



CONGREGATION  
BETH EL OF  
MONTGOMERY  
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## Off The Bimah

A comprehensive study was recently undertaken of 1500 B'nai and B'not Mitzvah, gauging and measuring every aspect of this important rite of passage in the American synagogue today. The conclusion: The Bar and Bat Mitzvah is an event which seems to add to the Jewish success story and even, one might say, to the synagogue success story. It produces articulate, confident youngsters, searching young people, who are capable of talking about theological questions and questions of identity. The Bar and Bat Mitzvah child, along with her/his parents are given the opportunity to affirm their own Jewish identity publicly, and, very importantly for a minority group, both parents and children seem to be comfortable in asserting their religio-ethnic pride in this manner. Let me share with you one interesting statistic: Only seven percent of nearly 1500 children studied in 1995 had ever been embarrassed about being Jewish. What it means is that the ceremony is very, very important; it's a powerful statement of Jewish identity of both the younger generation of parents and children. The synagogue has to be very careful in negating it in any kind of way, or in any way trying to undermine it. Running "birthday parties for thirteen year olds", this study suggests, is probably one of the most successful things we do.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

## Embracing the Torah Update

If you find yourself in Berkeley, California in July or August, consider visiting the Judah L. Magnes Museum, "The Jewish Museum of the West," where you can see screenings of winners of the Fourth Annual Jewish Video Competition, including Beth El's home-produced video, "The Writing of a Sefer Torah." The video, which was shown at all the Time for Torah home gatherings, was the first place "hands-down winner" in the education category, according to museum director Bill Chayes. The runner-up in the education category, Chayes said, was a video from a museum in Rehovot, Israel.

Copies of "The Writing of a Sefer Torah" are available for a nominal fee. For information, call Embracing the Torah at Beth El, (301) 652-2606, ext. 347.

More insights into Torah writing came from Feld lecturer Dr. Eric Ray, a master scribe, who spoke at Beth El on May 3rd.



## Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, July 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 5th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Sarah Kattan Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Worship and Study Minyan at 10:00 a.m. in the APR

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

Saturday, July 12th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

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

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

Saturday, July 19th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Sarah Dutcher Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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

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

Saturday, July 26th, at 7:30 and 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.

The little crowns on some of the letters, called taggin, act as conduits of God's holiness into the Torah, Dr. Ray explained. Although the element of sacredness is always there, the Torah is not complete without the human element as well. The human connection is made in the writing of the Torah. That is why even one or one broken letter can make a Torah pasul,

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## 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 words that describe Jewish concepts:

Mitzvah: a divine commandment about ritual, ethical or social behavior

Averah: transgression, the opposite of mitzvah

Kosher: fit or proper for ritual use

Pasul: unfit for religious use

Shalom bayit: family harmony, peace in the home

Rachamanut: compassion

Halakha: Jewish law (literally, the path)

Derekh erez: rules of behavior, with emphasis on ethical implications (literally, way of the world)

Kavod: honor, glory

Gemilut hasadim: act of loving kindness, such as bikkur holim, visiting the sick

Tzedaka: justice and righteousness mixed with charity

These concepts and many others are much more fully developed in The Language of Judaism by Simon Glustrom. 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.

## Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next four 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 29 - July 3

Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum  
Esther Sherman  
Gerald and Lola Sherman  
Leon and Frances Sherman  
Harvey and Susan Sherzer  
Menachem and Deborah Shoham  
Irwin Shuman  
Edwin and Arlene Shykind  
Hugh and Ruth Sickel  
Lawrence and Hilda Sidman  
David and Susan Siegel  
Jay Siegel and Mona Sarfaty

Michael Siegel and Anne Solitar  
Robert and Paula Siegel  
Selma Siegel  
Jonathan and Jacqueline Silber  
Joel and Leslie Silver  
Stanley and Harriet Silverberg  
Gary and Caryn Silverman  
Donald and Ruth Silverstein  
Emil and Devra Simiu  
Alan and Elizabeth Simon  
Joel and Joan Simon  
Jonathan and Sandra Simon

### July 6 - July 10

William Simon  
Charlotte Simos  
Lee and Amy Simowitz  
Daniel and Irene Simpkins  
Alan and Frances Singer  
Jack and Flora Singer  
Bernard and Shirley Sisco  
Matthew Slater and Faith Roessel  
Albert and Sylvia Small  
Arthur and Myra Smith  
Henry and Laurie Smith

Jason and Marilyn Smolen  
Robert and Phyllis Snider  
Daniel Snyder and Janet Shatz  
Janet Sobel  
Mark Sobel  
Jose and Tutti Sokol  
Lazlo and Annamarie Sokoly  
Mitchell and Rachelle Solkowitz  
Steve and Phyllis Solom

### July 13 - July 17

Sue-Ann Solomon  
Melvin and Frances Spaeth  
Bertram and Judith Spector  
Barry and Karen Spergel  
Allen and Rita Spiegel  
Bruce Spiegel and Glenda Koby  
David and Sharon Spiegel  
Julian and Diane Spier  
Barbara Spitzer  
Ruth Spodak  
Rosalie Sporn

Neil and Sherri Stahl  
Thomas Stanton and Martha Zaslow  
Donald Stein and Linda Katz  
Howard and Hollis Stein  
Norman and Ruth Stein  
Edmund and Gladys Stelzer  
Martin and Diane Sterenbuch  
Larry and Lya Stern

### July 20 - July 24

Ronald Stern and Elisse Walter  
Rochelle Stern  
Eliot Sternfeld and Lisa Tarker  
Helen Stettner  
Evelyne Schettewi Steward  
Jacob and Anita Stillman  
Edwin and Martha Strauss  
Martin and Kitty Strauss  
Fred and Lorraine Sulmer  
Leonore Swerdlow  
Samuel Swersky

Alan and Corinne Swoff  
Ellen Swoff  
Mario and Manette Sznol  
Harold Talisman and Marianne Freeman  
Jonathan and Alisa Talisman  
Alan and Jill Tanenbaum  
Selig and Sondra Taubenblatt  
Robert and Ginger Teitel  
Steven Teitelbaum and Susan Kitt

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

or unfit for ritual use: the mistake severs the connection between the Jewish people and the scroll.

Between each book of the Torah, the scribe leaves four blank lines. The lines, Dr. Ray said, represent the four matriarchs, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah. Some scholars, he continued, interpret the four lines as representing all women, including non-Jews, because righteous women, such as Pharoah's daughter, are found in all faiths.

If you have ng the Torah, please call the Torah line. Recent dedications of a portion of the new Sefer Torah, which will be delivered to Beth El soon, have been made by Richard Ansbacher; Edith Arnhnot received a letter confirming your participation in Embraceim; Irving and Vivian Beyda; Benjamin L. Bregman; Brenda I. Bregman; Daniel A. Bregman; Douglas M. Bregman; Lauren R. Bregman; The David Darr Family; Alan, Jane, Isaac and Rachel Dorfman; Jerry and Laurie Friedman; Rich and Rachel Handloff; Corey Goldstone; Jessica Goldstone; Curtis Levinson; Wendy Schneider-Levinson; Richard Lieberman; Daniel and Elaine Mann; Roy Niedermayer; Gail Ross; Susannah Scott; Helene Weisz and Terry Whitehouse.

### All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Bernie and Charlotte Resnick on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin David Resnick, on May 28, 1997. Benjamin is the son of Jim and Beth Resnick.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to George Tievsky.

### From the Desk of the Youth Director..... Mazal Tov, USY Board!

Congratulations to the newly elected USY Board. The new officers are Ben Bregman, President; Becky Leener, Executive Vice President; Lauren Bregman, Religious Education; Gabe Ross, Social Action/Tikun Olam; Debra Scheininger, Membership/Kadima; Justin Scheininger, Israel Affairs; and Stephen Krupin, Tikshoret.

### Attention all Congregation Beth El College Students!

Please update your college address with the synagogue office. Joining the Beth El college list means mail and packages throughout the year. Fill in the form below and return Attn.: Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and/or Box Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Even if you were on our list last year, please send this form in.**

*Sing with Ahavat Shir*

**Attention all people who love to sing!**  
 Help celebrate the completion of the Torah project by joining Beth El's Ahavat Shir, led by Hazzan Lubin. You can participate in an enthusiastic performance scheduled for Sunday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all voices and ages who can commit to approximately five rehearsals beginning Sunday, September 7th. Most rehearsals will be Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings.

Please contact:  
 Sheila Smallberg Cohen, (301) 652-0237,  
 or Selma Kriss, (301) 652-2606, ext. 302,  
 in the synagogue office if you are interested or  
 would like more information.

### July Shabbat Morning Speakers

On July 12th, the Shabbat speaker will be Stan Balis, Board Member of Masorti and Chairman of its Partnership Committee, will be speaking about the successes and difficult challenges facing the Masorti movement in Israel today in "Conservative Judaism in Israel: Successes and Struggles."

On July 26th, Daniel Mann, National President of Labor Zionist Alliance, will be speaking on "100 years of Zionism: Looking to the Next Century."

### 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.

## Vatikkim Luncheon

Please join us for our July 17th luncheon. We will have another interesting program, with speaker Dr. George P. Majeska, Associate Professor of History at the University of Maryland. His topic will be "Art and Revolution, The Russian Experience: Ferment in Russian Art and Music Just Before the Russian Revolution." The talk will be illustrated.

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.**

**Reservation Form**  
**Vatikkim Luncheon**  
**Thursday, July 17, 1997**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the Vatikim luncheon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your response reach us by July 15, 1997.**  
**No reservations will be accepted after this date.**

## Happy Birthday, Worship and Study Minyan

Beth El's Worship and Study Minyan recently celebrated its first anniversary. This unique Minyan meets on the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the All Purpose Room. The service is known for its warmth, informality, ruach, group participation and stimulating discussion of the weekly Torah Parsha.

Members of the Minyan are encouraged to learn and participate in some aspect of the service. Several Minyan members have read Torah for the first time since their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. While the service is oriented to adults, children of all ages are welcome and are permitted to play and enjoy snacks at the back of the room throughout the service.

The Worship and Study Minyan welcomes all interested Beth El members to join them the first Saturday of each month. Check the Beth El Scroll calendar or call one of the members listed below to confirm whether the Minyan will be meeting in July and August. For more information, call:

Sidney Getz: (301) 530-2215  
 Dan Hirsch: (301) 654-7289  
 Steve Jacobson: (301) 881-3845  
 Mark Levitt: (301) 365-5365

## Kostroma, Russia

Yes, there are Jews in Kostroma, Russia — who want to be Jews! The Jewish population of Kostroma is between 1,000 and 1,500. A maximum of those who come to the synagogue for any occasion is 300. (On Shabbat, that number is perhaps 25 - 50.) When a Beth El visitor asked why so small a proportion attended, the answer was three-fold: the high rate of intermarriage, residual fear of Jewish identity and a lack of knowledge of the synagogue's existence or its programs. When asked if the organization "Jews for Jesus" was in evidence, the answer was a resounding YES. Certainly a fourth reason. It is good to know that more are attending — if not to daven, at least to learn about their roots.

According to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report, the last resident rabbi of the community was exiled in 1927 for doing "anti-Soviet work." (Our visitor met his daughter, now one of the 40 impoverished seniors. Russian retirees receive \$30 monthly for all their needs. Without additional assistance, some can afford to buy only bread and tea.) In 1930, the 100 year old symbol and heart of what was a rather wealthy Jewish community — its synagogue — was confiscated.

Not until 1994 was there even a semblance of an organized Jewish community — a 60 year hiatus. In May, almost exactly three years ago, a handful of Jews got together, determined to "restart" the community. What they have accomplished in three short years is truly remarkable! Much credit goes to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. In October, 1994, a request was made to local authorities for use of one room in the old synagogue, at the time completely occupied by local businesses. After that, additional rooms were rented, one by one, until last October, when the last two rooms were restored to the Jewish community — happily, without cost! Granted, the building needs refurbishing, but once again, it is now theirs! Community head, 28 year old pharmacist Andrey Oshero, says: "If the government changes, we do not know what will happen. We may have to leave in 24 hours. Despite this, we must build our community. We have to lead Jewish lives."

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County will lend a hand. There are ways in which we can help: the pen-pal matching of our children, starting with the b'nai mitzvah age; filling some community needs for food and medication (both prescription and over-the-counter varieties); sending religious articles, etc. Should you wish to do so, you may make contributions for Kostroma purposes to Beth El's World Jewry Fund. If you don't see it on the contribution envelope, just write it in. Much appreciated! If you have questions, please call Claire Marwick, (301) 657-2328.

## 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.

## Lost Your Tallit?

Please stop in the synagogue office and check our Lost and Found box if you are missing your tallit. Currently we have five, all without names in the bags.



# SUKKAH BUILDING KIT OR DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS



**ORDER EARLY THIS YEAR!**

Sukkot begins this year on **Wednesday night, October 15th**. For the tenth year Congregation Beth El is offering an easy-to-assemble, moderately priced Sukkah kit to enhance your enjoyment of the holiday.

The complete kit will produce a free-standing 8'x 8'x 8' square frame Sukkah made of #2 spruce. All necessary holes are pre-drilled and hardware (bolts, wing nuts, corner braces) and directions for assembly are included. Tools required are pliers, wrench, or nutdriver. You will need to provide your own siding (such as sheets, shades, or plastic), roofing branches, and decorations.

Pictures of the assembled Sukkah can be seen on the synagogue bulletin board near the office and in the Nursery School Hall. The Sukkah put up by the Nursery School is from a Beth El kit.

**THE COST OF EACH COMPLETE KIT IS \$95 (which covers the cost of materials and a contribution to the synagogue). A limited number of kits are made during the summer and will be sold to the first people from whom we receive payment. MAIL IN YOUR ORDER SOON TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT SINCE WE ARE EXPECTING THE KITS TO SELL OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR.**

Call Jerry Danoff at (301) 365-1180 for further information. Kits can be picked up at the home of Pat and Jerry Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, by arrangement in September. (Be prepared to carry home several pieces of 8' lumber).

**For Do-It-Yourselfers:**

An instruction packet including directions for purchasing the materials and completely making the Sukkah yourself is also available. We have plenty of copies and will mail them anywhere you wish.

**THE DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS COST \$6** and include an exact shopping list of lumber and hardware needed, plus directions for how to cut the wood, drill the holes, and assemble the Sukkah.

Please complete the order form below and send it with your check made payable to "Congregation Beth El" to Pat Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. Please write Sukkah kit or Sukkah instructions on the check.

**Sukkah Order Form**

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ complete Sukkah kits at \$95 each. (Instructions included.) Kits can be picked up in September.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ do-it-yourself Sukkah instructions at \$6 each. Packets will be mailed upon receipt of your order.

A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of May 26, 1997)

### ***Bendit Adult Institute Fund***

In Memory Of: David Cluck by Josephine C. Stein.

### ***Beth El Forest***

In Memory Of: Morris Hyman by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maneri; Samuel Mandel by Linda and Jerry Herman; My wife, Dorothy Markowitz Freedman, by Henry E. Freedman; Steven Bezner's father by Simcha Chavurah.

### ***Cantor's Fund***

In Honor Of: Baby naming of granddaughter, Jamie Lauren Katz, by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Heckman.

### ***College Fund***

In Honor Of: Alan Spiegel's graduation by Ellen, Norman and Alex Eule; Graduation of Alexander Eule by Ellen and Norman Eule. In Memory Of: Pauline Kessler by Ellen Eule; Paula Sidler by Saul and Elizabeth Pleeter; Karl Cahn by Karl Freiberg.

### ***Conservative Judaism in Israel***

In Honor Of: Eric Spiegel's graduation by Ellen and Norman and Alex Eule; 25th anniversary of Jose and Tutti Sokol by Jack and Stephanie Ventura. In Memory Of: Sylvia Axelrod by Roy H. Millenson.

### ***Disabled Access Fund***

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Edith Weisz by Bernie and Beatrice Berger. In Memory Of: Janet and Abraham David Rubin and Frieda Gordon by Israel Rubin.

### ***Fine Arts Fund***

In Memory Of: David E. Snyder and Nathan S. Silverberg by Dr. Stanley and Harriet Silverberg.

### ***General Endowment Fund***

In Memory Of: Judge Joseph E. Klau by Ruth and Daniel Sachs.

### ***General Fund***

Dr. Lynn Goldin. In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Levy by Irving and Muriel Saver; Leslie Leonard for the Tu B'Shevat Sedar by Richard and Elizabeth Drachman; The Claxtons for the Tu B'Shevat Sedar by Richard and Elizabeth Drachman. In Memory Of: Maurice Derkay by Lee and Gloria Derkay; Herman Goodman by Susan and David Greenberg; Samuel Rudolph by Janyse and Bernie Weisz; Fanny Gerber by William Gerber.

### ***Kimball Nursery School Fund***

In Honor Of: Birth of Karen and Robert Judson's son by Joan and Gregg Levy. In Memory Of: Mark Kramer's grandmother by Joan and Gregg Levy; Samuel Mandel by Cary and Nancy Feldman.

### ***Library Fund***

In Memory Of: Judge Joseph E. Klau by Eleanor Klau; Samuel Rudolph by The Ames Family.

### ***Mazon***

In Honor Of: Norman Eule becoming President of the Beth El Board of Directors by Ellen and Alexander Eule; Rachel Fersh's Bat Mitzvah by Andrea Shandell, Russell Fox and Family; Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Fersh by Jack and Stephanie Ventura; Jacob's Afikoman present by Thomas Hoffman; Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Fersh by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman. In Memory Of: Janet Rubin by Ron Rubin; Martha Kaplowitz by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller; Ida Serlick by Edna Krents; Howard Copperman's sister, Sylvia Axelrod, by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller.

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

In Honor Of: Birthday of Bernard Resnick by Roy H. Millenson.

### ***Mintz Landscaping Fund***

In Memory Of: Ruben Raplovsky by Lillian Miller.

### ***Morning Minyan Fund***

In Honor Of: Dorothea Lear receiving Kitty Davis Volunteer Award from the Hebrew Home by Etta Kline; Martin Dembo's birthday by Etta Kline; Burman and Debbie Berger's son, Eli Berger, by Howard and Julia Copperman. In Memory Of: Howard Copperman's sister by Etta Kline; Samuel Rudolph by Etta Kline; Elizabeth Goldberg by Davetta Landau; Louis Freiberg by Karl Freiberg; Carlyn B. Scher by Sondra and Sol Brody.

### ***Music Fund***

In Memory Of: Melvin Berde by Irene Hauser.

### ***Prayerbook Fund***

In Honor Of: My 1st Hebrew Teacher by Erica Schonman. In Memory Of: Gertrude Kaminsky, Ida Bloom and Israel Bloom by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Minna Feldman by Cary and Nancy Feldman.

### ***Rabbi's Fund***

In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph's help during Ian's Bar Mitzvah by Janyse, Bernie and Ian Weisz; Rabbi Maltzman's help during Ian's Bar Mitzvah by Janyse, Bernie and Ian Weisz; Babynaming of granddaughter, Jamie Lauren Katz, by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Heckman; my Aliyah by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Fred Roth by Henry Roth; Erma Cordover Taub by Ruth Lee and Mel Greenberg; Izzy Goodman by Dolly and Marvin Band; Imre Mieselbach by Katalina and Augustin Litvak; Imre Mieselbach by Kathy Litvak; Morton Bogler, Hermina and David Rottenberg by Margaret Bogler.

### ***School Enrichment Fund***

In Memory Of: Samuel Rudolph by Rita, Chet, and Jonathan Stein and Lorraine and Fred Sulmer. Sisterhood Hospitality Fund. In Honor Of: Torah Fund Award Recipient, Cheryl Rod, by Bernie and Toby Moss.

### ***Sisterhood Torah Fund***

In Honor Of: Cheryl Rod receiving Torah Fund Award by Jack and Stephanie Ventura, Henry E. Freedman and Marcia Possick.

### ***Social Action Fund***

In Memory Of: Samuel Mandel by Debby and Bart Widom.

### ***Suls Youth Activities Fund***

In Honor Of: Debbie Fox by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Lois Hankin by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Birth of Rachel Handloff's daughter by Susan, Rachel and Jacob King.

### ***Torah Scroll Fund***

In Memory Of: Gertrude Levy by Bernie and Anita Ash; Samuel Rudolph by Bernie and Anita Ash.

### ***Vatikdim***

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Judge Harry Kuskin by Joseph and Elsie Woolman; Rabbi Rudolph receiving the 24th annual Kavod award by Bernie and Anita Ash; H. Ronald Treinish receiving the 24th annual Kavod Award by Bernie and Anita Ash.

## 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!

Today Rabah to Jeffrey and Phyllis Lavine for sponsoring the Nitzanim kiddush on July 12th in honor of the first birthday of their son, Matthew Lavine.

### ***Baruch Dayan Emet***

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Saul Pleeter on the death of his mother, Betty Pleeter; to Steven Mandel on the death of his father, Samuel Mandel; and to Judy Baldinger on the death of her father, Hyman Aitman.

## Social Action News

### Mitzvah Day

The Social Action Committee is pleased to announce Beth El's first Mitzvah Day, to be held Sunday, November 9, 1997. The congregation is invited to participate in a variety of volunteer projects designed to help both Beth El and the greater community. Individuals and families can select from projects such as cooking for shelters, cleaning up Glen Echo Park, performing at a talent/variety show at the Hebrew Home, working at the Food Bank — to name just a few. Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity for Beth El to come together as a community to make a difference in the lives of our own members and in the community. We're hoping many families will find the time to join with fellow congregants to make Mitzvah Day a success. All participants will be invited to celebrate Sunday evening with an ice cream sundae party! Watch for further details and volunteer registration forms in the High Holiday mailing.

### Thank You for Volunteering

We received the following thank you notes:

*Dear Abbie and Volunteers of Congregation Beth El,*

*You were wonderful. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and hospitality during your CBS Shelter Week. The residents especially loved the signs made by the preschoolers. Thanks again for caring about us and contributing so much!*

*Warmly,  
Priscilla Fox-Morrill  
Director, CBS*

*Dear Sukkot in April Volunteers,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful job you did at my aunt and uncle's (the Poughs) home which they've lived at for over thirty years. The Sukkot in April program provided them with much needed painting and minor repairs.*

*Needless to say, we are very pleased with the work. In addition, we had an opportunity to meet some very nice people. We talked about everything from sports to communications law. Although we could never repay you for the work that was done, from the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to say thank you.*

*Sincerely,  
O.J. McGhee*

This past year's Social Action calendar was packed with a plethora of projects, thanks to volunteers who should all be acknowledged. Thanks to the USY, Ross and Mandel families who distributed empty grocery bags for the Annual High Holiday Food Drive (which we are planning again this year). Thanks to Janice Liebowitz and family for organizing a Hanukkah party and beautiful Purim Shalach Manot baskets for our adopted unit at the Hebrew Home. Thanks to everyone who contributed time and money to the Montgomery County Thanksgiving Hunger Drive. Thanks also to Aileen Miller Cohen and everyone who volunteered at various organizations during Christmas. Thanks to Judy Newman and Vatikim for sponsoring Dr. and Mrs. Rod who participated in the first Community Ministry Young at Heart Mall Walk at Montgomery Mall. Thanks to everyone who patronized participating restaurants for Thanksgiving in February. Under the leadership



*Caption: On Sunday, April 27, 1997, ten Beth El members participated in Sukkot in April, repairing the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pough, 1710 Galen Street, S.E. Pictured with Mr. Pough on the steps of his home, from left to right, are Bert King, Gabe Ross, Debbie Ross, Jonathan Cohen, Rachel King, Debbie Weinberg, Steve Mandel, Joanne Weinberg, Dan Moskowitz and Jonathan Binder.*

of Bert King, Beth El again participated in Yachad's Sukkot in April program. Thanks to Diana Huffman for helping to organize Beth El's volunteer week at the Community Based Shelter. Thanks to Stephanie Ventura for shopping and shlepping. Thanks to Dick Belferman, Lois Levy, Lynn Katz, Beryl Frank, Ruth Ronberg, Julie Maltzman, Debbie Ross, Emily Eckland and everyone who helped make the world a better place by sharing their time and energy. Take a summer break and get ready to do it all again!

### Torah Fund Reception

Linda and Jerry Herman graciously hosted the Beth El Torah Fund reception on May 17th honoring Cheryl Rod. Sisterhood expressed its appreciation to Cheryl for her service and dedication over the years and her continuing position as treasurer.

We wish to thank the following members who have become Benefactors of the Jewish Theological Seminary: Bernice Blumenthal, Ellen Elow-Mintz, Harriet Filler, Lillian Kessler, Jacquelyn Levine, Claire Marwick, Toby Moss, Doris Povich, Cheryl Rod, Paula Siegel, Gertrude Weker, Harriet Wilkins and Marilyn Wind. All of the funds raised during the year go directly to the Jewish Theological Seminary.

### **Sisterhood Trip to New York**

**Sign up now for the Sisterhood Trip to  
New York led by Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman**

**September 7th and 8th**

**Cost: \$200 per person**

**Includes transportation, hotel,  
fees and all meals.**

**For more information, call Lisa Roskin,  
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June 27, 1997 - July 24, 1997

Welcome to Congregation Beth El

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SATURDAY

					<b>27</b> 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:17pm Candles	<b>28</b> 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Aaron Levy-Forsythe B/M 10:30am Nitzanin - APR
<b>29</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Aerobics - SH	<b>2</b> 8:00am USY on Wheels Service - Sanctuary 7:00pm USY on Wheels Dinner - SH 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR	<b>3</b> 8:00am USY on Wheels Service - Sanctuary 12:00pm Vatikkin - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 8:15pm Caregivers' Support Group - BR	<b>4</b> BENS Camp and Offices Closed Independence Day 9:00am Morning Minyan 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:17pm Candles	<b>5</b> 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Sarah Kattan B/M 10:00am Worship and Study Minyan - APR
<b>6</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Eagle Scout Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR	<b>10</b> 12:00pm Vatikkin - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Eagle Scout Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>11</b> Last Day BENS Camp - Session I 1:00-4:00pm BENS Camp - APR 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:15pm Candles	<b>12</b> 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 10:30am Nitzanin - APR
<b>13</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Sisterhood Book Club - BR 9:30am Men's Club - SH 11:00am-1:00pm Eagle Court of Honor - Sanct., SH	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	<b>15</b> First Day BENS Camp - Session II 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 8:30-1:15pm BENS Camp - SH	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR	<b>17</b> 12:00pm Vatikkin Luncheon - SH 5:00pm Dutch Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30pm Aerobics - SH	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 8:11pm Candles	<b>19</b> 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Sarah Dutcher B/M 10:00am Gan Shabbat - MR
<b>20</b> 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	<b>22</b> Fast of 17th of Tammuz 6:30pm Aerobics - SH	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR	<b>24</b> 12:00pm Vatikkin - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH		

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

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