

New Look for the Beth El Scroll and Other Summer Happenings

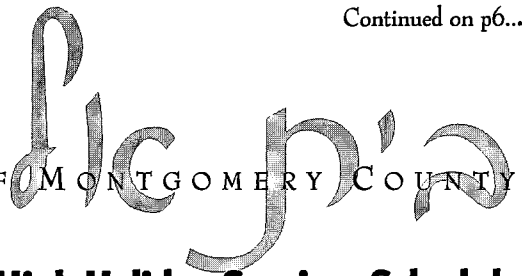
Welcome to issue 48-2. In anticipation of our 50th anniversary festivities, the Beth El Scroll, as our newsletter, was chosen to be our first step in introducing this special occasion in our history with a new "look". The Beth El Scroll has had several changes in the past 48 years, but this is one of the most dramatic.

The new "look" includes being printed on Parchtone Natural paper in Bernhard Gothic font family. Special thanks to Ellen Kahan Zager, our graphic artist extraordinaire, who specializes in Jewish institutional materials. After many drafts, changes in fonts, layouts, papers and much energy, we hope you enjoy it.

As I write this, we have allocated all the seats at Beth El for the High Holidays, and Whitman and Doubletree are filling up fast. Thanks to everyone who returned their High Holiday Registration Forms in a timely fashion, and to our efficient office staff (Carole, Kathy, Miriam, Selma and Suzanne), who not only assembled the High Holiday packets (with 16 inserts!), but processed the returned forms in an orderly fashion. Your High

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CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Scroll

High Holiday Services Schedule

- Saturday, September 12**
9:30 p.m. Selichot Service
"Music of the Jewish Spirit"
Reception welcoming Rachel Sternberg, our new Youth Director
- Sunday, September 20**
Erev Rosh Hashanah, 6:30 p.m., Beth El only
- Monday, September 21**
First day Rosh Hashanah
8:30 a.m., Beth El and Whitman; 9:30 a.m., Doubletree
6:30 p.m., Beth El only
- Tuesday, September 22**
Second day Rosh Hashanah
8:30 a.m., Beth El; 9:30 a.m., Doubletree
- Tuesday, September 29**
Kol Nidre
6:30 p.m., all locations
- Wednesday, September 30**
Yom Kippur
9:00 a.m., Beth El and Whitman; 9:30 a.m. Doubletree
4:30 p.m., Mincha, all locations
5:45 p.m., Neilah, all locations
7:25 p.m., Conclusion of Fast/Shofar, all locations

*Congregation Beth El
proudly presents*

*Selichot Night
of
Music and Prayer
Saturday, September 12, 1998
9:30 p.m.*

*Special Program
'Music of the Jewish Spirit'
with
Hazzan Abraham Lubin and guest artists
Zina Gendel, violin
John Kaboff, cello
Maria Nusinovich, piano*

*We will welcome our new Youth Director, Rachel Sternberg
at a reception following the program*

*11:00 p.m. Selichot Service
with
Rabbi William Rudolph and
Hazzan Abraham Lubin*

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, September 11
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 12
Kee Tavo, Deuteronomy:
26:1 - 29:8
7:30 a.m.
Alana Jacobs Bat Mitzvah
at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in
the APR

Saturday, September 12
9:30 p.m.
Selichot Service

Friday, September 18
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 19
Nitzavim, Deuteronomy:
29:9 - 30:20
7:30 a.m.
David Schoenholtz Bar
Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.
Gan Shabbat at 10 a.m. in
the MR
USY Shabbat at 12 p.m. in
the BR

Friday, September 25
6:30 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah

Saturday, September 26
Vayeilekh, Deuteronomy:
31:1 - 31:30
7:30 a.m.
Becky Eisenstadt Bat
Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in
the APR

Save Giant Receipts For B.E.N.S.!

Beth El Nursery
School has
discontinued the
plastic bag recycling
project. Please do
not bring in any
more plastic bags!

Parent Teen Dialogue

Parents! Would you like to communicate more effectively with your teenagers? Teens! Would you like to have your parents really listen to you? Beth El is offering an exciting new opportunity for families with children in tenth through twelfth grades. Parent Teen Dialogue will help develop communication skills while building Jewish identity. Parent Teen Dialogue is a program to encourage dialogue in families on a variety of topics:

- * Sex
- * Stereotyping, Prejudice and Anti-Semitism
- * Drinking
- * Honesty and Dishonesty
- * Lashon HaRa (Gossip and Malicious Speech)
- * Drugs
- * Inter marriage
- * Inter dating
- * Tzedakah and Community Service
- * Attitudes Toward Israel

The materials have been developed by Ofra Fisher at the Center for Jewish Identity of B'nai B'rith. The program has already been run successfully at synagogues all over the country. Each topic is covered in two - three sessions (of 1 - 2 hours' duration) which meet at intervals of two weeks in the home of one of the families. Initially 12 - 15 families would be sought to participate in a pilot group.

Our goal for this year is to cover at least two topics with one group. Achieving this goal would require meeting between two to six times during the year. There will be no charge for participation. We expect the fifteen spaces in the group to fill up fast, so please contact Sarah Roark, (301) 652-2606, ext. 320, as soon as possible if you are interested in being involved.

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 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.

September 13 - September 17

Mitchell and Cindy Caplan
Sidney and Miriam Carter
Gail Caslani
Michael and Ruth Cernea
Irving and Annabel Chasen
Richard and Shelley Chasen
Ronald and Judith Chasen
Richard and Suzanne Chavis
Rick and Joan Claxton
Robert Clayman and Carol Miller
Albert and Diane Clement
Charles and Helen Cohen
Ethel Cohen
Gertrude Cohen
Jeffrey Cohen and Leslie Fried
Jonathan and Aileen Cohen
Paul and Cyna Cohen
Richard and Eleanor Cohen
Robert Cohen and Sheila Smallberg Cohen
Stanley and Selma Cohen

September 20 - September 24

Susan Cohen
Walter and Debbie Cohn
Norton and Dorothy Come
Edward Comer and Joan Schaffer
Jeffrey and Ferne Cooper
Mitchell and Renee Cooper
Robert and Diane Coplan
Howard and Julia Copperman
Michael Copperman
Miriam Crowell
Fred and Ilse Cutler
Michael Cutler and Dale Rosenthal
Jerome and Pat Danoff
Morton and Lillian Davis
William and Mindy Davis
Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum
James and Leslie Dellon
Martin Dembo
Howard and Babette Denis
Lee and Gloria Derkay

ISRAEL BONDS HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL 1998/5759

The High Holy Days have always been a special time for Jews: a time of inner reflection and consideration of what it means to be a Jew in this world, and the place of our homeland, Israel, in our hearts and actions.

This year, as we proudly celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary, the High Holy Days assume an even more awesome dimension for us. For Israel's creation 50 years ago was a defining moment in Jewish history, a triumph of freedom, courage and vision that has no equal in the family of nations.

What remarkable and momentous 50 years of independence these years have been! Years of struggle and years of joy, years of absorbing millions of new immigrants and making the desert bloom, years of building the economy and nurturing the genius of the nation's citizens, years of war and years when the seeds of peace have been planted. Members of Beth El can continue to be part of the miracle of Israel and share with its successes by supporting Israel's economic strength and development as it marches in the heroic path of Jewish nationhood after 2000 years of exile. This can be done by considering the purchase of Israel bonds at the 5759/1998 Israel

Bonds High Holy Day appeal.

Israel bonds can give Israel the economic strength it needs to continue building a thriving and productive homeland for its citizens and a nurturing haven for immigrants fleeing oppression and anti-Semitism.

The purchase of Israel bonds is not only good for Israel, it is also good for you. For Israel bonds can give their purchasers the financial strength they need to plan for their future and that of their children. Many securities available through the Bonds program offer attractive interest rates and may be suitable for retirement plans, college education funds and other investment purposes.

In addition, the non-interest-bearing State of Israel \$100 Certificate is a unique way for congregants to celebrate B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, birthdays and other joyous occasions.

For further information on the High Holy Days appeal and available securities, contact the local Israel Bonds office at (301) 654-6575. This is not an offering, which can be made only by prospectus that is available at the Israel Bonds office, 6900 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 307, Bethesda, MD.

Keruv

Keruv has planned an exciting calendar of activities for the coming year, with a holiday or Shabbat celebration each month. Starting off the year will be the annual Rosh Hashanah dairy pot luck on Tuesday, September 22, hosted by Betty and Jim McDonald, 5405 Huntington Parkway, Bethesda. Please call Joan Claxton, (301) 320-9283, or Betty McDonald, (301) 656-0742, to RSVP.

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).

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In Memory Of: Melita Granick by Dr. Heinz Bauer.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Bert and Lois Vogel's 50th wedding anniversary by Melva and Irving Tofsky. In Memory Of: Helen Herman by Jerry and Linda Herman; Alexander Abraham by Murray A. Haber; Nathan Ozarin by L.D. Ozarin; Samuel Juster by Putman Family; Shuppy Shuman by Marcus Family; Rabbi Simon Silberzin by Frances Edlitz.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Orly's Bat Mitzvah by Thomas and Ann Friedman; Birth and naming of your granddaughter by Bert and Judy Spector and Family.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: Clara Gang by Florence Gang. In Memory Of: Alexander Abraham by Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Povich; Alexander Abraham, With Much Gratitude by Sylvia Abraham; Rebecca Berman by Ken Berman and Family; Adam Goldsmith by Barry R. Goldsmith; Sarah Kahn by Marcia and Paul Merlin.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Our parents by Warren and Judith Greenberg; Regina Gruss by Sigmund, Carolyn and Sarah Shapiro; Alex Abraham by Shapiro Family; Dora C. Hemley by Sigmund Shapiro.

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In Memory Of: Ella Karabell and Betty Bryan by Flora Feld.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Norman Hollander by Leah R. Hollander; Phillip Glovinsky by Sam and Frances Glovinsky; Leon Shapiro, beloved brother of Faye Amster, by Melva and Irving Tofsky.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Refuah Shleimah to Edith Weisz by Leonard and Gabriela Bechick; Speedy recovery to Hy Zimmerman by Herbert Levinson and Anita Levinson; Refuah Shleima to Bernard Jacobi by Leonard and Gabriela Bechick. In Memory Of: Philip Avol by Alice Lazar; Celia Lissy by Stewart and Myra Deutsch; Jennie Roseman by Norma and Howard Roseman; George Gottfried, Rose Gottfried, Aaron Marcus by Judith G. Marcus; Gary Steven Salus by Andrew and Sharon Tievsky; Carla Schraub's father by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker and Michael Nannes and Nancy Everett; Lucy Grabin by Douglas and Annette Wolf; Josephine Gimble by Mrs. Victor Cohen; Ramone Semo by Joseph and Judith Semo.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

Jay and Lillian Miller; In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Kay by Morris and

Joyce Abrams; Wassertzug's new twin grandchildren by Michele D. Herman. In Memory Of: Emma Klawans by Samuel and Rita Gillman; J. Michael Schwartz by Frances Raban and Harryete Deckelbaum.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

Barbara Friedman. In Memory Of: Philip Awol by Mickey and Mordy Feinberg; Gilbert J. Spiegel by Barbara Friedman.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Ben Berman by Eli and Ben Berman; Dr. Henry Mendeloff by Betty L. Blum; Sherman Kimball by Doris and Albert Povich.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Orly Friedman's Bat Mitzvah by Ann Friedman; Ronnie Kwell's marriage by Hans George Hirsch; Graham Cohen's becoming a Bar Mitzvah by Robert and Sheila Cohen; Wedding of Jonathan Avrach and Alicia Eaton by Alicia Eaton. In Memory Of: Samuel Kline by Etta Kline; Alex Abraham by Hans George Hirsch; Jacob Appleberg by Louis and Carole Potash; My beloved parents by Rose Rod; Norman R. Miller by Aileen Miller Cohen and Jonathan Cohen; Dorothy Horowitz, mother of Evyan Koenig, by Linda and Ace Lipson; Samuel Bohm by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greif; Randi Gould, sister of Susan King, by Elaine Pines.

Men's Club Perspectives in Dialogue Fund

In Honor Of: Congregation Beth El Men's Club by Michele M. April.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Honor Of: Wedding of Ben Koenig and Stacy Lee Saidel by Doris Lerman.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery for Dr. Hy Zimmerman by Sarah C. Kaiser. In Memory Of: Harry Greenberg, beloved father of Jeanne Ende, by Asher and Jeanne Ende; Jules F. Freedman, brother-in-law, by Dr. and Mrs. Abner Byer; Sister, Lillian Brown, by Murray A. Haber; Tessie Tanenbaum by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum; Mrs. Pauline K. Levin, Sister, by Herman Kleine; Herman Dewald by Michele D. Herman; Freida Esther Hochberg by Marilyn Hammerman; Isadore Kessler by Lillian Kessler; Harold Scheininger by Ellen S. Scheininger.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Wassertzug's twin granddaughters by Helen and Lenny Rib. In Memory Of: Samuel Levine by Philip J. Levine; Eugene Herskovitz by Mason and Robin Harris.

Perspectives Fund

In Memory Of: My beloved mother, Dora Schulman Hindin, by Frances H. Leibowitz. In Memory Of: Recha Heilborn by Harold and Vera Fassberg.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Max Bernhardt's seventieth birthday by Susan and

John Rosenthal. In Memory Of: Edwin Strauss, from Temple Israel Chavura Friends, by Robert and Charlotte Kopp; Saul Possick by Marcia Possick; My mother, Katye Kluger, by Renee Kluger Subrin; Our dear friend, Morris Halmer, by The Matz Family; Beloved father, Harry M. Segal, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; My dear brother, Morris Krigelman, by Reba Hirsch; Nathan Ozarin by L. D. Ozarin; Beloved wife, Frances Doroff, by Stanley Doroff.

Rabbi's Fund

Irwin and Carol Pernick. In Honor Of: Zachary Maltzman's Bar Mitzvah by Laurie and Jerry Friedman, Sharon Zissman, the Siegel Family, and Bert and Judy Spector and Family; Marriage of Brent Berger and Carolyn Chabrow by Howard and Susan Weiss; Harry and Karen Lipkind by Michael and Judy Ackerman. In Memory Of: Rose S. Cohn and Benjamin Cohn by Selma C. Siegel; Lillian Silver by Joel and Leslie Silver; Abraham Gernstat by William and Pearl Baker; Samuel Schertzer by Albert and Sylvia Small; Myer Band by Marvin and Dolly Band; Magda Miselbach by Augustin and Katalina Litvak; Dorothy Scheiner and Harry Morris by Freda and Daniel Segal; Herman Azia by Paula and Herman Kleine; M. Joanne Pernick by Irwin and Carol Pernick; Louis Schimmel by Barry Schimmel; Joseph Chotkin by Rhea Troffkin; Betty Finkle Popkin by Joel Popkin; Bernard Feibus by Howard and Susan Feibus; Grandfather, Bernard A. Weiss, by Howard and Susan Weiss.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Debbie Glick's father, Sydney Staffin, by Robert and Sheila Cohen and Family; Aaron Kaufman by Louis Nagel.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Aufruf of Brent Berger and Carolyn Chabrow by Sheila and Penn Chabrow; Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Schettewi's 50th anniversary by Susan Altman Cohen; For the recovery of Dr. Basil Rifkind by Clare Lerner; Zachary Maltzman becoming a Bar Mitzvah by Sheila and Robert Cohen and Family; Hazzan Lubin by Hartman Family; Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman by Hartman Family; Cheryl Kreiser by Hartman Family. In Memory Of: Allan Markon by Varda and Richard Nowitz; Dr. Abraham Golden by Jessica W. Goldin; Goldie Gordon and Al Gordon by Annette and Jack Moshman; Charles Margulies by David H. Margulies; Gussie Bernstein, beloved mother and grandmother, by Mrs. Blanche Cohen; Murray Kalik, beloved father, by Dorothea Lear; Susan King's beloved sister, Randi Gould, by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker; Cissie Balbes by Clare Lerner.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Jack Baron by Sharon Spiegel.

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In Honor Of: Dr. Mark Milner, with thanks, by Harry H. Kuskin.

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In Memory Of: Carl Freeman by Debby and Menachem Shoham; Alex Abraham by Debby and Menachem Shoham; Abraham Krupsaw by Seymour D. Wolf.

World Jewry

In Honor Of: Ray Smithesowitz by Eron Bruce Cohen. In Memory Of: Rachel Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman; Bobby Zimmerman by Hyman Zimmerman; Hannah Millenson by Roy and Janet Millenson.

Membership Information

Brent Weingardt and Danielle

Srou have moved to 8013 Westover Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 907-0843.

Jonathan and Jane Gang

have moved to 5406 Harwood Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 951-6191. **Michael and Adeen**

Postar have moved to 22 Windermere Court, North Bethesda, MD 20852, (301) 564-4516. **Stuart Sirkin and**

Arlene Farber Sirkin have moved

to 7613 Royal Dominion Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 469-6290. **David and Janet**

Perim have moved to 10507

Redosier Court, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 897-5452.

Steven and Beth Rosenthal have

moved to 5305 Moorland Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 654-6540. **Samuel Forstein and**

Faye Ehrenstamm have moved to

6612 Landon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817-5636, (301) 320-1654.

Thomas Helf and Michelle

Brafman have moved to 5900

Oxford Road, Glen Echo, MD

20812, (301) 263-0972.

Benjamin Bornstein and Ellen

Sidransky have moved to 9414

Linden Avenue, Bethesda, MD

20814, (301) 564-5623. **Leah**

Hollander has moved to 5703

Luxemburg Street, Apt. 306,

Rockville, MD 20852-3464. The

correct address for **Frances Miller**

is 8100 Connecticut Avenue, Apt.

605, Chevy Chase, MD 20815,

(301) 654-4343.

NURSERY NEWS

Help Wanted: Beth El Nursery School needs a nurturing teacher's aide to be part of our creative learning environment, beginning in September, 1998. Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m., with optional afternoon hours. Call Ellen Darr, Director, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

1999-2000 School Applications:

are available; please call (301) 652-2606, ext. 344, provide the information requested and an information packet and application will be mailed to you.

Innisbrook Gift Wrap: is for sale through the nursery school. Order forms and brochures are displayed on the bulletin board in the school wing. Orders must be placed by September 25.

Entertainment 99 Books are available in the school and synagogue offices and the Sisterhood Judaica Shop. You may finish using the "98" book until December 1 and overlap with the new book! Call (301) 652-2606, ext. 311 for information.

"1998-99 Calendar": We hope you enjoy your complimentary copy; mention our name to the advertisers you patronize so they will continue to place ads!

Looking for a Way to Get More Involved in the Synagogue?

The Family Education Advisory Committee is looking for new members to replace some of the dedicated congregants who have served so well over the last few years. Family Education will be running about twenty programs next year, some new and exciting, some tried and true. The committee meets once a month to oversee and help out with these programs. Our objectives this year include increasing and facilitating home rituals and enhancing the celebration of Shabbat and the Pilgrimage Festivals. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah Roark at (301) 652-2606, ext. 320, or Rob Fersh at (301) 530-2181.

Attention Day School Families

Please save the second day of Sukkot (Tuesday, October 6) when all area day school students will lead services at Beth El. All ages are welcome. Please let us know whether your children would like to participate. Identify names, ages and Torah reading ability by calling Helene Weisz at (202) 966-7376. More information will follow in the fall.

We are trying to compile a list of all the congregation's families who have their children enrolled in the area day schools. The list is used to facilitate communication of events publicity for Family Education and the Youth Department. There has been a list in existence for the last few years. If for any reason you feel you are not on that list, either because you joined the synagogue or enrolled in a day school this year or because your child has not received relevant mailings in the past, please contact Sarah Roark, (301) 652-2606, ext. 320.

LEARNERS' SERVICE

Our Learners' Service will resume on Saturday, October 17 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. We then join the congregation for kiddush. The service, conducted on an interim basis by Rabbi Reuben Levine, 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. Call Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318, for more information.

VACANCY

The Beth El Religious School Committee seeks one or two additional members. If you are enthusiastic about Jewish education, please call Jonathan Levy at (301) 656-7093.

Lulav and Etrog Order Form 1998

This year we are again purchasing our Lulav and Etrogs from New York directly, thus saving everyone money—almost 20%. In order to do this, however, all orders must be placed and paid for by September 18.

Please note that these are the same prices as last year. Make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office.

No orders will be accepted after September 18. Orders can be picked up on October 2, from 8:30 am-3 pm. All orders must be prepaid!!

I would like to order the following lulav and etrog set:

Small \$38.00

Large \$47.00

Deluxe \$57.00

Name

Phone

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday

September 13

The Grand Fall Opening Sale of the Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Great reductions on
last year's merchandise.

Come see our new
items, High Holiday
cards and gifts.

Sixth Annual High Holiday Food

Welcome the New Year with an act of tzedakah - a bag filled with groceries for Montgomery County's neediest citizens. As you depart Rosh Hashanah services on Monday, September 21, you will receive an empty shopping bag. Please return your bag filled with non-perishable food items on Kol Nidre evening. Trucks from Manna Food Center, Montgomery County's non-profit food bank, will be at Beth El and at Whitman from 6 until 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, September 29th, to collect your bag. Manna provides meals to 75 to 100 families each day, in addition to supplying county shelters year round. If each family fills a bag, Beth El can donate several tons of food to help our less fortunate neighbors.

New Look (cont from p1)

Holiday tickets will be mailed, via first class mail, by September 4, 1998.

The summer is a busy place at Beth El, contrary to popular opinion. Programming may be decreased as compared to the rest of the year, but facility maintenance is in full swing. Our building takes a real "beating" ten months of the year, and through the dedicated and hard work of our cleaning and maintenance crew, as well as some outside contractors, we polish, wash, paint, repair and improve items throughout the building at this time.

On behalf of the leadership and staff of the congregation, I would like to wish you a shanah tovah umitukah — a happy and sweet new year.

Steven J. Kravitz
Executive Director

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Irwin and Hellaine Nepo and Ann Drucker on the birth of their grandson and great grandson, Matthew Snyder Nepo, on May 7, 1998. Matthew is the son of Neill and Nancy Nepo. Mazal Tov also on the engagement of Robert Nepo, son of Irwin and Hellaine Nepo, to Jennifer Brooks, daughter of Stan and Harriet Brooks of Florida. Mazal Tov to Laura Weinberg, daughter of Mark and Joanne Weinberg, on her graduation from University of Chicago Law School. In September, she will become an associate with Schiff, Hardin & Waite in Chicago.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Sophie Weinberger and Hyman Zimmerman.

Vatikkim Luncheon September 17

Our luncheon speaker will be Elinore Spitz, traveller, photographer and gourmet cook. You may recall Mrs. Spitz's visit in March, 1995 when she held us spellbound with her beautiful, poetic slides of Italy and her humorous commentary. You won't want to miss Elinore's slide presentation of her photographic expeditions in Baltimore and Washington.

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1 p.m. Cost for members is \$5 and for non-members, \$6. Please fill out the reservation form below and mail it to Bea Goldman, 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902, (301) 942-9434, or Margaret Bogler, 5901 Montrose Road, #502S, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 816-2189.

Please note that we will not accept reservations later than two days before the scheduled event to assure proper planning.

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Reservation Form

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, September 17, 1998

Please reserve places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name

Phone Number

Please have your response reach us by September 15. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Mark Your Social Action Calendars

Mitzvah Day is November 8

The Social Action Committee is pleased to announce Beth El's second synagogue-wide Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 8, 1998. The list of Mitzvah Day activities includes something for everyone: sorting clothing, books, toiletries and toys for the needy; cooking for a shelter; volunteering at the Capital Area Food Bank; cleaning up Glen Echo Park and our own grounds at Beth El; entertaining our adopted family at the Hebrew Home; hiking with residents of Jewish Foundation for Group Homes...and more. Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity for Beth El to unite as a family and work to enhance our environment and enrich our community. We're hoping many families will find the time to join with fellow congregants to make Mitzvah Day a success. Everyone is invited to share their experiences on Sunday evening at Beth El for a pizza party, courtesy of our Sisterhood! Registration forms are available in the lucite holder outside the synagogue office. If you would like to participate in this event, please call Abbie Eckland at (301) 320-9433 or Diana Huffman at (301) 229-8089.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Consecration/Ben Torah-Bat Torah Ceremony

On Friday, October 23 we will honor Beth El's children who will have begun their formal Religious School studies this year. The service will be followed by a Family Shabbat Dinner. The highlight of the program will be the consecration ceremony, recognizing children just entering the kindergarten, and a celebration of other students just beginning formal Jewish studies. Participation is open to Religious School and day school children. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in having your child participate in the evening's events and have not yet signed up, please contact the Religious School office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 310.

Religious School Substitute Teachers Needed

From September through June, there are days that the Religious School needs substitute teachers. Generally it is on short notice, but often planned well in advance. Sometimes it is for one or two lessons, and occasionally for a week or two. All teachers prepare lesson plans, so usually all a substitute has to do is take the lesson and run with it. School is in session Sundays (early session 9-11 a.m., late session 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.), Monday-Thursday (4:15-6:15 p.m.) and Tuesday evening (Upper School, grades 8-10; 7-9 p.m.). If you are interested and available to substitute for any of the times school is in session, please contact Louis Nagel, Education Director, (301) 652-2606, ext. 310.

MEN'S CLUB

L'Shana Tova! Start the New Year off by joining the members of the Men's Club at our weekly Sunday morning breakfasts at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, and you will find that the Men's Club breakfasts offer an opportunity for fellowship, education and even networking! Additional opportunities for fulfillment may be found as well through participation in our fundraising and other sponsored activities. Consider joining! For membership information, please contact Bernie Rod at (301) 299-8632.

Softball news! The Beth El softball team made it to the playoffs, and in fact, the quarterfinals! This was the best finish in five years. Congratulations to team members Roy Niedermayer, Rob Fersh, Stan Hartman, Gary Marx, David Raim, Abbe Lowell, Steve Solomon, Gene Goott, Jon Hamberg, Larry Bruser, Mark Levitt, Ira Hoffman, Mark Goldstone, Alan Simon, Jim Schmand, Mike Polis and Dennis Ross.

Mark your calendar with the following Men's Club events, and be sure to check the Shabbat Announcements and the Men's Club poster in the Rotunda for updates. Breakfasts are at 9:30 and the programs are at 10:

September 13: Dr. Gerald Ehrenstein, NIH, "Recent Advances in the Understanding of Alzheimer's Disease"

September 20: Program to be announced.

Save the Date!

On Sunday, December 6, 1998, Congregation Beth El and Hazzan Abraham Lubin will present "An Evening in Israel," a special concert bringing you the sounds and soul of Israel through music.

This special program will feature The Shikmim Choir of Israel, a 36-member choir under the direction of conductor Menashe Lev-Ran, a famous Israeli musician. The Shikmim Choir will visit our congregation during its tour of America.

If you are interested in working on the Concert Committee planning this wonderful event, please contact Tara Sonenshine, (301) 907-8248, or Hazzan Lubin. Mark your calendars for this special evening.

Travelers to Kostroma

Beth El's Sarah Kalsner and Davetta and Emanuel Landau will soon be going on Volga River cruises that stop at Kostroma, Russia. They'll be taking with them the congregation's best wishes to our Jewish community partner, along with medicine, money (thanks partially to the Hurwitz print raffle) and fabric for a High Holy Days Torah mantle and parochet.

Beth El Tikkun

We now have available copies of the Tikkun of Beth El's own new Torah which is regularly used in the Sanctuary. Torah readers may now acquire their own copy so that they can visualize exactly how it looks in the new Torah scroll. The Tikkun was prepared by Hazzan Lubin, complete with index and pagination. Copies are available in the synagogue office at \$20 each. There is also a reference copy available in our library.

Sisterhood News

Dear Sisterhood

As I was walking through the Gallery last Shabbat, a flyer caught my eye. I smiled as I reached into the cubby to retrieve it, reassured that again this year Beth El would be having a Hebrew Marathon - a one-day intensive course in Hebrew. My husband Joel and I took this course when we first joined Beth El in 1994. For reasons not interesting enough to share with you, neither of us knew how to read Hebrew. By then, at middle age, we had decided that we no longer wanted to be members of a part of the congregation that has no understanding of Hebrew. In the intervening five years, both Joel and I have continued our studies.

Both of us attended Marathon follow-up classes at the Saul Bendit Adult Institute. Joel went on to achieve a long sought goal of becoming a Bar Mitzvah in 1996. He, being more highly motivated than I, has made progress in mastering prayerbook Hebrew, has read from the Torah twice (the second time at our son Daniel's Bar Mitzvah) and has comfortably taken up the mantle of Shabbat observance in our shul. Frankly, though, it has been much harder for me, but I am getting there. Let me tell you, it is a thrill at the age of fifty to be able to sit amongst the pious

Torah Fund

Torah Fund is a project of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the international organization of all Conservative Sisterhoods. The original Torah Fund campaign was initiated in 1942. Over the years Torah Fund has supported a myriad of projects at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the University of Judaism and the Bet Midrash in Jerusalem. Some of the projects supported include the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall, the Goldsmith Hall, creation of a garden at the Bet Midrash, ongoing dedication of bookshelves in the Seminary library, residence halls at the University of Judaism, beautification of the Seminary Quadrangle, financial aid for Seminary students and the Women's League Seminary Synagogue.

Last year, Beth El had the highest number of Benefactors (19) and Guardians (4) that we have ever had. We raised a total of \$5561, well above our goal. This year we want to do even better. All of you can help us reach and exceed our goal; you don't have to be a member of Sisterhood to contribute to Torah Fund.

This year's Torah Fund pin shows the entryway to the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall. The design reflects Women's League's commitment to the students who enter through the residence hall doorposts and to the Seminary's goal of transmitting the Torah's message from generation to generation. Torah Fund this year is continuing the refurbishment of the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall. The pin contains the Biblical phrase "V'shinantam Ivaneikha" ("teach them to your children") from the K'riat Sh'ma. Become a benefactor (\$150) and receive your pin; become a Guardian (\$300), Associate Patron (\$600) or a Patron (\$1200) and receive pins set with pearls or precious stones. Call Marilyn Wind, (301) 530-6726, to get your pin now.

and the observant and follow along. I still have much to learn to be comfortable with all the traditions of our faith. I freeze at the sight of the Ashrei, letting my mind wander as the tongue-twisting, many-rooted words of the poem are recited by rote by those around me. Sometimes I retreat into the English translations and most certainly read and re-read the Torah portions in English. I tell you all of this because I know that there are many among you who do not read Hebrew and that this keeps you from making that leap from High Holiday Jews to more regular observance. I see you and know you with the second sight of having been in your shoes only a short time ago. Words cannot describe how the Hebrew Marathon has changed our family. As a result, now the Saturday morning service seems to be over (in Kafkaesque time) in fifteen minutes instead of six hours. The prayers, explained to me by Yael Greenberg in her follow-up classes, adumbrated by the emotional phrasing of Hazzan Lubin's voice and repeated week after week, cloak me in a veil of safety. Beth El has become everything the Amidah promises those who follow the teachings of the Torah. It is a community of caring in a world where everyone is going too fast or too slow. Hear me. Hear me. There is a place for you here.

Sisterhood Calendar Of Events

All of last year's successful programs will be repeated this year. The real excitement for this year is our live performance of *Once Upon a Suitcase*. This is a play written by a local Sisterhood woman which will be performed by our Beth El Sisterhood at the Paid Up Membership Dinner. The play, organized by our Executive Vice President, Gail Ross, is being directed by Betty Baer. The Musical Director is Sheila Smallberg Cohen. Pay your Sisterhood dues, mark your calendars and plan to attend on Wednesday, October 7 at 7 p.m.

Beth El Sisterhood Schedule of Events

September 13	9:30 a.m. Board Meeting 11 a.m. Play Rehearsal	January 5	7 p.m. Handicrafts Workshop
September 24	7:45 p.m. Play Rehearsal	January 10	9:30 a.m. Book Group
October 4	11 a.m. Play Rehearsal	January 12	7 p.m. Handicrafts Workshop
October 6	Evening Dress Rehearsal		
October 7	7 p.m. Paid Up	January 19	7:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh
Membership	Dinner and Show, "Once Upon a Suitcase" by Karen Rose	January 24	9:30 a.m. Board Meeting
		February 5	7 p.m. Handicrafts Workshop, Tying the Tzitzit
October 11	9:30 a.m. Book Group	February 16	7:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh
October 18	11:30 a.m. Women's League Education Day	February 21	9:30 a.m. Book Group 12 - 4 p.m. Program TBA
October 25	9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Hebrew Marathon	February 27	Sisterhood Shabbat
		February 28	9:30 a.m. Board Meeting
November 1	9:30 a.m. Board Meeting	March 7	Women's League Area-Wide Torah Fund Luncheon
November 8	Mitzvah Day Kitchen Projects	March 16	7:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh
November 14	Men's Club/Sisterhood Dance	March 21	5:30 p.m. Women's Seder
		March 28	9:30 a.m. Book Group
November 15 - 18	Women's League Convention, Philadelphia, PA	April 18	9:30 a.m. Elections 1999-2000
November 22	9:30 a.m. Book Group		Rabbi Rudolph will speak on "Morning Minyan: What Is It All About?"
December 1	7:45 p.m. Creative Handicrafts Workshop Introductory Lecture	April 25	12 - 3:30 p.m. Health Day
		May 2 - 3	Women's League Spring Conference
December 6	9:30 a.m. Book Group 11 a.m. Creative Handicrafts Field Trip to G Street Fabrics	May 16	Book Group
		May 23	9:30 a.m. Board Meeting
December 8	7 p.m. First Creative Handicrafts Workshop	June 13	9:30 a.m. In-Board/ Out-Board Brunch
December 15	7:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh		
December 22	7 p.m. Handicrafts Workshop		

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. Join us!

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.

SAUL BENDIT ADULT INSTITUTE

FALL 1998

Six Wednesday Evenings, October 21 to December 2

(No classes November 25)

7:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Midrash: Learning to Read Between the Lines of Torah, Part IV	Rabbi William Rudolph
The Dead Sea Scrolls: Their Mystery and Meaning	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
A History of the Synagogue, Its Art and Architecture	Rabbi Reuben Levine
Short Stories by American Jewish Writers	Dr. Saul Rogolsky

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

8:40 to 9:30 p.m.

Eating the Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge: Implications of the Human Genome Project for the Jewish Community	Dr. Mark Guyer, Dr. Owen Rennert Dr. Kathy Hudson, Dr. Lawrence Brody, Rabbi Kassel Abelson, Sedra Schiffman <i>Moderator: Dr. Suzanne Bronheim</i>
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Festivals of the Jewish Calendar	Dr. David Goldman
European Jewish History Between the World Wars	Judge Marvin Roth

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Viewing Israeli Society: A Taste of Life in the Maturing Nation Through the Cinema Six feature-length Israeli films shown and discussed	Michlean Amir
Beginners' Torah Cantillation	Hazzan Abraham Lubin
The Basics of Conversational Hebrew	Yael Greenberg
Hebrew Prayerbook Reading Beyond the Basics	Cheryl Kreiser

Six Tuesday Mornings, October 20 to December 1

(No classes November 24)

8:10 to 9:00 a.m.

A Taste of Talmud	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
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10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

Midrash: Learning to Read Between the Lines of Torah, Part IV	Rabbi William Rudolph
The Dead Sea Scrolls: Their Mystery and Meaning	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic

10:50 to 11:10 a.m. - Coffee Break

11:10 to Noon

These Are the Appointed Seasons of the Lord	Hazzan Abraham Lubin
A History of the Synagogue, Its Art and Architecture	Rabbi Reuben Levine
European Jewish History Between the World Wars	Judge Marvin Roth

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 _____

One 1-hour course (Talmud - no fee).....	\$25 per person
Two or more 1-hour courses (morning and/or evening).....	\$20 per person per course
2-hour course	\$40 per person

From the Desk of Rachel D. Sternberg, Youth Director

Youth Group Kickoff Day!!!!

Sunday, September 13, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet the advisors and enjoy a sno-cone on Beth El.

Bonim (Kindergarten - 2nd Graders)

Advisor: Jacquelyn Alpert

Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 342

Sunday, September 13, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

High Holiday Arts and Crafts

Join Bonim for a fun-filled afternoon of getting-to-know-you games and High Holiday Arts and Crafts. The cost of \$5 includes a snack. Please RSVP to the Bonim Hotline or leave a message if you need more information.

Machar (3rd-5th Graders)

Advisors: Darrin Gerson and Andrea Goldstein

Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 341

Sunday, September 13, 1:30-4:15 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt at the National Zoo

Join Darrin, Andrea and Machar for a

Scavenger Hunt through the National Zoo.

The cost of \$7 includes a snack. We will need parent drivers/ chaperones for this event, so please call Darrin & Andrea at the Machar Hotline if you are able to volunteer. RSVP's are required.

Kadima (6th-8th Graders)

Advisor: Jane-Rachel Sanow

Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 340

Sunday, September 13, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Laser Tag

Get ready, get set... for Laser Tag with Jane-Rachel and Kadima. You will go by bus to Shadowlands Laser Tag for the afternoon. The cost of \$22 includes 2 games, munchies and transportation. RSVP's are required for this event. Please call Jane-Rachel at the Kadima Hotline for information or to RSVP.

USY (9th-12th Graders)

Advisor: Rachel Sternberg

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

Sunday, September 13, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Comedy Sportz

Get ready, USY, for a fun-filled afternoon of comedy. The cost of \$22 will include admission, dessert and transportation to the Fun Factory. RSVP's are required for this event. Please call Rachel at the USY Hotline to RSVP or for more information.

Saturday, September 19

Regional Fall Kickoff Dance

Beth Emeth

More information to come!!

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, call Brent Berger, (301) 770-1356.

If you have a death in the family, please contact Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318 or (301) 897-8010 before making funeral arrangements with either a funeral home or anyone else.

*Baruch Dayan
Emet*

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Evelyn Bitterbaum** on the death of her brother, Phillip Awol; to **Susan Bruser** on the death of her father, Peter Vollmer; to **Ace Lipson** on the death of his mother, Betty Lipson; to **Philip Friedman** on the death of his sister, Marilyn Pernatin; to **Paola Bolasny** on the death of her mother, Maria Samakovlija; to **Anne Ball** on the death of her sister, Mary Hochman; and to **Irene Fishman** on the death of her sister, Susan Levy.

**Worship and
Study Minyan**

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, October 3 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. The D'var Torah will be given by Marilyn Wind. The service, conducted entirely by members of the congregation, combines evocative Torah study with ample singing and "ruach."

Children of all ages are welcome, although the service is oriented towards adults. Contact Dan Hirsch, (301) 654-7289, Sid Getz, (301) 530-2215, or Mark Levitt, (301) 365-5365, for more information.

September 1998

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
6 9 am Minyan—Chapel 9:30 am Men's Club—SH 8 pm Men's Club Movie Premiere— SH	7 Offices and Schools Closed 9 am Morning Minyan 10 am Jessi Brooks Bat Mitzvah	8 4:15 pm 1st Day Rel. Sch. Tues. Classes 6:30 pm Aerobics—SH 7 pm 1st Day Upper School Classes 7:45 pm BENS Bd. Mtg.—APR-B	9 4:15 pm 1st Day Gr. 1-2 Enrichment Class 4:15 pm 1st Day Rel. Sch. Wed. Classes 7 pm Boy Scouts—MR 7-9 pm Tentative Rel. Sch. Open House/ Fam. Ed.—SH	10 12 pm Vatikim—SH 6:30 pm Aerobics— SH 7 pm AMI Mtg.— APR 7 pm Concert Comm Mtg.—Library 7:30 pm Family Ed. Adv. Comm. Mtg.—BR	11 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 7:03 p.m. Candles	12 7:30 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Alana Jacobs B/M 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR 9:30 p.m. Selichot Service
13 9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9 a.m. 1st Day Rel. Sch. Sunday Classes 9:30 a.m. Men's Club - SH 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg. - Chapel 9:30 a.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class - BR 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Youth Dept. Kickoff Day 11 a.m. Sisterhood Play Rehearsal - SH 1:15 - 5 p.m. Youth Department Activities - APR	14 4 p.m. Eisenstadt B/M Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - APR 7 - 9 p.m. Rel. Sch. Open House	15 12:30 - 3 p.m. BENS Mtg. - BR 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7:30 p.m. Board Mtg. - BR 8 p.m. Israeli Investment Club Mtg. - APR-B	16 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. UJA Luncheon - SH 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR	17 12 p.m. Vatikim - SH 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7:30 p.m. 50+ Singles - APR	18 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 6:52 p.m. Candles	19 7:30 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. David Schoenholtz B/M 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10 a.m. Gan Shabbat - MR 12 p.m. USY Shabbat - BR 8 p.m. Meyer Wedding - Chapel
20 Religious School Closed Erev Rosh Hashanah 9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9:30 a.m. Men's Club - APR 6:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	21 Rosh Hashanah- 1st Day Offices and Schools Closed 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Services	22 Rosh Hashanah - 2nd Day Offices and Schools Closed 8:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Services	23 Fast of Gedaliah 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR	24 3 p.m. Eisenstadt Picture/Video Taking - Sanctuary 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Rel. Sch. Mincha/Maariv Service - Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - APR 7:45 p.m. Sisterhood Play Rehearsal - APR	25 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 6:40 p.m. Candles	26 7:30 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Becky Eisenstadt B/M 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR

MINYANIM 7:30 AM AND 8 PM

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