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Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.
Grade 4 - 5 Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Julia Goldstein Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in the APR

Friday, March 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.
Joseph Friedmann Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Sanctuary Renovation Dedication Board Installed

Look just outside the Sanctuary, directly across from the entrance doors, for the dedication board for the Sanctuary renovation. The lovely etched glass wall sculpture, designed by our Fine Arts Chair, Connie Krupin, honors those who dedicated various items in the renovation. At first, the design attempted to incorporate the dedications from the original Sanctuary. It was felt, however, that those original donors' contributions did not receive enough prominence in that format. As a result, a separate, new dedication board containing updated plaques of donations to the first Sanctuary will be completed soon and will hang in its own location. We are fortunate that over the years so many people have provided the support we need for our building and are pleased that they will all soon have appropriate recognition.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Michael E. Leibowitz, M.D., son of Fran Leibowitz, on the occasion of being designated President-Elect of the Medical Staff of Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD.

Mazal Tov to Peter and Stephanie Schissler on their recent marriage.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Shirley Gross and Howard Copperman.

Next Step in Master Plan Needs Your Input by Suzanne Bronheim

Earlier in the year, I had described to you our ongoing effort to deal with the space limitations we face here at Beth El. We have been working with the planning firm of Levin-Brown to determine whether we could benefit from a full-blown consultation from them to improve our situation. These efforts have included a review by a site engineer earlier this year and a series of focus group meetings with "expert" input on our current space needs. Our experts were representatives from the many groups within Beth El that provide education and programming and our professional staff. These groups identified a number of issues related to space and based on that information, we have decided to work through the entire self-study process with Levin-Brown. This firm will help us work through a program to develop a Long-term Master Plan to determine how and if the current building can meet our needs or whether we will have to consider the more complex question of living with our current limitations or considering a new facility. At this point, we are only gathering information, not making any decisions!

The next step entails getting input from the members of the congregation. We need your help and time to develop the information Levin-Brown will need to help us prepare a master plan to address our space issues. **Come on Tuesday, March 26th at 8:15 p.m. to a kickoff meeting.** At that time, Jay Brown from Levin-Brown will explain the process and the role you will play in the information gathering phase. This is also the time to sign up for one of the working committees that will meet during April to gather critical information. There will be committees to address the following issues: Worship Space, Social/Meeting Facilities, Educational Space, Administrative Space and Core Space (bathrooms, storage, janitorial space and mechanical systems, etc.)

Each committee will meet several times during April to gather information in response to a questionnaire given us by Levin-Brown. Then each committee chair will prepare a report and present that information to the Central Master Plan Committee. This committee will synthesize the information with Jay Brown and then he will develop a report about our options for a Long-term Master Plan for space at Beth El. Please consider volunteering for one of these groups -- or come to more than one, if you have an interest. **These meetings are not about designing space or about developing solutions to any one space problem. They are purely for the purpose of understanding and documenting our space needs.**

Please call and let us know if you plan to attend on **March 26th.** Call (301) 652-2606, ext. 330, and leave your name and which committee(s) interest you. If you can not attend on March 26th and are interested in one of these committees, please leave a message on the voice mail, and I will have the committee chair contact you about meetings.

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!

Men's Club

The Men's Club weekly Sunday breakfasts and speakers programs continue on March 10th and March 17th. Please check the weekly Shabbat announcements and posters in the synagogue Rotunda for the names of the specific speakers and their topics. As usual, the Morning Minyan is at 9:00 a.m., with breakfast at 9:30 and the speaker at 10:00. All congregants are encouraged to attend.

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!

Members are needed now for the Softball Team. We are still looking for a few good people to hit, field and run the bases for the Beth El Softball Team. It should be great fun, wonderful exercise and comraderie for those individuals who sign up. We will also keep synagogue members informed of the dates of the games so that we can all cheer on the team. These should be great family activities. If interested in playing on the team, contact David Levine at (301) 299-9507.

Bethesda Cares in Need

Are there any telecommunications experts out there willing to look at our sad phone system? We have three phones with three lines each and a tangle of wires on the floor. Two of the phones don't function any more. Some advice would be most appreciated! Call Binda, (301) 681-1185.

Items needed: a costumer (small coat hanger) and a coat rack for our main office; coffee supplies (spoons, sugar, hot chocolate, soup packets, powdered coffee, creamer, paper napkins, etc.) Please bring these items to our office at 7728 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, inside the parking garage.

World Jewry Committee

The World Jewry Committee requests that you sign a petition requesting that Rabbis and Jewish leaders worldwide address the problem of women who are unable to obtain a "Get" (Jewish divorce). This is a significant problem in Israel and other countries for women who are abandoned or whose husbands refuse to grant a "Get." They are unable to marry in a Jewish ceremony. Children born in subsequent civil marriages are considered "mamzerut." Petitions will be available on Sundays in the Rotunda and from your committee chairmen. They will be presented to appropriate rabbinic authorities during the International Council of Jewish Women Triennial Convention in May, 1996.

The next meeting of the World Jewry Committee will be on March 12th at 7:30 p.m. at 11000 Earls Gate Lane, Rockville, MD. Call Faith Schwartz for information at (301) 983-2088.

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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.

Camp Ramah

Looking for a summer of fun, challenge and reward in a Jewish communal setting? Camp Ramah in New England is now hiring staff for the 1996 season.

Camp Ramah in New England, part of the camping arm of the Conservative Movement, is a Jewish educational camp located on 350 wooded acres. Our campers and staff come from the entire east coast to spend each summer playing, learning and growing in a Jewish environment. Our goal is to provide our campers and staff a fun-filled summer while they examine their religious beliefs and solidify their Jewish identity and education.

We are looking for mature staff members who like working with children and are interested in being Jewish role models for our campers. Positions include counselors, Hebrew teachers and specialists in waterfront, sports, outdoor adventure, photography and arts and crafts. We also have administrative positions: working in the office, kitchen and maintenance. Openings exist for college students and adults with or without families.

For information on how you can spend an exciting and fun summer, contact the camp office at 161 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02194, or call (617) 449-7090.

Tuning In with Hazzan Lubin

We recently read the classic words of the Ten Commandments. May I humbly offer another set of **Ten Commandments for Congregational Singing?** Most of us obey these commandments, but just in case you fall short, let me reiterate these for you to consider:

1. Thou shalt sing.
2. Thou shalt sing with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
3. Thou shalt sing fearlessly, ignoring the possible wandering side glances of your neighbors. They would like to sing with you if they had the nerve, and they will sing with you if you continue.
4. Thou shalt sing joyfully, as it is written by the prophet, Isaiah, "Sing O Heaven, be joyful, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains."
5. Thou shalt sing reverently, for music is prayer.
6. Thou shalt not be afraid to sing; though an individual may pray in prose or even in wordless silence, a Congregation must sing.
7. Thou shalt not resist new melodies, for is it not written in the Book of Psalms: "O sing unto the Lord a new song?"
8. Thou shalt not mumble the melody but shalt sing it out loud, even with occasional mistakes.
9. Thou shalt not hesitate to sing together with the Hazzan. He wants you to join with him.
10. Thou shalt not forget the words of the Psalmist: "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live."

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Rabbi Samuel Scolnic on the death of his sister, Rae Leipner; to Dr. Toby Silverman on the death of her mother, Erna Silverman; to Stanley Hartman on the death of his mother, Eleanor Hartman; and to Rockey Lang on the death of her sister, Ida Harab.

Keruv

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.

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. **Please note that the Evening Minyan time is 8:20 p.m. on Wednesdays during the six weeks of the Saul Bendit Institute.** 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.

March 11 - March 14

Elmira Hopp
 Jason and Josephine Horn
 Eric and Alissa Horvitz
 David Horwitz
 Richard and Felicia Hulit
 Ely and Barbara Hurwitz
 Harold and Selma Hurwitz
 Lia Imas
 Fern Ingber
 Jonathan Isaacs and Elizabeth Krauss
 Robert and Sheryl Isaacs
 Bernard and Rita Jacobi
 David and Ilene Jacobowitz
 Gary Jacobs and Harriet Kerwin
 Jason and Michele Jacobson
 Mark and Joanne Jacobson
 Steven and Nancy Jacobson
 Zelda Janus
 Newton and Lois Jassie
 Jeffrey Jay and Molly Peter

March 18 - March 21

Alan and Nancy Kaden
 Walter and Barbara Kahn
 Gail Kailo
 Joel and Denise Kalman
 Robert and Marcia Kalman
 Ben and Sarah Kaiser
 Robert and Carole Kaminsky
 David and Donna Kanin
 Helen Kanovsky
 Rose Kanovsky
 Steve and Aileen Kantor
 Michael Kaperst and Lisa Delligatti
 Daniel Kaplan and Kay Richman
 Donald Kaplan and Evelyn Karson
 Leon and Laura Karadbi
 Sylvan and Yocheved Karlin
 Joseph and Susan Kattan
 Nadav and Lynn Katz
 Jay and Bernice Kaufman
 Steven and Wendy Kaufman

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Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Memory Of: Frieda Heller by Dr. Heinz Bauer.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Mother-in-law, Ida Lerner by Clare Lerner; Arnold Safer by Kenneth Simonson, Dr. and Mrs. E. Hunter Herron, Helene R. Baskin, Germaine B. Huddle Welch, Litrelle J. Levy, Jean Y. Swenson, Carolyn and Ken Feigenbaum, Hope and Phil Borish, Laurine and Adam Sieminski, Judy and David Promisel and The Matteson Family; Ruth and Ralph Maden by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schimmel.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Shirley Gross by Ethel and Jack Werner; Seymour Lishnoff, citizen of the year, by Marilyn, Gary, Rebecca and David Wind; Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Joyce and Morris Abrams; Engagement of Dr. Irene Vogel to Dr. Al Swartzberg by Harvey Gold and the Sam Boxerman Family. In Memory Of: Doris Rolnick by Ethel and Jack Werner; David Goldsher by Joyce and Morris Abrams; Neil Gleason by Mary Levinson and Jon Feibus; Great Aunt Margaret by Mary Levinson and Jon Feibus; Cheryl Rod's mother, Beatrice Wald, by Gary and Rachele Bernstecker; Belle Corbett by Dr. E. Marvin Rabin; Erika Weiss by Irvin Weiss; Mia Katz by Rich and Rachel Handloff; Celia and Max Sherman by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Doroff.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Ben Lozovsky by Aaron Tievsky; Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Hurwitz by Aaron Tievsky; Birth of grandson of Gil and Min Rosenberg by Bernie and Anita Ash; Speedy recovery of Jack Goldberg by Bernie and Anita Ash; Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Bernie and Anita Ash. In Memory Of: Allison Levy Caffin by Linda and Alan Orenstein.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Uncle, Abraham Kessler, by Ellen Eule; Beloved father, Abraham Luks, by Ellen Eule; Zvi Sharfstein by Jose and Tutti Sokol; Dorothy Walizer by Ina and Jerome Wernick; Augusta Krauthammer by Sarah Reiter.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Ben and Suzanne Bronheim's 25th anniversary by Gary and Rachele Bernstecker.

Crowell Religious School Scholarship Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Anna Paskow by Ms. Miriam Crowell.

Disabled Access Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery to Si Weker by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Arthur S. Feld by Douglas and Brenda Bregman.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of:

Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Arthur and Sandy Becker and Richard and Ilene Ackerman and Family; Complete recovery for Bea Weissman by Arthur and Sandy Becker.

In Memory Of: Bernard Scheps by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

General Fund

Gertrude Ackerman. In Honor Of: 50th anniversary of Harriet and David Brooks by Lauren, Fred, Sam and David Stemburg. In Memory Of: Arnold Safer by Warren and Judith Greenberg; Sister-in-law of Laurie and Jerry Friedman by Andrew and Sharon Tievsky; Harry Wallerstein by Gloria and Lee Derkay; Cheryl Rod's mother by Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim and Marilyn and Gary Wind.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by The Bregmans and Karl Freiberg; Aliyah at Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Marianne Strauss.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Maltzman by Joan and Michael Ury and Milton and Renee Thaler; Charlotte and Bernard Resnick by Brent Berger; Speedy recovery of Sheila Karsh by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman; Rabbi Maltzman and Cantor Lubin by Nina R. Klemow; Toby Moss, recipient of Golda Meir Award, by Claire Marwick.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Ruth and Lester Lee.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Toby Moss by Suzin Glickman; Kindness of Mary Dubrow by Helen Rib. In Memory Of: Khava S. Mazo by Marina Ginderova; Harry Cohen by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Harry E. Weiss by Michael and Mitchell Weiss and Karen Satin; Joseph M. Hertzberg by Dr. Hyman J. Zimmerman; Beloved daughter, Isabel Golumbic Davison, by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Heckman, Jan and Howard Levine, Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El, Liz Krauss and Jonathan Isaacs, Judith and Dan Matz, Brian and Marie Schulman, The Mintz/Elow-Mintz Family, Beth El Religious School, Joyce and Ben Schlesinger and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Friedman; Rabbi Maltzman and the Schissler-Begun wedding; Refuah Shlema for Shirley Gross by Toby and Bernie Moss; 50th anniversary of Dorothy and Arnold Lear by Michele Herman; Thoughtfulness of Judith and Jonathan Levin by Helen and Lenny Rib. In Memory Of: Julia Chudacoff by Judy and Dan Matz; Father of Bob Fleshner by Andrew and Sharon Tievsky; Vicki DeGutz by Bert and Judith Spector.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Kindness and caring of Howard Lesser by Helen Rib. In Memory Of: Lillian Friedman by Mrs. Bert Fine; Celia Shapiro by Roslyn and Edward Shapiro; Cheryl Rod's mother by Michele Herman; Lester Karr by Julian Levin; Beloved father, Samuel Gelman, by Helen Rib; Beloved father and grandfather, Max Cohen, by Barbara Spitzer.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Belle Bush by Karl Freiberg.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Ruth and Fred Rehns by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Arnheim; Beloved mother, Sarah K. Fiedelman, by Judith Matz; Isaac Golumbic by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Isadore Richman by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Elliot and Esther Wilner, Max and Betty Milner, Daniel and Elaine Mann, Melvin and Lenore Richter, Emily and Bill Goldman, Barbara S. Gold, Helen and Lenny Rib, Ina and Jerome Wernick and The Kempner Family; Otis and Mary Yokum by Craig D. Yokum; In appreciation of Rabbi Maltzman's prayers by Ina and Jerome Wernick; In gratitude by Frances H. Leibowitz. In Memory Of: Beloved father and mother, Daniel and Raye Simon, by Joel N. Simon; Rae Band by Marvin and Dolly Band; Beloved mother, Jennie Ash, by Bernie Ash; Oscar Gildenhorn by Myron and Lenore Lenkin; Beloved mother, Jennie Freedman, by Henry E. Freedman; Minnie Schertzer, beloved mother, by Sylvia Small.

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah R. Teitler by Elaine and Roy Becker.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Torah Fund award to Dunya Hecht by Claire Marwick; Toby Moss, recipient of 1996 Golda Meir Award, by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Becker.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Ruth and Hugh Sickel and Samuel S. Nash; In appreciation of Janet and Steven Goldhill by Ina and Jerome Wernick. In Memory Of: Beloved mother of Gloria Frank by Gloria Frank; Minnie Levine by Shirley Levine Wasserman; Beatrice Wald, mother of Cheryl Rod, by Ruth and Ron Goldberg and Margaret Bogler.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Sue, Bruce, Brian, Jamie and Carey Hanley and Alan and Andrea Golden. In Memory Of: Freda Leah Brenner by Rich and Rachel Handloff.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: Dunya Hecht by Suzin Glickman; Toby Moss by Stuart Isaacs. In Memory Of: Meyer Zuravin by Ruth and Hugh Sickel.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Daughter, Janet Elaine Shartsis, by Ruth Shartsis.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Arnold Safer by Chevy Chase Havurah and Tobey M. Blank.

Sisterhood News

Education Day for Sisterhoods in Seaboard Region to be Held at Beth El

All Sisterhood members are cordially invited to attend the Seaboard Region Education Day at Beth El on March 14th. As hosts, we would like to see all of our members here to greet our fellow Sisterhood members from all over the Washington-Baltimore region. The guest speaker is from the Jewish Theological Seminary. Registration is at 7:30 p.m., the study session is from 8:00 to 9:30, with a dessert reception following. The charge is \$6.00.

Torah Fund Luncheon in Olney on March 20th

If you have not yet made your reservation for the Washington-Baltimore Area Torah Fund Luncheon to be held Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m., please do so at once; the deadline for reservations is March 11th. Please call Doris Povich, Torah Fund Chairperson, at (301) 320-5440, or Cathy Binder, Co-Chair, at (301) 365-3806. This year's event is being held at B'nai Shalom Synagogue, located in Olney at Route 108 and Burtfield Drive. Rabbi Eliezer Diamond of the JTS will speak about "Aging Parent, Adult Children and Grandchildren: A Rabbinic Perspective."

Torah Fund is the name of the major nationwide effort made by the National Women's League for Conservative Judaism to provide financial support for the Conservative Movement, as well as the many functions of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, including the training of our rabbis, cantors and teachers; a source of research; educational institutions in New York City, Los Angeles and Jerusalem; the Seminary Library; the Jewish Museum; and the Ramah Camps. In short -- this is our future!

Please note this correction: The minimum contribution for attendance at both this luncheon and Beth El's own Torah Fund activity is \$28.00. In addition, there is a plate charge of \$12.00. Of course, contributions for greater amounts are always welcome -- double or triple Chai. Also available are beautiful benefactor pins for \$150.00 and up.

An Alternative Seder from a Woman's Perspective

Sunday, March 17, 1996
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Social Hall

Come experience the joy of attending a learning seder with no preparation required! You will hear new ideas and learn new songs and stories to include in your own seder. Join us for a unique opportunity to connect with the many wonderful women of the Beth El Sisterhood. Dinner is included.

R.S.V.P. by March 11th to Gail Ross, (301) 229-7005, or Ellen Elow-Mintz, (301) 229-4924.

Conwert: \$10.00; please send check to synagogue office, attn.: Sisterhood.

Rosh Hodesh Group Takes a Field Trip

The next meeting of the Rosh Hodesh Group will take place on Tuesday, March 19th at Adas Israel in Washington, D.C. We will meet at the Beth El parking lot at 7:00 p.m. to form carpools, or you may meet us there at 7:30 p.m. We will be visiting the mikvah which was built during the recent renovation there. This is the only mikvah available in a Conservative synagogue in the Washington area. Sue Kantor will share with the group "A Woman's Perspective on Ritual Purity."

Open Board Meeting in Lieu of March Sisterhood General Meeting

All Sisterhood members are invited to attend the March 10th Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Actually, all Board Meetings are open to any member, though without a vote. There will be a brunch available on this occasion. See you there!

Remember to shop for your Passover needs at the Sisterhood Judaica Shop.

Call Marilyn Hammerman, (301) 881-0011, to order personalized stationery and invitations.

Education Notes

Ninth Grade Holocaust Studies Class

On Sunday, February 4th, Ms. Betsy Roth's Holocaust Studies class closed out their fall semester course with a trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Many of the students had yet to visit the museum, still others had skipped many of the exhibits on previous trips. For all of the students the experience was greatly enriched by their five months of study of the topic. The ninth graders were clearly moved by the exhibitions and appreciated the efforts that went into making the trip possible. Our thanks to the parents who joined the group, teacher Ms. Roth and parent Dennis Ross, who made the arrangements with the museum to fit in our group.

Eighth Grade Tikkun Olam

The eighth grade class continues to distinguish itself and our Congregation by leading monthly Shabbat service at Manor Care - Bethesda and serving meals at the Rainbow Place Shelter in Rockville. On Sunday, February 4th, Lauren Bregman, Suzanna Lewis, Nina Klemow and Daniel Goldman served meals at the shelter. On Saturday, February 10th, Michael Schneider, David Turnbull and Evan Rosing led a Shabbat service.

Participation in these projects is part of the Upper School program. Over the course of the 8th - 10th grade years, students are required to complete 36 hours of community service.

Israeli Folk Dancing

This year we have added Israeli Folk Dancing to the list of enrichment activities offered to our students. On Sunday, January 28th, Kindergarten - fourth grade students joined Ilana Goldstein, our newest specialist, on the dance floor. Ilana will return on Sunday, April 14th, and will also be a part of the Saturday night program at the 4th - 5th grade retreat on May 17th - 19th.

Special Pesach Information

Memo From The Rabbi

The following Pesach guidelines have been made available through the Conservative Movement. It is an incomplete list but helpful nonetheless. Please feel free to call on me with any individual questions and be sure to fill out the form to sell your chametz. I will conduct the "Mechirat Chametz" on Wednesday, April 3, 1996, after the Siyyum. Have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and congregation.

Siyyum For The First Born

The Annual Siyyum for the First Born Child will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow.

Our thanks to Faye and Sy Wolf, who are sponsoring the Siyyum in memory of Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, Abraham and Dora Wolf, Dan Rosen and Molly and Irving Weinstein.

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Pesach Yizkor Book Listing

Our Pesach Yizkor Book will be available on Thursday, April 11, 1996.

Please complete and mail the form below without delay. Please PRINT or TYPE the form to avoid errors.

I/We are enclosing a contribution to Congregation Beth El of \$ _____.

Please check one:

I/We would like to use the same listing(s) from the 1995 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book.

I/We did not have a listing in the 1995 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book. Please include the names listed below in the Pesach Yizkor Book.

I/We had a listing in the 1995 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book and would like to have that listing plus the following names:

IN MEMORY OF:

REMEMBERED BY:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Please return this form by March 29, 1996.

CONGREGATION SEDER

The Congregation Seder will be held on Thursday evening, April 4th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall
I/We would like to make the following reservations:

<input type="checkbox"/> Adults @ \$26	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member Adults @ \$32	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children 7-12 @ \$15	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children 2-6 @ \$8	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children under 2	No Charge

Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____
Phone No. _____
Address _____

I/We would like to be seated with:

Yes! I would like to be seated at a Singles table.
 Yes! I would like to be seated at a Vatikim table.

Price includes contribution to Mazon

Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to: Beth El, Attn: Seder

Reservations are limited and due by Tuesday, March 26, 1996 or the first 250 people, whichever comes first.

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Selling of the Chametz

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in your home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of **Mechirat Chametz**, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Maltzman sell your chametz, please mail in the following form by April 2, 1996 or drop it off in the Rabbi's office.

I, _____,

hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman to sell my chametz before Passover, April 3, 1996, according to Jewish law.

Signature _____
Address _____

Special Pesach Information

Pesach (Passover) Guidelines

Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Pesach falls on Wednesday evening, April 3rd through Thursday, April 11th. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration.

A Pesach home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz or leaven in preparation for the welcoming of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of Chametz or leaven throughout the Pesach days, both at home and when away.

The term Chametz or leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

Foods During Pesach

1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dried peas and dried beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category.

2. Permitted Foods

A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label

The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes also require no supervision.

B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Pesach use are permitted also in their frozen state.

C. If Certified for Pesach Use by Rabbinical Authority

Matzot, matzo flour, Pesach noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear rabbinical signature.

Dishes and Utensils

1. Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions:

A. Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Pesach if

thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

B. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

C. Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Pesach.

2. Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.

3. The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.

4. A dishwashing machine may be used for Pesach after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through a cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.

5. Microwave ovens are made kosher for Pesach by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.

6. Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over them. Some authorities call for a sink liner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

Volunteers Needed to Host Russian and Iranian Jewish Newcomers for Passover Seders

The Community Resettlement Program (CRP) of UJA Federation of Greater Washington needs families and individuals to host newly-arrived Russian and Iranian Jewish families or individuals for the first and/or second Passover seder(s) on Wednesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 4th. Due to the steady stream of newcomers able to emigrate to our area, the need for volunteers continues.

For the past several years, hundreds of families from Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia have responded to the need for volunteers by opening their hearts, their homes and their Passover seders to newly-arrived immigrants. These families represent a mere fraction of the thousands of people who continually donate their time and money to newcomer resettlement. According to Rachael Gray-Raff, Director, Community Resettlement Program at UJA Federation, "the outpouring of support from the Jewish community is astounding -- more than anyone could have imagined. I'm confident that community support will continue to be strong and we will match or exceed this year's volunteer needs."

Passover celebrates the Exodus of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and is called "the season of our liberation." The seder symbolizes unity among all generations of Jewish people. It is especially poignant to recently arrived emigres. For them, the seder reflects a personal celebration of their modern day Exodus to freedom.

To extend a Passover invitation or for more information, please call Rachael Gray-Raff at (301) 230-7200, ext. 204.

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.

Board Talk by Arthur N. Popper, Secretary

The following are highlights from the Board of Directors meeting on January 23, 1996. Congregants are reminded that the full minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors can be found in the lucite holder outside the main office.

- Marilyn Wind reported that the **Ritual Committee** has discussed the issue of having Kohanim and Leviim not having Aliyot at the morning Minyan. The decision was made not to have Kohen and Levi, but call Rishon and Sheni instead. According to the Conservative Movement, either way is fine. The committee also discussed the requirement that all Torah readers and Baal Tefilah (the person who leads the prayer) wear a Tallit. The committee is also encouraging all people who lead the weekday minyan or serve as Gabbai to wear tefillin. The committee reported that the single early erev Rosh Hashanah service was well received and a similar practice will be continued next year.

- President Bronheim informed the Board that the Executive Committee has been concerned for some time about the increasing burden being placed on Rabbi Maltzman as the Congregation has grown and requests for his services increase. It was pointed out by members of the Board that we are one of very few (if any) large congregations to have only a single rabbi. Accordingly, the Executive Committee has discussed with Rabbi Rudolph his interest in becoming a full-time Associate Rabbi. He is very interested in such a position. Rabbi Maltzman spoke eloquently in favor of having Rabbi Rudolph as Associate Rabbi. Rabbi Maltzman pointed out that he and Rabbi Rudolph work very well together, that Rabbi Rudolph brings unique strengths to the Congregation, that this would allow us to increase Rabbinic involvement in many congregation programs, and that they have already talked and worked out a 'division of labor'.

President Bronheim did point out that the addition of Rabbi Rudolph, as well as other contract renewals this year, is likely to result in a dues increase, but that she and Susan Brinn Siegel (our Treasurer) predict some stability to dues after this.

The discussion on this issue in the Board was very positive both for having an Associate Rabbi and for having Rabbi Rudolph assume this position. A motion was made to recommend this to the Congregation at the February 28th meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Bimah Flowers

There are no Bar/Bat Mitzvah simchas on the following Shabbat service dates: April 6th, May 4th, July 13th, August 3rd and September 14th. If you would like to sponsor the bimah flowers for one of these dates in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call Lisette Brooks, Rabbi Maltzman's secretary, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316. You can order the flowers yourself, or Lisette can place the order for you.

Nursery News

BENS Rummage Sale Reminder

This Sunday, March 10th, is the BENS Rummage Sale in the Social Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you haven't already reserved a table, you can call Sharon Zissman at (301) 984-1428 to see if there are still tables available. In any event, please be sure to attend the sale -- you never know what treasure you might find!

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.

Save the Date!

Sunday, April 28, 1996

"KinderSingers"
Val and Pam

2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

**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.**

**Beth El Nursery School Camp
is hiring Junior Counselors
for June 24th through 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.**