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Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, March 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 30th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Rachel Ross Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 5th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 6th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bar/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

Passover Festival Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:15 a.m. Fast of the Firstborn and Siyyum

6:30 p.m. Festival Service

First Seder

Thursday, April 4th

9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Festival Services

7:30 p.m. Congregation Seder

Tuesday, April 9th

6:30 p.m. Festival Service

Wednesday, April 10th

9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Festival Services

Thursday, April 11th

7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Festival Services

(Yizkor at both services)

Off The Bimah

The Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ismar Schorsch, has defined Conservative Judaism as a "sacred cluster of core values." What are these values? They are: Hebrew as the irreplaceable language of Jewish expression; the centrality of Israel; an undiminished devotion to Klal Yisrael; the defining role of Torah; the study of Torah, the governance of Jewish life by halacha; and our belief in God. In response to numerable requests, and to further your understanding and care of these values, I recommend the following books, which together will form a basis for your own "Conservative Movement Library". This list is not comprehensive, and does not include basic texts which should be found in every home, such as a complete Tanach, Talmud, and Siddur.

The Shabbat Seder, Ron Wolfson

The Passover Seder, Ron Wolfson

A Time to Mourn and A Time to Comfort, Ron Wolfson

The Jewish Dietary Laws, Their Meaning for Our Time,
Dresner and Siegel

A Guide to Jewish Religion Practice, Isaac Klein

It's A Mitzvah, Bradley Artson (newly published)

Conservative Judaism: The New Century, Neil Gillman

Sacred Fragments, Neil Gillman

All texts may be ordered through the United Synagogue Book Service, 155 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010. And remember: Education for young and old is the secret of Jewish creativity and continuity.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Ba'al T'filah

Hazzan Lubin announces...

A course designed for the lay prayer leader!

Learn to lead some or all of the following:

Weekday Ma'ariv or Shacharit Service

P'sukey D'zimrah, Preliminary Service

on Shabbat and Festivals.

(Please refer to the **Tuning In with Hazzan Lubin** column on page 3 for more details.

Call Hazzan Lubin at (301) 652-2606, ext. 317.)

Congregation Based Shelter

A mandatory meeting for all shelter volunteers will be held on Thursday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Beth El's CBS week is a meaningful way to become involved with the homeless in our midst, and with the Beth El community. Our volunteers the past two years enjoyed a very rewarding experience. Won't you join us? To volunteer, call Debbie Ross at (301) 229-4131 or Julie Maltzman at (301) 530-9199.

Vatikim Contributions

When you make a contribution to the Vatikim, please be sure to send it through the synagogue office so that the donation will be entered on your synagogue account. Otherwise, the item will not appear on the annual tax statement that is sent to you in January. This also applies to membership dues to Vatikim. Your cancelled check still serves as a receipt.

Camp Ramah

Partial scholarships are now available for interested children who would like to attend Camp Ramah this summer. Please call Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308, to receive an application.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: What are all those non-Jews doing on the bimah during services with a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? I don't believe they belong there. It offends me. Congregant

Dear Congregant: Families celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah wish to share their joy with the people who have loved and taken part in their children's lives, although many of these close friends and beloved relatives are not Jewish. Our challenge as a congregation is to acknowledge and appreciate their importance in a child's life without violating Jewish law, dividing families or offending our congregants. It is a difficult balance and, unfortunately, sometimes families and congregants are offended by the rules the congregation has developed to try to accommodate everyone within Jewish law.

At Beth El, only Jews receive ritual honors. Non-Jews may only take other, non-ritual roles during the service. The non-Jew who participates believes he or she is there to show support and love for the Bar or Bat Mitzvah and the child's Jewish identity. Without their interest, the Bar or Bat Mitzvah may never have reached Jewish adulthood; this is especially true when there is a non-Jewish parent. That parent has made the considerable time, emotional and other commitments necessary for that child to assume the role of a Jewish adult in a Conservative congregation. They have given Judaism their children and deserve our thanks. Their presence on the bimah is our thanks to them.

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 25 - March 28

Joseph and Ruth Kay
Michael and Nancy Kay
Sanford and Esther Kay
Frederic and Maria Kaye
Daniel Kazzaz and Audrey Corson
Jerrold Keilson and Ellen Silver
Kenneth and Nina Kellner
Edward and Miriam Kely
Kenneth and Carol Kempner
Lillian Kessler
Sherman Kimball
Bert and Susan King
Laurence and Celia Kirsch
Murray and Iris Kivitz
Eleanor Klau
David and Laura Klaus
Irving and Katie Klein
Michael and Francine Klein
Ronald and Mariette Klein
Herman and Paula Kleine

April 1 - April 4

Sidney Kline
Andrew and Katherine Koblenz
Daniel Koch and Leah Brasch
Edward and Helena Koenig
Robert and Evyon Koenig
Jeffrey and Sandi Komarow
Irwin and Rita Kopin
David Korn and Shara Aranoff
Bernardo and Rosa Kotelanski
Marvin and Barbara Kotz
Mark and Marjorie Kramer
Robert and Loretta Kramer
Steven Kramer and Sheila Lieber
Melvin and Andrea Kraus
Alan Kravitz and Sandra Kresch
Ira and Jill Krefting
Joseph and Dana Kromash
Jay and Connie Krupin
Leah Kupersmith
Carl and Muriel Kupfer

All in the Family

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Harvey Sherzer and Lillian Maller.

Rabbi Samuel Scolnic appreciates the expressions of sympathy on the loss of his sister, Rae Leipner.

Lost Coat

If you are in possession of a Norm Thompson charcoal gray women's dress coat, size 14, worn to synagogue on the day of Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah, please call Natalie Adams at (301) 530-1243 to arrange an exchange. She has your charcoal gray Norm Thompson coat!

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Linda Goldsmith on the death of her mother, Ruth Goldsmith; to Steven Frank on the death of his uncle, Ben Karp; to Leslie Dellon on the death of her grandmother, Dorothy Morris; to Benson Silverman on the death of his father, Irvin Silverman; to Gerald Brody on the death of his brother, Norman Brody; and to Murray Haber on the death of his sister, Gladys Haber.

Tuning In with Hazzan Lubin

The Ba'al T'filah

We at Beth El take much pride in the growing number of men and women who are our Ba'aley K'riah -- Torah readers. It has been a particular source of joy for me, this year, to teach so many new students who will be added to our roster of people who will, in the course of this coming year, be able to chant the Torah and the Haftarah with an understanding of the dynamics and intricacies of the system of Ta'amey Ha-Mikra, the Cantillations or Tropes.

Jewish tradition has also venerated and held in high esteem the Ba'al T'filah, "the Master of Prayer," who was the lay person who had the skill to lead those portions of the weekly and Shabbat services which the Hazzan or Sh'liach Tzibur, "the Representative of the Congregation in Prayer," would normally not conduct. Among these services are the weekday Shacharit, Minchah and Ma'ariv -- morning, afternoon and evening services -- as well as the P'seukey D'zimrah, the Preliminary Service on Shabbat and Festivals which consists of the Birchot Hashachar, the morning blessings, as well as the series of Psalms and passages of songs of praise introducing the Shacharit service.

To this end, I invite those of you who are so inclined to study with me and become a member of our corps of Ba'aley T'filah. The only requirement is to have the ability to read Hebrew fluently. Students will be introduced to the exciting world of Nusach, the traditional modes and chants each set of which has its distinct character applicable to the particular service with its special tonal color and flavor.

If you are interested, please call me at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 317. I am looking forward to hearing from you, our future Ba'aley T'filah.

י"י Circle

The Officers and Board of Congregation Beth El are pleased to acknowledge with deep gratitude the following of its members and friends who have undertaken to become Founder Members of the Israel Experience Every Teen (I EET) Circle.

Recognizing the vital importance of a substantive Israel experience for enhancing and perpetuating the Jewish identity of its teens, the Congregation is committed to providing a grant of \$500 to assist the child of every member to visit Israel, either as part of UJA's Israel Quest program or independently. The I EET Circle was formed as the principal vehicle to enable Beth El to meet that financial commitment.

The Founder Members of I EET Circle have each undertaken to provide Beth El with the funds to make such grants to five of its teens, either by an annual \$500 contribution over a five year period or in a more accelerated fashion.

They are: Anonymous, Leonard and Gabriela Bebhick, Julie Belinkie, Howard and Sondra Bender, Brent Berger, Douglas and Brenda Bregman, Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim, Paul and Cyna Cohen, Craig Dreilinger and Amanda Ford, Norton and Sandy Elson, Kenneth and Diane Feinberg, Cary and Nancy Feldman, Peter and Debra Friedmann, Eugene and Amy Goot, Erwin and Leena Groner, Robert and Evyann Koenig, Jay and Connie Krupin, Allan and Rockey Lang, Edward and Estie Lipsit, Sheldon and Margery London, Philip and Phyllis Margolius, David and Carole Metzger, Jerome Ostrov and Roberta Baruch, Ivan and Esther Schaeffer, David and Sonja Schultz, Douglas and Carol Sherman, Rosalie Sporn, Alan and Corinne Swoff, Joseph and Edith Weisz, Mark and Blanche Wine, Sy and Faye Wolf and Robert and Rhonda Zahler.

The Founder Members urge others to join their ranks or otherwise contribute to Beth El's Israel Teen Fund. Those who have an interest in joining I EET Circle and participating in its activities may contact Leonard Bebhick, Douglas Bregman or Steven Kravitz.

Beth El LISTSERV

Our Beth El web page can be accessed at <http://uscj.org/seabd/bethesbe/>

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

For further information, contact Arthur Popper (Popper@Zool.UMD.edu)

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!

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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.

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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, spring 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.

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

Membership Directory

The 1996 Membership Directory is now available! If you would like a Directory, please complete the coupon below and return it to the synagogue office. Please do not call the synagogue office as we will only process requests with the coupon. Please be sure to print clearly since the coupon is also your mailing label. We will also give out copies of the Directory in the synagogue office if you walk in during office hours.

Yes! I would like to receive the 1996 Beth El Membership Directory.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(As of February 19, 1996)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Rae Leipner by Howard and Julia Copperman; Samuel D. Stein by Josephine C. Stein; Malcolm R. Fidell by Eugene R. Fidell.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Israel Lewis Schneider by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Birth of Daniel Isaac Tomares by Rita and Irvin Weiss; 96th birthday of Ida Sanders by Margaret Rifkind. In Memory Of: Cecilia Brown and Jack Brown by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Erika Weiss and Martin Weiss by Irvin and Rita Weiss; Eleanor Hartman by Elaine Pines; Marlene Shuman by Irwin Shuman; My dear brother, Daniel Krigelman, by Reba Hirsh; Aaron Snyder by Debbie and Sam Boxerman; Rae Leipner, sister of Rabbi Scolnic, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; S. Donald LaBelle by Ethel and Jack Werner.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Ria Billet by Irwin Aisenberg.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Shirley Gross by Bea and Bernie Berger. In Memory Of: Rae Leipner by Bea and Bernie Berger.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Father, Fred Nosovitsky, by Sam Nash; Rae Leipner by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Anna Zuckerman by Selma Dorfman and Dolly and Marvin Band.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Birthday & speedy recovery to Jack Goldberg by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim. In Memory Of: Irving Schwartz by Phyllis Snider; Sylvia W. Gerber by William Gerber; Dave Herman by Jerry Herman; Simon Sherman by Douglas Sherman; Eleanor Hartman by Susan and Bert King; Ann Jacobs by Shirley Boris; Fred Kolker by Phil and Beverly Friedman.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Memory Of: Eleanor Hartman by Cary and Nancy Feldman; Morris Moshman by Annette and Jack Moshman; Beloved son-in-law Arnold Spector by Frances Spector.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: A wonderful friend, Estelle Kimball, by Marta Allard; Alan Hecht's father by Susan and Mark Israel and Family.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Bozof by Sylvia Bozof; Rebecca Calderon and Boruch Wagman by Abraham and Louise Wagman; Rae Leipner, sister of Rabbi Scolnic, by Alan and Corinne Swoff; Mother of David Margulies by Judy and Jonathan Levin.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Judith and Jonathan Levin, Susan and Howard Weiss and Barry and Beverly Goldsmith. In Memory Of: Joseph Miller's mother by Diane and Bob Coplan; Rosara Sundell by Susan Hanley; Grandfather, John Kessler, by Ellen Eule; Rabbi Martin Paretzky by Raymond Poretzky; Beatrice Chernin by Jerry and Fay Chernin.

Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund

In Memory Of: Lewis Millenson by Roy H. Millenson.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Nan E. Wiser by Ellen Elow-Mintz; Rachel Frank, stepmother of Beryl Frank, by Beryl Frank; Our parents by Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro; Rae Leipner, sister of Rabbi Samuel Scolnic, by Elaine L. Shalowitz.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of: Rabbi Scolnic's sister, Rae Leipner, by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim and Bernice and Joel Breslau; Jacob Forman by Julian Levin; David Bass and Milton Dolnansky by Rosalyn Bass; Beloved father, Harris Freedman, by Henry Freedman.

Nitzanim Fund

In Memory Of: Benjamin Levy by Curtis and Wendy Levinson.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Brent Berger, many thanks, by Marcia and Sol Karsch. In Memory

Of: Julius Weisberg by Stuart and Beth Weisberg; Rae Leipner, sister of Rabbi Samuel Scolnic, by Elaine and George Perlman; Beloved parents, Rose Newell and Max Newell, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Judith Sunshine, mother of Shirley Feldman, by Dennis and Shirley Feldman; Beloved father, Nat Miller, by Diane Coplan; Jewel Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Selma Siegel's birthday by Yael Greenberg; Rebecca Maltzman's Bat Mitzvah by Anita and Ted Lieb, Mandy and Ira Hoffman, Jonathan Silber and Lee and Gloria Derkay; Rabbi Maltzman, with many thanks, by Andrea Druckman. In Memory Of: Ben Karp by Cynthia and Irwin Landau; Beloved father, Nathan Hindin, by Frances H. Leibowitz; Beloved son-in-law, Prof. Jordan A. Schwarz, by Frances H. Leibowitz; Alec Chinn by Sarah and Ben Kalsner; Maurice W. Greenstein by Judy and Craig Futterman; Simon Trevas by Suzanne Rosenblatt; Beatrice Wald by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; Hilda and Elias Palter by Leah Kupersmith; Fortune Harari by Irving and Vivian Beyda; Celia Shapiro by Faye Amster; Louis Levy by Doris and Albert Povich.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery for Simon Weker by Beryl and Gloria Frank.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Jonah Elliot Zarrow by Rick and Joan Claxton.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Father, Samuel Temkin, by Miriam Kuskin; Morris Robert Goldman by Mrs. Muriel Lyman.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Arnold Safer by Susan and Leslie Scherr.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory of: Leila Young and Harry I. Young by Ina and Joe Young

Bimah Flowers

There are no Bar/Bat Mitzvah simchas on the following Shabbat service dates: 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.



Men's Club

The Men's Club speaker on Sunday, March 24th will be Rabbi Sanford Shudnow, LCDR, USN, and current Jewish Chaplain at the National Naval Medical Center. He will speak about his experiences as the Chaplain of the Sixth Fleet in a talk entitled, "Jews In, On and Around the Mediterranean." We are looking forward to his slides and informative commentary. There will also be a speaker, to be announced in the Shabbat Announcements and on the poster in the Rotunda, on Sunday, March 31st. On both dates, the Morning Minyan is at 9:00 a.m., followed by the bagels and lox breakfast at 9:30 and the presentations at 10:00.

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 comradeship 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.

Sisterhood News

In the Spotlight: Marilyn Hammerman, Sisterhood's Stationery Chairman

As part of what we hope will be an ongoing series, we are featuring some of our valiant volunteers. We are pleased that Marilyn Hammerman has consented to have her story presented here. A native Washingtonian, Marilyn is a concert pianist and teacher by profession, with both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the Julliard School. She has concertized in New York and Washington, both as a soloist and accompanist.

Married to Dr. Murray Hammerman, ophthalmologist, Marilyn is also the mother of five children, all of whom attended Beth El and achieved Bar or Bat Mitzvah and beyond. Daughter Lorre Hammerman lives in Tel Aviv with her husband Josh Goldberg, where she works as the Lotus Brand Manager of IBM Israel. Son Steven is a physician and plans to be married next September. Sons Robert, an administrator of a health management facility in Virginia, and Ted, a lawyer in Washington, D.C., also live in this area. The youngest member of the family, daughter Elana, plans to enter Emory College this fall.

In addition to raising a family and running a very complicated household, Marilyn does very extensive volunteer work. She is the editor of a neighborhood newspaper, Secretary of the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Washington, Corresponding

Secretary of the Walter Johnson PTSA, and Chairman of the Hachnassat Orchim (Hospitality) Committee of Beth El. She has served on the Congregation and Sisterhood Boards.

For Sisterhood, Marilyn volunteers as Stationery and Invitations Chairman, sometimes spending as much as twenty hours a week, meeting Bar and Bat Mitzvah parents, showing catalogues, ordering invitations and other supplies for these special occasions, including wedding items. One hundred percent of the proceeds of all sales goes to Sisterhood and the Congregation. Some years, Marilyn has turned in over \$5000. This is very much a work of love, since Marilyn has been doing this for seventeen years. What she wants to let everyone know is that there is no need to go elsewhere to buy personalized paper goods. Call her at (301) 881-0011 for social and informal stationery, business cards and stationery, labels, napkins, kippot, baby announcements, benchers, lunch bags and embossers. "Almost anything in paper -- other than diapers," says Marilyn Hammerman.

Have a happy Passover, and don't forget that you may purchase last minute hostess gifts to bring to a seder or items for your own seder at the Sisterhood Judaica Shop.

Watch for your Torah Fund party invitation in the mail, and please plan to attend.

Nursery News

The Estelle Kimball Lecture was well attended this year by more than 85 parents and Early Childhood Educators. This annual lecture is held in memory of Estelle Kimball and donations made to the nursery school through the synagogue's Estelle Kimball Nursery School Fund throughout the year fund this project. We encourage the use of this fund for donation purposes.

Today Rabah! to the following people who made donations of much cherished toys and books to the nursery school: Janet Goldhill, Deborah Kronzek, Sarah Bieber and the Annis family. In addition, a special thank you to Jeff Annis for repairing broken toys.

Also, thank you to all of you who saved Giant receipt tapes and turned them in to the nursery school; we'll soon know what we have earned this year. This program is now over and we will not be counting receipts again until September.

Nursery school children are looking forward to our upcoming Model Sedarim. They are very busy baking Matzah (homemade nursery matzah is truly the "bread of affliction"), creating matzah covers, Kiddush cups and Afikomen bags and jumping around like frogs! We will be collecting Chometz and Pesach food for those in need before the holiday and, of course, practicing the Four Questions. This holiday with all its many traditions is a favorite at B.E.N.S.

Borders Book Store Celebrates BENS Benefit Days

For two days only, Sunday, March 24th and Monday, March 25th, Borders Book Store will offer Borders Benefit Days for Beth El Nursery School. Fifteen percent of every purchase will be returned to BENS. In order to have your purchase properly credited, present the accompanying coupon (right). Coupons will be available in both the school and synagogue offices. Remember, books make great birthday and Mother's Day gifts, as well as Afikomen gifts. For more information, call the nursery school at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

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						<p>22 6:04pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p>23 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Joseph Friedmann B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanin - APR</p>
<p>24 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am-1:15pm R. S. Passover Activities Day (K - 2) - MR, SH 9:30am Men's Club - BR 10:00am Adult B/M Class - Sanctuary 1:30pm Yiddish Culture Festival</p>	<p>25 4:00-9:00pm NIH Study - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 7:00pm Cranio-Facial Group Mtg. - Room 209</p>	<p>26 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 4:15pm Passover Activities Day (Gr. 4 - 7) - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Smokenders - Room 201 8:15pm Building Master Plan Mtg. - SH</p>	<p>27 4:15pm Passover Activities Day (Gr. 4 - 7) - SH 7:00pm Boy Scouts - APR 7:00pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p>28 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH</p>	<p>29 10:30am BENS Model Seder - SH 6:11pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p>30 Religious School Spring Break Begins 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Rachel Ann Ross B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation</p>	
<p>31 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH</p>	<p>1 Spring Break - No School 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>2 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Smokenders - Room 201 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - Library</p>	<p>3 Even Passover - 1st Seder 7:15am Fast of the Firstborn and Siyyum 1:00pm Offices Closed 6:30pm Festival Service</p>	<p>4 Offices Closed 1st Day Passover - 2nd Seder 9:15am and 6:30 p.m. Festival Services 7:30pm Congregation Seder</p>			

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