



CONGREGATION
BETH EL OF
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Off the Bimah

"Prayer", someone once said, "is concerned with energizing the means so as to achieve ends of worth". When you ask me, therefore, to offer the "Mi-Shebeirakh" prayer on behalf of the sick, I can assure you- at the very least- that support and comfort of family, friends, and a caring community are positive outcomes of "intercessory" prayer. Does God hear our prayers? Can prayer exert an even more direct impact for good health and well being? Recent materials from the Jewish Healing Network cites studies which show the effectiveness of praying for the sick, even when the afflicted is unaware that prayer is being offered! I know of congregations where the names of the sick are shouted from the pews as the prayers are offered. Perhaps we too need to embellish our own public efforts by moving beyond the mumbo-jumbo of a hastily muttered "Mi Shebeirakh" and ask those who seek God's help for themselves and others to rise. We, in turn, can respond by extending the blessings of comfort and healing to those in anguish.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

A Warm Welcome to New Beth El Members

Our congregation extends a warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined Beth El: Leonard and Shirley Arnowitz, Sheila Bellack, Charles Bennett and Renee Marlin-Bennett, Edward and Marcy Berger, Jeffrey Berman and Naomi Chernick-Berman, David K. Brown and Candice Wilson, Michael Copperman, Michael and Sheila Dershowitz, Donald Gutman and Ivy Fields, Scott Glick and Deborah Glick, David and Elizabeth Goldman, Stephen and Lynn Jenner, Edward and Jennifer Katz, Burton Kolko, Ira Leibowitz and Joann Stern, Gabriel and Ruth Levin, Michael and Keiko Morgenstern, Michael and Harriet Paul, Mitchell Plave and Erica Frohman Plave, Lisa Rosen, Richard and Beverly Rudman, Philip Schettewi, Gary and Wendy Schonman, Susannah Scott, Alan and Frances Singer, Henry and Laurie Smith, Daniel Snyder and Janet Shatz, Janet Sobel, Sue-Ann Solomon, Ellen Swoff, Paul and Carolyn Weinberg and Brent Weingardt and Danielle Srour.

United Way Campaign Pays Off

Did you know that you can designate Beth El in your United Way contributions? Beth El is agency number 11605. Todah Rabah to all those who gave to the campaign and whose contributions came to Beth El.

To the Parents of Children Born Between 1/1/86 and 12/31/86...

If you have not received a letter about your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah, please call Lisa at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316.

Shabbat Schedule

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

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

Eric Schulman Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Grandparents' Shabbat at
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Shira Savada 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

Friday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m.
4th - 5th Grade Shabbat Dinner
at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Daniel Palchick Bar Mitzvah at
9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, December 20th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21st, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Joshua Glick Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Learners' Minyan at 10:00 a.m.
in the APR

USY Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in the BR
Gan Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in the MR

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The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next three weeks. Please note that there is also a Minyan at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. On Sunday 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.

December 1 - December 5

William and Elsa Elkin
 Norton and Sandy Elson
 Patrick and Lori Elwood
 Harold and Bernice Elwyn
 Eugene and Eleanor Elzefon
 Asher and Jeanne Ende
 Hans Engler and Susan Wexler
 Burton and Diane Epstein
 Jack Epstein and Ava Kaufman
 Steven Epstein and Ada Rose
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 Steven and Jill Epstein
 Norman and Ellen Eule
 William and Elaine Fairweather
 David and Eve Farber
 Harold and Vera Fassberg
 Howard and Susan Feibus
 Jonathan and Mary Feibus
 Kenneth and Carolyn Feigenbaum
 David and Sheila Feinberg
 Kenneth and Diane Feinberg

December 8 - December 12

Flora Feld
 Ronald and Eleanor Feldbaum
 Cary and Nancy Feldman
 Dennis and Shirley Feldman
 Roger and Gail Feldman
 Harvey and Marlene Fenster
 Robert Fersh and Sharon Markus
 Eugene Fidell and Linda
 Greenhouse
 Eric and Rochelle Fig
 William and Harriet Filler
 David and Thera Finbloom
 Leesa Fine
 Larry and Ellen Fink
 Bernice Finkelstein
 Robert First
 Irene Fischer
 Ira and Sheryl Fishman
 Michael and Irene Fishman
 Samuel and Tamar Fishman
 Sherman and Carol Fivozinsky

December 15 - December 19

Ronald and Rosalyn Fleisher
 Lawrence Flugler and Linda
 Fassberg
 David Fogel and Ilana Bar-Levav
 Donald Forest
 Herbert and Marilyn Forrest
 Samuel Forstein and Faye
 Ehrenstamm
 Murray and Anne Foss
 Albert and Evelyn Fox
 Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell
 Arthur Frank and Mary Kay Dawson
 Beryl and Gloria Frank
 Steven Frank
 Steven and Regina Frank
 Stanley and Sarah Frankel
 Henry Freedman
 Stanley Freeman
 Karl Freiberg
 Helen Friedkin
 Barry and Barbara Friedman
 Bernard Friedman

Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. A special service for children ages six and under and their parents, Nitzanim Shabbat Services feature a Torah parade, stories, lots of songs and a snack. We hope you will join us!

Please join us for a Hanukkah party on Sunday, December 8th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Look for details in mailings to Nitzanim families or call Sharon Zissman at (301) 984-1428.

Membership Information

Linda German has moved to 10823 Hillbrooke Lane, Potomac, MD 20854. Sue-Ann Solomon has moved to 4701 Willard Avenue, Apt. 419, Chevy Chase, MD 20854, (301) 654-1894.

Correction to the Membership Directory: Ann and Bruce Barcome's phone number is (301) 840-1242.

Gan Shabbat

Gan Shabbat, a service designed for 7 - 10 year old children, meets the third Saturday of each month in the Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. We are looking for new members for this simplified service led by Les Ziskind. Bible stories and snacks are also a part of each service. Come join us!

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Jonathan Shalowitz on receiving his MBA from Stanford University in June, 1996. He is employed as a Product Manager with 3-COM, a computer firm in Santa Clara, CA. Jonathan was the Beth El USY President in 1984. He and his wife, Naomi, are currently living in Menlo Park, CA.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to David Finbloom, Michael Kempner and Marion Wolff.

Thank you to all those who donated toward a plaque in memory of Jack Goldberg.

World Jewry Committee Meeting

The World Jewry Committee will meet on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Donna Kanin on the death of her mother, Sophia Stolbun; to David Goldman on the death of his brother, Noah Goldman; and to Milton Pochter and Suzanne Bronheim on the death of Bertha Pochter, wife and mother.

Tallit Discussion and Workshop

Each Shabbat and holiday morning, Beth El is filled with the rainbow-hued tallitot of its men and women. Since the very successful tallit workshop three years ago, many women have expressed the desire to learn more about the wearing of the tallit and have wanted the chance to make one for themselves or a family member.

On Thursday evening, November 21st, Sisterhood will hold a discussion on the halachic and emotional issues surrounding women and the wearing of a tallit. The discussion is open to all women interested in the topic and a commitment to make or wear a tallit is not necessary. Beginning on December 3rd and on two subsequent Tuesday evenings, December 17th and January 7th, with the guidance of noted Judaic artist Amanda Ford, individuals interested in making a tallit will have the chance to work together. While some sewing experience is helpful, even a true beginner can make a tallit. Because of the hands-on nature of the tallit-making process, space in the workshop is limited. All sessions will be at 8:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. For additional information, please contact Judy Spector, (301) 309-1962, or Terri Annis, (301) 656-5219.

Mark Your Social Action Calendars

Our Social Action program offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals and families. We are affiliated with Bethesda Cares, Bethesda Help, the Community Ministry of Montgomery County, Interfaith Housing Coalition, Rainbow Place Shelter for Women, Shepherd's Table, the Hebrew Home, Sukkot in April and the Black-Jewish Dialogue. To learn more about these projects, please join us for a Social Action Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 12th at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Share Hanukkah with Beth El's "adopted" family residing in 1 East of the Hebrew Home. A Hanukkah party featuring decorations, dreidels and donuts is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. Please call Janice Leibowitz at (301) 654-7377 for more details.

What are your family's plans for Christmas day? After the movie matinee and before you go out for Chinese food, consider volunteering to serve a meal or help out at a local soup kitchen, shelter or the Hebrew Home, which will likely be understaffed and welcome your help. Please call Aileen Cohen, at (301) 229-1088.

Vatikkim Schedule

As you probably know, the Vatikkim of Beth El meet every Thursday throughout the year at noon. In general, we follow a regular schedule:

First Thursday of the month — Rabbi Scolnic gives a report on a book that he has recently read.

Second Thursday — Rabbi Maltzman or Rabbi Rudolph gives a program.

Third Thursday — except for the months of January and February, we have a catered luncheon and a special speaker. Guest speakers are also invited for January and February, weather permitting. See the Beth El Scroll for further details. Advance registrations are required.

Fourth Thursday — Hazzan Lubin presents a program.

Fifth Thursday — An outside speaker or a Vatikkim member presents a program.

Torah Project Update

A beautiful Torah Project emblem, created by Tamar Fishman, has been framed for display in the synagogue. Some of you may have seen the emblem, which was unveiled at Selichot. It is a representation of the Torah and contains quotations and verses which speak to different aspects of the Torah. The main quotation on the emblem comes from Pirkei Avot 5:22: "Turn it over, turn it over, for everything is in it." Another main quote on the emblem also appears on the Torah Project buttons which are being proudly worn by many of our congregants. The quote is from Deuteronomy 31:24: "...to write the words of this Torah." Surrounding these main quotations are four verses. One of them comes from Berakhot 5a (Talmud) and speaks to all of us: "Everyone who engages in the needs of the congregation is considered as if she/he was engaged in Torah."



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If you would like to become involved in Beth El's Torah Project or want more information, please call the Torah Project office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 347.

Vatikkim Luncheon

Lynette Bond, volunteer docent at the National Archives will speak to us on "Kindness in U.S. History" at the December 19th luncheon. You will enjoy this program which focuses on good deeds by ordinary citizens.

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1:00 p.m. Cost for members is \$5.00 and for non-members, \$6.00. Please fill out the reservation form below and mail it to Bea Goldman, 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902, (301) 942-9434, or Lillian Kessler, 5450 Whitley Park Terrace, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 530 - 5650.

Please note that we will not accept reservations later than two days before the scheduled event to assure proper planning.

Reservation Form Vatikkim Luncheon Thursday, December 19, 1996

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by December 17th. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: What kind of outreach are you doing besides parties? Congregant

Dear Congregant: In addition to the popular — and fun — parties (see below) where intermarried families can celebrate holidays (with the ulterior purpose of letting them see and experience how others manage to live Jewish lives in a mixed family), Keruv can be serious. We hold occasional discussion groups after Shabbat services in which everyone from friends, grandparents, children and the intermarried couple themselves talk about the issues which challenge them and get specific answers to their questions. Some of these questions have appeared in "Dear Keruv" and can be found on Beth El's home page on the Internet.

Havurot sometimes invite Keruv to lead discussions about the issues of intermarriage. Converts and intermarried people talk about their stories, sometimes allowing people to talk about their own uncertainties about the issues of intermarriage, particularly with respect to their own children or grandchildren. We meet annually with fifth grade parents planning their children's b'nai mitzvah in order to outline how non-Jewish parents can participate in b'nai mitzvah and how to help non-Jewish guests understand and find meaning in our services. Keruv has also met with Vatikim.

Keruv's presence in our synagogue welcomes intermarried families and encourages their members to lead meaningful Jewish lives as Conservative Jews.

Keruv is available to lead discussions with any gathering of Beth El's congregants. Please call us.

Keruv Calendar

You are invited to the annual Hanukkah party at the Levine-Janney home on Sunday night, December 8th at 5:00 p.m. The address is 5835 Conway Road in Bethesda. We promise lots of latkes and dreidel games and Hanukkah fun. It's dairy potluck; please RSVP to Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

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

For more information about Keruv and its activities, call Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

New Learners' Service

On the third Shabbat morning each month, Rabbi Rudolph will be conducting a service for novice worshippers from 10:00 a.m. to noon, followed by kiddush with the congregation. There will be lots of teaching, explanations and discussions, and the service will move much more slowly. Open to members and guests, this service is patterned after the dozens of Beginners' Services that have been established in synagogues since the late 1980's. It will allow those with little synagogue experience to learn about and grow comfortable with the traditional service.

Chesed Committee Needs Your Help

The Chesed Committee is looking for volunteers to drive members to and from Beth El on Thursdays for Vatikim meetings. If you can help, please call Rhonda Kleiner Lowell at (301) 294-8858.

Men's Club News

Please remember to mark your calendars for the first Men's Club social event of the year — the Klezmer Dinner Dance on December 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Beth El. Tickets for the Dinner Dance may be purchased by returning the form available from the lucite holder outside the synagogue office. Other upcoming events will include the Perspectives in Dialogue series with noted speakers each Sunday in January, the Magic Show on January 19th, the Purim Carnival on March 23rd, an Evening of Wine Tasting on April 6th and the Kavod Awards on May 11th. Please watch for additional information on these and other events in future issues of the Beth El Scroll.

The Beth El Men's Club and the American Jewish Congress National Capitol Region are sponsoring a panel discussion entitled, "The Legalization of Physician-Assisted Suicide: What Are the Medical, Legal and Ethical Implications, and How Should the Jewish Community Respond?", to be held at Beth El on Thursday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. The speakers are Rabbi Barry Freundel of Keshet Israel Congregation in Washington, D.C., Dr. Carlos Gomez, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and author of Euthanasia and the Politics of Self-Absorption, and Professor Lawrence O. Gostin, Co-Director of Georgetown/Johns Hopkins University Program on Law and Public Health and editor of the Health Law and Ethics section of the Journal of the American Medical Association. This should be a very interesting and informative evening and we hope that many of you will be able to join us.

The following speakers are scheduled for the Men's Club Sunday morning speaker programs:

Date	Speaker	Topic
December 1:	Michael R. Mason & Martin Dembo, from the accounting firm of Dembo, Jones, Healy and Pennington	Charitable Remainder Trusts and Tax and Estate Planning
December 8:	Gill Kulick	New Israel Fund
December 15:	Rabbi Maltzman	Topic relating to the Torah Writing Project

The talks will begin at 10:00 a.m., following the Morning Minyan at 9:00 and the breakfast at 9:30. All congregants are cordially invited to attend.

Volunteer at Capital Area Food Banks on December 8th!

A Family Education sponsored group will be volunteering from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Capital Area Food Bank. We will meet at the synagogue at 9:00 and drive in carpools. Any member of the congregation over age ten who would like to join us, please contact Sarah Roark, (301) 652-2606, ext. 320.

Caretakers' Support Group

Are you a caretaker for a family member, child or adult, at home or long distance, who is ill or disabled? You know well the spiritual and emotional satisfactions as well as the constraints and conflicts. Please do not isolate yourself. Share in discussion and problem solving at a caretakers' support group to be held at Beth El the first Thursday of each month at 8:15 p.m. For more information, call Ann C. Birk at (301) 365-4447.

Education Notes

Sunday Morning Music Teacher - Sally Heckelman

We are excited for our Sunday morning music teacher/songleader Sally Heckelman with her debut CD, "Tap Your Feet To A Jewish Beat," a collection of original and traditional holiday songs. Sally has performed at JCCs, synagogues, and folk festivals, as well as at the Smithsonian and Kennedy Center. She will give a benefit concert for our Nursery School on Sunday, November 17th. This is Sally's third year working with our Kindergarten-third grade classes. Among her many successes has been the enthusiasm for singing that characterizes our younger students and the many fine performances of her students in our Shabbat services. She has brought her experience to bear on the music program's involvement in the school's participation in the Torah project. Under Sally's guidance our children have learned traditional songs with modern and familiar arrangements and contemporary songs that reflect the vitality of Jewish music today.

Embracing The Torah — The Arts Scene

The concept of learning modalities speaks to the idea people learn differently from one another. Some people learn best from visual images, others are auditory learners and others more effectively process information through the kinesthetic mode. The best way to present material takes all of these modalities into consideration. One way we have approached our involvement in the Embracing The Torah project is through arts experiences that inherently speak to the three learning modalities. Our music teachers/songleaders Sally Heckelman and Zhanna Yurkansky (mid-week, 4th-7th grades) have enriched the Torah related aspects of their musical selections in the early stages of the year and will carry this theme through the course of the year.

Israeli folk dance became a feature of our Religious School's program last year. Dance leader Ilana Goldstein has made a special effort to choose songs inspired by verses from the Tanach for her classes. On Sunday, October 27th, at our first Israeli folk dance session of this school year, K-2nd graders learned the steps that go with Shavtem Mayim B'Sasson, which is based on Isaiah 12:3, as well as songs taken from I Samuel 16:12, I Samuel 18:7 and Song of Songs 2:1. We are looking forward to a year of inspired dancing to music influenced by Biblical verses all in keeping with our drive to Embrace the Torah.

Early Pick Up

Religious School parents, please do everything possible to avoid having to pick your child up early from classes. It is highly disruptive and all too often puts teachers in a compromising position. However, when necessary, please be sure to send a note to the teacher telling her that your child will be leaving class early and come to the classroom to pick up your child. This note is especially important given the unpredictable traffic in this area. On too many occasions I have seen students in the Rotunda lobby, waiting for a parent caught in traffic, while the time could have been spent productively in the classroom.

Thank You Confirmation Class of 1996

The teachers and students of the Religious School would like to thank the parents and students of the Confirmation Class of 1996 for their gift to the synagogue and the school of a large screen television. Thanks to Connie and Jay Krupin for organizing the gift.

Sunday Sleepyheads

Sunday is prime time for the Religious School. It is the one day when our students come in, not after a six hour school day, but fresh from a good night's sleep. Well, not exactly. A teacher, working with our third graders, took an informal poll after observing lots of yawns and found that seven out of eight students had gone to sleep after 10:00 the night before; some added that they had been up beyond 11:00. Oy va'avoy l'chem horeem - a small step toward improving the productivity of our students would be getting them to bed at a decent hour.

Librarians, Aspiring Librarians, Lovers of Books

Did you love K'tonton as a child? Was All of a Kind Family a favorite? Are the wise men of Chelm your favorite characters? Do you have some favorites among the ever expanding body of Jewish children's literature? Then we may have a job for you.

The Religious School is looking for volunteers to lead 20 minute book talks. Volunteers would meet with Sunday or mid-week classes to introduce the students to a book from the library's collection (or one that should be). Volunteers could make a single appearance, or more regular presentations. Interested? Please contact Louis Nagel, Education Director, in the Religious School Office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 310.

Tikkun Olam/Social Action

This year's Tikkun Olam/Social Action projects take on special meaning as they are linked to the Embracing the Torah project. We will fulfill the mitzvah to *V'ahavta et Rayacha Kamocha* (Love your Neighbor as you Love Yourself) through a school supplies drive for the benefit of our sister school, the Lauder School, in Warsaw, Poland. A collection box will be placed in the hallway outside the school office. We will be collecting school supplies December 1st-15th.

Nursery News

Applications for 1997-98 for new incoming students may now be obtained by calling (301) 652-2606, ext.344 (these forms are not available in the school office). Due to a change in demographics, the Parent Board is revisiting the issues concerning entrance of two year old children whose birth dates fall between September 1st and December 31st. If your child turns two during this time period and you are interested in enrollment, please call the number above after October 10th and we will be able to give you information.

Entertainment 97 Books are available in the school office, the main office and the Judaica Shop. Please stop by and pick up your copy of this great "2 for 1" book at the same price of \$35 (\$7 goes to BENS). We stock books for the Md/DC area; however, you may order books for NVA and/or Baltimore by calling the school office.

BENS Cookbooks (in its second printing) are available in the Nursery School Office for \$12 each. They have great, easy recipes and make a terrific gift!

Capital Kids coupon books are now available through the Nursery School office. This year's books are all new and are filled with great discounts for you and your kids. For more information, call (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of October 28, 1996)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: David Albershtadt by Dorothy Albershtadt; Belle Shefferman by Adele and Sholom Shefferman; Goldie H. Press by Ann and Bruce Barcome; Samuel Drucker by Hellaine Nepo; Maurice W. Cohn by Cyma Heffter.

Both El Forest

In Honor Of: David Levine's birthday by Sylvia and Len Sheeskin. In Memory Of: Shmuel Katz by Irving and Vivian Beyda; Esther Marcus by Irving and Vivian Beyda; Eva Gillman by Samuel and Rita Gillman; Edith Scheinberg by Judith Newman; Erwin Kalik by Rina and Warren Levy; Minnie Boston by Sandra Pressman; Sara Rudman by Herman I. Liebling.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin officiating at our 50th wedding anniversary by Jack and Bea Goldman; Hazzan Lubin officiating at their daughter's wedding by Henry and Sheila Roth. In Memory Of: Rose Rachel Siegel by Anne Siegel Ball.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved sister, Audrey Prepsler Goldberg, by Sabina Shalom; Abraham S. Wolf by Karl Freiberg; Harry Niedermayer by Roy Niedermayer and Gail Ross; Harry S. Neiterman by Charlotte and Bernard Resnick.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Dina Levine's birthday by Elliot and Esther Wilner.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth S. Helitzer by Roy H. Millenson.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: David Krupsaw by Dolly and Marvin Band; Bertha Kohn by Esther G. Kohn.

General Fund

In Honor Of: 50th anniversary of Jack and Bea Goldman by Ed and Rochelle Kovens; Ruth and Len Berke's 50th wedding anniversary by Carol and Richard Barsky and Family. In Memory Of: Sophie Liss by George Liss; Howard Rosenblum by Judy Arenstein; David S. Greenberg by Leonard Greenberg; Bertha Gold by Anne Coppel.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of grandson of Hazzan and Sandy Lubin by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: David Levine's birthday by George and Carol Sege. In Memory Of: Florence Hammerman by Murray Hammerman.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Benjamin Segal by Leslie Seiden; Harry Suffrin by Leslie Seiden; William Leibenhaut by Leslie Seiden; Samuel Bobyn by Leslie Seiden.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Marriage of Seth and Laurel Levita by Norma Yudkovitz and Family; 50th anniversary of J. George and Ruth Kay by Leah and Jack Rubin. In Memory Of: Ruth Becker Holiber by Jerome H. Holiber; Mother of Stuart Frisch by Judith and Jonathan Levin; Hannah Cassouto and Miriam Edelstein by Abraham and Louise C. Wagman.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Elisabeth Theodore's Bat Mitzvah by Bill and Judy Theodore; 14th anniversary of Judy Spector's Bat Mitzvah by Bert Spector; Sylvia Lesselroth's 14th anniversary of Bat Mitzvah by Bert Spector; 14th anniversary of Marion Wolff's Bat Mitzvah by Bert Spector; Murray Haber's 80th birthday by Sabina and Mark Shalom; Rabbi Scolnic by Talmud Class; Speedy recovery for Clare Lerner by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller; Speedy recovery of Trudy and Sy Weker by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller; Roy Millenson's special birthday by Rita and Homer Lowenberg; Birth of grandson of Hazzan and Sandy Lubin by Bea and Bernie Berger; Rachel Benjamin becoming a Bat Mitzvah by Benjamin Family. In Memory Of: Ethel P. Richman by David M. Richman; Victor Schoenberger by Barbara and David Eisenstein; Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir Lechtman; Rivka Sheeskin by Sylvia and Len Sheeskin; Sidney Coplan by Robert Coplan; Dr.

Emanuel M. Sichel by Hugh and Ruth Sichel; Jack Goldberg by Bea and Bernie Berger.

Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund

In Honor Of: David Levine's special birthday by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi, Gene and Eleanor Etzefon, Helen and Lenny Rib, Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish and Howard and Susan Feibus. In Memory Of: Rose Millenson by Roy H. Millenson.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Harry Kassman by Carole Metzger.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Roy Millenson's special birthday by Judith Millenson; My Aliyah by Julian Levin; David Levine's special birthday by Douglas and Annette Wolf. In Memory Of: Claire S. Rosoff by Janice Raffel; Harold Haber by Murray A. Haber; David Silverstein by Davetta Landau; Rose and Irvin Levinson by Herbert Levinson; Ida Stein by Helen Rib; Florence Hurwitz by David Hurwitz; Rena Young by Ina and Joe Young; Maurice Stearman by David Stearman; Eileen G. Rubin by Marilyn Paul; Nathan Dubrow by Mary Dubrow.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Kate Schwartz by Dr. Stanley Schwartz; Jennie Berde by Irene Hauser.

Nitzanim Fund

In Memory Of: Marilyn Fivozinsky by Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Fivozinsky.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: 50th anniversary of Bea and Jack Goldman by Sylvia and Leonard Weinstein and Marcia Possick. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Harry Perlman, by Elaine and George Perlman; Isidor Hollod by Adele and Sholom Shefferman; Irving Troffkin by Howard and Rhea Troffkin; Hannah Ross by Rhoda R. Mancher; Bernard Bobb by Anita and Howard Ratain; Max and Tillie Wolper by Lillian Kessler; Sophie Krigelman by Reba Hirsh; Beloved wife and mother, Edna Routhenstein, by Isadore Routhenstein, Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Hans Hirsch by Nancy Wallace; Marion Wolff's Aliyah by John B. Wolff; Rabbi Maltzman by Eleanor Cohen. In Memory Of: Merritt L. Koenig by Bob Koenig; Irving Bogler by Margaret Bogler; Harry Serlick by Edna and Mac Krents; Thomas P. Gold by Harvey, Dale and Fannye Gold.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Memory Of: Myer A. Siegel by Selma Siegel.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: 50th anniversary of Jack and Bea Goldman by Sarah and Morris Weinstein. In Memory Of: Theresa Greenberg by Stan and Lois Hartman and Family.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Sidney Ross by Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Sara Taitz by Eleanor Cohen.

Vatikkim

In Honor Of: Bea and Jack Goldman's 50th wedding anniversary by Carolyn and Irving Katz, Richard, Rhoda, Sheryl and Elana Shapiro, Adam and Amy Saffer, Jeffrey and Paula Saffer and Fannie and Joe Salzer.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: David Krupsaw by Debby and Menachem Shoham.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Edith Scheinberg by Toby and Bernie Moss.

From the Desk of the Youth Director.....

From September through December, the Beth El Youth Department mails information about events to all potential youth group members. If your child is receiving the wrong mailing, please notify the youth department so that we may correct the error. After December, information is mailed to youth group members. To join a youth group, please pick up an application in the Youth Director's office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606 ext. 308.

THE YOUTH GROUPS

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2) (301) 652-2606, ext. 342

Advisor: Heather Handloff

* Sunday, December 15th

Bonim Arts and Crafts Day
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join Heather and the Bonim Youth Group for an afternoon of crafts. Meet in the Board Room at 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 for members/\$5 for non-members. Children leaving directly from Religious School may meet Heather in the room at 1:15 for a quick lunch. This activity will end at 3:00 p.m.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5) (301) 652-2606, ext. 341

Advisor: Ariel Glassman

* Sunday, December 15th

Machar Make Your Own
Pizza and Movies
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Meet Ariel in the Social Hall for an afternoon of movies and munchies. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8) (301) 652-2606, ext. 340

Advisor: Adam Gluck

* December 13th - 15th

Kadima Kallah

Join Adam and Kadmaniks from all over Seaboard Regional for the Shabbat and weekend of a lifetime. Reservations are required. For more information, call Adam Gluck at (301) 652-2606, ext. 340.

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) (301) 652-2606, ext. 308

Advisor: Rachel Handloff and Lisa Itkin

* Tuesday, December 3rd

Take 30

Join Beth El's 8th - 12th graders for this monthly seminar sponsored by the Religious School and Youth Department. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room. The formal program begins at 7:00 in the All Purpose Room. Cost is \$2 per person for dinner. RSVP by Monday, December 2nd to Rachel in the synagogue office.

* Sunday, December 8th

USY Hanukkah Happening
at the Bregman's

Join Beth El USY for a Hanukkah get-together on Sunday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Latkes, jelly donuts, games and fun. Please bring a \$5 grab bag gift. For more information and directions, please call Rachel in the synagogue office.

* Saturday, December 21st

USY Shabbat Shmooze

Join Beth El USYers for Shabbat services, lunch and a shmooze. Meet in front of the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. The program will end at 12:30 p.m.

* December 22nd - 30th

USY International Convention

Over 60 Seaboard Region USYers will be joining the 1000 member delegation to this year's annual convention in Orlando, Florida. The group will study topics of interest to Jewish teenagers today, enjoy Shabbat together, and even have a day at Walt Disney World. For more information about United Synagogue Youth, please contact Rachel Handloff, Youth Director and USY Advisor in the synagogue office.

Bagel Sales are Here!!

USY is selling bagels in the Rotunda from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings when the Religious School is in session. Bagels are 50 cents each or \$5 a dozen. Money raised from bagel sales goes to the USY Tikkun Olam Fund. We appreciate your support.

Notes from the Board of Directors

The October 24, 1996 Board Meeting included the following discussions and announcements:

- Rabbi Rudolph, in his first **D'var Torah** at a Board Meeting as our full-time Associate Rabbi, illustrated and discussed the multiple ways for interaction in families, the synagogue and the community. He applauded this connectiveness and emphasized the tremendous amount of energy generated by all the activity and involvement of individuals in our community.

- Yasher Koach to the **Danoffs** for their devotion and generous time commitment to spreading **Sukkahs** throughout the Beth El community. Since 1988, the Danoffs have helped 274 families celebrate the mitzvah of Sukkot in a Beth El Sukkah. The Board thanks them for their wonderful effort in the Sukkah Kit Project, which has provided the congregation with \$7,272 over 9 years.

- Beth El is the beneficiary of a **generous gift** from a woman who was unknown to the congregation and who recently died. She included Beth El in her will and we have recently received a check for \$15,000.

- A draft **Financial Statement** for last year was presented by Susan Siegel. A full report was also made at the Congregation meeting in November.

- Marsha Rehns and Susan Siegel discussed the status of the Torah Project and the many exciting activities planned, including a brochure being prepared for mailing to all congregants, Time for Torah discussion groups for all synagogue members, and a video being prepared. A budget of approximately \$51,000 has now been formulated, with more than half of this for the actual Torah writing. The Board unanimously approved a motion to place all funds raised by this project in an educational fund for future educational programming.

- Proposed bids for the needed repair of the roof were presented, but a decision was postponed until the next meeting when additional information will be available.

- **Other business:** the Saul Bendit Institute has its highest enrollment in several years, the World Jewry Committee is becoming involved in the UJA's resettlement program, and the Youth Groups are off to a great start.

Special Reception for Hurwitz Art at Bloomingdale's December 4, 1996

Bloomingdale's at White Flint cordially invites you to celebrate the completion of "Not Our Decision," the latest creation of internationally known artist Selma Hurwitz, on December 4, 1996 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Other Hurwitz works will be exhibited as well.

Hurwitz art is in the collections of the Knesset, Yad Vashem, and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. It is also in many private collections and synagogues, including our own Beth El. Visitors to Beth El can see Selma Hurwitz's art in the Lobby as well as the Gallery.

If you plan to attend, RSVP Bloomingdale's at (301) 981-4519.

November 29, 1996 - December 19, 1996

Welcome to Congregation Beth El

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	29	30
No Religious School 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH	7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 7:00pm World Jewry Comm. Mtg. - BR	6:00pm Take 30 - BR 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Take 30 - APR 7:30pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR	6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:15pm Boy Scouts Parents' Mtg. - BR	Erev Hanukkah - 1st Candle 12:00pm Vatikkin - SH 5:00pm Savada Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 8:15pm Caretakers' Support Group - BR	Offices and Schools Closed 4:27pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	No Religious School 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Eric Schulman B/M 10:00am Grandparents Shabbat at Jr. Congregation - Chapel
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Food Bank Trip (Gr. 4 - 5) Hanukkah - 3rd Day 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am-1:15pm Hanukkah Activities Day - APR 9:30am Men's Club - SH 9:30am Sisterhood Bd. Mtg. - BR 1:30-5:00pm Youth Group Activities - APR 4:00pm Nitzanin Hanukkah Party - SH	Hanukkah - 4th Day 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	Hanukkah - 5th Day 4:15-6:15pm Hanukkah Activities Day - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00-9:00pm Conversion Class Hanukkah Party - APR 7:45pm BENS Hd. Mtg. - BR	Hanukkah - 6th Day 10:30am BENS Hanukkah Party - SH 4:15-6:15pm Hanukkah Activities Day - SH 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Rosk Hodesh Group - BR	Hanukkah - 7th Day 12:00pm Vatikkin - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm AMI Mtg. - APR 7:30pm Family Ed. Adv. Comm. Mtg. - MR 8:00pm Social Action Comm. Mtg. - BR	Hanukkah - 8th Day 4:27pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm 7th - 5th Grade Shabbat Dinner - SH	7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Daniel Falchick B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanin - APR
15	16	17	18	19	Minyanim 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.	
9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am-1:15pm Family Educ. Program (Gr. 7) - SH 9:30am Men's Club - BR 1:30pm Bonim - BR 1:30pm Machar - S.H. and Rm. 209 4:00pm Ross Birthday Party - APR	7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	5:45-6:15pm Religious School Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct. 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR	5:45-6:15pm Religious School Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct. 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR	12:00pm Vatikkin Luncheon - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - SH 8:15pm Rel. Sch. Comm. Mtg. - BR 8:15pm Panel on Assisted Suicide - APR		

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