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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, September 1st, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 2nd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Sara McDonald Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Opening Day of Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Havurah at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, September 8th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 9th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
David Ross Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, September 15th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 16th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Evan Rosing Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Selichot Service at 9:30 p.m.

Off the Bimah

I delivered the following words at the Annual Meeting in May. The message is one that carries over to this New Year of 5756. Please consider it carefully.

In Jewish sources we celebrate four New Years: for trees, for counting of a king's reign, for the spring season, and for our souls. In the American synagogue today, there are but two: Rosh Hashanah, the spiritual beginning, and the Annual Meeting, the administrative and fiscal turning point of the year. Tonight, these two moments are linked.

Nearly two years ago I bared my soul to you in a Yom-Tov address that elicited more reaction, comment, praise, shock, and publicity than any other I have ever delivered. Scores of letters reached my desk, and the matter became the subject of community wide discussion as well. With the exception of a few hateful and insensitive comments, I am proud of this congregation for making me feel that I can raise any issue and that the issue will be aired and discussed thoughtfully and comprehensively. Tonight marks the first opportunity to begin to act on a moral and ethical matter that helps define the kind of caring and embracing community that we would hope to be.

The process that led to this decisive moment is well known. It has been careful, deliberate, purposeful, and civil. But the ultimate question I posed for you two years ago still begs itself. Can the Jewish community be categorical in excluding those whose differences put them outside standard sexual iden-

tity? What if those differences are a product of genes, not choice? A direction toward an answer, I suggest, can be derived from the Talmud that teaches that one who sees a person who looks different should recite the following blessing: "Praised are you, our God, who makes creatures differently." In the 13th century, a well-known commentator explained the blessing as a response to the experiencing of new things, without necessarily enjoying or being troubled by them. What it expresses is blessed wonderment at the different forms of divinely created life.

This is not necessarily approval. It does not imply acceptance. But it is a willingness to fully include in our community those destined to be different. It is consonant with the fundamental Jewish teaching that each individual is entitled to say "for me was the world created."

Appreciating God's creation means appreciating variations along a continuum not neatly divided. Reciting a benediction over human variety translates into creating a world in which differences are respected rather than attacked. As your rabbi, I call on you to recite that blessing with me and to translate that sentiment in a concrete way.

I would choose to paraphrase the thoughtful words of Elliot Dorff in his celebrated Pastoral Letter: sex is one of the gifts God has given us. Like all of our faculties, we can use it for good or for bad, and Jewish tradition provides us with the teachings to help channel our sexual energies for good purpose, for in that context the individual and the community can attain all of the benefits of both.

At the same time, in our own day, when we have many people who are single and others who are openly homosexual, we must affirm their value as human beings and as Jews and

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Selichot Night of Music, Fellowship and Prayer Saturday, September 16, 1995

*9:30 p.m.: "Music of the Jewish Spirit"
Hazzan Abraham Lubin will present a program of
instrumental music for cello, violin and piano,
featuring the works of Ernest Bloch, Max Bruch,
Paul Ben-Haim and others. Included will be the
classic "Kol Nidre" for cello and piano.*

10:30 p.m.: Reception

11:00 p.m. : Selichot Service

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earnestly and fully want to involve them in the synagogue and the Conservative Movement. To make this happen, we must take this relatively small but positive step to make them and others feel truly welcome in this synagogue, as household units should they so choose.

There are too many people who are bleeding out there. Some of the finest, most sensitive, most creative, most productive, most gentle and most Jewish human beings I have met. And looking into their eyes and hearing their stories shakes me to the core. Whatever your viewpoint, remember that we are dealing with human beings of flesh and blood and that we are dealing with our children, your child or mine, your grandchild or mine, today or tomorrow. So ask yourselves this question, "Should *she* come to you, or *he* come to you, what would you say?" And what would you want your rabbi to say? Wouldn't you want these people to find a synagogue that would embrace them? Take it personally, and I mean personally. After all, God does not hurt, God does not cause the tears of the powerless and innocent. We cannot in good conscience join them who cause anguish and tears to others.

There are many times when it is inappropriate for me to be involved in congregational decision making. This, however, is an exception. When you elected me to be your rabbi, you expressed your faith in me as the interpreter of law and ethics of this community. By supporting the proposed amendment, you are reaffirming that sense of confidence. I know that I am asking a great deal of some of you, but I have reason to believe that we will not disappoint one another. I want to report to my colleagues next year that our synagogue has again taken the lead and served as a beacon to the entire Conservative Movement in the fundamental area of human rights and dignity. That is what this whole issue boils down to. You must remember: God has no hands other than our own.

Have a happy and healthy New Year.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

End of World War II Commemoration Service and Program

On September 17th, a service and program will be held at Beth El to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and to honor those who served their countries and those who gave their lives. The service and program are sponsored by the Men's Club, Sisterhood and Vatikim.

The service and program will be conducted from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a brunch and entertainment until 11:30 a.m. The program will honor Beth El men and women who served in the armed forces of our country and allies, and a necrology will be read. The principal speaker will be Morton Horvitz, guest curator at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C.

Photographs of those who served and artifacts (no guns or knives) will be on display during the program. Please send such items to Beth El World War II Program, attn. Bernie Resnick, no later than September 10th. Clearly mark the items with your name and address so they can be returned to you after the program. If you have any questions, please call Bernard Resnick at (301) 231-7363.

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.

September 4 - September 7

Jonathan and Jacqueline Silber
Joel and Leslie Silver
Stanley and Harriet Silverberg
Benson and Celia Silverman
Donald and Ruth Silverstein
Emil and Devra Simiu
Alan and Elizabeth Simon
Joel and Joan Simon
Jonathan and Sandra Simon
William Simon
Charlotte Simos
Lee and Amy Simowitz
Harold and Charyse Sindler
Jack and Flora Singer
Stuart and Arlene Sirkin
Bernard and Shirley Sisco
Matthew Slater and Faith Roessel
Albert and Sylvia Small
Daniel and Julia Small
Arthur and Myra Smith

September 11 - September 14

Carl and Judith Smith
Jason and Marilyn Smolen
Marshall and Lynne Sneiderman
Robert and Phyllis Snider
Ellen Sobel
Mark Sobel
Jose and Tutti Sokol
Laszlo and Annamarie Sokoly
Mitchell and Rachelle Solkowitz
Steve and Phyllis Solomon
Melvin and Frances Spaeth
Bertram and Judith Spector
Allen and Rita Spiegel
Bruce Spiegel and Glenda Koby
David and Sharon Spiegel
Walter and Sharon Spiegel
Julian and Diane Spirer
Barbara Spitzer
Rosalie Sporn
Neil and Sherri Stahl

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Isadore Rod on the death of his sister, Eva Brisker; to Anita Ratain on the death of her mother, Goldie Bobb; to Max Osias on the death of his wife, Vivian Osias; to Melvin Richter on the death of his aunt, Lillian Weinbaum; and to Philip Miller and Family on the death of Rose Merican.

Dor L'Dor -- Excerpts from the Beth El Scroll, September, 1967

Opening Sisterhood Meeting

The opening Sisterhood meeting will be a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, September 20 [1967], at 12 noon sharp. Treat yourself to a pleasant afternoon. Come meet your friends and renew old acquaintances. Start the season off right by meeting the new Board as presented by Carolyn Shapiro. Babysitter available at 50¢.

Attention Bowlers!

Sisterhood's new bowling team needs you! Come join the fun! Bowling will be on Thursday mornings starting September 7 at 9:30. For additional information, please call Dottie Harris - 365-4479.

Wanted

The synagogue office is in need of a sturdy typewriter table. If you have one you no longer use, we would greatly appreciate it if you would donate it to us.

Setting Priorities During the Days of Awe

As in past years, we will be having two appeals to support Beth El during the High Holiday season. I wrote to you about the first one, the appeal for funds, in a letter that came with your High Holiday packet. During the first two weeks of September, we will be calling members to solicit their pledges for the High Holiday appeal. There will also be a "live" appeal on Yom Kippur. We will again hold a second kind of appeal to gain your support for Beth El -- a volunteer appeal. Last year, we asked you to consider committing your time and energies to Beth El by indicating your interest in several of our committee and auxiliary activities. Over 125 of you responded! While it was heartening to get that level of interest, it represents only about 7% of the adults who belong to Beth El. A synagogue needs the energy and time of many more of its members if it is to continue to flourish. The weeks ahead are a time to rethink our priorities. As you consider this next year, please think about giving Beth El a high ranking on your list -- support the congregation with your money and/or your time. The synagogue is here 365 days of the year to meet your needs for education, for community, for prayer and for celebration. Please be here for Beth El.

B'Shalom,
Suzanne Bronheim

Mark Your Calendar!

The 1996 Beth El Retreat will take place April 19th - 21st.

We will be returning to Coolfont Resort
in Berkley Springs, W. VA

Details will follow later in the year. Any questions?
Call Alan or Elizabeth Simon at (301) 571-1981.

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Come Be a Part of History!

The 49th Convention of the Cantors Assembly will be held in Jerusalem July 21 - August 4, 1996, in conjunction with the celebration of Jerusalem's 3000 years.

Hazzan Lubin, who will preside over this convention is inviting members of the congregation to join him and Sandy in a pilgrimage to Israel during this historic event.

For more details, please call Hazzan Lubin at (301) 652-2606, ext. 317.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Sheryl and Robert Isaacs on the birth of their daughter, Michelle Isaacs, on July 1, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Marlene and Joshua Zarrow on the birth of their son, Jonah Elliot Zarrow, on July 18, 1995. Jonah is the grandson of Harold and Vera Fassberg.

Mazal Tov to Dianna and Steven Palance on the birth of their daughter, Natasha Danielle Palance, on July 14, 1995.

Mazal Tov to Murray and Marilyn Hammerman on the engagement of their son, Dr. Steven Michael Hammerman, to Wendy Shapiro of Toronto, Canada. Wendy is the daughter of Rosalie and Michael Shapiro.

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Laszlo Sokoly on the engagement of their daughter, Kathy Eva Sokoly, to Michael Alan Chelst, son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Chelst of Silver Spring, MD. An October 29th wedding is planned at Beth El. Mazel Tov to the Sokolys also on the graduation of their son, Dr. Thomas David Sokoly, from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Thomas will join his father in private practice.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Saul Possick.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of July 31, 1995)

Bauer Confirmation Fund

Heinz Bauer. In Memory Of: Hedwig Bosco by Heinz Bauer.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Honor Of: Al Fox's commitment to Adult Education by Marta Wassertzug; Wonderful students by Helen Rib. In Memory Of: Sydney S. Naham by Rhoda K. Schutz; Vivian Osias by Reba Hirsh and by Elmira Hopp; Recha Heilborn by Harold and Vera Fassberg; Alex Smallberg by Sheila Smallberg Cohen and Family.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Special thanks to Jonathan and Sandy Simon by Jordan Weisz. In Memory Of:

David, Andrea, Sheri & Alyse Goff by Herbert and Harriette Jordan; My dear brother, Morris Krigelman, by Reba Hirsh; Irwin Bernstein by Barry and Beverly Goldsmith; Sylvia Kirschbaum by the five Brody Grandchildren; Chil Mayer Sokol by Jose and Tova Sokol; Steven West by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Vivian Osias by Sylvia Bozof Milton and Faye Doberman; Israel Sheeskin by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin; Leon Imas by Marta Wassertzug and Lia Imas; Eva Brisker by Saul and Marcia Possick; Philip Vodenos by Debra Vodenos; Morris Wilk by Dorothy Kappel; Janet Leviton by Edward B. Leviton.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Liz Medlinsky's recovery by Evelyn M. Karson; Jennifer Dorfman's Bat Mitzvah by The Ganek Family; Josh Levy by The Ganek Family. In Memory Of: Lillian Weinbaum, Melvin Richter's aunt, by Helen and Lenny Rib;

Sophia Haber, mother of Sandy Lubin, by Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant, Sally N. Fohrman, Simon and Trudy Weker,

Andy and Missy Dubroff and Family and Melissa and Andrew Dubroff; Ramon Semo by Joseph Semo; Sarah Rod by Isadore Rod; Max J. Goldberg by George A. Goldberg; Annie Shlomwiz by Curtis, Wendy and Ariana Levinson.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah Kahn by Marcia and Paul Merlin; Dorothy Neiterman by Charlotte and Bernard Resnick; Solomon J. Schneider by Herman and Minna Schneider; Leon Eisenstein by Harry Eisenstein; Samuel Kline by Etta Kline; Frances G. Bornstein by Etta Kline.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Dorothy Bender by The Rosing Family; Isidor Eule by Norman and Ellen Eule.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Marilyn Wind's birthday by Ellen and Norman Eule and Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Lottie Weker, mother of Simon Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Mabel Rudman Liebling by Herman Liebling.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Flora F. Goldberg's grandson by Edith K. Horowitz.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: Evelyne Schettewi Steward by Toby Moss. In Memory Of: Beloved father of Steven Porter by Dolly and Marvin Band; Father, Phillip Glovinsky by Sam Glovinsky.

General Fund

Gabriella Bebchick; Thomas and Lisa Goldring. In Honor Of: Ellen and Norman Eule's 25th anniversary by West Bethesda Havurah; Marilyn Wind's election as Sisterhood trustee by West Bethesda Havurah; Cheryl Rod's election as Sisterhood treasurer by West Bethesda Havurah; The naming of Michaela Lang Brown by Naomi and Arnold Rothstein; Emily Berger's Bat Mitzvah by Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant; The naming of Olivia Farber by Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant; Speedy recovery of Rabbi Shmuel Guttman by Frances H. Leibowitz; Mrs. Kuzminsky's quick recovery by Jack and Flora Singer; The wedding of Esther Siegel & Steven Kravitz by The Feldman Family; Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Dorfman by Josephine Simonds. In Memory Of: Caryl Holiber's mother by Elizah, Elana & Rhonda K. Lowell; Charles Geiger by Melvin and Sondra Geiger; Beloved husband, Siegfried, by Clara Frank; Zvi Assaf's sister, Emilie Benattar, by West

Bethesda Havurah; Isaac A. Stone by William Gerber; Jennie Goldberg by Charles Goldberg; Diane Kay's mother by Jack and Flora Singer; Becky Cohen by Stanley B. Cohen; Sarah Silvermintz by Rene Zitter.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Sam Nash's special birthday by Erwin and Lena Groner. In Memory Of:

Bernard A. Weiss by Dr. Howard Weiss; Jim Burgin's father by Esther & Steven Kravitz & Family; Ilene Rubin by Esther & Steven Kravitz and Family; Meyer Stanley by Esther and Steven Kravitz & Family.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

Kenneth and Diane Feinberg; Paul and Cyna Cohen. In Memory Of: Charlotte Sege by George and Carol Sege; Emma Klawarns by Rita I. Gillman; Father of Susan Sherzer by Simon and Trudy Weker; Betty Gelman, mother of Mrs. Lester Hochberg, by Ellie and Sam Frishman.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Ida Friedman by Barbara Friedman; Gilbert J. Spiegel by Barbara Freedman.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Shirley Feldman's complete recovery by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Bat Mitzvah of Emily Berger by Judith and Jonathan Levin. In Memory Of: Dr. Henry Mendeloff by Betty and Elliot Blum; Evelyn Ripps by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Frances Jacobson by Lynn Katz; Donald Davidson by Davidson Family; Joseph Hurwitz by Harold Hurwitz; Maier Joseph Byer by Abner Byer; Max Wernick by Jerome and Ina Wernick.

Lipnick Israel College Scholarship Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Eric Spiegel and Alan Spiegel by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Mazon

John and Marion Wolff. In Honor Of: Samuel Nash's birthday by Etta Watson Zukerman; John and Marion Wolff's 45th anniversary by Clare Lerner. In Memory Of: Joseph Millenson by Roy H. Millenson; Celia Hoffman by Lee Hoffman.

Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund

In Memory Of: Nathan Shapiro by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: Engagement of Steven Hammerman and Wendy Shapiro by Toby and Bernie Moss; Marilyn Kweller's special birthday by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Estelle Feigenbaum by Carolyn and Kenneth Feigenbaum.

Morning Minyan Fund

Ruth B. Spodak; William Gerber. In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Saul Possick by Rita and Bernard Jacobi; The speedy recovery of Howard Copperman by Ed and Bea Golfer; My Aliyah by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Tessie Tanenbaum by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum; Rachel Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman; Mary and Simon Zipper, Leopold Levi and Isaac Mandel by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; Frances Bornstein, Diane Kay's mother, by Ed and Bea Golfer; Beloved mother by Myra and Stewart Deutsch; Betty E. Rosoff by Janice Raffel; Herman Dewald by Michele Herman; My loving father Harold Scheininger by Ellen Scheininger; Joseph Greeble by Alan Swoff; Anna Gelman by Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro; Frances Bornstein by Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro; Harry Greenberg by Jeanne and Asher Ende; Stanley Levin by Julian Levin; Alex Moskowitz by Corinne Swoff.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Clara Gang by Florence and Arthur Gang.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Michael Morgenstern's 6th birthday by Debra and Jonathan Morgenstern.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: John and Marion Wolff's special anniversary by Jack and Bea Goldman; Lenora and Raymond Lassen's 40th anniversary by Dr. and Mrs. David Seitzman. In Memory Of: Harry M. Segal, father of Beatrice Newell, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Diane Kay's mother by Simon and Trudy Weker;

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Sisterhood News

Sisterhood President's Message

I hope all of you had a good summer. It was hot, wasn't it? With the cooler days ahead, we can energize ourselves and get ready for a year of fun and learning...learning more about ourselves, more about our synagogue and religion, and more about each other. Does this sound like fun? It does to me! Get ready for our Opening Brunch on Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. We will begin with a delicious meal and an introduction of our officers. Then we will have a speaker who I am sure will be of interest to all. (See your invitation for more information.) I challenge you Sisterhood members to invite new members to this event. There will be door prizes for Sisterhood women who bring non-members to this event and door prizes for guests who become members at this time. Don't forget to come to Beth El on Sunday, September 17th to honor and remember our congregation's World War II veterans. The service begins in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Morton Horvitz will speak on "Liberating the Camps: A Jewish Soldier's Perspective." The service will conclude at 10:30 a.m., when we will enjoy brunch and entertainment in the Social Hall. Thanks to Bernard Resnick who has done an excellent job in preparing this program and to Ruth Kay and Ann Ball, Sisterhood members, for being on the planning committee.

Todah rabah to Claire Marwick for volunteering to chair our nominating committee this year, and to Norma Golumbic, Leslie Silver and Nancy Graber for being on the nominating committee. Todah rabah to Marcia Merlin for volunteering to chair our Rosh Hodesh committee. We are receiving much interest in our Rosh Hodesh group, and I am sure that our meetings will be excellent. Todah rabah to Terri Annis for joining Sara Greenbaum as an Activities Co-Vice President. We are so excited to have Terri on our Board! Todah rabah to Cheryl Rod who spends so much time as Treasurer and is so careful to be accurate, organized and prompt in meeting our financial obligations. Todah rabah to Dale Gold, Dunya Hecht, Vivi Sheff, Julia Copperman, Judy Goldman, Ruth Sickel and Isobel Levine for all the time and effort they put into our catering. This is a huge responsibility, and they have been dedicated in having regular planning meetings and in taking turns being present to set up on Shabbat. Todah rabah to Suzanne Bronheim, Kay Klass, Debbie Friedmann, Connie Krupin, Rachele Bernstecker and Susan Siegel for their time and effort in preparing our Judaica Shop for the upcoming year. Please visit our shop for your holiday needs and for special gifts. If you need to inquire about the availability of a certain time, call Kay at (301) 365-5365 or Suzanne at (301) 320-3220.

Announcements: We need volunteers to help run the Judaica Shop. It is a lot of fun, and you will receive an orientation. If interested, call Kay Klass at the number above. Being in the Judaica Shop is a fun way to get to know other synagogue members, and with lots of volunteers, it will not take up too much of any individual's time. If you may be interested in a Sisterhood exercise group at a local fitness center, please call Paula Siegel at (301) 365-0166. We need volunteers to be on our Activities Committee to help plan and implement our programs, including our September 10th event. If interested, please call Sara Greenbaum at (301) 656-5263 or Terri Annis at (301) 656-5219. We would also like to help the Chesed Committee find volunteers to help our synagogue members who are ill and need caring calls, groceries delivered or other needs met. Call Rhonda Kleiner Lowell at (301) 294-8858. Sisterhood is having an Art Show fundraiser on Saturday night, December 9th and Sunday morning, December 10th. This is going to be

a big event and we need interested volunteers to plan and work this show, beginning in September. Call Sara Greenbaum, (301) 656-5263, Terri Annis, (301) 656-5219, Janet Goldhill, (301) 299-5128, or Paula Siegel, (301) 365-0166, to join our Art Show committee.

Thank you for your support of Sisterhood.
Shalom,
Paula Siegel

Judy Goldman (left), the honoree at the June Torah Fund Cocktail Party held at Linda and Larry Mann's home, and Paula Siegel (right), President of Beth El's Sisterhood.



Torah Fund Campaign

The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York was very pleased to receive the support of the following Torah Fund Benefactors: Bernice Blumenthal, Suzanne Bronheim, Janet Goldhill, Judith Goldman, Jacquelyn Levine, Claire Marwick, Toby Moss, Bette Nussbaum, Doris Povich, Elissa Scheinberg, Joan Simon, Gertrude Weker, Harriet Wilkins and Marilyn Wind. In addition to the Benefactors, Doris Povich, Torah Fund Chairperson, wishes to thank all who contributed to our 1994 - 95 Campaign. Beth El raised over \$3000 to further the numerous Seminary programs that enrich and provide leadership for Conservative synagogues.

Beth El looks forward to another successful Torah Fund campaign, and we encourage your interest and support.

LULAV AND ETROG ORDER FORM 1995

This year we are again purchasing our Lulav and Etrogs from New York directly, thus saving everyone money -- almost 20%. In order to do this, however, all orders must be placed and paid for by September 15th.

I would like to order the following lulav and etrog set:
 Small \$38.00 Large \$47.00 Deluxe \$57.00
 Name _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____
 Make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office.
NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 15TH! ORDERS CAN BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th, FROM 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID!!

From the Desk of the Youth Director

Beth El Youth Groups are a place where kids feel welcome. Our goal is to provide a warm, fun atmosphere where our youth feel at home, make friends, and explore their Judaism. Ski trips, conventions, sports leagues, social actions projects, and overnights are just some of the events our youth groups offer. While all of our programs offer a wide spectrum of activities and opportunities to socialize with other Jewish youth, all of our programs are infused with Jewishness. Through our programs, our youth will build a strong Jewish identity while learning valuable social and leadership skills, as well as gaining self confidence. Joining a Beth El Youth Group ensures that you will receive all Youth Department mailings, monthly phone calls from the group advisor, and discounts on group activities.

The Youth Department will begin its 1995/96 season with Youth Group Kickoff Day on Sunday, September 10, 1995 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of Beth El. Drop by and meet the different Youth Group Advisors, find out about all of the upcoming activities, join the youth group of your age group if you haven't already, and have a cookie with us.

Each group will hold its own first activity during the month of September. Following is a list of those activities. If your child would like to participate in an activity please RSVP to the child's advisor. The number is listed at the end of the activity description. Reservations are extremely important so that we are able to staff and plan our activities to the best of our abilities. If you have any questions regarding Youth Groups, please feel free to call me in the office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

I look forward to meeting you on the 10th.
Rachel Handloff, Youth Director.

The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)

Sunday, September 17, 1995
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join Heather and Bonim for an afternoon of High Holiday fun. Shofars, activity books, and sukkah decorations are all part of the fun. Bonim will meet in the All Purpose Room. The cost for the activity is \$ 5.00 for members and \$ 7.00 for non-members. RSVP by Wednesday, September 13th to Heather at (301) 652-2606, ext. 342.

Advisor: Heather Handloff
High Holiday Fair

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Sunday, October 1, 1995
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join Ariel and Machar and head to Rock Hill Orchards where you can pick your own fruits and flowers. The cost is \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Price includes transportation and anything you pick. RSVP by Wednesday, September 27th to Ariel at (301) 652-2606, ext. 341.

Advisor: Ariel Glassman
U-Pick Apples & Flowers

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Sunday, September 17, 1995
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join Adam and Kadima for a couple of laps around the Go-Cart Raceway in Alexandria. Then have yourself a scoop of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20 for non-members. RSVP by Wednesday, September 13th to Adam at (301) 652-2606, ext. 340.

Advisor: Adam Gluck
Go Carting with
Ben & Jerry

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

Saturday, September 9, 1995
8:45 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Beth El is sponsoring this first regional dance of the year. All proceeds will benefit the USY Tikun Olam Fund and the Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund. Beth El USYers are invited to attend or arrive early and help set up and choose the music selection. For more information about the dance, call Tammy Wilner, USY President, at (301) 320-2478. Cost is \$5.00. RSVP to Rachel Handloff at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff

Fall Kickoff Dance

Sunday, September 10, 1995

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

New members are invited to drop by the USY table and meet the USY Executive Board, find out about upcoming activities and even join USY. Stop by and have a cookie on us.

Youth Group Kickoff Day

Sunday, September 10, 1995

More information will be sent to all potential USY members by mail.

USY New Member

Opening Activity Surprise

Saturday, September 16, 1995

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Join USY and celebrate Shabbat with your friends. Attend a Shabbat service with other Beth El USYers.

USY Shabbat

Sunday, September 17, 1995

All members of the Beth El USY Executive Board are encouraged to attend this regional board training day. Meet other USYers who hold your positions in other chapters, share ideas, and make new friends. For more information, call Rachel at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

Board Training Day



Hey Beth El Kids!
Youth Group Kickoff Day
Sunday, September 10, 1995
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Meet Youth Group Advisors
Learn About Upcoming Activities
Get Your Free Gift
Have A Cookie On Us
For more information,
call (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

Beth El to Create an Internet Presence

World Wide Web, Listserv, FTP site -- if these things mean anything to you, please contact us. Arthur Popper <AP17@umail.umd.edu> and Jeff Annis <jannis@cpcug.org> have begun to define the scope of Beth El's network presence. We need your input and effort. All you need is e-mail, some time and some energy.

Lost

If you have a hearing loop apparatus at home, please return it to Beth El. There will be no questions asked.

(Donations, continued from page 4)

Albert Jacobs by Trudy and Simon Weker; Herbert Borden by Trudy and Simon Weker; Harriet Goldstein by LeVerne Witkow; Nettye Schumer by Robert Schumer; Jack I. Fleisher by Ronald S. Fleisher; Anna Gelman's participation in Vatikim by Michael and Susan Gelman; Helen Levy by Charles Lehrhaupt and Frances Eisenstein; Joseph Block by Edward Block; Robert Leon Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman.

Rabbi's Fund

In Memory Of: Ben Berman by Ken Berman and Family; Rose Sokolower, mother of Caryl Holber, by Lenore and Melvin Richter; Anna Morrison by Mary Wichman; Benjamin Chasen by Irv Chasen; M. Joanne Pernick by Irwin Pernick; Abraham Gemstat by Pearl Baker; Kate Robinson and Morris Robinson by Dorothy Alberstadt; Beloved father, Joseph B. Stein by Paula M. Kleine; Beloved mother, Dora Schulman Hindin by Frances H. Leibowitz; Eva Brisker by Nathan Brisker and Mary Brisker; Edward W. Engelman by Diane E. Epstein; Cissie Balbes and Betsy Smokler by Clare S. Lerner; Frances Bornstein by Diana and Jack Binder; Nissim R. Harari by Vivian and Irving Beyda; Abraham J. Beyda by Vivian and Irving Beyda; Samuel Scheetzer by Sylvia Small; Bernie Moss's mother, Goldie Moss, by Toby and Bernie Moss; Mollie Taubenblatt by Selig A. Taubenblatt.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Memory Of: Rose and Benjamin Cohn by Selma Siegel.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Wedding of Mindy Band and Alan Nagler by Shirley R. Levine Wasserman. In Memory Of: Etta Posilkin by Robert Posilkin; Sally Cohen by Robert & Sheila Smallberg Cohen; Toby Moss's mother, Rose Lieberman by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Harriet Cohen by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Tikun Olam Program by United Synagogue Youth. In Memory Of: Rebecca Berman by Ken Berman and Family; Harry Siegel and Sybil Suls by Clara and Daniel Gordon; Selma and Nathan Hankin and Frances and Max Weinroth by Marcia and Donald Weinroth; Irving Gordon by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Dr. Harold S. Douglas and Bernard Feibus by Howard and Susan Feibus; Michael Goldberg by Harvey and Susan Mininberg.

Vatikim

In Honor Of: The speedy recovery of Saul Possick by Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Rod; Marcia and Saul Karsch's retirement by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman. In Memory Of: Maurice Matloff by Gertrude Matloff; Milton Feldman by Judith and Michael Muntner; Vivian Osias by Kate Schneider, Claire Marwick and Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Dr. David Goff, Andrea, Sheri and Alyse Goff by Kate Schneider; Anna Gelman, Helen Rib's mother, by Elmira Hopp and Simon and Trudy Weker; Lewis Sargent by Elmira Hopp; Eva Brisker by Isadore Rod.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin's election as President of the Cantors' Assembly by Sy Wolf. In Memory Of: Abraham Krupsaw by Sy Wolf.

SUKKAH BUILDING KIT OR DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS ORDER EARLY THIS YEAR!

Sukkot begins this year on **Sunday night, October 8th**. For the eighth year Congregation Beth El is offering an easy-to-assemble, moderately priced Sukkah kit to enhance your enjoyment of the holiday.

The complete kit will produce a free-standing 8'x 8'x 8' square frame Sukkah made of #2 spruce. All necessary holes are pre-drilled and hardware (bolts, wing nuts, corner braces) and directions for assembly are included. Tools required are pliers, wrench, or nutdriver. You will need to provide your own siding (such as sheets, shades, or plastic), roofing branches, and decorations.

Pictures of the assembled Sukkah can be seen on the synagogue bulletin board near the office and in the Nursery School Hall. The Sukkah put up by the Nursery School is from a Beth El kit.

The cost of each complete kit is \$95 (which covers the cost of materials and a contribution to the synagogue). A limited number of kits are made during the summer and will be sold to the first people from whom we receive payment. **MAIL IN YOUR ORDER SOON TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT SINCE WE ARE EXPECTING THE KITS TO SELL OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR.**

Call Jerry Danoff at (301) 365-1180 for further information. Kits can be picked up at the home of Pat and Jerry Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, by arrangement in September. (Be prepared to carry home several pieces of 8' lumber).

For Do-It-Yourselfers:

An instruction packet including directions for purchasing the materials and completely making the Sukkah yourself is also available. We have plenty of copies and will mail them anywhere you wish.

The do-it-yourself instructions cost \$6 and include an exact shopping list of lumber and hardware needed, plus directions for how to cut the wood, drill the holes, and assemble the Sukkah.

Please complete the order form below and send it with your check made payable to "Congregation Beth El" to Pat Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. Please write Sukkah kit or Sukkah instructions on the check.

JUDAICA SHOP GRAND FALL RE-OPENING SALE!!! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Come for great buys on last year's merchandise!
See our new items!
Buy your Rosh Hashanah greeting cards, books
and toys for children about the Fall holidays,
apple and honey dishes, and paper goods for
your break-the-fast.

Many new items perfect for Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts!

Sundays 9-Noon Thursdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sukkah Order Form

I would like to order _____ complete Sukkah kits at \$95 each. (Instructions included.) Kits can be picked up in September.

I would like to order _____ do-it-yourself Sukkah instructions at \$6 each. Packets will be mailed upon receipt of your order.

A check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____