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**CONGREGATION
 BETH EL OF
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 COUNTY**

Off the Bimah

During a December trip to Israel, our group found itself sharing the same Jerusalem hotel with the State Department peace negotiating team, headed by our esteemed congregant, Dennis Ross. Journalists and photographers were camped out in the hotel lobby day and night. Security was everywhere. Unable to reach Dennis by phone, we finally happened upon him during Shabbat breakfast. With barely an hour to spare before his next meeting with Chairman Arafat, Dennis accompanied Julie and me (along with his ubiquitous security detail) on a walk around the neighborhood. A celebrity and a highly visible public figure in Israel, Dennis is approached with the curiosity and awe that are normally reserved for major rock stars. His tireless, unceasing efforts, his stamina and dedication in helping broker a peace agreement on Hebron and on even broader issues are a source of wonder and admiration to all who know him. His impact on world history is being recorded. His congregation and his friends pray for his continued strength and vision to help bring about that most elusive goal—the fulfillment of our collective dream—of peace.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

**PURIM
 FESTIVITIES**

On Saturday, March 22nd, there will be two services in the Sanctuary with a Megillah reading: a Young Family Service (Bit o' Megillah) at 7:00 p.m. and the Purim Service at 8:00 p.m. As is our custom, there will also be a full traditional reading in the Chapel at 8:00 p.m. The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 23rd.

New Adult B'nai Mitzvah Group to Organize This Spring

If you are interested in joining the 1997 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class, please attend the organizational meeting on Sunday, April 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like more information about joining the class, please call Lisa Roskin, Rabbi Maltzman's secretary, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316.

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, February 28th, at 6:30 p.m.
 Beth El Retreat

Saturday, March 1st, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Emily Dorfman 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

Nitzanim Havdallah Service at 6:30 p.m. in the SH
 Beth El Retreat

Friday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m.
 Beth El Nursery School Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 8th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Calvin Cooper and his father, Jeffrey Cooper B'nai Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
 Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Adam Simon Bar 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

Gabe Dymond Mincha/Maariv Bar Mitzvah at 5:30 p.m.

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Embracing the Torah Update

Only about two months remain until we welcome our new Torah into our congregation at a joyous Siyum ha-Torah, a ceremony of completion and dedication. Throughout the day of the Siyum, Sunday, May 18th, all those who have dedicated a portion of the new Torah will be invited to spend a few moments with the scribe, Zerach Greenfield, as he finishes the writing of the letters at the end of the Torah, and so to complete the 613th Mitzvah. Time with the scribe will be scheduled for families as groups — not for each individual member of families. The evening celebration will begin at 7:00 with a ceremony in the Sanctuary and continue with music and dancing in the Social Hall. Although the evening celebration is open to all congregants and dedications can be made at any time, those wishing to be included in the time with the scribe should make their dedications of the new Torah by April 15th.

The Scholars' Committee, led by Susan Levine, helps congregants choose their dedications. Many congregants who

have dedicated one word have not specified which word they want. We encourage you to choose a word that is meaningful to you and to ask the Scholars' Committee for help if you need it. Susan and Hazzan Lubin have suggested interesting alternatives for familiar names that do not appear in the Torah. In

place of David, one might use "dod," meaning "uncle." Instead of Channah, one could choose "chanoon," meaning "gracious."

The following congregants have joined in completing the 613th Mitzvah by dedicating a portion of the new Torah: Jay and Sharon Berzofsky; Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Doberman; Beth Eisenberg; Dr. and Mrs. Burton S. Epstein;

Leesa Fine; Frances H. Leibowitz; Phyllis and Philip Margolius; Aaron Marshal; Benjamin Marshal; Carole and David Metzger; Jerome Ostrov and Roberta Baruch; Lucy Ozarin; Helen and Louis Rib; Bea and Alex Rosenberg; Selma Siegel; George and Priscilla Tievsky; Sophia B. Weinberger and Louise D. Weil.



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. When Saul Bendit Institute classes are in session, the Wednesday Evening Minyan is at 8:20 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.

March 2 - March 6

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| Michael and Francine Klein | Aranoff |
| Ronald and Mariette Klein | Bernardo and Rosa Kotelanski |
| Herman and Paula Kleine | Marvin and Barbara Kotz |
| Sidney Kline | Mark and Marjorie Kramer |
| Andrew and Katherine Koblenz | Robert and Loretta Kramer |
| Edward and Helena Koenig | Steven Kramer and Sheila Lieber |
| Robert and Evyan Koenig | Melvin and Andrea Kraus |
| Burton Kolko | Alan Kravitz and Sandra Kresch |
| Jeffrey and Sandi Komarow | Ira and Jill Krefting |
| Irwin and Rita Kopin | Joseph and Dana Kromash |
| David Korn and Shara | |

March 9 - March 13

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| Jay and Connie Krupin | Landsman |
| Carl and Muriel Kupfer | Allan and Rockey Lang |
| Adam and Sari Kurland | Marvin and Delia Lang |
| Matthew and Francine Kurlansky | Bernard and Sylvia Laps |
| Steven and Sherry Kurtz | Raymond and Lenora Lassen |
| Jody Kusek | Jeffrey and Phyllis Lavine |
| Harry and Miriam Kuskin | Arnold and Dorothea Lear |
| Arnold and Linda Kuzmack | William and Karen Lebovich |
| Emanuel and Davetta Landau | Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman |
| David and Sandy Landsman | Lester and Ruth Lee |
| Robert and Zelda | Charles Lehrhaupt and Frances Eisenstein |

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Nancy Rubin on the death of her father, Marvin Stein, and to Barbara Spitzer on the death of her brother, Philip Cohen.



An evening to remember:
Torah Through Music



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1997

7:00 P.M.

BETH EL SANCTUARY

*Order your tickets now for
Hazzan Lubin's "Evening to Remember,"
a marvelous night of music
featuring some of the finest cantors of our time.*

*Program includes songs from the Shtetl to the Broadway stage;
from opera to traditional synagogue music.*

*General Admission Tickets are only \$18 per person. Tickets will be sold
every Sunday morning in the Rotunda between 9:00 a.m. and noon.*

*We are also looking for interested congregants to be sponsors, patrons
or benefactors of the concert.*

*For more information, contact Tara Sonenshine, (301) 907-8248,
or the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 302.*

This is an evening you won't want to miss. Join us.

Sisterhood Schedule of Events

February 25, 1997 — April 1, 1997 (every Tues.)

7:30 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. — Women's League Institute Adult Education, "TURN IT AND TURN IT" Led by Rabbi Susan Fendrick, Hillel Director at A.U.

\$60. See flyer to apply ? call Marcia Toppall (649-2082)

March 11, 1997

7:30 P.M. — General Membership Meeting, All Purpose Room Business meeting, Presentation and video on Women's League Torah Fund by Seaboard Branch President, Gail Goldfarb and Torah Fund Chairperson, Ziza Pallia Dessert, coffee, and tea ? and R.S.V.P. call Paula Siegel

March 16, 1997

9:00 A.M. — Judaic Book Fair, Board Room
1:15 A.M. — Presentation by Ruth Goodman (Connie Krupin's mother), author of Pen Pals: What It Means To Be Jewish In Israel And America. ("Jonathan in Philadelphia and David in Netanya exchange letters and discover similarities and differences in Jewish observance and feelings. Their friendship takes on a new dimension when Jonathan's family plans a trip to Israel. This valuable teaching text should inspire other pen pals and create new spheres of understanding." Excerpt from Hadassah magazine, December, 1996)

? call Terri Annis (656-5219)

March 30, 1997

Women's League Washington-Baltimore Area Torah Fund Luncheon 1:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M. Adas Israel Featuring International Cantorial Concert with special guests, Cantor Henrique Ozur-Bass (Brazil), Cantor Arnold Saltzman (U.S.A.), and Cantor Maurice Singer (Belgium) Minimum donation: \$28 (This allows you to also attend our Beth El Torah Fund Reception in May) Couvert: \$15.

RSVP by March 14th to Doris Povich (320-5440).

April 7, 1997

7:30 P.M. — Women's Rosh Hodesh Mikveh Tour at Adas Israel ? and R.S.V.P. to Marcia Merlin (365-3747).

April 13, 1997

6:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. — All Purpose Room, WOMEN'S PASSOVER SEDER, Couvert: \$12

? and R.S.V.P. by April 7th to Joan Simon (469-8911)

May 10, 1997

Beth El Sisterhood Torah Fund Reception, honoring our Torah Fund Award recipient, Cheryl Rod. Details to follow.

? call Doris Povich.

May 18-19, 1997

Women's League 52nd Annual Spring Conference, Topic: TO REMAIN A JEW IN OUR TIME: THE THREAT, THE CRISIS, THE RESPONSE, Shaare Tefila, Silver Spring

? call Paula Siegel (365-0166)

June 8-9, 1997

Beth El Sisterhood JEWISH NEW YORK TRIP WITH RABBI MALTZMAN. Look for further details.

? Call Gail Ross (229-7005)

ESTELLE KIMBALL MEMORIAL LECTURE

Featuring

DR. JOSEPH NOVELLO

Please join us to hear
this speaker and participate
in this informative workshop on

"DISCIPLINE IS NOT A DIRTY WORD"

Congregation Beth El

Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information and reservations,
call (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

Mark Your Social Action Calendars

The Social Action Committee is planning a synagogue-wide Mitzvah Day this fall. The Mitzvah Day will include activities for EVERYONE: sorting clothing, books and toys for the needy; cooking for a shelter;

home repair and painting; sorting food items and toiletries; entertaining our adopted family at the Hebrew Home; preparing care packages; a car wash to raise funds for a family in need...the sky's the limit! If you have a special interest or special interest group, and would like to help plan and organize this event, please call Debbie Ross at (301) 229-4131 or Abbie Eckland at (301) 320-9433. We have scheduled a Mitzvah Day planning meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 7:45 p.m.

Guidelines for Life Cycles Events

Questions have arisen recently about Beth El's policy regarding the participation of clergy in life cycle events. To clarify the issues and to make all congregants aware of the policy, we are stating it here.

Members of Beth El, (other than "Associate" or "Non-resident" members), are entitled to, without additional charge, the services of our Rabbis and Hazzan at their life cycle events as part of their membership. This privilege also applies to the weddings of members' children under the age of 30. Officiation of the Rabbi and Assistant Rabbi or Hazzan at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, or funeral for a member of the congregation does not require payment of a fee for those services. If the congregant wishes to express his/her appreciation for the services of the clergy, it is appropriate, at his/her sole discretion, to make a donation to the Rabbi's or Cantor's (hazzan's) fund, or some other fund of the Congregation in their honor.

Beth El Nursery School's 3rd Annual Jewish Year Calendar - 1997-1998

In August, 1997, all Beth El congregants will once again be receiving a courtesy copy of Beth El Nursery School's Jewish Year Calendar. We hope you are enjoying the annual calendar already sent to you. We now invite you to participate in the 1997-1998 calendar by placing a business/patron ad or by announcing birthdays, anniversaries, B'nai Mitzvah and yahrzeits.

On a personal note, this is a great way to ensure that your special family dates are shared with the congregation. On a professional level, this is a smart, economical way to reach out to your Beth El community (approximately 1,050 strong!!!) and enhance your business/professional exposure.

A single personal announcement is just \$6.00, and \$4.00 if you purchase five or more. Business/patron ads are priced as follows: Business card size ad — \$40; double business card size ad — \$60; 1/4 page ad — \$100; 1/3 page ad — \$175; 1/2 page ad — \$200; full page ad — \$250. All ads must be placed by March 31, 1997.

For personal announcements: send your announcement to Andrea Druckman, 12012 Whippoorwill Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, along with a check made out to B.E.N.S.

For business/patron ads: call Debbie Vodenos at (301) 657-9550.

**BETH EL NURSERY SCHOOL'S
3RD ANNUAL JEWISH YEAR CALENDAR
PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR 1997-1998 (5758) CALENDAR**

| | NAME | MONTH | DAY | AMOUNT |
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| BIRTHDAY LISTINGS | 1. | | | |
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| ANNIVERSARIES | 1. | | | |
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| BAR/BAT MITZVAH | 1. | | | |
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| Yahrzeits | 1. | | | |
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Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Personal announcements are \$6.00 each, or \$4.00 each if five or more are placed. Place order form and check payable to B.E.N.S. in the envelope located on the B.E.N.S. Bulletin Board on the lower level, or mail to Andrea Druckman, 12012 Whippoorwill Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

Men's Club News

On Sunday, March 2nd, the Men's Club breakfast program speaker will be Dr. Harold Rhode, President of the Jewish Genealogical Society. His talk is entitled, "How to Research your Family Tree." Morning Minyan is at 9:00, breakfast at 9:30 and the program begins at 10:00.

The March 9th Sunday morning breakfast speaker program will feature Dr. William Gerber speaking about his book, Nuggets of Wisdom from Great Jewish Thinkers. Copies of his book are available in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop. The talk will begin at 10:00, following the 9:30 breakfast. All congregants are welcome to attend. Because there may be last minute changes or additions to these programs, please check the Shabbat Announcements and the posters in the Rotunda.

The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 23rd. This has always been great fun for the kids, so be sure to mark your calendar for this event. Tickets will be sold at the door during the Carnival, but they will also be on sale in the Rotunda for several Sundays before the Carnival to help you avoid long ticket lines.

Be sure to hold the dates for the following Men's Club activities:

- April 6th: An evening of wine tasting beginning at 7:30 at Beth El
- May 4th: Movie night at Beth El featuring the award-winning film about the Holocaust, "Angry Harvest"
- May 11th: Kavod Awards Presentation and Breakfast

Further information about these events will be found in future editions of the Beth El Scroll and in the Shabbat Announcements, as well as in the posters set up in the Rotunda.

New Learners' Service

On the third Shabbat morning each month, Rabbi Rudolph conducts a service for novice worshippers from 10:00 a.m. to noon, followed by kiddush with the congregation. There is lots of teaching, explanations and discussions, and the service moves 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 allows those with little synagogue experience to learn about and grow comfortable with the traditional service.

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!

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!

The Nitzanim kiddush was sponsored on February 8th by Joe and Dana Kromash in honor of the third birthday of their daughter, Rachele Kromash.



PURIM CELEBRATIONS

3 Services to choose from...

Bit o'Megillah — 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. — Sanctuary
(Young Family Service)

Playlet ♦ Costumes ♦ Songs ♦ Parade ♦ Refreshments

More Megillah — 8:00 - 8:45 p.m. — Sanctuary
(Family Service)

Megillah Reading ♦ Costumes ♦ Songs ♦ Refreshments

The Whole Megillah — 8:00 - 8:45 p.m. — Chapel
(Traditional Service)

Megillah Reading ♦ Refreshments



SAUL BENDIT ADULT INSTITUTE SPRING 1997

Six Wednesday Evenings, March 12 to April 16

7:30 to 8:20 p.m.

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| Verse by Verse Through the Book of Exodus, Part II | Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman |
| Encounter with Judaism: Customs and Ceremonies | Rabbi William Rudolph |
| The Music of Jewish Composers Through the Ages | Hazzan Abraham Lubin |
| Religious Responses to the Holocaust | Rabbi Samuel Scolnic |
| God Talk: Revelation, Prophecy, Holy Spirit | Rabbi Sanford Shudnow |
| Kings and Prophets: Rulers and Their Conscience | Dr. Martin Sicker |

8:20 to 8:40 p.m. - Coffee Break

8:40 to 9:30 p.m.

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| Midrash: Learning to Read Between the Lines of Torah, Part II | Rabbi William Rudolph |
| Major Jewish Controversies | Rabbi Samuel Scolnic |
| Jewish Response to Social Policy Changes | Mark Pelavin, David Carliner, Robert Fersh, Vivian Bass, Rev. Lon Dring |
| | <i>Moderators: Howard Stein and Jack Ventura</i> |
| Israel in the First Century: A People in Crisis | Dr. Martin Sicker |
| Women's Status in the Bible | Lester Klein |

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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| The Basics of Conversational Hebrew | Yael Greenberg |
| Hebrew Prayerbook Reading Beyond the Basics | Cheryl Kreiser |

Six Tuesday Mornings, March 11 to April 15

8:10 to 9:00 a.m.

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| A Taste of Talmud | Rabbi Samuel Scolnic |
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10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

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| Verse by Verse Through the Book of Exodus, Part II | Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman |
| Encounter with Judaism: Customs and Ceremonies | Rabbi William Rudolph |
| Religious Responses to the Holocaust | Rabbi Samuel Scolnic |

10:50 to 11:10 a.m. - Coffee Break

11:10 to Noon

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| Midrash: Learning to Read Between the Lines of Torah, Part II | Rabbi William Rudolph |
| The Music of Jewish Composers Through the Ages | Hazzan Abraham Lubin |
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WATCH FOR BROCHURES THIS MONTH

Note: The evening minyan will start at 8:20 p.m. (rather than 8:00 p.m.) on evenings when Institute classes are scheduled.

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

Please enroll me in the following A.M. P.M. course(s):

1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made payable to Beth El.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Morning: 1-hour course (6 classroom hours) (Talmud - no fee).....\$18

Evening: 1-hour course (6 classroom hours).....\$18

2-hour course (12 classroom hours).....\$36

Notes from the Board of Directors Meeting

At the January 21, 1997 Board meeting, Suzanne Bronheim and Jeff Annis reported on an analysis of problems with the glass doors of the Ark bowing and structural deficiencies that were identified with the stars above the Ark. Reinforcements were added to secure the stars and alleviate the weight they were exerting on the Ark. These star supports are unsightly and a discussion was held about removing the stars at this time. A motion was made, seconded and approved to remove the stars above the Ark. After the tapestries are hung in the Sanctuary later this year, further consideration will be given to replacement of the stars with another design structure or other modifications to the Ark or Ner Tamid.

Jay Brown of Levin-Brown & Associates, Inc., made a presentation to the Board regarding the status of the synagogue space study. He discussed the information gathering process to date and the development of preliminary options on possible expansion of the Beth El building. Seven preliminary options were presented detailing what is physically possible on the present site both with and without additional purchases of land. These options were presented to explore the range of possibilities. All but one would require zoning variances and county approval for implementation, which is highly problematic at best. An attorney is examining whether such approval has any possibility. In the meantime, Levin-Brown, with further information from Beth El, is developing a priority list for the "space wish list" initially provided by numerous groups at Beth El. This new list will be used to guide further analysis of space options.

In response to concerns regarding a decline in membership, a discussion was held to identify various options to maintain and promote membership. The Membership Committee and In-Reach Task Force will work together to implement actions to improve communication with current congregants and to attract new members to Beth El. Under consideration are advertisements regarding a learners' minyan, an open house for new members in the spring, and special efforts on Shabbat to welcome guests. As an immediate first step to make Beth El more accessible, a motion was made and approved to staff the synagogue office on Sundays by Board members.

The Torah Project is gaining momentum, as the first Time for Torah sessions were held. Several congregants reported on the extremely gratifying experience of attending these sessions. Marsha Rehns and Susan Brinn Siegel were applauded for the exceptional video that has been produced in association with the Torah Project. Dedications for the Torah are growing in numbers. - The Torah Fair on January 26 is scheduled to have more than 250 participants. Cantor Lubin provided further details about the Cantorial Concert on March 23 and the wonderful program that is planned.

Susan Brinn Siegel's Treasurer's Report highlighted several issues regarding synagogue revenues: a decrease in membership resulting in reduced dues revenue (although collections are strong), slightly smaller school tuition assessments than expected (\$8,000), High Holiday income below budget by \$37,000 (although expenses were also lower than expected, by \$11,000), and probable lower fund raising revenue than budgeted due to more limited fundraising efforts this year. On the positive side, measures are being taken to reduce expenditures and several revenue areas are expected to exceed budget.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: Does Beth El have any programs for teenagers which make the case against interdating? Congregant

Dear Congregant: At Beth El, there have been, and will continue to be, programs and program policies which affirmatively answer your question. As part of their Take 30 series, the Youth Department and the Religious School sponsor, about every three years, an educational effort which addresses the issues of intermarriage and interdating. It is held during the Hebrew High School evening, but every eighth through twelfth grader is invited. In addition, in order to take part in any USY activity, an individual must be eligible to be a member of United Synagogue Youth. It is one of the very few settings in which teens can be unreservedly Jewish and their parents can be sure that the people they meet and the things they do are in a completely Jewish context. More specifically, USY will soon hold an Interchapter Convention about marriage and divorce, and the issues of intermarriage vs. inmarriage will be among its topics. Youth from several of the area's Conservative synagogues will attend. Finally, several of Keruv's Shabbat discussions, which are driven by the interests and concerns of those who attend, have touched upon the subject.

There is a flip side to your question: are there programs which make the case for inmarriage? Most of the above touch on this, but in a more informal sense, the entire program for teens — the Religious School and any Youth Department event — makes the case for inmarriage by helping youth become more knowledgeable about their religion, by giving them reasons to live Jewish lives, and by putting them in contact with other Jewish youth.

Because none of this is an absolute vaccination, new ideas are always welcomed by any of the groups mentioned above.

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.

Membership Information

Esther Grabill has moved to the Wasserman Building, 2 North, of the Hebrew Home. Thomas Helf has moved to 3439 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20010, (202) 265-5808.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Eran Gasko and Bonni Berger on the birth of their daughter, Talia Eli Berger Gasko, on January 14, 1997.

Mazal Tov to Mitch and Heidi Dupler on the birth of their daughter, Liza Haley Dupler, on January 16, 1997.

Mazal Tov to Martin and Naomi Levy on the birth of their granddaughter, Devra Katz Levy, on January 18, 1997. Devra's parents are Jonathan Levy and Carole Katz.

Mazal Tov to Lester and Ruth Lee on the engagement of their son, Andrew Lee, to Meredith Eichberg of Bethesda. A fall wedding is planned.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Caryl Holiber.

Volunteers Needed to Lead Current Events Discussion Groups

Volunteers are needed for a unique program that brings current events discussions to local nursing homes. The non-sectarian program is offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency. Nursing homes that host the program report many benefits for their residents, according to Rosa Weinstein, founder and director of the program. Residents who participate in the discussion groups are "happier, less depressed, and less withdrawn," she said.

The current events discussions are part of the Jewish Social Service Agency's Himmelfarb Mobile University, a unique program that brings discussion groups and classes to more than a dozen senior residences and nursing homes in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Volunteers receive a thorough orientation on teaching an older, frail population. For more information or to volunteer as a Himmelfarb Mobile University discussion group leader, contact Marilyn Polon, JSSA coordinator of volunteers, at (301) 816-2638.

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.

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.

BENS Rummage Sale Sunday, March 16, 1997

One Person's Trash is Another Person's Treasure!

Get rid of all your unwanted items at the Beth El Nursery School Rummage Sale.

*For \$25 we rent you a table, then you arrange,
price and sell your own merchandise,
and haul away any leftovers.*

Not enough stuff in your closets to fill a table?

Why not share one with a friend?

*That way you can take turns shopping
and still get your stuff sold.*

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