



## CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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### Shabbat Schedule

Friday, November 17th, at 6:30 p.m.  
Congregation Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 18th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Rebecca Dreilinger Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Gan Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, November 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 25th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, December 1st, at 6:30 p.m.  
Teacher Recognition Shabbat and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 2nd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Havurah at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel

### Derech Eretz

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Maltzman spoke about Derech Eretz--roughly translated, the respect and consideration we should show to others simply because they are fellow human beings. It is a theme that, as congregation president, I would like to echo. In the past month, I have heard about too many incidents at Beth El that really concern me. These incidents involve the way in which congregants have treated others who are not fellow members--people we may not "see" as fellow human beings, but only as the functions they serve. Beth El has a long tradition of being a warm and caring community--I want to make sure that continues.

We have had several very upset members of our neighborhood who have reported that during the High Holidays, participants in our services blocked their driveways, drove on their lawns and ran over garbage cans and recycling bins. In addition, during the weeks preceding the holidays each year, our front office staff has to deal with congregants who yell and even swear at them because they are unhappy about the location of their seats or how the synagogue conducts the ticket distribution process. This year, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we received a plaintive request from the woman who runs the babysitting service we use to help her employees deal with parents who became unpleasantly insistent about leaving their children, even though they had not signed up for that service. Finally, teachers and other personnel who have come to our Religious School from other synagogues are shocked by the rudeness and disrespect they encounter from some parents at Beth El.

These incidents help us hold up a mirror to ourselves. At times the image is not very attractive. While most of the time Beth El members are friendly, respectful and caring people, at times we all slip up. If each of us stops to remember Derech Eretz in dealing with everyone in our Beth El and extended community, we can live up to our reputation as a warm and caring congregation. Sometimes the "rules" here are frustrating--but they usually have a good reason. They are not developed to thwart you or make your life difficult. If you have a problem with them, talk to the staff or to your officers to understand why things are done a certain way or to help us consider operating differently. If you feel that there is a need to give us negative input, that is fine--but please, with Derech Eretz in mind. And remember the feelings of our neighbors and staff. One of the best parts of serving as president is getting to know all of the wonderful people who are Beth El. Let's make sure that everyone knows that side of us.

Suzanne Bronheim  
President

### JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

WITH THE BETHESDA  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1995  
AT 8:00 P.M.

AT BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
8300 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD

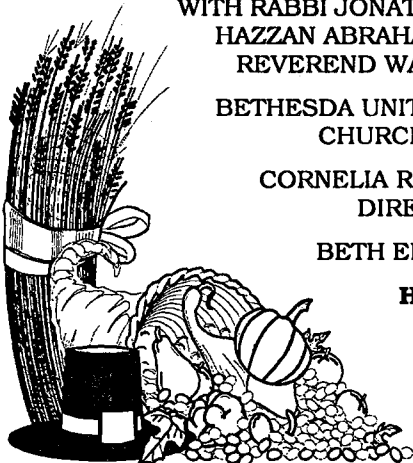
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CORNELIA R. CREVELING,  
DIRECTOR

BETH EL'S AHAVAT SHIR

HAZZAN LUBIN,  
DIRECTOR



### Save the Date!

The 1998 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Scheduling Meeting will be held Sunday, December 10, 1995 at 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

## All in the Family

You are cordially invited to attend a Farewell Kiddush in honor of Evelyn D. Wittman following Shabbat services on Saturday, November 25, 1995. Evelyn will be relocating to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Davida and Charles Adelberg, and their family in San Jose, California as of December 1, 1995. Evelyn's new address will be: 6268 Tracel Drive, San Jose, California 95129.

Mazal Tov to Ruth and Donald Silverstein on the birth of their daughter, Tanya Jill Silverstein, on September 21, 1995. Tanya is the granddaughter of Laura Mayer.

Mazal Tov to Clare Lerner on the birth of her grandson, Gabriel Goll Lerner, on October 19, 1995. Gabriel is the son of Howard and Elizabeth Lerner.

Mazal Tov to Simon and Trudy Weker on the birth of their granddaughter, Alyssa Meryl Weker. Alyssa is the daughter of Dena and Robert Weker.

Mazal Tov to grandparents Bernie and Marta Wassertzug and great-grandmothers Lia Imas and Masha Wassertzug on the birth of Noah Seth Wassertzug on September 1, 1995. Noah is the son of Valerie and Guy Wassertzug.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Hadassah Thursz.

## Illegal Parkers Beware

Because of the many problems created for our neighbors in recent weeks by illegally parked cars, the local police will be checking the neighborhood more intensively for violators. Make sure you are not parked too close to or in someone's driveway. Police will be ticketing. Also please be careful not to damage our neighbors' garbage cans and recycling bins. Thank you.

## World Jewry Committee

The World Jewry Committee has been re-activated. We will meet on Monday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Faith Schwartz. Please call (301) 983-2088 for directions and details. Everyone is welcome.

### **Baruch Dayan Emet**

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Twila Nattel on the death of her husband, Dr. Marvin Nattel.

## Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat Services are held on 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 hope you will join us!

Please note that there will be a Nitzanim service on Saturday, November 25th. The kiddush that week will be sponsored by Jonathan and Debra Morgenstern in honor of their son Brett's fourth birthday.

## 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. When Saul Bendit Adult Institute classes are in session, the Wednesday Minyan starts at 8:20 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.

**November 20 - November 23**  
 Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker  
 Wayne and Sandra Berson  
 Jay and Sharon Berzofsky  
 Irving and Vivian Beyda  
 Steven and Ellen Bezner  
 Jonathan and Cathy Binder  
 Ann Birk  
 Sheila Bimbach  
 Jeffrey and Deborah Birnbaum  
 Kenneth and Rise Birnbaum  
 Alan and Debra Birnkrant  
 Henry Birnkrant and Lynn Goldin  
 Evelyn Bitterbaum  
 Marc and Linda Blackman  
 Joseph and Jody Bleiberg  
 Arthur and Mary Blitz  
 Edward and Debra Bloom  
 Eli and Gayle Blumenthal  
 Robert and Rayah Blumenthal  
 Werner and Bernice Blumenthal

**November 27 - November 30**  
 Elliot and Betty Blum  
 Sharon Bobb  
 Harvey and Abby Bobb  
 Sheldon and Paola Bolasny  
 Yaakov and Linda Borenstein  
 Philip and Hope Borish  
 Benjamin Bornstein and Ellen Sidransky  
 Samuel Boxerman and Debra Vodenos  
 Sylvia Bozof  
 Paul Bran and Nina Levine  
 Horst and Ruth Brand  
 Beatrice Breger  
 Douglas and Brenda Bregman  
 Joel and Bernice Breslau  
 Paul and Leah Bress  
 Harriet Broder  
 Jerome and Hessa Broder  
 Gerald and Caryl Brody  
 Kenneth and Carol Brody  
 Mark and Tina Bronfman

## Membership Information

Josephine Gimble has moved to 5822 Linden Square Court, Rockville, MD 20852. (301) 881-9138. George and Esther Liss have moved to 19532 Bay View Road, Boca Raton, FL 33434. (407) 488-1468.

## Additional High Holiday Appeal Donors

The following members have made contributions to the High Holiday Appeal:

Arthur and Sandra Becker  
 Sharon Bobb  
 Julius and Irene Hauser  
 Robert Levine and Michele Lieban Levine  
 Rabbi William Rudolph and Gail Fribush

## Men's Club News

The Men's Club programs are now in full swing for the year. Won't you join us for one of the interesting programs we have scheduled for the next two weeks? On November 19th, the Men's Club speaker will be Steven Dachi. Mr. Dachi's presentation is entitled "The Jews of India," and will include both his personal and professional study on this topic. On December 3rd, Jack Edlow will be presenting a talk on "The Foundation for Jewish Studies." Mr. Edlow is a board member of that organization, and his talk will help familiarize all of us with the interesting and meaningful work the Foundation is performing for the community. On both days the Morning Minyan is at 9:00 a.m., followed by the always wonderful bagels and lox breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The programs are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. As always, all congregants are welcome to attend.

**Keruv**

Dear Keruv: I am a convert and my husband isn't very helpful with this question. We are sometimes invited to others' homes to celebrate Jewish holidays. I would like to know on which of the Jewish holidays it is expected to bring a gift. I'd also like to know what is appropriate. Congregant

Dear Congregant: Keruv conducted an informal and very unscientific survey to answer your question. The consensus was that you may always bring the host family a gift, but there is no obligation to do so based on the customs of the Jewish holidays. Converts say that they followed the same instincts and customs about hostess gifts before and after conversion, regardless of the holiday.

Ideas about what is appropriate vary widely, but these principles seem to always apply:

- gifts of food should be kosher
- don't prepare food in your own kitchen unless you are sure it is all right
- gifts of Judaica or gifts from Israel are especially appreciated on Jewish holidays

Although it isn't necessarily associated with an invitation and visit, your question reminded several of our survey participants of mishloakh manot, the custom of sending gifts of food to friends during Purim. The "rules" for mishloakh manot are:

- the food must be ready to eat (e.g. hamantaschen, candy, fruit, nuts, little bottles of wine...)
- two kinds of food is the minimum
- paper plates are OK

This is a fun custom to involve the kids in; they can help bake, pile the goodies high on the plate, and make secret deliveries to their friends and neighbors.

**Keruv Calendar**

**Shabbat Discussions:** Keruv welcomes everyone to our next Shabbat discussion, held after the morning services on December 16th. Our topic that day is "The December Dilemma." We will also talk about choosing Judaism, how to meet challenges with children, spouses and grandchildren, and how to integrate non-Jewish family members in Jewish life. We always welcome new ideas and people. Join us!

**Hanukkah Party:** You are invited to the annual Hanukkah party at the Levine-Janney home on Sunday night, December 17th, at 5:00 p.m. The address is 5835 Conway Road in Bethesda. We promise lots of latkes and dreidel games and Hanukkah fun. It's dairy potluck; please RSVP to Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

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.

**Making Beth El More Accessible**

While we have had an FM system in the Sanctuary to help those with hearing impairment enjoy our services, we have not had a similar system that works only for the Bender Social Hall. As a result, many members were blocked from enjoying the presentations at meetings that took place in that room. Just before the holidays, we installed a system that works for just the Social Hall, but is tuned to the same frequency as the Sanctuary, so that members can use the same earpieces. When you are planning or attending meetings in the Social Hall, remember this new feature.

**BETH EL SCROLL**

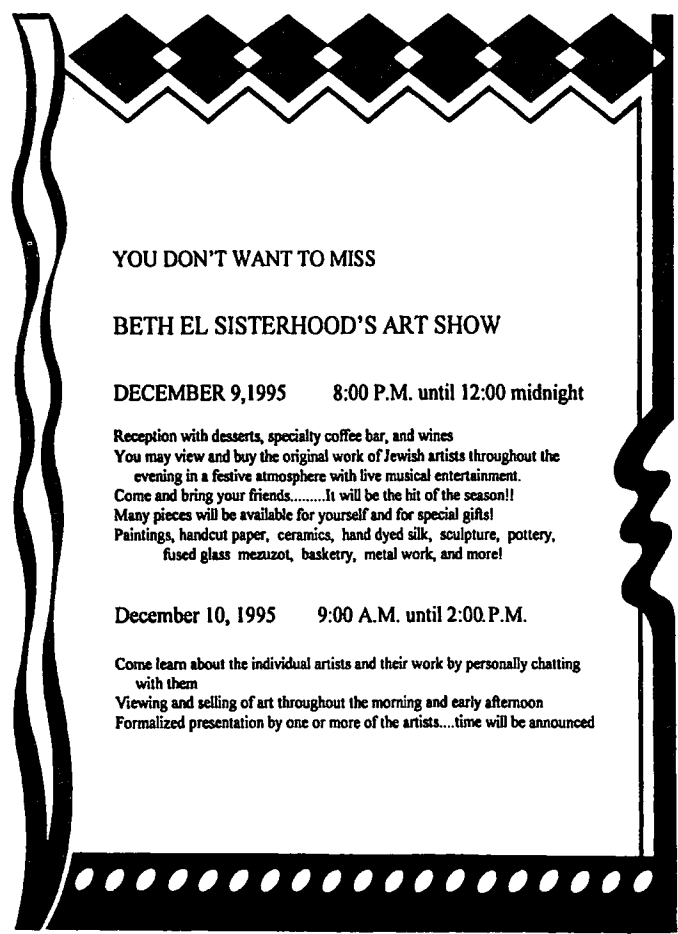
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**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS**

**BETH EL SISTERHOOD'S ART SHOW**

**DECEMBER 9, 1995      8:00 P.M. until 12:00 midnight**

Reception with desserts, specialty coffee bar, and wines  
 You may view and buy the original work of Jewish artists throughout the evening in a festive atmosphere with live musical entertainment.  
 Come and bring your friends.....It will be the hit of the season!!  
 Many pieces will be available for yourself and for special gifts!  
 Paintings, handcut paper, ceramics, hand dyed silk, sculpture, pottery, fused glass mezuzot, basketry, metal work, and more!

**December 10, 1995      9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.**

Come learn about the individual artists and their work by personally chatting with them  
 Viewing and selling of art throughout the morning and early afternoon  
 Formalized presentation by one or more of the artists....time will be announced

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of October 16, 1995)

### **Bauer Confirmation Fund**

Heinz Bauer.

### **Bendit Adult Institute Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Sophie Richman, by Norma and Calvin Golumbic.

### **Beth El Forest**

In Memory Of: Joel Pilz by Ilene and David Jacobowitz; A. Marvin Nattel by Lillian Kessler; Father and husband, Henry Kahn, by Dorothy Kappel; Edith Greene by Harold and Evelyn Greene; Eva Gillman by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Gillman; Dr. Isadore "Zip" Zipkin by Lillian, Michael and Richard Zipkin.

### **Cantor's Fund**

In Memory Of: Rose Rachel Siegel by Anne S. Ball; Levi Dembo by Martin S. Dembo; Helene Gruenberg by Edith Weisz; Charles Lefkowitz by Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Ash.

### **Chevre Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Dr. A. Marvin Nattel by David and Sonya Schultz and Family and Helen and Lenny Rib; Beloved father, Isidor Ende, by Asher H. Ende.

### **College Fund**

In Memory Of: Harry Goldstein by Judith and Jonathan Levin and Family.

### **Conservative Judaism in Israel**

In Honor Of: All who assisted the Horns by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Rebecca Zagoria, by Etta Kline.

### **Crowell Religious School Scholarship Endowment Fund**

In Honor Of: 90th birthday of Abraham Hochberg by Sylvia and Irwin Rosenthal.

### **Disabled Access Fund**

In Honor Of: 50 anniversary of George and Priscilla Tievsky by Clare S. Lerner. In Memory Of: Aaron Burman by Bea and Bernie Berger.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Herbert Aarons by Dolly and Marvin Band; Irving Tofsky's 80th birthday by Melva, David and Neil Tofsky. In Memory Of: Father of Hanna Lee Pomerantz by Dolly and Marvin Band.

### **General Fund**

Jay M. Eisenberg; Eileen Mauskopf; Anita and Bernie Ash. In Honor Of: Torah honors by Joseph I. Weisz; Yom Kippur yizkor donation by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gladstone; Yom Kippur pledge by Mrs. Sari Shaftel; Dr. & Mrs. George Tievsky's 50th anniversary by Samson and Frances Stern, Rhoda and Stan Epstein, Lenell Ammerman and Maddie and Herb Shapiro; The Hirsch Family by Nancy Wallace; Marriage of Jon Kimball to Janie Burma by Mark and Susan Israel. In Memory Of: Jennie Gemstat by Pearl Baker; Eliezer Bercu by Simone Bercu; My parents, Robert and Esther Weisz, by Joseph I. Weisz; Belle Shefferman by Adele and Sholom Shefferman; Solomon Joseph Ozarin by Lucy Ozarin; Rose and Harry Wallerstein and Maurice Derkay by Lori B. Derkay; Eileen Rubin by Marilyn and William Paul; My parents, Harry and Dora Dolnansky, by Rosalyn D. Bass; Rose Geiger and Adeline Trachtenberg by Melvin and Sondra Geiger.

### **Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund**

Douglas and Brenda Bregman.

### **Hopp Library Endowment Fund**

In Memory Of: Henry Hopp by Elmira Hopp.

### **Israel Experience Teen Fund**

Erwin and Leena Groner; Douglas and Carol Sherman. In Honor Of: Jerry and Pat Danoff's Sukkah project by Brenda Bregman Dr. and Mrs. George Tievsky's 50th anniversary by Arthur and Ann Eden, Florence K. Brody, Ellen Elow-Mintz and Dan Mintz, Marilyn and Herb Forrest, Wendy Reiskin and Milton and Marilyn Corwin. In Memory Of: Minna G. Scherr and Jacob Mann by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Aaron Weintraub by Carol and George Sege; Samuel Bobyn by Gail Ross.

### **Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Honor Of: Ellen Darr by Jonathan Levy and Patricia Forsythe. In Memory Of: Samuel Bobyn by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

### **Library Fund**

In Memory Of: A. Marvin Nattel by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; My father, Aaron Shalowitz, by Erwin Shalowitz; Emily Drachman by Richard J. Drachman.

### **Mazon**

Irving and Vivian Beyda; Jerome and Hessa Broder; Toby and Bernie Moss. In Honor Of: Our grandson, Gabriel Shalom's, Bar Mitzvah by Sabina and Mark Shalom; Michael and Adeen Postar by Jonathan Levy and Patricia Forsythe; Hans Hirsch's shofar blowing by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Stephanie Begun's engagement to Peter Schissler by Peter Schissler; Participants in High Holiday services at Beth El by Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Ash; Recovery of Melvin Richter by Helen and Lenny Rib. In Memory Of: Philip Janus by Norton and Dorothy Come; Elizabeth Janus and her son, Philip Janus by Zelda Janus; Beloved father, Samuel Yerman by Rosalie Wolfson; Charles Lefkowitz by Jerry and Fay Chernin; Ilya Mazo by Marina Ginderova; Lillie Lefkowitz by Jerry and Fay Chernin.

### **Mintz Landscaping Fund**

In Memory Of: Jacob Koenig by Edward Koenig.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: Jerry Ehrenstein's dedicated and continuing outstanding service to the Morning Minyan by Jeanne and Asher Ende; Healthy recovery of Herb Levinson by Cary and Nancy Feldman; My Aliyah by Julian Levin; Rabbi Rudolph's community spirit and my aliyah by Josephine Gimble; Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Shalom by Shirley and Seymour Gross. In Memory Of: Rose Levinson by Herbert Levinson; Sidney Leviton by Edward B. Leviton; Loved ones and holiday honors by Helen and Lenny Rib; Beloved brother, Isadore Kessler, by Mildred K. Kipnis; Meyer Goldberg by Davetta & Emanuel Landau.

### **Music Fund**

In Honor Of: Creativity and dedication of Toby Moss by Helen and Lenny Rib. In Memory Of: Archie Berde and Cyril P. Heiman by Irene Hauser.

### **Nitzanim Fund**

In Honor Of: Birth of grandson, Phillip Michael Resnick, by Helen and Lenny Rib.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

Susan Rubin. In Honor Of: Max Krents' birthday by Sue and John Rosenthal; Grandson Daniel Morris Maggin's Bar Mitzvah by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Maggin. In Memory Of: Edna Routhenstein by Isadore Routhenstein, Irene Routhenstein, and Shirley Levine Wasserman; Bernard Bobb by Anita Ratain; Beloved mother, Minnie K. Segal, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Isadore Edgar Fassberg by Harold F. Fassberg.

### **Rabbi's Fund**

Irving and Vivian Beyda; Arthur Blitz; Doris and Albert Povich. In Honor Of: my Aliyah by Herbert Levinson; High Holiday services at Beth El by Mollie Raffles; Speedy recovery of Jack Freund by Linda and Ace Lipson; Mishaberakh for Harriet Block by Freda and Daniel Segal; My Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah by Neil Levy; Rabbi Maltzman's hospitality by Lillian and Kalman Seigel. In Memory Of: Levi Dembo by Martin S. Dembo; Belle Abramson by Pearl Baker; David Tievsky by Marvin Tievsky; Harry Serlick by Edna and Mac Krents; My parents, Morris and Beatrice Goldblatt, by Howard Goldblatt; Lillie Lefkowitz by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ash.

### **Sisterhood Hospitality Fund**

In Honor Of: Janet Goldhill's work on Children of Dream by Brenda Bregman; Marriage of Isobel Levine and Zev Griner by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

### **Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund**

In Memory Of: Evelyn Feinstein, sister of Trudy Weker, by Ellen and Bob Schumer, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Frank and Doris and Albert Povich.

### **Sisterhood Remembrance Fund**

In Memory Of: Herbert Brenner by Lynne Ganek.

### **Sisterhood Silver Fund**

In Memory Of: Trudy Weker's sister, Evelyn Feinstein, by Harriet Filler.

### **Social Action Fund**

In Memory Of: Philip Janus by Judge and Mrs. Joseph A. Woolman.

### **Suls Youth Activities Fund**

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Mininberg. In Honor Of: 50th anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. George Tievsky by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Sidney Ross by Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer; Beloved mother, Rebecca Belinkie, by Sophia Weinberger.

### **Torah Scroll Fund**

In Honor Of: Aliyah by Beatrice Newell. In Memory Of: Samuel Boston by Sandra

## Sisterhood News

### President's Message

October 18th was a fun and exciting night for Sisterhood members. Attending our Membership Dinner were 180 members and guests. Special members attending were Rabbi Maltzman and his wife, Julie, Rabbi Rudolph and his wife, Gail Fribush, Hazzan Lubin and his wife, Sandy, and Judith Scolnic.

I was aware of a special atmosphere as I walked through the Gallery, listening to the beautiful piano and voice of Carol Brody and Sandy Scheffkind drifting through the Social Hall doorway. Then I began to meet the smiling faces of our members and guests, all anticipating the night's event, and I knew this would be a special night to remember. And it was!

The Social Hall was magnificently decorated in red and white, with candles on top of polished mirrors glowing on each table. The podium was beautifully decorated with an original arrangement of roses and baby's breath by Miriam Crowell. Miriam had also placed a red rose at each place setting to be taken home by our members. Thanks to Miriam and her talented decoration committee: Julia Copperman, Bernice Blumenthal, Lillian Kessler, Beatrice Golfer, Shirley Gross, Joan Claxton, Marcia Kalman and Deborah Friedmann. Carol Brody and Sandy Scheffkind, "Melody Lane," performed for us throughout the dinner. Judy Matz presented a thoughtful and original D'var Torah, Claire Marwick led us in the Motzi, and Caryl Holiber led us in singing the Birkat Hamazon.

Trudy Weker presented new Beth El women members as complimentary members of Sisterhood for this year. As she has done in past years, she gave a special prayer book to each new member. Trudy also read a poem which she wrote to her Sisterhood friends which follows this message.

Phyllis Solomon, Co-Vice President of Membership, introduced our speaker, Elizabeth Schrayner, who spoke about the stakes of the 1996 election and how they affect the American Jewish community. Our speaker was excellent and stressed that each of us needs to actively express our individual and community needs to our political leaders, as Jews and as Americans. She gave personal examples of tradition being perpetuated within her own family, and stressed the importance of our Jewish traditions and values being perpetuated within American society and through our support of Israel as Americans.

A special thank you to Manette Sznol and Phyllis Solomon, Co-Vice Presidents of Membership, for planning such a nice evening for our Sisterhood! Thank you also to Cheryl Rod (Treasurer), Hellaine Nepo (Financial Secretary), Sandy Levy, Helen Popper and Julie Maltzman for welcoming and registering members and guests. Thank you to Cathy Binder for designing and printing a beautiful program with which we can remember our 1995 dinner!

Shalom, Paula Siegel

### To the Women of Beth El Sisterhood Past/Present/Future

by Trudy Weker

To the women who have worked with me  
I say a loving thanks,  
We've covered lots of ground together  
While tightening our ranks.

We've talked of Judaism and of clothes,  
Of recipes and mothers,

*(continued next column)*

Of war and kids, Bar Mitzvahs,  
And our significant male others.

We've talked of social policy,  
Of things we love and fear,  
Of schools and shuls, of life and death,  
And AIDS was big this year.

Together we have laughed and cried  
And grown a little older.  
Without you all my world would seem  
Much lonelier, much colder.

Well -- now lets talk of Sisterhood  
And see what we can do  
With the challenges before us,  
For the members -- old and new.

There's a place for all in Sisterhood,  
We're glad you joined our ranks.  
Now volunteer. You'll love it here.  
And you will get our thanks.

So -- once more -- my grateful thanks  
As we welcome the old and the new.  
A tribute to Sisterhood and Beth El!  
We look forward to seeing you!

### Torah Fund

The 1995-96 Torah Fund Campaign has begun. Last year 750 affiliate Conservative Sisterhoods and women's groups raised \$2,270,000 for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The Seminary is the leading institution in improving the quality of Jewish education academically, religiously and culturally. The Seminary educates and prepares our rabbis, cantors, religious and lay teachers to instill their ideals of Judaism into the lives and homes of the Jewish people.

In June, 1995, Beth El Sisterhood was pleased to send \$3200.00 to the Seminary for the 1994-95 year. This year we hope to increase our contribution.

This year's theme, "B'khol L'vavkha" -- "With all your heart," is available in a beautiful pin designed by Michael Katz of Jerusalem. The minimum contribution for the Benefactor's pin is \$150.00. Consider ordering a pin to give as a special gift for Hanukkah, birthday, anniversary, birth of a baby or other special occasion. With your support we can take pride and pleasure in furthering Jewish education and values. Contact Torah Fund co-chairs, Doris Povich (320-5440) or Cathy Binder (365-3806) for further information, to purchase a pin or make a donation.

### Hanukkah is Coming Soon!

**Stop by the Sisterhood Judaica Shop for  
appropriate gifts for all ages!**

**Music, Jewish content toys and games,  
hannukiyot, jewelry, books.**

**Compare our prices to other sources for  
Judaica.**

**Open Sunday and Thursday mornings  
and Wednesday evenings of Saul Bendit**

## Notes from the Religious School Committee

The Religious School Committee had its first meeting of the 1995-96 school year on September 28th. At the forefront of this year's agenda is an effort to improve communication in the school community--among the School Committee, parents and school staff. This is the first of a number of messages in the Beth El Scroll that will describe the School Committee's activities throughout the year.

The School Committee is the policy setting body providing overall oversight and guidance to the Beth El Religious School. The roles of the School Committee are to: select and review the performance of the Education Director, give guidance to the Director on issues of education policy, provide input and review of major curriculum changes, develop the school budget and fees, provide feedback to the Director on the impact of programs and school policies, and propose and ratify school policy. The School Committee meets monthly throughout the school year.

Linda Lipson is beginning her second year as School Committee Chair and anticipates a very active year. She has identified a number of issues that the School Committee will address this year and welcomes parent input regarding these issues throughout the year. The School Committee's agenda includes: examining the structure of the Religious School as a 3-day, 6-hour program and addressing parental interest about a 2-day program; developing mechanisms for improved communication within the school community; instituting the regular process for evaluation and contract renewal of the Education Director; clarifying the role of the Parent Association (PA); meeting requests by interested parents and PA subcommittees to make presentations to the School Committee; enhancing the budget process through greater coordination with the Board; instituting School Committee visits to the classrooms; exploring the possibility of independent fund raising by the school; and addressing a number of issues related to school administration and curriculum, such as the need for additional secretarial time, the high school social action program and the 10th grade curriculum. At our first meeting, we began to address some of these issues. An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed related to the issue of a 3-day vs. a 2-day Religious School program. This committee will be chaired by Jerry Danoff and will include two School Committee members, six parents and a teacher. The Committee is to complete a report on it's findings by the end of the year for presentation to the School Committee. Subcommittees have also been formed regarding communications, finances and evaluation and review for the Education Director's contract renewal. Individuals have been designated for teacher appreciation; as liaison to the Family Education Advisory Committee; and as representatives for lower, middle and upper school.

The members of the School Committee are selected each year by the Chair according to requirements specified in the School Committee By-Laws (copies of the By-Laws are available to anyone interested). During the summer, positions in the School Committee, as well as other synagogue committees, are announced in the Beth El Scroll. The School Committee Chair selects committee members based on previous participation in school activities and recommendations by the Education Director. Representation is sought from all the grades in the school. Both the Beth El Nursery School and synagogue Board of Directors have liaisons who participate on the Committee as non-voting members. A similar position for a Parent Association Liaison has recently been added. The Education Director also is a member of the Committee. The 1995-96 School Committee is comprised of the following individuals (the grades represented are indicated in parentheses):

Linda Lipson, Chair (6)  
Sheila Smallberg Cohen (1,5,7)  
Debbie Cohn (2,4),  
Middle School Representative  
Jeff Glick (4,6,10),  
Upper School Representative  
Maria Kaye (8)  
Bert King (6,9)  
Bill Lebovich (3,7)  
Susan Levine (4,8)  
Jonathan Levy (K,3,6)

Steve Mandel (3,7)  
Debra Olchyk (K),  
Lower School Representative  
Barbara Phillips  
(Nursery School Liaison, K)  
Art Popper  
(Board Liaison, Post-Confirmation)  
Marsha Rehns (6,10)  
Carol Reynolds (3,5)  
Parent Association Liaison to be  
identified

If parents have any questions or concerns at any time throughout the year, contact Linda Lipson at (301) 654-6243 or any of the School Committee members. Linda looks forward to an interesting and productive school year in which all of the members of the parent and synagogue community work together to continue the excellent programs established under the outstanding leadership of our Education Director, Louis Nagel.

## Religious School Parent Association

On October 8th an organizational meeting kicked off the year for the Religious School Parent Association. The Parent Association is a group which offers support for the Religious School activities. The following committees need volunteers: Room Parents, Fundraising (shopping certificates), Teacher Recognition, Book-a-thon, Special Projects, Forum on Education, School Events, Retreat, Essay Contest, Incentives, Directory.

We need your help and involvement to make it a successful year in Religious School. Please call Laurie Webber at (301) 652-1510 to volunteer.

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November 30, 1995

7:30 P.M.

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## From the Desk of the Youth Director

### The Youth Group Calendar

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)      Advisor: Heather Handloff

Sunday, November 12th      "A Little Princess"

Join Bonim and Machar for a trip to the Glen Echo Theatre to see "A Little Princess." The bus will leave Beth El at 2:45 p.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. RSVP's are required. For more information, call Heather Handloff at (301) 652-2606 ext. 342.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)      Advisor: Ariel Glassman

Sunday, November 12th      "A Little Princess"

See Above. For more information, call Ariel Glassman at (301) 652-2606 ext. 341.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)      Advisor: Adam Gluck

Sunday, November 12th      Rio Sportland

Join Adam and Beth El Kadima for an afternoon of fun and adventure. Cost is \$20.00 and includes tickets, transportation and munchies. Call Adam for more information at (301) 652-2606 ext. 308.

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)      Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff

Sunday, November 12th      USY Social Actions Sunday

Join USY and members of Kulam USY for an afternoon for Social Actions. For more information, call Talia Matz (USY Social Actions/Tikun Olam Vice President at (301) 469-0459.

Thursday, November 16th      USY Fall Fling

Join Beth El USY for dinner and meet chapter members attending Fall Convention. Bring your Ruach. Rules and regulations for Fall Convention will be covered. We will also unveil the Chapter T-shirt. This program will run from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and is mandatory for any USYers signed up for Fall Convention.

Friday, November 17th -      USY Fall Convention  
Sunday, November 19th

Join USYers from all over Seaboard Region for the Shabbat of a lifetime. For more information, contact Rachel in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

Wednesday, November 22nd      Plymouth Rock Dance

This regional USY Dance will be held at Adas Israel. A bus will leave Har Shalom at 8:00 p.m. and return at 12:00 a.m. The cost for the bus and the dance is \$10.00. Any Beth El members going to the dance must take the bus. If you have any questions, please call Rachel at 652-2606 ext. 308.

### 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.

## Nursery News

### 1996-97 B.E.N.S. Applications

1996-97 B.E.N.S. applications are now available by calling (301) 652-2606 Ext. 311. Children must be 2 years old by September 1, 1996 to attend B.E.N.S. for the 1996-97 school year. Applications are not available for pick up in the school office; so when you call, be sure to leave your name, phone number(s), address, child's name and birth date on the voice mail. An information/application packet will be mailed to you by our parent volunteer. Congregation Beth El families have preference in our enrollment procedure.

### Think Pink - Save Giant Register Receipts

The Nursery School is trying to get a new computer for the school office, and in addition, we may be able to get some audio-visual equipment. Please put your pink Giant Register Receipts in the envelopes on the downstairs or upstairs bulletin boards.

Remember we are only saving Giant Receipts; the program runs from September 17, 1995 through March 2, 1996.

### Save The Date

On Sunday December 10th, at 3:30 p.m., Jill Moskowitz will be performing her repertoire of Jewish and other Children's Songs in the Beth El Sanctuary. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

### Entertainment '96 Books

These are available in the School Office, Synagogue Office and the Judaica Shop. They are \$35.00 each. Make your checks payable to Beth El Nursery School. If you would like to look at one to see what it has to offer, see the sample copy in the Synagogue Office. They also make wonderful gifts. MD/Washington, D.C. books are in stock; we can get books for Northern VA and/or Baltimore.

### The Capital Kids Book

BENS is also selling The Capital Kids Book as a fundraiser. The cost is \$15.00, and the book contains a child-related resource guide and coupons for goods and services for children. Books are available in the same locations listed above.

### Jewish A to Z Available Free November 20th!

Searching for a Jewish plumber...but don't know where to find one...or a travel agent to arrange that trip to Israel...look no further. Help is on the way this November with the release of Jewish A to Z -- just in time for Hanukkah shopping! Do business easily with your community using this handy directory of ads and listings for the local Jewish household. Featuring over 100 categories, the directory will include attorneys, automobile dealerships, camps, caterers, jewelers, office furniture, photographers, restaurants, synagogues and much more between its covers. In addition, bargain hunters will find a coupon section to save them money at participating merchants.

Stop by Beth El and pick up your free copy toward the end of November. If you're in business, you'll want to consider advertising in your community's directory. Contact Susan Loring, Publisher, at (301) 649-1020 for a media kit with rates and information.

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SUNDAY                      MONDAY                      TUESDAY                      WEDNESDAY                      THURSDAY                      FRIDAY                      SATURDAY

						<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
						4:33pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Congregation Shabbat Dinner - SH	7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am Rebecca Dreilinger B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Gan Shabbat - APR 1:00pm Kuritzky/Adler Rehearsal - Sanctuary
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
Jewish Historical Society Field Trip (Gr. 5,7) 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:00-11:00am Parent Education Workshop - MR 9:30am Men's Club - SH 9:30am Sisterhood Board Mtg. - BR 10:00am Ahsavd Shir - Sanctuary 11:00am Torah Certification Class - Chapel 4:00-10:00pm Kuritzky/Adler Wedding - Sanctuary, BH, Colley	10:00am Sabra Hadassah - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	12:30pm Early Childhood Communications Class - BR 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Interfaith Service - Bethesda United Meth. Church 8:15pm Religious School Comm. Mtg. - BR	7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Offices and Schools Closed</b> 9:00am Minyan	<b>Offices and Schools Closed</b> 4:29pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR 7:30pm Wolff Bar Mitzvah Party - SH	
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
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Minyanim: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

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