



CONGREGATION
BETH EL OF
MONTGOMERY
COUNTY



Arthur S. Feld Lecture to Be Presented on May 3, 1997

Dr. Eric F.L. Ray will be the speaker at the annual Arthur S. Feld Lecture on Saturday, May 3rd. Accepted as "Master Scribe" in 1965 by the Jerusalem "Bet Din," Dr. Ray is internationally renowned as an authority on Jewish art, illuminated Hebrew manuscripts and synagogal architecture. He holds a Masters Degree in Art History and a Ph.D. in Symbolism in the Arts of Religions from the University of London, England. He received "Semicha" from the London "Bet Din" and studied Safrut (Scribal Arts) in Jerusalem.

Since the 1986 publication of his book *SOFER, The Story of a Torah Scroll*, Dr. Ray has been principally occupied as a lecturer, Torah scribe, featured guest and consultant to museums, universities and television programs in the United States, Israel and Europe.

Dr. Ray was, for a quarter of a century, prior to his arrival in New York during the Fall of 1978, the Director of Visual Arts for the University of Judaism (West Coast campus of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America) at Los Angeles, California. He served as the director of the university's Jewish Museum and University Press, as Chairman of the Visual Arts Department of its School of Fine Arts, as consultant on motion pictures and television programs and appeared regularly on television for the Jewish Federation Council of Los Angeles, the Israel Consulate General of Los Angeles and on the university's own television programs.

As a practicing artist, book-designer and Torah Scribe, Dr. Ray has been featured in both *The New York Times* and *The*

Continued on page 3...

PASSOVER FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, April 21st

7:15 a.m. Fast of the Firstborn and Siyyum
6:30 p.m. Festival Service First Seder

Tuesday, April 22nd

9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Festival Services
7:15 p.m. Congregation Seder

Wednesday, April 23rd

9:15 a.m. Festival Service

Sunday, April 27th

6:30 p.m. Festival Services

Monday, April 28th

9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Festival Services

Tuesday, April 29th

7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Festival Services
(Yizkor at both services)

Reminder to 1998 Bar and Bat Mitzvah Families

May 1st is the deadline for reserving rooms for your Shabbat dinners or Saturday night parties. Please call Miriam Davidson at (301) 652-2606, ext. 303 to make your reservation. After May 1st, synagogue, community or rental events may be booked on the Saturday evening following your simcha.

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, April 11th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12th, at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 12th, at 9:15 a.m.

Pamela Corbett Bat Mitzvah

Allison Lipsit Bat Mitzvah

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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

Friday, April 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19th, at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 19th, at 9:15 a.m.

Janna Schrank Bat Mitzvah

Carolyn Webber Bat Mitzvah

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

Friday, April 25th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26th, at 7:30 and

9:15 a.m.

Ben Levy Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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

BETH EL SCROLL
Congregation Beth El
of Montgomery County

8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814-1451

Rabbi
Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Associate Rabbi
William D. Rudolph

Rabbi Emeritus
Samuel Scolnic

Hazzan
Abraham Lubin

Executive Director
Steven J. Kravitz

Education Director
Louis A. Nagel

Family Education Director
Sarah L. Roark

Nursery School Director
Ellen M. Darr

Youth Director
Rachel B. Handloff

President
Suzanne M. Bronheim

First Vice-President
Norman L. Eule

Second Vice President
Benson D. Adams

Second Vice President
Arthur N. Popper

Treasurer
Susan Brinn Siegel

Financial Secretary
Robert L. Koenig

Secretary
Linda R. Lipson

Phone Number
301-652-2606

FAX Number
301-907-8559

WWW:<http://uscj.org/seabd/bethesbc/>

Rabbi Maltzman's email:
JMALTZ5287@aol.com

AFFILIATED WITH
UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF
CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Beth El Scroll, USPS Number 009813, is published semi-monthly, except monthly July and August, by Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Periodical postage rate paid at Bethesda, Maryland and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Beth El Scroll, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Embracing the Torah Update

Siyum Hatorah Postponed!

We learned recently that Shimon Gottlieb, the Israeli sofer who is writing our Torah, injured his hand and has been unable to write for several weeks. The writing of our Torah is about three to four weeks behind schedule, making it possible that the Torah may not be completed and properly checked before May 18. We have decided to postpone the Siyum Hatorah, the day of celebration on which we will complete and welcome our new Torah, until mid-September. As soon as we can make the necessary arrangements, we will finalize the date.

Because of the delay, we have extended the deadline for submitting your dedications until May 15. In order to reserve a letter for you to complete with the sofer at the Siyum, we must receive your dedication information by May 15. Although the Siyum will be delayed until September, the work of the sofer will continue as originally planned and the Torah will be delivered to us in early summer. We will need to provide the sofer with our final count of the letters to leave for completion at the Siyum by the end of May.

Dr. Eric Ray to Deliver Feld Lecture

Even without the Siyum, May will be an exciting time for Embracing the Torah. This year we are honored to host Feld Lecturer, Dr. Eric Ray, an internationally known authority on Jewish art, illuminated Hebrew manuscripts and synagogue architecture.

Dr. Ray will join us on Friday night, May 2nd, for the Thirteen Mitzvot Award ceremony and for the Congregational Shabbat dinner following services. He will make some brief remarks at that time and will present the Feld Lecture on Shabbat morning, May 3rd. Don't forget to make your dinner reservation and be sure to join us for the Feld Lecture on Shabbat morning.

The people who have made recent dedications are: Hope F. Borish; Sharon and Jeffrey D. Caplan; Walter, Deborah, Jacob and Ezra Cohn; Miriam Crowell; Patricia and Jerome Danoff and Family; Ronald S. Fleisher; Karl Freiberg; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Frishman; George and Jackie Goldstone; Mark Goldstone and Mindy Lieberman; Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Warren and Judith Greenberg; Linda and Jerry Herman and Family; Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey; Donna and David Kanin; Ethan and Sue Kanter; Jonathan and Julie Maltzman; Julie and Gary Marx; Paul and Marcia Merlin; Annette and Jack Moshman; Judith Newman; Rabbi William D. Rudolph and Gail Fribush; Wendy, Gary, Erica and Ian Schonman; Elaine and Erwin Shalowitz; Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin; Judy, Andrew, Matthew and Jennifer Sherman; Susan and David Siegel; Dr. Neil and Sherri Stahl; Sharon and Andrew Tievsky and Family; Evelyn B. Treinish and H. Ronald Treinish; Debbie, Laura, Joanne and Mark Weinberg; Esther and Elliot Wilner and Joe and Ina Young.



Beth El Nursery School Camp

is hiring Junior Counselors
for June 23rd through August 1st
to help campers aged 3 - 5 yrs
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.



*Beth El Nursery School's Spring
Concert*

*featuring CENTER STAGE
Sunday, April 13th, 2:00 p.m.
in the Social Hall*

*There will be traditional Jewish music,
as well as children's songs,
line dancing and much more.*

Tickets are \$5 at the door.



Sisterhood News

Schedule of Sisterhood Events

April 13th Women's Passover Seder 6:00 p.m. in the APR Building on last year's success, this year's seder will again be led by Julie Maltzman and Gail Fribush. This year we will be using a wonderful Haggadah written from a women's point of view. Couvert is \$12. Please respond by April 7th to Joan Simon, (301) 469-8911, or Gail Ross, (301) 229-7005. We are also looking for volunteers to lead small parts of the service and/or cook the meal. Come learn some fabulous new recipes!

April 27th Sisterhood Book Club 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Following a theme of Jewish women's voices, we will read *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother* by James McBride. Mr. McBride grew up believing Rachel Jordan was a light-skinned African American. He learned his mother was actually Ruchel Zylska, a Polish-born daughter of an Orthodox rabbi. This is her story. It is available in paperback (Riverhead, \$12.00)

May 17, 1997* Beth El Sisterhood Torah Fund Reception, honoring our Torah Fund Award recipient, Cheryl Rod. Details to follow. ? call Doris Povich (320-5440) * Please note that this reception date has been changed from May 10th.

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 Gial Ross (229-7005)

Arthur S. Feld Lecture (Continued from Page 1)...

Los Angeles Times for his book designs; for designing and creating the art of over twenty synagogues in Canada, South America and the United States; for rewriting a century old Russian Torah; and for originating the current renaissance of the Ketubah (Illuminated Jewish Marriage Contract).

Dr. Ray is represented in the collections of art museums in the United States and around the world, at the U.S. White House, Israel's Knesseth and in major private collections. In 1948, he created the first map department for the State of Israel's armed forces in the newly formed Israel Navy during the War of Independence.

Until taking up residence in England late in 1987, Dr. Ray served on the faculties of the Hebrew Union College, Manhattan campus, the C.W. Post Center of Long Island University and was also a visiting lecturer for The Jewish Museum, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Yeshiva University, the Cloisters Museum, the New York Society of Scribes and the Pierpont Morgan Library. Following four years of repairing ancient scrolls in Holland, France, Ireland and the British Isles, he returned to his New York home in August, 1991. As "Master Scribe," his reputation increased after restoring the oldest Torah scroll in Europe, which was originally written ca. 1300 in Spain. It is now in the Hague, Netherlands. While in England he lectured at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Dr. Ray was on the Board of Trustees of the Judaica Museum, Riverdale, New York and was Chairman of the Board of Advisors for "The Eldridge Street Synagogue," the National Historic Landmark Synagogue in New York's Lower East Side.

1997-98 Slate of Officers

The Slate of Officers shown below is presented by the Nominations Committee to lead Beth El Sisterhood during the coming year. Elections will take place during the Sisterhood meeting scheduled for May 20, 1997. This notice is to be considered Sisterhood members' official notification. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Further nominations in the form of written petition(s) signed by five members in good standing, accompanied by the written consent of the nominee(s), must be received by the Committee Chair Sara Greenbaum by May 13, 1997.

President	Joan Simon
Executive Vice-President	Gail Ross
Membership Co-Vice-Presidents	Paula Siegel and Laurie Webber
Education Co-Vice-Presidents	Pat Danoff and Estie Lipsit
Catering Co-Vice-Presidents	Dale Gold and Ruth Sichel
Activities Vice-President	Cheryl Rod
Treasurer	Nancy Graber
Recording Secretary	Ruthanne Grundfast
Corresponding Secretary	Hellaine Nepo
Financial Secretary	

Two-year Trustees

Julia Copperman
Mona Gabry
Judy Goldman
Marcia Kalman
Janice Liebowitz
Judy Spector

One-year Trustees

Terri Annis *
Bernice Blumenthal *
Betty Drachman *
Ellen Elow-Mintz *
Toby Moss *
Elaine Pines *

*Continuing from two-year trustee status.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Greenbaum (Chair)	(301) 656-5263
Julia Copperman	(301) 530-3624
Ellen Elow-Mintz	(301) 897-2796
Dunya Hecht	(301) 365-3177
Leslie Silver	(301) 654-2369

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.

April 13 - April 17

Sam and Evelyn Margolis
Philip and Phyllis Margolius
David Margulies and Donna Vogel
Joseph and Janet Marshal
David and Linda Marshall
Jonathan Martel and Lisa Flaxman
Claire Marwick
Gary Marx and Julie Rabinowitz
Michael Mates and Lona Feldman
Gertrude Matloff
Robert and Kathy Matty
Dan and Judith Matz
Edward Max and Jody Green
Laura Mayer
Betty McDonald
Georg and Jane Mehl
Allan and Miriam Meltzer
Allan and Shereen Mendelowitz
Paul and Marcia Merlin
David and Carole Metzger

April 20 - April 24

Roy Millenson
Frances Miller
Jay and Lillian Miller
Philip Miller
Mark Milner and Hattie Ulan
Max and Betty Milner
Harvey and Susan Mininberg
Jack and Johanna Minker
Allen and Sima Minton
Daniel Mintz and Ellen Elow-Mintz
Paul and Yvonne Mirengoff
Jeffrey Moak and Karyl Barron
Greta Coen Moffatt
Jonathan and Debra Morgenstern
Michael and Keiko Morgenstern
Jack and Annette Moshman
Daniel and Carol Moskowitz
Bernard and Toby Moss
Ida Moss
Michael and Judith Muntner

Special Pesach Information

Memo From The Rabbi

The following Pesach guidelines have been made available through the Conservative Movement. It is an incomplete list but helpful nonetheless. Please feel free to call on me with any individual questions and be sure to fill out the form to sell your chametz. I will conduct the "Mechirat Chametz" on Monday, April 21, 1997, after the Siyyum. Have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and congregation.

Siyyum For The First Born

The Annual Siyyum for the First Born Child will be held on Monday, April 21st at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow.

Our thanks to Faye and Sy Wolf, who are sponsoring the Siyyum in memory of Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, Abraham and Dora Wolf, Dan Rosen and Molly and Irving Weinstein.

Pesach Yizkor Book Listing

Our Pesach Yizkor Book will be available on Tuesday, April 29, 1997.

Please complete and mail the form below without delay. Please PRINT or TYPE the form to avoid errors.

I/We are enclosing a contribution to Congregation Beth El of \$ _____

Please check one:

_____ I/We would like to use the same listing(s) from the 1996 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book.

_____ I/We did not have a listing in the 1996 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book. Please include the names listed below in the Pesach Yizkor Book.

_____ I/We had a listing in the 1996 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book and would like to have that listing plus the following names:

IN MEMORY OF:

REMEMBERED BY:

NAME _____
PHONE _____

Please return this form by Friday, April 11, 1997.

Congregation Seder

The Congregation Seder will be held on Tuesday evening, April 22nd, at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall I/We would like to make the following reservations:

Adults @ \$26	Total \$	_____
Non-member Adults @ \$32	Total \$	_____
Children 7-12 @ \$15	Total \$	_____
Children 2-6 @ \$8	Total \$	_____
Children under 2	No Charge	
	Grand Total \$	_____

Name _____
Phone No. _____
Address _____

I/We would like to be seated with:

_____ Yes! I would like to be seated at a 50+ Singles table.

_____ Yes! I would like to be seated at a Vatikkim table.

Price includes contribution to Mazon

Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to:
Beth El, Attn: Seder

Reservations are limited and due by Sunday, April 13, 1997 or the first 250 people, whichever comes first.

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Selling of the Chametz

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in your home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of Mechirat Chametz, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Maltzman sell your chametz, please mail in the following form by April 20, 1997 or drop it off in the Rabbi's office.

Selling of the Chametz

I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman to sell my chametz before Passover, April 21, 1997, according to Jewish law.

Signature _____
Address _____

_____ I enclose a donation for "Maot Chittim," feeding the hungry. Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth El.

Special Pesach Information

Pesach (Passover) Guidelines

Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Pesach falls on Monday evening, April 21st through Tuesday, April 29th. It is "late" because this is a leap year. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration.

A Pesach home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz or leaven in preparation for the welcoming of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of Chametz or leaven throughout the Pesach days, both at home and when away.

The term Chametz or leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

Foods During Pesach

1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dried peas and dried beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category.

2. Permitted Foods

A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label

The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes also require no supervision.

B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Pesach use are permitted also in their frozen state.

C. If Certified for Pesach Use by Rabbinical Authority

Matzot, matzo flour, Pesach noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear rabbinical signature.

Dishes and Utensils

1. Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions:

- A. Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Pesach if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

- B. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

- C. Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Pesach.

2. Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.

3. The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.

4. A dishwashing machine may be used for Pesach after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through a cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.

5. Microwave ovens are made kosher for Pesach by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.

6. Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over them. Some authorities call for a sink liner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

Volunteers Needed to Host Russian and Iranian Jewish Newcomers for Passover Seders

The Community Resettlement Program (CRP) of UJA Federation of Greater Washington needs families and individuals to host newly-arrived Russian and Iranian Jewish families or individuals for the first and/or second Passover seder(s) on Monday, April 21st and Tuesday, April 22nd. Due to the steady stream of newcomers able to emigrate to our area, the need for volunteers continues.

To extend a Passover invitation or for more information, please call Geri Elias at (301) 230-7341.

All in the Family

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Anne Solotar.

The following letter was received from Marilyn Hammerman:

Dear Members of Congregation Beth El,

There are truly no words to express the profound sense of comfort each of you provided for our family upon the death of my father, Abraham Hochberg. Your presence, your acts of concern, your reaching out to us has filled us with humility that we are fortunate enough to be part of your lives. Thank you for sustaining us through this trying time in our lives. Upon my return from Israel, I shall write and thank each of you individually. Until then...

Gratefully,

Marilyn Hammerman

Hoops for Hunger Victory for Congregation Beth El!

Congratulations to the Beth El All Stars who were victorious over the Har Shalom All Stars, 54 to 39, on Sunday, March 23rd. Bernie Weisz was the Most Valuable Player. The basketball game was a benefit for MAZON, A Jewish Response to Hunger.

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

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Ruth Cook Jasper by Mary and Jon Feibus.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin by Allan and Jocelyn Weissman.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Hannah Michelle Handloff by the Wilner Family; 25th anniversary of Jose and Tutti Sokol by West Bethesda Havurah.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: 20th anniversary of Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker. In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Marilyn and Gary Wind.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Sidney L. Kohn by Frances and Sam Glovinsky.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Gratitude for prayer on behalf of my wife by Dr. Robert Adelstein. In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Harry and Beverly Zitelman; My father's Yahrzeit by Dr. Robert Adelstein.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Szeren, mother of Aniko Jacobowitz by Leena and Erwin Groner; Abraham Hochberg, father of Marilyn Hammerman, by Leena and Erwin Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Memory Of: Joseph G. Resnick by Bernard and Charlotte Resnick.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Matthew Barstein by Sherman Kimball; Ellen Garrison's beloved mother by Joan and Gregg Levy.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: 52nd anniversary of Marvin and Shirley Vinitzky by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: Harry E. Weiss by Karen Satin and Michael Weiss.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Our daughter, Shira Alissa's Bat Mitzvah by Allan and Jocelyn Weissman.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Anna and Bernard Turteltaub by Helena Koenig.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Samuel Tanenbaum by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Jack and Stephanie Ventura.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Yael Greenberg by Allan Weissman; Rhoda and Max Zerkin's 50th birthdays by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: Sarine Cohen Lisbona by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Mathilde Menasce Schettewi by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; Abraham Hochberg by Toby and Bernie Moss and Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Lefkowitz.

Rabbi's Fund

Steven and Nancy Jacobson. In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman by Allan and Jocelyn Weissman; My aliyah by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Ida Topchik by Alfred and Theresa Topchik; Marilyn Grunewald's mother by Gary Marx and Julie Rabinowitz.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Engagement of Daniel Rudolph to Jennifer Ehrlich by Bernie and Toby Moss.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Hannah Michelle Handloff by Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum and Gary and Marilyn Wind;

Bar Mitzvah of Phillip Arnheim by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Stephanie Deutchman's grandmother by Rich, Rachel and Hannah Handloff.

Education Notes

Sixth Grade Boro Park New York Trip

Thirty-six students, double chai, was twice as lucky for this year's sixth grade class as a dreary Friday turned into a wonderful Shabbaton weekend in the Orthodox Jewish enclave of Boro Park in Brooklyn, N.Y. Students were matched up with host families and experienced a traditional Shabbas. We attended services, heard stories, took a walking tour and experienced another way of Jewish life. The trip culminated in a trip to Ellis Island. Participating in the trip were: Tyler Abrams, Marc Ames, Benjamin Baumgold, Jena Belinkie, David Benjamin, Daniel Binder, Elyssa Caplan, Alissa Chavis, Graham Cohen, Simon Cohen, Emily Dorfman, Ashley German, Emily Goldberg, Matthew Goldhill, Brian Graber, Sharon Greenblum, Jennifer Gross, Alana Jacobs, Jesse Keilson, Michael Klaus, Elizabeth Klein, Jed Klemow, Jenny Lewis, Joshua Mann, Yelizaveta Nusinovich, Paulina Nusinovich, Carey Polis, Rachel Reynolds, Jocelin Shalom, Jamie

Shoneman, Benjamin Simon, Daniel Simon, Jason Sznol, Dana Tievsky, Rebecca Weinstein, and Emily Woolf. We thank our chaperons who made the trip possible: Bobby Benjamin, Cathy Binder, Francine Klein and Carol Reynolds.

Tzedakah Contributions

Last year's Tuesday/Thursday 3rd-7th grade classes raised over \$300 in tzedakah money. The Vaad had decided they wanted the money to go to a local homeless shelter. The money was used to buy books for children in the House of Ruth in Anacostia. Rebecca Eisen, 8th grade, and her mother, Claire Shapiro, delivered the books and reported how well received was the donation.

Religious School Early Registration

Registration materials are usually mailed in the week following the spring Congregation Meeting at which the annual budget is approved. For the first two weeks of Early Registration, only mail-in applications are accepted. The "Early" registration period extends to the end of May. All registrations received after the end of May will be charged at a higher "Regular" tuition rate. Classroom spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so please get your registration forms in as soon as possible. If you do not receive your school registration packet within a week of the spring Congregation Meeting, please stop in or call the school office (652-2606, X 310) to receive the necessary forms.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Marilyn Hammerman on the death of her father, Abraham Hochberg; to Sholom Shefferman on the death of his wife, Adele Shefferman; to Marianne Freeman on the death of her father, Sigmund A. Cohen; and to Robert Newell on the death of his brother, Jacob K. Newell.

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

The past month has gone very well. I want to thank the Youth Group Advisors, Heather, Ariel, Adam and Lisa, for keeping things going. I am sure April will go just as well. Rich, Hannah and I would like to wish everyone a Chag Sameach. Enjoy Passover!

Rachel Handloff
Youth Director

THE YOUTH GROUPS

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2) (301) 652-2606, ext. 342
Advisor: Heather Handloff
Sunday, April 13th

Bonim Lunch Bunch and
Concert with "Center Stage"

Join Heather in the All Purpose Room for lunch at 1:30 p.m. The group will then go to the Social Hall for a concert by "Center Stage." There will be line dancing, the Macarena and lots of children's music. The cost is \$6.00 per child and includes a concert ticket and lunch. RSVP to Heather.

MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5) (301) 652-2606, ext. 341
Advisor: Ariel Glassman
Sunday, April 13th

Machar Comedy Sportz Workshop

Members of the comedy troop Comedy Sportz will be at Beth El to work with the Machar Youth Group on improvisation and other creative dramatics. Time TBA. For more information, please contact Ariel.

KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8) (301) 652-2606, ext. 340
Advisor: Adam Gluck
Sunday, April 13th

Social Action at the
Children's Inn at NIH

Join Adam and the Kadima chapter to prepare dinner for the Children's Inn at NIH. We will make dinner in the Beth El kitchen and then deliver it to the Inn, where we will be given a tour. RSVP to Adam.

U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) (301) 652-2606, ext. 343
Advisor: Lisa Itkin
Sunday, April 13th

Social Action at the
Children's Inn at NIH

See above for information.
Tuesday, April 15th Take 30
Join USY for this monthly educational seminar. Dinner is served in the Board Room at 6:15 p.m. The formal program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.
Saturday, April 19th USY Shabbat Shmooze
Join the Beth El USY chapter for their monthly Shabbat Shmooze. Meet in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be in the Board Room at noon. For more information, call Lisa.

Vatikim Program on April 17th

Since the kitchen is being prepared for Passover, there will not be a catered luncheon on Thursday, April 17th. However, we will have a program. Mr. Julian Feldman, former Executive Director of the Jewish Historical Society and of the Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum, will present videos of "A Capital Community" and the Mom and Pop Stores that we knew so well. Take time out from your Passover preparations to join us for this very special program! Please remember to bring your own dairy bag lunch.

Watch for the the April 25th issue of the Beth El Scroll for the resumption of the regular Vatikim luncheons on the third Thursday of the month. The next one will be on May 15th.

Men's Club News

The Sunday morning breakfast speaker programs will feature Jay Levin speaking on "Managing Wealth with Mutual Funds" on April 13th, and Rabbi William Rudolph speaking on "The Origins of Passover" on April 20th. The talks begin at 10:00 a.m. following the breakfast at 9:30. All congregants are cordially invited to attend.

Yom HaShoah is on May 4th, and the Men's Club will be selling memorial candles for several Sundays before in the Rotunda. Please stop by and pick up your candle in support of this very important day. As part of its recognition of this day, the Men's Club will be showing the award-winning 1985 film, "The Angry Harvest," in the evening. The film is about a Polish Catholic farmer who hides a Jewish woman during the Nazi occupation and the relationship that develops between them. Because of the mature nature of this film, the movie is for adults only. Further details will be given in the next issue of the Beth El Scroll. There will be a \$1 charge at the door to help defray the costs of presenting the movie. The Men's Club would like to thank Ted and Ronnie Goldberg for their assistance in obtaining the film.

Also on May 4th, Ben Wattenberg will give the final talk in the "Perspectives in Dialogue" series. The title of his talk will be "Perspectives on Jewish Demographics." Please join us for the buffet breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. We hope that many of our fellow congregants will be able to attend these two fine events on May 4th.

The Kavod Awards breakfast will be on Sunday, May 11th. Rabbi William Rudolph, Kenneth Feinberg and H. Ronald Treinish will be honorees at the breakfast. Reservation forms can be found in the information rack outside the synagogue office and will be printed in the next issue of the Beth El Scroll.

13 Mitzvot Awards Service and Congregation Dinner

Please make your reservation for the 13 Mitzvot Awards Service and Congregation Dinner on Friday, May 2, 1997. Reservations are needed by Monday, April 28, 1997. There will be no refunds. Please fill out the form below and send in your check to the office marked, "Attention: 13 Mitzvot Awards Dinner."

RESERVATION FORM

13 Mitzvot Awards Service & Congregation Dinner

Friday, May 2, 1997

Adult members _____ @ \$13.50 each	Total \$ _____
Non-member _____ @ \$9 each	Total \$ _____
Children (6-12) Members _____ @ \$9 each	Total \$ _____
Children (under 6) _____ @ \$4 each	Total \$ _____
	Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

I would like to sit with _____

**Reservations will not be accepted after
Monday, April 28, 1997**

NO PHONE RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS!!

(All rates include a 3% Mazon donation)

April 1997

Welcome to Congregation Beth El

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am-1:15pm Family Educ. Program (Gr. 1) - SH 9:30am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class - MR 9:30am Men's Club - BR 1:30-5:00pm Youth Dept. Activities - APR 2:00pm BENS Spring Concert - SH 2:30pm Black-Jewish Dialogue - BR 6:00-9:00pm Women's Passover Seder - APR</p>	<p>10:30am Sabra Hadassah - SH 5:30pm Goldstein Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:00pm Take 30 - BR 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Take 30 - APR</p>	<p>4:00pm Schrank/Webber B/M Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p>12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm 50+ Singles - APR 7:30pm Family Ed. Adv. Comm. Mtg. - MR 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>11 10:00am Lipsit Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:21pm Candles</p>	<p>12 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Pamela Corbett B/M 9:15am Allison Lipsit B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>
20	21	22	23	24		
<p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00-11:00am Passover Activities Day (K - 2) - SH 9:30am Men's Club - BR 11:00am-1:15pm Passover Activity Day - BR 11:30am Nitzanim Passover Celebration - SH</p>	<p>Erev Passover - 1st Seder 7:15am Fast of the Firstborn and Siyyum 1:00pm Offices and Schools Closed 6:30pm Festival Service</p>	<p>Passover - 1st Day Offices and Schools Closed 9:15am & 6:45 p.m. Festival Services 7:15pm Congregation Seder</p>	<p>Passover - 2nd Day Offices and Schools Closed 9:15am Festival Service</p>	<p>Passover - 3rd Day 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR</p>		

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

CONGREGATION BETH EL
of Montgomery County
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Periodicals
Postage
Paid at
Bethesda, MD 20814