



CONGREGATION
BETH EL OF
MONTGOMERY
COUNTY

Off the Bimah

Two new additions to the Rotunda will catch your eye as you enter the synagogue building. The Philip Ratner "Ner Tamid" (Eternal Light) that hung for decades in the Beth El Sanctuary prior to its renovation has been prominently displayed not only as a valuable piece of art, but as a link between the earlier days of the synagogue and the more recent. Its position highlights the integral connection between the two. (Much of this historical perspective was brought to light during a recent conversation I had with Beth El's unofficial archivist and historian, Harriet Wilkins, a charming and delightful founding member of the synagogue).

Across the Rotunda in a second beautifully designed display case is our Czech Torah Scroll rescued from the Holocaust and part of the Westminster Synagogue (London) collection. This Scroll No. 276 came from the town of Germanuv Mestec. The location of a permanent place for this Torah scroll is but one of many gestures of respect that is being highlighted during this year of "Embracing the Torah". Lectures, concerts, classes, exhibits and informal Torah discussions are underway as we eagerly anticipate the completion and celebration of our commissioned Torah scroll. Through participation in this project, you too can become a part of creation, co-creators of this world, partners and imitators of God Himself. "Praised are you Lord our God whose Mitzvot add holiness to our life and who gave us the mitzvot to study words of the Torah."

Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman

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.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Mason and Robin Harris on the birth of their daughter, Dana Nicole Harris, on October 23, 1996. Dana is the granddaughter of Robert and Sandra Edenbaum.

Mazal Tov to Philip and Barbara Levine on the birth of their daughter, Shoshana Jordan Levine on March 10, 1996.

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.

Membership Information

Philip and Barbara Levine have moved to 5524 Uppingham Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-4929.

Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, January 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11th, at 7:30 and
9:15 a.m.
Benjamin Marshal Bar Mitzvah at
9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, January 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 18th, at 7:30 and
9:15 a.m.
Jessica McDonald Bat Mitzvah at
9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Learners' Minyan at 10:00 a.m.
in the APR
Gan Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in the MR
USY Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in the BR

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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.

January 5 - January 9

Charles and Bettie
 Goldberg

George Goldberg

Irving and Annette
 Goldberg

Seth and Joan Goldberg

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 Goldberg

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 Goldsmith

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 Goldsmith

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Ed and Bea Golfer

Jerome and Arlene Golub

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January 12 - January 16

Meyer and Dorothy
 Gordon

Nathan and Helen Gordon

Barry and Susan Gorman

Jonathan and Deborah
 Gottlieb

Nancy Graber

Darryl and Susan Grant

Melvin and Harriet
 Gravitz

Peter Gray and Nancy
 Greenfield

Eli and Marcia Greenblum

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!

The Foundation for Jewish Studies Programs

The Foundation for Jewish Studies will sponsor a Presidents Day Weekend Study Retreat Sunday - Monday, February 16 - 17 at the scenic Hilltop House in Harpers Ferry with Dr. Byron L. Sherwin, Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism at Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Chicago. He will serve as Scholar-in-Residence and lead four study sessions on the subject "Six Perspectives on the Meaning of Life in Classical Jewish Sources." Reservations are required before January 31, 1997.

The Lunch and Learn Downtown Bible Study Group will begin a new four session course with author and psychotherapist Naomi H. Rosenblatt, "Wrestling with the Ten Commandments," on Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23 and 30. The group meets at the B'nai B'rith building, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. There is a \$15 registration fee. Please bring your brown bag lunch and a Bible. Beverages are provided. No previous Bible study required.

For more information and a free brochure on these and other Foundation programs, please call (301) 770-4787.

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.

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.

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.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Marc Lieber on the death of his father, Stanley Lieber.

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'Shevot Seder: Keruv will host its first Tu B'Shevot 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'Shevot! 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.

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.

Beth El Family Night at Imagine That!

Sunday, February 2, 1997
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Reduced admission for Congregation Members
and BENS Families

\$7.00/child; adults/free

For more information,
call the BENS office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF CONGREGATION BETH EL

PRESENTS

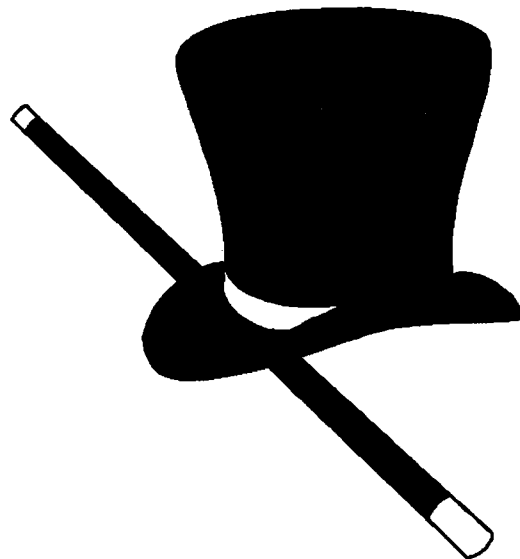
THE ANNUAL MAGIC SHOW & SPAGHETTI DINNER

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

Torah Project Update

The year ended on a very exciting note. Zerach Greenfield, our teaching scribe, attended a special Time for Torah session at the home of Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim. Hosts for the upcoming Time for Torah gatherings attended the meeting at which Zerach Greenfield explained, in great detail, the process by which Beth El's Torah will be written in Israel by our sofer. Greenfield also spoke to our three and four year old children at the Beth El Nursery School.



1997 will bring a host of exciting activities related to "Embracing the Torah:"

- Time for Torah sessions will continue from January through March. We encourage all of you to attend these informative sessions and meet other congregants who are learning about the Torah project.

- On January 26th, there will be a Torah Fair for all children.

- On March 23rd, Hazzan Lubin will host a marvelous concert entitled "Torah Through Music" with leading cantors from our area and beyond. The concert will include music from the Shtetl to the Broadway stage, as well as opera and traditional synagogue selections.

- May 2nd - May 3rd are days when scribe Eric Ray will be Scholar-in-Residence at Beth El. On Friday, May 2nd, he will address sixth graders at Shabbat at the 13 Mitzvot awards. On the following morning, he will give the D'var Torah at Shabbat services.

- May 18th is, of course, our big day of Siyyum when we dedicate our new Torah.

We would like to thank all these congregants who have already dedicated portions of the new Torah: Alan and Debra Birnkrant, Sidney and Miriam Carter, Jim and Leslie Dellon, Norton and Sandy Elson, David and Eve Farber, Arthur and Florence Gang, William Gerber, Barbara Stern Gold, Harvey, Dale and Fannye Gold, Irene Hauser, Kathy Litvak, Jonathan, Debra, Michael and Brett Morgenstern, Irving and Melva Tofsky, Mervyn and Shirley Weiner and John and Marion Wolff. They will have the opportunity to formally complete the 613th mitzvah with our scribe when the last letters of the new Torah are written in the Sanctuary on May 18, 1997.

For more information on the Torah Project, call (301) 652-2606, ext. 347.

Sisterhood News

Recipients of Sisterhood Awards Announced!

This year's recipient of the Golda Meir Award for leadership is Ellen Elow-Mintz. This award will be presented during this weekend of Sisterhood Shabbat (January 3 - 4). Also selected is the recipient of this year's Torah Fund Award for service to Sisterhood and the congregation, Cheryl Rod. This award will be presented later this spring at the Torah Fund Event.

Seaboard Branch Women's League Education Day

Education Day is being held this year at Nevey Shalom Congregation, 3121 Trinity Drive, Bowie, (301) 262-9020, on January 12, 1997. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Couvert for the day is \$12. Flyers describing the program and giving directions are available in the lucite holder outside the synagogue office. Checks should be made out to Seaboard Branch - WLCJ and mailed to Linda Levine, 4215 Route 108, Olney, MD 20832 by January 3rd, or call (301) 774-0251. For information on car-pools to Bowie that day, call Gail Ross, (301) 229-7005.

Rosh Hodesh Study Group

The next meeting is Monday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Beth El. This is the final session with Rabbi Susan Fendrick. While this is a related series of talks, it is not necessary to have attended all the sessions. Refreshments will be served.

Alternative Women's Seder

Make plans now to join fellow Sisterhood members for a unique program on April 13th.

Sisterhood Book Club

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

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 Gift to Our Sister Masorti Synagogue Netanya in Israel

Joining other Sisterhoods in the Seaboard Branch, the Sisterhood Board voted to send a check for \$180 to help with Netanya's youth programs.

Save the Date!

On Purim, Sunday, March 23rd, as part of Beth El's commitment of enhancing our congregation's knowledge and understanding of Torah, Hazzan Lubin will host a special cantorial concert entitled "Torah Through Music." Joining Hazzan Lubin in our Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. will be some of the finest cantors of our time performing traditional as well as contemporary musical selections. This will be a rich and inspiring evening in which we celebrate music as a marvelous window onto Torah and Jewish life.

If you are interested in working on the concert committee, please contact Tara Sonenshine at (301) 907-8248.

Information about purchasing tickets for the concert will be posted in the synagogue.

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.

*Beth El Nursery School Camp
applications will be available
February 15th for children
who will be 3 years old by June 1st.*

*Please call (301) 652-2606,
ext. 312 for information.*

*Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesdays through Fridays.*

*Session I is June 24th - July 11th;
Session II is July 15th - August 1st.*

Perspectives in Dialogue

The Beth El Men's Club presents its series of
Sunday morning talks by noted speakers

January 12

Morris Amitay

Former Executive Director of AIPAC

"Perspectives on US - Israel Relations"

January 19

William Safire

New York Times Columnist and Noted Author

"What's Going to Happen in Washington Now"

January 26

Ben Wattenberg

American Enterprise Institute

"Perspectives on Jewish Demographics"

February 9

Speaker and talk to be announced at a later date

*All talks will begin at 10:00 a.m.
following the 9:00 Minyan and 9:30 breakfast.
The public is cordially invited to attend.*

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

(as of December 2, 1996)

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Golda Leah Possick by Marcia Possick; Ida Feldman by Marta and Bernard Wassertzug; George Constantinides by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Edith Scheinberg by Murray Haber.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin, Thanks for support, by Suzanne Bronheim. In Memory Of: Stanley Volchok by Howie and Susan Feibus.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Helen Margulies by Kate and Suzanne Schneider and Madeline Bloom.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Esther Wilner by Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer. In Memory Of: Josef B. Kotelanski by Linda and Mal Krinn.

Conservative Judaism In Israel

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Ericka Kaplan, by Rosalie M. Sporn; Melvin Wine by Mark and Blanche Wine; Mary Dubrow's brother by Judy Goldman; Benjamin Liebling by Herman Liebling.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Shirley Tanenbaum by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Jack Moss by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Elsie Herman by Flora Feld Goldberg.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: Continued recovery of David Finbloom by Suzanne Bronheim; Mazel tov on Sam Davidson's Bar Mitzvah by Suzanne Bronheim. In Memory Of: Howard Joel Kohn by Esther G. Kohn, Frances and Sam Glovinsky and Gertrude Gerber.

General Fund

Jean G. Golding; Edward Kahn and Ruth Bauman. In Honor Of: A special birthday of Esther Wilner by David and Roberta Benor; Marriage of Marcie and Murray by Susan and Milton Koch; 50th anniversary of Phyllis and Lester Machta by Ruth L. Wexler. In Memory Of: Tillie and William Broder by Jerome and Hessa Broder.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Stanley Lieber by Erwin Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Jonathan and Mary, Happy Hanukkah, by Howie and Susan Feibus.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Irving Ehrenthal by Thera Finbloom.

Mazon

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Sy and Trudy Weker by Bernie and Bea Berger; Ed Golfer by Bea and Bernie Berger; Michael, Debbie and Beau, Happy Hanukkah, by Bubbie and Hotch. In Memory Of: Ethel Krents by Max Krents; Henry and Anna Berger by Bernie and Bea Berger; Bertha Pochter by Bea and Bernie Berger.

Men's Club Perspectives In Dialogue Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Z. Freedman by Henry E. Freedman; Julia Shapiro and Betty Treinish by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Brother of David Goldman by Marvin Yudkovitz.

Morning Mnyan Fund

William Gerber. In Honor Of: Edward Golfer receiving Blue Yarmulke Award by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: Hal Scheinberg's mother by Judy Goldman and Chaim Kanner.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Sylvia Feinstein Cantor by Judy Cantor Goldman and Arla Dicken.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Marguerite Schettewi Bousso by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Abraham Gutmann by Hanna Gutmann; Joseph Sunshine by Shirley and Dennis Feldman; Sadie Periman by Elaine and George Periman; Semeon Nusinovich by Gregory Nusinovich; May Feldman by Shirley and Dennis Feldman.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph, Thanks for support, by Suzanne Bronheim; Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, Thanks for support, by Suzanne Bronheim. In Memory Of: Suzanne Bronheim's mother by Rhonda K. Lowell; Donna Kanin's mother by Rhonda K. Lowell; Barney Krosnick by Phyllis and Jeffrey Lavine; Stephen and Abraham Yellowitz and Esther Repinsky by Beatrice Golfer; Jacob Bercovici by Martin Bercovici; Jack I. Bender by Howard Bender.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Ernestine Goldstein by Judith and Jonathan Levin and Family.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Alfred Weinberg by Ruth Weinberg Ratowsky; Irene Golden by Jerome and Ina Wernick.

Vatikkdm

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Marion Wolff by Norman and Ruth Stein.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Sherman by Lola and Gerald Sherman.

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.

From the Desk of the Youth Director.....**THE YOUTH GROUPS**

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2) (301) 652-2606, ext. 342
 Advisor: Heather Handloff See Family Torah Fair below.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5) (301) 652-2606, ext. 341
 Advisor: Ariel Glassman See Family Torah Fair below.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8) (301) 652-2606, ext. 340
 Advisor: Adam Gluck See Family Torah Fair below.
 On Sunday, January 26, 1997 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., the Youth Department is co-sponsoring an event for all Beth El youth called the Family Torah Fair. The fair will include sessions on how the Torah is made, Hebrew calligraphy, navigating the Torah, creating a Yad, a Torah treasure hunt, the Bereshit Bowl, music, and Torah snacks. This event is for families. RSVP's are required. For more information, call Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) (301) 652-2606, ext. 308
 Advisors: Rachel Handloff and Lisa Itkin
 Sunday, January 5th Social Action Sunday
 Join USY for this social action project. For more information, call Rachel in the synagogue office.

Tuesday, January 7th 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 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, January 6th to Rachel in the synagogue office.

Saturday, January 18th USY Shabbat Shmooze

Join USYers for Shabbat services, lunch and a shmooze. RSVP to Ben Bregman at (301) 652-0027.

Saturday, January 18th Saturday Night Scavenger Hunt

Our destination is a secret. Reservations are required. For an application, please call Rachel in the synagogue office.

Bagel Sales are Here!!

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

Simcha Havurah Seeking New Members

Simcha Havurah is looking for new members. We are a group of empty-nesters who have a great, and always informative, time together. Please call Sandy Becker at (301) 299-2415 if you are interested.

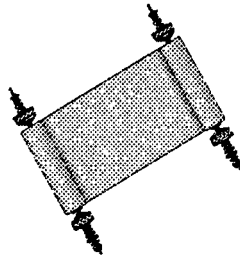
Family Education

Family Education had a busy and productive month in November. Third grade families learned about the lunar calendar. Kindergarten families learned about mitzvot. After Thanksgiving, a warm Grandparents Junior Congregation was enjoyed in the Chapel. Look for this event again on April 19th. Thank you to the teachers, Mati Dinar, Lorit Chai, Juliann Goldman, Sharon Strauss and Sally Heckelman, who helped in the preparation and operation of these programs. Thank you also to the increasing number of parent volunteers who have taken money at the Tikkun Olam Fair, donated tefillin for kindergartners and photographed the activities.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, January 26, 1997
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 all ages
 Family Torah Fair
 (See ad in this issue)

Saturday, February 1,
 1997 2nd grade (ages 7 - 9)
 Havdallah Happening
 Crafts, storytelling and songs
 related to Havdallah



Family Torah Fair

Sunday, January 26, 1997

(Snow date: February 2)

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Beth El families - parents and children (K - 12th graders)- are invited to this special event of the "Embracing the Torah" project. The fair will include:

How a Torah is Made
 "Embracing the Torah" video
 Hebrew Calligraphy
 Navigating the Torah
 Creating a Yad
 Torah Treasure Hunt
 Bereshit Bowl
 Music
 Torah Snacks

If you are able to join us, please complete the RSVP card and return it to the Beth El office no later than Tuesday, January 21. For more information, please call Rachel Handloff at the synagogue office at 652-2606 ext. 308.

See the whole Torah rolled out!

January 1997

Welcome to Congregation Beth El

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 10:00am Perspectives in Dialogue - Sanctuary 11:15am Family Ed. Program (Gr. 7) - APR</p>	<p>7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>6:00pm Take 30 - BR 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Take 30 - APR 7:30pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR 8:15pm Tallit Workshop - SH</p>	<p>5:15-6:15pm Vaad HaStudentim Mtg. - BR 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p>	<p>12:00pm Vatikkim - SH 5:15-6:15pm Vaad HaStudentim Mtg. - BR 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Marahal Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 7:00pm AMI Mtg. - APR</p>	<p>8:00am Support Foundation Mtg. - BR 4:45pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p>7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Sisterhood Shabbat 10:00am Worship and Study Minyan - APR 10:00am Jr. Congregation</p>
12	13	14	15	16		
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