

CONGREGATION  
BETH EL OF  
MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY

## Off The Bimah

Any comprehensive understanding of what it means to live a human life must also include an understanding of how to deal with our death. While we are wont to say "we live on in the hearts and minds of those who follow us," it is still a basic Jewish principle that God did not create human beings to die, nor that death is final. In a wonderful book on the interpretation of theology, the author writes: "A religion that does not teach the possibility of the survival of death is incoherent in the face of it." In the Bible, the notion is that a tree can grow again, but human beings cannot. There is no promise of resurrection. And yet every day we recite in the Amidah: "Praised are you, Lord, who resurrects the dead." Where did this idea come from? Perhaps it was borrowed from the Zoroastrian religion, as some scholars posit. Or perhaps resurrection is the final step in the triumphant march of the monotheistic idea. As the scholar Sholom Spiegel once wrote: "If God is really God, then God is stronger than death." What then does resurrection mean? Is it body? Is it spirit? I wish I knew. But I do know that by the Talmudic period there is a clear Jewish notion of an afterlife, i.e. that something happens to me after my death. Even the most liberal among us need to grapple with what that means. At the very least, it is a myth important enough for us all to retain.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

## "An Evening To Remember": Beth El Hosts a Most Successful Concert

It was, indeed, "an evening to remember." On Sunday, March 23rd, Beth El's Sanctuary was filled to capacity with congregants and guests who came to hear the beautiful voices of five extraordinary cantors, including our own Hazzan Lubin. In a concert dedicated to Torah and Jewish life, there was music from the shtetl to opera to the Broadway stage. Clearly delighted and moved by the singing, the crowd of over 600 rose to its feet for a standing ovation after the final number. In addition to Hazzan Lubin, the other artists included Louis Danto, Faith Steinsnyder Gurney, Kimberly Komrad and Melvin Luteran. Well-known pianist George Peachey served as accompanist.

Congregant Norman Yastrov was kind enough to lend his services with amplification and recording of the concert. We hope to be able to offer CDs or tapes of the concert for sale in the Judaica Shop when they

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## PASSOVER FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

**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)

## All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Murray and Marilyn Hammerman on the birth of their granddaughter, Rachelle Aviv Goldberg, on March 23, 1997 in Tel Aviv, Israel. Rachelle is the daughter of Lorre and Josh Goldberg.

Mazal Tov to Albert and Doris Povich on the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Povich, to Jack Feldman of Washington, D.C. A September, 1997 wedding is planned.

Mazal Tov to Gary Dubrow, son of Mary Dubrow, who was recently named Vice President of Acacia Federal Savings Bank in Falls Church, VA.

## Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, May 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.

13 Mitzvot Awards and Congregation Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3rd, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Arthur S. Feld Lecture at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10th, at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 10th, at 9:15 a.m.

Adam Goldstein Bar Mitzvah

Melissa Sidman Bat Mitzvah

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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

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## Embracing the Torah Update

Late in March, Embracing the Torah embraced the residents of Beth El's adopted unit at the Hebrew Home. With the help of Carolyn Webber and Phillip Arnheim, both recent B'nai Mitzvah, we showed the video, "The Writing of a Sefer Torah" and used an actual Torah to explain the intricacies of scribal arts. For some residents, who had been raised in Orthodox homes, the visit was particularly moving. One woman gently raised her arms and clasped the scroll with both hands, whispering that she had never before been so close to a Torah.

Two weeks remain for you to make a dedication of the new Sefer Torah and to be scheduled to complete a letter with the scribe at the Siyum on the new date of Sunday, September 21, 1997. We will accept dedications throughout the summer, but scheduling of time with the scribe will be drawn up after the May 15th deadline for dedications. Schedules will be mailed a few weeks before the Siyum. All congregants are invited to attend the celebration welcoming the new Torah, Sunday evening, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Congregants continue to devise moving and meaningful dedications. The first three words of the priestly blessing "May the Lord bless and keep you," from Numbers VI:24, were chosen for a loved one who is ill. The five verses read by her grandson and for which she had an aliyah were the dedication of an adoring grandmother. The Shema and V'ahavtah were selected as a special section to honor our Rabbis, Hazzan and their wives. An oft-chosen word has been "love," ahava, from Genesis XXIX:20 in which Jacob's seven-year-long labor for Rachel seems brief because of his love for her. As a reminder, any part of the new Sefer Torah may be dedicated by more than one congregant because the scroll belongs to all of us. It is the dedication that makes the word, verse or maftir a unique choice.

We will send a confirmation sheet to all who make a dedication with the details of their selection. If you find an error, please correct the sheet and return it to the synagogue office, marked "Attention: Embracing the Torah Project," or call the Torah line at (301) 652-2606, ext. 347.

Most recently dedications have been made by: Joan Lipnick Abelson and Rabbi Kassel Abelson; Audrey Corson and Dan, Jeremy, Rebecca and Zachary Kazzaz; Merry and David Eisenstadt and Rachel, Becky and Eli Eisenstadt; Cary, Nancy, Michael, Steven and Jaclyn Feldman; Yael Greenberg; Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gross; Mindy A. Hecker; Andrew and Katherine Koblenz; Jeff and Sandi Komarow; Leslie Mckinney Leonard and Warren, Lauren, Ariel and Ilana Leonard; Ted and Anita Lieb; Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman; Betty, Jim, Sara, Jessie and Jimmy McDonald; Sam and Debbie Olchyk; Harriet and Michael Paul; Elaine Pines; Susan, Ken, Jennifer and Kelly Rubin; Edmund and Gerda Schechter; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shalom; Michael and Sophie Siegel; Alan and Elizabeth Simon; Anne Solotar; Iris and Julian Tishkoff; Dora D. Weinstein; and Elaine and Steve Wishnow.



## Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next two weeks. Please note that there is also a Minyan at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. On Sunday through Thursday, the Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. During the week of your assignment, we would appreciate your attending as many evenings as possible, so that those who are saying Kaddish will have a minyan that they can attend at Beth El.

### April 27 - May 1

David and Julie Murray  
 Steven and Elise Museles  
 Edith Nash  
 Twila Nattel  
 Gary and Annick  
 Nemirovsky  
 Irwin and Hellaine Nepo  
 Barry and Karen Neuman  
 Robert and Beatrice  
 Newell  
 Judith Newman  
 Roy Niedermayer and  
 Gail Ross

Peter and Diane Novick  
 Richard and Varda Nowitz  
 Gregory and Yelena  
 Nusinovich  
 Bette Nussbaum  
 Robert and Rosine  
 Nussenblatt  
 Phillip Ochs and Sheila  
 Cohen  
 Allan and Joan Okin  
 Samuel and Debra Olchyk  
 Alan and Linda Orenstein  
 Herman Orentlicher

Max Osias  
 Jerome Ostrov and Roberta  
 Baruch  
 Lucy Ozarin  
 Arthur and Sarah Paikowsky  
 Steven and Dianna  
 Palance  
 Mark and Rina Palchick  
 Jacob and Diana Pankowski  
 Maurice and Milly Papielsky  
 Raymond Paretzky and  
 Karen Zacharia

### May 4 - May 8

Alan and Sharon Parver  
 Harold and Gaye Passes  
 Michael and Harriet Paul  
 David and Gertrude Pearl  
 Irving and Hamaline Peltz  
 David and Janet Perim  
 George and Elaine Perlman  
 Irwin and Carol Pernick  
 Jerry Pfeffer  
 Robert and Barbara Phillips  
 Elaine Pines  
 Anthony and Marion Pitch

## 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!

## Tuning in with Hazzan Lubin

Very often I find myself responding to a variety of questions and opinions regarding the nature and content of the music of prayer in community within the context of our synagogue services. I want to share with you the following piece recently penned by my colleague Hazzan Riki Lippitz. It expresses sentiments that I deeply and fully share with her:

"What is sacred music?"

"Is it dependent upon culture? Upon childhood memories? Upon the text? Upon the context in which you first hear it?"

"Given how subjective these categories are, let us broaden our definition: the sacredness of music has to do with our connectedness to the Divine, to the music itself, to the words, to each other, and to the moment.

"Now let us deepen our descriptive vocabulary and let me propose three models of prayerfulness through music. These models have their counterparts in the way we understand God, and all three have transcendent qualities.

"MAJESTIC - This music causes us to reach beyond ourselves and become aware of the grandeur of the cosmic order, the wonder of creation, the awesomeness of the Creator. We are part of something glorious and eternal. We may soar, we may tremble. We may feel that we are sharing in this prayer by singing, listening, or singing internally. Think of the grand, dramatic moments of the High Holy Day services or the beginning of the Torah service on Shabbat morning as examples.

"MEDITATIVE - This music causes us to draw inwards, reflect on our lives, our limitations, our mission in the world. We listen for the still, small voice of God. We confess, hope, and search for peace. Think of the quiet music following a silent amidah. Or the chanting of the Psalms. More than the notes, it is the rendering of the notes that creates this moment in music. Sometimes it is even the silence between the notes.

"MEETING - With this kind of music, we connect with the community surrounding us, singing together in either rousing or gentle tones. We draw strength and a sense of God's presence from the comfort of our human connections and shared affirmation. The texts for this kind of music are usually strophic - think of L'cha Dodi, Hallel, Adon Olam. Imagine singing together around a seder table. This music must be melodic, but it need not be simplistic.

"When we define sacred music by its affect, we realize that all three kinds of music are meaningful and coexist in all services. In fact, musical settings for most prayers are composed to create more than one kind of connection. It also seems to me that whether we are in the main sanctuary or the chapel, whether the organ is playing or it is not are not the important questions. The important questions are: Are we creating spiritual moments together? In what kinds of moments do you most often sense God's presence? Is there a balance in our services between these modes of prayer? And if, for you, there is an imbalance, can you define it by using these categories?"

## Senior Members' Task Force Survey

We are currently conducting short telephone interviews of a portion of our longstanding, senior membership to find out if Beth El can better meet their needs. If you have not received a call and wish to participate, please call one of the members of the Task Force: Brent Berger: (301) 770-1356; Beryl and Gloria Frank: (301) 469-7556; Mark Jacobson: (301) 299-2367; Connie Krupin: (301) 229-3464; Rhonda Lowell: (301) 294-8858; and Cheryl Rod: (301) 299-8362.

## An Evening to Remember (Cont. from p. 1)...

become available. Also, for those who are interested in purchasing recordings by the other artists, those tapes will also be available in the Judaica Shop.

Following the concert, there was a lovely dessert reception catered by Steve and Dalia Schulman of Knife and Fork Caterers, a Kosher caterer in Rockville, Maryland specializing in B'nai Mitzvah parties, weddings and other social events.

Special thanks to the Cantors' Concert Committee for organizing a first-class event: Tara Sonenshine, Chairperson, and members Benson Adams, Ann Barcome, Suzanne Bronheim, Sheila Smallberg Cohen, Josephine Gimble, Michele Herman, Steven Kravitz, Dorothea Lear, Anita Lieb and Marsha Rehns. The committee appreciates the hard work of Selma Kriss and others in the front office. And our deepest gratitude to committee member Charlotte Simos for her generous support of this and other musical events at Beth El in memory of her husband, Irving "Ozzie" Simos.

Finally, our thanks to all of you who supported this event. Your contributions will enrich both Beth El and the Cantors Assembly, and your attendance and enthusiasm made the evening such a success.

## 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 April 12th by Erwin and Leena Groner in honor of the sixth birthday of their daughter, Leah, and by Mike and Andrea Druckman in honor of the first birthday of their daughter, Hilary.

## Vatikkim Luncheon

With the winter weather and the holidays behind us, we will resume our Vatikkim luncheons/programs on the third Thursday of the month on May 15, 1997. By popular request, Dina Greenstein from the National Archives will return to talk to us about musical memories at that luncheon.

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1:00 pm. Cost for members is \$5.00 and for non-members, \$6.00. Please fill out the reservation form below and mail it to Bea Goldman, 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902, (301) 942-9434, or Lillian Kessler, 5450 Whitley Park Terrace, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 530-5650.

Please note that we will not accept reservations later than two days before the scheduled event to assure proper planning.

### *Reservation Form*

***Vatikkim Luncheon  
Thursday, May 15, 1997***

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at Vatikkim luncheon.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your response reach us by May 13th.  
No reservations will be accepted after this date.**

## Keruv

*Dear Keruv: I have enjoyed reading your many questions and answers on the Beth El web site. I would appreciate your help in pointing me to Beth El resources which might help me deal with 20-somethings who are: Jewish and deciding whether to limit dating to Jews; Jewish and contemplating intermarriage; and not Jewish but wondering about conversion and the problem of being intermarried with children. Thank you.*

*Congregant*

*Dear Congregant: Thanks for meeting us at the Beth El web site.*

The 20-something age group is a tough one to reach. Beth El's formal efforts to connect with Jewish youth end with our college outreach program (e-mail and holiday surprise packages) and pick up again when we give a free year's membership to newly married couples whose parents are members of Beth El. Keruv has held some discussions on the topics you raise and will probably do so again next year. In addition, if you contact us, we can put you in touch with individuals and families who have dealt with interdating, intermarriage and conversion (before marriage, after marriage and after children). The Beth El library has several books on the subject.

There are also resources outside Beth El. Although we deal with issues within Beth El and can't specifically recommend other sources, you could check with the Jewish Referral Service, (301) 770-4848, or the Jewish Community Center, (301) 881-0100.

Finally, if anyone has suggestions about how to draw this age group into the synagogue, feel free to let us know.

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.

## Electronic Communication for Beth El Members

Beth El continues in the electronic age with a very active, and lovely, page on the World Wide Web and an equally active LISTSERV for communication among members. The address for our Web page is : <http://uscj.org/seabd/bethesbe/>

Our WWW page includes many items of interest including the Beth El Scroll up to a week before it arrives in your mailbox, messages from our leadership, the Religious School booklet and links to other Jewish web pages. The page is maintained by our webmaster, Gary Rosenfeld. We would particularly like to add links to home pages of members and members' children who might be away at college. Send suggestions for material to include on our page, or links to other pages, to Gary ([Accsys@cais.casi.com](mailto:Accsys@cais.casi.com)) or to Art Popper ([Popper@zool.umd.edu](mailto:Popper@zool.umd.edu)).

We also have a Beth El LISTSERV which provides rapid communication and an interesting discussion group to members who use E-mail. If you are not already a part of our LISTSERV, we encourage you to join. To do so, send your full E-mail address and name to Art Popper ([Popper@zool.umd.edu](mailto:Popper@zool.umd.edu)), and he will add you to the list. This LISTSERV is limited, however, to Beth El members and their families.

## The Foundation for Jewish Studies Programs

"The Book of Ruth: Lovingkindness, Identity and Jewish Continuity" will be the subject of study by Rabbi Susan P. Fendrick of American University. The Lunch and Learn Downtown Bible Study Group will meet Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith building. Bring your Bible and a brown bag lunch. Beverages provided. \$15 advance registration fee. No previous Bible study required.

The Foundation for Jewish Studies will sponsor a Memorial Day Weekend Study Retreat Sunday - Monday, May 25 - 26 at the scenic Historic Hilltop House in Harper's Ferry with Dr. Raymond P. Scheindlin, Professor of Medieval Hebrew Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He will serve as Scholar-in-Residence and lead four study and discussion sessions on the subject "The Literature of Love in Jewish Tradition: Bible and Traditional Sources." Reservations are required before May 9, 1997.

"Job, the Poet: A Translator's Perspective" is the topic of the Tuesday, May 27th lecture by Professor Raymond P. Scheindlin to be held at Adas Israel, 2850 Quebec Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Bible Heritage Lecture begins with a reception at 7:30 p.m., followed by the lecture at 8:00 p.m.

For more information and a free brochure on these programs, please call The Foundation for Jewish Studies at (301) 770-4787.

## Education Notes

Upper School Take 30 - Bernstein, Hammerstein, Perlman & Company: Jewish Contributions to American Music

Spring Semester in the Upper School started with what several 10th graders called the best Take 30 session in their three year experience with the monthly assembly program. Religious School parent Jeff Cooper, accompanied by pianist Glenn Pearson, played show tunes and movie themes written by Jewish composers. The atmosphere was a combination of Name That Tune and Jeopardy as we heard selections from Rogers and Hart, Rogers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin (White Christmas, Easter Parade), Aaron Copland, E.Y. Harburg... It was a great night.

## 6th Grade Thirteen Mitzvot Awards

Friday, May 2nd will be a night of pride and celebration as our sixth graders are recognized for their completion of the Thirteen Mitzvot Project at a Shabbat service and dinner. This key component to our curriculum encourages the students to fulfill mitzvot divided among eight categories: Talmud Torah, Tefillah, Yom Tov (Holiday Celebration), Mishpacha, Beit Knesset (Synagogue), Tzedakah (Righteous Giving of money), Tzedek (Justice), and Gemilut Hesed (Deeds of Loving Kindness). This is one of our more exciting, innovative programs. With the encouragement of teachers Rabbi Haim Arzouan, Cheryl Kreiser and Sonia Olchyk, and parents, the students end the year with a significant accomplishment.

### **Baruch Dayan Emet**

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Frances Edlitz on the death of her husband, Edward Edlitz, and to Jorge Sapoznikow on the death of his mother, Hilda Goldstein de Sapoznikow.

## 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 26th Presentation of Golda Meir Award to Ellen Elow-Mintz** during the Shabbat service.

**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** at the home of Linda and Jerry Herman, 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)

**September 7-8, 1997 Beth El Sisterhood JEWISH NEW YORK TRIP WITH RABBI MALTZMAN.** Look for further details. Please note that this trip has been postponed from the June dates previously announced. ? Call Gail Ross (229-7005)

### Social Action News

Congregation Beth El recently received the following two letters of thanks:

*"We want to thank you for your contribution of \$250. In January, we provided emergency food supplies to 102 children and adults. Bethesda HELP provided emergency food supplies to 1,071 infants, children and adults last year. We also provided emergency financial assistance to 194 families and individuals to help with rent to prevent eviction, help with utilities or fuel to prevent termination of service, or for medicine, glasses, shoes or clothing. In addition, HELP volunteers drove 200 frail elderly citizens to and from doctor appointments. These are people who are unable to use public transportation because of the need to rely upon a cane or walker, or who may have impaired vision. Since our organization operates entirely with volunteers from supporting congregations, contributions are used entirely for client needs. We are grateful for the continuing support of your congregation in this vital outreach service to those in need within the community."*

*Bethesda HELP, Inc.*


*"Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$250. Your continuing support over the years means a lot to us, and to those families we serve. Your representative to our Board, Lois Levy, is an enthusiastic asset to our program and we appreciate her involvement in our planning. Thanks to you and others who support IHC we were able to provide 14,430 bed-nights in 1996. In the 10 years since our beginning we have provided over 60,000 bed-nights to families just coming out of shelters or who were at risk of becoming homeless."*

*Interfaith Housing Coalition, Inc.*

Your financial contributions to the Social Action Fund really do help those in need. Likewise, your donations of non-perishable food items in the basket near the Board Room really are delivered to hungry families. If you are interested in volunteering one day per month as a Bethesda HELP "Officer of the Day" or "Driver of the Day," please call Abbie Eckland at (301) 320-9433. If you would like to volunteer your talents and time to the Interfaith Housing Coalition, please call Gerry Cain at (301) 656-6867.

### 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.



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<p><b>SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1997</b></p> <p>Registration &amp; Coffee 10:00 AM Branch Board Meeting 11:00 AM Torah Fund Achievement Awards Milestone Awards Mincha 12:15 PM Lunch 12:30 PM Presidents' Session 2:00 PM Workshops 2:00 PM Congregation &amp; Sisterhood Relations Civil Discourse The Price of Living Jewishly Handicrafts Rest &amp; Relaxation at Hotel 5:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Keynote 8:00 PM Zelda D. Dick Award Musical Program Dessert Reception</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, MAY 19, 1997</b></p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM The Book of Esther - Janis Sherman Popp Plenum 10:30 AM To Remain a Jew in Our Time The Threat, The Crisis, The Response Break Out Groups 11:45 AM Rabbi Jack Moline Mr. Mark Powers Ms. Caren Oler Dr. Paul Ephross Lunch 1:15 PM Look to the Future Resolutions</p>
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PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED PORTION TO **MARGY FILLER** BY MAY 5, 1997  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MEAL SUBSTITUTIONS

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a first time delegate? \_\_\_\_\_

Child care by reservation (at your expense)? Sun. 12 - 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Mon. 8 - 2 \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Conference Package:</b> (includes Meals) Early Bird - prior to April 21, 1997 \$70.00 \$ _____ Regular - after April 21, 1997 \$75.00 \$ _____</p> <p><b>PART TIME:</b> Sunday Lunch \$ 9.00 \$ _____ Dinner &amp; Reception \$45.00 \$ _____ Reception Only \$ 5.00 \$ _____ Monday Breakfast \$ 6.00 \$ _____ Lunch \$15.00 \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____</p>	<p><b>GUESTS:</b> Name _____</p> <p><b>Guest Meals Only:</b> Sunday Lunch \$ _____ Sunday Dinner \$ _____ Monday Lunch \$ _____ Total Amount for Guests \$ _____</p>
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## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of March 27 1997)

### **Beth El Forest**

In Memory Of: Mati Dinar's father by Brenda, Jim, Josh and Carly Schmand and Leslie Shedlin, David, Jacob and Sam Raim.

### **Building Fund**

In Memory Of: Sarah Lewis and William Aisenberg by Irwin Aisenberg.

### **Cantor's Fund**

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Eli Kaplan by Aaron Tievsky. In Memory Of: Mrs. Fannie Kleine by Herman Kleine; Abraham Hochberg by Claire Marwick.

### **College Fund**

In Honor Of: Birth of Hannah Michelle Handloff by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky and Family; Sharon Gott's Bat Mitzvah by Mindy A. Hecker.

### **Disabled Access Fund**

In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Jason and Josephine Horn; Asha Dumbre by Jason and Josephine Horn; Leon Hakim, Mati Dinar's father, by the Benjamin, Engler, Glick, Mirengoff, Yastrov, Einhorn, Gold, Jacobs, Polis, Rubin, Ross and Kubic families.

### **Fine Arts Fund**

In Memory Of: Sidney L. Kohn by Esther G. Kohn.

### **Israel Experience Teen Fund**

In Honor Of: Birth of Adina Pollak by Mindy A. Hecker.

### **Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Memory Of: Estelle Kimball, a special and wonderful friend, by Marla Allard.

### **Library Fund**

In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rib by Lenore and

Melvin Richter. In Memory Of: Calvin Golumbic's mother, Tillie Golumbic, by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

### **Mazon**

In Memory Of: Leah Heffter and Bess Unger Cohn by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heffter; Abraham Hochberg by Warren and Judith Greenberg.

### **Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: Morning Minyan by Samuel and Dora Tranen. In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Julian Levin; Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, Abraham and Dora Wolf, Dan Rosen and Molly and Irving Weinstein.

### **Nitzanin Fund**

In Honor Of: Our son, Carl's birthday by Matthew Slater and Faith Roessel.

### **Prayerbook Fund**

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Bernard Rubinstein, by Marcia Possick.

### **Rabbis' Fund**

In Honor Of: Engagement of Daniel Rudolph by Marilyn and Gary Wind. In Memory Of: Dorothy Bender by Howard Bender.

### **Social Action Fund**

In Memory Of: Dora Scheer by Iris J. Kivitz; Paul Klein by The Davidson Family; David Raab by Arlene Shykind.

### **Torah Scroll Fund**

In Memory Of: Lillian Hurwitz by Beatrice Bregor.

### **Vatikkim**

In Memory Of: Dr. Israel M. Kamens by Toby and Dean Rodman and Family; Samuel and Sarah Rod by Isadore Rod.

## **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**

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,  
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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.

## **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.

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

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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: Lisa Itkin

**Men's Club News**

As part of its recognition of Yom HaShoah on May 4th, the Men's Club will be showing the award-winning 1985 film, "The Angry Harvest," at 7:00 p.m. No reservation is necessary. Further details are in the movie notice in this issue.

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." This should be a most timely and interesting presentation, and we hope that you will be able to join us for the buffet breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10:00 a.m.

The Kavod Awards breakfast is coming up on Sunday, May 11th. Please get your reservation form in as soon as possible for this important Beth El event. The reservation form appears in this issue and is also available in the lucite holder outside the synagogue office.

The Men's Club of Beth El Presents

**ANGRY HARVEST**

Academy Award Nomination for Best Foreign Language  
Film in 1985

**"Four stars- Breathtaking"**  
James Verniere, Boston Herald

**"Four stars- Superb"**  
Judy Stone, San Francisco Chronicle

**"Piercing, powerful..."**  
Paul Attanasio, Washington Post

"Angry Harvest is a gripping movie about a Jewish woman who escapes from a train on its way to a death camp and who is found and sheltered by a Polish Catholic farmer. The movie develops in great detail their individual personalities and the relationship that forms between them. Because of the mature nature of this film, it is recommended for adults only.

Please join us for what is sure to be a unique evening of film viewing at Beth El on Sunday May 4, at 7:00 PM. A fee of \$1 per person will be collected at the door. Liquid refreshments will be available.

The Men's Club would like to express its sincere appreciation to Ronnie and Ted Goldberg for their assistance in obtaining this remarkable film.

The Men's Club Cordially Invites You  
To Join Us for the **24th Annual Kavod Awards Breakfast and Presentation**

9:30 A.M., May 11, 1997

Congregation Beth El Social Hall

Service to the Community at Large:  
**Kenneth Feinberg, Esq.**

Service to the Jewish Community:  
**Rabbi William Rudolph**

Service to Congregation Beth El and the Men's Club:  
**Mr. H. Ronald Treinish**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ seats for the 1997 Kavod Awards Breakfast and Presentation.

I have enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_ ( \$10. per person).

Mail to: Men's Club Treasurer, Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD  
20814 by May 5th please.

April 25, 1997 - May 8, 1997

Welcome to Congregation Beth El

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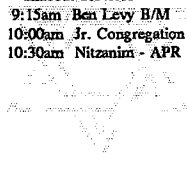
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<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Passover - 4th Day</b></p> <p>6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p> <p>7:35pm Candles</p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Passover - 5th Day</b></p> <p>7:30am &amp; 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:15am Ben Levy B/M</p> <p>10:00am Jr. Congregation</p> <p>10:30am Nitzanini - APR</p> 
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<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Passover - 6th Day</b></p> <p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel</p> <p>9:00am-1:15pm Family Educ. Program (Gr. 4) - SH</p> <p>9:30am Starwood Book Club - Chapel</p> <p>9:30am Men's Club - BR</p> <p>9:30am Levy Picture Taking - Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00am Adul B'nai Mitzvah Hist. Class - BR</p> <p>1:30-5:00pm Youth Dept. Activities - APR</p> <p>6:30pm Festival Service</p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Offices and Schools Closed</b></p> <p><b>Passover - 7th Day</b></p> <p>9:15am &amp; 6:30 p.m. Festival Services</p> 	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Offices and Schools Closed</b></p> <p><b>Passover - 8th Day</b></p> <p>7:00am &amp; 9:15 a.m. Festival Services (Yizkor)</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Schools Resume</p> <p>4:15pm Rel. Sch. Yom HaShoah</p> <p>Commemoration - Sanctuary</p> <p>5:45-6:15pm Religious School Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct.</p> <p>6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p> <p>7:00pm Tentative Constitution Review</p> <p>Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>12:00pm Vatikim - SH</p> <p>4:15pm Rel. Sch. Yom HaShoah</p> <p>Commemoration - Sanctuary</p> <p>5:45-6:15pm Religious School Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct.</p> <p>6:30pm Aerobics - SH</p> <p>7:30pm Tentative Constitution Review</p> <p>Comm. Mtg. - APR</p> <p>8:15pm Caregivers' Support Group - BR</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p> <p>7:00pm 13 Mitzvot and Congregation Dinner - SH</p> <p>7:42pm Candles</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:30am &amp; 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:15am Arthur S. Feld Lecture</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Yom Hashoah</b></p> <p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel</p> <p>9:15am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Mtg. - BR</p> <p>9:30am Men's Club - SH</p> <p>10:00am Perspectives in Dialogue - Sanctuary (Tentative)</p> <p>2:30pm Black-Jewish Dialogue - BR</p> <p>3:30pm Yom Hashoah Memorial Observance at Ohr Kodesh</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Club</p> <p>Movie Night - SH</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:00pm Take 30 - BR</p> <p>6:30pm Aerobics - SH</p> <p>7:00pm Take 30 - APR</p> <p>7:30pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>3:00-5:30pm Goldstein B/M Rehearsal &amp; Pictures - Sanctuary</p> <p>5:15-6:15pm Vaad HaStudentim Mtg. - BR</p> <p>6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p> <p>7:15pm Boy Scouts Parents Mtg. - BR</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>12:00pm Vatikim - SH</p> <p>5:15-6:15pm Vaad HaStudentim Mtg. - BR</p> <p>6:30pm Aerobics - SH</p> <p>7:00pm AMI Mtg. - APR</p>		

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

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