



CONGREGATION
BETH EL OF
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Off the Bimah

The following is Part II of the "Off the Bimah" that appeared in issue 47-13 of the Beth El Scroll.

We have to restore to Jewish life refinement, sensitivity, the kind of sensitivity towards the convert that you find in the Zohar: "When a convert converts the soul flies from the palace and comes under the wings of the Shechinah and the Shechinah kisses her since she is the child of the souls of the righteous and sends her into the body of the convert and dwells therein. The Shechinah dwells in the soul of the convert."

We have before us a great challenge and a great task and a great promise. We are entering the 21st century. This is a different century, this is a different time, people are asking questions, people are searching, and I want you to know if anybody tells you that Judaism does not believe in accepting with joy and with pride people who search and who come to us you tell them there is not a single item they can find to justify that. I want you to read a book by Bamberger called "Proselytism in the Talmudic Period", a great scholar who points out that the bulk of the Talmudic tradition favored enthusiastically the acceptance of the convert. I want you to understand that under the Roman Empire a full 10% of the population were Jews, Jews who came to Judaism through conversion. It was not Akiba, it was not a Shammai, it was not an Avtalyon, it was not the Rabbis who opposed conversion, it was the Holy Roman Empire, it was Constantine and Constantine and Hadrian who said if you convert anybody to Judaism your property will be confiscated and taken away. That's going to encourage Jews (and anybody else for conversion)! But that was the 3rd and 4th centuries. We are living now in a different century and a different time and I need from you help, I need from you more than simply rhetoric. I need from you warmth, caring, and love.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Note: In the December 26, 1997 "Off the Bimah" column, a selection from the article, "Why Stones Instead of Flowers?" by David J. Wolpe was excerpted. The article appeared in the anthology, Wrestling with the Angels.

All in the Family

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

Mazal Tov to Hal and Elissa Scheinberg on the engagement of their son, Michael Scheinberg, to Kyra Schuster, daughter of Rick and Betsy Schuster of Boca Raton, Florida. Michael is Program Director of North Carolina Hillel in Chapel Hill, NC. Kyra is a Museum Technician for Information Management at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and is Youth Director at Arlington Fairfax Jewish Congregation. Kyra and Michael met when they were both staff members for Kadima and USY. An October wedding is planned in Boca Raton.

Mazal Tov to Bea and Bernie Berger on the engagement of their son, Brent Berger, to Carolyn Chabrow, the daughter of Sheila and Penn Chabrow of Miami, Florida.

Shabbat Schedule

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.

Friday, April 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat HaGadol

Tzav: Leviticus: 6:1 - 8:36

Saturday, April 4th, at 7:30 a.m.

Tyler Allard Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Josh Kurtz 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

Friday, April 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

Erev Pesach, Festival Service

First Seder

Exodus: 12:21 - 51;

Maftir: Numbers: 28:16 - 25

Saturday, April 11th, at 7:30 and
9:15 a.m.

First Day of Passover, Festival and
Shabbat Services

Jr. Congregation at 10:00 a.m.

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

Festival Service at 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Seder at 7:15 p.m.

A Jewish Service of Healing May 6, 1998, 7:30 pm

The Spirituality Task Force invites you to attend a special service designed to provide comfort and connection to those seeking healing of body and spirit.

Many Conservative congregations are adding special services of healing to their worship. Come see an example of such service and help us think about its place at Beth El.

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Learners' Service

Our Learners' Service will meet on 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.

Shabbat Shalom at Home

The success of an at-home project like Shabbat Shalom at Home is difficult to assess. There are no funds raised, dedications counted, or tickets sold. But to judge from the comments of members who participated, Shabbat Shalom at Home was successful, imparting to participants the sense of community, family and peace that Shabbat observance has brought to Jews for generations. One Beth El family invited ten other families to join them. A Havurah organized a Shabbat dinner together. A number of families who could not participate on March 6th wrote that they were inspired to do so before or after that date. One family that enhanced its regular Shabbat observance based on the guide prepared by Sarah Roark found that teenaged family members suddenly made a special point of being home for Friday night dinners. One member proposed a congregation-wide Havurah service for the next project. Successful? For every family warmed by the glow of Shabbat candles, yes.

Shabbat Shalom at Home RSVP cards that were received by February 25th were entered in a prize drawing of items from the Judaica Shop generously donated by the Sisterhood. The following gifts were awarded to congregants:

Gold-plated candlesticks:

Claire Marwick

Ceramic candlesticks decorated

with Torah verse:

Steven Rosenthal

Three-holed silver-plated candelabra:

Bruce Barcome

Three-holed silver-plated candelabra:

Steve Solomon

Box of beeswax candles:

Jonathan Levy

Box of beeswax candles:

Timothy Lipman

Brass kiddush cup:

Danielle Hazan

Congratulations to the winners! You may pick up your item from the Judaica Shop.

Do an Easy Mitzvah!

For those of us with easy transportation, getting to Beth El is not a problem. For some members, however, getting to Shabbat or holiday services, meetings, minyans or other scheduled activities is difficult. If you can offer a ride on an occasional or regular basis to another member, please let us know by calling the new Ride Line at the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 351. Once we receive messages from enough drivers, we will begin accepting requests on the same extension. If you have any questions, please call Brent Berger, (301) 770-1356.

Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next two weeks. On Sunday through Thursday, the Minyan begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. On Wednesdays, April 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, when the Saul Bendit Adult Institute meets, the Evening Minyan will be at 8:20 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 29 - April 2

Steven and Elise Museles
 Edith Nash
 Twila Nattel
 Gary and Annick Nemirovsky
 Irwin and Hellaine Nepo
 Barry and Karen Neuman
 Robert and Beatrice Newell

Judy Newman
 Roy Niedermayer and Gail Ross
 Peter and Diane Novick
 Richard and Varda Nowitz
 Gregory and Yelena Nusinovich
 Bette Nussbaum
 Robert and Rosine Nussenblatt

Philip Ochs and Sheila Cohen
 Allan and Joan Okin
 Samuel and Debra Olchik
 Stephen and Joyce Oliner
 Alan and Linda Orenstein
 Max Osias

April 5 - April 9

Jerry Ostrov and Bobby Baruch
 Lucy Ozarin
 Mark and Rina Palchick
 Jacob and Diana Pankowski
 Maurice and Milly Papilsky
 Raymond Paretzky and
 Karen Zacharia

Alan and Sharon Parver
 Harold and Gaye Passes
 Michael and Harriet Paul
 David and Gertrude Pearl
 Irving and Hamaline Peltz
 Joseph Pelzman
 David and Janet Perim

George and Elaine Perlman
 Irwin and Carol Pernick
 Jerry Pfeffer and Andrea Casson
 Robert and Barbara Phillips
 Elaine Pines
 Anthony and Marion Pitch
 Shirlene Platshon

Men's Club News

If you've never been to a Men's Club meeting, consider yourself invited! 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.

The Men's Club is again selling candles to commemorate Yom Hashoah, which occurs on April 23rd. The candles will be sold in the Rotunda on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to purchase yours then, please contact David Levine, (301) 299-9507.

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@RIN-LAW.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 29th: Doug Bregman, "Family Feud: The Haft Story Told by a Member of the Board of Directors"
- April 5th: Arnold Leibowitz, "A History of Haggadah Illustrations: A Slide Lecture"
- April 12th: Passover; no meeting
- April 19th: The Yiddish Folksong, an Illustrated Lecture by Hazzan Abraham Lubin and the Ahavat Shir Choir
- April 26th: Harvey Resnik, "Maccabiah Memories: US Medal that Followed a Fallen Bridge" (Program in Meeting Room downstairs)
- May 17th: Kavod Awards Breakfast
- Service to the Community at Large: Dr. Harvey Resnik
 Service to the Jewish Community: Roy Niedermayer, Esq.
 Service to Congregation Beth El: Roy Millenson
 Watch future issues of the Beth El Scroll for reservation forms.

Vatikkim Newsflash

Philip Ratner is reserving Thursday, April 9th at 12:30 p.m. for our group to visit his museum at 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. (Since the kitchen will be closed in preparation for Passover, we cannot meet at Beth El.) Parking space at the museum is very limited. Please eat your lunch at home. We will meet at the Beth El parking lot, arrange carpools and leave at 12:25 p.m. for the museum. Attendance is limited to 30 persons. Mr. Ratner is ready to reserve an additional date in case more than 30 people want to participate.

To help with the planning, please let Marion Wolff know, no later than April 2, 1998, if you wish to participate in this field trip. Please call Marion at (301) 530-4209. Please note that there will be no Vatikkim luncheon in April due to Passover.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Alan Simon on the death of his mother, Faye Simon; to Herb Wisner on the death of his sister, Ruth Chamow; and to Diane Kay on the death of her stepfather, Milton Bornstein.

From the Desk of the Youth Director....

Studies have shown that an Israel Experience can have a profound effect on the Jewish identity of our teenagers. Over the past six years Beth El has helped to support several of our children on various Israel programs. We have over 80 students registered in the Israel Quest program, a teen Jewish identity project of the UJA Federation of Greater Washington. The program consists of:

- ongoing Jewish education provided by our own Confirmation program
- required participation in Israel Quest programs by grade level
- an Israel experience (of 4-8 weeks in length) of the participants' choosing (from an approved list of over 40 trips) during the 10th or 11th grades or summers thereafter.

Beth El students who go on Israel trips are encouraged to share their experiences with the younger students when they return. Just recently Max Cooper, who attended the winter quin at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, shared his stories with our 7th graders. Aaron Niedermayer, who also attended the winter quin at Alexander Muss wrote:

Dear Congregants of Beth El,

Thank you very much for your support and blessing on my departure to Israel. It meant a lot to me when Rabbi Maltzman announced my leaving for Israel. It made me feel very good. Also, I would like to thank the IEET Circle for the monetary donation to my trip. I appreciated that so much. Thanks again for everything. It meant a lot to me to see that people, some of whom I didn't even know, cared about my trip.

*Sincerely,
 Aaron Niedermayer*

For information about scholarships, Israel trips, the Israel Quest program, or the IEET Circle (Israel Experience for Every Teen), please contact Rachel Handloff, Youth Director, in the synagogue office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

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

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

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

The Beth El College Corner

The College Outreach Committee wishes to thank both the Sisterhood and the Men's Club of Beth El for their financial and moral support during the past two years. In particular, we thank the Sisterhood for the holiday packages and other material that we sent to our college students; and we thank the Men's Club for the Moment magazine subscriptions that have been provided to our college students.

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:

Adults @ \$26	Total \$	_____
Non-member Adults @ \$32	Total \$	_____
Children 7-12 @ \$15	Total \$	_____
Children 2-6 @ \$8	Total \$	_____
Children under 2	No Charge	
Grand Total \$		_____

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. Due to the steady stream of newcomers able to emigrate to our area, the need for volunteers continues.

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. These families represent a mere fraction of the thousands of people who continually donate their time and money to newcomer resettlement. According to Geri Elias, Director, Community Resettlement Program at UJA Federation, "the outpouring of support from the Jewish community is astounding — more than anyone could have imagined. I'm confident that community support will continue to be strong and we will match or exceed this year's volunteer needs."

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. It is especially poignant to recently arrived emigres. For them, the seder reflects a personal celebration of their modern day Exodus to freedom.

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 23, 1998)

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel D. Stein by Josephine C. Stein; Gertrude Strax by Rita Weil.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Eric Solomon's Bar Mitzvah by Charlotte and Bernard Resnick. In Memory Of: My dear brother, Daniel Krigelman, by Reba K. Hirsh; Bunny Braltman by George A. Goldberg; Howard Morrison's mother by Bunny and Zvi Porath; Anatoly Gertsovich by Charlotte and Bernard Resnick.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Steve Solomon's father by Judge and Mrs. L. B. Sachs; My beloved father, Nathan Hindin, by Frances H. Leibowitz; Beloved son-in-law, Professor Jordon A. Schwarz, by Frances H. Leibowitz.

Cantor's Fund

In Memory Of: Paul H. Press by Ann and Bruce Barcome; Bertha and Ben Teplitz by Sophie and Jerome Teplitz; Malcolm R. Fidell by Eugene R. Fidell; Isadore Richman by Norma and Calvin Golumbic; Mamie Copperman by Howard and Julia Copperman.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Our parents by Sigmund and Carolyn Shapiro.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Danny Schnitzer on his graduation by Hilary Spirer and Family. In Memory Of: John Kessler by Ellen Eule; Rachel Handloff's grandmother by Dr. Elliot and Esther Wilner.

Conservative Judaism in Israel

In Memory Of: Estelle Berger Rubin by Albert and Audrey Berger; Kathrin J. Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman.

Embracing the Torah Project

Embracing In Memory Of: My beloved wife, Trudy Haber, by Murray Haber.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Mary L. Silverberg by Dr. Silverberg; Herbert I. J. Berner by Mr. and Mrs. Tsvi Assal.

Fine Arts Fund

Sheldon Lederman

General Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Morris Moshman by Annette and Jack Moshman.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Wishing Herman Schneider a speedy recovery by Potomac Chavurah. In Memory Of: Martin Fribush by Howard and Dotty Hewett; Sigmukushelevsky by Charlotte and Stanley Levenson; Celia Shapiro by Faye F. Amster; Rivkah Scharfstein, mother of Tutti Sokol, by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; Martin B. Feinberg by Kenneth R. Feinberg; Sylvia W. Gerber by William Gerber.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Elana Hoffman's Bat Mitzvah by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Yael Littwak by Potomac Chavurah. In Memory Of: Tutti Sokol's mother, Rivkah Scharfstein, by Alan and Dunya Hecht; In Memory Of: Pauline Stadlin by Jeffrey and Lynne Ganek.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Deborah Segal Rubenstein by Leon Segal and Family; Rebecca Calderon and Boruch Wagman by Abraham and Louise C. Wagman; Harry Bozof by Sylvia Bozof.

Mazon

In Honor Of: The engagement of Brent Berger and Carolyn Chabrow by Toby and Bernie Moss; Rabbi J. Maltzman's Tenth Anniversary with Beth El by John and Marion Wolff. In Memory Of: Nat Miller, father of Diane Coplan, by Robert B. Coplan; Tillie Lotmon by Zeldia L. Janus; Beatrice Chernin by Jerry and Fay Chernin.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi William D. Rudolph by Selma and George Barron. In Memory Of: Meyer Marcus by Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Marcus; Harris Freedman by Henry Freedman; Jose Sapoznikow by Marilyn and Barrett Ripin.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Frances Tribe, daughter of Charlotte Simos, by Rosalie M. Sporn; G. Jean Goodman by Suzanne Glaser.

Nitzanim Fund

In Memory Of: Sara Berlin, grandmother of Rachel Handloff, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg and Family.

Perspectives Fund

In Honor Of: David Schultz' Blue Yamulka Award by Twila Nattel.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Khava S. Mazo by Emma Poritskaia; Irena Ross Glick by Jeffrey Glick; Judith Sunshine by Dennis and Shirley Feldman; Isaac Golumbic by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Beloved mother, Rose Newell, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Beloved Brother Jacob Newell, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Beloved father, Max Newell, by Beatrice and Robert Newell.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman's tenth anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Resnick; Otis and Mary Yokum by Mr. Craig D. Yokum. In Memory Of: Merry Klass by Mark A. Levitt and Kay D. Klass; Ester Sacks Anello by Neil Levy; Adolph B. Kahn by Bernard and Betty Kahn; Maurice William Greenstein by Judy and Craig Futterman; Minnie Schertzer by Sylvia Small; Ida Weiss by Susan and Howard Weiss; Simon Sherman by Douglas and Carol Sherman; Dorothy Bender by Howard and Sondra Bender; Fortune Harari by Vivian and Irving Beyda; Sara Rea Burkon by Ruth Lee Greenberg.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Trudy and Simon Weker's granddaughter, Shara Ilene, by Rosalie Sporn; Helen Rib's 29 years of teaching at Beth El by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky.

Sisterhood Silver Fund

In Memory Of: Tillie Golumbic by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Complete recovery for Arthur Gang by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Birth of my grandson, Gabriel Paul, by Rosalie M. Sporn. In Memory Of: Rosara Kotzin Sundell by Susan S. Hanley; Minnie Levine by Mrs. Shirley Levine Wasserman; Dora Oling by Gloria and Beryl Frank.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Candace Kaller and Robert Halperin by Joan Simon. In Memory Of: Frank Gittleson by Harriet and Melvin Gravit; Grandmother of Rachel Handloff by Allen, Barbara and Ari Lerman.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Merek Morsel by Eleanor Cohen; Rabbi Sanford Shanblatt by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; Sam Steg by Roger and Gail Feldman.

Vatikkim

In Memory Of: Samuel Temkin by Miriam Kuskin; Robert Reitler by Lilli Green; Henry Schneider by Kate Schneider.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: Jacob Burman by Bea and Bernie Berger; Lewis Millenson by Roy H. Millenson; Beloved father, Julius Kaplan, by Rosalie Sporn.

Beth El Nursery School Rummage Sale & Raffle

Sunday, March 29, 1998

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Social Hall

Come Shop! Win a Prize!

Sisterhood News

Tallit Workshop Helps Participants to "Fulfill a Higher Purpose"

More than a dozen women participated in the recently concluded Tallit Workshop, "Make a Tallit for Yourself or Someone You Love." A special impetus for this year's workshop was the insight gained during Sisterhood's trip to the Jewish Theological Seminary. Although many contemporary Jewish women are not comfortable wearing tallitot or tzitzit, Rashi's daughters were noted to have worn tzitzit.

The Conservative Movement reinforces the wearing of tzitzit by women. Although women are not required to wear tzitzit, they are not forbidden to wear them, and are encouraged to by the egalitarian orientation of the Movement. At Beth El, women who read Torah are required to wear a tallit. One must only attend a Shabbat service at Beth El to see a large selection of unique, hand-made tallitot, made by both lay people and artisans, worn by both men and women.

Through a series of two-hour sessions held between November and February, participants learned the religious significance of tzitzit, the role of tzitzit in the service and the physical requirements of tzitzit and tallitot regarding size requirements and material prohibitions. The practical part of the workshop was "kicked off" by a field trip to G Street Fabrics in Rockville. During six working sessions, participants were led through the step by step process of making a tallit by local artisan and Beth El member, Amanda Ford.

"Instant mentoring relationships formed," said Judy Spector, workshop coordinator. "Women of varying skill levels participated so those more experienced were able to assist those who needed help or just some extra confidence. Those whose sewing skills may have been rusty, may have had an excellent sense of design. Some also embroidered elaborate, personalized atarot. Working as a group over a period of time made a big difference. Each two-hour session was reminiscent of an early American quilting bee where the social process was as rewarding as the physical outcome."

The workshop was culminated on February 10th with the knotting and winding of the tzitzit following an elaborate description of the symbolism of the knots and winds. Some of the tallitot were "initiated" at Beth El's Sisterhood Shabbat on February 28th, when many women wore a tallit for the first time. To summarize the workshop from the words of participant Evelyn Karson, "We reawakened old skills to fulfill a new, higher purpose."

Women's League Spring Conference

Beth El will have the honor of hosting Women's League Spring Conference on Sunday, May 3rd and Monday, May 4th. If you would enjoy welcoming area women to Beth El for this special event, please contact Toby Moss, (301) 530-0861, as soon as possible. Since the volunteer schedule must be in place well before Pesach, please call now if you have an interest in greeting people for a brief period of time on either Sunday or Monday.

Sisterhood Calendar

- Sunday, March 29th Women's Seder 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19th Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, April 26th Book Club 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, April 26th Torah Fund Reception 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in honor of Ruth Sickel Home of Elliot and Esther Wilner

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

This Passover, let one who is hungry enter and eat.

As Passover approaches, think for a moment about the time in the Seder when the youngest child at the table asks the four questions.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger adds an important fifth question:

Will you make room at your Seder table for one additional guest?

It is once again time to remember that the freedom we as a people gained through our exodus from Egypt, and which we now celebrate, came before Mt. Sinai and our receiving of the Ten Commandments. Without it, the achievements of each of us and those of our people would not have been possible, for we are the children of that freedom.

Today there is no parting of the waters; no miracles. Just a real need to provide to those among us who are so poor and hungry. It is true, "there is no Torah without bread" — no learning, no warmth, no safety, and very little decency.

The fifth question becomes an important and life-giving request. We ask you to contribute to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger the amount of money that you would have spent to feed one additional guest at your Seder table. MAZON will see that the tradition of "feeding the hungry" is fulfilled. As the poor are fulfilled, so, too, will you be.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
 12401 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 303
 Los Angeles, CA 90025-1015

PASSOVER 5758/1998
 YES, I (we) will share our food with those who are hungry.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____

Torah Fund Reception Reservation Form

Sunday, April 26, 1998
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Home of Elliot and Esther Wilner

\$28.00 contribution to Torah Fund; \$18.00 for guests. Please make checks payable to Beth El Sisterhood, and return this form to the synagogue office, attn. Torah Fund Reception.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people attending: _____

____ Sorry, I won't be able to attend, but enclosed is my _____ contribution to the Torah Fund in honor of Ruth Sickel.

Book of Dedications

Tsav, April 4th: Samuel and Eleanor Frishman; Judith Cantor Goldman; and Steven and Lori Ross.

Shemini, April 25th: Richard and Ilene Ackerman; Benson D. Adams; Craig Dreilinger and Amanda Ford; Daniel Hirsch and Brenda Gruss; Benjamin C.V. Margulies; Helen and Arthur Popper.

March 27, 1998 - April 9, 1998

SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:00am Minyan - Chapel 9:00-1:30am BENS Rum... 9:30am Men's Club - BR 9:30-11:00am Forum on ... 10:00am Torah Cantillat... 11:00am Ahavat Shir Re... 2:30-4:00pm Black-Jewis... 3:00pm Jewish Holocau... 5:30pm Women's Seder...	7:00pm Cub Scouts - APR 8:00pm Seaboard Branch Women's League Class - BR	10:00am Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:30pm Aerobics - SH	5:15-6:15pm Vaad HaStudentim - BR 6:45pm Hebrew Class - Room 201 7:00pm Boy Scouts - MR 7:30pm Saul Bendit Adult Institute 8:20pm Evening Minyan	12:00pm Vatikim - SH 5:15-6:15pm Vaad HaStudentim - BR 6:25-7:15pm Rel. Sch. Staff Mtg. - BR 6:30pm Aerobics - SH	2:00pm Kotelanski Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:13pm Candles 6:30pm Friday Evening Service	7:30am & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15am Tyler Allard B/M 9:15am Josh Kurtz B/M 10:00am Worship and Study Minyan - APR 10:00am Jr. Congregation 7:30pm Kotelanski/Recht Wedding - Sanctuary, SH, Gallery
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