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Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.
BENS Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the SH

Saturday, March 4th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
David Goldberg Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 P.M. in the Chapel

Friday, March 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 11th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Jason Belinkie Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

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.



Purim Festivities

Reading of the Megillah is Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. As is our custom, there will also be a full traditional reading in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. We wish to thank our Megillah readers: Aaron Dreilinger, Naomi Katz, Tallie Lieberman, Stephanie Schissler, Alan Spiegel, Daniel Spiegel and Aaron Tievsky. The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 19th.



Off The Bimah

While not the first group of religious leaders to cross the Allenby Bridge into Jordan, there was for me a sense of history and adventure as I joined 100 rabbis from all streams of Judaism on a January mission to Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom. The visit to Petra, a spot whose magnificence and beauty is utterly overwhelming, was one element of an extraordinary visit. Briefings at the American Embassy and the Jordanian Foreign Ministry lent an official air to the experience; a phalanx of security personnel added the dimensions of drama and concern; while the overall impression was of a closed, controlled, parochial society unexposed to the outside world -- in stark contrast to the vibrancy, openness, liveliness, and diversity of the Jewish state. History has now brought these two different societies into a close and committed relationship. May they both learn to emulate the strengths and avoid the weaknesses of the other.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

You are cordially invited to

A CAPITAL EVENING

at Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814

on Saturday, April 1, 1995

8:00 PM Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
9:00 PM Promptly Political Satire by the Capitol Steps
10:00 PM A Capital Raffle Drawing followed by dessert

Come to see good friends, enjoy top-notch entertainment and support Beth El's wonderful programs.

Couvert \$85 per person (\$40 is a tax deductible contribution)

Consider supporting Beth El at one of the special Capital levels:

\$300 Includes tickets for two persons, preferential seating for entertainment. (\$210 is a tax deductible contribution)

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A Capital Raffle—Drawing at a Capital Evening
Grand Prize Two Round Trip El Al Tickets to Israel
donated by Helena Koenig of the Ticket Counter, Inc.
Other exciting prizes!

Be sure to purchase your tickets now—\$10 each or 3 for \$25

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 Jill Gottesman, Veronique Nussenblatt, Stewart Wolf and their families on the students' graduation from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School on February 12, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Shelley and Sanford Reback on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Leigh Reback, on December 25, 1994.

Mazal Tov to Leslie and Warren Leonard on the birth of their daughter, Ilana Leonard, on January 22, 1995.

Membership Information

Reuben and Blanche Lozner's new phone number is (301) 598-6862. Steven and Dianna Palance's new phone number is (301) 774-0109. Ellen Sweetwood has moved to Bedford Court, 3701 International Drive, Room 245, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Charyse Sindler has moved to 1600 South Eads Street, Apt. 238N, Arlington, VA 22202.



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.

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 Rachelle Bernstecker at (301) 309-0947.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Gary Wind on the death of his aunt, Lillian Perlman, and to Joe Rosenthal, Hanna Bernhardt and Max Bernhardt on the death of Henry Gichner, grandfather, brother and uncle.

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 27 - March 2

Eran Gasko and Bonni Berger
Melvin and Sondra Geiger
Anna Gelman
Gertrude Gerber
Sylvan and Esther Gerber
William Gerber
Linda German
Edward and Jill Gerstenfield
Daniel Geselowitz and Sandra Cohen
Alfred and Elaine Gessow
Sidney and Janet Getz
Samuel and Rita Gillman
Josephine Gimble
Mark and SuzAnne Gladstone
Harry and Carol Glazer
Jeffrey and Marilyn Glick
Sam and Frances Glovinsky
Steven and Lydia Glucksberg
Lewis Goetz and Patti Waksal-Goetz
Ron Goetzel and Linda Newman-Goetzel

March 6 - March 9

Alan and Barbara Gold
Harvey and Dale Gold
Charles and Bettie Goldberg
Flora Goldberg
George Goldberg
Irving and Annette Goldberg
Howard Goldblatt
Alan and Andrea Golden
Deborah Goldfarb
Dexter and Luta Goldman
Harry and Iris Goldman
Barry and Beverly Goldsmith
Andrew Goldstein and Hilary Sigmon
David and Joan Goldstein
Richard and Helaine Goldstein
Sidney and Harriet Goldstein
Mark Goldstone and Mindy Lieberman
Ed and Bea Golfer
Jerome and Arlene Golub
William and Emily Goldman

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, housekeeping, meal preparation and respite for families. For further information, call JCA HOMECARE, (301) 881-8782.

Tuning In with Cantor Lubin

There is a long standing tradition that was much in vogue in the East European Jewish community and Yeshivot academies to chant a special Purim Kiddush to suit the "Spirit" of the holiday.

As your Hazzan it is my solemn and awesome responsibility to be the guardian and custodian of all the ancient and authentic liturgical texts together with their accompanying appropriate melodies for the entire cycle of the year. Thus I wish to share with you the proper text for the Kiddush to be chanted on the SPIRITual and "High" holiday of Purim. There is a serious difference of opinions in the Talmud whether this Purim Kiddush should be chanted sitting, leaning or standing. The final hilarious, excuse me, Halachic decision is to satisfy all of the various opinions, by starting the Kiddush in a standing position, then continuing it in a leaning posture followed by sitting down and concluding the Kiddush lying down and chanting it in a totally FLAT manner and key:

PURIM KIDDUSH

קידוש לפורים

יום הפורים ויגלו המים מהארץ וכל צבאם: ויכל לוט ביום הפורים כדו אשר שתה: וישתה ביום הפורים מכל פדיו אשר שתה: ויברך את יום הפורים ויקדש אותו: כי בו שתה מכל משקיו אשר ברת לשתות:

סברי מורדים וסוררים ושכורים

ברוך אתה מוכר פרי הגפן

ברוך אתה אשר מבר לנו מכל יין. והשקנו מכל דבש

והשפיקנו בכוסותינו: ותתן לנו באהבה משקים לשמחה יין ודבש לששון. את יום חג הפורים הזה זמן שפירתנו בארבעה עשר לחודש אסור לשתות מים. כי לנו מכתב ואותנו הרות מפרך כרמים ומשקי בדיד בשמחה ובששון השפיקנו. ברוך אתה מוכר משקים ומעדנים:

ברוך אתה שהשקנו והשפיקנו והגמיאנו לזמן הזה:

KIDDUSH FOR PURIM

Purim Day. The water was consumed from the Earth and all on it. On Purim day Lot had finished the jug that he had been drinking; and so he drank on Purim day from all his jugs that he had been drinking from. He blessed Purim and sanctified it because on it he drank all his liquor which he had brought.

With the permission of all rebels, mutineers and drunkards:

Praised are you, Seller of the fruit of the vine.

Praised are you who sold to us all types of wine, let us drink of mead and intoxicated us with his goblets. In love you have given us drinks for gladness, wine and mead for joy; even this holiday of Purim, the season of our drunkenness, whereupon the 14th day of the month is forbidden to drink water. You sold it to us and made us drink from the fruit of the vine, and intoxicated us in gladness and joy from the drink of your goblet.

Praised are you, seller of drink, intoxicated us, and gave us drinks for this occasion.

A freilachen Purim to you all.

Ahavat Shir

Attention all singers: Spring is coming and a time for joyful singing. Join our Ahavat Shir, Beth El's own singing choir. On April 23rd, Hazzan Lubin will present to the Men's Club the topic "Jerusalem 3,000." In 1996, Jerusalem will celebrate the trimillennium anniversary of King David declaring Jerusalem the capital of the Holy Land. Hazzan Lubin and singers will illustrate this theme by performing songs of Jerusalem and the psalms of King David. If you are interested in participating in this event, please call Sheila Smallberg Cohen, (301) 652-0237. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, February 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

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.

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Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Honor Of: Heinz Bauer's 80th Birthday by Walter and Betty Zeisl.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Sam Lerner, father-in-law of Clare Lerner, by Clare Lerner; Samuel D. Stein by Josephine C. Stein.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery for Max Krents by Sam Nash. In Memory Of: Moe Maslynsky, father of Harvey Maslynsky, by Arlyn Becker; George Goldsmith's father, Abraham Goldsmith, by Rhoda Mancher and Amy Backus; Khava S. Mazo and Ilya I. Mazo by Marina Ginderova; Grandmother Rua by Mary and Jon Levinsohn; Grandfather Stein by Mary and Jon Levinsohn; Eugene V. Debs Simon by Robert and Kathy Matty; Martin Schoenberg by Dorothy Kappel; Dani Brenner by Rachel and Rich Handloff.

Cantor's Fund

Deborah Golub Leibowitz. In Memory Of: Samuel Haber by Sandy Lubin; Luba Levin by Theodore Levin; Malcolm Robert Fidell by Eugene R. Fidell.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Berman by Ken and Beth Berman; Harry Kahn by Marcia and Paul Merlin; Fred Nosovitsky, father of Sam Nash, by Sam Nash; Joseph Hertzberg by Hyman J. Zimmerman.

College Fund

Sophie Weinberger. In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph for his kindness and support by Connie and Jay Krupin; Cary Feldman by Thomas K. Micali. In Memory Of: Ellen Eule's Grandfather, John Kessler, by Norman and Ellen Eule; Henry Gichner by Max and Judy Bernhardt; Sam Steg by Gail and Roger Feldman and Family; Abraham Luks, father of Ellen Eule, by Ellen Eule.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Morris Moshman by Annette and Jack Moshman; Alfred Meisner by Murray Foss.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Mark Jacobson's birthday by Johanna Chanin and Jeff Weinstein. In Memory Of: Abraham Goldberg by Bettie Lee Goldberg; Simon Sherman by Douglas and Carol Sherman; Milton Dolnansky, brother of Rosalyn Bass, by Rosalyn D. Bass.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Fred Markus, father of Sharon Markus, by Amy and Gene Goott, Jonathan and Sandra Simon and the Kincaid Family; Beatrice Chernin by Jerry and Fay Chernin.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Jonathan and Judith Levin by Helen and Lenny Rib. In Memory Of: Rose Sweed, mother of Harold Sweed, by Harold and Elizabeth Sweed.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Samuel Janney's Bar Mitzvah by Susan Levine and Bob Janney; Ida Altman by Susan A. Cohen. In Memory Of: Daniel Weisbach by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin; Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir Lechtman.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: Suzanne Bronheim for her dedication to Beth El by Connie and Jay Krupin; Rabbi William Rudolph by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Cary Feldman by Thomas K. Micali; Our daughter Sharon's marriage to Larry West by Arthur and Florence Gang. In Memory Of: Nan Weiser, grandmother of Ellen Elow-Mintz, by Ellen Elow-Mintz; Abraham Kessler, uncle of Ellen Eule, by Ellen Eule.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Members of the Morning Minyan by Deborah Leibowitz; Rabbi William Rudolph by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; My Aliyah by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Eugene V. Debs Simon by Herb and Peggy Levinson; Harold Gross by Alan B. Gross; Paul and Celia Shapiro by Edward and Roslyn Shapiro; Sarah Simon Golub by Julian Levin.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Eli Cary Berman by Mary Berman.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Samuel Janney's Bar Mitzvah by Susan Levine and Bob Janney; Rabbi Maltzman for his leadership, guidance and kindness by Connie and Jay Krupin; Cary Feldman by Thomas K. Micali; The speedy recovery of Mildred Diener by Dan Diener. In Memory Of: Nathan Hindin, Frances Leibowitz's father, by Frances H. Leibowitz; Jack Moss by Murray, Merle, and Ira Haber; Eve Tishkoff, a great teacher and friend, by Yael Greenberg; Rebecca Calderon and Boruch Wagman by Abe and Louise C. Wagman; Our Beloved Daughter, Laura Kim Sweed, by Harold and Elizabeth Sweed; Joshua Brown by Josephine Horn; Estelle Berger Rubin by Albert and Audrey Berger; Fred Bender, father of Audrey Winston, by Audrey and Colin Winston; Irena Ross Glick by Jeff and Marilyn Glick; Michael Bobb by Sharon Bobb; Beloved Father, Max Newell, by Robert and Beatrice Newell; Shirley Feldman's Mother, Judith Sunshine, by Dennis and Shirley Feldman; Jack Moss by Selvyn and Florence Brown.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Selma Siegel's birthday by Robert and Paula Siegel and family; Bob Siegel's birthday by Paula, Michael, Sara and Jennifer Siegel; Cheryl Kreiser by Cecelia and Eugene Levine; Hazzan Abraham Lubin by Cecelia and Eugene Levine; Rabbi William Rudolph by Cecelia and Eugene Levine; Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman by Cecelia and Eugene Levine; Speedy recovery of Dr. Arthur Greenfeld by Dolly and Marvin Band; In Memory Of: Fred Markus by Adeen and Michael Postar; Joseph Greenman by Maurice M. Greenman; Fred Kolker by Beverly Kolker Friedman; Mother of Sam Levin by Dolly and Marvin Band; Rae Band by Dolly and Marvin Band; Irving Epstein and Freda Engelman by Dr. and Mrs. Burton S. Epstein; Sylvia Birnbaum by Julian Levin; Minnie Schertzer by Albert and Sylvia Small.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Eugene V. Debs Simon by Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer; Min Wind by Gary and Marilyn Wind.

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

In Memory Of: Dora Oling, mother of Gloria Frank, by Gloria and Beryl Frank.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Memory Of: Mary L. Silverberg, mother of Dr. Stanley Silverberg.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Janet Goldhill's and Leslie Carter Silver's superb leadership of Sisterhood by Paula Siegel.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Daniel Mann by Amy and Gene Goott; Mrs. Marion Berkman by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Mrs. Mindell Wien by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Janyse and Bernie Weisz by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Karen and Mark Siegel by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Carole and Gary Kay by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Barbara and Alan Gold by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Marsha K. Glazer by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon. In Memory Of: Stanley Cohen by Ken and Beth Berman; Arnold Just, father of Heinz Just, by Heinz Just.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Rachel Handloff for her dedication to our children's commitment to Jewish life by Connie and Jay Krupin; Speedy recovery of Mrs. Freddie Wamsley by Marcia and Donald Weinroth; Speedy recovery of Howard Herzog by Marcia and Donald Weinroth; Speedy recovery of Dr. Max Solow by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Cary Feldman by Thomas K. Micali; Jack Goldberg's 90th birthday by Gary and Marilyn Wind; The birth of Talia Loeb by Gary and Marilyn Wind; Birth of Jennifer Sarah Sachs by David and Sharon Spiegel and Family; In Memory Of: Frances and Max Weinroth by Marcia and Donald Weinroth; Selma and Nathan Hankin by Marcia and Donald Weinroth; Milton Winters by Esther Siegel and Steven Kravitz.

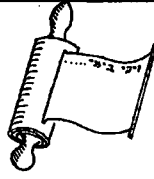
Torah Scroll Fund

Dennis and Debbie Ross. In Honor Of: Samuel Janney's Bar Mitzvah by Dick and Betty Drachman; Hazzan Lubin for his generosity and guidance by Connie and Jay Krupin; Jackie Levine's kindness by Helen and Lenny Rib; Nancy and Michael Kay's new baby, Margaret, by The Morgenstern Family; Peter Novick by Rita, Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Cantor Abraham Lubin by Rita, Jonathan

Sisterhood News



WHY HAVE A "DECEMBER DILEMMA"?



Purim is the traditional Jewish holiday for gift-giving and merriment!

Stop in the Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop for

Purim toys, books and masks.

Not sure how to make the most of celebrating Purim?

Consider purchasing one the Women's League's excellent series called **Celebrate on Purim** for great ideas.

Also come to see our ever-changing stock of Judaic items to enhance your worship and home observance. Pesach is not far off—we have seder plates, matzah covers, and Haggadahs!

Hours: Sundays and Mondays 9:00 AM to Noon
We are still looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us expand our hours.



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.

Torah Fund Luncheon

The upcoming Baltimore - Washington area Torah Fund Luncheon will be held Sunday, March 19th at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Rockville. The speaker will be rabbinical student Jacob Blumenthal, son of Beth El members Bernice and Werner Blumenthal. Jacob is a Wexner Fellow at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is a past Regional President of the United Synagogue Youth and served as the Youth Director of Seaboard Region United Synagogue. Before entering the Jewish Theological Seminary, he worked as the Assistant Director of Youth Activities for United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Jacob is typical of the future leaders of the Conservative movement who are being trained at JTS.

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.

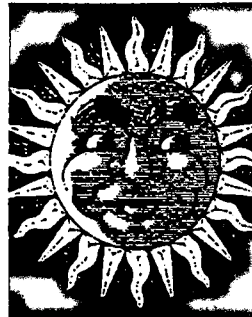
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and Sandra Simon. In Memory Of: Fred Markus by Dick and Betty Drachman; Jack Moss, father of Bernard Moss, by Judith and Jonathan Levin; Harris Freedman by Henry E. Freedman; Marshall J. Wien, father of Sandra Simon, by Jonathan and Sandra Simon's Family; Jack Schultz, father of Stuart Schultz by Jonathan and Sandra Simon; Anna and Abraham Cohen by George and Priscilla Tievsky; Eugene V. Debs Simon by Murray and Marilyn Hammerman; Jack Moss by Murray and Marilyn Hammerman; Jonathan Simon's Father, Eugene V. Debs Simon, by Sheila Birnbach; Mendel and Liba Goldberg by Frank and Harriet Weinstein.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: Lauren Bregman's Bat Mitzvah - Mazal Tov! by Peter and Debra Friedmann; Impending marriage of Sy Wolf and Faye Rosen by Israel and Mary Shulman; Tutti Sokol's excellent tutoring by Brenda and Doug Bregman. In Memory Of: Merry Klass by Kay Klass and Mark Levitt; Barbara Wolf by Douglas and Annette Wolf.

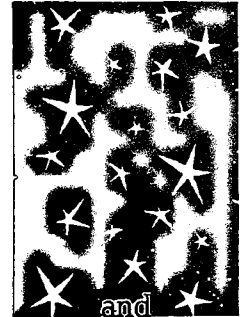
Now we can give you...



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".

March 2 - "Esther like you never knew her".
8:00p.m. Rosh Hodesh Rabbi Rudolph
Synagogue

R.S.V.P. - Jill Gerstenfield - 530-7272
Marilyn Wind - 530-6726

Nursery School News

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. Thanks to all who have generously donated so far.

Save Your Stuff

We rent you a table space, then you sell your own stuff. Sell toys, clothing books, household goods, etc. Mark you 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!

To reserve your table now for the BENS Spring Rummage Sale, use the form below. Tables are limited, so reserve early to guarantee an opportunity to sell all your outgrown but still usable toys and clothes.

Reservation Form

Please reserve _____ table(s) in my name at \$20.00 per table for the BENS Spring Rummage Sale on Sunday, March 26, 1995. Enclosed please find my check for \$_____, made payable to Beth El Nursery School.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

For more information, call Sharon Zissman, (301) 984-1428, or the BENS office, (301) 652-1228.

Beth El Nursery School Camp applications will be available March 1st for children who will be 3 years old by June 1st.

Please call (301) 652-1228 for information.

Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Session I is June 20th - July 7th;
Session II is July 11th - July 28th.

Beth El Nursery School Camp is hiring Junior Counselors for June 19th through July 28th to help campers aged 3 - 5 years enjoy a warm, loving and safe atmosphere supervised by experienced teachers.

Camp activities include arts and crafts, water play, games and trips. Work hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Salary depends on related work or learning experience. Please call (301) 652-1228 for information.

Adult Laymen's Institute

The annual retreat of the Adult Laymen's Institute of Greater Washington will be held this spring at Camp Louise on May 19th - May 21st (Friday - Sunday). Started by members of Conservative Congregations Men's Clubs over 40 years ago, the Institute this year will welcome men and their wives and children of Bar/Bat Mitzvah age and older.

Camp Louise in the Catoctin Mountains is a perfect setting for a springtime weekend of relaxation, reflection and renewal. The Scholar-in-Residence this year will be Dr. Shimon Shokek of the Baltimore Hebrew University. His four lectures will explore "The Ideas and Influences of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism on Jewish Life."

Traditional Shabbat services will be conducted and kosher meals provided. Only 50 private rooms are available and all have private toilet facilities. The fee for the weekend is \$150 per adult and \$80 per youth (ages 13 - 22). A brochure with more details and schedule of the weekend is available from Gilbert Rosenberg, 7904 Maryknoll Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 229-3394.

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 us for a Purim Party on Sunday, March 12th at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Jeremy and Sharon Zissman sponsored the Nitzanim kiddush on January 28th in honor of their daughter Melissa's fourth birthday

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

Interested in being part of an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class? There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, February 26th at 11:00 a.m. If you can not attend this meeting, please contact Rabbi Maltzman for more details.

Social Action News

Volunteers Needed for Congregation Based Shelter

Beth El will once again open its doors to shelter twenty homeless men and women in our synagogue for the week of April 2nd through April 9th. The Congregation Based Shelter program is run by Community Ministry of Montgomery County, of which Beth El is a member, and the Montgomery County Department of Social Services. CBS is a system of fifty churches and two synagogues which volunteer to provide temporary overnight year-round housing to certain homeless individuals in Montgomery County. The program is now in its twelfth year.

The shelter will operate as it did last year: we will provide dinner, breakfast and a bag lunch to our shelter guests who will sleep in the All Purpose Room and use the adjacent bathroom. The rest of the building is off-limits. Shelter hours are from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. No guest will be on the premises or in the neighborhood at any other time. The homeless men and women in the CBS program are all carefully screened. No one is admitted who is unable to comply with shelter rules, or who is not committed to working with the problems causing their homelessness. A paid CBS staff person is on the premises during shelter hours.

Beth El members are needed to staff the shelter: to serve dinner, visit with guests and sleep over. Other tasks, including transporting and laundering linens at the end of the week, need volunteers as well. Donations of snacks, drinks and toiletries, as well as contributions to the Social Action Fund to cover costs associated with the program, are also welcomed. If you would like to help, please call either Debbie Ross, (301) 229-4131, or Julie Maltzman, (301) 530-9199.

A mandatory organizational meeting for all volunteers will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 8:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.

As they did so successfully last year, our Religious School students will prepare dinner and lunch for much of the week. This year day school students will also have an opportunity to prepare a meal. Interested day school students should contact Susan Siegel, (301) 469-9585.

Those of us who participated in this project last year were affected by the experience and are eager to be involved again this year. The shelter is a wonderful opportunity for Beth El to show we care about the homeless in our community. Please join in this most worthwhile endeavor.

Sukkot in April

On Sunday, April 30th, Beth El will participate, along with several other area synagogues, in an effort to repair and renovate homes of low-income individuals in our community. Yachad, the Jewish community's low-income housing corporation, is again organizing the Jewish community's involvement, in conjunction with the nationwide organization, Christmas in April. Beth El is proud to be repeating our participation in the Jewish community's second annual organized workday which allows needy individuals to remain in their homes.

Last year's able house captain Ed Koenig will be joined by co-captain Bert King to lead Beth El's team this year. Volunteers

are needed to work a four-hour shift that Sunday. If you have plumbing, electrical or carpentry skills, you are especially valuable. Also needed are "unskilled" laborers -- painters and yard workers. If you would like to join in this very rewarding project, call Debbie Ross, (301) 229-4131.

If you are unable to work on April 30th, you may still support Beth El's effort by making a contribution to the Social Action Fund which underwrites our participation.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: I thought you might like to know the success of a tradition I have established with my son and non-Jewish daughter-in-law, now living in New York City and unable to attend family Seders.

About four years ago when they were newly married, I asked my daughter-in-law first if I could send a Seder meal from Essen-West caterers. She said she loved Jewish food, so I had them select a menu. I arranged for enough food for them to invite two other couples. It gives me joy to know they are celebrating and enjoying this holiday in their home. Congregant

Dear Congregant: Your new and creative Passover tradition is lovely. Thank you for sharing it with us.

Shabbat Discussions

Keruv welcomes everyone to our Shabbat discussion group, held after the morning services on the third Shabbat of each month. 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. The next discussion will be held on March 18th and will focus on "When Your Child Inter-marries."

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.

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.

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.

Vatikkim Luncheon

With spring not far off, we are happy to resume our Vatikkim luncheons on the third Thursday of the coming months. Our first luncheon after the winter break will be on March 16, 1995. Under its outreach program, the National Portrait Gallery will present an hour's reminiscence of World War II entertainment entitled "Hollywood Goes to War."

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.

Reservation Form Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, March 16, 1995

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Name:

Phone Number:

Please have your response reach us by March 14, 1995. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

From the Desk of the Youth Director

During the months of January through June, only paid members of the Youth Groups receive flyers via the mail. If your child is a member and is receiving the incorrect mailing or no mailing at all, please contact Rachel in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606.

The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)

Sunday, March 5

Join Charni and Bonim on a trip to The Little Gym in Rockville. Enjoy creative movement, group games, gymnastics, music and songs, and much much more. The bus will leave Beth El at 1:30 p.m. and return at 4:15 p.m. Cost is \$15.00. Reservations are required. RSVP to Charni at (301) 468-2127.

Advisor: Charni Selch

Bonim Goes to the Little Gym

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Sunday, March 12

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

Join Ariel and Machar for a Purim Extravaganza. Make hamentashen and a grogger. Cost is \$10.00. RSVP to Ariel at (301) 652-4015.

Advisor: Ariel Glassman

Machar Purim Celebration

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join Kadima and USY for this joint activity. Dinner, mask making and megillah reading. Cost is \$10.00. RSVP to Mike at (301) 345-0978.

Advisor: Michael Scheinberg

Purim Party

Friday, March 24

Kadima/USY Family Shabbat Dinner
Join Kadima and USY for this Family Shabbat Dinner. Services will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:15 p.m. RSVP to Rachel in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606.

Friday, March 31

Kadima Kallah
Join Kadima for this regional weekend convention at Congregation Har Shalom. Those interested should contact Rachel in the synagogue office to get an application. (301) 652-2606.

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

Wednesdays in March

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.

Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff

USY Basketball League

Sunday, March 5

USY Social Actions Sunday
Join USY for Social Actions Sunday. Get your credit for Montgomery County Community Service Hours. For more information, call Sara Malech, (301) 469-0112.

Tuesday, March 21

Take 30
Join the Beth El Religious School and Youth Department for this monthly dinner seminar. RSVP to Rachel by Monday, March 20th, at (301) 652-2606.

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!