



CONGREGATION
BETH EL OF
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COUNTY

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Selma Cohen on her exhibit of monotypes and paintings at the Spectrum Gallery, Inc., 1132 29th Street, N.W. in Georgetown. The exhibit, entitled "Beyond Boundaries," is scheduled from March 10th through April 5th.

Mazal Tov to Fran Leibowitz on the birth of her great grandson, Jared Noah Schwarz, on February 1, 1998 in Chicago. Jared is the son of Lisa and Orrin Schwarz and the grandson of Linda Leibowitz Schwarz.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Edwin Strauss, Harriet Wilkins and Marcia Possick.

The following note was received from Sharon Strauss:

A few weeks ago, a notice was put in the Beth El Scroll about a teacher's car that was damaged in the parking lot during a Sunday Religious School session. It should have read, "...it is possible that whoever hit the vehicle was not aware of the damage..." In fact, this was the case. A congregant, who had not heard the impact or seen the resulting damage, responded to the article. As the teacher who was affected by this accident, I would like to publicly thank the congregant involved and also reassure the Beth El membership that we remain a caring and responsible community.

Important Havurah Update

Havurot are small groups (usually 10 - 15 member "units") formed within the Beth El community to give members a chance to get to know one another in a setting other than large congregational functions. They provide a kind of nuclear family within the larger extended family that is Beth El. Havurot generally meet 8 - 10 times a year at the homes of members or at other agreed-upon locations.

Beth El Havurot come in all shapes and sizes, but they share the common theme of celebrating Jewish life. How this is accomplished - through programs of study, holiday and festival observance, sharing simachot, or any combination of these - is determined by the individual Havurah. The groups are self-directed; each determines its own programs, goals and meeting schedule, with guidance available from the Havurah Committee. The responsibility for activities rests with Havurah members. Many groups invite guest speakers or plan discussions; others concentrate on social gatherings.

The new leaders of the Havurah Committee, Judy Matz and Cheryl Rod, have been surveying the current Havurot

Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, March 20th, at 6:30 p.m.
Beth El Retreat Weekend

Vayakhel-Pekude: Exodus: 35:1 - 40:38

Saturday, March 21st, at 7:30 a.m.
Benjamin Simon Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jocelin Shalom Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10:00 a.m. in the MR
USY Shabbat at 12:00 p.m. in the BR

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

Vayikra: Leviticus: 1:1 - 5:26
Saturday, March 28th, at 7:30 a.m.

Sharon Greenblum Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Dana Tievsky Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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

10th Anniversary Tribute to Rabbi
Jonathan Maltzman at 8:00 p.m.

and are compiling a data base. Only a few of the existing Havurot are taking new members, and the Committee is helping with that process. More important is the seeding of new Havurot, with two new ones to be started every six months, beginning in spring, 1998.

The two new Havurot being formed this winter-spring are:

- 1) Families with young children (approximately 6 years and under)
- 2) "Baby Boomers" for members in their 40's and 50's.

If you are interested in finding out more about these Havurot, or attending the organizational meetings, please contact Judy Matz, (301) 469-0459, or Cheryl Rod, (301) 299-8362. Other questions about Havurot should also be directed to Judy and Cheryl.

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Men's Club News

Have you never been to a Men's Club meeting? Please join us! (You can stay while the kids are in Religious School!) At our Sunday morning breakfast programs you will hear excellent speakers, and the Men's Club offers an opportunity for fellowship, education and fulfillment through our fund-raising and other sponsored activities. Just show up or contact David Schultz, (301) 530-1620, with any questions.

Interested in softball? The Men's Club league plays on Sundays between April and June. Call Roy Niedermayer, (301) 656-2111, for more information, or e-mail him at RIN@RINLAW.COM.

Don't miss our Sunday morning breakfasts. We've had some exceptional speakers, and more are scheduled at our weekly breakfast programs. All congregants are invited to attend, with the talk at 10:00 a.m., following the 9:30 breakfast. The following talks are scheduled:

March 15th: Purim Carnival; no speaker.

March 22nd: Ron Halpern, Director, Government Relations and International Affairs, Jewish Community Council "Jewish Issues in the Maryland Legislature"

March 29th: To Be Announced

April 5th: Arnold Leibowitz, "A History of Haggadah Illustrations: A Slide Lecture"



News from Beth El Boy Scout Troop 1800 by Noah Wolfson

Are you looking for some fun? Well, boys from ages 11 to 18 can come to Beth El on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. when Troop 1800 has Boy Scout meetings. We know you think Boy Scouts is sing-alongs and knee socks, but this troop is far from that, with laser tag, camp-outs and other fun activities. Each month we try to have at least one weekend activity, including camp-outs, orienteering, miniature golf and ice skating. On our camping trip in January, we went to Sinequipe, stayed in a cabin (although we usually stay in tents), did first aid relay races, had a campfire, took a hike, made our own meals and cleaned up, and helped each other earn Boy Scout badges. Finally, we were given a task to retrieve logs from a pond. We took a rowboat from the beach and tied it with a safety line. Scouts with sticks broke the thin ice ahead of the boat, then two Scouts got in the boat and floated out on the lake and retrieved the logs. We had fun working as a team. The current leaders of Troop 1800 are Scoutmasters Jonathan Binder and Joel Wolfson. If you would like more information about Troop 1800, which is sponsored by the Men's Club of Beth El, call Jon Binder at (301) 365-3806.

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 15 - March 19

David and Linda Marshall
Jonathan Martel and Lisa Flaxman
Claire Marwick
Gary Marx and Julie Rabinowitz
Michael Mates and Lona Feldman
Gertrude Matloff
Robert and Kathy Matty

Dan and Judith Matz
Edward Max and Jody Green
Laura Mayer
Betty McDonald
Georg and Jane Mehl
Allan and Mimi Meltzer
Theodore Meltzer

Allan and Shereen Mendelowitz
Paul and Marcia Merlin
David and Carole Metzger
Roy Millenson
Frances Miller
Jay and Lillian Miller

March 22 - March 26

Philip Miller
Max and Betty Milner
Mark Milner and Hattie Ulan
Harvey and Susan Minenberg
Jack and Johanna Minker
Allen and Sima Minton
Daniel Mintz and Ellen Elow-Mintz

Paul and Yvonne Mirengoff
Andrew Mitz and Carol Fried
Jeffrey Moak and Karyl Barron
Greta Coen Moffatt
Jonathan and Debra Morgenstern
Michael and Keiko Morgenstern
Jonathan Morris

Jack and Annette Moshman
Daniel and Carol Moskowitz
Bernard and Toby Moss
Ida Moss
Michael and Judith Muntner
David and Julia Murray

Keruv

Dear Keruv: I have heard different stories of experiences people have had when approaching a rabbi about converting so I would like to know what happens here at Beth El. How do our rabbis respond when a potential convert approaches them and what is the conversion process like? A Congregant.

Dear Congregant: Our rabbis are very receptive when approached by a potential convert. To quote Rabbi Maltzman: "First and foremost, we welcome them with open arms and convey to them our delight that they are considering conversion." There is a conversion class that is jointly sponsored by five local congregations, including Beth El, with the participation of the rabbis of all of those congregations. Potential converts enroll in this class. If scheduling is a problem, the rabbis will assist in finding an alternative class. Each student must have a sponsoring rabbi with whom they will meet periodically throughout the approximately nine months to a year that it takes to convert, depending on motivation, time, and other circumstances. At the end of the process there are the ritual steps taken including immersion in a mikvah, circumcision (if necessary) and appearing before a bet din (rabbinical court). Most importantly, they are given a warm welcome and encouraged to proceed at their own pace.

Keruv Calendar

Keruv will hold a discussion in the Chapel after Shabbat services on May 9th on "Raising Jewish Children in an Intermarried Family." We welcome everyone with an opinion to share or a question to ask.

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).

Kibbutz Family Adventure Trips

The Kibbutz Family Adventure program is a 10 - 14 day excursion aimed at families with children from 6 - 13 years of age. It is a hands-on interactive tour of Israel in which families jointly examine the relevance of Israel to their lives.

The program is based on the kibbutz, which allows participants to observe first-hand a vibrant Jewish community. By living in this context, the chances of serious interaction with the local population is greatly enhanced. As an example, each visiting family is paired with a local host family from the kibbutz with children of similar ages.

Accommodations are based on the European bed and breakfast style. The living quarters include a kitchenette with refrigerator, bedroom and private bath with shower. Meals are served in a communal dining room.

Each group is assigned two staff persons: a Family Educator and a Family Madrich. The Family Educator is the tour guide and resource person, while the Madrich plays a central role in family activities.

Although the kibbutz serves as the base and frame of reference, through a series of day trips, participants see most of Israel's key sites including Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Galilee, the Dead Sea and the Negev.

Trips can be scheduled for June, July and August and cost \$1400/person, excluding airfare. For further information, contact Yisreal Yosefian, (301) 230-1239, or David Lorr, (301) 946-2075.

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.

Open Religious School Committee Meeting

Come and tell us what you think of the school.

Everyone is welcome!

Thursday, March 19th. 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

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 March 14th and March 21st. Although the lists below have only the names of people who make dedications, the book will also list specific dedications and names of honorees.

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 Dunitz; 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.

Vayakhel-Pekude, March 21st: Rosalie M. Sporn; Joan and Michael Ury; and Martha Zaslow and Thomas Stanton.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Jorge Sapoznikow on the death of his father, Jose Sapoznikow, and to Charles Anello on the death of his mother, Esther Sacks Anello.

SPECIAL PESACH INFORMATION

Memo From The Rabbi

The following Pesach guidelines have been made available through the Conservative Movement. It is an incomplete list but helpful nonetheless. Please feel free to call on me with any individual questions and be sure to fill out the form to sell your chametz. I will conduct the "Mechirat Chametz" on Friday, April 10, 1998 after the Siyyum. Have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and congregation.

Pesach (Passover) Guidelines

Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Pesach falls on Friday, April 10th through Saturday, April 18th. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration

A Pesach home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz or leaven in preparation for the welcoming of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of Chametz or leaven throughout the Pesach days, both at home and when away.

The term Chametz or leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

Foods During Pesach

1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dried peas and dried beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category.

2. Permitted Foods

A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label

The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes also require no supervision.

B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Pesach use are permitted also in their frozen state.

C. If Certified for Pesach Use by Rabbinical Authority

Matzot, matzo flour, Pesach noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear rabbinical signature.

Dishes and Utensils

1. Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions:

A. Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Pesach if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

B. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

C. Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Pesach

2. Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.

3. The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.

4. A dishwashing machine may be used for Pesach after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through a cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.

5. Microwave ovens are made kosher for Pesach by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.

6. Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over them. Some authorities call for a sink liner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

Selling of the Chametz

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in your home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of Mechirat Chametz, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Maltzman sell your chametz, please mail in the following form by April 10, 1998 or drop it off in the Rabbi's office.

Selling of the Chametz

I, _____,
hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman to sell my chametz before Passover, April 10, 1998, according to Jewish law.

Signature _____
Address _____

_____ I enclose a donation for "Maot Chittim," feeding the hungry. Please make checks payable to **Congregation Beth El.**

SPECIAL PESACH INFORMATION

Siyyum For The First Born

The Annual Siyyum for the First Born Child will be held on Friday, April 10th at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow.

Our thanks to Faye and Sy Wolf, who are sponsoring the Siyyum in memory of Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, Abraham and Dora Wolf, Dan Rosen and Molly and Irving Weinstein.

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Pesach Yizkor Book Listing

Our Pesach Yizkor Book will be available on April 18, 1998.

Please complete and mail the form below without delay. Please PRINT or TYPE the form to avoid errors.

I/We are enclosing a contribution to Congregation Beth El of \$ _____

Please check one:

_____ I/We would like to use the same listing(s) from the 1997 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book.

_____ I/We did not have a listing in the 1997 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book. Please include the names listed below in the Pesach Yizkor Book.

_____ I/We had a listing in the 1997 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book and would like to have that listing plus the following names:

IN MEMORY OF:

REMEMBERED BY:

NAME _____
PHONE _____

Please return this form by Tuesday March 31, 1998

CONGREGATION SEDER

The Congregation Seder will be held on Saturday evening, April 11th at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. I/We would like to make the following reservations:

Table with 2 columns: Reservation type and Total \$ amount.

Name _____
Phone No. _____
Address _____

I/We would like to be seated with:

- _____ Yes! I would like to be seated at a 50+ Singles table.
_____ Yes! I would like to be seated at a Vatikim table.

Price includes contribution to Mazon. Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to: Beth El, Attn: Seder

Reservations are limited and due by Wednesday, April 1, 1998, or the first 250 people, whichever comes first.

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Volunteers Needed to Host Russian and Iranian Jewish Newcomers for Passover Seders

The Community Resettlement Program (CRP) of UJA Federation of Greater Washington needs families and individuals to host newly-arrived Russian and Iranian Jewish families or individuals for the first and/or second Passover seder(s) on Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th.

For the past several years, hundreds of families from Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia have responded to the need for volunteers by opening their hearts, their homes and their Passover seders to newly-arrived immigrants.

Passover celebrates the Exodus of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and is called "the season of our liberation." The seder symbolizes unity among all generations of Jewish people.

To extend a Passover invitation or for more information, please call Geri Elias at (301) 230-7200.

Congregation Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions (as of February 9, 1998)

Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Memory Of: Frieda Heller by Dr. Heinz Bauer.

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Harry Bruckheim, father of Dr. Arthur Bruckheim, by Bernard and Rita Jacobi;

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Yael Greenberg by Judith Spector.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Sara Berlin by Jeff and Miriam Davidson; Zvi Scharfstein, beloved father, by Tutti Sokol; Abe Kessler by Ellen Eule; Alison Levy Caffin by Linda Orenstein; Abraham Luks by Ellen Eule.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Jennie Ash by Bernard Ash; Joseph Hertzberg by Hyman J. Zimmerman.

Disabled Access Fund

In Honor Of: Etta Zuckerman's special birthday by Mrs. Josephine Horn.

General Fund

In Memory Of: Steve Solomon's father by Anita and Sonny Bloom.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Memory Of: Anna Cohen, Geraldine Baldinger, Ethel Sinclair, and Dorothy Fischgrund by Priscilla Tievsky; Clara Abramowitz by Burt and Georgette Abramowitz.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: My father's 70th Birthday by Louis Kimball.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Motel Hochberg by Marilyn Hammerman; Abraham Hochberg by Marilyn Hammerman.

Masorti

In Honor Of: Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Shirlene Platshon by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay.

In Memory Of: Tutti Sokol's beloved mother, Rivkah Scharfstein, by Dr. and Mrs. Murray Hammerman.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman and Julie Maltzman by The Dellon Family. In Memory Of: David Platt by Michael T. Platt.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Memory Of: Celia Shapiro by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shapiro; Al Meirow by Mr. A. Swoff; Jennie Freedman by Henry Freedman; Harry Friedell by Rosalyn Fleisher.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Elana's birthday by Lewis K. Schragar and Frances E. Marshall; Rachelle's 4th birthday by Dana and Joseph Kromash.

Perspectives Fund

In Honor Of: David Schultz receiving the Blue Yarmulke Award by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Herb and Rita Shedlin's 50th Anniversary by Brenda, Jim, Josh and Carly Schmand.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman's 10th anniversary as Rabbi by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Werner; My aliyah by Jorge and Sharona Sapoznikow; Rabbi William D. Rudolph by Paul Merlin; Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman and Julie Maltzman by The Dellon Family; The Jacobowitz's grandchild, Michael Jenner, by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Mary Liepshutz by Jo and Paul Wodiska; Martin Fribush by Selma and Melvin Kitt; Celia Zane by Steven Zane; Luba Levin by Theodore Levin; Daniel Simon by Joel and Joan Simon.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Helen Merlin by Kelly, Sue, Jennifer and Ken Rubin and Joan and Joel Simon; Jane Gang's father by the Kramer Family.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Father of Jane Gang by Robert and Sheila Cohen and Family.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Sara Berlin, grandmother of Rachel Handloff, by Kathy and George Hooley; Oscar G. Gildenhorn by Myron and Lenore Lenkin.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: Julianne Freiberg by Karl Freiberg.

Religious School News

Forum on Jewish Education: "Gender Equity, Identity and Other Issues In Jewish Education?" Sunday, March 29, 9:30 - 11:00a.m.; Sanctuary

Issues of gender equity and identity are significant factors effecting fundamental decisions in planning, organizing and presenting a program of Conservative Jewish studies. Educational policy questions call for consideration of promotion of egalitarian religious practice, equal treatment of boys and girls in the classroom, and a balance between "feel good" programming and instruction geared toward the accumulation of knowledge. Mark your calendar for a unique forum that attempts to grapple with these questions. Panelists will include Board of Jewish Education Associate Director Barry Krasner and Religious School teacher Cheryl Kreiser. Congregants are invited to submit questions to Religious School Committee Chair, Jonathan Levy, via the School Office, in advance of the program. This event is being presented by the Religious School Committee and the Parent Association, and is being Co-Chaired by Nancy Rose and Marcia Greenblum.

Pesach Food Drive

Preparation for the celebration of Pesach will form the motivation for two tikkun olam projects sponsored by the Religious School from March 22nd - April 5th. Simultaneously, we will be collecting Kosher for Passover foods and collecting chometz. The mitzvot we will be acting on will be a combination of Baal Taschit

(Not Wasting), and "Let(ting) all who are hungry come and eat." Collection boxes will be placed outside the school office. Chometz will go to people served through the Whitman-Walker clinic. Passover foods will be distributed by the Jewish Social Service Agency. Over the years it has been a learning experience for our younger students, stopping by the collection boxes and trying to identify the chometz and the Pesadik.

Read-A-Thon

The Beth El Parent Association is pleased to present the Religious School's Fourth Annual Read-a-thon. Designed to promote reading Jewish literature for fun and enjoyment, the Read-a-thon also will offer an opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah. Children are asked to participate by reading books and signing sponsors who will pledge a contribution based on the number of books read. By decision of the Vaad HaStudentim, in honor of Israel's 50th Anniversary, proceeds will go to the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Students in all grades will be asked to record the number of books read. Sponsors of students in grades three and higher may want to consider the length of books these older students read. Every student will receive a prize for participating. Outstanding individual readers and tzedakah-raisers will be recognized, as well as classes. Last year we raised almost \$1,000 for our sister school, the Lauder-Morasha School in Warsaw, Poland. This year's event is scheduled to begin in March and will end April 30th. All winners will be acknowledged in the Beth El Scroll. For more information, please contact the school office.

Sisterhood News

Dear Sisterhood

One of the new traditions at Beth El is our model Women's Seder. As interest in this has built, it has become a highlight of our year's calendar. It is especially moving to see three generations of Beth El women all a part of The Telling. The date is Sunday, March 29th. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$18 per person.

This year, more people are getting involved. Deborah Rosenbloom and Gail Fribush will lead the Seder this year. For the first time, they formed a committee which is adding readings chosen by the women of our Sisterhood as a complement to the San Diego Women's Haggadah we purchased last year.

Please fill out the form below and return it with your payment to the synagogue office, marked "Women's Seder."

A second Pesach event this year is the last session of Rosh Hodesh Study Group with Mollie Berch. This session, on March 24th, is entitled "The Tradition of Miriam and the Passover Seder."

The last of our Pesach events is the sale of Passover pastries and shmurah matzahs to raise money for the synagogue in Kostroma. Please support this worthy cause.

In April, our big event is the Torah Fund Reception honoring Ruth Sickel. I made a terrible mistake when I scheduled this event. April 18th or April 19th (depending where you saw the date listed) is the day after Pesach ends, making it very difficult to have a house ready to host such an event. Therefore, the new date for the Torah Fund Reception is Sunday, April 26th, at the home of Esther Wilner.

Yours,
Joan Simon

Women's Seder March 29, 1998

_____ will attend the Women's Seder on March 29, 1998, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

_____ I would like to help plan, prepare and serve the festive meal.

Open Auditions

*Sisterhood is looking for talent.
Do you have experience in acting, singing,
lighting, set design, choreography, directing,
or are you just interested in having fun?*

*Call Sheila Smallberg Cohen (301) 652-0237
or Gail Ross (301) 229-7005 to find out more.*

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.

From the Desk of the Youth Director....

Beth El USY held an Interchapter during the weekend of February 6th - 8th. The weekend was a huge success. Over 90 USYers from all over Seaboard Region participated in the weekend. Thirteen members of our own USY chapter were active participants. The theme for the weekend was Jewish music. Hazzan Lubin led the opening study session and engaged the USYers in a discussion about Shabbat Shirah. On Saturday, the USYers led their own Shabbat minyan. The study session encouraged the USYers to debate instrumentation in religious services. The highlight of the weekend was a concert by Pizmon on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, an additional 100 USYers from the Har Shalom Interchapter joined us for brunch and a mitzvah fair. Special thanks go to Ben Bregman, Lauren Bregman, Sara McDonald, Chad Kampe, Josh Rosenbloom, Rebecca Maltzman, and Gabe Ross for putting forth an extra effort and really making the Interchapter an amazing success. The Youth Department also would like to give an extra special thanks to Shana Flatt, our Machar Advisor, for stepping up to the plate and running the weekend. The weekend would not have been possible without the help of our hosting families. Todah Rabah to Brenda and Doug Bregman; Marcia and Eli Greenblum; Robyn Shields; Audrey Corson and Daniel Kazzaz; Steven Kravitz and Esther Kaleko Kravitz; Dina Leener; Susan Levine and Robert Janney; Karen and Harry Lipkind; Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman; Betty and James McDonald; Jacob and Diana Pankowski; Nancy Rose and Robert Lipman; Dennis and Debbie Ross; Rabbi Bill Rudolph and Gail Fribush; Douglas and Carol Sherman; Joel and Joan Simon; Elliot and Esther Wilner; Robert Fersh and Sharon Markus; Daniel Mintz and Ellen Elow-Mintz and Brenda and James Schmand.

The Youth Group Calendar

Watch your mail and future Beth El Scrolls for April programming.

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

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

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

USY Advisors: Rachel Handloff and Lisa Itkin
(9th - 12th Graders) USY Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 308

Membership Information

David and Madelyn Schwartz have moved to 6106 Lenox Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. Herb and Anita Levinson have moved to 5225 Pooks Hill Road, Apt. 1401 S, Bethesda, MD 20814. Jeffrey and Cindy Green have moved to 10600 Tanager Lane, Potomac, MD 20854.

Hoops for Hunger

On Sunday, March 15th, the Beth El All-Star Basketball Team, led by Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman and Ambassador Dennis Ross, 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.

March 1998

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>13 5:53pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p>14 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Emily Woolf B/M 9:15am Leonard Rodman B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:30am Nitzanim - APR</p>
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<p>15 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:30am Men's Club - SH 9:30am Sisterhood Book Club - BR 10:00am-12:00pm Purim Unission - Sanctuary 10:00am Torah Cantillation Workshop - Chapel 12:00-3:00pm Men's Club Purim Carnival - SH, BR, APR, MR 2:00-4:00pm Group Homes Workshop - Chapel</p>	<p>16 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 8:00pm Seaboard Branch Women's League Class - BR</p>	<p>17 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 6:30pm Conversion Class - APR-A 7:30pm Youth Comm. Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>18 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute 8:20pm Evening Minyan</p>	<p>19 12:00pm Vatikim Luncheon - SH 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 7:30pm 50+ Singles Mtg. - APR 7:30pm College Outreach Comm. Mtg. - BR 7:30pm Masorti Mtg. - MR 8:15pm Rel. Sch. Comm. Mtg. - SH</p>	<p>20 Retreat Weekend 6:00pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service</p>	<p>21 Retreat Weekend 7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Benjamin Simon B/M 9:15am Jocelin Shalom B/M 10:00am Jr. Congregation 10:00am Gan Shabbat - MR 12:00pm USY Shabbat - BR</p>
<p>22 Retreat Weekend 9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00am-1:15pm Family Ed. Program - SH 9:30am Men's Club - BR 10:00am Adult B/M Class - Chapel 12:00-10:00pm Yiddish Culture Festival</p>	<p>23 10:30am Sabra Hadassah Mtg. - SH 7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 8:00pm Seaboard Branch Women's League Class - BR</p>	<p>24 10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 5:45-6:15pm Rel. Sch. Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct. 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 6:30pm Conversion Class - APR-A 7:30pm Board Mtg. - BR 7:45pm Rosh Hodeah Study Group - SH</p>	<p>25 5:45-6:15pm Rel. Sch. Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanct. 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute 8:20pm Evening Minyan</p>	<p>26 12:00pm Vatikim - SH 4:30pm Tievsky Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30pm Aerobics - SH 6:30pm Greenblum Picture-Taking - Sanctuary</p>		

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