



CONGREGATION
BETH EL OF
MONTGOMERY
COUNTY

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Joe and Dorene Rosenthal on the birth of their daughter, Emily Anna Rosenthal, on November 8, 1996.

Mazal Tov to Arthur and Susan Bruckheim on the occasion of their son, Michael, being admitted to the Maryland Bar. Michael is the grandson of Bernard and Rita Jacobi.

Avigayl Young, daughter of Joe and Ina Young, has been appointed spiritual leader of Congregation Shaare Tikvah in Temple Hills, MD and was featured in an article in the October 17th Washington Jewish Week ("New Rabbis Make their Mark," p. 7 ff.). Avigayl is a third-year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary and spends two weekends a month at Shaare Tikvah. Avigayl is also the daughter of the late Leila Rosen Young, for whom the Leila Rosen Young Equality Fund is named.

Beth El Needs You!

The Nominating Committee will be convening soon and is looking for a few good people to lead our congregation into the 21st century. If you are interested in a position as an officer, trustee or committee chairperson, please advise the Nominating Committee in writing through the synagogue office prior to January 15, 1997.

IRS Charitable Contribution Rules

The 1993 tax law requires you to have a "contemporaneous" receipt for all charitable contributions of \$250.00 or more after December 31, 1993. If you make a contribution of \$75.00 or more for which you also receive something of value in return, you are also required to have a receipt showing the non-deductible value of what you received.

In order to reduce your paperwork, and ours, we take advantage of the provision of the law which allows the use of an annual statement which will satisfy your "contemporaneous" receipt requirement. In order to insure that all payments made by you during 1996 are reflected on that statement, our statement will include all payments received in the Beth El office through January 8, 1997. Contribution statements will be mailed by January 22, 1997.

Quarterly Dues Payment

The congregation bills congregants on a monthly basis, as a convenience for the membership who may want to pay monthly. The minimum requirement is to pay quarterly the dues, building fund assessment and tuition. To remain a member in good standing, you must remain current in your dues. The second quarter of your combined dues, building fund and tuition is due by December 31, 1996. We appreciate your prompt payments. Thank you.

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. Today Rabah to all those who gave to the campaign and whose contributions came to Beth El.

Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, December 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 28th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, January 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.
Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 4th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Sisterhood Shabbat at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Worship and Study Minyan at 10:00 a.m. in the APR

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The Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next two 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 22 - December 26

Gerald and Sandra
 Friedman

Jerry and Laurie Friedman
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 Friedman

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 Friedman

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 Mordechai and Joan Galil
 Patrick and Tracey
 Gallagher

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 Arthur and Florence Gang
 Jonathan and Jane Gang

Jerrold and Sally Ganzfried
 Diane Garfield

Eran Gasko and Bonnie
 Berger

Melvin and Sondra Geiger
 Gertrude Gerber

Sylvan and Esther Gerber
 William Gerber
 Linda German

Edward and Jill
 Gerstenfield

Daniel Geselowitz and
 Sandra Cohen

Sidney and Janet Getz
 Samuel and Rita Gillman

Josephine Gimble

Mark and SuzAnne
 Gladstone

Suzanne Glaser
 Harry and Carol Glazer
 Jeffrey and Marilyn Glick

Scott and Deborah Glick
 Sam and Frances Glovinsky
 Vladimir Godeanu and
 Linda Spencer

Lewis and Patti Goetz
 Alan and Barbara Gold

Harvey and Dale Gold

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.

Looking for cemetery plots?

Beth El has several plots for sale at King David Memorial Gardens in Falls Church, Virginia. Please call Steven Kravitz, our Executive Director, for further details.

If You Will It...

Did you know that you can name Beth El in your will as a beneficiary of your estate?

We can give you the wording to have added to your will, so that you may make a contribution in your memory. The Beth El Support Foundation, our vehicle for the long-term financial needs of the congregation, is now looking for members who would be willing to contribute to the Support Foundation in this way. Our dream is to have an endowment program to help support the various needs of our congregation. Please call Steven J. Kravitz, (301) 652-2606, ext. 306 for further details. You can help us reach our goal.

...our dream can come true.

Periodicals in the Beth El Library

The Beth El library subscribes to about fifteen magazines and newspapers of Jewish interest for the use of synagogue members, purchased with money donated to the Library Fund. We keep at least a year of back issues of most of the titles. The magazines are shelved on a rolling rack in the library and are intended to be used by readers in the building only. Unfortunately, many issues turn out to be unavailable when people come to look at them. Even more unfortunately, they never show up again. At the present time, the library is missing most of the 1996 issues of the following magazines: Commentary, Conservative Judaism, Jerusalem Report, Jewish Spectator, Judaism and Moment. If anyone knows where they have gone, please be assured that the library would be delighted to have them back.

In our self-serve library, we must rely on everyone's good will to keep the materials available to all. (And if you happen to find an overdue library book under the bed, come in, drop that off, and see what other good books we have added to the collection since your last visit!)

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Marshall Sneiderman on the death of his father, Harry Sneiderman, and to Ruthanne Grundfast on the death of her father, Paul Blatt.

Keruv

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.

Keruv ("outreach") addresses the issues of intermarriage at Beth El. We hold drop-in Shabbat discussions, talk to Havurot, and have family-based holiday parties. For more information about Keruv and its activities, call Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

Keruv Calendar

Tu B'Shevat Seder: Keruv will host its first Tu B'Shevat Seder on Sunday afternoon, January 19th, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., at Joan and Rick Claxton's home (7513 Holiday Terrace in Bethesda). Please join us and learn how to celebrate Tu B'Shevat! RSVP to Joan Claxton at (301) 320-9283.

Shabbat Discussion: Keruv will hold its next drop-in Shabbat discussion after Shabbat services on February 15th. This is open to all who would like to talk about how intermarriage affects their families or to try to find answers to questions they have. This date coincides with the Learners' Shabbat. Look for us in the Chapel.

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!

Membership Information

Max Osias has changed his address to c/o David Osias, 3812 Inverness Drive, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Men's Club News

On Sunday, December 22nd, the Men's Club breakfast speaker will be Dr. William Gerber who will present a talk on his book, Nuggets of Wisdom from Great Jewish Thinkers. Copies of his book are available in the Judaica Shop. The program begins at 10:00 a.m., following the Morning Minyan at 9:00 and the breakfast at 9:30.

The Perspectives in Dialogue series begins on Sunday, January 5th and runs for all four Sundays in January. Noted speakers will be presenting talks at 10:00 a.m. on those Sundays, following the Morning Minyan at 9:00 and the breakfast at 9:30. Please watch the Shabbat Announcements and the sign in the Rotunda for announcement of the guest speakers.

Also, we hope that many members of the congregation will be able to join us on Sunday, January 12th to honor Ed Golfer as the 1997 Seaboard Region's Blue Yarmulke Men of the Year Dinner to be held at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase at 6:30 p.m. These award dinners have been very well done in the past and should make for an enjoyable evening. Please note that the deadline for reservations is January 3rd. See the notice in this issue for further information.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF
CONGREGATION
BETH EL

PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL MAGIC
SHOW AND
SPAGHETTI DINNER



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1997
AT 6:30 P.M.

RESERVATIONS: ADULTS: \$5.00 CHILDREN: \$4.00

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO:
MEN'S CLUB, CONGREGATION BETH EL
8125 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD
BETHESDA, MD 20814
ATTN: HERBERT WISER

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 17, 1997.

MAGIC SHOW
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1997
6:30 P.M.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR:

_____ ADULTS @ \$5.00 _____
_____ CHILDREN @ \$4.00 _____
_____ TOTAL _____

Beth El Congregation
Men's Club

is pleased to honor

Ed Golfer

Beth El's Blue Yarmulke
Man of the Year

at the

1997 Seaboard Region's
Blue Yarmulke Men of the Year Dinner

Sunday, January 12th, 1997
6:30 pm

Ohr Kodesh Congregation
East-West Highway & Meadowbrook Pkwy.
Chevy Chase, MD

Cocktail Hour & Dinner: \$40.00 per person
Reservations must be made no later than January 3rd, 1997.
For reservations and further information, please call David Levine at 299-9507

Torah Project Update

Two remarkable and unusual Israelis visited Beth El on Sunday, November 17th for what will long be remembered as a very special Torah learning day. Yitzchak Shteiner and Yitzchak Goldstein, Torah experts from an Israeli organization called Machon Ot (which means "Letter" in Hebrew) met with Beth El's Religious School children and interested adults as part of a tour of American synagogues to examine Jewish scribal art such as Torahs. Shteiner and Goldstein are restorers of Jewish written material. They explained the extraordinary process of examining a Torah to identify its age, type, authenticity, as well as those unique characteristics that distinguish each scroll.



Beth El possesses ten beautiful Torahs. Using a special acetate, Shteiner and Goldstein showed our congregants how to identify the individual signature of our Torahs, much the way human beings are distinguished by fingerprints. Identifying these markings enables us to register our Torahs and demonstrate that they belong to Beth El should these precious scrolls ever be removed from the synagogue. Shteiner and Goldstein went on to describe the difference between Ashkenazi Torahs, made of calf skin parchment, and Sephardic Torahs, made of goat skin parchment. Finally, in a rare juxtaposition of ancient history and modern day technology, these Torah experts used a desk top photocopier to actually photocopy parts of our Torah.

A videographer captured on tape the faces of our children as they watched in wonderment as the Torahs were examined. Every Sunday School class rotated through the Gallery where Shteiner and Goldstein worked for much of the morning and early afternoon. It was not easy to get the children to leave because they were so mesmerized by the event. We hope that every congregant will have an opportunity to see excerpts of these tapes as part of the presentations that will be made at the Time for Torah sessions.

Speaking of Time for Torah, the invitations have been mailed and the sessions will run from January through March. Don't worry if your invitation has not yet arrived. Everyone will eventually be contacted, and we encourage you to attend these home gatherings where you will learn more about our Torah Project.

If you need more information, call the Torah Project office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 347.

Shopping Certificates

Last year it was Judy Matz who faithfully manned the shopping certificate table in the Rotunda and elsewhere. "Kol hakavod" Judy, for a great job! Many thanks.

Now a new system: Toby Moss has once again worked her organizational magic — this time on Sisterhood — and, for the year, has pre-assigned members to Sunday (and other) duty stations.

Another terrific veteran, Cheryl Rod, is to be found wherever her skills and presence are needed. And no, we haven't given up calling for orders. Margaret Bogler, in addition to her Vatikim bailiwick), Dorothea Lear and Sophia Weinberger are still at it.

Another effort: Bernice Blumenthal and Claire Marwick are surveying the congregation to determine how many are using certificates. We thank you for your pleasant reception when we call. If you haven't heard from us yet, you will! Many done; many yet to go.

If credit card is your usual purchasing device, you might consider diverting a small — or whatever — portion to shopping certificates. Your synagogue benefits!

Education Notes

Consecration

On the evening of November 1st, the Religious School celebrated the beginning of the Jewish education of 41 students. The Shabbat service, Consecration ceremony and B'nei Torah ceremony were followed by the Kindergarten - First Grade Family Shabbat Dinner. Mazal Tov to the families of the consecrants. We hope to see them continue to be a part of the Religious School through Confirmation and beyond.

I would like to thank the teachers Juliann Goldman, Sharon Strauss, Nicole Holzman, Melanie Darr and Debra Lebowich and our music teacher Sally Heckelman for preparing the children for their participation in this event.

The consecrants were: Rachel Baumgold, Ross Bender, Laurie Berson, Michelle Bloom, Kayle Borenstein, Aliza Bran, Jonathan Elbaz, Lily Farrell, Daniel Forstein, Jacob Gallagher, Rebecca Goldsmith, Corey Goldstone, Nathaniel Green, Matthew Griff, Eric Harris, Joshua Hoberman, Lauren Hoffman, Benjamin Judson, Mark Jutkowitz, Max Keilson, Max Kirsch, Benjamin Kurland, Jonathan Ochs, Gary Raizon, Nina Roumell, Eli Schwarz, Jennifer Schwinger, Lisa Silverman, Carl Slater, Alyssa Stein and Emily Ury.

The B'nei Torah ceremony celebrates students who are just beginning their Religious School studies. These students included: Maxwell Banaszak, Dana Bleiberg, Brandon Golden, Maya Gottlieb, Alyssa Lesser, Laura Levine, Stephanie Parver, Noah Schoenholtz and Nick Talisman.

Snow and Inclement Weather

Winter weather is heading our way, meaning school delays and cancellations. We know how disconcerting it can be to wait for decisions to be made whether to hold or cancel classes. Sometimes the decision is easy and clear cut. Last year an amazing number of storms began at or around the start of school. It is always our goal to exercise caution. We do not want to compel anyone to risk their lives on hazardous roads, but we also don't want to panic at the first snowflake. Please be patient and use your own judgment. The school's policy and method of getting information out is as follows:

On Saturdays and Sundays, our school will be responsible for checking the road conditions in the area and deciding if the situation warrants closing. The school announcement line is the best place to turn to check for emergency school closings. The phone number is (301) 652-2606, ext. 346. We will also broadcast announcements on radio stations WMAL 630 AM and WTOP 1500 AM.

There will be no mid-week (Monday-Thursday) classes on days that Montgomery County Public Schools cancel school or dismiss early due to inclement weather. When we cancel mid-week classes we will put a message on the school announcement line, (301) 652-2606, ext. 346. We will also broadcast cancellation announcements on radio stations WMAL 630 AM and WTOP 1500 AM. Should Montgomery County Public Schools delay opening, then we will operate on our regular schedule.

Caregivers Support Group

Are you a caregiver for a family member, friend, child or adult, at home or long distance, who is ill or disabled? You know well the deep spiritual and emotional satisfaction as well as the constraints. Please do not isolate yourself. Share in small group discussion and problem solving. First Thursday of each month at Beth El, 8:15 p.m. in the Board Room. For more information, call Ann Birk at (301) 365-4447.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Book Club

Interested in being a member of Sisterhood Book Club? Please call Julia Loeb, (301) 493-5868.

Women's Alternative Seder

Sisterhood needs a committee to plan our Women's Alternative Seder (scheduled for April 13th at 6:00 p.m.) We already have a script (which may be changed or added to). We also invite any of you to volunteer to lead the Seder and to volunteer to plan and cook the meal. If interested, call Joan Simon, (301) 469-8911.

Sisterhood Bikkur Cholim Group (Caring Committee)

If interested in being on a new committee of Sisterhood, Bikkur Cholim, call Joan Simon, (301) 469-8911. We will coordinate what we do with the synagogue's already existing Bikkur Cholim.

Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh meeting for all interested women on January 13, 1997 (Monday), 7:30 p.m. in Board Room. This is the last of our four part series with Rabbi Fendrick on **Who Is The God Of Our Mothers?** Attending the previous meetings is NOT a prerequisite. R.S.V.P. to Marcia Merlin, (301) 365-3747.

Judaica Art and Handcrafts Show by Sisterhood in 1998

We are forming a committee to plan and implement the plans for the 1998 (Spring) Sisterhood art and handcrafts show. If interested in being a member of this group, please call Joan Simon now! (301) 469-8911. We will need a chairperson(s) for this group also! If we get started this winter, it will be a fantastic show!

Sisterhood Shabbat is on Friday night, January 3rd, and Saturday morning, January 4th. We will be participating in the Friday night and Saturday morning services, and in the Friday night Shabbat dinner. Please send in your reservation form for Shabbat dinner (Jan. 3rd) immediately to the synagogue office (deadline for dinner reservation is Friday, December 27th.) Nancy Graber is again planning our Sisterhood Shabbat. We are sure that it will be beautiful! Our guest speaker on Saturday morning will be Ellen Wolentz, the first woman student body president of The Jewish Theological Seminary.

Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

Make your reservations now for the Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner on Friday, January 3, 1997, following Shabbat services.

Reservations are needed by Friday, December 27, 1996. There will be no refunds. Please fill out the form below and send in your check to the office marked, "Attention: Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner".

RESERVATION FORM

Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner - Friday, January 3, 1997

Adult Members _____	@ \$13.50 each	Total \$ _____
Non-member _____	Adults @ \$16.00 each	Total \$ _____
Children (6-12) _____	@ \$9.00 each	Total \$ _____
Children (under 6) _____	@ \$4.00 each	Total \$ _____
Grand Total \$ _____		

Name _____
 Phone No. _____
 I would like to sit with _____

Reservations will not be accepted after Friday, December 27, 1996. NO PHONE RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS!!
 (All rates include a 3% Mazon donation)

Torah Fund

Support the Jewish Theological Seminary by becoming a Torah Fund Benefactor. You will receive two-fold pleasure: one, your contribution will assure the continuing education of Jewish studies, and two, you will enjoy wearing a Benefactors' pin expressing this year's theme, "Derek Emunah" — "I have chosen the way of faithfulness." To order a pin, please call Doris Povich at (301) 320-5440.

Women's League For Conservative Judaism 1996 Biennial Convention

Congregation Beth El was well represented at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Biennial Convention at the Concord Hotel in Lake Kiamesha, N.Y. Attending on November 17-21 were Harriet Filler, Paula Horowitz, Gail Ross, Joan Simon, Marilyn Wind and Paula Siegel. It was a fulfilling experience!

We were given many opportunities to learn at this convention. It was exciting to have such inspiring teachers from The Jewish Theological Seminary as Chancellor Ismar Schorsch, Dr. Ron Wolfson, Dr. Stephen Garfinkel, Rabbi William Lebeau, Rabbi Neil Gillman, Rabbi Michael Greenbaum, Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz, Rabbi Joel Roth, Rabbi Alan Silverstein, Dr. Anne Lapidus Lerner, Rabbi Bradley Artson, Mr. Danny Siegel, Rabbi Charles Simon, and Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin. Many of you have read books written by these scholars. Some of the sessions involved learning Torah and other sessions were about how Sisterhoods can instill and perpetuate Jewish living through performing Mitzvot.

We were also participants in workshops led by Women's League national board members, discussing issues related to what Sisterhoods do. The subjects were Ways and Means, Managing Time for Volunteering, Archives, Bikkur Cholim Training, Community Service Project Development, Social Action, Torah Fund, Youth and School, Creative Handcrafts, Sisterhood and Congregation Relations, and Public Relations. I participated in several Sisterhood President sharing and problem-solving workshops.

In the evenings, we all experienced programs that were highlights of the convention. They included Cantors In Concert (students of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of The Jewish Theological Seminary) and a play by Elizabeth Swados called *The Hating Pot* (a special theater project demonstrating the influence of the arts in effecting social change, featuring an interfaith and multiracial cast; musical was about prejudice and bigotry). We also attended the installation of the new National Board of Women's League.

Become involved in a leadership position in Sisterhood and think about going to Convention in 1998. It is definitely worth your time and attention!

Shalom,
Paula

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!

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(as of November 18, 1996)

Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Honor Of: Heinz Bauer's birthday by Ida Levin.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Bertha Pochter by Elaine Pines; Donna Kanin's mother, Sophia Stolbun, by Elaine Pines.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Isadore Rod's speedy and complete recovery by Marcia Possick; Albert Rubin by Jennifer Rubin; Esther and Jerry Kurman by Jennifer Rubin. In Memory Of: Abraham Katz by Linda M. Katz; Louis Schneider by Howard and Jan Levine; Jacob Sheeskin by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Leo Rice by Jane Schimel; Mrs. Kate Ross by Ellie and Sam Frishman; Bertha Pochter by Neil Levy and Linda Perle, Natalie and Benson Adams and Drs. M. and F. Coetzee; Noah Goldman by Natalie and Benson Adams; Edith Scheinberg by Natalie and Benson Adams; Shmuel Katz by Irving and Vivian Beyda.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Isadore Edlitz by Edward Edlitz.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin and Jennifer Rubin's Bat Mitzvah by Susan and Ken Rubin; Hazzan Lubin by Susan and Howard Feibus; Hazzan Abraham Lubin by Myron and Lenore Lenkin; Jack and Bea Goldman's 50th wedding anniversary by Herbert and Lila Harvey. In Memory Of: Frieda Schissler by Peter and Stephanie Schissler.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Sophie Nadler by Jeanne and Asher Ende.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Ruth and Joe Kay's 50th anniversary by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: Edith Scheinberg by Brenda and Jim Schmand; Judith Fine by Leesa Fine; Frieda Kay and Ida Rubinow by Joseph George and Jeanette Ruth Kay.

Crowell Religious School Scholarship Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Isidor Paskow by Miriam Crowell.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Paula Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Bertha Pochter by Sharon Willig and Dolly and Marvin Band; Irving Falk by Gertrude Gerber; Jacob Tofsky by Melva and Irving Tofsky; Howard Baylin by Dolly and Marvin Band.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Linda Ames' birthday by Ethel Chernow. In Memory Of: Edith Scheinberg by Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant; Sarah Wigdor by William Gerber; Sophia Stolbun by Harry and Elsie Kanin; Sara Baker by William Baker; Hyman Stolbun by Donna and David Kanin; Mendel Goldberg by Harriet Weinstein; Bertha Pochter by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Hal Scheinberg's mother by Judith and Jonathan Levin and Family.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Memory Of: Freda Weisbach by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Ethel Sinclair and Geraldine Baldinger by Priscilla and George Tievsky; David Schechter by Edmund Schechter.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Moe Herman by Richard Nowitz; Malcolm Friedman by Barbara Friedman; Suzanne Bronheim's mother, Bertha Pochter, by Ellen and David Darr.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Mendel Malin by Jerome Malin.

Lipnick Israel College Scholarship Endowment Fund

Joan Lipnick Abelson.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Gail Fribush for her wonderful program by The '96-'97 Seventh Grade; Rabbi Maltzman by Priscilla and George Tievsky. In Memory Of: Suzanne Bronheim's mother, Bertha Pochter, by Michele Herman, Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin and Ellen, Norman and Alex Eule; Harold Scheinberg's mother by Michele Herman; Howard Baylin by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker; Beloved mother of Irwin Gitlin by Ruth and George Kay George Orentlicher by Herman I. Orentlicher.

Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund

In Memory Of: Max Richter by Melvin and Lenore Richter.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Clare Lerner by Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro; Isadore Routhenstein's 95th birthday by Stephen and Susan Levinson. In Memory Of: Bertha Pochter by Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro and Toby and Bernie Moss.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Isadore Routhenstein's 95th birthday by Irene Routhenstein, Shirley and Joe Wasserman and Grandchildren and Stephen and Susan Levinson. In Memory Of: Anna and Julius Bowman, and Eve Tishkoff by Julian Tishkoff; Elisabeth Bauer by Gina Bauer; Jack Goldberg by Deborah G. Leibowitz and Marilyn and Gary Wind; Beloved mother of Asher Ende by Jeanne and Asher Ende.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Henrietta Bruckheim by Arthur Bruckheim.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Jack Begun by Peter and Stephanie Schissler; Emanuel Robinson by Dorothy Alberstadt; My mother, Carola Shapiro, by Yael Greenberg; Hanna Bernhardt by Miriam Rosenthal.

Rabbi's Fund

Peter and Stephanie Schissler. In Honor Of: Jennifer Rubin's Bat Mitzvah guests by Kenneth and Susan Rubin; Rabbi Maltzman by Caryn and Gary Silverman; Rabbi Maltzman by Frances H. Leibowitz; Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman by Myron and Lenore Lenkin. In Memory Of: Margarita Gottesman by Joseph Gottesman; Harry Baker by William Baker; Suzanne Bronheim's mother by Eyan and Bob Koenig; Rebecca Small by Dr. Albert Small; Joseph Goldstein by Sidney Goldstein; Bernard Fuchsman by Gary and Sylvia Fuchsman.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Sophia Stolbun by Coworkers, Private Wireless Div. FCC.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Memory Of: Dr. Irving Segal by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wernick and Sons; Bertha Pochter by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Copperman and Leslie and Joel Silver.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Refuah Shelaimah for Clare Lerner by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Suzanne Bronheim's mother by Linda and Ace Lipson; Steven Heiman by Irene Hauser and David Heiman.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Mike Backenheimer by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Speedy recovery of David Finbloom by Varda and Richard Nowitz; David Levine's birthday by Ilene and Syd Schneider. In Memory Of: Wally Eisenstat by Howie and Susan Feibus; Bertha Pochter by Susan and Howard Feibus and Marilyn and Gary Wind.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: 50th wedding anniversary of George and Ruth Kay by Rosalie M. Sporn. In Memory Of: Bertha Pochter by Daryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum, Cary and Nancy Feldman, Lillian Kessler and Stephanie and Jack Ventura; Myer Abraham Siegel by David and Susan Siegel and Family; Isaac Weiner by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Joy; Hal Scheinberg's mother by Marilyn and Gary Wind.

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

The Beth El Youth Department has had a very successful year so far. More children are participating and enjoying the wide variety of events we have to offer. There is a great deal to look forward to as well. On Sunday, January 26th, the Youth Department, in conjunction with the Family Education Coordinator, will be sponsoring a synagogue-wide program for youth that centers around this year's Embracing the Torah Project. Beth El Youth (K-12th graders) and their parents are invited to attend this Torah Program Extravaganza. On Sunday, February 16th, the Youth Department will hold its annual ski trip to White Tail for 6th - 12th graders. There will be a whole lot more to enjoy including trips to a petting zoo, Shabbat services, bowling, ice skating, and holiday celebrations. Continue to watch the Beth El Scroll and your mail for details. Remember that from January on, only members of Beth El youth groups will receive information via the mail. If you have any questions about youth activities or would like to ensure your child's name is on the list, please feel free to call me in the synagogue office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe new year,

Rachel Handloff, Youth Director

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.

Dedications

Dedications are available in our building both in honor of and in memory of loved ones.

Memorial Tablets

Memorial Tablets keep alive the memory of your beloved departed, generation to generation.

Congregation Beth El memorializes your beloved departed on our numerous traditional bronze memorial Yahrzeit tablets which are located in the alcoves off the Sanctuary and Gallery. According to Jewish custom, each memorial light is kindled at the memorial nameplate on the yahrzeit date and whenever Yizkor is recited.

Each bronze memorial tablet is a \$300.00 contribution.

Anyone interested in the purchase of these memorial plaques may contact Lisa Roskin at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316.

Tree of Life

Leaves on our Tree of Life are a special way of honoring a person or event. Leaves on the Tree of Life are available for a contribution of \$250.00.

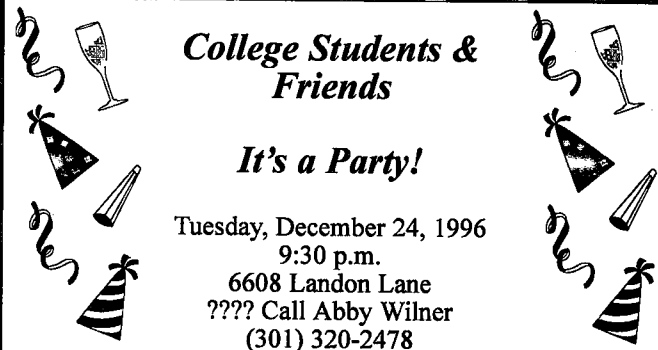
Anyone interested in the purchase of a Leaf on the Tree of Life may contact Lisa Roskin at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316.

Sanctuary and Building Dedications

You are offered the opportunity of honoring your loved ones through the dedication of sanctuary seats and other items in the Sanctuary and throughout the building. Items may be also dedicated in honor of a special occasion. This is a most significant way to honor those who meant so much to us and for whom the synagogue was an important part of their lives.

A plaque bearing the name of the person(s) in whose memory or honor a Sanctuary seat has been dedicated will be attached to the armrest of the designated seat. Dedicated items in the Sanctuary other than seats will be identified on the dedication tablet in the Gallery. Sanctuary Seats are available for \$1,800.

For a list of other dedications or further details, please call Steven J. Kravitz, Executive Director, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 306.



College Students & Friends

It's a Party!


Tuesday, December 24, 1996
9:30 p.m.
6608 Landon Lane
???? Call Abby Wilner
(301) 320-2478

The College Committee of Congregation Beth El invites its college students and their friends for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, music and fun. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Abby Wilner at (301) 320-2478.

**Beth El, B'nai Israel, and
Har Shalom College Student Ski
Trip to White Tail
Ski Resort**

Tuesday, January 7, 1997

Reservations are required.
For more information and an application, please
call Rachel Handloff at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.



Contributions (Continued from page 6...)

Vatikkim

In Honor Of: Bea and Jack Goldman's 50th wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. H. Stein. In Memory Of: Philip B. Gravitz by Melvin and Harriet Gravitz; Bertha Pochter by Judith Newman.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Joseph Kopit by Leo Kopit.

December 20, 1996 - January 2, 1997

Welcome to Congregation Beth El

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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Fast of 10th of Tevet 4:29pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	No Religious School <i>Winter begins</i> 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Joshua Glick B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:00am Gan Shabbat - MR 10:00am-1:00pm USY - BR 10:00am Learners Minyan - APR					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No Religious School 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 9:30am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Ext. Class - BR 1:00pm Tentative Dunitz Birthday Party - APR 1:30-5:00pm Youth Group Activities - APR	BENS and Rel. Sch. Closed - Winter Break 10:30am Sabra Hadassah - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	6:30pm Aerobics - SH	Offices and Schools Closed 9:00am Minyan 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201	12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH	4:33pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 10:00am Jr. Congregation
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am-1:00pm Blood Drive - SH 9:30am Men's Club - APR	7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	6:00pm Bastian/Schettewi Wedding - Sanctuary	Offices and Schools Closed New Year's Day 9:00am Minyan	BENS and Rel. Sch. Resume 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 8:15pm Caregivers' Support Group - BR	4:39pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner - SH	7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Sisterhood Shabbat 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:00am Worship and Study Minyan - APR

Minyanim 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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