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Shabbat Schedule

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
Erev Shavuot Festival Service at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9th, at 6:30 p.m.
Installation Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the SH
Singles Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the APR

Saturday, June 10th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Jessica Caslani Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, June 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 17th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Michelle Weiner Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
Keruv at 12:00 p.m. in the BR

World War II Commemoration Planned

In planning for the service commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, we are asking our membership to provide us with information concerning their military service during World War II (September 1, 1939 - September 2, 1945):

Full Name: _____
Branch of Service: _____
(Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, etc.)
Country Served: _____
Rank Attained during W. W. II: _____

If you know of a deceased Beth El member who served during World War II, we would appreciate receiving the above information and the date of death to assist us in preparing a necrology.

Send the information to Bernard Resnick, c/o Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Attn.: Commemoration Service

Details of the service will appear in future editions of the Beth El Scroll as plans become firm. If you have any questions, please call Bernard Resnick at (301) 231-7363.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Murray and Marilyn Hammerman on the engagement of their daughter, Lorre Hammerman, to Joshua Goldberg from Mt. Laurel, N.J.

Mazal Tov to David and Jacquelyn Levine on the engagement of their daughter, Isobel Levine, to William (Zev) Griner. A fall wedding is planned.

Mazal Tov to Stephen A. and Lynn Villency Cohen on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Cohen, on April 19, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Ari Lipman on receiving an Edgar Bronfman Fellowship.

Attention Coolfont Retreat Participants!

Copies of the group photographs taken at the 1994 and 1995 Beth El Retreats at coolfont are available in the lucite holder outside the synagogue office. Come pick them up if you want them. For more information, call Frances Marshall or Lew Schrager at (301) 231-6012.

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.

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we are preparing to close the 1994 books and prepare the congregant accounts for fiscal year 1995. To facilitate this, we would appreciate payment of all outstanding obligations by June 30th.

Thank you.

A Statement on the Participation of Non-Jews in our Religious Services

A number of questions and concerns have arisen of late regarding our ritual policy and the participation of non-Jews in our Shabbat service, particularly at a life-cycle event. This statement is for the purpose of clarification.

As is well-known, congregational membership at Beth El and full membership privileges are reserved for members of the Jewish faith. However, we have created a "Special Family Membership" category to encourage non-Jewish spouses to participate in the educational, social, and cultural activities of the Congregation. The Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly has used the term "Rayim" () to identify those non-Jewish spouses who have made a partial commitment to the Jewish people.

It is absolutely clear that a non-Jew cannot be formally called to the Torah or receive a Torah related honor in the service (e.g. opening ark, lifting or tying scroll, etc.). However, a non-Jew may participate in a "non-halachic" role in the service. Thus, for example, he/she may not have an aliyah but might read from the Bimah an English prayer, psalm, etc. This is also not inconsistent with the guidelines of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.

Rabbi Maltzman has applied this policy in such a way that would allow Jewish family members to be accompanied or escorted by a non-Jewish spouse when called to the Torah, in celebration of the life-cycle event of a son or daughter. Needless to say, the blessings are recited by the Jewish spouse only and only he/she is called by name and listed in the morning program. The non-Jewish spouse does not wear a Tallit, but must cover his/her head. We do this in acknowledging the realities of the family today while still adhering to the religious and halachic distinctions made in Jewish law between a Jew and a non-Jew.

If you have further questions, please direct them to the Rabbi.

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.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Selma Kriss on the death of her mother, Lillian Edelstein; to Sylvia Sheeskin on the death of her brother, Louis Weisbach; to Mark Goldsmith on the death of his mother, Lucille Riibner; to Charles Tobias on the death of his mother, Evelyn Tobias; to Alan Hecht on the death of his father, Eli Hecht; to Eleanor Sargent on the death of her husband, Lewis Sargent; and to Michael Druckman on the death of his grandfather, Harry Druckman.

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!

Keruv

Dear Keruv: What are the conditions of membership at Beth El; specifically, do you ask if the Jewish applicants are converts? If you were made aware that a Jewish member or applicant had been converted by a Reform rabbi, would you request him/her to "convert" again with Conservative rabbis? Would a Conservative rabbi agree to marry converted Reform Jews? This isn't a theoretical question for me. Congregant

Dear Congregant: Beth El welcomes all Jews into its membership -- Jews by birth and Jews by conversion. In our application for membership, we assume that a person who identifies him/herself as a Jew is Jewish -- there is no need to question how a person became Jewish.

Members who were converted by Reform rabbis, therefore, are not asked to convert again by our rabbis. If the rabbi were somehow made aware that a congregant was converted by a Reform rabbi, he might gently suggest immersion in the mikveh in order to satisfy legal requirements and perhaps, an individual's personal needs. The rabbi would not monitor this suggestion, particularly if it would offend the congregant in any way. Beth El accepts and welcomes anyone converted by a recognized rabbi.

Conservative rabbis will marry Jews converted by Reform rabbis if the legal requirements for conversion have been met. For counsel in specific situations, please talk to Rabbi Maltzman.

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 June 10th and will focus on "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.

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.

June 5 - June 8

Jules and Carolyn Lodish
 Robert and Julia Loeb
 Andrew Loewinger and Linda Goldstein
 Sheldon and Margery London
 Reuben and Blanche Lozner
 David and Sabina Lozovsky
 Robert and Carol Luskin
 James and Muriel Lyman
 Leonard and Margaret Lyons
 Bernard and Frances Maggin
 Herbert and Evelyn Magid
 Harry and Emily Malech
 Jerome Malin
 Lillian Maller
 Julia Maloney
 Rhoda Mancher
 Charlotte Mandel
 Michael Mandel
 Steven and Barbara Mandel
 Daniel and Elaine Mann

June 12 - June 15

Lawrence and Linda Mann
 Harry and Linda Mannheim
 Robert and Linda Mansbach
 Lawrence and Marlene Marcus
 Robert and Elizabeth Margolis
 Sam and Evelyn Margolis
 Philip and Phyllis Margolis
 David Margulies and Donna Vogel
 Claire Marwick
 Gary Marx and Julie Rabinowitz
 Paula Masri
 Michael Mates and Lona Feldman
 Gertrude Matloff
 Robert and Kathy Matty
 Dan and Judith Matz
 Edward Max and Jody Green
 Laura Mayer
 Douglas Mazlish
 Georg and Jane Mehl
 Michael and Wendi Meisel

Message from Suzanne Bronheim

I suppose that no child ever plans to be a synagogue president when she grows up, but being involved with the shul apparently runs in my family. My father was on the board of Congregation Knesset Israel in Hammond, Indiana for a number of years. My mother was the Evelyn Margolis of that congregation, setting up and maintaining the library. Two of my cousins have been presidents of shuls in the Chicago area. So I guess I am just following in the family tradition by becoming president of Beth El. I am very fortunate to have the privilege of helping lead as vibrant, committed and involved a congregation as Beth El. I want to thank all of you for this wonderful opportunity. I hope I can count on you for the support--in time and money--that running Beth El takes.

This next year is one that holds many challenges for our congregation. We are literally bursting at the seams and will be working with the architectural planning firm of Levin-Brown to determine what changes we can make in our current building to accommodate the many competing needs for space and the dire need for more parking. They will also help us determine whether we can realistically make improvements on this site or whether we will have to face more difficult decisions about choosing a new site nearby or limiting our activities here. Over the coming months, we will be working with the congregation to understand how you see the needs for space to provide guidance to Levin-Brown on our needs. We will want input from many segments of Beth El and will utilize current structures, such as the auxiliaries, to gather information, as well as considering using focus groups to learn your views. In the end, the Board will have to make some decisions about how to prioritize the many needs for space at Beth El to help Levin-Brown come up with several alternative plans for us. We'll keep you posted as this process moves forward. Right now, we are finishing up details of the contract.

Another important goal for this year is a greater cooperation among the many segments of Beth El. We have active groups that serve our many constituents in the congregation. They provide dynamic programming for their target groups and for the entire congregation at times. I am concerned, however, that on occasion there has become too much "us-them" feeling. We are all part of Beth El and all working toward the same goals--building a Conservative Jewish religious community; providing emotional and social support for our members; offering education on Jewish practice, culture, and history; and offering opportunities to serve the congregation and the community. Over the next year, I hope we can find ways to feel part of the same team and help each other.

Over the next year, I will try to keep the congregation informed about the ideas and actions of the leadership. As you know, the minutes of each Board meeting are available in the rack outside the office each month. I will also try to use the Beth El Scroll to communicate with the congregation. I am always happy to hear from congregants about your questions and concerns. I am even more delighted to hear about what you like about Beth El. You can write or call me at home--I have an answering machine to take messages when I am not there. Once again, I thank you all for this opportunity and look forward to a good year.

BETH EL SCROLL

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Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: William Ginsberg by Phillip and Vivian Gorden.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Stephen Krupin's Bar Mitzvah by Debra and Peter Friedmann. In Memory Of: Helen Glazer by Ruth and Alan Vinitzky; Pearl Meshenberg by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Maurice Amos, father of Robert Amos, by Gary S. Losman; Beate Vicens by Peter and Debra Friedmann; Irving Greene by Judge Harold and Evelyn Greene; Irving Eisenstein by Frances G. Eisenstein; Mr. Alvin Friedman by Herman and Paula Kleine.

Building Fund

In Honor Of: Esther Rubin's speedy recovery by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Cantor Lubin's appointment as Pres. of Cantor's by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman; Cantor Lubin's Jerusalem 3000 by Craig D. Yokum; Cantor Abraham Lubin by Marcia and Saul Possick; Hazzan Lubin's Presidency of the Cantors Assembly by Marcello and Marilda Averbug. In Memory Of: Samuel and Sarah Rod by Rose and Isadore Rod; Max Kalser by Ben and Sarah Kalser; Mildred Tulman Fidell by Eugene R. Fidell.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Fanny Byer by Dr. and Mrs. Abner A. Byer; Selma Kriss's mother, Lillian Edelstein, by Toby and Bernie Moss; Trudy Haber by Murray, Merle, and Ira Haber.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Louis Lerman by Allen and Barbara Lerman; Alan Hecht's father Eli by Marilyn and Gary Wind.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Birth of granddaughter to Rabbi Samuel and Mrs. Judith Scolnic by Judith and Jonathan Levin & Family.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Elizabeth Steinmetz by Flora Feld Goldberg; Leonard Schiff by Flora Feld Goldberg.

Fine Arts Fund

Suzin Glickman. In Honor Of: Jackie Levine's birthday by Herman and Minna Schneider; Speedy recovery of Selma Hurwitz by Herman and Minna Schneider. In Memory Of: Bernard Kamins by Dolly and Marvin Band; Perla Falk by Gertrude Gerber; Henry Cohen by Stanley and Selma Cohen.

General Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Simone Julie Gregor by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Birth of Rabbi and Mrs. Scolnic's granddaughter, Simone Julie Gregor, by Arthur and Florence Gang. In Memory Of: Edward Calman by Charles and Bettie Goldberg.

General Fund

Howard and Susan Feibus; Thomas and Lisa Goldring. In Honor Of: The 90th birthday of Abraham Hochberg by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Brisker and Gary and Marilyn Wind; My Aliyah by Beatrice Newell; Jackie Levine's birthday by Eugene and Eleanor Elzufon; The birth of grandson Jared Alexander to Sam and Ellie Frishman by Daniel and Beth Kaplan and Family; Service for first born by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Weisberg. In Memory Of: Our parents and sister by Anne and Irving Kalikow; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goldstein by Elliot and Vivian Cines.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Alan Lang's special birthday by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: The 90th birthday of Abe Hochberg by Claire Marwick; Jason Belinkie's Bar Mitzvah by his grandparents, Sondra and Howard Bender. In Memory Of: Aladar Sege by Mr. and Mrs. George Sege; Aaron W. Jacobson by The Robert Luskin Family; Margit Sonne and Samuel Scherr by Daniel and Elaine Mann.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

Abraham Hochberg's 90th birthday by Neil and Linda Zell Randall. In Memory Of: Isadore Meltzer by Sherman Kimball.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Bernie Moss receiving ICN Prize by Jonathan and Judith Levin; Speedy recovery of Allan Lang by Bernie and Bea Berger. In Memory Of: Leo Schimmel, beloved husband of Jane Schimmel, by Jane Schimmel; Mildred Hecht by Alan Hecht.

Mazon

Deborah G. Leibowitz; Charlotte Simos; Bert and Susan King; Louis and Helen Rib; Linda and Ace Lipson. In Honor Of: Pesach by Estelle and Herbert Wisner; The birth of Jennifer Sarah Sachs by Muriel Bayroff; Hazzan Lubin's Presidency of the Cantors Assembly by Marcello and Marilda Averbug. In Memory Of: Lillian Edelstein by John and Marion Wolff; Fannie and Louis Alper, and Ethel & Albert Euzent by Bernice and Sidney Euzent; Ilse Nathan Wolf by Franz Wolf; Sarah K. Fiedelman by Judith Matz; Lewis David Prag by Dianne Lerner.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: Abe Hochberg's 90th birthday by Gloria and Beryl Frank. In Memory Of: Cecelia S. Platt by Judy Bernhardt.

Morning Minyan Fund

Hyman J. Zimmerman. In Honor Of: Jack Goldberg's 90th birthday by Etta Kline; Speedy recovery of Esther Rubin by Dr. Herbert Wisner; Bernie Moss receiving ICN prize by Seymour and Shirley Gross. In Memory Of: Edith Baum, Mother of Bruce Baum, by Bruce Baum.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Cantor Lubin by Lewis Schragar.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi and Mrs. Scolnic's newest granddaughter, Simone Julie Gregor, by Louis and Helen Rib.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: 90th birthday of Abraham Hochberg by Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Zelkowitz; Bernard Moss receiving the ICN prize in Virology by Daniel and Marilyn Kweller. In Memory Of: Maurice Amos, father of Robert Amos by Marcia and Saul Poss Samuel Zukerman by Etta W. Zukerman; Perla Falk by Philip and Jacqueline Cogan; Samuel Zuckerman by Milton and Faye Doberman; Irving Woolman by Joseph Woolman; Loved Ones by Helen and Lenny Rib; Dora Passett by Margery London; Frances and Victor Mendoza by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elwyn; Eve Scharf by Elaine and George Perlman.

Rabbi's Fund

Frances H. Leibowitz; Eric and Shelley Fig; Norman and Ellen Eule; Charlotte Simos. In Honor Of: Bernie Moss's ICN Int. Prize for Virology by Bernie and Anita Ash. In Memory Of: Lillian Hurwitz by Beatrice Breger; Louis Weisbach by Paul and Marcia Merlin; Leonard Pitch by Marion and Anthony Pitch; Adelheid Cohn, mother of Rick Cohn, by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker; Our parents by Rita and Bernard Jacobi; Betty Kimmel and Morris Kramer by Robert and Loretta Kramer; Trudy Haber by Bernie and Anita Ash; Harry Lerner by Clare Lerner; Abraham Dosik by Sondra and Howard Bender.

Resnik Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Jacquelyn Levine's Birthday by Harvey Resnik.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: Jacquelyn Levine's birthday by Frances Belansky, George and Carol Sege and Harold and Selma Hurwitz.

Social Action Fund

Nancy Harris; Mr. and Mrs. M. Averbug. In Honor Of: Morris and Ruth Weintraub, for the "best ever" seder by Clare Lerner; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zasin, for a delightful seder, by Clare Lerner.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah Berman, mother of Stanley Berman, by Samuel and Janet Suls.

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Why is This Night Different?

There was another answer to the age-old question "Why is this night different from all other nights?" raised at the seder at Beth El on April 15th: the attendance, as guests, of four black members of our Black-Jewish Dialogue group. Early in the seder, Rabbi Maltzman spoke, as he has in the past, of the necessity for understanding and tolerance between Jews and other ethnic communities, as exemplified on this occasion by the commonality of the historical Jewish and black subjection to slavery.

The four guests were then introduced to the seder attendees by Dick Belferman, moderator of the Dialogue (and its co-founder with Yael Greenberg.)

The occasion was filled with special meaning for all those present. Our guests were most impressed with the seder rituals and readings and participated readily in them, although most had never been to a seder before. Several days later, one of them remarked what a moving, positive experience it had been, that as a southern black man he especially valued our "breaking bread" together, and that the event created a further sense of common and shared concerns with Jews. Another of the guests expressed her appreciation for being invited to "share the gift of your heritage" and described the evening as "a remarkable experience and an enrichment of my journey."

The Black-Jewish Dialogue, begun over two years ago, is held once each month and is open to all interested persons. For further information, call Dick Belferman, (301) 530-5117, or Yael Greenberg, (301) 469-7860.

Parking With Care

Once again, we find it necessary to remind our members that we should try to be kind and respectful of our fellow neighbors. In that vein, we would like to remind everyone to be careful parking on the residential streets surrounding the building: **please do not park on someone's lawn or in their driveway; please do not block any driveways.** Several of the neighbors have complained about our lack of concern when parking in the neighborhood, and we should be sensitive to their needs. In addition, please do not park against the yellow curbs in the synagogue lot. Should there be the need for an emergency vehicle to drive through the lot, it would be unable to get through.

Yes, it may take you a few minutes more to park and it may not be as convenient. But, as a sign of respect for each other and our fellow neighbors we hope you will park with care.

Donations (continued from page 4)

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of Jacquelyn Levine's birthday by Sydney and Ilene Schneider. In Memory Of: Joseph Sherman by Norman I. and Ruth Stein; Sylvia Sheeskin's brother, Louis Weisbach, by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Vatikkim

Judge Harry Kuskin. In Honor Of: Judy Newman's leadership by Marion Wolff. In Memory Of: Lewis Sargent by Clare Lerner.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Father-in-law Jacob Greenberg by Leo Kopit.

Young Equality Fund

In Honor Of: Refuah Shlema for Dorothy Alberstadt by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Leila Young by Rena Young.

From the Desk of the Youth Director

The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)
June Program TBA

Advisor: Charni Selch

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Advisor: Ariel Glassman

Sunday, June 25, 1995

The National Zoo
We're going to the zoo, how about you? Join Machar for their last program of the year. More info to follow in the next issue of the Beth El Scroll or watch your mail for details.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Friday, June 16, 1995
See USY listing for info.

Advisor: Michael Scheinberg
Annual Kings Dominion Trip

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

Friday, June 9, 1995

Join the congregation as all of its officers are installed. Reservations are required. For information, call Rachel Handloff, (301) 652-2606.

Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff
Installation Dinner

Friday, June 16, 1995

Annual Kings Dominion Trip
Busses will leave Congregation Har Shalom at 8:00 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Pick up a flyer/registration form in Rachel Handloff's office. Cost: \$38.

Congregation Beth El Hosts USY on Wheels Bus - Host Families Needed.

On Monday, June 26th, and Tuesday, June 27th, Congregation Beth El USY will be hosting a United Synagogue Wheels Bus. We are in search of families interested in hosting some 9th and 10th graders from all over the United States. These kids need a place to sleep, breakfast on Monday and Tuesday, a dairy bag lunch each day, and transportation to and from the synagogue in the morning and evening. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Rachel Handloff in the synagogue office. Thank you for your help.

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.

**Large Print Prayer Books
and Hearing
Enhancement Receivers
are available for your use
in our sanctuary.
Please see the ushers
when you arrive.**

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: _____

Vatikkim Luncheon

Please join us for our Vatikkim luncheon on June 15, 1995 when we will listen to a talk by Alfred Goldberg on "The J.F. Kennedy Assassination -- The Role of the Warren Commission." Dr. Goldberg was a staff member of the Warren Commission and one of the authors and editors of the Report of the Warren Commission.

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, June 15, 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 June 13, 1995.

No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Nursery News

We are about to complete another successful year at Beth El Nursery School. We look back fondly at the many exciting activities and events that took place and look forward to the beginning of summer camp.

Some special thank yous are due to graduating B.E.N.S. Board members for jobs well done: **Sharon Markus**, our outgoing Board Co-Chair who has finished sending her fourth child through the Nursery School and has provided wonderful leadership throughout her tenure; **Judy Futterman** and **Susan Kitt** who have each sent 2 children to B.E.N.S. and have organized our activity schedule so efficiently; **Terry Annis** whose 2 girls are BENS grads and has handled our publicity efforts in so timely a manner; **Annette Abrams** whose 3 children have completed their preschool years with us and has chaired our **Estelle Kimball Lecture** and has been our MCPNS representative for the last 2 years and has given so often of her professional artistic capabilities; **Faith Schwartz** whose 2 children have been at BENS and who has represented us ably to the congregation board; **Ada Rose Bitterbaum** whose 2 children have graduated from B.E.N.S. and who has been our representative on the Religious School Committee; **Laurie Webber** who has 3 daughters that are BENS graduates and has lead our Tzedakah collections this year; **Andrea Golden** whose son has completed his years at BENS and who has so conscientiously been our Sunshine provider and **Sharon Parver** and **Andrea Levine** who have each sent 2 children through BENS and have been Class Reps this year.

Also, thank you to all who supported the Nursery efforts to collect Giant receipt tapes this year. With your help and our efficient counter, **Sara Greenbaum**, we earned a new HP printer for the school office, a new cart for our T.V./Video set up, a cassette recorder/player and 4 playground balls.

We also will be saying good-bye to our 1995 graduates at our End-of-the Year Performance on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:30 AM in the Social Hall. We wish them Mazel Tov on the completion of this part of their early education:

Hannah Abrams
Mimi Annis
Benjamin Bieber
Dana Bleiberg
Ron Birnkrant
Nathan Epstein
Daniel Fersh
Joel Finbloom
Samuel Futterman
Brandon Golden
Jacob Greenblum
Michael Groeneman
Cody Hochheiser
Anna Isaacs
Joshua Kaplan
Noah Lerner
Kevin Levine
Nora Levy-Forsythe
David Lipman
Ben Moskowitz
Abram Olchik

Stephanie Parver
Stephen Pupkin
Samuel Raim
Rachel Sachs
Benjamin Schatz
Rebecca Schefkind
David Schifrin
Noah Schoenholtz
Robert Schwartz
Rachel Segal
Philip Seidel
Matthew Sherman
Natalie Slud
Joanna Teitelbaum
Ariel Trilling
Elizabeth Ury
Joanie Webber
Katey Webber
Shanna Mark
Tatiana Nemirovsky

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

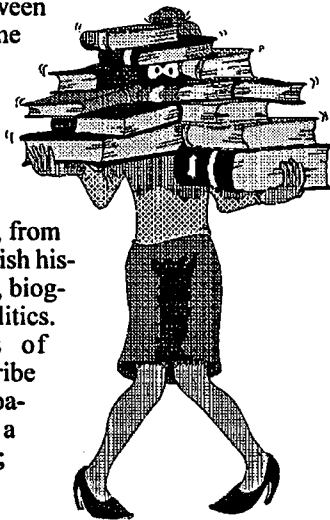
If anyone is in need of any of these services or knows of anyone to whom these services would be useful, please call Rhonda Kleiner Lowell, (301) 294-8858, or Gail Ross, (301) 229-7005.

Membership Information

Jeffrey Jay and Molly Peter have moved to 5200 Wissingom Road, Bethesda, MD 20816. Charles and JoAnn Tobias have moved to 11744 Lake Potomac Drive, Potomac, MD 20854.

Have You Discovered The Library?

Tucked in the corner between Rabbi Maltzman's office and the Chapel is one of the quietest spots in Beth El. A great place to study, read or just browse through magazines until your child's Religious School class ends. The Beth El library houses about 1500 volumes of Judaica, from Bible study and theology to Jewish history, music, cookery, art, travel, biography, literature, and Israeli politics. There are several shelves of children's books, and we subscribe to about 20 magazines and newspapers. New books are bought on a regular basis throughout the year; look at the blue-dotted books above the card catalogue to see what we have recently acquired.



Magazines are for use in the library only, but most books go out for three weeks. There are no fines, but we trust borrowers to return materials promptly.

The library is supported entirely by donations to the Library Fund. What better way to honor or remember a loved one than to support the collection of literature of the People of the Book?

Evelyn Margolis, Librarian

If you will it....

Did you know that you can name Beth El in your will as a beneficiary of your estate?

We can give you the wording to have added to your will, so that you may make a contribution in your memory. The Beth El Support Foundation, our vehicle for the long-term financial needs of the congregation, is now looking for members who would be willing to contribute to the Support Foundation in this way. Our dream is to have an endowment program to help support the various needs of our congregation. Please call Mark Weinberg, 468-5500, for further details. You can help us reach our goal.

...our dream can come true.

Handicapped Parking

We wish to remind all of our congregants that the marked handicapped parking spots are only for vehicles that have proper handicapped permits. These spots are not to be used for dropping off or picking up children for nursery or religious school, or for short-term parking while coming in to run a quick errand in the synagogue. In addition, do not block these spots with your car while waiting for your turn in the religious school pickup line. Please be conscientious of our handicapped congregants who are unable to walk distances.

At your next life-cycle event,
consider a 3% donation to Mazon,
a Jewish response to hunger.

Membership Directory

The 1995 Membership Directory will be available after June 1, 1995. If you would like a Directory, please complete the coupon below and return it to the synagogue office. Please do not call the synagogue office as we will only process requests with the coupon. Please be sure to print clearly since the coupon is also your mailing label. We will also give out copies of the Directory in the synagogue office if you walk in during office hours.

Yes! I would like to receive the 1995 Beth El Membership Directory.

Name _____

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June 1995

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

						<p>1 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>2 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:08pm Candles</p>	<p>3 <i>Erev Shavuot</i> 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Benjamin Steward B/M 12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel 7:15pm Mincha Service, Seudah Shlishit, Study Session 9:00pm Maariv Service</p>
<p>4 SHAVUOT 1st Day 9:15am & 8:00 pm Festival Services 9:15am Confirmation and Bikkurim Ceremony</p>	<p>5 <i>Office and Schools Closed</i> SHAVUOT 2nd Day (Yizkor) 7:00am & 9:15am Festival Services</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Aerobics</p>	<p>7 10:30am Nursery End- of-Year Performance - SH 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Hebrew Class - Room 209</p>	<p>8 Nursery Last Day 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics 8:00pm Religious School Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>9 July Scroll Deadline Nursery Pack-up Day - APR 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Installation Dinner - SH 7:00pm Singles Dinner - APR 8:12pm Candles</p>	<p>10 7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Jessica Caaloni B/M 10:30am Nitzanin - APR 12:00pm Keruv - BR</p>		
<p>11 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Men's Club - APR 12:30pm Youth Groups - APR 12:30pm Kravitz/Siegel Wedding - Sanct., SH, Gallery 4:00pm Torah Fund Award</p>	<p>12 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>13 6:30pm Aerobics 7:00pm Religious School Parents Meeting - APR 7:30pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>14 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR</p>	<p>15 12:00pm Vatikim Luncheon - SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm 50+ Singles Mtg. - APR</p>				

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

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