



CONGREGATION
BETH EL OF
MONTGOMERY
COUNTY



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.



Todah Rabah to our Megillah readers: Moshe Eckmann, Julia Goldstein, Erica Kaye, Stephanie Schissler, Avi Shoham, Amy Smith, Alan Spiegel, Hilary Spierer and Aaron Tievsky. The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 23rd.



Membership Information

Sidney Kline has moved to 9213 Bentrige Avenue, Potomac, MD 20854-2810. Paul and Carolyn Weinberg have moved to 7904 Custer Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-1348.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Elliot and Betty Blum on the election of their daughter, Jennifer A. Blum, as President of the Board of Student Advisors at Harvard Law School. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Bernard and Rita Jacobi.

Mazal Tov to Jack Minker on his marriage to Johanna Weinstein on January 19, 1997.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi William Rudolph on the engagement of his son, Daniel Aryeh, to Jennifer Lynn Ehrlich. An August wedding in Michigan is planned.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Abraham Hochberg and Joan Simon.

Save the Date! Hoops for Hunger Basketball Game on March 23rd

The annual Hoops for Hunger basketball game will be held on Sunday, March 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, 1901 East Jefferson Street, Rockville. Beth El's team of all-stars, led by Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, will play the team from Har Shalom. Tickets may be purchased at the door. All proceeds benefit MAZON, a Jewish response to hunger.

Shabbat Schedule

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.

Friday, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22nd, at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 22nd, at 9:15 a.m.

Eli Kaplan Bar Mitzvah

Jonathan Rogers Bar Mitzvah

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

Friday, March 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Jesse Hochheiser Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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BE A CREATIVE PART
OF CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF BETH EL'S TORAH

Beth El children are invited to express their thoughts and feelings about the Torah in a creative form.
All entries will be displayed at **SIYUM HATORAH** on May 18, 1997
All participants will be listed in the Beth El Scroll.

<p>Some ideas to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My favorite Torah story If I wrote a Torah. . . If I could decorate the Torah Who wrote the Torah? My favorite Torah character(s) When I saw the Torah unrolled I . . . Why Jews still read the Torah 	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw or paint a picture Write a poem Mold clay Write a song Make a diorama Make a collage Write a story
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OR any other idea or form of expression you want!!!
Create alone or with a friend or group
Adults, too, are welcome to participate.

For more information and/or to RSVP
Annette Abrams 652-0214 OR Barbara Mandel 656-1648

Embracing the Torah Update



This weekend concludes our series of Time for Torah home gatherings. If you didn't get a chance to attend and would like to be invited, it's not too late! To satisfy demand, we are planning an additional Time for Torah session in April and would be happy to include you. Please contact the Torah Hotline at (301) 652-2606, ext. 347.

Attention teens! On Sunday, March 30th, we will be visiting our adopted unit at the Hebrew Home to share our Time for Torah experience with the residents. We plan to show our video, "The Writing of a Sefer Torah," and share conversation and refreshments. Please bring your friends and join us. Your presence will enrich the day for everyone. For information, contact Susan Brinn Siegel at (301) 469-9585.

Mark your calendars for the Embracing the Torah May events. On May 2nd and 3rd, Dr. Eric Ray will be our Scholar-in-Residence. Dr. Ray is a prominent sofer, author and former Calligrapher to the Queen of England. On May 18th, we will celebrate the completion of our new Torah at our Siyum HaTorah, a day of dedication and celebration.

The following people have made recent dedications of portions of the new Torah: Bruce and Ann Barcome; Ilana Bar-Levav and David, Amir, Ariel and Leah Fogel; H. Richard Belferman; Debbie and Ed Bloom; Gloria and Beryl Frank; Melvin H. and Sondra Geiger; Sidney and Janet Getz; Al and Kiki Hellman; Diane and Sanford Kay; Marilyn and Daniel Kweller; Ellen, Joseph, Sara and Rachel Levin; Claire Marwick; Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Rod; Brenda, Jim, Joshua and Carly Schmand; Carla and Jonathan Schraub; David and Sonja Schultz; Karen and Barry Spergel; Norman T. and Ruth Stein; Evelyne S. Steward; and Alan and Corinne Swoff.

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.

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!



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.

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 16 - March 20

Deborah Leibowitz
Ira Leibowitz and Joann Stern
Joseph Leiter
Myron and Lenore Lenkin
Martin and Linda Leon
Warren and Leslie Leonard
Reuven Leopold
Allen and Barbara Lerman
Herbert and Dianne Lerner
Thomas Lerner and Kirsten Erickson
Sylvia Lesselroth
Frances Lesser
Howard Lesser and Hanna Gutmann
Lawrence and Judith Lessin
Charlotte Levenson
Carl Leventhal
Edgar and Naomi Levin
Gabriel and Ruth Levin
Daniel and Mirella Levinas

March 23 - March 27

Boris and Leona Levine
David and Jacqueline Levine
Curtis and Wendy Levinson
Herbert and Anita Levinson
Edward Leviton and Sondra Solomon
Theodore and Rose Levin
Philip and Barbara Levine
Robert and Andrea Levine
Steven and Linda Levine
Susan Levine
Seth and Laurel Levita
Mark Levitt and Kay Klass
David and Sabine Levy
Jonathan Levy and Patricia Forsythe
Joseph and Lois Levy
Marshall and Sandra Levy
Martin and Naomi Levy
Neil Levy and Linda Perle
Stephen Levy and Lois Zuckerman
Warren and Rina Levy

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!

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.

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 Howard Weiss on the death of his grandmother, Ida Weiss.



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

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.

Men's Club News

On Sunday, March 16th, the speaker at the Men's Club Sunday breakfast will be Gertrude Bass. Her topic is "Searching for Jewish Roots in Two Polish Towns." Morning Minyan is at 9:00, followed by breakfast at 9:30 and the program at 10:00.

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. Please refer to the Carnival advertisement in this issue for more information.

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.

Beth El Nursery School Camp is hiring Junior Counselors for June 23rd through August 1st to help campers aged 3 - 5 years enjoy a warm, loving and safe atmosphere supervised by experienced teachers.

Camp activities include arts and crafts, water play, games and trips.

*Work hours are Tuesday - Friday,
9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.*

*Salary depends on related work
or learning experience.*

Please call (301) 652-2606, ext. 311 for information.

BENS Rummage Sale

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

Sunday, March 16, 1997

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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.

*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.*

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Stationery Chair Turns Over Check to Sisterhood

At the last Board Meeting on February 9th, Marilyn Hammerman presented a check for \$1500 to Sisterhood. This represents part of the profit realized this year from the sale of stationery and other paper goods. Call (301) 881-0011 to place your order with Marilyn.

Reserve Your Place at the Torah Fund Luncheon!

Even though the reservation deadline for the Seaboard Region's Washington/Baltimore Torah Fund Luncheon was March 14th, there is still a possibility you may reserve a place by calling Doris Povich at (301) 320-5440 immediately to make your 1997 pledge. A single donation of at least \$28 will cover both the luncheon and Beth El's own Torah Fund party on May 10th, plus a couvert charge for this event of \$15. The luncheon begins at 1:00 p.m. on March 30th at Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. There will also be an international cantorial concert after lunch.

Rosh Hodesh Group to Tour Mikveh

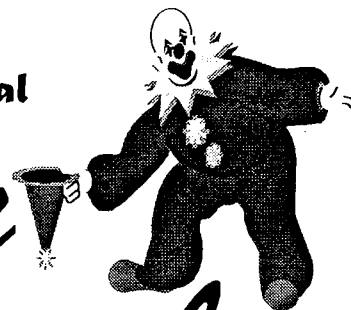
On April 7th, if you prefer to go to Adas Israel with a carpool leaving from Beth El at 7:00 p.m., please call Marcia Merlin at (301) 365-3747. We need to know how many drivers will be needed. If you are travelling directly to Adas Israel, please be there at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Send in Your Reservations for the Alternative Women's Seder

It is not too early to R.S.V.P. for the seder on April 13th. The couvert is \$12. Call Joan Simon before April 7th at (301) 469-8911.

Beth El Men's Club
Presents the 31st Annual

Purim Carnival



Sunday, March 23
12 noon til 3pm

Featuring : Food, Games,
Food, Prizes and don't forget
Food!!!

Advance ticket sales in the Beth El rotunda
on Sundays, March 2, 9 & 16 from 9am till
12 noon and on Purim Night

Advance price: 4 tickets for one dollar
At the door: 3 tickets for one dollar

Sisterhood Schedule of Events

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)

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of February 10, 1997)

Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Memory Of: Frieda Heller by Heinz Bauer.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Martha Spivak by Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 1996.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: 75th birthday of Jacques Schettewi by Sandra and Barry Handloff. In Memory Of: Jan Maxwell's mother by Sharon Zissman and Family; Irwin Muslow by Lucy Ozarin; Adolph Zelnick by Irving and Vivian Beyda.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Chazzan Lubin by Amy and Gene Goott. In Memory Of: Jennie Ash by Anita and Bernie Ash; Bertha Pochter by Potomac Havurah; Harris Freedman by Henry Freedman.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Milton Dolnansky by Rosalyn D. Bass; Norman Shrank by Sarine and Tom Schrank; Mother of Gabriela Bebchick by Beatrice Newell; Estelle Berger Rubin by Albert Berger.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Sharon Goott becoming a Bat Mitzvah by Ellona, Abby and Tamar Wilner. In Memory Of: John Kessler by Ellen Eule.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Dr. Maxwell J. Oling by Gloria O. Frank; Father of Peter Novick by Judith & Jonathan Levin and Family; Lewis Millenson by Roy H. Millenson.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Milton Wittman by Evelyn Wittman and Family; Leo Horn by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn; Rita Klinger by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Mother of Cherie Baer by Dolly and Marvin Band.

General Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Isadore Londner by Annabel Chasen; Augusta Krauthammer by Sarah Reiter.

General Fund

In Honor Of: 80th birthday of Sandy Williger by Barbara S. Gold. In Memory Of: Gary Marx' mother, Wilma Marx, by Peter and Deb Friedmann.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Sharon Goott's Bat Mitzvah by Daniel and Elaine Mann. In Memory Of: Dave Herman by Linda and Jerry Herman.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Carlton Holstein by Steven and Lori Ross.

Library Fund

Abe and Louise C. Wagman. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Julius Kaplan, by Rosalie Sporn.

Mazon

In Memory Of: Anna Jawitz by Al and Evelyn Fox; Cecelia Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Weiss; Pauline L. Cohen by Richard L. Cohen.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Rachel Frank by Beryl Frank; Dr. Lawrence B. Gang by Arthur and Florence Gang.

Morning Minyan Fund

Aaron D. Miller; David Applestein. In Honor Of: The morning minyan by Samuel Tranen. In Memory Of: Beloved mother of Jeanne Ende by Jeanne and Asher Ende.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Gertrude P. Weiss by Michael Weiss and Karen Satin.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: 3rd birthday of Rachele Kromash by Joseph and Dana Kromash. In Memory Of: Benjamin Levy by Curtis, Wendy and Ariana Levinson; Fred Bender by Audrey, Colin and Shira Winston.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Rose and Max Newell by Beatrice and Robert Newell.

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

THE YOUTH GROUPS

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2) (301) 652-2606, ext. 342
Advisor: Heather Handloff

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5) (301) 652-2606, ext. 341
Advisor: Ariel Glassman

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8) (301) 652-2606, ext. 340
Advisor: Adam Gluck

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) (301) 652-2606, ext. 343
Advisor: ??

Saturday, March 15th

USY Shabbat

Join Beth El USYers for our monthly Shabbat service. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Services are followed by a light lunch and a shmooze in the Board Room. The program will end at 12:30 p.m. For more information, please call Ben Bregman, Religious Education Vice President, at (301) 652-0027.

Sunday, March 16th

USY Rockathon

Beth El USYers are invited to participate in this year's fundraiser. USYers will be rocking away in the All Purpose Room all afternoon. USYers attending are required to bring their own rocking chair and to find sponsors. All money raised will go to the USY Tikkun Olam Fund, a group of charities chosen by Seaboard Region USYers. For more information, please call Lisa Itkin, USY Advisor.

USY Rockathon

Sunday, March 16, 1997

Support our USYers
in this spring's fundraiser.

USYers will rock for 8 hours
to help raise money
for our Tikkun Olam Fund.

For more information, or to sponsor a USYer,
please contact Lisa Itkin, USY Advisor,
at (301) 652-2606 ext. 343.

Education Notes

Putting the EI in Beth EI

"Oh My God" was the theme of the February 4th Take 30 session. Our 8th -10th graders were presented Jewish perspectives on God from biblical times to today. Setting the tone was a statement, "When Jews say, 'I don't believe in God,' most of them really mean that they find it difficult to accept the biblical or rabbinic views of God." Mordechai Kaplan, erstwhile professor at JTS and founder of the Reconstructionist movement, observed that it is unfortunate that conceiving of God as a "supernatural being who operate(s) in the world unbound by the limitations of natural law" is as far as many people have evolved in their understanding of God. In the spirit of Kaplan the second half of the evening's program was dedicated to the students discussing their own theological perspectives and committing to paper their thoughts on such themes as the nature of God, good and evil and what God expects of us.

What is God?

...God has long been an explanation, but God is love and the proof of God is the presence of love in the world. God wants peace and balance from humanity. Evil is necessary to existence, for without evil, there is nothing to compare good to. Balance is the key.

...A feeling, a part of everyone/everything, good or bad, an explanation, a crutch, an enigma, a lucky charm

...A spirit, a supreme being, supernatural guide, an eternal power

What do you see in the world that makes you believe in God?

...Healthy babies, the moon and stars, daytime and nighttime

What does God "want" from people?

...For people to do good, for people to respect others and the things around us

...G-d "wants" the people to try to do the right thing; be themselves; act out of decency.

How can I relate to God?

...Praying, creation, kindness, celebrating holidays, participating in rituals

...speak to G-d in my head

On Evil:

...God had a reason for everything

...We create evil not God.

...God just created the world and he let us mess it up.

Read-A-Thon

The Beth El Parent Association is pleased to present the Religious School's third annual Read-a-thon. Designed to promote reading Jewish literature for fun and enjoyment, the Read-a-thon also will offer an opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah. Children are asked to participate by reading books and signing sponsors who will pledge a contribution based on the number of books read. The Vaad HaStudentim will decide on this year's recipient. Past recipients have been Children's Hospital and Magen David Adom for Israel.

Students in all grades will be asked to record the number of books read. Sponsors of students in grades three and higher may want to consider the length of books these older students read. Every student will receive a prize for participating. Outstanding individual readers and tzedakah-raisers will be recognized, as well as classes. Last year we raised over \$1,500 for Magen David Adom for Israel. This year we hope to exceed that

amount. This year's event is scheduled to begin in March and will end April 20th. All winners will be acknowledged in the Beth El Scroll. For more information, please contact the Religious School office.

In December we celebrated Teacher Recognition Shabbat. It was wonderful to see the demonstration of support given the teachers of the congregation's children. With the Read-a-thon in mind, we encouraged families to make contributions toward the purchase of books for the library in honor of our teachers. We would like to thank the families and the following students for their contributions: Emily Ury, in honor of Juliann Goldman; Jonathan Elbaz, in honor of Sharon Strauss; Leigh Abigail Horn, in honor of Nicole Holzman; Elizabeth Ury, in honor of Melanie Darr; Joshua Kaplan, in honor of Melanie Darr; Arielle Michelle Levy, in honor of Debra Lebowich; Aaron Jacobson, in honor of Debra Lebowich; Elizabeth Spergel, in honor of Lili Schatz; Rebecca Kaplan, in honor of Mati Dinar and Lili Schatz; Aaron Andrew Ganek, in honor of Lorit Chai; Rebecca Tanenbaum, in honor of Lorit Chai; Jaime Ames, in honor of Rori Pollak and Betsy Roth; Andrew Bennett, in honor of Rori Pollak, Betsy Roth and Scott Stoogenke; Jaclyn Feldman, in honor of Marcia Merlin; Eve Hoffman, in honor of Sarah Roark; Naomi Janney, in honor of Sarah Roark; Marc Ames, in honor of Rabbi Haim Arzouan; Hillary Vanessa Ganek, in honor of Betsy Roth; and Sam Janney, in honor of Cheryl Kreiser.

These students will have the first opportunity to read books purchased through their parents' contributions. The Read-A-Thon is also a wonderful opportunity for students to complete their Spring book report assignment.

Mark Your Social Action Calendars

In January, the Congregation-Based Shelter (CBS) officially changed its name to Community-Based Shelter, by moving into a permanent facility located at 12250 Wilkins Avenue in the Twinbrook area of Rockville. Consequently, the role of the volunteers has changed somewhat. Congregation Beth El has been assigned to volunteer at the shelter beginning Sunday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 11th. If you are interested in participating in this very rewarding event, please come to a CBS volunteers meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Beth El All Purpose Room. If you would like to participate, but cannot attend the meeting, please call Diana Huffman at (301) 229-8089 or Abbie Eckland at (301) 320-9433.

Our responsibilities will include preparation of three pre-cooked meals (breakfast, bag lunches and a hot dinner) for each shelter day and setting up, serving and cleaning up the evening meal. While Community Ministry of Montgomery County provides a professionally-trained staff for 24-hour coverage of the shelter, CBS also is requesting an overnight volunteer to help with coffee and breakfast preparations and clean-up. In addition, we are responsible for providing paper goods, personal hygiene items and dishwasher detergent. CBS also has a wish list which includes items to equip the new facility; vertical and horizontal blinds, lamps, room-size rugs, plants, computers, folding chairs, coat racks, office supplies, etc. If you can donate any of these items, call Priscilla Fox-Morrill, CBS Program Director, at (301) 770-2413 or (301) 762-8682, ext. 200.

March 1997

Welcome to Congregation Beth El

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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					6th Grade N.Y. Trip 5:54pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Simon Family Shabbat Dinner - APR	6th Grade N.Y. Trip 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Adam Simon B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:00am Learners Minyan - APR 10:00am Gan Shabbat - MR 10:00am-1:00pm USY - BR 5:30pm Dymond B/M - SH
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
6th Grade N.Y. Trip 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am Sisterhood Book Fair - BR 9:00am-1:00pm BENS Runnysga Sale - SH 9:30am Men's Club - APR 9:30am Sisterhood Book Club - Chapel 10:00-11:00am 4th Grade Wedding - Sanctuary 12:00-3:00pm USY Rockathon - APR-B	9:00am Sisterhood Book Fair - BR 10:30am Sabra Hadassah - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 5:45-6:15pm Religious School Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct. 6:30pm Aerobics - SH	5:45-6:15pm Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanctuary 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute	<i>Fast of Esther Spring begins</i> 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm 50+ Singles - APR 7:30pm Family Ed. Adv. Comm. Mtg. - MR 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR 8:15pm Ritual Comm. Mtg. - Chapel	6:01pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Bil Kaplan B/M 9:15am Jonathan Rogers B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitanim - APR 7:00pm Bit of Megillah - Sanctuary 8:00pm Megillah Reading - Sanctuary 8:00pm Traditional Megillah Reading - Chapel
23	24	25	26	27		
Purim 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 10:00am-12:00pm Purim Unisession - Sanctuary 12:00pm Purim Carnival - SH, BR, APR, MR 1:30-5:00pm Youth Dept. Activities - APR	7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Estelle Kimball Lecture - APR 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR	6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute	12:00pm Vatikkim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Religious School Teachers' Workshop - BR 7:30pm Social Action Comm. Mtg. - APR		

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

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