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Embracing the Torah Update

The next time you pass the Czech Memorial Torah in the Rotunda, look closely at the scroll. We already knew the Torah's recent history, and now thanks to the Feld lecturer Dr. Eric Ray, biblical archeologist and master scribe, we also have a glimpse of the scroll's ancient past.

We've known that our Torah had been in a synagogue in Hermanuv-Mestec, a small town southeast of Prague. With many other religious objects from all over Czechoslovakia, including 1564 Torahs, the Hermanuv-Mestec Torah was sent to Prague by order of the Nazi occupiers. Soon after, in 1942, the Jews of Hermanuv-Mestec were deported to Theresienstadt. Only six returned after the war, and the Jewish community was never restored. The collected scrolls were found in an abandoned synagogue, sent to London, and subsequently lent to Jewish communities around the world.

Now we also know that our Czech Memorial Torah is about 200 years old and must once have resided in an important synagogue in Moravia. Dr. Ray estimated the age from the number of lines in each column of the Torah and from the stitching of the parchment. A column in the Czech Torah has 60 lines, unlike the 42 lines in more modern Torahs. The 60 lines stand for the "60 myriad," or 600,000 people, who stood at Mt. Sinai. The stitching is visible from the front, a style replaced about two centuries ago by blind stitching, visible only from the back. The handwriting of the Torah is also unusual, according to Dr. Ray who can identify the origin, and sometimes the character of a scribe, from his (Torah scribes are exclusively male) handwriting in a Torah. The Torah is written in a Moravian style, which is rare, Dr. Ray said, and the large size of the Torah indicates that it was written for an important synagogue in a large town, not for the Czech shtetl that was its home before the war.

Why are columns in the Torah now written with 42 lines? Dr. Ray explained: With 42 lines in a column, there are 248 columns in an entire Torah. The Torah is read 365 days every year. Adding 248 to 365 gives 613, the number of mitzvot in the Torah.

We'll relay more of Dr. Ray's insights into the writing of a Torah in the next Beth El Scroll, including why certain letters



Shabbat Schedule

Friday, June 13th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Seth Niedermayer Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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

Friday, June 20th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 21st, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Alexander Baldinger Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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

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

Friday, June 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 28th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Aaron Levy-Forsythe Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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

As we approach the end of the fiscal year...

...we are preparing to close the 1997 books and prepare the congregant accounts for the fiscal year 1998. To facilitate this, we would appreciate payment of all outstanding obligation by June 30th. Thank you.

have little crowns on them and why there are four lines left blank between the five books.

Dedications of portions of the new Torah have been made by the 1996 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Extension Group; Miriam Annis; Rebecca Annis; Terri and Jeff Annis; Alex Baldinger; Judith and Stanley Baldinger; Anne Siegel Ball; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard N. Berger; Brent Berger; Howard Berger; Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker; Aviva M. Birnkrant; Beth E. Birnkrant; Henry Birnkrant; Liora Diamond; Michael Diamond; Rachel Diamond; Tamara Dunitz; David Dunn; Michael Alexander Dunn; Renee Anna Dunn; Ariel Eckmann; Kenneth W. Eckmann; Frances Edlitz; Thera, David, Aaron and Joel Finbloom;

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Keruv

Dear Keruv: Rabbi Maltzman and Rabbi Rudolph have suggested that we use more Jewish words to describe our lives, especially our Jewish experiences. Keruv's summer columns will therefore be devoted to Jewish words and phrases you may wish to incorporate into your vocabulary. This month, we offer the following list of phrases useful in daily family life.

Yofi: terrific, excellent

Eyn li z'man: I don't have enough time

B'seder: OK (literally, in order)

Yiyeh b'seder: It'll be all right

Yiyeh tov: It'll turn out OK

Bevakasha: please, you're welcome

Todah (rabah): thank you (very much)

B'emet: really (literally, in truth)

Labriut: bless you, said to a sneezing person (literally, to health)

Sheket: Quiet!

Lehitraot: Good-bye, see you soon

This list was made possible by a book, The Joys of Hebrew, by Lewis Glinert, two third graders and Rabbi Rudolph. July's list will include words that describe Jewish concepts; holiday greetings will appear in August. Lehitraot!

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 Joan Claxton at (301) 320-9283.

Keruv's Shavuot Picnic

Keruv's annual Shavuot picnic will be held on Sunday, June 15th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Leslie and Warren Leonard's home, 8604 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda. It's dairy pot-luck, child-friendly and everyone is invited. Please call Joan Claxton, (301) 320-9283, to let us know you're coming or to ask for more information.

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.

June 15 - June 19

Howard and Shira Schneider
 Kate Schneider
 Andrew Schoenholtz and Janice Liebowitz
 Gary and Wendy Schonman
 Lewis Schragar and Frances Marshall
 Tom and Sarine Schrank
 Jonathan and Carla Schraub
 Jay and Wendy Schuler
 Brian and Cookie Schulman
 David and Sonja Schultz
 Michael and Faith Schwartz
 Stanley and Carole Schwartz
 Ira and Deborah Schwarz
 David and Juliann Schwinger
 Susannah Scott
 Daniel and Freda Segal
 Donald and Sharon Segal
 Gladys Segal
 Jack and Lila Segal
 George and Carol Sege

June 22 - June 26

Elliott and Leslie Seiden
 Stuart and Marjorie Seides
 David and Rochelle Seitzman
 Joseph and Judy Semo
 Ted and Kay Senator
 Mark and Sabina Shalom
 Michael Shalom
 Erwin and Elaine Shalowitz
 Barry and Carolyn Shanoff
 Ed and Roslyn Shapiro
 Howard and Eve Shapiro
 Melvyn and Rosalie Shapiro
 Sarah Shapiro
 Vadim and Alla Shapiro
 Ruth Shartsis
 Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin
 Sholom and Adele Shefferman
 Victor and Isobel Sheifer
 Andrew and Judy Sherman
 Carole Sherman

Men's Club News

The Men's Club Sunday speaker program continues through June. Morning Minyan is at 9:00, followed by breakfast at 9:30 and the program at 10:00.

On Sunday, June 15th, the speaker will be Donna Kimmel, PhD, M.F.A., PT, on the topic "Prayer and Health." What is current research telling us about the brain, behavior and health? What are we learning from the new field called psychoneuroimmunology? Does prayer really affect health?

There will be a special symposium on Sunday, June 22nd, in association with the American Jewish Congress, entitled "Justice Delayed: The Fight to Reclaim Lost Jewish Assets." The speakers will be Greg Rickman, Program Director, Senate Banking Committee and Legislative Director of Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R, NY); Will Korte, expert on Art Looting; and Marc Masurovsky, historian and expert on Nazi Flight Capital. This program was coordinated by Gary Bernstecker, Treasurer of American Jewish Congress, National Capital Region.

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!

Join The Beth El Long Distance Savings Program: Help Yourself and Beth El

We have developed a new program that allows you to save on your long distance phone bills every month and support Beth El financially at the same time. It is a new concept in "painless" fundraising that we call the "Beth El Long Distance Savings Program."

You can continue to use AT&T, Sprint, MCI or WorldCom as your long distance carrier from your home or business phone and save money by taking advantage of the low discounted rates that we have negotiated. At the same time, Beth El will get a commission every time you make a long distance call, which will go directly into the synagogue's general fund. It's as close as you can get to a real win-win program.

When you join, your phone will be connected to the long distance carrier that you select and your long distance calling will operate just as it is now — no extra numbers to dial. There are no contracts or obligations on your part... you just save money and help Beth El at the same time!

The deregulation of the telecommunications industry has resulted in the emergence of many companies that buy time from the major carriers (AT&T, Sprint and MCI) at a discount and then pass these discounts and the quality services of these carriers on to their customers. These companies are also very happy to work with religious and nonprofit organizations to pass on the savings to their memberships and support their fundraising efforts. Many synagogues nationwide have been offering such long distance programs as fundraisers for years.

If you want to get more information about this new Beth El program, pick up the yellow brochure from the rack outside the synagogue office or leave a phone message on our voice mailbox at the synagogue —301-652-2606, extension 348. A Beth El volunteer will get back to you with answers.

Embrace the Torah (Continued from page 1)...

Steven L. Frank; Henry Enoch Freedman; Rhonda B. Friedman; Benjamin Friedmann; Joseph Friedmann; Peter and Debra Friedmann; Jeffrey and Marilyn Glick and Family; Lynn Goldin; Juliann Goldman; Barry and Beverly Goldsmith; Linda Goldsmith; Sara Greenbaum; Michael Groeneman; Hanna Gutman; Ira Haber; Merle Haber; Dr. and Mrs. Murray Hammerman; Cyma and Jerome Heffter; Hans George Hirsch; Anna Isaacs; Michelle Isaacs; Robert and Sheryl Isaacs; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard E. Jacobi; Steven, Nancy, Sam and Rose Jacobson; Steven and Wendy Kaufman; Celia Goldman, Rachel Miriam, Max David and Lawrence Stephen Kirsch; Susan Kitt; Dr. Eleanor Klau; Dr. and Mrs. Irwin J. Kopin; Edna and Max Krents; Warren, Leslie, Lauren, Ariel and Ilana Leonard; Howard Lesser; Carl M. Leventhal; Aaron, Ethan, and Nora Levy-Forsythe; Jonathan Levy; Joseph and Lois Levy; Janice Liebowitz; Amy Lipman; David Lipman; Elana Lipman; Linda and Ace Lipson; Zachary Evan Lipson; Robert and Julia Loeb; Margery and Sheldon London; Barbara Mittleman; Michael and Judy Platt; Helen and Arthur Popper; Carly Raizon; Gary Raizon; Jon-Jon Raizon; Zachary Raizon; Basil and Margaret Rifkind; Faith Roessel; David and Deborah Rosenbloom; Jared Elie Ross; Jennifer and Kelly Rubin; Susan and Ken Rubin; Amanda Miriam Rudman; Ezra Jonathan Rudman; Rick and Bev Rudman; Mona Sarfaty; Eli J. Schwartz; Sarah E. Schwartz; Andrea, Herman, David, Jennifer and Jonathan Segal; Darryl Sherman; Andy Shoenholtz; Ari Shoenholtz; David Shoenholtz; Noah Shoenholtz; Jay Siegel; Carl and Aaron Slater; Matthew Slater; Judith, Bertram, Samuel and Naomi Spector; Ruth Spodak; Rosalie M. Sporn; Howard and Holly Stein; Joanna Kitt Teitelbaum; Rebecca Kitt Teitelbaum; Steve Teitelbaum; the Wassertzug Family and Trudy and Simon Weker.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Erwin and Elaine Shalowitz on the birth of their grandson, Joaquin Aaron Murrieta, on April 7, 1997. Joaquin is the son of Aliza and Peter Murrieta.

Mazal Tov to Bob and Carol Luskin on the marriage of their son, Marc Caden, to Stephanie Lucas, daughter of John and M.A. Lucas of McLean, VA, on May 25, 1997.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Gerald Brody.

Membership Information

Blanche Reines has moved to 5225 Pooks Hill Road, #1229S, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 581-0226.

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!

Education Notes

For one of the rare periods in Jewish history our most daunting challenge is not survival for the present. The down side is that survival is still the issue. Not in the terms of a Jewish consciousness shaped by memories of expulsions from ancient Judea, medieval Spain or 19th and early 20th century Europe. The survival paradigm has shifted to "Jewish continuity," survival as a separate and distinct community into the future. At its most concise, "Will we have Jewish grandchildren?" The response our Congregation has taken toward the problem has been to develop Jewish identity. It is obvious that this is a term that is open to a wide range of interpretations.

I am quite bemused by the proclamation of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis that Conservative (and Reform) Judaism is "not Judaism at all, but another religion." This is a savage attack on my Jewish identity. From the perspective of this group I am not practicing Judaism. I am probably not affiliated with a synagogue either, as they went on to "call upon all Jews to discontinue to pray any time in a Conservative or Reform temple and instead pray in an Orthodox synagogue." I guess we were better off with Louis Farrakhan. According to him, we were just practicing a "gutter religion."

One of the most meaningful workshops I have ever attended was led by Reuven Kimmelman, then Director of CLAL, the Center for Learning and Leadership. An Orthodox Jew, speaking to a group of non-Orthodox Rabbis and educators, Kimmelman reflected on our modern history and observed that Jews find the Judaism with which they are comfortable, a Judaism that challenges them, meets their spiritual needs, or they drift away, assimilate. If somehow overnight the Reform or Conservative movements disappeared, the vast majority of congregants associated with those synagogues would likely gravitate away from Judaism altogether rather than affiliate with a branch that did not find relevant. In Israel a classic power struggle continues to be played. The Orthodox hold their virtual monopoly on the religious life of the country. Government funds for Conservative and Reform institutions are virtually nil. A further tightening of the definition "Who is a Jew?" challenging conversions taking place outside of Israel is right on the edges of the Knesset floor. As a result Israel has no middle ground religiously. For the most part, Israelis either see an Orthodox Judaism with which they affiliate or a secular life as the only alternative. The Holy Land's population is sometimes described as "Jews who don't know what it means to be Israeli

and Israelis who don't know what it means to be Jews." A pity, because if it comes down to the right to develop Jewish identity, Israelis have the ideal setting while Americans have the most open climate. We revel in our options and are keenly aware of them. We shul shop. Choose whether or not to affiliate, maybe to buy our High Holy Day tickets a la carte and to just drop in on services as we wish. We develop institutions that are open to the influences of the community, not a coercive minority power block, and we modify our institutions over time.

Perhaps our students have taken the healthiest perspective on this issue. It is up to us to define who we are, they say. We know we are Jewish, with an evolving Jewish identity. One that includes some traditions and rituals and declines, for the present and maybe forever, to practice others. For the past two years our 6th grade classes have had the opportunity to spend a weekend hosted by traditional Orthodox families in Boro Park, New York. The feeling was unanimous that we were observing (and participating) in a special and in many ways admirable Jewish way of life. The students saw a level of devotion that was exceptional and a dedication to fulfilling mitzvot that was impressive. But our students consistently took note of Jewish observances that are powerfully meaningful to them that held little sway over the lives of our hosts. Among those mitzvot were a sense of connection to our non-Jewish neighbors and an attitude of challenging accepted beliefs to find meaning. They also took note of the style of prayer, fast and far less congregational, which they found less to their tastes. Referring back to Kimmelman, the complete picture of a healthy *clal yisrael* is spread along a continuum, or across a plane, offering many meaningful safe spiritual harbors.

We can take pride in our Congregation's approach to nurturing Jewish identity: our Family Education programs, the diverse youth services, Israel Quest, youth groups, and a healthy Religious School. To cut to the heart of the continuity debate, can we tell our children, our teenagers, our young adults not to intermarry? Certainly, and we have been proactive in our answer to the inevitable comeback, "Why not?" We have developed a lifelong process of Jewish affiliation, a synagogue community and nurturing homes infused with Jewish values. Hopefully, the most painful intermarriage question we will have to deal with will be, "Can we abide by our children marrying the sons and daughters raised in shuls affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Rabbis?"

Caregivers Support Group

Are you a caregiver for a family member, friend, child or adult, at home or long distance, who is ill or disabled? You know well the deep spiritual and emotional satisfaction as well as the constraints. Please do not isolate yourself. Share in small group discussion and problem solving. First Thursday of each month at Beth El, 8:15 p.m. in the Board Room. For more information, call Ann Birk at (301) 365-4447.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Howard Copperman on the death of his sister, Sylvia Axelrod; to Irene Fishman on the death of her mother, Shirley Gershon; to Jerome Broder on the death of his aunt, Erma Taub; to Steven Bezner on the death of his father, Elias Bezner; and to Dawn Rosenfeld on the death of her father, Joseph Lovinger.



1) Participants in the 1997 Congregation Beth El Retreat



2) Ben Bornstein, Hazzan Lubin and Art Popper try their luck at Casino Night.

Attention Physicians

Two Beth El members plan to visit the Kostroma Jewish community in Russia in late summer. They expect to take with them over-the-counter medications, as well as prescription medications requested by Kostroma. If you have samples (and/or a good relationship with your drug representative!) and you wish to assist, please call Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328.

Vatikkim Luncheon

Please join us for what promises to be a most interesting program at our June 19th Vatikkim luncheon. Our speaker will be Stephen F. Dachi, a retired Foreign Service officer who served in Latin America and, during the early 1990's, in India. He now teaches international relations at Georgetown University. Mr. Dachi's topic will be the story of the Jewish experience in India: how Jews came to live in India, what they did to preserve their faith, how they lived in the past, and what their life is like today. Mr. Dachi will bring his slides to illustrate his presentation.

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1:00 p.m. 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.

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DOCUMENTING HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES

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By sharing first-hand accounts, survivors play a vital role in making sure that this devastating period of human history is never forgotten. The testimonies also honor the memory of the more than six million whose stories will never be heard.

The Shoah Foundation is currently conducting interviews with Holocaust survivors who were affected or displaced by Nazi policy against Jews in any country occupied by the Germans or their allies. Included in the archive are testimonies of those who were in concentration or labor camps, were in hiding, were living under false identity, were in ghettos, or participated in resistance. If you are interested in giving testimony, please contact the Shoah Foundation at: (800) 661-2092.

"This project stands as a monument to remembering the past, and to always examining our present."

Steven Spielberg, Founder & Chairman

Reservation Form
Vatikkim Luncheon
Thursday, June 19, 1997

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by June 17, 1997.

No reservations will be accepted after this date.

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In Honor Of: Judith Shemper's Bat Mitzvah by Stan and Luci Sunshine, Alan and Betty Sunshine, Sylvia Meltzer and Family and Hanker S. Kent. In Memory Of: Joan Fischof by Dr. Heinz Bauer.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Myra Hopp, Judy and Bert Spector and Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Birth of Yale Samuel by Cary and Nancy Feldman; Birth of granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Murray Hammerman by Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim. In Memory Of: Beloved husband of Mrs. Joseph Lovinger by Andrea and Alan Golden; Howard Copperman's sister by Miriam P. Crowell and Doris and Albert Povich; Helen Wilder by Simcha Chavarah; Morris Hyman by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maneri; Rose Rubinstein by Marcia Possick; Jack Silverstone by Fran and Charles Lehrhaupt; Gertrude Levy by Bea and Alex Rosenberg.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of son of Tara Sonenshine and Gary Friend by Michelle Herman; Birth of Hazzan and Mrs. Lubin's new grandson by Michelle Herman, Bert and Judy Spector, Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant and Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Irving Zimmerman and Martha Kaplowitz by Doris Zimmerman; Morris Stein by Helen and Lenny Rib.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Graduation of Livia Katz's by West Bethesda Havurah; Graduation of Jeremy Bronheim by West Bethesda Havurah; Graduation of Alex Eule by West Bethesda Havurah; Cheryl Rod receiving The Torah Fund Award by West Bethesda Havurah; Rabbi Rudolph receiving Kavod Award by Jerome and Ina Wernick. In Memory Of: William Leibenhaut by Sharon, Andrew, Ben, Aaron and Dana Tievsky; Samuel Rudolph by Ina and Joe Young.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of grandchild of Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin by Dolly and Marvin Band. In Memory Of: Joshua Green by Jerome and Ina Wernick; Samuel Rudolph by Dolly and Marvin Band.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Robert E. Litman by Beverly K. Friedman; Hal and Elissa Scheinberg for all their help by Sylvie Bram Pohlhaus; Bernard Resnick's Bar Mitzvah by Paula and Sheldon Markofsky; Diane Novick by Gary and Rochelle Bemstecker. In Memory Of: Doris Povich's mother by Ethel and Irvin Hamburger.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Louis Lerman by Allen Lerman; Simon, father of the Jacobovits brothers, by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

Beth El Men's Club. In Memory Of: Harold Hecker by Mindy A. Hecker; Fannie Tievsky by George Tievsky; Rose Blumberg by Marti Asner; Aladar Sege by George and Carol Sege.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Zachary Judson by Nancy Rose and Robert Lipman; Rina Levy in appreciation for her work at BENS by Beth El Nursery School. In Memory Of: Isadore Meltzer by Sherman Kimball.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Herbert Magid by Reba Hirsh.

Mazon

Sylvia Rosenwasser; William and Laurie Webber. In Honor Of: Rachel Brown's Bat Mitzvah by Rachel Brown; Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Roubein by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Roubein; Ellen Elow-Mintz receiving Golda Meir award by Rhonda, Alizah and Elana Lowell; Ronald Treinish receiving Kavod Award by Bernice and Sidney Euzent; Phillip Arnheim's Bar Mitzvah by Phillip Arnheim. In

Memory Of: Samuel Kleinberg by Elizabeth Kraus and Jonathan Isaac; Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman; Mrs. Perla Falk by Jackie Cogan; Samuel Zuckerman by Milton and Faye Doberman; Albert Langerman by Elaine Shalowitz; Samuel Rudolph by Rhonda, Alizah and Elana Lowell; Mother of Gabriella Bechick by Judy Goldman.

Men's Club Perspectives In Dialogue Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Bill Rudolph by Doris and Albert Povich; Ronald Treinish receiving the Kavod Award by Lillian Kessler; Engagement of Brenda Povich by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish. In Memory Of: Howard Copperman's sister by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: Ellen Elow-Mintz receiving Golda Meir Award by Leesa Fields; The recovery of Clare Lerner by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Sara Mancher and Abraham Mancher by Rhoda Mancher.

Morning Minyan Fund

Elizabeth and Stuart Weissberg; Phyllis Solomon. In Honor Of: Ronnie Treinish receiving Kavod Award by Nathan and Lynn Treinish and Family; A speedy recovery of Gerald Brody by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum; Dorothea Lear by Michele Herman; Speedy recovery to Gerald Brody by Herb Levinson. In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo and Reba Hirsh; Fay Swoff Eckstein by Alan Swoff; Our parents and sister by Anne and Irving Kalikow; Label Forman by Julian Levin; Howard Copperman's sister by Lillian Kessler.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Hochberg by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Arnold Berlin by Robert and Zeld Landsman. In Memory Of: Charlotte Newell by Bea and Robert Newell; Philip Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman; Jorge Sapoznikow's mother, our sincere condolences, by Shelley and Stewart Remer; Anna Gelman by Helen and Lenny Rib; Sol Gabry by the Gabry Family.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Jasmine Rebecca Hubara by Ted and Rose Levin; Rabbi Maltzman and Rabbi Rudolph by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Roubein; Rabbi William Rudolph receiving Kavod Award by Lillian Kessler; Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Spector by Evelyn and Boyd Steward. In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Leesa Fields; Walter Leibowitz by Ruth Spodak; Edward Calman by Bettie Goldberg.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: 20th anniversary of Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; Pesach Honors by Helen and Lenny Rib. In Memory Of: Doris Povich's mother by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Ellen Elow-Mintz receiving Golda Meir Award by Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Frances Dickerson by Marcia and Donald Weinroth; Birth of grandson of Evelyn and Ronald Treinish by Doris and Albert Povich; Birth of Hannah M. Handloff by Ina and Jerry Wernick; Hazzan Lubin and Mrs. Lubin's new grandson by Sharon Spiegel. In Memory Of: Dawn Rosenfeld's father by Andrea and Alan Golden; Dr. Jack Rheingold by Marcia and Donald Weinroth and Susan Weinroth Herzig; Samuel Rudolph by Marcia and Donald Weinroth;

Torah Scroll Fund

In Honor Of: Roy Niedermayer by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Abe Goldman by Jack and Bea Goldman.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Lt. Aaron M. Kopit by Leo Kopit.

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

THE YOUTH GROUPS

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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

Host Families Wanted

Congregation Beth El will be hosting a USY on Wheels bus July 1st and 2nd. Hosts are asked to provide a place to sleep, breakfast, and a bag dairy lunch for each USYer hosted. The Usyers will need to be picked up from Congregation Beth El on Tuesday, July 1st in the late evening, and returned to Beth El on Wednesday, July 2nd by 8:00 a.m. Then they will be picked up at Beth El in the late evening on Wednesday, and returned to Beth El by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 3rd. Interested families should contact Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308. We would appreciate your support.

Save the Date: Sunday, June 22 - Kadima and USY trip to Adventure World

Beth El 6th - 12th Graders are invited to spend the day at Adventure World. Busses will leave Har Shalom at 9:30 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 (Checks should be made payable to Beth El.) Cost includes the bus, refreshments and admission. Please RSVP with a check and permission slip (available in Rachel's office) by Friday, June 13, 1997. For more information, please call Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

"This Year in Jerusalem" Becomes a Reality for Nine Beth El Teens

"This year in Jerusalem" will become a reality for 154 Israel Quest members when they travel on an Israel experience this summer to study and enjoy the rich history of our homeland and our people.

Among this group, there are nine teens from Congregation Beth El. They include (listed with their chosen trips): Ben Bregman (Ramah Seminar in Israel), Steven Feldman (BBYO-Eastern Europe), Irena Glick (USY Heroism & Hope), Michael Hurwitz (Alexander Muss High School in Israel), Rachel King (ETGAR), Alison Krupin (USY-Poland Israel Pilgrimage), Emily Lodish (NFTY L'Dor V'Dor), Daniel Savada (NFTY Israel Safari) and Joshua Turnbull (NFTY-Exodus).

"These teens are beginning a new and exciting phase in their lives," said Rabbi David A. Kaye, chair of Israel Quest. "They will experience firsthand the joys and sorrows of Israel and the development of their Jewish identity will be strengthened. We look forward to these young people returning from Israel. The Jewish community will benefit tremendously from their continued involvement."

This is the second large group to benefit from the Israel Quest grant program for summer trips to Israel. Last year, 77 teens travelled to Israel.

Each teen has been awarded an Israel Quest grant. UJA Federation and the United Jewish Endowment Fund offers up to \$1000 to each Israel Quest member to travel to Israel on one of over 40 approved trips available. In addition, participating sponsor organizations also offer grants.

Israel Quest is a UJA Federation teen Jewish identity project in partnership with synagogues, youth groups and community organizations. Informal Jewish educational activities span the pre-B'nai Mitzvah years through high school graduation and includes a subsidy for an Israel experience chosen from among 40 approved trips. For further information, contact the Israel Quest office at (301) 230-7275.

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Welcome to Congregation Beth El

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						<p>13 BENS Pack-up Day 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:14pm Candles</p>	<p>14 <i>Flag Day</i> 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Seth Niedermayer B/M 10:30am Nitzanin - APR</p>
<p>15 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 9:30-11:00am 1998 Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class - BR</p>	<p>16 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>17 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>18 5:30-9:30pm CLAL Conference - SH, BR, APR 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p>	<p>19 12:00pm Vatikkim Luncheon - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm 50+ Singles - APR 7:45pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - SH 8:15pm Rel. Sch. Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>20 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:17pm Candles</p>	<p>21 <i>Summer begins</i> 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Alexander Baldinger B/M 10:00am Learners Minyan - APR 10:00am-1:00pm USY - BR 10:00am Gan Shabbat - MR</p>	
<p>22 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH</p>	<p>23 8:00am-4:00pm BENS Camp Set-up - APR 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>24 BENS Camp Begins 8:30am-1:15pm BENS Camp - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Constitution Review Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>25 6:45-9:15pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR</p>	<p>26 12:00pm Vatikkim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH</p>			

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

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