



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Shabbat Schedule

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

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

Saturday, March 18th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Jeremy Sidman Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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, March 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

Kadima/USY Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the SH

Singles Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the APR

Beth El Retreat weekend

Saturday, March 25th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Lesley Matty Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Scouting News

On April 2, 1995 there will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Congregation Beth El. The following three Scouts from Troop 1800 will be presented as Eagle Scouts: Ariel Glasner, David Glasner and Zachary Levine. The congregation is invited to attend the Court of Honor to participate in the presentation of the Eagle Award to these exceptional young adults.

Pack 1800, Troop 1800 and Explorer Post 1800, all sponsored by Beth El and the Men's Club, have had several notable events occur which we would like to share with the congregation. Four adult and young adult members of Scout Troop 1800 will be recognized by the National Council for saving the life of a young woman. The individuals to be recognized are Ira Levine, Cary Gordon, Peter Whil and Robert Mistichen. The presentation will take place at a Men's Club breakfast at a time to be announced.

On Sunday evening, February 12, 1995, at an awards presentation ceremony sponsored by The National Capital Area Council Boy Scouts of America Jewish Committee on Scouting, three adult Scouts were presented with the Shofar Award. The Shofar Award is presented by the National Jewish Committee on Scouting for outstanding service on behalf of Jewish youth. The recipients of this award are Ira Levine, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 1800 for the past seven years, Robert Mistichen, Scoutmaster Emeritus of Troop 1800, and David Levine, Cubmaster of Pack 1800 and Institutional Representative to Beth El for the Scout troops. At the same ceremony, eight Scouts from Cub Pack

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1800 received the Aleph Award which is presented to Cub Scouts who exhibit particular interest in Jewish studies.

Scouting at Beth El serves not only the congregation, but the entire community. For information about scouting at Beth El or about the National Capital Area BSA Jewish Committee on Scouting, please call David Levine at (301) 299-9507.

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.

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 (\$85 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. (\$300 is a tax deductible contribution)

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\$1000 includes tickets for two persons, three raffle tickets, preferential seating for entertainment. (\$1000 is a tax deductible contribution)

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, Magruder's, 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

Correction: In Beth El Scroll issue 44-11, the birth of Jeremy Mathew Shuman was announced. Jeremy Mathew is the son of Dr. Barry and Hannah Shuman. The names of Jeremy's maternal grandparents, congregants Dr. Herman and Minna Schneider, were inadvertently left out. We regret the error and wish them Mazal Tov.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Mina Kaynard and Nathaniel Allard.

Membership Information

Michael and Wendi Meisel have moved to 13513 Hunting Hill Way, North Potomac, MD 20878.

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.

March 13 - March 16

Calvin and Norma Golumbic
Ann Goodman
Eugene and Amy Goott
Phillip and Vivian Gorden
Meyer and Dorothy Gordon
Nathan and Helen Gordon
Barry and Susan Gorman
Nancy Graber
Esther Grabill
Melvin and Harriet Gravitz
Peter Gray and Nancy Greenfield
Jerrold and Karen Greenberg
Leonard and Linda Greenberg
Oscar and Yael Greenberg
Robert and Jean Greenberg
Warren and Judith Greenberg
Eli and Marcia Greenblum
Harold and Evelyn Greene
Maurice and Barbara Greenman
Naomi Greenwood

March 20 - March 23

Joseph and Aline Greif
Zvi and Jacqueline Greismann
Mariana Griff
Sid and Beth Groeneman
Erwin and Leena Groner
Alan and Barri Gross
Seymour and Shirley Gross
Leo and Mary Grossman
Kenneth and Ruthanne Grundfast
Milton and Libbie Gussow
Murray Haber
Don and Michelle Hainbach
Robert Halperin and Candace Kaller
Mervyn and Eileen Hamburg
Joseph and Mildred Hamer
Murray and Marilyn Hammerman
Michael Handelman and Mary Malhiot
Bruce and Susan Hanley
Barry and Sandra Harris
Nancy Harris

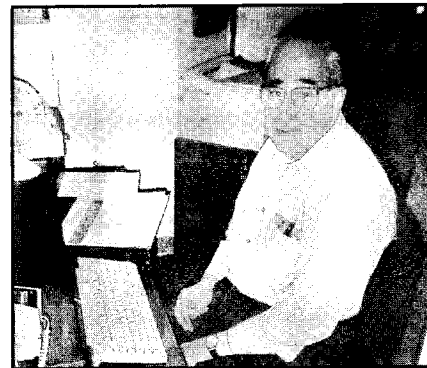
Lipnick Scholarship Fund Applications

Scholarship requests for the Rabbi Jerome Lipnick Israel College Scholarship Endowment Fund are now being accepted. Please contact Rachel Handloff in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606.

Bible Heritage Series Lecture

Professor Edward L. Greenstein, Professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will speak on "The Hidden Theological Messages of the Ten Plagues" on Tuesday, April 4th at 8:00 p.m. at Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street NW, Washington, D.C. This pre-Passover lecture in the 1995 Bible Heritage Lecture Series sponsored by The Foundation of Jewish Studies is free of charge and open to the public. A reception begins at 7:30 p.m.

Professor Greenstein will examine key texts within and surrounding the story of the ten plagues to clarify the theological agenda of this Torah narrative. Special attention will be given to the culminating plague, the killing of Egypt's first born. For more information, call the office of The Foundation for Jewish Studies, (301) 770-4787.



Al Fox, long-time volunteer on the Saul Bendit Adult Institute Committee, diligently working on the non-member database.

Jewish Information and Referral

Do you have room at your seder table for a guest? In our transient Washington community, people are constantly moving in or out from other parts of the country. Some of these individuals and families will be separated from their extended families for Passover and would love to participate in your family seder. Over the last several years, many wonderful matches have been formed that have enhanced everyone's celebration.

If you can accommodate one or more persons, please call the Jewish Information and Referral Service in Maryland at (301) 770-4848, or in Virginia through the Northern Virginia Information Line at (703) 978-3910.

Are you new to the Washington area, or a native Washingtonian interested in learning about Jewish Washington? Just ask the Jewish Information and Referral Service, at the phone numbers above, for an information package tailored to your individual needs. Newcomers will also be invited to one of several spring welcome receptions scheduled for April and May throughout the Washington area.

Tuning In with Cantor Lubin

During a recent Cantors Assembly mid winter conference which I attended in San Francisco, I was struck by the fact that the session on "Stress Management" led by a professional, attracted the largest attendance by those present. It seems that in the frantic world of our lives today, stress is inevitable and that we need to learn how to "manage" it. In conjunction with that session the leader distributed a handout which made an impression on me and that I want to share with you.

"Be on the lookout for symptoms of inner peace. The hearts of many people have already been exposed and it is possible that people everywhere may come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has been, up to now, a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs of inner peace are:

- ... An amazing ability to enjoy each moment
- ... A loss of interest in judging other people
- ... A loss of interest in judging one's self
- ... Frequent, overwhelming feelings of appreciation
- ... Frequent attacks of smiling
- ... An increase in susceptibility to the love extended by others, and an uncontrollable urge to return that love.

WARNING:

If you have some or all of the above symptoms, please be advised that your condition of inner peace may be so far advanced as to be incurable.

If you are exposed to someone exhibiting these symptoms, know that they are highly contagious. You should remain in their presence at your own risk!"

BETH EL SCROLL

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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 next rehearsal is Thursday, March 16th at 8:00 p.m.

Lost and Found Items

The synagogue office has a lost and found box which is almost full. The most common items in it are tallit bags with tallit inside. Please be sure to have your name, address and phone number in these bags so we may contact you when they are found. If you have lost any item while at the synagogue, please come check out the lost and found box.

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.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of February 6, 1995)

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: The birth of Olga Weiss's new grandson by Sandy and Abe Lubin; The 90th birthday of Olga Weiss's father by Sandy and Abe Lubin. In Memory Of: Father-in-law, Harry Markowitz, by Henry E. Freedman; Jack Sansweet by Julia and Howard Copperman; Martin Schoenberg by Ellen and Stuart Berman.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: In appreciation of Hazzan Lubin by David Berkenbilt & Judith Halpern. In Memory Of: Beloved mother-in-law, Frieda Heller, by Heinz Bauer.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Ida and Louis Goldberg by Murray A. Haber; Norman Schrank by Tom and Sarine Schrank.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Tutti Sokol, by Alex Eule, for your help and time by Ellen and Norman Eule.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Suzanne Bronheim's election to United Synagogue by Toby and Bernie Moss; Debra Friedmann's inspiration and motivation by Brenda Bregman. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Minnie Haber, by Murray A. Haber; Lewis Millenson by Roy H. Millenson.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved Uncle, Leo Horn, by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: Bea Weissman's recovery from recent surgery by Arthur and Sandy Becker.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Jack Goldman's special birthday by Rhoda and Richard Shapiro & Family; Speedy recovery of Max Krents by Harriet E. Wilkins. In Memory Of: Isadore Londner by Annabel and Irving Chasen; Joseph Cohen by Julian Levin.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: The Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Bregman by Erwin and Leena Groner; Jack Goldberg's 90th birthday by Erwin and Leena Groner. In Memory Of: Eugene V. Debs Simon, father of Jonathan Simon, by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Havurah Fund

In Memory Of: Peshe and Benjamin Risin by Rose Risin.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: The birth of Talia Loeb by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker. In Memory Of: Fred Markus, father of Sharon Markus, by Debbie and Sam Olchyk.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Bozof by Sylvia Bozof.

Mazon

Nancy Wallace. In Honor Of: Jerry and Dorothy Kretchmer's 35th anniversary by Karl Freiberg.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: My parents, Anna and Bernard Turteltaub, by Helena Koenig.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Jack Goldberg's 90th birthday by Judith and Jonathan Levin, Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker, Jerry and Fay Chernin, and Anita and Bernie Ash. In Memory Of: Yetta Greenberg, mother of Jeanne Ende, by Jeanne and Asher Ende; Henry Gichner by Josephine Gimble; Mordechai Hochberg by Abraham Hochberg.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Our daughter Melissa's 4th birthday on Jan. 24th by Sharon and Jeremy Zissman. In Memory Of: Rosara Kotzin Sundell by Susan Hanley.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Jack Goldberg's very special birthday by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Jacob Burman by Bea and Bernard Berger; Beloved mother, Rose Newell, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Julius Weisberg by Stuart and Beth Weisberg.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Allan and Rockey Lang's anniversary and Allan's continued good health, by Marvin and Delia Lang; Jessica K. Wexler's second birthday by Rita Wexler. In Memory Of: Michael Slosberg by Mark and Trina Bronfman; Elias Palter by Leah Kupersmith; Hilda Palter by Leah Kupersmith; Maurice Wexler by Rita Wexler; Martin Feinberg by Kenneth and Diane Feinberg; Simon Trevas by Suzanne C. Rosenblatt.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: The recovery of Aizic Jacob by Simone Bercu. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Julius Kaplan, by Rosalie Sporn.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Shirley Van by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: Adolph B. Kahn by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard H. Kahn; Rose Feingold, mother of Lenore Richter, by Lenore and Melvin Richter; Fortunee Harari by Vivian and Irving Beyda; Jack Moss, father of Bernie Moss, by Stuart Isaacs and Suzin Glickman.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Abraham Rothbaum, by Linda Beer.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: The marriage of Faye Rosen and Sy Wolf by Mildred Hecht; The wedding of Sy Wolf and Faye Rosen by Martin Privot and Laura Tepper.

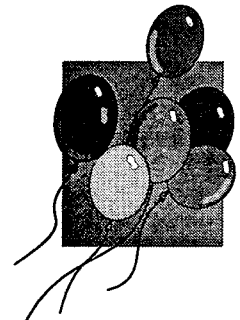
Join us at the PURIM CARNIVAL

Food - Games Prizes - Fun!!

Sunday, 12-3 PM March 19th

Tickets on sale:
March 12th (5 tickets - \$1.00)
March 19th (1 ticket - \$.25)

Beth El Men's Club




Sisterhood News

Parent Education Workshops

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

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

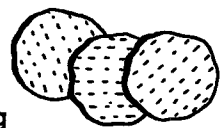
These workshops are held between 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and are open to all interested adults. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend these programs.



The First Sedar is April 14th!

Do you have everything you need for Pesach?

Come to the Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop for matzah covers, seder plates, books for adults and children, and Haggadahs.




To insure that we have the type and number of Haggadahs that you need, place an advance order now!!


Please fill out this form and return to the Beth El Judaica Shop c/o Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Or stop by the shop to put in an order and see our newest merchandise. All orders must be placed by March 18, 1996.

Number Ordered	Title	Price each	Total Cost
_____	Goldberg Haggadah (red and yellow)	\$ 1.40	_____
_____	Goldberg/ Large Type	\$ 4.15	_____
_____	Goldberg Companion Commentary	\$ 3.15	_____
_____	Passover Sedar—Pathways through the Haggadah (Rabbi Gilbert)	\$ 4.15	_____
_____	Feast of Freedom	\$13.80	_____
_____	Yeshiva University (Hardcover)	\$19.50	_____
_____	Wings of Freedom (Hillel w/matriarchs)	\$ 6.25	_____
_____	Metsudah	\$15.40	_____
_____	My First Passover Haggadah	\$ 6.25	_____
		Total Order	_____
		5% Sales Tax	_____
		Amount Remitted	_____

Please Make Checks Payable to Beth El Sisterhood
New Hours: Sunday 9-12 and Thursdays 9-12




SEABOARD BRANCH



WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

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WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA WIDE
TORAH FUND LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1996
11:30 A.M.
BETH TIKVAH
2309 BALTIMORE ROAD
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
301 782-7338



SPECIAL GUEST: JACOB BLUMENTHAL
RAISED RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN SEABOARD BRANCH. A USY 'ER, 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
\$28 KO'AH

R.S.V.P. BEFORE MARCH 8, 1996

\$10 COUVERT Janet Goldhill
(301) 299-5128

50+ Singles

The 50+ Singles group will meet on Thursday, March 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. Carol Sonnenborn, an experienced travel counselor with Adventures in Travel, will talk about "Travelling Solo in the '90's."



Men's Club News

On Sunday, March 12th the Men's Club will hold its weekly lox and bagels breakfast and talk. The speaker will be Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan, who will be presenting what is sure to be an informative and interesting talk on the Lubavitch movement. The Morning Minyan will begin at 9:00 a.m., with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and the presentation by Rabbi Kaplan at 10:00 a.m. All congregants are encouraged to attend.

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Special Pesach Information

Memo From The Rabbi

The following Pesach guidelines have been made available through the Conservative Movement. It is an incomplete list but helpful nonetheless. Please feel free to call on me with any individual questions and be sure to fill out the form to sell your chametz. I will conduct the "Mechirat Chametz" on Friday, April 14, 1995 at 8:00 a.m., after the Siyyum. Have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and congregation.

Siyyum For The First Born

The Annual Siyyum for the First Born Child will be held on Friday, April 14th at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow.

Our thanks to Sy Wolf, who is sponsoring the Siyyum in memory of Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, and Abraham and Dora Wolf.

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Pesach Yizkor Book Listing

Our Pesach Yizkor Book will be available on Saturday, April 22, 1995.

Please complete and mail the form below without delay. Please **PRINT** or **TYPE** the form to avoid errors.

I/We are enclosing a contribution to Congregation Beth El of \$ _____.

Please check one:

- I/We would like to use the same listing(s) from the 1994 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book.
- I/We did not have a listing in the 1994 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book. Please include the names listed below in the Pesach Yizkor Book.
- I/We had a listing in the 1994 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book and would like to have that listing plus the following names:

IN MEMORY OF: _____

REMEMBERED BY:

NAME _____
PHONE _____

Please return this form by April 10, 1995.

Congregation Seder

The Congregation Seder will be held on Saturday evening, April 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall I/We would like to make the following reservations:

<input type="checkbox"/> Adults @ \$25	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member Adults @ \$30	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children 7-12 @ \$14	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children 2-6 @ \$7	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children under 2	No Charge
Grand Total \$ _____	

Name _____
Phone No. _____
Address _____

I/We would like to be seated with:

- Yes! I would like to be seated at a Singles table.
- Yes! I would like to be seated at a Vatikim table.

Price includes contribution to Mazon
Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to: Beth El, Attn: Seder
Reservations are limited and due by Sunday, April 9, 1995 or the first 250 people, whichever comes first.

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Selling of the Chametz

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in your home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of **Mechirat Chametz**, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Maltzman sell your chametz, please mail in the following form by April 13, 1995 or drop it off in the Rabbi's office.

I, _____,
hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman to sell my chametz before Passover, April 14, 1995, according to Jewish law.
Signature _____
Address _____

Special Pesach Information

Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Pesach falls on Friday evening, April 14th through Saturday, April 22nd. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration.

A Pesach home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz or leaven in preparation for the welcoming of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of Chametz or leaven throughout the Pesach days, both at home and when away.

The term Chametz or leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

Foods During Pesach

1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dried peas and dried beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category.

2. Permitted Foods

A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label

The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes also require no supervision.

B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Pesach use are permitted also in their frozen state.

C. If Certified for Pesach Use by Rabbinical Authority

Matzot, matzo flour, Pesach noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear rabbinical signature.

Dishes and Utensils

1. Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions:

A. Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Pesach if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

B. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

C. Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Pesach.

2. Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.
3. The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.
4. A dishwashing machine may be used for Pesach after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through a cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.
5. Microwave ovens are made kosher for Pesach by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.
6. Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over them. Some authorities call for a sink liner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

Volunteers Needed to Host Russian and Iranian Jewish Newcomers for Passover Seders

The Community Resettlement Program (CRP) of UJA Federation of Greater Washington needs families and individuals to host newly-arrived Russian and Iranian Jewish families or individuals for the first and/or second Passover seder(s) on Friday, April 14th and Saturday, April 15th. Due to the steady stream of newcomers able to emigrate to our area, the need for volunteers continues to rise.

According to Rachael Gray-Raff, Director, Community Resettlement Program at UJA Federation, "The outpouring of support from the Jewish community is astounding -- more than anyone could have imagined. I'm confident that community support will continue to be strong and we will match or exceed this year's volunteer needs."

Passover celebrates the Exodus of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt and is called "the season of our liberation." The seder symbolizes unity among all generations of Jewish people. It is especially poignant to recently arrived emigres. For them, the seder reflects a personal celebration of their own modern day Exodus to freedom.

To extend a Passover invitation or for more information, please call Rachael Gray-Raff at (301) 230-7200, ext. 204.

Nursery School News

Giant Receipt Program Ended March 4, 1995

BENS has until March 10th to turn in our blue Giant receipt tapes. Please deposit your tapes in the envelope on the BENS bulletin board immediately. 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 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! For more information, call Sharon Zissman, (301) 984-1428, or the BENS office, (301) 652-1228.

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.

BENS Candy Sale

Chocolate-covered matzoh! Milk chocolate almond bark! Put Beth El on your list as the place you can purchase Passover candies! Beth El Nursery School will be selling an assortment of Krums and Bartons Passover candies at the synagogue on April 2nd and April 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Don't forget to check it out!

Nursery School Applications

Applications for the 1995 - 1996 school year are available for wait list only. Call the BENS office, (301) 652-1228, to have one mailed to you. Applications are not available for pick up at the school.

Beth El Nursery School's 1st Annual Jewish Year Calendar

In August, 1995, all Beth El congregants will be receiving a courtesy copy of Beth El Nursery School's 1st Annual Jewish Year Calendar. We invite you to participate in the calendar by placing a business/patron ad or by announcing birthdays, anniversaries, B'nai Mitzvah and yahrzeits.

On a personal note, this is a great way to ensure that your special family dates are shared with the congregation. On a professional level, this is a smart, economical way to reach out to your Beth El community (approximately 1,050 strong!!!) and enhance your business/professional exposure.

A single personal announcement is just \$5.00, and \$3.00 if you purchase five or more. Business/patron ads are priced as follows: Business card size ad - \$36; double business card size ad - \$50; 1/4 page ad - \$75; 3/4 page ad - \$150; full page ad - \$200. A listing in the directory only is \$12, and an ad in a calendar square is \$18. All ads must be placed by May 15, 1995.

For personal announcements: send your announcement to Julie Murray, 7743 Heatherton Lane, Potomac, MD 20854 along with a check made out to B.E.N.S.

For business/patron ads: call Judy Sherman at (301) 564-0174.

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.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: Lighten up. It's Purim!

Dear Readers: Sometimes living in a world with non-Jews is funny.

Overheard conversation, two second grade girls discussing their religions:

Jewish girl: ...And the only thing I don't like about being Jewish is eating bitter herbs. We have to eat bitter herbs every Passover.

Christian girl: Bitter herbs? Oh! Bitter herbs! My mother puts those in our salad every night!

Both: Yeeuuuuw.

New Twist on the December Dilemma

A boy from India studied Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas one December. He came home wanting something he as a Hindu boy could celebrate. His mother searched, found nothing, and told him there was nothing they could do -- despite his pleas. The next year he pestered her more incessantly, and by the third year she gave in. "Okay, just choose one of the holidays and we'll celebrate it." He thought about it for a few days and came back with his answer: "Hanukkah." Why Hanukkah? "Because I like soldiers the best."

Introduction to Judaism 101

Two women who are converts compared their introductions to Judaism. The first said her first service was a wild, crowded, active Simchat Torah celebration. It was noisy, it spilled out into the street with dancing, it was happy, seemingly chaotic, and like no religious event she had ever witnessed in person. The second woman said her first experience was even better. People of all generations were dressed in all sorts of costumes, there was lots of shouting and even noisemakers handed out to create more din. The Sanctuary was crowded with people out to celebrate, and they did. Some even claimed it was their duty to get drunk later. Be happy, it's Purim!

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.

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.

Clothing Drive for Ukraine a Success!

Thanks to all the Beth El members who cleaned their closets to find clothing and other items to send to Ukraine's 500,000 needy Jews last month. Also, many thanks to Gail Ifshin, Hattie Goodman, Ilene and Jake Ackerman and Debbie and Ilana Ross who delivered numerous bags of goods to their point of departure at Washington Hebrew Congregation.