueline Woodward.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Eva Stein, by Paula M. Kleine.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: The birth of Eli Cary Berman by Jeff and Terri Annis. In Memory Of: Fred Markus by Warren and Rina Levy; Augusta Rabinovitz by Beth El Vatikim; Beloved father, David Mendelowitz, by Flora M. Singer; Ruth and Ralph Maden by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schimel; Marcello Moses Samakovlija by Paola Bolasny; Eugene Simon by Norman and Ginny Schultz; Julius Gillman by Samuel R. Gillman; Marlene Shuman by Irwin Shuman.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: 40th anniversary of Fay and Gerald Chernin by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish. In Memory Of: Daniel Neuman by Barry Neuman.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Eugene Simon, father of Jonathan Simon, by Julia and Howard Copperman; Jack Moss, beloved father of Bernard Moss, by Mrs. Anna Hammer.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Suzanne Bronheim being installed as Vice-President of United Synagogue of America, by West Bethesda Chavurah; Rebecca Wind graduating from University of Delaware by West Bethesda Chavurah; Stewart Wolf's graduation from the Jewish Day School by West Bethesda Chavurah; Marilyn Wind's installation as President of Seaboard Region of United Synagogue of America for an unprecedented second term, by West Bethesda Chavurah; The birthday of Elinor Brager by Dr. and Mrs. Barry R. Harris. In Memory Of: Jack Moss by Jack and Stephanie Ventura and Jose and Tutti Sokol; Beloved father and grandfather, Max Cohen, by Barbara S. Spitzer; Sister of Shirley Applebaum by Sandy and Barry Harris.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: My dear father, Harris Smokler, by Clare Lerner.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Ben Goldberg by Sylvia and Alex Abraham.

General Fund

In Memory Of: Miriam Lerner by Gloria Levine; Robert Rosthal by Sylvia and Alex Abraham.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Jack Moss, father of Bernard Moss, by Steven Kravitz and Esther Siegel.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

Craig Dreiling and Amanda Ford. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Reba Sklaroff, by Claire Marwick.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Dani Brenner, niece of Harriet Kerwin, by The Galil Family; Father and grandfather, Fred Markus, by Beth El Nursery School and Staff; Fred Markus, father of Sharon Markus, by Wendy and Harvey Reiter and Gloria Karel.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Stacy Bubis, new grandchild of Elaine and George Perlman, by Frances Lesser and Howard Lesser.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Cantor Abraham Lubin by Stephanie Schissler; Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman by Stephanie Schissler. In Memory Of: Sylvia Freedman, mother of Sol Freedman, by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman; Beloved mother-in-law, Ida Lerner, by Clare Lerner; Beloved father, Moe Friedel by Sylvia and Alex Abraham.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Norman Sweet, uncle of Evelyn Karson, by Evelyn Karson; The dear brother of Florence Block by Irene Routhenstein.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of: Eugene Simon, father of Jonathan Simon, by Shirley and Seymour Gross; My beloved mother by Stewart Deutsch.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Allen Lesser by Howard Lesser.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of sister, Mollie Reiser, by Daniel Diener. In Memory Of: Sarah K. Fiedelman by Judith Matz; Albert Lisbona by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Dear brother, Daniel Krigelman, by Reba Hirsh; Kathrin Jewell Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Our parents, Myra and Harry Birnkran and Zenda and Daniel Brownfain by Debra and Alan Birnkran. In Memory Of: Fred Markus, father of Sharon Markus, by The Galil Family; Charles Merlin by Paul and Marcia Merlin; Sylvia Fairberg by Barbara and Walter Kahn.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Dani Brenner, niece of Harriet Kerwin, by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; Eugene Simon, father of Jonathan Simon, by Kim and Lyle Lieberman; Eve Tishkoff, mother of Julian Tishkoff, by Judith and Jonathan Levin.

Sisterhood

In Memory Of: Barbara Wolf, on the occasion of the posthumous presentation of the Golda Meir Award, by Sy Wolf.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: The Sickel Family by Clare Lerner. In Memory Of: Anna Cohn by Evelyn Karson; Irving Gray by Sylvia and Alex Abraham.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: The birthday of Irene Walder by Sam and Ellie Frishman; Rabbi Maltzman and Cantor Lubin by Marilyn Wind. In Memory Of: Jack Moss, father of Bernard Moss, by Gary and Marilyn Wind, Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller, The Bronheim Family, and Ilene and David Jacobowitz; Rachel Drucker Hopp and Adolph Hopp by Elmira Hopp; Beloved father, Israel Isaac Haber, by Murray A. Haber; Liba and Mendel Goldberg by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; Syd Frankfurt, mother of Marianne Springer, by Andrea, Mike, and Nate Druckman; Jennie Freedman by Henry E. Freedman; Beloved mother, Julianne Freiberg, by Karl Freiberg; Henry Gichner by Alan and Corinne Swoff; Eugene Simon, father of Jonathan Simon, by Cary and Nancy Feldman; Harry Wallerstein by Lee P. and Gloria W. Derkay.

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!

Contributions

We are always grateful for contributions to our restricted funds. Please be sure to use our donation envelopes and complete the information requested so we can accurately acknowledge your donation. Should you need donation envelopes, they are available in the lucite holder outside the office, or by calling Esther Rubin in the synagogue office.

Sisterhood News

Parent Education Workshops

The Sisterhood/Religious School Committee sponsored Family Life - Parent Education Workshop Series will have programs on the following dates:

March 5: "The Ten Commandments" presented by Rabbi Maltzman.

April 2: "How to Speak to Your Child About the Holocaust" presented by Flora Singer.

These workshops are held between 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and are open to all interested adults. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend these programs.

The "Sandwich Generation"

Sisterhood will present an informative discussion on Sunday, February 26, 1995 on the "Sandwich Generation" -- people who are dealing with the health, finances and care questions for their children and their parents, and even their grandparents. Erika Englemann, an LCSW from the Jewish Social Services Agency, will meet with us at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel to educate us on this important topic. Also joining us will be Amy Kaufman Goott, a member of the UJAF Women's Division Executive Committee. Save the date!

Beth El Judaica Shop News

Consider enjoying the beautiful mitzvah of Havdalah with your family at the end of every Shabbat.

Visit the Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop to see our lovely new Havdalah sets. Purchase your Havdalah Candles from us too!

Come by in the month of February and pick up your copy of how to perform the Havdalah service for your family for no charge.

Judaica Shop Hours: Sunday and Monday Morning, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us expand our hours.

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!



SEABOARD BRANCH



WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA WIDE
TORAH FUND LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1995
11:30 A.M.
BETH TIKVAH
2200 BALTIMORE ROAD
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
301 782-7338



SPECIAL GUEST: JACOB BLUMENTHAL

RAISED RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN SEABOARD BRANCH. A USY 'ERL OFFICER, ADVISOR AND THEN ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR FOR SEABOARD REGION OF U.S.Y. JACOB IS NOW A RABBINICAL STUDENT AT THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA.

MINIMUM DONATION
\$25 KOTAH

R.S.V.P. BEFORE MARCH 8, 1995

\$10 COUVERT

Janet Goldhill
(301) 299-5128

Hold the Date for Hoops for Hunger!

The Beth El Men's All-Star Basketball Team, led by player-coach Jonathan Z. Maltzman, will play in a benefit basketball game on Sunday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School gymnasium. Our opponent will be Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Synagogue. Proceeds will benefit Mazon. For more information, call Rachele Bernstecker at (301) 309-0947.

United Synagogue's Newest Service -- Jewish Singles Computer Dating

It's the fastest growing way to meet Jewish singles in the area. It's quick and easy -- you fill out a detailed questionnaire about yourself and qualities that you are looking for in a mate. Every two months you receive a computerized letter with up to five names that have been matched to your preference.

With over 1100 singles signed up in the Washington/Baltimore area, the network seems to be hot, based on the many applications coming in, along with the four engagements arranged so far! For more information and applications, please call (301) 230-0801.

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. You may purchase Maryland/Washington, D.C., Virginia or Baltimore Entertainment '95 books at the school office or the synagogue office. For information, 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.

Israel Quest Announces Second Annual IsraelFest

Where can 7th and 8th grade Jewish teens find a free action-packed evening of Sportland America activities, refreshments, t-shirts and special prizes and surprises? At IsraelFest, the fun event designed for teens who have registered for or are thinking of registering for Israel Quest. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Sportland America at Rio Mall, 9811 Washington Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD.

Bus transportation is provided. Details are available on the registration form, which is required. Forms are available at the Israel Quest office in Rockville. Please register by March 5th. If you require special accommodations, please notify the Israel Quest office in advance.

Israel Quest is a multi-year, community-wide Jewish teen project that complements and expands existing programs, allows teens to make new friends, gives them the opportunity to experience a deepened connection to the Jewish community and Israel, offers exciting activities and ultimately, a thrilling Israel experience. Israel Quest is a UJA Federation project in partnership with 50 synagogues and community organizations.

For further information, please contact your sponsor organization or call Linda Klonsky, Director, Israel Quest, at (301) 230-7275.

New Jewish Council for the Aging Homecare Program Provides Personal Services for Older Adults

Do you or any members of your family need personal assistance, companionship, respite care or in-home care? A new program of the Jewish Council for the Aging, JCA HOMECARE, provides a full range of personal services to senior citizens. These services include, but are not limited to, shopping, errands, house-keeping, meal preparation and respite for families. For further information, call JCA HOMECARE, (301) 881-8782.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

Interested in being part of an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class? If so, please contact Rabbi Maltzman.

Social Action News

Mark your 1995 Calendars

Beth El will be participating in the following two projects once again this year:

Congregation Based Shelter: April 2nd - April 8th. We will provide overnight shelter and meals at Beth El to twenty homeless men and women.

Yachad/Sukkot in April: Sunday, April 20th. Beth El volunteers will repair and paint a low-income homeowner's property.

Volunteers will be needed for both of these projects. Watch upcoming issues of the Beth El Scroll for more details or call Debbie Ross, (301) 229-4131.

Warm Winter Clothing Needed

Bethesda Cares' clothing center is seeking donations of men's and women's winter clothing, blankets, socks and underwear, and gym-type bags with carrying straps to be distributed to homeless and needy individuals in Montgomery County. Donations may be brought to the basement of St. John's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Bradley Boulevard on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Binda Douglas, (301) 681-1185.

Wanted: Yiddish Books

The National Yiddish Book Center is seeking Yiddish books for distribution to Jewish communities world-wide. If anyone has Yiddish books that they would be willing to contribute to this effort, please call Bertram Stiller at (202) 667-3730.

JSSA Programs

The Jewish Social Service Agency has a brochure which describes its Winter, 1995 seminars, workshops and ongoing groups. Topics include parenting, learning disabilities, bereavement and assorted programs for adults, children and adolescents. To receive a brochure, call JSSA at (301) 881-3700.

From the Desk of the Youth Director

The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)

Advisor: Charni Selch

February 12

Game Shows

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

RSVP to Charni by February 10th at (301) 468-2127. Cost is \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Advisor: Ariel Glassman

February 19

Bowling with Machar

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join Ariel for an afternoon of bowling and games. Cost is \$15.00 and includes transportation, bowling, shoes, munchies, and game tokens. RSVP to Ariel at (301) 652-4015.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Advisor: Michael Scheinberg

February 19

Beth El Youth Department Annual Ski Trip

9:45 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Watch your mail for these flyers and reserve early for the best trip ever. This is Beth El's most popular activity. Beginners, Intermediates, Advanced -- everyone is invited. Packages range in price from \$53 to \$73. Pick up an application in Rachel's office.

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

Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff

Wednesdays in February USY Basketball League Join the Beth El USY basketball team as we take on the region. If you are interested in playing, please call Alan Spiegel at (301) 897-5438.

February 18

USY Shabbat

Join the USYers for Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary. We will do Musaf on our own in the Chapel and have our own Kiddush.

February 19

Ski Trip

See Kadima listing.

February 21

Take 30

Join the Beth El Religious School and Youth Department for this monthly dinner seminar. RSVP to Rachel by Monday, February 20th at (301) 652-2606.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: What are the steps leading to conversion?

Dear Congregant: The steps leading to the decision to convert are going to be unique to each individual. It's not a straight line sequence of events. However, once the decision to convert has been made, there are a few universals.

An adult's conversion to Judaism requires three things: the commitment to begin a lifelong study of Judaism, the commitment to lead a Jewish life, and participation in the conversion ritual. (The latter means immersion in the mikvah. Men must also have a brit milah -- or if already circumcised, have a hatafat dam, a ritual drawing of a drop of blood.)

Beth El and several other Conservative synagogues offer conversion classes for those wishing to convert to Judaism. The course of study begins each fall, continues until spring, and includes meetings with the prospective convert's sponsoring rabbi. Through the classes, meetings and participation in services and Jewish events, the prospective convert acquires the basic skills needed to live a Jewish life. For information about these classes, please call the synagogue office. Keruv can put you in touch with people who have recently completed the class.

Shabbat Discussions

Keruv welcomes everyone to our Shabbat discussions, 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 will focus on the following topics:

February 18: "When Your Child Interdates"

March 18: "When Your Child Intermarries"

Keruv wants your questions and comments! 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: "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.

50+ Singles

The next meeting of 50+ Singles will be on Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. A representative of the Jewish Historical Society will be present to describe some of the projects concerning the history of the Washington Jewish community. A video entitled "Half Day Sunday" about the mom and pop grocery stores will be shown. congregants and their friends are invited to attend. For further information, call Evelyn Bitterbaum, (301) 530-3464, or Jo Gimble, (301) 881-9138.

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**Please make your reservations
soon as the group is filling rapidly!**

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SATURDAY

						<p>10 Scroll #14 Deadline 5:19pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm 2nd - 3rd Grade Shabbat Dinner - SH</p>	<p>11 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>
<p>12 Confirmation Class Trip 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Sisterhood Board Mtg. - BR 9:30am Men's Club - SH 12:30pm Youth Groups - APR</p>	<p>13 Confirmation Class Trip 10:00am Sabra Hadassah Mtg. - BR 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>14 6:30pm Aerobics 7:45pm Nursery Bd. Mtg. - APR</p>	<p>15 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Hebrew Class - Room 202</p>	<p>16 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm 50+ Singles Mtg. - APR</p>	<p>17 5:27pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p>18 UJA Shabbat 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Gan Shabbat - APR 12:00pm Keruv - BR</p>	
<p>19 No Religious School 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Men's Club - SH 5:30pm Blue and Gold Dinner - SH</p>	<p>20 President's Day No Evening Minyan Office and Schools Closed 9:00am Minyan</p>	<p>21 5:00pm Take 30 - BR 6:00pm Take 30 - APR 6:30pm Aerobics 8:15pm Congregation Mtg. - SH</p>	<p>22 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Hebrew Class - Room 202</p>	<p>23 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics</p>			

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

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