



CONGREGATION  
BETH EL OF  
MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY

## All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Morton and Lillian Davis on the birth of their granddaughter, Abriel Hannah Kramer, on March 18, 1997. Abriel is the daughter of Dr. Risa and Steven Kramer.

Mazal Tov to Sam and Evelyn Margolis on the birth of their grandson, Avram Isaac Warshawsky, on March 20, 1997. Avram is the son of Laura and Mark Warshawsky.

Mazal Tov to Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin on the birth of their grandson, Micah Nathan Feldman, on April 13, 1997. Micah is the son of Stephanie Lubin and Dr. Scott Feldman and is also the grandson of Larry and Judy Feldman.

Mazal Tov to Bernie and Bea Berger on the birth of their grandson, Eli Matthew Berger, on April 19, 1997. Eli is the son of Burman and Deborah Berger.

Mazal Tov to Gary Friend and Tara Sonenshine on the birth of their son, Yale Samuel Friend, on April 20, 1997.

The following note was received from Rabbi William Rudolph:

*The mitzvah of nichum aveilim, comforting the mourner, is a very precious one. My family and I have been deeply touched, more times than we could begin to count, by the support and caring shown us by the members and officers and staff of this wonderful shul following my father's death. The outpouring of sympathy calls and cards, the help with the shivah and the many acts of tzedakah in my father's memory have brought much light into the darkness. There are too many of you to thank individually. Please know how great is our appreciation.*

## Membership News Flash

On Sunday, June 1st, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Beth El will sponsor a "Membership Fair" at the synagogue. This Open House is designed to reach out to potential new members and to provide information about our wonderful programs. To make this as successful as possible, we hope that you will spread the word to friends and neighbors who may be considering affiliating with a synagogue. We are sending invitations to persons who have expressed an interest in Beth El during the past year and would be happy to extend an invitation to anyone you know. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome prospective members and demonstrate the Beth El spirit. If you would like us to send an invitation to someone you know or simply want to know more about the event, please call Rachelle Bernstecker at (301) 309-0947.

## Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, May 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17th, at 7:30 and  
9:15 a.m.

Rachel Fersh Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Learners' Minyan at 10:00 a.m. in  
the APR

Gan Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in  
the MR

USY Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in  
the BR

Friday, May 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 24th, at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 24th, at 9:15 a.m.

Jacob King Bar Mitzvah

Daniel Semo Bar Mitzvah

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Youth Department Shabbat Dinner  
at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 31st, at 7:30 and  
9:15 a.m.

Evan Stern Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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

## 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!

CONGREGATION MEETING

MAY 27, 1997 — 8:15 P.M.

FOLLOWING THE EVENING MINYAN

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## Embracing the Torah Update

Our Rabbis tell a moving story of an earlier time: A poor boy who could not read was heard repeating from the rear of the synagogue, "aleph, bet, gimel, dalet, aleph, bet, gimel, dalet." Some of the congregants became annoyed at the sound and wanted him to stop. "But I cannot read the prayers," he answered. "These letters are all I know, and I want to pray to God." The synagogue's Rabbi intervened. "Recite the letters from your heart," he told the boy. "God will write the prayers with them."

Many of Beth El's young children have symbolically written an entire Torah by dedicating a letter in honor of our year of Embracing the Torah. In all, nearly a third of our congregation has dedicated a portion of our new Sefer Torah.

The deadline for dedications is May 15th for those wishing to be accorded time with the scribe as he completes the writing of the Torah at Beth El at the Siyum, Sunday, September 21st. Although dedications may be made at any time, we cannot guarantee that those made after May 15th will be included in the writing ceremony or in the program for the Siyum. Late dedications, however, will be included in the Book of Dedications. The scribe will write throughout the day on September 21st; the formal dedication and celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The most recent dedications have been made by: Walter Arnheim; Rhoda Barish and Michael Polis and Family; Jacob Berman; Jeffrey Berman and Naomi Chernik Berman; Noah Berman; Greg Corey Berson; Jody Robin Berson; Laurie Donna Berson; Irving and Vivian Beyda; Benjamin Bolasny; Stephanie Paige Coplan; Hilary Druckman; Nate Druckman; Alexandra Farber; Olivia Farber; Hannah Fidell; Ivy Fields; Joel Finbloom; Al and Evelyn Fox; Katie Friedman; Judy and Craig Futterman; Michael A. Futterman; Samuel J. Futterman; Leora I. Gabry; Shira A. Gabry; Aaron Ganek; David Gang; Rachel Gang; Adam Glick; Eliana Glick; Elizabeth Goldman; Phillip and Vivian Gorden; Maya Lane Gottlieb; Seth Joseph Gottlieb; Nancy Graber; Brenda Gruss; Donald Gutman; Jason Gutman; Rachel Gutman; Michelle and Don Hainbach; Corey Hanley; Jamie Hanley; David Benjamin Herman; Erika S. Herman; Daniel Hirsch; Caryl and Jerry Holiber; Elmira Hopp; Leigh Horn; Joshua B. Kaplan; Rebecca R. Kaplan; Margaret Taylor Kay; Barbara Klein; Benjie Kubic; Fancine Lanar; Ariel Leonard; Ilana Leonard; Lauren Leonard; Caleb Levine; Kevin Levine; Lauren Levine; Shoshana Levine; Kay Klass and Mark Levitt; Joshua Lieberman; Benjamin C.V. Margulies; Dan R.V. Margulies; David H. Margulies; Jerilyn L. Margulies; Dr. and Mrs. Sam A. Margolis; Janet Meyers and Mark Pollak; Daniel Mintz and Ellen Elow-Mintz; Adam Fred Moskowitz; Benjamin Eli Moskowitz; Aaron Frohman Plave; Leah Frohman Plave; Adam Polis; Brian Polis; Carey Polis; Adeen and Michael Postar; Stephanie Postar; Barry Pupkin; David Pupkin; Stephen Pupkin; Marsha Rehns; Rachel E. Reynolds; Sarah and David Roark; Simone Anne Roark; Andrew Ross; Gladys Ross; Jenna Ross; Ted and Kay Senator; Edward L. Simon; David, Sharon, Eric, Alan, Jesse Spiegel; Thomas Stanton; Alyssa Stein; Elana Stein; Sarah Steward; Rebecca Tanenbaum; Esther Tepper; Donna L. Vogel; Carolyn Webber; Joan Leah Webber; Rebecca Leigh Webber; Andrew Weisberg; Eric Weisberg; Jessica Widom; Elsie and Joseph A. Woolman; Andrew Yanovski; Joshua Yanovski; Rachel Yanovski; Gabrielle Yudkovitz; Marvin Yudkovitz; Martha Zaslow; Alex Zissman and Melissa Zissman.



## Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next three 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.

### May 1 - May 15

Harry and Babette Pitt  
 Shirlene Platshon  
 Michael and Judith Platt  
 Mitchell and Erica Plave  
 Saul and Elizabeth Pleeter  
 Milton Pochter  
 Michael Polis and Rhoda Barish  
 Mark Pollak and Janet Meyers  
 Richard and Sandra Pollen  
 Joel and Betsy Popkin  
 Arthur and Helen Popper  
 Zvi and Bunny Porath  
 Robert and Linda Posilkin  
 Marcia Possick  
 Michael and Adeen Postar  
 Louis and Carole Potash  
 Albert and Doris Povich  
 Barry Pupkin and Barbara Klein  
 Ellen Purpus  
 David and Marci Raab

### May 18 - May 22

Emanuel and Harriet Rabin  
 Aaron and Shirley Racusin  
 David Raim and Leslie Shedlin  
 Arnold and Hilary Raizon  
 Howard and Anita Ratain  
 Sydney and Anne Ratcliffe  
 Sanford and Shelley Reback  
 Herman and Dorothy Rebhan  
 Blanche Reines  
 Stuart and Sarah Reiter  
 Bernard and Charlotte Resnick  
 Harvey Resnik  
 Kerry and Carol Reynolds  
 Louis and Helen Rib  
 David and Marjorie Richman  
 Melvin and Lenore Richter  
 Basil and Margaret Rifkind  
 Susan Rittenberg  
 David and Sarah Roark

### May 25 - May 29

Bernard and Cheryl Rod  
 Isadore and Rose Rod  
 Dean and Toby Rodman  
 Loren Rodwin and Leah Nichaman  
 Philip and Alisa Rogers  
 Lila Rosen  
 Alexander and Beatrice Rosenberg  
 Brian and Elaine Rosenberg  
 Gilbert and Minerva Rosenberg  
 Norman and Sarah Rosenberg  
 Steven and Alice Rosenberg  
 Marvin and Suzanne Rosenblatt  
 David and Deborah Rosenbloom  
 Gary and Dawn Rosenfeld  
 Bernice Rosenstock  
 Herbert and Nancy Rosenthal  
 Joseph and Dorene Rosenthal  
 Steven and Beth Rosenthal

## Education Notes

### Upper School Take 30

Our Upper School Take 30 assembly program on Tuesday, May 6th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. is "Justice Delayed: The Fight By Holocaust Victims and Their Families to Uncover the Collaboration Between Swiss Banks and Nazi Germany." The speaker is Miriam A. Kleiman, Senior Researcher at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll. Ms. Kleiman works exclusively on the Swiss bank case, providing documentation for the firm's class action lawsuit representing millions of Holocaust victims and their heirs against the three major Swiss banks. In this capacity, she has extensive contact with archivists, historians and Congressional staffers, while also supervising the ongoing research effort at the National Archives. Ms. Kleiman's efforts were prominent in presenting factual documentation in the law firm's case against the Swiss banks. The documents she discovered illustrate that clearly, and without question the Swiss banks were the "financial engine" for the Third Reich. Some experts say that the banks' financing of the German war effort extended World War II for at least one year.

### Explaining Judaism

Every year the opportunity comes to host non-Jewish students for the "Judaism" unit of their Comparative Religion courses. Last year several groups came to our Congregation, including our Methodist neighbors from across the street. On Sunday, March 16th, a group of students from a Hindu school visited us. This year, Mr. Holzman's seventh graders played host, welcoming our guests and explaining what Judaism means to them. The meeting, set in the Sanctuary, also was an opportunity to explain the significance and meaning of the objects in that space. Besides being an occasion to answer our guests' inquiries, it is a chance to see what our students have internalized through eight years of Religious School education. As always, Mr. Holzman's late session class made us proud. The patriarch, Avraham, would have respected the students' act of hachnasat orchim (welcoming of guests), and Moses or the Talmudic sages would have appreciated their achievements in Talmud Torah (Jewish learning). Congratulations to you all.

### Notes from the Board of Directors

At the March 25, 1997 meeting, President Bronheim reported that the budget process is underway, the Ner Tamid has been lowered two feet, and the tapestries for the walls of the Bimah area are nearing completion.

In other news:

- The Treasurer's Report included year-to-date figures through February, and trends noted earlier are continuing. Current billing of dues is only slightly below budget.

- The Social Action Committee continues planning for the Mitzvah Day in the fall, as well as Beth El's participation in the Community-Based Shelter the week of May 4-11.

- The Siyyum for the Torah Project has been postponed until September 21 because of an injury to the scribe, resulting in a delay in completion of the Torah. The deadline for dedications is being extended slightly, and members are urged to make their dedications as soon as possible in order to participate in the Siyyum. A new gift level for children has been established.

- The Ritual Committee has decided on a change in the siddurim to acknowledge the mothers of our heritage in the Amidah to accompany the mention of the fathers.

- Saul Bendit enrollment totals about 200 in the evening classes and 50 during the day.

Actions taken by the Board include the following:

- The Board approved a motion to implement the recommendations and plan of action proposed by the In-Reach Task Force to better integrate members of the congregation into synagogue activities and functions, and to establish improved mechanisms for welcoming new members. These actions will be implemented over the next year, with a number taking place immediately.

- The Board approved the nomination of Gary Bernstecker as Support Foundation Director.

- The Board endorsed a letter drafted by Rabbi Maltzman requesting that Orthodox rabbis in the Washington area renounce the recent declaration by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, which in effect rejects the non-Orthodox branches of Judaism.

### 1998 Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

If you are interested in joining the 1998 Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class, please contact Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman at (301) 652-2606, ext. 319.

### 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: My husband and I had an especially nice time at the Tu B'Shevat Seder in January. We would like to thank and honor Leslie Leonard who conducted the Seder and Joan and Rick Claxton who invited us into their beautiful home by making a donation to Keruv. Will you suggest a Beth El fund we can donate this money to so that it will be available for future Keruv programs?*

Congregant

*Dear Congregant: Thank you for your kind words and, in advance, for honoring Keruv and its activities.*

Keruv is financially supported through donation to Beth El's General Fund. We hope you will enjoy many more Keruv programs with us.

A note to our readers: In a recent sermon, Rabbi Maltzman suggested that we use more Jewish words to describe our lives, especially our Jewish experiences. Rabbi Rudolph made the same suggestion in one of his Saul Bendit courses a few years ago. This summer, Keruv's columns will be devoted to useful Jewish words you may wish to incorporate into your vocabulary. If you have a word or words you would like to see defined or included in this list, please send them to us. (Definitions appreciated, but not necessary.)

Keruv wants your questions and comments! Feel free to ask about almost anything, and we will try to answer you in the Beth El Scroll or privately. Address: "Dear Keruv," in care of the synagogue office.

Keruv ("outreach") addresses the issues of intermarriage at Beth El. We hold drop-in Shabbat discussions, talk to Havurot, and have family-based holiday parties. For more information about Keruv and its activities, call Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919.

## Keruv Calendar

Watch this space for details about our annual Shavuot picnic, to be held on Sunday afternoon, June 15th. It's dairy pot-luck and child friendly.

## Therapy Groups for Holocaust Survivors and Their Families

Two new psychotherapy groups for the families of Holocaust survivors are being offered under the auspices of The Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Studies and will be facilitated by Jeffrey Jay, PhD and Roberta Boam, M.S.W., M.A., who have extensive experience working with Holocaust survivors and their families.

Group I, Children of Holocaust Survivors, is for adult children of survivors. It will provide an opportunity to consider the psychological legacies of their parents' lives on their past and present. Now, as both generations have advanced in age, old issues take on a new meaning and pose new physical and emotional responsibilities that call for new understandings. The group begins May 5th, and will meet on consecutive Monday evenings. There is a sliding scale fee.

Group II, Multiple Family Therapy Group for Families of Holocaust Survivors, is a multiple family group for survivors, children and grandchildren in Holocaust survivors' families who will meet together as families. We will focus on facilitating communication between generations, noting the special mysteries and realities, expectations and capacities, loves and responsibilities. The group begins May 8th. It will meet on consecutive Thursday evenings. There is a sliding scale fee.

For more information on either group, call (202) 362-0063 or (202) 265-0049.

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**For information about multiple ads  
or larger size business ads,  
please call Lisa Amans  
at (301) 229-6630.**

## Urgent Appeal for Life-Saving Donors

Friends of Allison is sponsoring a Marrow Donor Drive on Monday, May 19th, from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Adas Israel Synagogue at Connecticut and Porter Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. The synagogue is located on the Metro Red Line. A second drive will be conducted on Tuesday, May 20th, from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Tilden Middle School, 11211 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. All testing is free.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good health, a simple blood test can be used to screen you as a possible candidate. All results are entered in the National Marrow Donor Registry.

Every year more than 30,000 children and adults are diagnosed with leukemia and other fatal blood diseases. A bone marrow transplant is their only chance for a cure. A transplant is only possible when the patient and donor have matching marrow tissue types. Since marrow types are inherited, the best chance for finding a donor is within the patient's racial and ethnic background.

This marrow drive is being done to honor the memory of Allison Atlas, Joanne E. Johnson, Joe Rodriguez, Jr. and Barbara Wright. For more information on becoming a marrow donor, call NIH at (301) 496-0572. For directions to the marrow drive locations, call Friends of Allison at (301) 365-7750.

## 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.

## Schedule of Sisterhood Events

May 17 **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 **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)

### 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) or to Art Popper (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), and he will add you to the list. This LISTSERV is limited, however, to Beth El members and their families.

### Beth El All-Star Basketball Team Plays Benefit Game in May

The Beth El All-Star Basketball Team will play a benefit game against the Israeli Embassy All-Star Basketball Team on Sunday, May 18th, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, 1901 E. Jefferson Street, Rockville. Admission is free.

### **Baruch Dayan Emet**

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Rabbi William Rudolph on the death of his father, Samuel Rudolph; to Mitzi Goldman on the death of her mother, Helen Wilder; to Doris Povich on the death of her mother, Gertrude W. Levy; and to Michael Diamond on the death of his father, Julius Diamond.

### "Shiva and Making a Shiva Call" Featured at Area-Wide Funeral Committee Meeting

The Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington (JFPCGW) will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, May 28th at 8:00 p.m. at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8402 Freyman Drive, Chevy Chase, MD. Freyman Drive is just off East-West Highway and Meadowbrook Lane. Everyone interested in the work of the Committee is invited.

The evening will feature "Shiva and Making a Shiva Call," a talk by Rabbi Lyle Fishman of Ohr Kodesh. Copies of the new funeral contract, and of the Jewish Way of Death Literacy Quiz (with answers) will be available. Books on death and mourning will also be available for sale. The JFPCGW will elect officers for the next two years, report on the new funeral contract and take everyone's questions, comments and suggestions.

Some 30 congregations -- orthodox, conservative, reform, reconstructionist and independent -- participate in the JFPCGW, which is more than 20 years old. Its benefits include education and training in meeting death and bereavement Jewishly, and in supporting the bereaved. The JFPCGW negotiates and maintains a contractual relationship with a funeral home so that Jewish values are respected, and so that the family is protected from financial exploitation at a vulnerable time.

### 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.

### Beth El's 50+ Singles to Hear Talk on "Scenes from the Torah at the National Gallery of Art"

The May 15th meeting of 50+ Singles will feature a presentation by Dr. Heinz Bauer on "Scenes from the Torah at the National Gallery of Art." The meeting will be held in the All Purpose Room with refreshments and socializing from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. and after the 8:00 presentation. Dr. Bauer, who has been a docent at the National Gallery of Art for the past 14 years, has addressed the group before on classical art themes. For further information, call Roy Millenson at (301) 229-4237.

### 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 will be sponsored on May 10th by Jeremy and Sharon Zissman in honor of the third birthday of their son, Alex Zissman.

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of May 7, 1997)

***Bendit Adult Institute Fund***

In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Richard and Anita Stoil.

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In Honor Of: Charlotte Simos by Max and Betty Milner. In Memory Of: Jacob K. Newell by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Adele Shefferman by Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Rod; Nathan Katz by Eleanor Klau; Sarine Cohen Lisbona by Boyd and Evelyne Steward.

***Chevre Kadisha Fund***

In Memory Of: Trudy Haber by Murray Haber; Abraham Hochberg by Joan Simon.

***College Fund***

In Honor Of: Birth of Hannah M. Handloff by Hannah Lipman; Judy Greenberg's 50th birthday by Hannah and Tim Lipman. In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Hannah and Tim Lipman; David Pollack by Linda Orenstein.

***Disabled Access Fund***

In Memory Of: Jack J. Brown by Rita and Irv Weiss; Jacob and Max Horn by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

***Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund***

In Memory Of: Paul Cohen by Flora P. Feld.

***Fine Arts Fund***

In Memory Of: Frederick Sherman by Meiva S. Tofsky; Barnet Landau by Marvin and Dolly Band; Ella Gerber by Gertrude Gerber, Frances and Sam Glovinsky and Esther G. Kohn; Sidney L. Kohn by Gertrude Gerber.

***General Fund***

In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Frances and Samuel Edlow and Sue and Ben King; Jack K. Newell by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Barnet Landau by Dolly and Marvin Band; Edward Edlitz by Myron and Lenore Lenkin; Sarah Witt Kolker by Beverly Kolker Freedman; Jose Ventura by Jack Ventura; Harlan Bernstecker by Gary Bernstecker; Louis M. Wigdor by William Gerber; Leon Polis by Fishman Family.

***Israel Experience Teen Fund***

In Honor Of: Art Paikowsky's new position in Phoenix by Daniel and Elaine Mann. In Memory Of: Hannah Schechter by Edmund Schechter; Samuel Israel by Gaye and Harold Passes; Raphael Corson by Corson - Kazzaz Family; Margit Sonne by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Sadye Moshman by Annette and Jack Moshman; Abraham Hochberg by Gaye and Harold Passes.

***Kimball Nursery School Fund***

In Memory Of: Estelle Kimball by Rosalie M. Sporn; Beloved wife, Estelle, and father, Louis Kimball, by Sherman P. Kimball.

***Library Fund***

In Memory Of: Nathan Mendeloff by Betty Blum; Amelia Hurwitz by Harold Hurwitz.

***Mazon***

In Honor Of: Susan Cohen by Hans George Hirsch; My Aliyah by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin. In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by The Mark J. Palchick Family.

***Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund***

In Honor Of: Continuous good health by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

***Mintz Landscaping Fund***

Jerome Holiber.

***Morning Minyan Fund***

In Honor Of: 13th anniversary of the Saturday Early Morning Minyan by Jerome and Cyma Heffter, Herbert and Estelle Wisner, Lucy Ozarin, Rosalyn Bass, Lillian Kessler, Claire Marwick, Paul and Marsha Merlin, Murray and Anne Foss and Emanuel and Davetta Landau. In Memory Of: Abraham Levinson by Herbert and Anita Levinson; Adele Shefferman by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum.

***Music Fund***

In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Howard and Julia Copperman; Solomon Berde by Irene Hauser; Harry Alderman by The Davidson Family.

***Prayerbook Fund***

In Honor Of: Rhoda and Max Zerkin's 80th Birthdays by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller. In Memory Of: William Ginsberg by Vivian Gorden; Edward Edlitz by The Lefkowitz Family; Abraham Hochberg by Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Rod; Lillian Shapira by Ellen and Joseph Levin; Barney Barr by Dr. Solomon and Rita Barr; Barnet Lehrhaupt by Charles Lehrhaupt.

***Rabbi's Fund***

In Honor Of: My Aliyah by Julian Levin; Steven Witkin's aufruf by Faith Schwartz and Pauline Witkin. In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Esther Rubin, David, Ellen and Melanie Darr, Kathy and George Hooley and Jeff and Miriam Davidson; Nathan Applefeld by Ed and Roz Shapiro; Abraham Dosik by Sondra Bender; Nettie Rauch by Ruth Ann Heckman; Simon H. Spivak by Theodore and Anita Lieb; Kalman C. Levy by Neil Levy; Jacob K. Newell by Paula and Herman Kleine; Pauline and Morris Heckman by Bernard Heckman; My parents by Mitchell J. Cooper; Irving Greene by Harold and Evelyn Greene; Leo Schimmel by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schimmel; Minna Levi by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal.

***School Enrichment Fund***

In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Helene Weisz, Richard and Joshua Lieberman, Helen Shell and Herbert and Estelle Wisner; Herbert Kappel by Ellen Kappel Berman.

***Sisterhood Hospitality Fund***

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Joan Simon by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; The Hammerman's grandchild, Rachelle Aviv, by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Deborah Segal Rubenstein by Leon Segal.

***Social Action Fund***

In Memory Of: Fred B. Moskowitz by Dan and Carol Moskowitz; Sarah Spero by Stephanie and Jack Ventura.

***Suis Youth Activities Fund***

In Honor Of: The birth of Hannah Michelle Handloff by Sharon Zissman and Family, Ben and Suzanne Bronheim and Alan, Andrea, Brandon and Cary Golden. In Memory Of: Trudy Haber by Rosalie M. Sporn; Oscar G. Gildenhom by Myron and Lenore Lenkin.

***Torah Scroll Fund***

In Honor Of: 25th anniversary of Tutti and Jose Sokol by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky. In Memory Of: Louis Weisbach by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin.

***Vatikkim***

In Memory Of: Max S. Cohen by Gertrude Cohen; Harry V. Lerner by Clare Lerner.

***Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund***

In Memory Of: Barbara Wolf and Israel Shoham by Debby and Menachem Shoham; Cecile Kopit by Leo Kopit; Adele Shefferman by Sy Wolf; My wife, Barbara, and my father, Abe Wolf, by Sy Wolf.

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## Men's Club News

Please check the weekly Shabbat Announcements or posters in the Rotunda for updates on upcoming Men's Club Sunday breakfast speakers and events.

### Additional Passover Yizkor Book

**IN MEMORY OF****REMEMBERED BY**

Frank Singer  
Gussie Singer  
David Mendelowitz  
Fani Mendelowitz

Jack and Flora Singer

## 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.

## 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.

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

### THE YOUTH GROUPS

BONIM (Grades K, 1, 2) Advisor: Heather Handloff	(301) 652-2606, ext. 342
MACHAR (Grades 3, 4, 5) Advisor: Ariel Glassman	(301) 652-2606, ext. 341
KADIMA (Grades 6, 7, 8) Advisor: Adam Gluck	(301) 652-2606, ext. 340
U.S.Y. (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) Advisor: Lisa Itkin	(301) 652-2606, ext. 343

## Attention Bonim, Machar, Kadima and USY!

Youth Group members and their families are invited to join the Youth Department for our final activity of the year, the Youth Department Shabbat Dinner on Friday, May 30, 1997. Join us and celebrate a traditional Shabbat, light candles, say kiddush and motzi and have a delicious dinner. After dinner, the Youth Department Choir, directed by our own Lisa Itkin, USY Advisor, will perform and lead us in some traditional zmirot (songs). If you are interested in joining us, please fill out the reservation form below and return it to the synagogue office by Friday, May 23rd.

### RESERVATION FORM

#### *Youth Department Shabbat Dinner — Friday, May 30, 1997*

_____ Adult Members @ \$13.50 each	Total \$ _____
_____ Non-member Adults @ \$16 each	Total \$ _____
_____ Children (6-12) @ \$9 each	Total \$ _____
_____ Children (under 6) @ \$4 each	<b>Grand Total \$ _____</b>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations will not be accepted after Friday, May 23, 1997 — NO PHONE RESERVATIONS OR REFUNDS**

(All rates include a 3% Mazon donation)

# May 1997

## Welcome to Congregation Beth El

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">9</p> <p>12:00pm Sidman Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:48pm Candles</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">10</p> <p>7:30am &amp; 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Adam Goldstein B/M 9:15am Melissa Sidman B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>
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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">11</p> <p><i>Yom HaZikaron</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am-1:15pm Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration (K - 2) - APR 9:30am Men's Club - SH 10:00am Men's Club Kavod Awards - SH 1:30-5:00pm Youth Dept. Activities - APR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">12</p> <p><i>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</i> 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">13</p> <p>4:15-6:15pm Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration (Gr. 4 - 7) - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Constitution Review Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">14</p> <p>4:15-6:15pm Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration (Gr. 4 - 7) - SH 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">15</p> <p>12:00pm Vatikkim Luncheon - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm 50+ Singles - APR 7:30pm Social Action Comm. Mtg. - MR 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - SH 8:15pm Rel. Sch. Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">16</p> <p>Grades 4 - 5 Retreat 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:55pm Candles</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">17</p> <p>Torah Fund Reception Grades 4 - 5 Retreat 7:30am &amp; 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Rachel Ferah B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:00am Gan Shabbat - MR 10:00am-1:00pm USY - BR 10:00am Learners Minyan - APR</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">18</p> <p>9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - BR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">19</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">20</p> <p>6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Time for Torah - BR 7:30pm Sisterhood Election Mtg. - APR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">21</p> <p>6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">22</p> <p>12:00pm Vatikkim - SH 4:00pm King B/M Rehearsal and Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Family Ed. Adv. Comm. Mtg. - MR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">23</p> <p>6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:01pm Candles</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">24</p> <p>No Religious School 7:30am &amp; 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Daniel Semo B/M 9:15am Jacob King B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">25</p> <p>No Religious School <i>Lag B'Omer</i> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 9:30am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Ext. Class - BR 1:30-5:00pm Youth Dept. Activities - APR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">26</p> <p><i>Offices and Schools Closed</i> <i>Memorial Day (Observed)</i> 9:00am Minyan 10:00am Josh Kallman B/M 12:00pm Kalmia B/M Luncheon - SH</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">27</p> <p>5:45-6:15pm Religious School Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct. 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 8:15pm Congregation Mtg. - SH</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">28</p> <p>5:45-6:15pm Religious School Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct. 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">29</p> <p>12:00pm Vatikkim - SH</p>		

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

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