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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, February 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.
Grade 2 - 3 Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Rebecca Ostrov Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

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

Saturday, March 2nd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Anna Cohen Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Worship and Study Minyan at 10:00 a.m in the APR
Nitzanim Havdallah Service at 6:30 p.m. in the SH

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

Saturday, March 9th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Abe Nowitz Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Off the Bimah

The thoughts and musings of a parent as a child becomes a Bat Mitzvah are varied and many. First and foremost, they are expressions of love and pride in a daughter's accomplishments, the self-confidence, the assurance, the poise of a thirteen year old -so strongly in contrast to the anxiety and terror of her parents! Secondly, they are the recognition of the arrival of an age in one's life when issues of mortality are beginning to mean more. To have a child on the threshold of independence publicly proclaim: "I will continue to carry on the family identity - no matter what struggles I will go through as an adolescent - I will always be your child and the next link in the chain of generations" - is something a parent desperately needs to hear at this point in his/her life. (Reminding me of the Charlie Brown cartoon in which Lucy is listening to Charlie Brown describe how concerned he is about his dad who sits every night in the kitchen eating cold cereal, looking at pictures in his high school year-book: "How old is your father?", asks Lucy. "I think he just turned forty", replies Charlie Brown. "Nothing to worry about", counsels Lucy. "He's right on schedule!")

And finally there is the recognition of the profound Jewish teaching that our children are not ours to be shaped and formed according to our ambitions and expectations. We are custodians of a life uniquely created with God's spirit. No creation is a commodity to be done with as one pleases.

At a Bar or Bat Mitzvah we parents accompany our children to the threshold of adulthood. The wise among us will accept and internalize the insight of the poet:

Protect my children
from my secret wish
to make them over
in my image and illusions
Let them move
to the music they have
dissonant perhaps to me.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Yahrzeit Tablet Board

You may have noticed that our yahrzeit tablet boards are almost full. Several congregants have been patiently waiting for a new space to hang plaques. A new yahrzeit tablet board should be arriving in the next month and we hope to have it installed soon thereafter.

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★ **Purim Festivities** ★

★ On Monday, March 4th, there will be two ★
services in the Sanctuary with a Megillah ★
reading: a Young Family Service at 6:30 p.m. ★
and the Purim Service at 7:30 p.m. As is our ★
custom, there will also be a full traditional ★
reading in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. We wish to ★
thank our Megillah readers: Jessica Binder, ★
Naomi Katz, Erica Kaye, Tallie Lieberman, ★
Stephanie Schissler, Alan Spiegel and Aaron ★
Tievsky. The Purim Carnival will be held on ★
Sunday, March 3rd. ★

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CONGREGATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 1996
8:15 P.M.
IN THE SOCIAL HALL

■ **Winter Mission to Israel** ■

■ Join Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman on a winter ■
mission to Israel from December 22, 1996 to January 5, ■
1997. For further information and details, call Rabbi ■
Maltzman. ■

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

BETH EL'S ANNUAL WEEKEND RETREAT

"CELEBRATING COMMUNITY THROUGH RITUAL"

COOLFONT RESORT/CONFERENCE CENTER

APRIL 19 - 21, 1996

The Annual Beth El Weekend Retreat will be held at the Coolfont Resort/Conference Center in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia (approximately 90 minutes from Bethesda), on the weekend of April 19 - 21, 1996. The Retreat provides members, new and old, a chance to share a Shabbat with the Rabbi, Hazzan and fellow congregants at the intimate and serene mountain setting of the Coolfont Resort. The Retreat includes two nights at the Resort with all meals included. This year, we are featuring a distinguished member of our congregation, Dr. Jeffrey Jay, as our Scholar-in-Residence.

Dr. Jay is a clinical psychologist with an interest in families and community response to life's milestones and transformations. Dr. Jay has written about the Jewish responses to life's demands. During the Retreat, we hope to explore together ways to creatively use rituals to transform one's personal experiences and develop community. Dr. Jay will lecture and serve as facilitator as we explore the role of ritual in our lives and our community. Dr. Jay is planning a dynamic agenda for all ages.

As part of our fun together, we are planning a campfire and a rousing game of Jewish Jeopardy for Saturday evening. The per-person, (double-occupancy) cost for the Retreat will be \$240 for adults and \$125 for children (16 and under). However, we are offering a special reduced rate of \$215 and \$115 for those who submit their registration form along with payment by March 1, 1996. Space is limited. Mark your calendars and make your reservations as soon as possible!

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>Regular</u>
Adult	\$215	\$240
Child (ages 6 - 16)	\$115	\$125
Single Supplement	\$35	\$35

NOTE: Children 5 and under are free.

REGISTRATION

Beth El Coolfont Retreat

April 19 - 21, 1996

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE (of children)</u>	<u>FAVORITE COLOR</u>	<u>COST</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL COST: _____
(Make checks payable to Beth El.)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

We/I would prefer to stay in the _____ Lodge _____ Mountain Home (Check where appropriate).
****Please note, Lodge rooms are limited and will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis.**

If you need babysitting services OR can provide babysitting services (Attention teenagers: this is you!), please indicate interest below.

If you play guitar or sing and are interested in leading/participating in the Campfire Saturday night, please indicate below.

If you have any special requests (cribs, dietary restrictions, etc.), please note them below.

Questions? Call Elizabeth and Alan Simon, (301) 571-1981.

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. 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.

February 26 - February 29

- Mark Grobman
- Sid and Beth Groeneman
- Erwin and Leena Groner
- Alan and Barri Gross
- Seymour and Shirley Gross
- Kenneth and Ruthanne Grundfast
- Milton and Libble Gussow
- Don and Michelle Hainbach
- Robert Halperin and Candace Kaller
- Mervyn and Eileen Hamburg
- Joseph and Mildred Hamer
- Murray and Marilyn Hammerman
- Michael Handelman and Mary Malhiot
- Bruce and Susan Hanley
- Barry and Sandra Harris
- Bennett and Marlene Harte
- Stanley and Lois Hartman
- Herbert and Lila Harvey
- Gabriel and Tova Hauser
- Julius and Irene Hauser
- Danielle Hazan

March 4 - March 7

- Alan and Dunya Hecht
- Mindy Hecker
- Bernard and RuthAnn Heckman
- Jerome and Cyma Heffter
- Anne Heilman
- Thomas Helf
- James and Debbie Heller
- Alfred and Kiki Hellman
- Clifford and Deborah Hendler
- Jerry and Linda Herman
- Michele Herman
- Rose Herman
- Daniel Hirsch and Brenda Gruss
- Hans Hirsch
- Reba Hirsh
- Abraham Hochberg
- Joseph and Lisa Hochheiser
- Abram and Andrea Hoffman
- Howard and Leora Hoffman
- Ira and Meredith Hoffman
- Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey
- Thomas and Judith Hoffman
- Jerome and Caryl Holiber

Keruv

Dear Keruv: Can a technically non-Jewish child attend Beth El Religious School? (We are rearing our children as Jews, but the mother is not Jewish.) Jewish Family

Dear Family: Yes. The Beth El Religious School does not establish whether a child is Jewish as part of its admissions. Because you have chosen a Jewish life for your family and to ease your children's inevitable questions about "what/who am I,?" Keruv encourages you to convert your children to Judaism as early as possible. In any case, conversion must take place before a child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Keruv Shabbat Discussions: Keruv welcomes everyone to our next Shabbat discussion, held after the morning services on March 16th. We will discuss "How Interfaith Issues Affect Our Children." Children of intermarried parents will also talk about special issues they have faced with their families and friends.

Keruv wants your questions and comments! Feel free to ask about almost anything and we will give you an answer in the Beth El Scroll. Address to "Dear Keruv" in care of the synagogue office.

Keruv ("outreach") was formed to address the issues of intermarriage at Beth El. For information about Keruv and its discussion groups and other activities, call Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Sima Minton on the death of her father, Nissim Faraj, and to Donna Kanin on the death of her father, Hyman Stolbun.

BETH EL SCROLL

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All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Howard Weiss and Susan Stolov on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Rose Weiss.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Jules Lodish and Simon Weker.

Membership Information

Loren Rodwin and Leah Nichaman have moved to 25 Harvard Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

Tax Statements Sent Out on Schedule

Although the storm shut down most of Washington, the office was still open and functioning. The end of year tax statements were sent out on schedule, and everyone should have received theirs by January 22nd. The synagogue staff is not qualified to instruct you in their use, so please be sure to consult your tax advisor regarding the use of these forms. All checks received after the cut-off date of January 8th will appear on the tax statement for 1996, to be mailed in mid-January of 1997.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of January 22, 1996)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Helen Rib by Jack and Stephanie Ventura. In Memory Of: Arnold Safer by Hope and Phil Borish, Kay Gottesman and Robert Crafton, Frances and Skip Ross, Harlyne S. Blum, Dr. and Mrs. Jake Harris, Amy, Jesse and David Abraham, Elizabeth Malone and Kenneth Diamond, Ilene and David Jacobowitz, Bernice and Joel Breslau and Mel Wachs; Beloved mother, Eva Stein by Paula M. Kleine.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Helen and Lenny Rib by Al and Evelyn Fox. In Memory Of: Beatrice Wald, mother of Cheryl Rod, by Marcia Possick; Dr. Leonard Orloff by Rita and Irv Weiss; Anna Gelman by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Arnold Safer by Simcha Havarah; Hyman Sotzsky by Al and Evelyn Fox; Marcello Moses Samakovlija by Paola Samakovlija Bolasny; er, Myer Rubenstein, by Marcia Possick.

Cantor's Fund

In Memory Of: Daniel Neuman by Barry Neuman.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Bessie and Ellen Bogen by Audrey E. Berger; Benjamin Z. Hoffing by Lillian Maller; Beloved father, Israel Isaac Haber, by Murray Haber; Charles Merlin by Paul and Marcia Merlin.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Gail Fribush's great workshop by 1995-96 7th grade Tuesday/Thursday Class.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Toby Moss' receiving the Golda Meir Award by Jack and Stephanie Ventura; The recovery of Helen Rib by Clare Lerner; Toby Moss by Clare Lerner; Jason Horn's 75th birthday by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg.

Disabled Access Fund

In Honor Of: The Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Maltzman by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Speedy recovery of Helen Rib by Bea and Bernie Berger; Speedy recovery of Si Weker by Bea and Bernie Berger. In Memory Of: Joshua Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Arthur S. Feld by Cary and Nancy Feldman; Selma Greenhouse by Flora P. Feld Goldberg.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Arnold Safer by Cary and Nancy Feldman.

General Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Max Krents' 75th birthday by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Nina Klemow's Bat Mitzvah by Sandy, Tim, Jaime, Molly and Barry Hott. In Memory Of: Arnold Safer by Shirley and Alvin Powdermaker and Robin L. Kuhr; Harold Sirkin by Alan and Barbara Gold; Anna and Julius Boman, Eve Tishkoff and Samuel and Esther Bonus by Julian and Iris Tishkoff.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca S. Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Dr. and Mrs. Tim Lipman.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca S. Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tievsky, Sophia Weinberger, Judith C. Goldman and Sandy and Dick Pollen; Our Aliyah at Ben Lozovsky's Bar Mitzvah by Daniel and Elaine Mann. In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Anna Small Cohen, by Priscilla Tievsky; Dede Feinberg's beloved grandmother by Steve and Nancy Lewis.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Benn Friedman by Barry Friedman; Merry Klass by Mark Levitt and Kay Klass; Beloved mother, Ruth Kimball, by Sherman P. Kimball.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Gale and Ron Dutcher. In Memory Of: Isadore Meltzer, father of Evelyn Margolis, by Alan Swoff and Harvey and Rochelle Follender; Harry Cohen by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Bernard Fuchsman by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; Beloved mother of Cheryl Rod by Claire Marwick.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Maltzman by Bernice and Joel Breslau,

Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; Jack and Bea Goldman; Bert and Judy Spector; Rosalie Sporn; Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey and Beth and Ken Berman; Prayers for a swift recovery of Helen Rib by Dorothea and Arnold Lear and Norman and Ellen Eule; 25th anniversary of Suzanne and Ben Bronheim by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; Richard Perl's engagement by Beth and Ken Berman. In Memory Of: Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir Lechtman; Stanley Cohen by Ken and Beth Berman; Father of Sima Minton by Beth, Ken, Ben and Eli Berman; Beatrice Wald, mother of Cheryl Rod, by Jack and Stephanie Ventura, Dorothea and Arnold Lear and Julia and Howard Copperman; Stanley Cohen by Ken and Beth Berman; David Mendelowitz by Flora M. Singer; Evelyn Schlesinger by Leslie, Joel, Morley and Leah Silver.

Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Helen Rib by Julia and Howard Copperman and Howard Wisner; Speedy recovery of Jack Goldberg by Herb Wisner. In Memory Of: Brother of Min Rosenberg by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of: Edward Eckstein by Alan Swoff; Harold Gross by Alan B. Gross; Beloved father, Morris Solomon, by Ruth Byer; Miriam Kelty's mother, Lillian Friedman, by Fran and Robert Rubin.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Toby Moss being awarded the Golda Meir award by Judith and Jonathan Levin. In Memory Of: Samuel Zeritsky by Irvin and Rita Weiss.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: New grandson of Werner & Bernice Blumenthal by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; Melissa's 5th birthday by Sharon Zissman.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Hebrew Marathon Follow-up by Helen Runstein; Gabriel Lerner, grandson of Clare Lerner, by Jack and Ethel Werner. In Memory Of: Michael Bobb by Sharon Bobb; Theodore I. Mayer by Laura Mayer and Family; Beatrice Wald by Howard and Hanna Lesser.

Rabbi's Fund

Ellie and Sam Frishman; Vicki Uchill. In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Dick Shur by Dolly and Marvin Band; Mark Levitt's 40th birthday by Pupkin Family; Speedy recovery of Polly Dalinsky by Ellie and Sam Frishman; Speedy recovery of Helen Rib by Neil Levy; Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Daniel and Elaine Mann, Varda and Richard Nowitz, Lucy Ozarin, Rosalie Sporn, Linda and Ace Lipson, Ellen and Stuart Berman and Beatrice and Robert Newell. In Memory Of: Josef Becker by Theresa Topchik; Paul H. Press by Ann and Bruce Barcome; Mishaberach for Shmuel Ben Zavaim by Frances H. Leibowitz; Beloved mother, Jennie Freedman, by Henry Freedman; Adolph Hopp by Elmira Hopp; Rose Kalsner by Sarah Kalsner; Freda Engelman and Irving Epstein by Dr. and Mrs. Burton S. Epstein.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery for Helen Rib by Toby and Bernie Moss; Rebecca Maltzman becoming a Bat Mitzvah by Sharon Zissman.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: Toby Moss by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Toby Moss by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: 25th anniversary of Suzanne and Ben Bronheim by Jack and Stephanie Ventura. In Memory Of: Beatrice Wald by Jeff and Miriam Davidson.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Refuh Shlemah for Jack Goldberg by Gary and Marilyn Wind; Move of Dr. and Mrs. Solow to new home by Marcia and Don Weinroth. In Memory Of: Min Wind by Gary and Marilyn Wind.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Gutmann by Hanna Gutmann; Rachel Drucker Hopp by Myra Hopp; Lillian Friedman, mother of Miriam Kelty, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; Arnold Safer by Judith C. Goldman.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: February anniversary of Sy and Faye Wolf by Doug and Annette Wolf. In Memory Of: Zelda Berry by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin.

Sisterhood News

Minyan Committee

Sisterhood is participating in the organization of the Minyan Committee. This committee will help assure that a minyan is available each day by calling to remind synagogue members who are scheduled to attend. This committee will be meeting a very important need in our congregation. Thank you to Sisterhood members **Kim Schifrin, Pat Danoff, Gabriela Bebchick, Anita Berns and Leslie Leonard** who have already joined this group. If anyone else is able to participate, please call Paula Siegel, (301) 365-0166.

April Blood Drive

Sisterhood is becoming a partner with Steve Frank to promote and run the April Blood Drive at Beth El. This is a very worthwhile project in which to become involved. Thank you to **Judy Bernhardt** who has already volunteered to help. If anyone else would like to participate, please call Paula Siegel. If you would like to donate blood, call Steve Frank, (301) 942-6266.

Contact Sisterhood for Your Stationery Needs

Don't forget to call Marilyn Hammerman, (301) 881-0011, for your stationery needs. She has many catalogues to view for invitations of all kinds, greetings, letter-writing supplies, placecards and matching napkins. The profits will help support the synagogue. Marilyn will add a personal touch to helping you prepare for that special Bar/Bat Mitzvah or wedding. Why go to anyone else?

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events

The Seaboard Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will hold an Education Day at Beth El on Thursday, March 14th. Since Beth El is the host Sisterhood, we trust that many of our members will attend. More details will follow soon.

Two Torah Fund events will take place on Wednesday, March 20th and Sunday, April 28th. The first is the Washington-Baltimore Area Seaboard Branch Luncheon in Olney. This will be followed by our Beth El Annual Torah Fund Cocktail Party at 4:00 p.m. on April 28th. This party helps us raise funds for our commitment to the Jewish Theological Seminary. A single contribution of \$28, plus plate cost, will suffice for both of these events. More on Torah Fund and these events will appear later in this column.

On Sunday and Monday, May 5th and 6th, the Spring Conference of the Seaboard Branch will take place in Fairfax, Virginia. We hope many of our members will attend and take advantage of these meetings at a nearby location. In addition, a proposal by our President, Paula Siegel, will be discussed at the opening session: community-wide action on problems of underage drinking and driving, a danger to all of us.



SEABOARD BRANCH WOMAN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA WIDE
TORAH FUND LUNCHEON

- * WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1996
- * 11:30 A.M.
- * B'NAI SHALOM OF OLNEY
- * RTE 108 AT BURTFIELD DRIVE
- * OLNEY, MARYLAND
- * 301-774-0879



SPECIAL GUEST: RABBI ELIEZER DIAMOND

RABBI ELIEZER DIAMOND: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF TALMUD AND RABBINICS AT THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA.

TOPIC:
AGING PARENT, ADULT CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN:
A RABBINIC PERSPECTIVE.

MINIMUM DONATION

\$28 KO'AH
\$12 COUVERT

R.S.V.P. BEFORE MARCH 11, 1996

Doris Povich 320-5440
Cathy Binder 907-6973

PURIM IS COMING!!!!

Purim is the holiday on which Jews traditionally
give gifts.

Shop at the Sisterhood Judaica Shop for a wide
selection for adults and children.

Sunday and Thursday mornings or by appointment with Kay Klass
365-5365.

Hoops for Hunger

Congregation Beth El's All Star Men's Basketball Team, led by Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, will be playing a benefit basketball game against Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation on Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School gymnasium, 1901 East Jefferson Street, Rockville. All proceeds benefit Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger. Tickets cost \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 13 and may be purchased at the door.

We Need Your Help

The scrip program is an important fundraising activity of the synagogue. We have been selling scrip for five years and the sales have leveled off. We would like your suggestions how to further improve our scrip program to increase our sales, thereby increasing the services the synagogue can provide. How can we make this program more convenient and available so that more congregants will want to participate? Please call our scrip chairperson, Judy Matz, on our synagogue voice mail system, (301) 652-2606, ext. 348, with your suggestions and input. If you would like to be added to our "standing" orders, please call Kathy Hooley, our bookkeeper, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 304, and she will be happy to take your order and send out your certificates.

Nursery News

Save These Dates for BENS Benefit Days at Borders Book Store!

Shop at Borders Books on Sunday, March 24th and Monday, March 25th, present our coupon, and Borders will donate 15% of your purchase to Beth El Nursery School. Coupons will be available in both the school and synagogue offices.

Beth El Nursery School Camp is hiring Junior Counselors for June 24th - August 2nd to help campers aged 3 - 5 years enjoy a warm, loving and safe atmosphere supervised by experienced teachers.

Camp activities include arts and crafts, water play, games and trips.

Work hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Salary depends on related work or learning experience.

Please call (301) 652-2606, ext. 311 for information.

Beth El Nursery School Camp applications will be available March 1st for children who will be 3 years old by June 1st. Please call (301) 652-2606, ext. 312 for information. Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Session I is June 25th - July 12th; Session II is July 16th - August 2nd.

BENS Rummage Sale

Sunday, March 10, 1996

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

One Person's Trash is Another Person's Treasure!

Get rid of all your unwanted items at the Beth El Nursery School Rummage Sale. For \$20 we rent you a table, then you arrange, price and sell your own merchandise, and haul away any leftovers.

Not enough stuff in your closets to fill a table? Why not share one with a friend? That way you can take turns shopping and still get your stuff sold.

Table space is limited, so reserve yours today! Return this form, along with a check payable to BENS, to the envelope on the downstairs Nursery School bulletin board. For more information, call Sharon Zissman at (301) 984-1428, or the BENS office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

Please reserve _____ table(s) for the BENS Rummage Sale, Sunday, March 10, 1996.
Here is my check, payable to BENS, for \$_____.

Names: _____

Phones: _____



Men's Club

On February 25th, the Men's Club weekly lox and bagels breakfast and speaker program continues. At 10:00 a.m. Attorney Michael Mason will be speaking on "Living Trusts, and Other Methods to Safeguard Your Estate." He is an expert in this field, and this should prove to be a very informative and worthwhile presentation.

On March 3rd, there will be a breakfast, but no speaker. The annual Purim Carnival will begin at noon. We know that this is going to be fun! The Morning Minyan is at 9:00 a.m. on both dates, followed by the breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

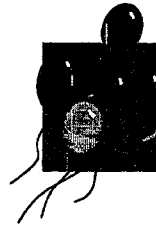
Join the winning team! The Beth El Men's Club was the runner-up last year (and plans to win this year) in the "It's Academic" competition. This is a College Bowl type of contest, asking both secular and religious questions. We need a few more team members. If interested, please contact David Schultz at (301) 530-1620. The first round will be held at Beth El on March 10th. Even if you are not participating, come out to cheer on our team!

Join us at the PURIM CARNIVAL

**Food - Games
Prizes - Fun!!**

**Sunday, 12-3 PM
March 3rd**

**Advance tickets (reduced price)
on sale -
February 25th**



**Beth El
Men's Club**



LOOK WHAT'S NEW FOR PURIM...

3 SERVICES to choose from...

**"BIT O'MEGILLAH - 6:30-7:00 PM
(Young Family Service)**

- Playlet - Costumes - Songs - Parade - Refreshments -

**"MORE MEGILLAH" - 7:30-8:30 PM
(Family Service)**

-Megillah Reading - Costumes - Songs - Refreshments -

**"THE WHOLE MEGILLAH" - 7:30-8:30 PM
(Traditional Service)**

- Megillah Reading - Refreshments - Chapel -



Your Participation is Needed in a Familial Cancer Research Study

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking 3000 - 5000 Ashkenazi Jewish men and women volunteers (Jews of European descent) over the age of 21 from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan community for a study to see if an alteration in a particular gene is associated with an increased risk of cancer. The study will see how many people in the Ashkenazi population have an alteration in the BRCA1 gene, and whether having the alteration increases the chance of getting cancer.

The NIH will be recruiting volunteers at Congregation Beth El. Upon your arrival, researchers will ask volunteers to provide a small, "finger-stick" blood sample, and then to complete a brief medical questionnaire. The questionnaire concentrates on the family history of cancer, including the type of cancer that developed in members of the family, and at approximately what age it was first diagnosed. The entire process is expected to take about 30 minutes.

Past participation in medical research by the Jewish community has been crucial to understanding other genetic diseases, such as Tay Sachs and cystic fibrosis. Rabbi Matthew H. Simon, president of the UJA Federation of Greater Washington, is a member of the study's advisory committee. "The full support of the Greater Washington Jewish community is needed to continue this research. The UJA Federation endorses these research efforts, and we hope you will lend your support and call (301) 251-4272 to arrange an appointment."

To be a study participant, you must be 21 years of age or older and be of Jewish descent. Both men and women, and individuals with or without a family history of cancer, are needed. Study participants **will not** receive their individual results, but may ask to receive an explanation of the overall findings when they fill out the questionnaire. The results are expected to be available by the fall of 1996.

The reason for the study is related to a finding that appeared in the October 1, 1995 issue of *Nature Genetics*. The study reported that a particular alteration in the BRCA1 gene was found in 1% of a group of Ashkenazi Jews. In previous studies this alteration was found in several Ashkenazi families with a high incidence of breast and ovarian cancers. It is not known whether having this alteration increases the risk of cancer in the general population of Ashkenazi families.

A large effort will be required for this study to be a success, so your participation is important. Individuals interested in volunteering for the study or who want more information should call (301) 251-4272 between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For general questions about cancer, call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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!

Ner Tamid Dinner A Success

For those who were not present at the Ner Tamid dinner, you missed an outstanding evening. The dinner was postponed due to the "Blizzard of 1996", but that did not deter those in attendance from enjoying themselves. Although the entertainment could not be rescheduled, Suzanne Bronheim, Beth El President, instructed everyone to "imagine it happening". The beautifully prepared meal, the decorated tables, the elaborate and scrumptious desserts, and the wonderful dinner conversations made it a night not to be missed.

Special thanks to Steven Kravitz and our kitchen staff for pulling everything together, to Henry Freedman for saying the motzi, to Bernie Jacobi for leading the Birkat Hamazon, and to Suzanne Bronheim for organizing and hosting the event.

It is not too late to make a pledge to the Ner Tamid Assembly for the current year. Re-printed below is the article which appeared in October in the Beth El Scroll:

On the High Holidays, many of you may have read about our new program for giving at this time of year: the Ner Tamid Assembly. It is based on programs at other congregations and is designed to help stabilize the income from this source so that yearly budget planning can be more effective. It also provides us with a way to recognize those of you who are long-term supporters of the High Holiday Appeal. We began this year with a targeted mailing about the Ner Tamid Assembly to those who, according to our best records, had contributed at or close to the minimum level during the last two High Holiday Appeals. During the phon-a-thon, we introduced the program to others who were donating at that level. Our plan was to expand the program next year. Fortunately, however, a number of you have expressed interest in the program, and we would be delighted to have as many of you join as possible. Members receive recognition within Beth El and will be invited to a dinner to celebrate our success.

It is very simple. To become a Ner Tamid member, you agree to make a minimum pledge of \$125 every year to the High Holiday Appeal. There are several levels within the program that denote the minimum level at which you plan to give: Bronze - \$125; Silver - \$250; Gold - \$500; or Platinum - \$1000. Level of commitment will not be publicized. If your circumstances unfortunately change over time, you can of course discuss your commitment again. Each year, members will be contacted to get their exact contributions for that Appeal. Please consider joining the more than 130 individuals and families at Beth El who have pledged to give us this sustained support.

Please send the response below to Beth El or call Suzanne Bronheim at (301) 652-2606, ext. 330, to express your desire to join the Ner Tamid Assembly.

Yes, I/we would like to become a new member of the Ner Tamid Assembly.

Name: _____

Level: ___ Bronze ___ Silver
 ___ Gold ___ Platinum

My pledge for the current year is _____.

Social Action at Beth El

The Social Action Committee invites you and your friends to join the many Beth El congregants who volunteer their time and energy for a wide range of projects on behalf of the elderly, homeless, lonely, needy and less fortunate members of our community. In addition to the traditional High Holiday "Manna" Food Drive (Thank you all for donating over one ton of food this year!), volunteering for the Hebrew Home, the Congregation Based Shelter (April 28 - May 5, 1996), Sukkot in April (late April, 1996) and the Montgomery County Hunger Drive (Thanksgiving, 1996), there are any number of one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities available. These include Bethesda Cares, Bethesda HELP, the Interfaith Housing Coalition, the Rainbow Place Shelter for Women and numerous other worthy organizations.

If you don't have any extra time on your hands (few people do these days!), please try to bring non-perishable food or toiletry items to Beth El every time you come for services, activities or a meeting. You can drop them off in the large wicker baskets outside the Board Room. All donations will be put to good use by Bethesda Cares and Bethesda HELP.

If you have any questions about how you can get more involved, please pick up a description of the Beth El Social Action programs from the lucite holder outside the synagogue office, or call Eran Gasko at (202) 408-7209 or Lynn Katz at (301) 530-4537.

Shepherd's Table

Shepherd's Table is a community-based organization in Silver Spring, MD, established thirteen years ago to help the homeless and disadvantaged. Congregation Beth El was one of its founders. Beth El members regularly serve as volunteers. Since its opening, Shepherd's Table has never closed or missed serving an evening meal. During the recent storm, food deliveries could not get through. Shepherd's Table used its food reserves or bought food. Shortages have occurred, and donations of food (sugar, canned goods, ketchup, mustard) or money are needed. Shepherd's Table is located at 835 Bonifant Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Phone: (301) 585-6463.

Beth El in Cyberspace

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Thanks to the work of Gary Rosenfeld, Congregation Beth El is now represented on the World Wide Web. For those of you who have access to the Web, our address is: <http://uscj.org/seabd/bethesbe/>

If you have any comments about the Web page, you can contact Gary through the page.

Reminder that we also have a Beth El LISTSERV that we can use as a way for discussions and information about our congregation. To sign on to the LISTSERV, send a message to LISTSERV@JTAS.EDU. Put nothing in the "To" line, and the whole message should be: SUB BETHELMC youremailaddress yourfirstname yourlastname

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Come Be a Part of History!

The 49th Convention of the Cantors Assembly will be held in Jerusalem 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.

Family Education Notes

On Saturday, January 20th, families with second graders met for a Havdallah Happening. Deborah Rosenbloom spoke to adults and older siblings about the symbols and practices of Havdallah. Lili Schatz spoke to the younger participants and read the story The Sabbath Lion. Everyone came together for crafts and singing. A lasting memory was made by Sally Heckleman playing guitar in a circle of families who were holding colorful braided candles. The aroma of fresh cookies and spicy pomander ball added to the atmosphere.

On Sunday, January 28th, families carpoled to volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank.

There have been some changes to the calendar which was set out in the beginning of the year. The remaining Family Education Events for this year are:

March 10th: Passover University
(Adults and families with children ages 6 - 9)

March 12th: Confronting Antisemitism
(High school)

April 6th: Grandparents Service

April 28th: Death and Mourning (gr. 4)

May 4th: Family Junior Congregation (gr. 6)

June 2nd: Family Picnic Park Clean Up

Sarah Roark

Director of Family Education, (301) 652-2606, x320

REGISTER NOW SAUL BENDIT ADULT INSTITUTE SPRING 1996

6 Wed. Evenings, March 13, 20, 27; April 17, 24; May 1
(No classes April 3 and 10)

7:30 to 8:20 p.m.

The Case for Kashrut	Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
Chanting the Haftarah, Part II	Hazzan Abraham Lubin
Step by Step Through the Shabbat Morning Service	Rabbi William Rudolph
Jewish Best Sellers of 1995	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
<i>The Zohar</i> , Book of Splendor	Dr. Mor Altshuler
Jewish and Christian Concepts of the Messiah	Rabbi Sanford Shudnow
Anti-Semitism: Its History and Ramifications	Jill Gerstenfield

8:20 to 8:40 p.m. - Coffee Break

8:40 to 9:30 p.m.

The 3000th Anniversary of Jerusalem	Avinoam Bar Yosef, Yoram Bar-Noy, Ora Ahimeir, Dr. Mor Altshuler, Murray Stein
How Does Jewish Tradition Deal with Assassination by Zealots?	Rabbi William Rudolph
Music of the Sephardim	Hazzan Ramon Tasat
A Talmud Experience	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
The Mysteries of the Passover <i>Haggadah</i> Unveiled	Dr. Martin Sicker
Jewish History from the Rise of Islam Through the Founding of Modern Israel	Noah Baer

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Hebrew Prayerbook Reading Beyond the Basics	Helen Rib
Conversational Hebrew	Yael Greenberg

Six Tuesday Mornings, March 12, 19, 26; April 16, 23, 30
(No classes April 2 and 9)

8:10 to 9:00 a.m.

A Taste of Talmud	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
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10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

The Case for Kashrut	Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
A Talmud Experience	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
Jewish-American Pop Fiction: Our Eyes on Israel	Dr. Dorothy Friedman

10:50 to 11:10 a.m. - Coffee Break

11:10 to Noon

Chanting the Haftarah, Part II	Hazzan Abraham Lubin
Jewish Best Sellers of 1995	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
Where Judaism Differed	Sanford Hordes

WATCH FOR BROCHURES THIS MONTH

Note: The evening minyan will start at 8:20 p.m. (rather than 8:00 p.m.) on evenings when Institute classes are scheduled.

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Please enroll me in the following A.M. P.M. course(s):

1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made payable to Beth El.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Morning:	1-hour course (6 classroom hours) (A Taste of Talmud - no fee)	\$15
Evening:	1-hour course (6 classroom hours)	\$18
	2-hour course (12 classroom hours)	\$36