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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, April 14th, Shabbat and Festival Services at 6:30 p.m.
First Seder

Saturday, April 15th, Shabbat and Festival Services 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
Festival Service at 7:15 p.m.
Congregation Seder at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21st, Shabbat and Festival Service at 6:30 p.m.
Seventh Day of Passover

Saturday, April 22nd, at 9:15 a.m. only
Eighth Day of Passover (Yizkor)
Perri Pleeter Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, April 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Cherisse Leopold Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 6th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Feld Lecture at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Feld Lecture

Professor Saul Philip Wachs, world renowned expert on Jewish prayer, will be the Feld Lecture speaker on Shabbat morning, May 6th. His topic will be "The Dignity of Words."

Professor Wachs is the Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Education and Chairperson of the Education Faculty at Gratz College. A native of Philadelphia, he received his Doctorate in education and Jewish history at the Ohio State University. Dr. Wachs also holds a Hebrew Teachers Diploma from Gratz College and undergraduate degrees from Temple University, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Ohio State University in the fields of educa



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Off the Bimah

I join with rabbis nationwide in writing to you in advance of the Passover season with an important message and a special request. You recall the story: A famine had spread over the land. When Jacob heard that there was food to be had in Egypt, he instructed his sons, "Go down and procure rations for us there, that we may live and not die." (Genesis 41:56, 42:2) Food was being distributed by their brother Joseph; they ate and brought their entire family -- the children of Israel -- to settle in Egypt. There "Joseph sustained his father, and his brothers and all his father's household, down to the little ones, with bread." (Genesis 47:12) Then "a new king arose over Egypt who know not Joseph." (Exodus 1:8) He feared the Israelites' strength and made them into slaves, embittering their lives. With God's help, we went out of Egypt. We are the children of that freedom.

Today, however, there is no parting of the waters; no miracles. Just a real necessity to provide to those among us who are hungry in our own land. It is true: There is no Torah without bread.

Today, living among us in America, a land of unprecedented abundance, are 39 million people, including 20 percent of our children, who are poor. To be sure, the political landscape has changed. Depending on one's point of view, that can be viewed as a black cloud or a silver lining. What remains clear is that it is a particularly bad time to be poor!

I hope that you will consider a contribution to **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger**, perhaps an amount of money that would be spent to invite one or more hungry people to the table of the seder you attend. In doing so, you will provide food where there is none and give substance to the words that we speak: "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

I wish you and your families joy in this Passover season.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Reminder to 1996 Bar and Bat Mitzvah Families

May 1st is the deadline for reserving rooms for your Shabbat dinner, parties or brunches. Please call Miriam at (301) 652-2606 to make your reservation. After May 1st, synagogue, community or rental events may be booked on the Saturday evening following your simcha.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Classes

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes are now being formed. If you are interested in being part of a class, please contact Rabbi Maltzman at (301) 652-2606.

The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next three weeks. The Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. Please note that the Evening Minyan starts at 8:20 p.m. on Wednesdays when the Saul Bendit Adult Institute is in session. 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.

April 17 - April 20
 Robert and Carole Kaminsky
 David and Donna Kanin
 Helen Kanovsky
 Hershel and Rose Kanovsky
 Steve and Aileen Kantor
 Michael and Lisa Kaperst
 Daniel Kaplan and Kay Richman
 Donald Kaplan and Evelyn Karson
 Leon and Laura Karadbil
 Sylvan and Yochevid Karlin
 Joseph and Susan Kattan
 Nadav and Lynn Katz
 Victor and Phyllis Katz
 Marshall and Helene Katzin
 James and Jill Kaufman
 Jay and Bernice Kaufman
 Joseph and Ruth Kay
 Michael and Nancy Kay
 Sanford and Esther Kay
 Frederic and Maria Kaye

April 24 - April 27
 Mina Kaynard
 Daniel Kazzaz and Audrey Corson
 Jerrold Keilson and Ellen Silver
 Kenneth and Nina Kellner
 Edward and Miriam Kelty
 Kenneth and Carol Kempner
 Lillian Kessler
 Sherman Kimball
 Bert and Susan King
 Nicholas and Sara Kitzrie
 Murray and Iris Kivitz
 Irving and Katie Klein
 Maurice and Nicole Klein
 Michael and Francine Klein
 Ronald and Mariette Klein
 Herman and Paula Kleine
 Sidney Kline
 David and Hedva Kobes
 Andrew and Katherine Koblenz
 Daniel Koch and Leah Brasch

May 1 - May 4

Edward and Helena Koenig
 Robert and Eyyan Koenig
 Jeffrey and Sandi Komarow
 Irwin and Rita Kopin
 Bernardo and Rosa Kotelanski
 Marvin and Barbara Kotz
 Mark and Marjorie Kramer
 Robert and Loretta Kramer
 Steven Kramer and Sheila Lieber
 Melvin and Andrea Kraus

Alan Kravitz and Sandra Kresch
 Ira and Jill Krefling
 Jay and Connie Krupin
 Leah Kupersmith
 Carl and Muriel Kupfer
 Adam and Sari Kurland
 Steven and Sherry Kurtz
 Harry and Miriam Kuskin
 Arnold and Linda Kuzmack
 Emanuel and Davetta Landau

CONGREGATION BETH EL MEN'S CLUB

Proudly Presents



with
HAZZAN ABRAHAM LUBIN
 and
AHAVAT SHIR

Beth El's Own Chorus

Sunday, April 23, 1995
 at 10:00 a.m.

A lecture illustrated with songs on the eve of the trimillennium anniversary of the city of Jerusalem.

Announcing the Men's Club 1995 Kavod Awards

Hyman Zimmerman
For Service to the Greater Community

Mervyn Hamburg
For Service to the Jewish Community

Edward Golfer
For Service to Congregation Beth El and the Men's Club

The Kavod Awards breakfast is Sunday, May 7, 1995 at 9:30 a.m.

Please respond by May 4, 1995.
 Cost is \$8.00 per person.

Send reservations to: Men's Club, attn. Herbert Wisner
 Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County
 8215 Old Georgetown Road
 Bethesda, MD 20814

_____ will attend.

Number of reservations: _____

Vatikkim Luncheon Update

There will be no Vatikkim luncheon during April due to Passover. The next luncheon will be May 18th. See the next issue of the Beth El Scroll for the May luncheon reservation form.



Men's Club Schedule

There will be no Men's Club breakfast or program on Sunday, April 16th, the second day of Passover.

On April 23rd, the Men's Club will resume its weekly lox and bagels breakfast and program at 10:00 a.m. Hazzan Lubin and Ahavat Shir will present a lecture illustrated with songs in honor of the trimillennium anniversary of the city of Jerusalem.

The Men's Club will conduct its quarterly Board Meeting on Sunday, April 30th. All congregants are encouraged to attend on these two dates. The programs immediately follow the Morning Minyan and the breakfast.

Kol K'vod Hazzan Lubin

On May 23, 1995, at the National Convention in New York, our Hazzan, Abraham Lubin, will assume the Presidency of the Cantors Assembly, the world's largest organization of Hazzanim. This will bring both personal and professional Kavod to Hazzan Lubin, as well as to Beth El.

Founded in 1947 to serve the professional needs of its members, the Cantors Assembly has expanded its original perspective to address the changing nature and needs of the contemporary worshipper and congregation. Faced with a dire shortage in coming years of qualified Hazzanim and Baalei Tefillah (lay prayer leaders), the Assembly has set out to recruit to the Cantorate fifteen promising students per year for ten years and to provide those entering the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary with scholarships.

Traditionally, the congregation from which the newly elected Cantors Assembly President comes, endows a scholarship in its Hazzan's honor. In keeping with this tradition and, at the same time, supporting the efforts of the Cantors Assembly to insure an adequate supply of Hazzanim in the future, we are asking all interested members of Beth El to contribute to a Scholarship Endowment Fund in honor of Hazzan Lubin's assuming the Presidency.

While any contribution will be welcomed, for those contributing \$100 or more per person, a buffet supper and musicale by several of Hazzan Lubin's distinguished colleagues will be held on Thursday evening, May 18, 1995. The program will include performances of liturgical, Hebrew and Yiddish songs, operatic arias, popular songs and Broadway show tunes. An invitation for the musicale will be mailed to those who have contributed at least this amount per person.

Your contribution is important and will be appreciated. Please return your contribution made payable to the Cantors Assembly Foundation to the synagogue by May 5th.

Thank you for your consideration and contribution.
 Benson D. Adams
 Chairman, Cantors Assembly Foundation
 Scholarship Endowment Committee

"Hoops for Hunger"

On Sunday evening, March 5th, our synagogue basketball team played in the first annual "Hoops for Hunger" benefit game. Although we lost the game to Adat Shalom Congregation by a score of 62 - 49, it was a fun evening and over \$1000 was raised for Mazon. Special thanks goes to Rachelle Bernstecker for coordinating the event, to Elaine Pines for assisting, and to Annette Abrams for designing the team shirts. The team members include Captain Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, Rob Fersh, Abbe Lowell, Gary Marx, Lew Schrager, Bernie Weisz, Phil Ochs, Dennis Ross, Michael Platt, Jamie Heller, Ira Hoffman, Mark Levitt and Paul Cohen.



Photo by Paula Wolfson

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!

Nancy Rose and Robert Lipman sponsored the Nitzanim kiddush on February 11th in honor of David's fifth birthday. Andrea and Alan Golden sponsored the Nitzanim kiddush on February 25th in honor of Cary's second birthday. Faith Roessel and Matt Slater sponsored the Nitzanim kiddush on March 11th in honor of Carl's fourth birthday.

Nitzanim will be having a Yom Ha'Atzmaut party on Sunday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please return the reservation form below by April 24th if you plan to attend. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Nitzanim Yom Ha'Atzmaut Party Reservation April 30, 1995

Parents' Names: _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s) and ages: _____

RSVP by April 24, 1995 to the synagogue office,
 attn. Nitzanim.

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Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery for Linda Perle by Mel and Elaine Cheslow; Joyous birth of grandson of Sandra Feldman by Sandy and Abe Lubin. In Memory Of: Dorothy Bender by Peter and Debra Friedmann; Sarah Greene, grandmother of Scott Graham, by Andrea, Mike, and Nate Druckman; Barney London by Simcha Havurah; Dear mother of Sandra Feldman by Sandy and Abe Lubin; Morris Eisenstein by Frances G. Eisenstein; Eve Cohn, mother of Rita Myers, by Dorothy Kappel; Barney London, father of Shelly London, by Natalie and Benson Adams.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Cantor Abraham Lubin by Dick Belferman; In gratitude to Cantor Lubin by Frances H. Leibowitz; The recent marriage of Faye Rosen & Sy Wolfe by Ruth and George Kay. In Memory Of: Fannie Kleine by Herman Klein; Jordan A. Schwarz, son-in-law of Frances Leibowitz, by Marcia and Saul Possick.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Florence Katz by Roy Millenson.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Betsy Brooks by Jose and Tutti Sokol. In Memory Of: Beloved parents, Theresa Esther Falchick and Victor Falchick by Dorothy L. Gordon.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Milton and Abraham Wittman and J. Harry Diamond by Evelyn D. Wittman and Family.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Selma Hurwitz by Dolly and Marvin Band. In Memory Of: Beloved mother of Ruth Bloom by Dolly and Marvin Band; Sidney L. Kohn by Esther G. Kohn.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Jack Goldman's 80th birthday by Samuel Goldman and Ida Weiner and Judy, Loren, Joel & Marla Zimmerman. In Memory Of: Beloved husband, Julius Risin, by Rose Risin; Julius Risin by Paula Horowitz; Sylvia Gerber by William Gerber.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Stanley Minch's sister by Steven J. Kravitz; Barney London, father of Shelly London, by Leena and Erwin Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

Alan and Corinne Swoff; Douglas and Carol Sherman; Ivan and Esther Schaeffer; Robert and Eyyan Koenig. In Honor Of: The marriage of Sy Wolfe and Faye Rosen by Daniel and Elaine Mann. In Memory Of: Sam Cohen, father of Beverly Nackman, by Ellie and Sam Frishman; Hanna Schechter by Edmund Schechter.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: David Pollack by Linda Orenstein; Tillie Golumbic, mother of Calvin Golumbic, by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Rebecca Kaynard by Mina Kaynard; Irving Rottenberg by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Rebecca Wexler becoming a Bat Mitzvah by Martha and Yuli Wexler. In Memory Of:

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Jack Goldberg's 90th birthday by Bernard and Charlotte Resnick and Dorothea K. Lear; My Aliyah by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Beloved uncle, Samuel Swoff, by Alan Swoff; Abraham Levinson by Herbert Levinson; Katie Routhenstein by Isadore Routhenstein; Sarah Simon Golub, mother of Deborah Leibowitz, by Etta Kline.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Louis M. Ellenbogen by Albert and Audrey Berger; Sarine Cohen Lisbona by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Mathilde Menasce Schettewi by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Beloved father, J. Arnold Pines, by Elaine Pines.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Jack Goldman's 80th birthday by Jack and Bea Goldman. In Memory Of: Professor Jordan A. Schwarz by Frances Leibowitz; Harry and Gertrude Weiss by Karen Satin, Mitchell and Michael Weiss; Beloved wife, Jean Kline, by Sidney Kline; Sarah Eva Witt Kalker by Beverly Kalker Friedman; Louis Gemstat by Pearl Baker; Benjamin Levy by The Curtis Levinson Family.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Fred B. Moskowitz by Dan and Carol Moskowitz; Paul Klein by The Davidson Family.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: USY hosting a great Interchapter by Mark and Joanne Weinberg.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: Leslie and Warren Leonard by Keruv; The birth of Talia Arielle Loeb by Lynn Goldin and Henry Bimkrant; Ilana Nadia Leonard by Warren and Leslie Leonard. In Memory Of: Celia Sherman, dear mother of Ruth Stein, by Norman T. and Ruth Stein.

Vatikkim

In Honor Of: Jack Goldman's "milestone" birthday by Sarah and Morris Weinstein and Jack and Bea Goldman. In Memory Of: Peter Fishman by Ruth Shartsis.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: Pop and Faye's marriage by Menachem & Debby Shoham & Children. In Memory Of: Israel Shoham by Menachem & Debby Shoham & Children; Meyer, father of Mrs. Ira Zapolsky, by Menachem & Debby Shoham & Children; Jean Sherman by Lola and Gerald Sherman.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Leila Rosen Young and Harry I. Young by Ina and Joe Young.

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tion, Jewish education and Jewish music. He has also pursued graduate work at Columbia University and Bank Street College of Education.

From 1948 to 1972, Dr. Wachs served as teacher and educational director at synagogues in Philadelphia, Mount Vernon, New York, Bloomfield, New Jersey, New York City and Columbus, Ohio. In Columbus he served from 1960 to 1970 as Director of Education at Congregation Tifereth Israel, the Pilot School of The Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Dr. Wachs also served as Director of Music at Congregation Tifereth Israel and at B'nai Zion Congregation in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

In 1972, Dr. Wachs was appointed as Director of Education at the Philip W. Lown Graduate Center for Contemporary Jewish Studies at Brandeis University. His service to Camp Ramah spanned 25 years during which time he served in educational and musical posts.

In 1975, Dr. Wachs was invited to Gratz College, where he served as Dean for five years and where he continues to teach. Since 1980, Dr. Wachs has acted as National Field Consultant for the Solomon Schechter Day School Association. In 1989, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Jewish Pedagogy by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Wachs has taught and lectured at several American and Israeli universities and colleges and has lectured in over 300 communities on five continents. Dr. Wachs has undertaken two missions to the Soviet Union and was sent by the State of Israel in 1989 to teach students, teachers and administrators of Jewish schools in Cape Town, South Africa.

Dr. Wachs' hobby is chess, and he has held several local, regional and national titles. He is a Life Master of the United States Chess Federation.

Dr. Wachs' most recent publications include a chapter on Jewish Education in Contemporary Jewish Thought (B'nai B'rith), a day school Curriculum for teaching Mitzvah (United Synagogue) and two monographs on liturgy (Proceedings, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Conservative Judaism.) Among previous publications are Shimu Veranenu, a series of cassette recordings for teaching Nosah Hatefillah (prayer chant) and Sidduri, a cassette of prayers for children with special learning problems.

Dr. Wachs was elected Vice President of the Association of Institutions of Higher Learning for Jewish Education, and he was recently chosen for the Jewish Educators Assembly - Behrman House Award for Lifetime Achievement in Jewish Education.

Following the Kiddush there will be a discussion period with the speaker, along with questions and answers. Please join us on May 6th for the lecture, discussion and tribute to the late Arthur Feld.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Hosts JTS Vice-Chancellor

Monday evening, April 24th at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Ann Lapidus Lerner, Vice-Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will speak on the theme of "Jewish Continuity." Our Sisterhood is honored to be able to bring one of the highest ranking women in American Jewish institutional life to Beth El on the occasion of the annual collective meeting of the Sisterhoods of Beth El, B'nai Israel and Har Shalom.

A member of the Seminary faculty since 1969, Dr. Lerner's scholarly interests include the study of modern Jewish literature, the reinterpretation of texts by modern writers and the position of women in Judaism. Among her publications is "Who Has Not Made Me a Man: The Movement for Equal Rights for Women in American Judaism," which has become a classic study of the interaction between the second wave of American feminism and Judaism.

In order to provide an opportunity for as many women as possible to hear this leader of the Conservative movement, the meeting is also being publicized within the Seaboard Branch of Women's League. Reservations are a must. Dessert and coffee will be served. For reservations, call Janet Goldhill, (301) 299-5128, or Sara Greenbaum, (301) 656-5263.

All that glitters will be sold!

April 30, 1995

at Beth El Judaica Shop

**All silver, gold, brass, bronze
items on sale 10% off.**

**Candlesticks, kiddush cups,
menorahs, mezzuzahs, etc.**

Many items already reduced.

Fine Arts Committee Update

The Fine Arts Committee of Beth El has been busily working this year on many beautification projects. To name a few, the lower level Meeting Room has been finished so that it may now function as a classroom and general meeting room. The most notable accomplishment for the Sanctuary has been the selection from among several entries of a magnificent two-piece tapestry which will be situated on the back walls of the bimah. This tapestry, designed by Tamar Fishman, will be produced by a British weaver and will grace our synagogue in about two years. We will keep you posted on its progress! Also in the works is a dedication board to honor those who donated to the Sanctuary renovation, both in the original and second phases. This is an artwork in itself!

Many other issues have been researched and discussed, and all suggestions are considered. We feel certain that you will be pleased with our efforts.

Connie G. Krupin

"In Memory of the Children"

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation from Nazi rule, Beth El's Sisterhood is a co-sponsoring organization of "In Memory of the Children Who Perished in the Holocaust," a program of dance, poetry and song. Among the co-sponsoring organizations and individuals are the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Organization of Holocaust Survivors and Friends, the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington and the Maryland State Arts Council.

The program will be presented at the Jewish Community Center's Kreeger Auditorium on Sunday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The program will feature tenor Manuel Zymelman's presentation of a selection of Yiddish songs written for and about children during the Holocaust, as well as a recently premiered modern dance work. The dance piece, a commissioned work choreographed by dancer Marcy Schissel weaves sight and sound together incorporating the poetry of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly."

Admission to the program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Marta Wassertzug, Judaic Programs Director at the Jewish Community Center, (301) 881-0100, ext. 6719.

We want you with us! Become a Sisterhood member now and your membership will continue until July, 1996! Don't miss our Spring programs and get a head start for next Fall!

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Dues: \$25.00; make check payable to Beth El Sisterhood

Send to: **Sisterhood**
Congregation Beth El
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814-1451

For more information, call Paula Siegel, (301) 365-0166.

Rabbi On-Line

Rabbi Maltzman has gone on-line! His e-mail address is JMaltz5287@aol.com. Feel free to contact him with comments, "shaylahs" (religious questions), insights. He is particularly interested in communicating with our college students nationwide via e mail.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Howard Bender on the death of his mother, Dorothy Bender.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: I want to be married by a rabbi and so does my fiancé, but he is not Jewish. We have talked about our differences in religion and have decided to have a Jewish home and rear our children as Jews. We think we can do it, and would like to let everyone know about our decisions from the start, partly by being married by a rabbi. (Actions speak louder than words.) I'm not sure how to work this out. Any suggestions? Bride-to-be

Dear Bride: Given the differences in your religions, talking about your future home and how you will raise your children is very wise, and we are happy you and your fiancé have chosen Judaism. But being married by a rabbi in a religious service is only religiously correct if it is a marriage between a Jewish man and a Jewish woman. Although your intentions are fine and your honesty is welcome, we must ask you to plan a civil ceremony. We also suggest you talk to Rabbi Maltzman about possible conversion at a later date and about local classes about Judaism. If at some time your fiancé does convert to Judaism, you may be married by a rabbi in a religious service.

Attending a Keruv discussion may be helpful, too. There you both can talk to others who have faced the confusions and challenges of intermarriage and find out how they manage to make their lives and their children's lives Jewish. We welcome you both to Jewish life at Beth El.

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 May 20th and will focus on "When Your Child Interdates."

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

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.

From the Desk of the Youth Director The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)

Sunday, April 9

Join Charni and Bonim for this creative Arts and Crafts project. Children will make their own calendars that will enable them to count the Omer. Cost is \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members. RSVP to Charni, (301) 468-2127.

Advisor: Charni Selch

Let's Make Omer Calendars

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Sunday, April 9

RSVP to Ariel, (301) 652-4015.

Advisor: Ariel Glassman

Putt-Putt

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Sunday, April 9

Join Mike and Kadima for this trip to Alexandria and have the time of your life. Reservations are required. For more info call Mike, 345-0978.

Advisor: Michael Scheinberg

Go Carting with Ben & Jerry

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

April 11

Join the Beth El Religious School and Youth Department for this monthly dinner seminar. RSVP to Rachel by Monday, April 10th, (301) 652-2606.

Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff

Take 30

April 23

Join USY for a Social Actions activity. For more information, call Sarah Malech, 469-0112.

USY Social Actions Sunday

The Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund

The Youth Department continues its quest to raise money for the Sybil Suls Youth Activities 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!

Camp Ramah Scholarships

Partial scholarships are now available for interested children who would like to attend Camp Ramah this summer. Please call Rachel Handloff at (301) 652-2606 to receive an application.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Julie and Dan Small on the birth of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth Small, on February 18, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Dorene and Joseph Rosenthal on the birth of their daughter, Helen Marni Rosenthal, on March 1, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Sandra and Barry Harris on the birth of their granddaughter, Lindsay Suzanne Tubbs, on March 5, 1995. Lindsay's parents are Alorin and Carey Tubbs.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman on the birth of their niece, Ruth Aleksey Maltzman, on March 15, 1995. Ruth is the daughter of Seth and Gail Maltzman.

Mazal Tov to Bernie Moss on winning the ICN International Prize in Virology which recognizes long-term contributions in the field of virology.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Bernard Band, Selma Hurwitz, Will Filler and Norma Golumbic.

Membership Information

Mindy Lieberman and Mark Goldstone have moved to 9419 Spruce Tree Circle, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 530-6612.

Putting God on the Guest List: A Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program

Getting ready for that Bar or Bat Mitzvah? How should you celebrate? How big or small should the celebration be? How do you decide? Perhaps exploring a different focus will make your experience even more meaningful. Let us help.

The first part of this mini-workshop will have Rabbi Maltzman review and discuss Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin's book, Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah. This wonderful book addresses recapturing the spiritual meaning of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah when young men, women and their families often feel closest to God, making the mitzvah a process of becoming more Jewish, instead of just another event.

The second part will consist of a panel of recent Bar/Bat Mitzvah parents to talk about their experiences and answer nuts and bolts questions such as the following: How did you handle non-Jewish friends and/or family? Whom do you honor at the service? Where did you house all your out-of-towners? How do you decide whom to invite? There are lots of tips to be had from someone who has recently gone through the experience.

See you on Sunday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

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 wait-list only.

Nursery School News

Giant Receipts

Thank you to everyone who collected Giant receipts for the benefit of Beth El Nursery School. The program ended as of March 4th for this year. We greatly appreciate your support, and we will update you on the final count and purchased items soon.

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.

BETH EL NURSERY SCHOOL'S 1ST. ANNUAL JEWISH YEAR CALENDAR PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1995-1996 (5756) CALENDAR

	NAME	MONTH	DAY	AMOUNT
BIRTHDAYS	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	4.			
ANNIVERSARIES	1.			
	2.			
BAR/BAT MITZVAH	1.			
	2.			
Yahrzeits	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	4.			
	5.			
	6.			

Single personal announcements are \$5.00 each. If you purchase any combination of five or more announcements, the cost is \$3.00 each. Place order form and check payable to BENS in envelope located on B.E.N.S. Bulletin Board on lower level.

Name _____
Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

April 14, 1995 - May 4, 1995

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

						<p>14 Scroll #18 Deadline Spring Vacation Starts - No School Erev Passover 1st Seder 7:15am Fast of the Firstborn & Siyyum 6:30pm Shabbat and Festival Service 7:24pm Candles</p>	<p>15 1st Day PASSOVER 2nd Seder 9:15am Shabbat and Festival Service 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Gan Shabat APR 12:00pm Keruv - BR 7:15pm Festival Service 7:30pm Congregation Seder</p>
<p>16 2nd Day PASSOVER 9:15am Festival Service</p>	<p>17 PASSOVER School Vacation</p>	<p>18 PASSOVER School Vacation 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Ahavat Shir Rehearsal - SH</p>	<p>19 PASSOVER School Vacation 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p>20 PASSOVER School Vacation 3:00pm Offices Close 6:30pm Festival Service</p>	<p>21 Offices Closed 7th Day PASSOVER 9:15am Festival Service 6:30pm Shabbat and Festival Service 7:31pm Candles</p>	<p>22 8th Day PASSOVER (Yizkor) 9:15am Festival Services 9:15am Perri Pfacter B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanin - APR</p>	
<p>23 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Men's Club/ Ahavat Shir Performance - SH</p>	<p>24 School Resumes 10:00am Sabra Hadassah Mtg. - BR 7:00pm Cub Scouts - Meeting Room 7:30pm Edgewood - Glenwood Citizens' Assoc. Mtg. - APR 7:45pm Area Sisterhood Conference - SH</p>	<p>25 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>26 4:15-6:00pm Yom HaShoah Commemoration - APR 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR</p>	<p>27 Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Memorial Day 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 4:15-6:00pm Yom HaShoah Commemoration - APR 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p>28 Scroll #19 Deadline 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:37pm Candles</p>	<p>29 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Cherisse Leopold B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation</p>	
<p>30 8:45am Minyan - Chapel 9:00-11:00am Yom HaAtz... 9:30am Men's Club - M... 10:00am Band Wedding ... 11:00am Nitzanin Yom ... 2:00pm Band/Nagler We...</p>	<p>1 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>2 6:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Sisterhood Elections - SH 8:00pm Religious School Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>3 Yom Hazikaron 4:15-6:00pm Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration (3-7) - SH 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR</p>	<p>4 Yom Haatzmaut 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 4:15-6:00pm Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration (3-7) - SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>5 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:44pm Candles</p>	<p>6 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Feld Lecture 10:00am Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel</p>	

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

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