



# CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Shabbat Schedule

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

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

Saturday, December 9th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
David Gorman Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship and Study Minyan at 10:00 a.m. in the MR  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR  
Gan Shabbat at 10:30 a.m. in the BR

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

Saturday, December 16th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.  
Ariel Hurwitz Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Keruv at 12:00 p.m. in the BR

## 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.

## Quarterly Dues Payment

The congregation bills congregants on a monthly basis, as a convenience for the membership who may want to pay monthly. The minimum requirement is to pay quarterly the dues, building fund assessment and tuition. To remain a member in good standing, you must remain current in your dues. The second quarter of your combined dues, building fund and tuition is due by December 31, 1995. We appreciate your prompt payments. Thank you.

## Membership Information

Charles and Helen Cohen have moved to 6400 Marjory Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817. (301) 320-6853.

## Off the Bimah

Not only is this a time of grief and loss, a time for renewed commitment to the peace process, but it is also a time for deep contrition. If Yitzhak Rabin arose from our people, so did Yigal Amir. As we confess in the plural, we also ask forgiveness for his deeds and ours. How often have we allowed the extremes to take control of our people and our society? History is instructive. According to the account in the Book of Kings, Gedaliah, son of Ahikam, was the governor of Judah after the Babylonian capture of Jerusalem. Gedaliah favored an approach of moderation and submission to Babylonian rule as a means of preserving what was left of Israel. At the same time, there were those who opposed any accommodation with the invading Babylonians. One of these Zealots, Ishmael ben Netanya, murdered Gedaliah. With his assassination all hope of any remnant of political autonomy was erased.

How often have we allowed extremes to take control of our people and our family? We always find ourselves apologizing for our middle position. We envy those seduced by those who seem to be authentic and have allowed them in the name of authenticity to say anything. We have allowed the so-called lovers of Israel to do the most outrageous things. If the middle erodes, then the extremists will destroy our society.

O Guardian of Israel  
Guard the Remnant of Our People!

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

## 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.

## 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.

## Standing Orders Are the Way to Go!

Did you know that you can receive shopping certificates for Giant, Safeway, Magruder's, Snider's, Shalom's Katz's, Fresh Fields and/or Shoppers Food Warehouse in the mail every week, every other week or monthly? Included with the certificates is a statement of your account. All you need to do is send a check back to Beth El -- it's that simple! Give us a try! Call Judy Matz at (301) 469-0459 for more details. Many thanks to all those who do their certificate shopping at Beth El!

### 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.

## Additional Ner Tamid Donors

Samuel and Eleanor Frishman  
Julius and Irene Hauser  
Herbert and Dianne Lerner  
Robert and Kathy Matty

### Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Marsha Rehns on the death of her mother, Ruth Rehns, and to Joseph Young on the death of his mother, Rena Young.

## Todah Rabahl

Todah Rabah to Evelyn Bitterbaum, Margaret Bogler, Emily Goldman, Judith Newman, Ruth Rondberg and Faith Schwartz for all their assistance during the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Biennial Convention.

## 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.

## The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next two weeks. On Monday through Thursday, 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.

### December 4 - December 7

Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim  
David and Harriet Brooks  
Esther Brooks  
Kenneth and Anita Brooks  
David Brown  
Kenneth Brown  
Arthur and Susan Bruckheim  
Lawrence and Susan Brusler  
Aaron and Kandi Budgor  
Barry Bukatman  
Abner and Ruth Byer  
Jeffrey and Sharon Caplan  
Mitchell and Cindy Caplan  
Steven and Ena Carabell  
Sidney and Miriam Carter  
Gail Caslani  
Michael and Ruth Cernea  
Irving and Annabel Chasen  
Richard and Shelley Chasen  
Petrina Chavis

### December 11 - December 14

Richard Chavis  
Gerald and Fay Chernin  
Elliot and Vivian Cines  
Rick and Joan Claxton  
Robert Clayman and Carol Miller  
Albert and Diane Clement  
Charles and Helen Cohen  
David and Miriam Cohen  
Ethel Cohen  
Jack and Deborah Cohen  
Jeffrey Cohen and Leslie Fried  
Louis and Susan Cohen  
Paul Cohen  
Richard and Eleanor Cohen  
Robert and Sheila Cohen  
Stephen and Lynn Cohen  
Stanley and Selma Cohen  
Walter and Debbie Cohn  
Norton and Dorothy Come  
Edward Comer and Joan Schaffer

## The Trimillennium The Excitement The Celebration

Jerusalem  
1996



## 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.

### Keruv

Dear Keruv: I am a convert. Sometimes I find myself in situations, social and educational, where other Jews are talking about their Jewish roots. When it's my turn to talk, I don't know what to do: saying I'm a convert or admitting I have no Jewish roots would surely stop the conversation or at least change its focus, and I don't want to do that. I don't want to feel that different from other Jews. What should I do? Convert

Dear Convert: You do have Jewish roots or you wouldn't be Jewish. Your roots may be younger than other Jews', but like all Jews, your roots are in a constant process of developing, deepening and growing, perhaps without your knowing it.

Keruv asked a few converts the question that troubled you -- "What are your Jewish roots?" One recent convert said her roots were the Beth El Nursery School -- that was where she first found encouragement and support in rearing her children as Jews, discovered many joys of being Jewish, and came to believe that Judaism welcomes converts. Another convert said that over time, her husband's Jewish roots -- all the stories about his family, what went on in Europe, his family's traditions -- have become her own Jewish roots, as well as all her experiences since she became Jewish.

Converts are not alone in having personal, if not familial, recent roots -- born Jews learn about Judaism in conversion classes and Beth El offers many classes for those who feel they have "no background." Identifying your roots, whether or not you identify yourself as a convert, might help another broaden his own outlook about, and maybe sense of responsibility toward, his own Jewish roots.

### 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.

### Vatikkim Luncheon

At our Vatikkim luncheon on December 21st, Dr. Benjamin Bronheim, a psychiatrist and member of Beth El, will be leading a panel discussion on the "December Dilemma."

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1:00 p.m. Cost for members is \$5.00 and for non-members, \$6.00. Please fill out the reservation form below, and, if applicable, 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.

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**Reservation Form**

**Vatikkim Luncheon**  
Thursday, December 21, 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 December 19, 1995. No reservations will be accepted after this date.**

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (As of October 30, 1995)

**Bendit Adult Institute Fund**

In Memory Of: Maurice W. Cohn by Cyma Hefter.

**Beth El Forest**

In Honor Of: Herman and Dorothy Rebhan's anniversary by Margaret Bogler. In Memory Of: Ben Wandner by Steven and Esther Kravitz and Family; Tillie Smith by Etta Kline; Dr. Marvin Nattel by Samuel S. Nash; Saul Possick by Marta and Bernardo Wassertzug; Sara Rudman by Dr. Herman Liebling; Marce Goldberg by Lia Imas; Anna Gelman by Marta and Bernardo Wassertzug; Beloved wife, Regina Freiberg by Karl Freiberg.

**Cantor's Fund**

Elliot and Esther Wilner. In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin's invitation to the State Department with President Clinton and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by Joseph and Judy Semo; Recovery of Herb Levinson by Ethel and Jack Werner; Recovery of Melvin Richter by Ethel and Jack Werner.

**Chevre Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Abraham S. Wolf by Karl Freiberg; Our loved ones by Bernard and Rita Jacobi.

**College Fund**

In Memory Of: Harry Leibowitz by Hannah and Tim Lipman.

**Disabled Access Fund**

In Memory Of: Evelyn Ginsberg by Vivian and Phil Gorden.

**Fine Arts Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved brother, Sigmund Gerber, by Frances Glovinsky; Beloved brother, Sigmund Gerber, by Gertrude Gerber

**General Endowment Fund**

In Honor Of: Important anniversary of Edward and Aviva Hord by Arthur and Florence Gang; Important birthdays of Sharon and Florence Gang by Florence and Arthur Gang; Important anniversary of Jon and Jane Gang by Arthur and Florence Gang; Important birthday of Max Krents by Florence and Arthur Gang.

**General Fund**

Naomi S. Berkove; Herman and Sophia Travis. In Honor Of: Clare Lerner's new grandson by Helen and Lenny Rib; Cheryl Kreiser and Daniella Nowitz by Gary and Susan Tabach; Special birthday of Alice Romer by Carl Freiberg. In Memory Of: Fay Londner by Annabel Chasen; Solomon Kay by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Harriet Brooks' sister, Bernice Harron, by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Robert Cohen by Stephen Cohen; Lillian Gottlieb by Melvin and Rochelle Gottlieb; Frieda Dora Kay by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Leo B. Wigdor by William Gerber.

**Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund**

In Honor Of: Hearty Mazel Tov to Max Krents by Erwin and Leena Groner.

**Israel Experience Teen Fund**

In Honor Of: 50th anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. George Tievsky by Barney and Miriam Menditch.

**Library Fund**

In Memory Of: Ruth Becker Holiber by Jerome Holiber.

**Mazon**

In Honor Of: Max Krents' special birthday by Jerry and Fay Chernin. In Memory Of: Henry Rabin by Emanuel and Harriet Rabin; Dr. Emanuel Sickel by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh V. Sickel.

**Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund**

In Memory Of: Marvin Nattel by Julia and Howard Copperman and Toby and Bernie Moss.

**Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: My Aliyah by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Beloved husband, Henry Hopp, by Elmira Hopp; Beloved grandmother, Edna Routhenstein, by Dr. Stephen and Susan Levinson; Rose Minker by Jack Minker.

**Music Fund**

Benjamin D. Schultz.

**Prayerbook Fund**

In Honor Of: Martin Obeslender's special birthday by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Max Krents' special birthday by Edward and Beatrice Golfer. In Memory Of: Irving Troffkin by Howard and Rhea Troffkin; Frank Winston by Ida Winston.

**Rabbi's Fund**

In Honor Of: Birth of Gabriel Goll Lerner by Clare S. Lerner. In Memory Of: Regina Becker by Theresa Topchik; Dr. Miryam Kay by Hadassah Thursz; Beloved wife, Regina Freiberg, by Karl Freiberg.

**Sisterhood Hospitality Fund**

In Honor Of: Marriage of Isobel Levine to Zev Griner by Toby and Bernie Moss; Alyssa Weker, granddaughter of Trudy and Simon Weker, by Rosalie M. Sporn.

**Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund**

In Memory Of: Hannah Ross by Rhoda R. Mancher.

**Sisterhood Remembrance Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Tillie Wolper, by Lillian Kessler.

**Sisterhood Torah Fund**

In Honor Of: Recovery of Carol Goldman, daughter of Jack and Bea Goldman, by Milton and Faye Doberman.

**Social Action Fund**

In Memory Of: Jacob Kaplan by Donald A. Kaplan.

**Suls Youth Activities Fund**

In Honor Of: My Aliyah by Tamar Wilner.

**Torah Scroll Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Max Wolper, by Lillian Kessler; Harvey Weiss by Howard Weiss.

**Vatikkim**

In Memory Of: Bertha Gold by Anne Coppel.

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## 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 join us for our Hanukkah Party on Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. There will be arts and crafts and snacks for the children. Return the form below to the Synagogue Office by December 13th.

### Nitzanim Hanukkah Party

**For Beth El Children Ages 6 and Under**

**Sunday, December 17th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**\$3.00/Child (Make check payable to Beth El)**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sisterhood News

### Sisterhood News

Once again, Rainbow Place Shelter for Women, located in the Rockville Presbyterian Church, will soon begin its 14th season. As many of you know, the number of women needing emergency shelter is still growing. Last season, from November through March, the shelter successfully housed 102 women. Members of Congregation Beth El helped in many ways, including baking, cooking, serving food and donating clothing. If you are interested in volunteering in some way, please contact Julia Copperman, (301) 530-3624.

We would like to thank the following people who volunteered in this effort in some way last year and will continue to do so this year: Margaret Bogler, Ellen Eule, Amanda Ford, Shirley Gross, Lila Harvey, Dunya Hecht, Sanford Kay, Julie Maltzman, Hellaine Nepo, Elaine Pines and Ruth Rondberg.

**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**

## ART & ESPRESSO SHOW & SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9  
8 PM - MIDNIGHT  
MUSIC, DESSERT & ESPRESSO  
\$10.00 COVER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10  
9 AM - 2 PM  
NO COVER

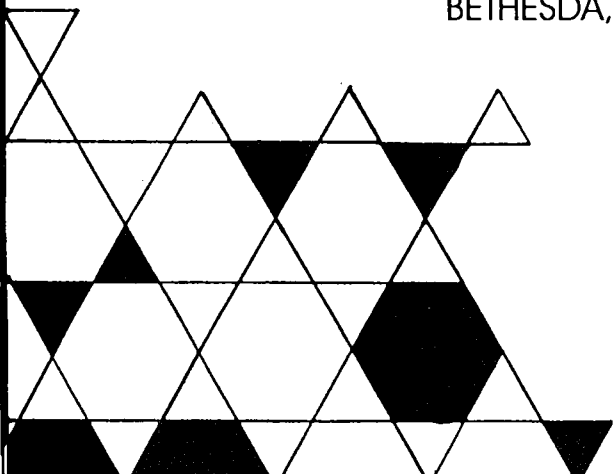
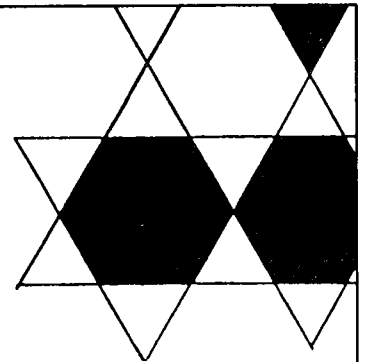
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DREIDLE	\$36.00
LATKE	\$18.00

#### INFORMATION:

(301) 652-1510 OR 365-0166



## Men's Club News

The Men's Club weekly programs continue to provide attendees with meaningful and interesting speakers. On December 3rd, Jack Edlow will be presenting a talk on "The Foundation for Jewish Studies." Mr. Edlow is the Treasurer and a Board member of that organization. His talk will help familiarize all of us with the interesting and meaningful work the Foundation is performing for the community. On December 10th, the Men's Club will hold its quarterly Board Meeting. Both the speaker program and the Board Meeting begin at 10:00 a.m., immediately following the Morning Minyan at 9:00 and the bagel and lox breakfast at 9:30 a.m. As always, all congregants are encouraged to join those who attend regularly.

## Foundation for Jewish Studies' Programs

Ori Z. Soltes, Director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum, will speak on "Heroic Yet Human: Solomon the Wise Man and the Fool" at the December 5th Bible Heritage Lecture Series sponsored by The Foundation for Jewish Studies at Adas Israel. The reception is at 7:30 p.m.; the lecture is at 8:00 p.m.

Early reservations are being accepted for the Presidents Day Weekend Study Retreat Sunday - Monday, February 18th - 19th, 1996. Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Arthur Green of Brandeis University will speak on the topic "After the Kabbalah: Jewish Mystics in Search of Language." The retreat will be held at The Hilltop House in Harpers Ferry.

Newcomers are welcome to the session beginning January 4th of the Downtown Lunch and Learn Bible Study Group which will focus on "Four Neglected Biblical Heroines." The group will be lead by Rabbi Benjamin Mintz and will meet at the B'nai B'rith building, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Bring a Bible and a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Registration fee is \$10.00. February classes will be lead by Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman.

For a free brochure or more information on these programs, please call The Foundation for Jewish Studies, (301) 770-4787.

## Get Ready for a Super Sunday Celebration on January 21st!

UJA Federation's 18th (Chai) Super Sunday phone-a-thon, a celebration of community and life, and the success of UJA Federation's 1996 Annual Campaign is scheduled for January 21, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington in Rockville.

Each year, more than 1000 volunteers join together to raise funds for UJA Federation's Annual Campaign. This year, volunteers who are interested will be treated to leadership and Jewish values programming with CLAL (Center for Leadership and Learning) scholars. And, as is the tradition, Super Sunday will include children's programming, teen activities, singles sessions and family fun!

Volunteers at this special phone-a-thon have the opportunity to help Jews locally, in Israel and in 58 countries worldwide. A few hours of your time now can make a big difference to someone else tomorrow. Call Beryl Meyer for information at (301) 230-7200, ext. 264.

## Family Education Notes

by Sarah Roark, Director of Family Education

The program on AIDS ran three times for different age groups. Speakers from the Whitman-Walker Clinic addressed a total of approximately 155 students and 60 adults at the programs on October 24th and 29th. We were grateful for the participation of Dr. Michael Polis, who works in AIDS research at NIH. Dr. Polis spoke to the students and parents on Tuesday and was able to address the high scientific level of questions posed by the upper school students. On Sunday, Dr. Polis' ability to address parental concerns was extremely well received. During the second half of the program, Louis Nagel and the Religious School teachers facilitated exercises on Jewish values in AIDS awareness and activism.

## Upcoming Events:

December 3rd: Mostly Mitzvah

A program for families with kindergarten-age children about including more mitzvot in one's daily life.

January 7th and 28th: Volunteering at National Capital Area Food Bank

January 20th: Havdallah Happening

A program for families who would like to know how to perform Havdallah. The children's portion is geared towards second grade.

## Bethesda Cares Needs Help for Thanksgiving and Cold Weather Supplies

For the Bethesda Cares lunch program, donations of pumpkin pies (total of about 20 needed) and five or six uncooked 20 pound turkeys would be greatly appreciated. Please call Binda Douglas at (301) 681-1185 to coordinate. Bethesda Cares also needs a Thanksgiving meal for about 18 people at Bethesda House, the men's shelter. A couple of cooked turkeys, side dishes and pies will make the meal special for the men. Please inform Nancy Madeira, shelter dinner coordinator, if you plan to contribute to the dinner. (301) 320-4155.

With the coming of cold weather, Bethesda Cares is always grateful for donations of warm clothing: hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters and coats (men's items, please), blankets, long underwear and tote bags with shoulder straps. If you can donate or set up a drive in your community, please call Julie Maltzman at (301) 907-9244.

## Beth El Member Is Author of New Book

A new book by Beth El member William Gerber is now available in the Judaica Shop. It is entitled The Deepest Questions You Can Ask About God, As Answered by the World's Greatest Thinkers (published by Editions Rodopi, Atlanta, GA; 143 pages, with an index.) The book includes over 400 insightful statements regarding God by prophets, philosophers, poets and others -- Jewish and non-Jewish. The price is \$31.00 per copy.

Copies of Dr. Gerber's previous book, entitled Nuggets of Wisdom from Great Jewish Thinkers, are also available in the Judaica Shop.

## From the Desk of the Youth Director

Please note, as of December 1st, only children registered as Beth El youth group members will receive youth group mailings. If your child would like to join a youth group, please call Rachel Handloff at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

### The Youth Group Calendar

**BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2)**      **Advisor: Heather Handloff**  
 Sunday, December 3rd      The USY Hanukkah Carnival  
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Members of Bonim are invited to this Hanukkah fair: make your own menorah, eat latkes, hear a Hanukkah story. This program is being put together by the Beth El USYers. All proceeds will go to the USY Tikun Olam Fund. The cost for participation is \$12.00 per person, and includes crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun. RSVP's are required. Please call Heather if you have any questions at (301) 652-2606 ext. 342.

**MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5)**      **Advisor: Ariel Glassman**  
 Sunday, December 3rd      The USY Hanukkah Carnival  
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Members of Machar are invited to this Hanukkah fair: make your own menorah, eat latkes, hear a Hanukkah story. This program is being put together by the Beth El USYers. All proceeds will go to the USY Tikun Olam Fund. The cost for participation is \$12.00 per person, and includes crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun. RSVP's are required. Please call Ariel if you have any questions at (301) 652-2606 ext. 341.

**KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8)**      **Advisor: Adam Gluck**  
 Sunday, December 3rd      Kadima Bowling  
 Join Adam and Kadima for an afternoon of fun at the Westbard Bowling Alley. Bowl like you have never bowled before. Snacks, prizes, and fun. Cost is \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Meet at the bowling alley at 1:45 p.m. RSVP to Adam at (301) 652-2606, ext. 340.

Friday, December 8th -      Kadima Kallah  
 Sunday, December 10th  
 Join Kadimaniks from all over Seaboard Region for the weekend of your life. Reservations are required. Please call Rachel Handloff for more information, (301) 652-2606, ext.308.

Saturday, December 16th      USY/Kadima Shabbat  
 Kadimaniks and USYers are invited to attend Shabbat services and lunch. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 13th. Call (301) 652-2606, ext.308.

**U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)**      **Advisor: Rachel B. Handloff**  
 Friday, December 1st      USY Shabbat Services and Dinner  
 USYers are invited to attend Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evening and dinner afterwards. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Reservations are required. If you would like a part in the service, call Ben Bregman, USY Religious Education Vice President at (301) 652-0027.

Sunday, December 3rd      The USY Hanukkah Carnival  
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
 USYers will hold a Hanukkah Carnival for the Machar and Bonim Youth Groups. USYers interested in attending and helping out should call Tali Matz at (301) 469-0459.

Tuesday, December 5th      Take 30  
 This month's Take 30 invites parents and USYers to learn about summer programs in Israel. We will hear from Beth El students who have been on various programs. Pamphlets and brochures for over 20 different programs will be available. Parents and

USYers are invited to dinner at 6:15 p.m. The formal program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14th      USY Lounge Night  
 Hang out with USY, have a snack, bring your homework, watch TV. This program is from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Place TBA.

Sunday, December 17th      Bethesda Blast  
 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Meet fellow USYers at the SuperStar Studio in Bethesda where you can make your own music video. We will then have lunch at Tel Aviv Cafe. Cost is \$20.00 for members, \$25 for non-members. Price includes video, snacks and lunch at the cafe. For more information, call Rachel Handloff at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

## Nursery News

### Parent Workshop

How and why to talk with young children about death will be the topic of this B.E.N.S. Parent Workshop on Thursday, December 7th at 7:45 p.m. Ellen Darr will be the workshop presenter. Parents and guests are welcome; there is no charge. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by calling (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

### 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.

# December 1995

SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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					4:27pm Candles 6:30pm Teacher Recognition Shabbat and Dinner - SH 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 10:00am Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Shabbat Havurah - Chapel
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9:00-11:00am Pam. Educ. Mostly Mitzvah (Kdgn.) - APR 9:00am Minyan - Chpl 9:30am Men's Club - BR 10:00am Torah Cantillation Class - Chapel 10:30am USY - SH 1:30pm Black-Jewish Dialogue - BR 1:30pm USY Tikun Olam Winter Wonderland Carnival - SH	7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:00pm Take 30 - BR 6:30pm Aerobics 7:00pm Take 30 - APR 7:30pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Mtg. - MR	7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute	12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics 7:30pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class - Room 201 7:45pm "Talking w/ Children About Death" - APR 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR	BENS Parent/Teacher Conference Day - No School 4:26pm Candles	7:30am & 9:15 am Shabbat Services 9:15am David Gorman B/ M 10:00am Worship and Study Minyan - MR 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Gan Shabbat - BR 10:30am Nitzanim - APR 8:00pm Sisterhood Art Show - SH
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Minyanim: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

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