

CONGREGATION
 BETH EL OF
 MONTGOMERY
 COUNTY

Off The Bimah

There is a very bold law found towards the end of the Book of Numbers. Concerned that in our frantic pursuit of wealth we may abuse the land, the Torah provides that one year out of seven the land shall rest fallow and not be used. By the same token, one year out of seven people too should climb out of the economic water that they are surrounded by and begin to re-think those questions that we are too immersed in work to think about the rest of the time. What would you do if for one year—or even six months—you didn't have to work? Would you travel? Study? Teach? Learn to cook? Who knows?

Next August I will be given the opportunity to find out for myself. At the conclusion of ten years as your Rabbi, I will be granted a six month sabbatical to begin August 1998 with our projected congregation trip to Israel, and conclude at the end of January, 1999. While our plans have not been finalized, our family hopes to spend a significant period of time in Israel to refresh our souls. I hope to study and re-charge myself and strengthen my inner resources and bring back new experiences and insights to share with you. I may even learn to cook.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Sukkah Project Celebrates Tenth Year

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the Beth El Sukkah Kit Project. Twenty-five 8' x 8' kits were sold, plus six 4' x 8' Sukkah Extensions. Over the ten year period, a total of 223 families from our congregation and all over the Washington area have purchased Beth El Sukkah kits. Do-It-Yourself Instructions have been mailed to 87 more people locally and as far away as California, England and South Africa! A total of \$8500 in proceeds have been donated to the Beth El Youth Department, which uses the money for a variety of enrichment activities.

The Sukkah kit was designed in 1988 by Jerry Danoff, and through the years many Beth El congregants have helped with the project. The construction crew this year consisted of members of the Danoff family. Pat, Jerry, David and Adam cut and drilled the lumber, while Emily counted and bagged the hardware.

As in most years, the kits sold out quickly, so watch the Beth El Scroll or call the Danoffs next August to reserve one. Building, decorating and dwelling in a Sukkah is a mitzvah and a wonderful Jewish activity. Celebrating Shabbat in a Sukkah on a beautiful fall evening is an experience your family will never forget.

Russia Alert!

Do you go to Moscow from time to time? Would you take a modest quantity of medicine — a ten-pound box — for our associated Jewish community in Kostroma? Please call Claire Marwick, (301) 657-2328, as soon as possible.

To the Parents of Children Born Between 1/1/87 and 12/31/87...

There will be a year 2000 B'nai Mitzvah Parents' Scheduling Meeting on Sunday, December 7, 1997 in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. If you have not received a letter about your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah, please call Lisa at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316.

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, November 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

Toledot: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9
 Saturday, November 29th, at 7:30 a.m.
 Saturday, November 29th, at 9:15 a.m.
 Daniel Binder Bar Mitzvah
 Michael Siegel Bar Mitzvah
 Grandparents' Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 5th, at 6:30 p.m.

Vayetze: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3
 Saturday, December 6th, 7:30 a.m.
 Saturday, December 6th, at 9:15 a.m.
 Suzanne Hurwitz Bat Mitzvah
 Rachel Koblenz Bat Mitzvah
 Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
 Worship and Study Minyan at 10:00 a.m. in the APR
 Saturday, December 6th, at 4:30 p.m.
 Jena Belinkie Bat Mitzvah

Friday, December 12th, at 6:30 p.m.
 Vayishlach: Genesis: 32:4 - 36:43
 Saturday, December 13th, at 7:30 a.m.
 Saturday, December 13th, at 9:15 a.m.
 Emily Danoff Bat Mitzvah
 Laura Mirengoff Bat Mitzvah
 Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
 Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
 Saturday, December 13th, at 4:00 p.m.
 Sarah Segal Bat Mitzvah

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All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Bernard Friedman on his marriage to Paula Masri on September 14, 1997.

Mazal Tov to Michael and Judy Platt on the birth of their grandchildren. Andrea Lynn Krauss, daughter of Drs. Eric and Kelly Krauss, was born on October 5, 1997. David Martin Platt, son of Eric and Linda Platt, was born on October 24, 1997.

Mazal Tov to Gary and Caryn Silverman on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Jenna Silverman, on October 29, 1997.

Mazal Tov to Bernie Moss who has been awarded the Jay Allyn Taylor International Prize in Medicine by the Robarts Research Institute of the University of Toronto.

Jewish Humor Topic at Beth El 50+ Singles Meeting

Rabbi William Rudolph will address the Thursday, November 20th meeting of the Beth El 50+ Singles on the topic of Jewish humor. Rabbi Rudolph will speak at 8:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room; the program will be preceded by a social period beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will continue following Rabbi Rudolph's presentation.

For further information, call David Horwitz at (301) 320-5323.

Geneology Club

Beth El's Geneology Club will be meeting on Sunday, December 14th at 11:15 a.m. in the Board Room. Newcomers are welcome! We're in search of any Yiddish/Russian/Polish/German speakers in the congregation who could occasionally help us out with translations. Contact Nancy Lewis, (301) 654-0121 if you're interested in helping us decipher mameloshin.

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. Please note that the Wednesday Evening Minyan is at 8:20 p.m. on December 2nd and 9th when the Saul Bendit Adult Institute is in session. 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.

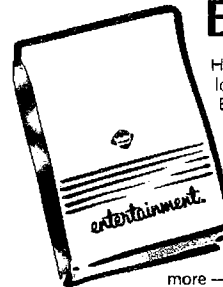
November 30 - December 4

Linda German
Edward and Jill Gerstenfeld
Daniel Geselowitz and Sandra Cohen
Sidney and Janet Getz
Samuel and Rita Gillman
Josephine Gimble
Mark and SuzAnne Gladstone
Suzanne Glaser
Harry and Carol Glazer
Jeffrey and Marilyn Glick
Scott and Deborah Glick
Sam and Frances Glovinsky
Vladimir Godeanu and Linda Spencer
Lewis and Patti Goetz
Alan and Barbara Gold
Bernice Gold
Harvey and Dale Gold
Charles and Bettie Goldberg
George Goldberg
Irving and Annette Goldberg
Seth and Joan Goldberg

December 7 - December 11

Terry and Lynette Goldberg
Howard Goldblatt
Alan and Andrea Golden
Deborah Goldfarb
Steven and Janet Goldhill
David and Elizabeth Goldman
Harry and Iris Goldman
Jack and Beatrice Goldman
Judith Goldman
Luta Goldman
Max and Mitzi Goldman
Mason and Betty Goldman
Neil and Carolyn Goldman
William and Emily Goldman
Barry and Beverly Goldsmith
Adam and Amy Goldstein
Andrew Goldstein and Heidi Sigmon
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Mark Goldstone and Mindy Lieberman

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To Our Shabbat Ushers

Have you confirmed the receipt of your ushering certificate for the new year? It is important that Beth El knows you are aware of your special day. Remember, confirmation does not obligate you to be at Beth El on your assigned date; changes may be made prior to the morning of your assignment.

Please either mail your ushering certificate to me today, or save the postage and phone me so I know you have received your letter and are aware of your honor.

Didn't get one? Don't be disappointed. You may be among the privileged Beth El members chosen to usher later in the year. If you have a secret desire to be included in this elite group, you may apply for usher status by phoning me (301) 530-0861.

Toby Moss

Embracing the Torah Update

Two members of Beth El were notably absent from the Siyyum on September 21st, participating in their own Siyyum far from home. Claire Marwick and Judith Newman were in Kostroma, in the former Soviet Union, presenting to the Jewish Center there a 200 year old Sefer Torah. Beth El paid for the restoration of the scroll and by doing so helped to bring back to ritual life both the Sefer Torah and a growing congregation. How fitting that the Kostroma dedication corresponded with Beth El's. With some trepidations about the reliability of Russian telecommunications, Claire and Judy managed to fax to the Siyyum committee this message: "Mazal Tov. Regret can't be with you for Siyyum. Want you to know with Beth El's help, Kostroma has received its own Torah."

We continue to thank those who worked so diligently on Embracing the Torah., including the Time for Torah hosts, chaired by Gail Ross and Joan Simon: Ann and Bruce Barcome, Jody and Robert Benjamin, Rachele and Gary Bernstecker, Cathy and Jonathan Binder, Brenda and Douglas Bregman, Joan



and Rick Claxton, Debbie and Walter Cohn, Patricia and Jerome Danoff, Ellen and David Darr, Amanda Ford and Craig Dreilinger, Gale and Ronald Dutcher, Abbie and William Eckland, Merry and David Eisenstadt, Ellen and Norman Eule, Tamar and Rabbi Samuel Fishman, Barbara and Barry Friedman, Laurie and Jerry Friedman, Debra and Peter Friedmann, Judy and Craig Futterman, Mona and Jerome Gabry, Sally and Jerrold Ganzfried, Amy and Gene Goott, Cyma and Jerome Heffter, Marcia and Robert Kalman, Kay Klass and Mark Levitt, Estie and Edward Lipsit, Linda and Ace Lipson, Julia and Robert Loeb, Linda and Larry Mann, Ellen Elow-Mintz and Dan Mintz, Bobbi Baruch and Jerome Ostrov, Carla and Jonathan Schraub, Judith and Bert Spector, Esther and Elliot Wilner, Marilyn and Gary Wind and Ina and Joseph Young.

We also thank the Scholars Committee led by Susan Levine: Rabbi Kassel Abelson, Rabbi Samuel Fishman, David Goldman, Rabbi Oscar Groner, Linda Kuzmack, Mark Levitt, Louis Nagel, Elaine Pines, Helen Rib, Rabbi Samuel Scolnic, Elaine Shalowitz and Elliot Wilner.

Book of Dedications

The Book of Dedications, which will record all dedications in the new Sefer Torah according to the weekly Parsha in which the dedicated portion appears, is being planned. Congregants who would like to help create the book are invited to call the Torah line at (301) 652-2606, ext. 347. When completed, the Book of Dedications will be displayed outside the Sanctuary, and its pages will be turned weekly. Until the book is ready, we will publish in the Beth El Scroll the names of congregants whose dedications occur in the weekly portions covered by that particular issue of the newsletter. We encourage congregants to make a special effort to attend the Shabbat morning service when the Parsha of their dedication is read. The names that follow are for the Sabbaths of November 29th, December 6th and December 13th. Although the lists below have only the names of people who make dedications, the book will also list specific dedications and names of honorees.

Toledot, November 29th: Gilbert and Minerva Rosenberg; Henry D. Kahn and Laura Primakoff; Zachary Kazzaz; Robert and Julia Loeb; Jacob and Diana Pankowski; and Mark and Joanne Jacobson.

Vayetze, December 6th: Terri and Jeff Annis; Jeffrey and Naomi Berman; Rachele and Gary Bernstecker; Adah Rose Bitterbaum and Steve Epstein; Charles and Rita Brinn; Suzanne Bronheim; Patricia and Jerome Danoff and Family; Gerald and Sandra Friedman; Gary Friend and Tara Sonenshine; Florence and Arthur Gang; Luta Goldman; Linda Goldsmith and Howard Berger; Barry and Sandra Harris; Paula and Sidney Horowitz; Robert, Evyan, Hilary and Ross Koenig; Miriam and Ed Kely; Joseph and Dana Kromash; Leslie and Warren Leonard; Howard Lesser and Hanna Gutman; Janice Liebowitz and Andy, Ari, David and Noah Schoenholtz; Linda and Ace Lipson; Evelyn Risin Magid; Betty, Jim, Sara, Jessie and Jimmy McDonald; Toby and Bernie Moss; Louis and Carole Potash; Rachel E. Reynolds; Sarah and David Roark; Joyce and Ben Schlesinger; Gary, Wendy, Erica and Ian Schonman; Ed and Roz Shapiro; Alan and Elizabeth Simon; Howard and Holly Stein; Jacob and Anita Stillman; Shirley and Mervyn Weiner; Trudy and Simon Weker; and Martha Zaslow and Thomas Stanton.

Vayishlach, December 13th: Miriam Crowell; Patricia and Jerome Danoff and Family; Richard and Elizabeth Drachman; Ronald and Rosalyn Fleisher; Peter and Debra Friedmann; Josephine Gimble; Yael Greenberg; Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey; Deborah Golub Leibowitz; Ron and Nancy Rubin; Shira Rubin; and Norman and Ruth Stein.

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!

FAMILY FUN DAY
Thursday, December 25, 1997
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- * See Magic Michael's Hanukkah Show
 Latkes, Balloons, Sufganiyot, Games and More
- * Reserve early by returning the reservation form. \$20 per family of four or fewer, \$3 for each additional person.
- * Magic Michael will begin his show promptly at 11:00 a.m.
- * Tickets will be \$25 per family of four or fewer at the door on the day of the program, plus \$5 for each additional person.

RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____
 Children Attending: _____ Age: _____
 _____ Age: _____
 _____ Age: _____
 Adults Attending: _____

\$20 per family of four or fewer, \$3 for each additional person; children under 2 are free.

Return this form to Rachel Handloff, Youth Director.

Total amount enclosed: _____

Make check payable to Congregation Beth El.

Sisterhood News

Dear Sisterhood

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th at 9:30 a.m. This is our next General Membership Meeting. Claire Marwick and Judy Newman will speak about their trip to Kostroma. Kostroma is the synagogue Beth El has adopted. Sisterhood contributed mezzuzot which Claire and Judy brought with them. Both women spoke to the Men's Club and were enthusiastically received. Please come and show them our support. A light breakfast will be served. Note: In the last issue of the Beth El Scroll this meeting was incorrectly announced as a Board Meeting. Please forgive me.

The Rosh Hodesh Study Group continues with a meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. Remember, even if you missed the first session, and even if you can not come to the sessions that follow, it does not matter. Each session is independent of the others. Light refreshments will be served.

The Sisterhood Book Club meets on Sunday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Nice Jewish Girls. Evelyn Margolis, Beth El's librarian, will lead the discussion.

The Tallit project moves into high gear this month. Sunday, December 7th is the field trip to G Street Fabrics, 11854 Rockville Pike. Meet at the store at 11:00 a.m. Judy Spector has arranged for us to receive some special help that day, and we also can take advantage of sale prices for all the required fabric trims and notions and a special price from another supplier for the tzitzit. Then, Tuesday, December 9th we will have the first workshop session starting at 7:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Judy Spector, (301) 309-2529.

I hope you can make the time to attend at least one of these last events of 1997.

Joan Simon

Sisterhood Events for December

- December 2: Rosh Hodesh Study Group 7:45 p.m.
Mothers and Daughters in 20th Century Fiction
- December 7: Book Club 9:30 a.m. — Nice Jewish Girls
- December 7: Field Trip, G St. Fabrics 11:00 a.m.
- December 9: Tallit Workshop 7:45 p.m.
- December 14: General Membership Mtg. 9:30 a.m.
- December 16: Tallit Workshop 7:45 p.m.

Gan Shabbat

Gan Shabbat, a service designed for 7 - 10 year old children, meets the third Saturday of each month starting in September 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!

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Mary L. Feibus on the death of her grandfather, Jack Levinsohn; to Rosa Kotelanski on the death of her father, Jaime Kahan; to Sam Margolis on the death of his sister, Betty Jane Brooks; to Dick Belferman on the death of his daughter, Mary Belferman; to Robert Posilkin on the death of his father, Charles Posilkin; and to the family of Herman Orentlicher.

Keruv

Keruv Calendar

Discussion: Keruv will host a discussion in the Chapel after Shabbat morning services on December 20th. We'll talk about issues that intermarriage brings to families, friends and the Jewish community. We welcome everyone with an opinion to share or a question to ask.

Hanukkah: Put Keruv's annual pot-luck Hanukkah party on your calendar! We'll celebrate Saturday evening, December 27th at the Levine-Janney home, 5835 Conway Road, Bethesda. Please RSVP to Joan Claxton at (301) 320-9283 or Susan Levine at (301) 530-2919. We always have lots of latkes and dreidels and gelt for the kids. All are welcome.

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.



Chanukah List:
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Gift for Tante Minna

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*Beth El Nursery School
Parent Education Workshop*

*"Let's Catch Them Being Good:
Positive Discipline"*

*Thursday, December 4, 1997
7:30 p.m. All Purpose Room*

Everyone is invited.

Call (301) 652-2606, ext. 311 for reservations.

Men's Club News

Interested in joining the Men's Club? The Men's Club offers an opportunity for fellowship, education and fulfillment through participation in our breakfast programs, fund-raising and other sponsored activities. Please contact David Schultz, (301) 530-1620.

The Men's Club presents a variety of exceptional speakers and topics at its weekly Sunday morning breakfast programs. All congregants are invited to attend, with the talk at 10:00 a.m. following the 9:30 breakfast.

- November 30: Breakfast. No speaker planned.
- December 7: Lois Slott, Hadassah. Topic to be announced.
- December 14: Joe Weisz. Lecture on the anniversary of Heinrich Heine's birth.

Although we will try to adhere to the above schedule, please check the Shabbat Announcements, later editions of the Beth El Scroll and the posters in the Rotunda for any additions or changes to these programs.

The Men's Club is pleased to announce that this year's honoree for the Blue Yarmulke award is David Schultz. The award dinner will be held on January 18, 1998 at a synagogue in Baltimore. See the reservation form below.

Beth El Congregation
Men's Club

is pleased to honor

David Schultz

as it's 1998

Blue Yarmulke Man-of-the-Year

at the Seaboard Region's
Blue Yarmulke Men-of-the-Year Dinner

6:30 pm, Sunday, January 18th, 1998
Chizuk Amuno Congregation
8100 Stevenson Road
Baltimore, MD

Cocktail Hour & Dinner: \$40.00 per person

Please reserve ___ seats for the dinner for me. [@\$40.00 per seat]
Please insert a congratulatory ad for our honoree in the following size:

- ___ Full-Page (\$100.00) ___ Half-page (\$60.00)
- ___ Quarter-page (\$35.00) ___ Name Listing (\$5.00)

[Please write copy of ad on the back of this sheet.]

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Since seating is limited, reservations for the dinner are on a "first-come, first served" basis, and must be made no later than January 9th, 1998. Advertisements in the Region's Ad Book must be received no later than December 9th, 1996.

Please mail this entire form, with check payable to "Seaboard Region FJMC", to Men's Club, Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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and return to: Beth El Nursery School

8215 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, Md 20814

Seating requests: _____

Vatikkim Luncheon

We invite you to a special Vatikkim luncheon program on Thursday, December 18th. Our speaker will be Edith Cord. When she addressed a Saul Bendit Institute class in April, 1994, she was warmly received and urged to return to Beth El. We are happy to welcome her again. A "hidden child" of the Holocaust, she managed to survive in France. In later years she developed a philosophy of life in which hate has no place. You will find her message, "Why I Decided Not to Hate," a moving and inspiring testimony. Lunch is at noon and the program 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.

Reservation Form Vatikkim Luncheon

Thursday, December 18, 1997

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by December 16, 1997
No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of October 31, 1997)

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In Honor Of: Saul Bendit Institute by Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Adelstein. In Memory Of: Ella Cluck by Josephine Stein.

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: John Kessler by Mollie Raffes; Sara Rudman by Herman I. Liebling; Abraham Luks by Mollie Raffes; Pauline Kessler by Mollie Raffes; Jacob Koenig by Edward Koenig; Abraham Kessler by Mollie Raffes.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin's efforts on Benjamin Margulies' Bar Mitzvah by Drs. Donna Vogel and David

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In Memory Of: Ivor Pitch by Anthony Pitch; Allen B. Kahn by Marcia and Paul Merlin; Louis Becker by Elaine and Roy Becker; Isidor Ende by Asher Ende; Grandfather, Solomon Streit, by Toby Moss; Charles Lefkowitz by Jerry and Fay Chernin.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Honor Of: Hans G. Hirsch for his shofar-blowing by Daniel Hirsch. In Memory Of: Frances Tribe, daughter of Charlotte Simos, by Mariyn and Daniel Kweller; Rebecca Zagoria by Etta Kline.

Embracing the Torah Project

In Honor Of: Susan Brinn Siegel's dedication and commitment to the Embracing the Torah Project by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker; Brenda Bregman's organizing the Torah Siyyum by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker; Marsha Rehn's dedication and commitment to the Embracing the Torah Project by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker; Susan Levine's tireless work as chair of the Scholars Committee by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Sigmund Gerber by Sam and Frances Glovinsky and Esther G. Kohn.

General Fund

Marek and Barbara Brandys. In Honor Of: Recovery of Carol Miller by Clayman/Miller Family; Elissa and Hal Scheinberg by Dava A. Berkman. In Memory Of: Herman Elson by Norton and Sandra Elson; Bertha Jampel Spergel by Barry and Karen Spergel; Isidor Leventhal by Carl M. Leventhal; David S. Greenberg by Leonard and Linda Greenberg.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Steve Kravitz by Erwin Groner; Miriam Davidson by Erwin Groner. In Memory Of: Eva Gillman by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Gillman. In Memory Of: Kathy Litvak's beloved mother Magdalena by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Benjamin Baumgold's Bar Mitzvah by Aaron Dreilinger; Benjamin Margulies Bar Mitzvah by Aaron Dreilinger; Jed Klemow's Bar Mitzvah by Aaron Dreilinger. In Memory Of: Minna Scherr and Jacob Mann by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Herbert Brenner by Jeffrey and Lynne Ganek; Harry Serlick by Max and Edna Krents; Jason Horn by Judith and Jonathan Levin.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Hannah Cassouto by Abraham and Louise Wagman; Rose Rispler by Minna Schneider; Jacob Kaplan by Donald A. Kaplan.

Masorti

In Memory Of: Solomon Kay by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Kay Klass and Mark Levitt on their moving experience by Daniel Hirsch; Levi Aliyah by David H. Brown; My Aliyah by Elaine Pines; The Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Yastrov by The Dellon Family. In Memory Of: Lillie Lefkowitz by Jerry and Fay Chernin; Archie Berde by Irene Hauser; Cyril Heiman by Mrs. Irene Hauser; Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman; Harry Lejbowitz by Hannah and Tim Lipman; Ethelyn Bercovici by Martin and Ellen Bercovici; Elizabeth Janus by Zelda L. Janus.

Morning Minyan Fund

Esther and George Liss. In Memory Of: Meyer Goldberg by Davetta Landau;

Shoshana Vainstein by Jorge and Sharona Sapoznikow.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Carol Brody's father by Robert and Sheila Cohen; Frances Tribe, daughter of Charlotte Simos, by Hans George Hirsch.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Isabella Hannah Zissman by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker.

Perspectives Fund

In Memory Of: Isadore Edgar Fassberg by Harold E. Fassberg.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: 60th Birthday of Howie Feibus by Marvin Yudkovitz; Sharon Goott, for her reading at the Worship and Study Minyan by Daniel Hirsch; Karl Freiberg for supplying schach for our sukkah by Daniel Hirsch; Worship and Study Minyan Torah readers by Daniel Hirsch. In Memory Of: Edna Routhenstein, beloved wife and mother, by Isadore Routhenstein, Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman; Sidney Leviton by Edward Leviton; Adele Krigelman, beloved sister-in-law, by Ms. Reba Hirsh; Solomon Joseph Ozarin by Lucy D. Ozarin; Jack Levinsohn by Howard and Susan Feibus; Maurice Passes by Dr. and Mrs. Harold Passes.

Rabbi's Fund

Bernard A. Band. In Honor Of: My Aliyah by Linda Lipson; Rabbi William Rudolph by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Rabbi Maltzman's efforts on Benjamin Margulies' Bar Mitzvah by Drs. Donna Vogel and David Margulies; Rabbi Rudolph's efforts on Benjamin Margulies' Bar Mitzvah by Drs. Donna Vogel and David

Margulies; Rabbi William Rudolph by Henry R. Hertzfeld; Rabbi William Rudolph by Harvey and Dale Gold; In Memory Of: Edith Scheinberg by Hal Scheinberg; Marvin Friedkin by Martin S. Dembo; Lillie Lefkowitz by Anita Ash; Jennie Gernstat by William and Pearl Baker; Belle Abramson by William and Pearl Baker; Kathy Litvak's mother by Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell; Emanuel Sickel by Hugh and Ruth Sickel.

School Enrichment Fund

Ruth Silver. In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman in honor of his Rosh Hashanah sermon by Daniel Hirsch. In Memory Of: Emily Drachman by Richard and Elizabeth Drachman.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Memory Of: Ilya I. Mazo by Marina and Boris Ginderov.

Sisterhood Kathy Wilkins Memorial Braille Fund

In Memory Of: Dr. Harold Passes sister, Florence Hammerman by Marilyn and Murray Hammerman.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Honor Of: Daniel and Ellen Elow-Mintz' gracious hospitality by Gertrude Matloff by Gertrude G. Matloff.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Dara Postar's Bat Mitzvah by Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell. In Memory Of: Frances Tribe by Lorraine and Fred Sulmer; Samuel Mininberg by Susan and Harvey Mininberg.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Aaron Shalowitz by Erwin and Elaine Shalowitz; Samuel Boston by Sandra Pressman.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Our friend, Ellen Sweetwood, by Norma and Calvin Golumbic; Bertha Temkin by Mrs. Miriam T. Kuskin.

Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: Leo Kopit's 80th birthday by Seymour D. Wolf. In Memory Of: Sarah Krupsaw by Seymour D. Wolf.

World Jewry

Mary Liswood. In Memory Of: Aaron Burman by Bea and Bernie Berger.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Rena Young, Harry Young, and Leila Rosen Young by Ina and Joe Young.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR BETH EL'S WEEKEND RETREAT
MARCH 20-22, 1998
WITH GUEST SCHOLAR TOM FRIEDMAN**

Beth El's annual weekend retreat will be held this year from Friday evening, March 20th through Sunday noon on March 22nd, 1998, at the charming Tidewater Inn in historic Easton, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore. The retreat provides members, old and new, a chance to share a relaxed shabbat with Rabbi Maltzman and Cantor Lubin, and fellow congregants. The retreat is family-friendly—children are welcome, and babysitting will be available. The Tidewater Inn is a 90 minute drive from Bethesda.

We are fortunate to have Thomas L. Friedman as our scholar-in-residence this year. Tom, a Beth El member, is well-known to the community for his Pulitzer Prize winning book, From Beirut to Jerusalem, and for his twice-weekly column on foreign affairs for the New York Times. Tom will offer his insights on the Middle East and on the global economy.

In addition to study sessions with Tom, the retreat will include Saturday night entertainment and Shabbat D'var Torah time. We will also have access to the local YMCA (newly renovated and a terrific facility) for Saturday afternoon recreation (for those who do not wish to stroll around the town). We are looking forward to a stimulating and enjoyable weekend!

Costs for the weekend are as follows and include two nights lodging and all meals:

Per person, double occupancy	\$196.
Single adult	\$283.
Children, ages 2-18	\$65.
Children, in separate room	\$288. (2 children)
Children under age 2	free

Rooms are configured with king, queen, two doubles, and two twin beds. Rollaway beds will be available. Please state your preference, if any, and these will be passed on to the Inn. No guarantees!

Space is limited; registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. All forms are due by January 7, 1998.

Registration

NAME	AGE (children)	PRICE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TOTAL: _____
(Checks payable to Beth El)

MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE: day _____ evening _____

- _____ We will need babysitting services (fees to be determined)
- _____ I'd like to help with babysitting
- _____ We need a crib

Questions? Call Julie Rabinowitz at (301)588-1271 or Debbie Ross at (301)229-4131.

November 28, 1997 - December 11, 1997

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

28 Offices and Schools Closed 4:27pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Siegel Family Shabbat Dinner - APR	29 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Daniel Binder B/M 9:15am Michael Siegel B/M 10:00am Grandparents' Jr. Congregation 7:30pm Siegel B/M Party - SH
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30 Religious School Closed 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH	1 9:00am-5:00pm BENS Picture Art - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	2 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:00pm Take 30 - BR 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm Take 30 - APR 7:30pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR 7:45pm Rosh Hodesh Study Group - SH	3 3:30pm Mirengoff Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 4:30pm Daseoff/Mirengoff B/M Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute 8:20pm Evening Minyan	4 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm BENS Parent Ed. Program - APR 8:15pm Caregivers' Support Group - BR	5 4:26pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	6 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Rachel Koblentz B/M 9:15am Susanna Horvitz B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:00am Workshop and Study Minyan - APR 4:30pm Jena Belnick B/M - Sanctuary 7:30pm Horvitz B/M Party - SH
7 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 9:30am Sisterhood Book Club - BR 10:00am Adult B/M Class - Chapel 11:00am-12:00pm 2000 B/M Scheduling Mtg. - Sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm Boy Scout Court of Honor - APR 2:30pm Black-Jewish Dialogue Mtg. - BR 4:45pm BENS Water Concert - SH 7:00pm Presidents' Assembly Mtg. - BR	8 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR	9 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm Israeli Investment Club Mtg. - BR 7:45pm BENS Bd. Mtg. - APR 7:45pm Sisterhood Tallit Workshop - SH 8:15pm Rel. Sch. Comm. Mtg. - BR	10 BENS Closed 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute 8:20pm Evening Minyan	11 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 4:00-6:00pm Segal B/M Rehearsal and Pictures 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:00pm AMI Mtg. - APR	12 4:26pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service 7:00pm Mirengoff Shabbat Dinner - APR	13 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Emily Daseoff B/M 9:15am Laura Mirengoff B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanin - APR 4:00pm Sarah Segal B/M 6:00pm Segal B/M Party - SH, Gallery

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