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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, May 19th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Andrew Feinberg 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, May 26th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

David Turnbull Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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

Friday, June 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3rd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Benjamin Steward Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 in the Chapel

Tikkun Layl Shavuot, Mincha and Maariv at 7:15 p.m.

**CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 23, 1995 8:15 P.M.
FOLLOWING THE EVENING MINYAN**

*The Families of the Confirmation Class
Cordially invite the Congregation to the
Confirmation Exercises*

*on Sunday, the fourth of June
nineteen hundred and ninety-five*

at 9:15 a.m.

Congregation Beth El

Beth El's 1995 Confirmation Class:

Jonathan Amiel, son of Teresa Amiel Pollin

Jeremy Bass, son of Raymond and Vivian Bass

Jeremy Bronheim, son of Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim

Alexander Eule, son of Norman and Ellen Eule

Michael Feldman, son of Cary and Nancy Feldman

Livia Katz, daughter of Nadav and Lynn Katz

Deborah Kobes, daughter of David and Hedva Kobes

Elena Lipson, daughter of Ace and Linda Lipson

Jeffrey Matty, son of Robert and Kathy Matty

Melissa Popper, daughter of Arthur and Helen Popper

Corinne Schneider, daughter of Howard and Shiru Schneider

Debra Weinberg, daughter of Mark and Joanne Weinberg

Off The Bimah

Thanks to the encouragement of Suzanne Bronheim, I am now "on line." The blessings of instant communication on the information superhighway have become immediately self-evident. I can write to our college students, access the Rabbi's Network (RavNet), even get instant updates on the OJ Simpson trial.

I'm troubled, however, by my new found dependence on this machine. Let me tell you why. For most of human history the most important moral question that religion could ask was: How is the human being different from an animal? And most religious teaching was designed to make us more than animals, to teach us self-restraint, control of our instincts. Today, however, the fundamental question may no longer be "What does it mean to be a human and not an animal?", but "What does it mean to be human and not a machine?" This is how religion changes; not by coming up with newer and better answers, but by realizing that the world is asking us new and different questions.

Human beings are turned into machines when we start to think of them as replaceable, when we start to define ourselves in terms of what we do rather than who we are, when we forget how to celebrate, how to care, how to feel. So when we start to lose our human uniqueness, we must ask ourselves: What are the things that make us human beings and not machines? How am I different from my computer? It can do a lot of things faster and more accurately than I can, but that's only a difference of degree, not of innate nature. After all, one person can run a lot faster than another but they're both human beings. God is not simply a computer, making sure the sun rises and the seasons change on schedule. God is a God who cares and we are human beings fashioned in His image, and not mere machines when we care too. That's what makes us human. Not intelligence -- machines can acquire that. Not moral awareness -- that comes later. But compassion, the openness to feeling the anguish of another person's pain.

Maybe the same way that religion in its earlier incarnation gave us mitzvot of self-control we need today to be given mitzvot of feeling: give to charity, pay the condolence call, visit the friend in the hospital, speak out about something you think isn't right -- so that we regain some of the human traits we're in danger of losing.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we are preparing to close the 1995 books and prepare the congregant accounts for fiscal year 1996. To facilitate this, we would appreciate payment of all outstanding obligations by June 30th.

Thank you.

Shavuot

Shavuot Schedule

Saturday, June 3rd, Tikkun Layl Shavuot, Mincha and Maariv, at 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 4th, First Day Shavuot, at 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation
Bikkurim Ceremony

Sunday, June 4th, Festival Evening Service, at 8:00 p.m.

Monday, June 5th, Second Day Shavuot, at 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Honor Our Torah Readers
Yizkor will be recited at both services

The synagogue and school offices will be closed on Monday, June 5th.

Shavuot

Shavuot will take place this year on June 4th and 5th. Literally, "the holiday of weeks," Shavuot marks the culmination of the 50-day counting period of the agricultural harvest -- thus explaining its name Yom Ha-Bikkurim, the holiday of first fruits. Shavuot also has historical significance, since tradition states that the Torah was presented to the Jewish people on the 6th day of Sivan. For this reason, Shavuot is designated as Z'man Matan Toratenu -- the time of giving our Torah.

Special Torah readings are assigned for these two days of Yom Tov -- the highlight of which is the chanting of the Decalogue on the first morning, On the second day, Yizkor memorial prayers are said.

Shavuot is a triple holiday, a three-fold celebration which commemorates:

- *The giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai
- *The harvesting of wheat in Israel
- *The ripening of the first fruit in the Holy Land

The Rabbis declared Shavuot to be the most pleasant of all Jewish holidays. It complements Passover well and brings that great festival to a glorious conclusion. On Passover the Jews were freed from slavery, and on Shavuot the freed slaves were transformed into free human beings by the Ten Commandments.

Shavuot/Bikkurim Ceremony

The festival of Shavuot will be celebrated on Sunday and Monday, June 4th and 5th. Families are invited to celebrate Shavuot and the bringing of "Bikkurim" (first harvest fruits and flowers) to the synagogue during services on Sunday, June 4th.

It is a tradition at Beth El for children up to third grade age to bring a basket filled with fresh fruit and flowers of your choosing to beautify the synagogue (later to be distributed to the needy). There will be a children's procession during the service. There will be refreshments following the service and babysitting is available during services.

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 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.

May 22 - May 25

Howard and Janet Levine
Ira and Susan Levine
Isobel Levine
Kenneth Levine and Diana Huffman
Robert Levine and Michele Lieban
Levine
Robert and Andrea Levine
Shirley Levine
Steven and Linda Levine
Robert Janney and Susan Levine
Curtis Levinson and Wendy Schneider-
Levinson
Herbert and Anita Levinson
Jules and Priscilla Levinson
Seth Levita
Edward Leviton
Mark Levitt and Kay Klass
Jonathan Levy and Patricia Ann Forsythe
Joseph and Lois Levy
Martin and Naomi Levy
Marshall and Sandra Levy
Neil Levy and Linda Perle

May 29 - June 1

Stephen Levy and Lois Zuckerman
Stuart and Susan Levy
Warren and Rina Levy
Steven and Nancy Lewis
Sinai Lidsky
Theodore and Anita Lieb
Marc and Annette Lieber
Lyle and Kim Lieberman
Richard Lieberman and Helene Weisz
Samuel and Miriam Lieberman
Herman Liebling
Enid Light
Harry and Karen Lipkind
Robert Lipman and Nancy Rose
Timothy and Hannah Lipman
Edward and Estie Lipsit
Ace and Linda Lipson
George and Esther Liss
Agustin and Kathy Litvak
Sandy and Daniella Livnat

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.

BETH EL SCROLL

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Rabbi	Jonathan Z. Maltzman
Assistant Rabbi	William D. Rudolph
Rabbi Emeritus	Samuel Scolnic
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Keruv

Dear Keruv: Do you really believe and expect us to believe that an intermarried couple can provide a meaningful Jewish life to their children? Skeptic

Dear Skeptic: Yes, we believe it. Intermarried couples can and do provide their children meaningful Jewish lives by doing what every observant family does -- they participate in Jewish rituals and observances at home, provide the children with religious education and reinforce it with family study and discussions, and participate in rituals and social events at the synagogue. (Children of non-Jewish mothers are also ritually converted.)

Because there is intermarriage and therefore other religions in the extended family, these children are likely to ask "Why be Jewish?" at an early age. Their parents can persuasively answer in favor of Judaism because they have considered the question and discussed the issues and chosen Judaism for their family; their answer in favor of being Jewish is reinforced by their choice and by the family's life.

You can help, too, by accepting their children as Jews, as have religious leaders and Beth El members who enthusiastically welcome them to the spiritual meaning, the challenges and the joys of Judaism.

Keruv Calendar

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." The June 10th discussion topic will be "Intermarriage and Young Families."

Shavuot Picnic

Everyone is welcome to join the dairy potluck Shavuot picnic on Sunday, June 4th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the home of Leslie and Warren Leonard, 8604 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda.

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.

Lost and Found Items

The synagogue office has a lost and found box with four 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 a tallit while at the synagogue, please come check out the lost and found box.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Mary Wichman on the death of her daughter, Marlene F. Lemberg; to Rose Kanovsky and Helen Kanovsky on the death of Herschel Kanovsky, husband and father; to Steven Jacobson on the death of his mother, Florence Jacobson; and to Albert Amos on the death of his father, Maurice Amos.

Membership Information

Harry J. Shapira has moved to the Hebrew Home, Smith-Kogod Building, 6121 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852. Thomas Helf has moved to 1616 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182. Anna Gelman's new address is c/o Helen Rib, 8605 Rimsby Court, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 983-1032.

**Shabbat Congregation Service and Dinner
Installation of Officers
Friday, June 9, 1995**

Make your reservations now for the Shabbat Congregation Dinner. Members of the congregation, their families, and the community are invited to attend. The dinner will be preceded by the Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m. Following the dinner is the installation of Officers and Trustees of the Congregation and its auxiliaries for the 1995-1996 fiscal year. Reservations must be received by Friday, June 2, 1995. There will be no refunds. Please fill out the form below and send in your check to the office marked, "Attention: Shabbat Dinner".

SHABBAT DINNER RESERVATION FORM

**Shabbat Congregation Service and Dinner
Friday, June 9, 1995**

_____ Adult Members @ \$12.50 each. Total _____
 _____ Non-member Adults @ \$15 each. Total _____
 _____ Children (6-12) @ \$8 each. Total _____
 _____ Children (under 6) @ \$4 each. Total _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

I would like to sit with _____

_____ I wish to sit at a Vatikim reserved table

_____ I wish to sit at a singles table

RSVP by Friday, June 2, 1995
NO PHONE RESERVATIONS NO REFUNDS!!
 (All rates include a 3% Mazon donation)

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of April 10, 1995)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Minna Levi by Werner Blumenthal.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Esther Feldstein's 75th birthday by Marcia, Robert and Mindy Kalman; The birth of Noa Shlomit Ayash by Ruth and Michael Cernea.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Gertrude Golub by Jerome and Arlene Golub.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Lesley Jill Matty by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gould; Aaron and Dana Tievsky reading the Megillah by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky. In Memory Of: Dora Prag and Morris Lerner by Herbert and Dianne Lerner; Murray Joseph by Andy, Missy, Matthew and Lindsay Dubroff; Barney London, father of Sheldon London by Ina and Joe Young.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Clara Cohen by Ken and Beth Berman.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Ruben Kaplovsky by Lillian Miller.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Trudy Haber by Rosalie Sporn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Frederick Sherman by Melva S. Tofsky.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of grandson, Benjamin Jacob Steren, by Moises and Perla Steren; 80th birthday of Blanche Langs by Deborah Reiser and Bart Widom. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Benjamin Gottlieb, by Melvin Gottlieb; Leon Polis by Sheryl Fishman; Louis M. Wigdor by William Gerber.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Memory Of: George Orentlicher by Trudy and Simon Weker; Max Mannheimer by Harry Mannheimer; Raphael Corson by Audrey Corson and Dan Kazzaz; Pauline Weintraub by Carol and George Sege.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Anna Axelrod by Laura S. Mayer; Beloved father, Louis Kimball by Sherman Kimball; Estelle Kimball by Rosalie Sporn.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Nathan Mendeloff by Betty and Elliot Blum.

Mazon

Howard I. Goldblatt. In Honor Of: Jacquelyn Levine's birthday by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: The recent recovery of Robert Gang by Florence and Arthur Gang. In Memory Of: Isaac Holiber by Jerome A. Holiber.

Chesed Committee

Reminder! Beth El has a committee comprised of individuals who will:

- call and visit the sick
- help the incapacitated
- relieve someone caring for a seriously ill family member
- provide transportation for someone who is ill (i.e., medical visits)
- provide transportation to the synagogue
- take someone food shopping
- take food to those who cannot cook or get out to shop

If anyone is in need of any of these services or knows of anyone to whom these services would be useful, please call Rhonda Kleiner Lowell, (301) 294-8858, or Gail Ross, (301) 229-7005.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Jackie Levine's birthday by Norma and Calvin Golumbic; Marriage of Shirley Levine to Joe Wasserman by Stephen and Susan Levinson. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Harry Burkorn, by Ruth Lee Greenberg.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Alderman by The Davidson Family.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Father of Jonathan Simon by Trudy and Simon Weker; Celia Greenberg, aunt of Simon Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker; Meyer Weker, brother of Simon Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker; Max Weker, father of Simon Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker; Belle & Isaac Tucker, parents of Trudy Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker; Barnett Lehrhaupt by Charles M. Lehrhaupt; Amelia Hurwitz by Harold Hurwitz; Leonard Tygel by Julia and Howard Copperman; Harlan Bernstecker by Gary and Rachele Bernstecker.

Rabbi's Fund

Jack and Naomi Cohen. In Honor Of: Pikuach Nefesh by Dennis and Shirley Feldman; Al and Evie Fox by Ann and Bruce Barcome; Lesley Jill Matty by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gould; In appreciation of Rabbi Maltzman by Marion F. Wolff; Birth of granddaughter Lindsay Suzanne Tubbs by Sandy and Barry Harris. In Memory Of: Pauline and Morris Heckman by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Heckman; Ida Topchik by Alfred Topchik; William Aisenberg by Irv Aisenberg; Lillian R. Shapira by Ellen and Joseph Levin; Beloved father, Max Klejne by Herman Klejne; My parents by Mitchell Cooper.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Jacquelyn Levine's special birthday by Fortuner and Jacques Schettewi.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Julie Maltzman by Clare Lerner; Norma Golumbic's recovery by John and Marion Wolf. In Memory Of: Samuel Slavin by Judy and Carl Smith; Sarine Cohen Lisbona by Evelyne Schettewi Steward; David Kaufman by Amy Kaufman Goot.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Babynaming of Jennifer Sarah Sachs by Sharon and David Spiegel; Ilene and Alan Rosenberg and their new home by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman. In Memory Of: Robert Kassnet, father of Gary Kassnet, by Samuel H. Suls; Ann Bissonett, sister of Molly Sherwood, by Samuel H. Suls.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: Riva Wohl, with luck in her new home, by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman. In Memory Of:

David Greenberg by Norman I. and Ruth Stein.

Vatikkim

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery to Norma Golumbic by Cary and Nancy Feldman; Generous encouragement and support during my illness by Norma Golumbic. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Jacob Max Horn by Jason Horn; Frances Leibowitz' son-in-law, Professor Jordan Schwarz, by Shirley and Seymour Gross.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Jacob Kay by Lola and Gerald Sherman.

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!

Erwin and Leena Groner sponsored the kiddush on April 8th in honor of Leah's fourth birthday.

Sisterhood News

1995 - 1996 Slate of Officers Announced for Beth El Sisterhood

The Committee on Nominations of Beth El Sisterhood is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the coming year. The election will take place at the Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 1995 at Beth El. Further nominations may be made by written petitions by any five members in good standing, submitted to the Nominations chairman, along with the written consent of the nominees, at least fifteen days before the election. A complete slate must then be sent to all members a week before the election.

President
Executive Vice President
Education Co-Vice Presidents

Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Catering Co-Vice Presidents

Activities Vice President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Financial Secretary

Paula Siegel
Janet Goldhill
Gail Ross
Gail Fribush
Manette Sznol
Phyllis Solomon
Isobel Levine
Ruth Sickel
Sara Greenbaum
Cheryl Rod
Joan Claxton
Marcia Kalman
Hellaine Nepo

Trustees:

Two Year Term

Judy Goldman
Nancy Graber
Dunya Hecht
Lil Kessler
Jacky Levine
Doris Povich

One Year Term

Bernice Blumenthal
Julia Copperman
*Dale Gold
Norma Golumbic
Shirley Gross
Marilyn Wind

*The only one-year Trustee to be elected this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Filler
Debbie Friedmann
Ellen Elow-Mintz
Claire Marwick

Please be sure to join us on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m. for dessert and drinks and a celebration of the completion of a successful year.

Gan Shabbat

Did you ever want to act like King David or pretend you were Moses leading your friends across the Red Sea? Come to Gan Shabbat every third Shabbat of the month and pretend along with Les Ziskind. Gan Shabbat is a Shabbat service for children ages seven to ten years. We share prayers, stories and a special snack, too.

50+ Singles

The 50+ Singles group is planning a dinner party at The Vegetable Garden, a vegetarian Chinese restaurant at 11618 Rockville Pike, Rockville, on Sunday night, June 25th. Call Jo Gimble, (301) 881-9138, before June 15th for further information and reservations, which are limited to 30 people. The cost, including taxes and gratuities, is \$13.00.

Tikkun Layl Shavuot -- Saturday Night, June 3, 1995

It is a time-honored custom to study Torah on the eve of Shavuot, commemorating the anniversary of the giving of the Law. On Saturday evening, June 3rd, we will have a special Shabbat Mincha service at 7:15 p.m., followed by a study session led by Rabbi Maltzman and Seudah Shlishit. This will be followed by a Maariv service at 9:00 p.m. If you would like to join us for the study period and light meal, please return the coupon below to the synagogue office.

Tikkun Layl Shavuot Reservation

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people @ \$5.00 each: _____

Total: _____

Save the Date!

We're looking forward to next year's retreat on the weekend of April 19th through 21st! Below is a photo of the more than 90 participants in the 1995 Congregational Retreat at Coolfont. Next year you could be in the picture!



Get Beth El Soaring Again!

Beth El has hit a sharp downdraft. Annual shopping certificate sales have dropped from a high of \$1 million in 1993 (\$50,000 profit to our treasury) to well under \$800,000. This is a loss of thousands of dollars due to the purchasing of groceries with credit cards.

By all means, use your credit cards for purchasing EVERYTHING ELSE (yes, mileage is important), but for grocery purchases, PLEASE COME BACK to shopping certificates. For your convenience, standing orders may be made on a weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. These standing orders are especially welcome.

This easy and painless fundraiser is vital to the support of your synagogue's programs and activities. Don't let it languish! For information about purchasing shopping certificates, either in person or through the mail, please contact Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362. As always, Beth El greatly appreciates and thanks our many current shopping certificate supporters.

From the Desk of the Youth Director

The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2) Advisor: Charni Selch
 Sunday, May 7 Yom Ha'atzmaut Geography Party
 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand, the Bonim Youth Group will celebrate Israel Independence Day by making a map of Israel out of ice cream. \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members. RSVP to Charni, (301) 468-2127.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5) Advisor: Ariel Glassman
 Sunday, May 7 SuperStar Videos
 3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Join Ariel and the Machar Youth Group in Bethesda at SuperStar Videos to make your own music video. Everyone will get a copy of the video you create. Then walk across the street and have a world-famous milk shake at Johnny Rockets. Cost: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required. Call Ariel, (301) 652-4015.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8) Advisor: Michael Scheinberg
 Sunday, May 7 Frederick Keys Game
 1:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Join Beth El's and Har Shalom's Kadima chapters for a trip to the ball game: The Frederick Keys vs. the Wilmington Blue Rocks. A bus will leave Beth El at 1:20 p.m. Pick up will be from Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Call Mike, (301) 345-0978.

Wednesday, May 31 Kadima Social Actions at the Metro Area Food Bank
 Kadima and USY will be taking a trip to the Metro Area Food Bank to help sort food. For more information, please call Rachel, (301) 652-2606.

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff
 Sunday, May 7 Israel Quest 9th Grade Event
 All 9th grade members of Israel Quest are encourage to attend this special event. For more information, please call Rachel Handloff, (301) 652-2606.

Thursday, May 11 - USY Spring Convention
 Sunday, May 14
 All regional USY chapters are invited to the annual Spring Convention in Highview, West Virginia. Learn about the environment and social actions, and spend Shabbat with friends. For more information, please call Rachel Handloff, (301) 652-2606.

Monday, May 15 USY Elections
 6:00 p.m.
 Join the Beth El USY chapter for dinner and cast your vote for our future leaders. Anyone interested in running for President, Vice President, Religious Education, Social Actions/Tikkun Olam, Kadima/Membership, or Communications Secretary should contact Rachel Handloff, USY Advisor, (301) 652-2606, or the chapter member who currently holds the position you are considering. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. We will hear from all candidates at 6:45 p.m. This program is for members only.

The 1994/95 USY Board

President: Alan Spiegel, (301) 897-5438
 Vice President: Debbie Weinberg, (301) 983-2803
 Religious Education: Tamar Wilner, (301) 320-2478
 Social Actions/
 Tikkun Olam: Sarah Malech, (301) 469-0112
 Membership: Aaron Murphy, (301) 762-7796
 Communications: Livia Katz, (301) 530-4537

Tuesday, May 16 Take 30
 Join the Religious School and Youth Department for the final Take 30 this season. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Rachel in the synagogue office by Monday, May 15th, (301) 652-2606.

Wednesday, May 31 USY Social Actions at the
 See Kadima listing above. Metro Area Food Bank

Youth Department Annual Trip to Kings Dominion

Kadima and USY will take their annual trip to Kings Dominion on Friday, June 16, 1995. Please save the date. Watch the Beth El Scroll and your mail for details.

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!

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Samuel and Judith Scolnic on the birth of their granddaughter, Simone Julie Gregor, on April 6, 1995. Simone is the daughter of Donna and Bobbie Gregor.

Mazal Tov to Leona and Boris Levine on the birth of their grandson, Travis Levine Krantz, on February 9, 1995 in Melbourne, Australia. Travis is the son of Amy and Andrew Krantz.

Mazal Tov to Moises and Perla Steren on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Jacob Steren, on March 30, 1995. Benjamin is the son of Diana and Al Steren.

Mazal Tov to Sam and Ellie Frishman on the birth of their grandson, Jared Alexander Hochberg, on March 26, 1995. Jared is the son of Renee and Wayne Hochberg.

Mazal Tov to Lisa Tarker and Eliot Sternfeld on the birth of their son, Benjamin Joel Sternfeld, on April 11, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Daniel and Marilyn D. Kweller on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on May 20, 1995.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Fred Cutler, Allan Lang and Selma Siegel.

The following note was received from Norma Golumbic:

To my Beth El friends and colleagues: I appreciate and thank you for the many encouraging get well wishes I received during my illness.

Social Action News

During the week of April 2nd through April 9th, Beth El sheltered twenty of Montgomery County's homeless men and women, as we participated for the second year in the county's Congregation Based Shelter program. Beth El demonstrated once again that we are a giving and compassionate congregation, as we provided our guests with a place to sleep and three meals for one week. In addition, Beth El's volunteers provided them with conversation, card games, chess, movies and a feeling that their community cares about them.

This project could not have been successfully carried out without the support and contributions of many volunteers who demonstrated a truly unselfish generosity of spirit and a genuine community effort. We are particularly indebted to our Religious School faculty and students, assisted by many parents, who prepared most of the meals during the week. Thanks to Deborah Rosenbloom for coordinating those logistics.

An elegant candle-lit turkey dinner was prepared by some of our day school students, organized by Susan Brinn Siegel.

We thank the following people for their support:

Serving dinner, bringing breakfast and staffing the shelter:

Judy Matz, Ruth Rondberg, Dick Belferman, Suzanne Bronheim, Rachel Handloff, Talia Matz, Daniel Savada, Debbie Scheininger, Judy Newman, Alan Simon, Michele Herman, Eleanor Cohen, Cheryl Rod, Hattie Goodman, Edie Nash, Lydia Glucksberg, Bob Margolis, Dan and Ben Moskowitz, Julius and Irene Hauser, Rachele and Gary Bernstecker, Cathy and Jessica Binder, Andrea and Brandon Golden, Bob and Sam Janney, Sheila Birnbach and Rachel and David Edlow, Julie, Jonathan, Rebecca and Zachary Maltzman, Carla, Jonathan, David and Jason Schraub, Lynn Goldin and Aviva and Ben Birnkrant, Jon, Sandy, Ilana and Adam Simon, Leslie Shedlin and Jacob and Samuel Raim, Merle, Lindsay and Jamie Shoneman, Claire Shapiro and Rebecca Eisen, Diane Garfield and Peter, Abigail and Samuel Hauslohner, Gail Fribush and Bill and Marc Rudolph, Janice Libowitz and Andrew, Ari, David and Noah Schoenholtz, Howie, Holly and Leah Stein, Lynn Katz, Margaret Bogler, Frances Marshall, Toby Moss, Livia Katz, Tammy Wilner, Debbie Weinberg, Aaron Murphy, Marsha Rehns, Dorothea Lear, Margery London, Dan Forest, Elaines Pines, Deborah, Liebowitz, Paula Masri, Barry Freidman, Vicki Eisen, Harvey Rumeld, Gail and Jake Ifshin, Leslie and Brian Dellon, Bob and Ross Koenig, Debbie and Gabe Ross and Cindy and Elyssa Caplan.

Donating, preparing and serving dinner and lunch and staffing the shelter: Susan, Michelle and Julie Siegel, Rhonda Kleiner Lowell and Elana Lowell, Fay-Ann, Nicola and Kerry Brodie, Amy, Gene, Sharon and David Goott and Paula, Michael, Sara and Jennifer Siegel.

Serving as Captain of the Day: Sheila Birnbach, Lynn Katz, Marsha Rehns, Michele Herman, Susan Brinn Siegel, Claire Shapiro and Howie Stein.

Sleeping overnight, bringing and serving breakfast and staffing the shelter: Horst Brand, Beryl Frank, Steve Mandel, Sheila Birnbach, Norman Eule and Jack Ventura -- all for the second year! First timers: Lynn Katz, Dennis Askwith, Dan Moskowitz, Jan Levine, Bob Koenig, Janice Leibowitz, Alexander Eule, Lizanne Kaminsky, Livia Katz and Talia Matz.

Shopping and donating goods and food: Annette Moshman, Carolyn Shanoff, Stephanie Ventura, Ellen Eule and Ann Goodman.

Making and installing signs: Claire Shapiro and Rebecca and Eric Eisen.

Donating and distributing toiletries: Carla, Jonathan, David

and Jason Schraub and Leslie Shedlin and David, Jacob and Samuel Raim.

Transporting bedding and food: Cathy Binder, Amanda Ford, Elsie Hercules, Alan Simon, Howie Stein and Jack Ventura.

Washing linens and towels: Irene Hauser and Sara Greenbaum.

Donating use of cellular phone: Cellular One.

Arranging use of the phone: Sara Greenbaum.

Donation of food: Katz's Supermarket and Breads Unlimited.

Hospitality poster and baked goods: Ellen Darr and the teachers and students of the Beth El Nursery School.

Opening up, cleaning up, supervision in the kitchen and many details: Hien Thanh, Karl Smart, Wesley Jennings, Dorothy Beverly, Elsie Hercules, Steve Kravitz, Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman and Rabbi Bill Rudolph.

Thank you to all the individuals who made financial contributions to the Social Action Fund, which underwrote some shelter costs.

A special thank you to Jeff Annis for middle of the night duty!

Left-over food was donated to SOME (So Others May Eat), Shepherd's Table, Bethesda House and Bethesda Cares.

Raffling Success

Congratulations to all the winners of our raffle prizes at the drawing April 1st, and many thank yous to everyone who supported Beth El by purchasing raffle tickets. Special thank yous to all who donated prizes for the raffle, enabling us to sell some 700 tickets. The prizes, donors and winners were:

Two round-trip tickets to Israel on El Al Airlines, donated by Helena Koenig of the Ticket Counter, 6900 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, (301) 986-0790. Won by David and Sonja Schultz.

Framed artwork by artist Tamar Fishman, donated by the artist. Won by Shirley Racusin.

Handmade, fused glass Mezzuzah by artist Debbie Friedmann, (301) 365-4140, donated by the artist. Won by Philip Janus.

A day of fishing and cruising on the Chesapeake Bay, donated by Marilyn and Murray Hammerman. Won by Judy Newman.

Four (hopeful) tickets to an Orioles game, donated by Norman and Ellen Eule. Won by Ruth Lieber.

Two \$75.00 gift certificates to Tragara Ristorante, 4935 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda, (301) 951-4935, donated by hosts Shelley and Claude Amsellem. Won by Ronald Klein and Bernard Band.

Lawn mower tune-up at Strosnider's Hardware Store, 6930 Arlington Road, Bethesda, (301) 654-5688, donated by Robert Koenig of Strosnider's. Won by Chaim Kanner and Judy Goldman.

Thirty-inch, Austrian crystal-bead necklace, donated by French Jewelry/J. Ventura and Sons, Miami Beach. Won by Jerome Ostrov.

\$50.00 gift certificate to the Judaica Shop, donated by the Beth El Sisterhood. Won by Gloria Frank.

Five tickets to the Beth El Congregation Seder in 1995 or 1996, donated by Congregation Beth El. Won by Evan Rosing.

May 19, 1995 - June 1, 1995

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					19 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:57pm Candles	20 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Andrew Feinberg B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Gan Shabbat - APR 12:00pm Keruv - BR
21 Last R.S. Sunday Class Session 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Men's Club - SH 11:15am Yavener/Phillips Wedding - Chapel 12:30pm Youth Groups - APR	22 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	23 Last Upper School Session 6:30pm Aerobics - APR 8:15pm Congregation Mtg. - SH	24 Last R.S. Mon./Wed. Class Session 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Hebrew Class - Room 209	25 Last R.S. Tues./Thurs. Class Session 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics	26 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:03pm Candles	27 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am David Turnbull B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR
28 Yom Yerushalayim 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Men's Club - APR	29 Memorial Day (Observed) Office and Schools Closed	30 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Sisterhood Elections - BR 7:30pm Nursery Bd. Mtg. - APR 8:00pm Nursery New Parent Mtg. - APR	31 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Hebrew Class - Room 209	1 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR	2 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:08pm Candles	3 Erev Shavuot 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Benjamin Steward B/M 12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel 7:30pm Mincha Service, Seudah Shlishit, Study Session 9:00pm Maariv Service

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

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