

CONGREGATION  
BETH EL OF  
MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY



### Purim Festivities

On Wednesday, March 11th, there will be two services in the Sanctuary with a Megillah reading: a Young Family Service, "Bit o' Megillah," at 6:30 p.m., and the Purim Service at 7:30p.m.

As is our custom, there will also be a full traditional reading by Avraham Isser in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Today rabah to our Megillah readers: Hazzan Lubin, Rabbi Maltzman, Julia Goldstein, Amy Smith, Erica Kaye, Rebecca Maltzman, Avi Shoham, Moshe Eckmann, Stephanie Schissler, Jesse Spiegel and Erica Cohen.

The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 15th from noon to 3:00p.m.



### Off the Bimah

In response to numerous requests, I am sharing with you – in two parts – the key points in my discussion of conversion at a Shabbat service in December. The following is Part I.

On Shavuot we read a wonderful section of the book of Ruth, the book of Revelation. It is not a melody, it is not a song, it is a sacred text of our tradition. This is a celebration of Ruth. Did the Rabbis understand who Ruth was? Ruth was a Moabite, not only was she not a Jew, but she was a Moabite, and in the Bible in the book of Deuteronomy, we read: "A Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord, even unto the tenth generation shall none enter into the assembly of the Lord." This is somebody prohibited, this is a Moabite who cannot enter into the Jewish people, but our Rabbis lifted the book of Ruth and placed it as the book to be read on Shavuot, on the festival of Revelation, God's word to the Jewish people. And not only was she accepted into the assembly of the Lord, but

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### Sisterhood Shabbat to Honor Gail Ross, 1998 Recipient of the Golda Meir Award

This Saturday, February 28, 1998, will be Sisterhood Shabbat. For the first time, the Jewish Theological Seminary has designated this date to be Seminary Shabbat.

Sisterhood decided to blend these events. In honor of both occasions, we have planned an extraordinary service led by outstanding women. First, we want to honor

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### Shabbat Schedule

Friday, February 27th, at 6:30 p.m.  
BENS Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Terumah: Exodus: 25:1 - 27:19  
Saturday, February 28th, at 7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Sisterhood Shabbat and JTS Shabbat at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

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

Tetzaveh, Exodus: 27:20 - 30:10  
Saturday, March 7th, at 7:30 a.m.  
Cara Meltzer Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Andrew Schissler Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship and Study Minyan at 10:00 a.m. in the APR  
Nitzanim Havdallah at 6:30 p.m. in the SH

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

Kee Tissa: Exodus: 30:11 - 34:35  
Saturday, March 14th, at 7:30  
Leonard Rodman Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Emily Woolf Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.  
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR

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## Off the Bimah (continued from page 1...)

Ruth became the great grandmother of King David from whom the Messiah descends. The Rabbis did not use the book of Ezra or Nehemiah, but the book of Ruth. This is no accident, it is not a trivial matter. Judaism does not define a Jew by virtue of genes or chromosomes or blood type. A Jew is a Jew by heart, mind and soul. This is the glory and the uniqueness of our tradition. This is the openness and the universalism of Judaism, and we must not allow that to be lost by ignorance and prejudice. We Jews have experienced at various times this kind of prejudice. During the Spanish inquisition, in the late 15th century, anti-Semitic clerics were opposed to the conversion of Jews to Catholicism because it violated what was called the "the impurity of the blood." The idea behind it was that the blood that every Jew carries within himself contains the contaminated blood of the antichrist and therefore, conversion is impossible. Anti-Semites throughout our history argued in various forms that Jews cannot be accepted either as citizens in society or as equals. The great French intellectual anti-Semite, Charles Maurras, said Jews can become legal citizens, but they cannot become real citizens in our time and in our memory. You remember that Ludwig Lewison, that Lionel Trilling, great academicians, could not teach English Literature in American colleges and universities because they were not Christians. How could a Jew teach Hemingway or Faulkner or T.S. Eliot?

This kind of racism, this kind of biology, this kind of prejudice and bias has to be struggled against and unfortunately it has crept into the minds and hearts of Jews as well. I can tell by the file, thick file, filled with letters from proselytes, Jews by choice, and those who are going to become Jews by choice, who tell me over and over again, "I'm willing to go to the Beit-Din, I am willing to be circumcised, I'm willing to go to the Mikvah, but I want to know will I be accepted by the Jewish people?" And there is a book called Stranger in the Midst which speaks of the unusual prejudice, coldness, so much so, that the author became a virtual pariah. It mortifies me, it petrifies me to hear people who should know better who say to me it is impossible for a non-Jew to become a Jew because "a Jew is a Jew and a goy is a goy." I have heard it in this congregation and I have heard it in various forms and I tell you that I am petrified by this because that is a corruption and a distortion of one of the great aspects of Jewish life. You've heard people speak about the ethnicity aspect, I don't know what ethnicity means. If ethnicity means a taste for Jewish foods, if ethnicity means bagels and gefilte fish, I want to remind you that the greatest Jew we produced, the greatest Jewish intellectual, Moses Maimonides, in the 12th century never had gefilte fish or bagel in his mouth, so how in the world can he represent us? We Jews are entering the 21st century and we have to recover for ourselves the biblical and rabbinic understanding of Judaism, we have to recover the promise and the challenge and the oath of the first convert to Judaism, Abraham, who heard the call: I will make you a great people, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great and you will be a blessing and I will bless those that bless you, and him that curses you I shall curse, and through you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

## 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.

### March 1 - March 5

Enid Light  
 Harry and Karen Lipkind  
 Robert Lipman and Nancy Rose  
 Timothy and Hannah Lipman  
 Edward and Estie Lipsit  
 Ace and Linda Lipson  
 Robert and Marjorie Litman

Robert Litowitz and Karen Dubin  
 Augustin and Kathy Litvak  
 Sandy and Daniella Livnat  
 Jules and Carolyn Lodish  
 Robert and Julia Loeb  
 Andrew and Linda Loewinger  
 Sheldon and Margery London

David and Louise Lorr  
 Abbe Lowell  
 Rhonda Kleiner Lowell  
 David and Sabina Lozovsky  
 Robert and Carol Luskin  
 James and Muriel Lyman

### March 8 - March 12

Sheilah Fidellman Lynn  
 Bernard and Frances Maggin  
 Evelyn Magid  
 Harry and Emily Malech  
 Lillian Maller  
 Julia Maloney  
 Rhoda Mancher

Steven and Barbara Mandel  
 Daniel and Elaine Mann  
 Keith and Cynthia Mann  
 Lawrence and Linda Mann  
 Harry and Laura Mannheimer  
 Mollyann March  
 Lawrence and Marlene Marcus

Ronald and Deborah Marcus  
 Robert and Elizabeth Margolis  
 Sam and Evelyn Margolis  
 Philip and Phyllis Margolius  
 David Margulies and Donna Vogel  
 Joseph and Janet Marshal

## 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 February 28th, March 7th and March 14th. Although the lists below have only the names of people who make dedications, the book will also list specific dedications and names of honorees.

Terumah, February 28th: Matthew, Carl and Aaron Slater and Faith Roessel; and Alan and Corinne Swoff.

Tetzaveh, March 7th: Benson D. Adams; Beth, Kenneth, Ben and Eli Berman; Sid and Beth Groeneman; Elmira Hopp; Donna and David Kanin; Andrew and Katherine Koblenz; Jeffrey Moak and Karyl Barron; and Ari Schoenholtz.

Kee Tissa, March 14th: Edith Arnheim; Alex Baldinger; Ben Berman; Albert and Diane Clement; Robert and Sheila Smallberg Cohen; Michael Diamond and Barbara Mittleman; Andrea, Michael, Nate and Hilary Druckman; Tamara Dunietz; Howard Goldblatt; Donna and David Kanin; Joshua B. Kaplan; Eleanor Klau; Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman; Clare Lerner; Carolyn and Jules Lodish and children; Helen and Arthur Popper; Gary Marx and Julie Rabinowitz; Len Rodman; Deborah and Dennis Ross; Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum; Charlotte Simos; Donna L. Vogel and David Margulies; and Martha Zaslow and Thomas Stanton.

Dedications in the new Sefer Torah are welcome at any time. For information, call the Torah Project at (301) 652-2606, ext. 347.

## Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. A special service for children ages six and under and their parents, Nitzanim Shabbat Services feature a Torah parade, stories, lots of songs and a snack. We hope you will join us!

The Nitzanim kiddush was sponsored on January 31st by Lewis Schrager and Frances Marshall in honor of the third birthday of their daughter, Elana Schrager. The kiddush on February 14th was sponsored by Joseph and Dana Kromash in honor of the fourth birthday of their daughter, Rachele Kromash.

Nitzanim will hold a Havdallah service on Saturday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

### **Baruch Dayan Emet**

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Rachel Handloff on the death of her grandmother, Sara Berlin.

## Ahavat Shir Calls for Singers

Attention all people who love to sing! Beth El's Ahavat Shir, led by Hazzan Lubin, is planning an exciting spring program on Sunday, April 19th. The Hazzan will present to the Men's Club "An Illustration of Yiddish Folksongs." The choir and the Hazzan will be the musical illustrators for this informative and highly enjoyable event. We welcome all voices and ages who can commit to four rehearsals on Sunday mornings, March 1, 8, 29 and April 5. Please contact Sheila Smallberg Cohen, (301) 652-0237, or Selma Kriss in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 302, if you are interested or would like more information. We look forward to seeing you participate either as a member of the audience or as part of Ahavat Shir.

## Learners' Service

Our Learners' Service will not meet during March because Rabbi Rudolph will be leading the Sanctuary service on the third Shabbat of the month. The next scheduled meeting will be Saturday, April 18th, in the All Purpose Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We then join the congregation for kiddush. The service, conducted by Rabbi Rudolph, is designed for the novice worshipper. It moves slowly. It is very hands-on in orientation, from how to put on the talit, to knowing when to bow, to practicing how to have an aliyah. There is also a focus each time on a different major portion of the service. Questions and discussions are very much encouraged. No registration or advance sign-up required. The group will also meet on the third Saturday of May and June. Contact Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318, for more information.

## Keruv

### Keruv Calendar

Be part of the Beth El-wide Shabbat Shalom at Home observance by joining Keruv members for a dairy pot luck shared Shabbat dinner on Friday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David and Louise Lorr, 11026 Kenilworth Avenue, Garrett Park. Welcome Shabbat and maybe learn new zemirot with newcomers and old-timers in Shabbat observance. Please call the Lorr's at (301) 946-2075 or Joan Claxton to RSVP and for directions.

Keruv will hold a spring discussion on "Raising Jewish Children in an Intermarried Family." Watch for the announcement of the date.

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 and conversion 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 (JSClaxton@aol.com).

## Sisterhood News

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 28     Sisterhood and JTS Shabbat  
 Chairperson: Nancy Spivack, (301) 983-8370  
 If you created a tallit at the Sisterhood  
 Tallit Workshop, please wear it to Shabbat services.
- March 8         Women's Health Seminar  
 Chairpersons: Ruth Sickel, (301) 469-8607,  
 and Michele Herman, (301) 718-8710  
 Passover Pastries Fundraiser  
 Chairperson: Marcia Kalman
- March 24        Rosh Hodesh Bonus  
 Mollie Berch will lead a discussion on  
 "Miriam in the Passover Tradition"
- March 29        Women's Passover Seder  
 Co-Chairperson: Deborah Rosenbloom, (301) 897-8006
- April 18         Torah Fund Reception
- May 3 - 4        Women's League for Conservative  
 Judaism Spring Conference at Beth El  
 Chairperson: Toby Moss, (301) 530-0861

Volunteers are needed to help with the following jobs related to the events listed above: publicity, planning menus, ordering, cooking, and/or serving food, decorations, advance and at-the-door registration, participating in Shabbat service, proctor at workshops, logistical support or hosting the Torah Fund Reception at your home. Please call to volunteer and help make these events happen.

Yours,  
 Joan Simon

### Beth El Sisterhood Women's Health Seminar

*Sunday, March 8, 1998*  
 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Join us to learn the latest research findings  
 on a variety of health topics and to have an informative,  
 active, fun afternoon.*

**12:00 - 1:15 p.m.**

*Keynote Speaker: Sara Lyn Mark, MD  
 Senior Medical Officer, Office of Women's Health,  
 U.S. Public Health Service*

*Topic: Current Issues in Women's Health:  
 What's New and What It Means to You*

**1:15 - 4:00 p.m.**

*Healthy food tasting, free literature, massage, t'ai chi, reflexology, dyna-  
 band exercise, basic health screening, door prizes and much more.*

*All members and guests (women and men) are welcome,  
 and no reservations are needed.*

*Casual clothes (such as sweats) are recommended.*

**For information, call Ruth Sickel, (301) 469-8607,  
 or Michele Herman, (301) 718-8710.**

### Sisterhood Shabbat (Cont. from p. 1...)

those women who have distinguished themselves in Beth El's Sisterhood, especially honoring this year's Golda Meir recipient, Gail Ross. Second, we decided to honor a distinguished Seminary student. As Seminary Shabbat coincides with Sisterhood Shabbat, we felt the Seminary student should be a woman. Some of you may remember last year when a Seminary student addressed us at Sisterhood Shabbat. This year, Sisterhood invited a fourth year cantorial student, Marcey Bergman, to lead us in prayer. Marcey has distinguished herself as President of the Cantorial School Student Organization. She is also distinguished because she is not the usual Seminary student. She did not enter the Seminary immediately after undergraduate school. Before Cantorial School, she was a professional actress, singing and performing in regional theater. She lives with her three children in Huntington, New York. She has said how influential Sisterhood has been in her life. You will find her to be inspirational, as did those of us who heard her speak at the 1996 Sisterhood Convention.

We will also honor the women who made tallitot in our Sisterhood Tallit Workshop. And lastly, we will be honoring Deborah Rosenbloom who has co-authored a book, Bar and Bat Mitzvah in Israel: The Ultimate Family Source Book.

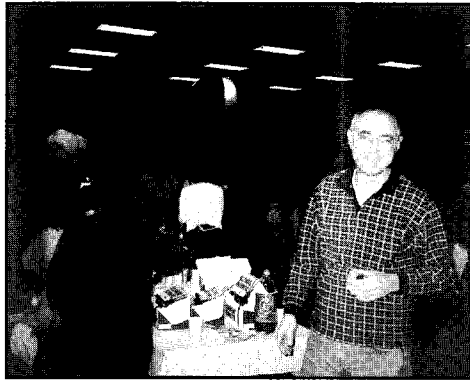
Realizing that many of you cannot attend this special service, here's some information about this year's recipient of the Golda Meir Award, Gail Ross. Gail currently serves as Second Vice President of the congregation. She and her husband, Roy Niedermayer, have been members of Beth El for many years. Gail, as many of us did, became involved in the synagogue through the nursery school, where sons Aaron and Seth were enrolled. Unlike most of us, she went on to become Chair of Beth El Nursery School. From there she became Chair of the Parent Education Committee in the Religious School. She also Co-Chaired the Chesed Committee. Beyond being Vice President of the congregation, she is Executive Vice President of the Sisterhood, where she has also served as Vice President for Education.

Many of you personally came to know Gail as Co-Chair of the Time for Torah Committee of the Embracing the Torah Project. Additionally, she served for three years as a synagogue trustee and serves on the Beth El Support Foundation.

Her involvement in Beth El alone would be creditable service to the community, but then, maybe you do not know Gail. She was also Vice Chair of the DC Regional Board of the Anti Defamation League. Before that, she chaired the Anti Defamation League Law Committee. Recently she joined the Board of Directors of Hillel. Gail has also held several different positions at the United Jewish Appeal Federation, including the Women's Division Executive Committee, Campaign Cabinet and Human Resources Development. Gail Ross is unquestionably a leader. Please join Sisterhood and Congregation Beth El in honoring her this Shabbat.

## Beth El Families Enjoying Family Fun Day!

*The Beth El Youth Department held its first Family Fun Day on Thursday, December 25, 1997. The program was an enormous success. More than 250 Beth El children and adults participated in the day's festivities which included an inflatable obstacle course, a moon bounce, Hanukkah crafts and an infant-toddler room. Are you interested in helping to coordinate next year's Youth Department Family Fun Day? Call Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, in the synagogue office for more information, (301)652-2606, ext. 308.*



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

#### The Youth Group Calendar

**Bonim** Advisor: Heather Handloff  
(Kindergarten - 2nd Graders)  
Bonim Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 342

**Sunday, March 8th** Purim Palooza  
Join Heather and Bonim for an afternoon of Purim fun; make your own hamentashen and Purim arts and crafts. This activity will meet in All Purpose Room-A from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members. RSVP's are required. Please call Heather on the Bonim Hotline.

**Machar (3rd - 5th Graders)** Advisor: Shana Flatt  
Machar Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 341

**Sunday, March 29th** TBA

**Kadima (6th - 8th Graders)** Advisor: Adam Gluck  
Kadima Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 340

**Sunday, March 8th** Purim Palooza  
Join Adam and the Kadima chapter for an afternoon of Purim fun; make your own hamentashen, groggers and Purim masks. Meet in All Purpose Room-B from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members. RSVP's are required. Call Adam on the Kadima Hotline.

**USY (9th - 12th Graders)** Advisors: Rachel Handloff  
and Lisa Itkin

USY Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 308

**Tuesday, March 3rd** Take 30  
Catch Me If You Can! Tonight's Take 30 program will take place at Congregation B'nai Israel on Montrose Rd. in Rockville. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. and the formal program starts at 7:15 p.m. Tonight's topic will be about the cult and missionary movements. For more information, please contact Rachel

Handloff at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

**Saturday, March 7th** USY Formal at Arlington Fairfax  
Jewish Congregation.

Tickets are \$15 for one and \$25 for two and may be purchased at the door, or call Jessica Lipps at (703) 536-5075 or via email [corkermj@aol.com](mailto:corkermj@aol.com). The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m.; no entry after 9:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the USY Regional Tikun Olam Fund.

**Sunday, March 8th** Sportrock Climbing Center

### The Beth El College Corner

Hire a Beth El college student for the summer and get a bagel brunch! The Beth El College Outreach Committee is again coordinating Summer Opportunities for Beth El college students. We are encouraging Beth El congregants to hire our students for various jobs over the summer. Job forms are available in the synagogue office. Completed forms will be compiled and mailed to students on the Beth El college list. For more information, please contact Rachel Handloff in the synagogue office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

### Hoops for Hunger

On Sunday, March 15th, the Beth El All-Star Basketball Team, led by Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, will play against B'nai Israel as part of a Hoops for Hunger double-header at Gaithersburg High School. The Beth El game begins at 5:00 p.m., and will be followed by the game between Beth Shalom and Adat Shalom. All proceeds from the two games will benefit MAZON, a Jewish Response to Hunger. Pledge forms will be available outside the synagogue office and will also be distributed at Purim services on Wednesday, March 11th.

## Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of January 26, 1998)

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

In Honor Of: Helen Rib by Sylvia and Len Sheeskin. In Memory Of: Zelda Barry by Leonard M. Sheeskin; Mrs. Eva Stein by Paula and Herman Kleine; Isabel Davison by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

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

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Gillman. In Memory Of: Helen Merlin by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Lou Rosenfelt, a very kindhearted man, by Dr. Stephen and Susan Levinson.

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

In Honor Of: Abe Clayman-Miller's Bar Mitzvah by Aaron Tievsky; Hazzan Lubin's support of me during my Bar Mitzvah by Michael Siegel. In Memory Of: Sarah R. Teitler by Elaine and Roy Becker; Ida Lerner by Clare Lerner.

### ***Chevra Kadisha Fund***

In Memory Of: Bessie S. Ellenbogen by Albert and Audrey Berger; Bronya Sheyman by Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman; Samuel Gelman by Helen and Lenny Rib; Morris A. Rispler by Minna R. Schneider; Charles Merlin by Paul and Marcia Merlin.

### ***College Fund***

In Honor Of: Refuah Sheleimah for Jeremy Bronheim by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Rivkah Scharfstein by Dede and Ken Feinberg; Jeanette B. Rosing by The Rosing Family; Barbara Lerman's father by Esther and Elliot Winer; Mary Rubin by Sandra C. Woronow; Jaime Kahan by Dr. Jorge C. Srabstein.

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

In Honor Of: Speedy Recovery for Harold Fassberg by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Copperman.

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

In Honor Of: Marvin Band's special birthday by Gene and Eleanor Elzufon, Ronald and Hanna Pomerantz and Myron and Lenore Lenkin.

### ***General Fund***

Robert and Zelda Landsman. In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Jeremy Bronheim by Jeff and Miriam Davidson; Dr. Marvin Band by Morton and Bernice Shapiro. In Memory Of: Romayne Bernstein by Suzanne Winarsky; Max Tobach by Marilyn and Sheldon Wallerstein; Ralph Lieban by Michele Lieban Levine; Nathan W. Helman by Jeff and Miriam Davidson, Kathy and George Hooley and Toby and Bernie Moss; Walter Solomon by Todd and Lori Gardner.

### ***Israel Experience Teen Fund***

In Honor Of: David Schultz's Blue Yarmulke Award by Claire Marwick; Cheryl Kreiser, my Bar Mitzvah, tutor by Michael Siegel.

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

In Memory Of: Beloved mother, Ruth Kimball, by Sherman Kimball.

### ***Library Fund***

In Memory Of: Ida Rosen by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

### ***Masorti***

In Memory Of: Rivkah Scharfstein, mother of Tutti Sokol, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg and Judith and Jonathan Levin.

### ***Mazon***

In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman's support of me during my Bar Mitzvah by Michael Siegel; For a fast recovery for Jeremy Bronheim by Beth El Religious School Teachers; Sheeskins' Aliyot by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Nancy Graber and Alan Spivack's marriage by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman. In Memory Of: Helen Merlin by Beth El Religious School Teachers; Harold Gross by Alan and Barri Gross; Loving father, Melvin Wallace, by Karolyn Wallace and John Broder; John Torley, father of Jane Gang, by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman.

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

In Memory Of: Rose Kalsner by Sarah Kalsner; Jay Golub by Deborah G. Leibowitz; Isaac Kossman by Mary Dubrow; David Sohn by Seymour and Shirley Gross; Beloved father, Max Cohen, by Barbara Spitzer; Jacob Forman

by Julian Levin; Jacob H. Gichner by Josephine G. Gimble; Edward Eckstein by Alan Swoff; Mother of Paul Merlin by Helen and Lenny Rib; Vicki DeGutz by Judith Spector.

### ***Music Fund***

In Memory Of: Yvonne Kushner by Marvin and Delia Lang; Beloved brother, Philip Cohen, by Barbara Spitzer.

### ***Nitzanim Fund***

In Honor Of: The birth of Jonah David Loeb by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg. In Memory Of: Edythe F. Levine by Philip J. Levine.

### ***Perspectives Fund***

In Honor Of: Rabbi Samuel Scolnic by Craig D. Yokum; David Schultz receiving the Blue Yarmulke Award by Edward and Beatrice Goffer. In Memory Of: My parents by David Levine; Isabelle Backer by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Brother of Gil Rosenberg by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

### ***Prayerbook Fund***

In Memory Of: Abraham Gutman by Hanna Gutmann; Dora Datnowitz by Harvey J. Gordon; Enta Feldman, sister of Riva Weinstein, by Sharona and Jorge Sapoznikow; Michael Bobb by Sharon Bobb; Daniel Neuman by Barry Neuman.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Topchik. In Honor Of: Eliot Lesser's Bar Mitzvah by Hanna Gutmann and Howard Lesser and Ruth Gutmann; Dr. Marvin Band's 65th Birthday by Ceil Loeb; Eve Lieberman's Bat Mitzvah by Jean Lieberman. In Memory Of: Malvin Wexler by Rita Wexler; Martha Spivak by Anita and Ted Lieb; David Alberstadt by Dorothy Alberstadt; John Caplan and Esther Morris by Freda and Daniel Segal; Rae Brody, Cindy Caplan's grandmother, by Brenda, Jim, Josh and Carly Schmand; Adolph and Rachel Drucker Hopp by Elmira Hopp; Irving Arthur by Paul and Jo Wodiska; Ruth Maden by Barry and Elinor Schimel; Anthony John Gordon by Samuel, Arline and Robert Gordon.

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

Sheila Smallberg Cohen. In Honor Of: Helen Rib by Marcia and Paul Merlin; Appreciation for honors at Teacher Recognition Shabbat by Helen Rib. In Memory Of: Theodore E. Mayer by Laura S. Mayer and the Silverstein Family; Marvin Elkinson by Marvin and Audrey Griff; Brigid Gray Leventhal by Carl M. Leventhal.

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

In Memory Of: Michael Novick by Peter and Diane Novick; Melvin Wine by Mildred Wine.

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

In Memory Of: Min Wind by Marilyn and Gary Wind; Harold Cohen, father of Barbara Lerman, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg.

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

In Honor Of: Ann Hughes Weyler and Enrique Jose Freund's marriage by Sharona and Jorge Sapoznikow. In Memory Of: Beloved Aunts, Irene Golden and Dorothy Waitzer, by Ina and Jerome Wernick; Augusta Krauthammer by Sarah Reiter.

### ***Young Equality Fund***

In Memory Of: Samuel J. Rosen and Sara Rosen Kaufman by Ina and Joe Young

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## World Jewry...From Israel

Health Eggs, Ltd., a Petah Tikvah-based firm has purchased exclusive worldwide rights to an innovative new technology which prevents salmonella bacteria from developing in eggs. The technology, developed by researchers at Haifa's Technion, leaves the eggs purified of harmful bacteria while preserving their nutritional value and extending their shelf life.

Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman's 10th Anniversary Celebration  
Congregation Beth El - March 28, 1998

LAST CHANCE

DEADLINE  
MARCH 2ND

### Tribute Book Greetings

YES I would like to honor Rabbi Maltzman on his  
10th Anniversary at Congregation Beth El.

- \$1500 Facing pages greeting in our Tribute Book
- \$1000 Full page greeting in our Tribute Book
- \$500 1/2 page greeting in our Tribute Book
- \$250 1/4 page greeting in our Tribute Book
- \$100 1/8 page greeting in our Tribute Book
- \$ 36 Alphabetic listing in our Tribute Book

Greeting Message/Listing as you would like it to appear in the Tribute Book:

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

My check is enclosed, made payable to Congregation Beth El.

Please bill my account. I will make full payment by June 1, 1998.

Questions -- Please call 301-652-2606, ext. 355. Leave a message, and a committee member will call you back.

## Transportation to Rabbi Maltzman's Gala

If you are in need of transportation to Rabbi Maltzman's gala on Saturday, March 28th or you can provide transportation for other congregants, please call Cheryl Rod at (301) 299-8362.

## Caregivers Network

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 spiritual and emotional satisfaction as well as the constraints. Please do not isolate yourself. Share in network, discussion and problem solving. For more information, call Ann Birk at (301) 365-4447.

## Chesed Committee

If you can give a few minutes of your time to call a Beth El member who may be sick or homebound, please volunteer for the Chesed Committee by calling Rhonda Kleiner Lowell at (301) 294-8858.

### **Remember the Summers When You Were Small?**

If you are 14 years old or entering high school in September, become a Junior Counselor at Beth El Nursery School Camp and help children ages 3 - 5 experience the fun and discovery that summer can bring.

The camp offers a supportive environment and activities including water play, games, field trips and arts and crafts.

Two camp sessions will run from June 23rd to July 31st Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. with additional set-up and clean-up days for staff. Salary range depends on related work experience.

To learn more about Junior Counselor positions, call (301) 652-2606, ext. 312.

### **Rummage Sale**

Just in time for your spring cleaning!  
Sunday, March 29, 1998  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Congregation Beth El

Was your New Year's resolution to get organized? Are your closets cluttered and ready to overflow? Have your children outgrown a mountain of toys, clothes and baby paraphernalia? Thinking of having a yard sale? Rent a table at the Beth El Nursery School's annual rummage sale!! We provide the location and take care of the advertising.

To rent a table or for more information, call the BENS office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

## 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!

## All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Jesse Baumgold and Linda Golden on the birth of their daughter, Naomi Baumgold, on January 28, 1998. Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Madelyn Schwartz and Arthur Gang.

## Time for Torah II

Watch your mailbox for your personal invitation to a Time for Torah Home Gathering. We want to continue to capture the wonderful feelings of the Torah Writing Project's home Torah study sessions as we make them a permanent part of our educational efforts. Members will be hosting twenty-five home gatherings this winter and early spring. Any questions? Call Laurie Friedman, (301) 320-3960, or Mona Gabry, (301) 231-6915.

## Send Us Your Photos and Memorabilia

As many of you have no doubt heard, we will be celebrating Rabbi Maltzman's tenth anniversary at Beth El next March. A special tribute event is being planned for Saturday, March 28, 1998. That evening we will present Rabbi Maltzman with a dedication book full of photographs from his decade of service to Beth El. If you have any old candid or official photographs of Jonathan, Julie, Rebecca or Zachary Maltzman (Bar or Bat Mitzvah shots, retreat pictures, trips to Israel, etc.), please send them to Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, attn.: Judy Platt. Your photographs will be returned to you after the book is assembled, and if we use the material, you will be given full photo credit.

### **Scenes of Summer at Beth El Nursery School Camp**

- Splashing in a water game
- Romping on the playground
- Singing together
- Smiling at new friends

Beth El Camp offers a supportive environment for children ages 3 - 5.

Two three-week sessions will be held:  
June 23 - July 10 and July 14 - July 31.

Put your child in the scene  
of an exciting summer at Beth El.  
For information, call (301) 652-2606, ext. 312



# SAUL BENDIT ADULT INSTITUTE SPRING 1998

## Six Wednesday Evenings, March 18 to April 1 and April 15 to 29

(No classes April 8; a commemoration of *Yom Hashoa* will be held between classes on April 22)

7:30 to 8:20 p.m.

- Verse by Verse Through the Book of Exodus, Part IV ..... Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman
  - Intermarriage and its Challenges: A Reexamination ..... Rabbi William Rudolph,  
Judi Tal-DeBoer, Lisa Merkin Shapero, and Beth El members
  - The Music of 20th Century Composers of Jewish Descent ..... Hazzan Abraham Lubin
  - Jews and the Gospels ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
  - Archaeology of Israel ..... Murray Stein, Rabbi Reuben Levine, Harold Nussbaum
- Moderators: Steve Frank & Jack Ventura*

8:20 to 8:40 p.m. - Coffee Break

8:40 to 9:30 p.m.

- Encounter with Judaism: Overview of Jewish History ..... Rabbi William Rudolph
- Israel's Contributions to Society ..... Robert Chertock, Hazzan Abraham Lubin, Dr. Warren Greenberg,  
Ofar Samson, Michlean Amir
- Moderator: Howard Stein*
- Love Thy Neighbor ..... Norman Shore
- The Apocrypha: Books Left Out of the Bible ..... Dr. David Goldman
- Little-Known Jewish Communities Around the World, Part II ..... Joseph Hantman

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

- Hebrew Prayerbook Reading Beyond the Basics ..... Cheryl Kreiser
- The Basics of Conversational Hebrew ..... Yael Greenberg
- Kosher Middle East and French Specialties ..... Fortune Schettewi

## Six Tuesday Mornings, March 17 to April 21

8:10 to 9:00 a.m.

- A Taste of Talmud ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic

10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

- Verse by Verse Through the Book of Exodus, Part IV ..... Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman
  - Encounter with Judaism: Overview of Jewish History ..... Rabbi William Rudolph
  - Jews and the Gospels ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
- 10:50 to 11:10 a.m. - Coffee Break

11:10 to Noon

- The Music of 20th Century Composers of Jewish Descent ..... Hazzan Abraham Lubin
- Jews in Their Land ..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic

### WATCH FOR BROCHURES THIS MONTH

Note: The evening minyan will start at 8:20 p.m. (rather than 8:00 p.m.) on evenings when Institute classes are scheduled.

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

Please enroll me in the following A.M.  P.M.  course(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Beth El.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Morning: 1-hour course (6 classroom hours) (Talmud - no fee).....\$18
- Evening: 1-hour course (6 classroom hours).....\$18
- 2-hour course (12 classroom hours).....\$36
- 2-hour Kosher cooking class (includes ingredients).....\$50