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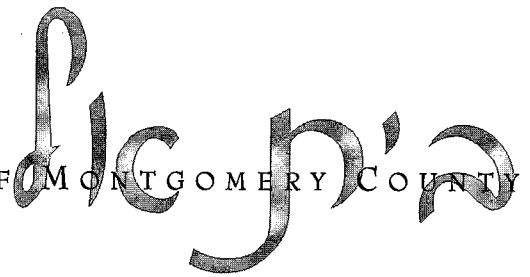
ISSUE 7

Congregational Trip to Israel, Summer 1999

Rabbi Rudolph and his wife Gail and son Marc will be leading a congregational trip to Israel in the early summer of 1999.

Tentative dates are June 21-July 5. Itinerary and arrangements will be similar to those of the highly successful Summer 1998 tour led by Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman. If interested, please contact Rabbi Rudolph at (301) 652-2606, ext. 318 immediately.

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



***To the Parents of Children Born
Between 1/1/88 and
12/31/88...***

***There will be a year 2001 B'nai Mitzvah
Parents' Scheduling Meeting on Sunday,
December 6, 1998 in the Sanctuary at
11:00 a.m.***

***If you have not received a letter
about your child's upcoming Bar or Bat
Mitzvah, please call Carole at (301) 652-
2606, ext. 316.***

UNITED WAY CFC CAMPAIGN

Did you know that you can designate Congregation Beth El for your United Way contributions? Beth El is agency number 11605. If you are contributing to the Central Maryland United Way, Beth El's number is 4499. Todah Rabah to all who designate Beth El as your United Way donation beneficiary.

Beth El Needs You!

The Nominating Committee will be convening soon and is looking for a few good people to lead our congregation into the 21st century. If you are interested in a position as an officer, trustee or committee chairperson, please advise the Nominating Committee in writing through the synagogue office prior to January 15, 1999. All input will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for its consideration. If you are interested in joining a committee, please call the committee chairperson.

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, December 4

6:30 p.m.

Shikmim Choir Shabbat

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the SH

Saturday, December 5

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Vayishlach, Genesis:

32:4 - 36:43

Carey Polis Bat Mitzvah

at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

Worship and Study Minyan

at 10 a.m. in the APR

Friday, December 11

6:30 p.m.

Religious School Teacher

Recognition Shabbat

Dinner at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 12

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Vayeshev, Genesis:

37:1 - 40:23

Naomi Janney Bat Mitzvah

at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in

the APR

Friday, December 18

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Miketz, Genesis:

41:1 - 44:17

Rachel Reynolds Bat

Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jason Sznol Bar Mitzvah at

9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

Gan Shabbat at 10:00

a.m. in the MR

Learners' Minyan at

10:00 a.m. in the APR

USY Shabbat at 12 p.m. in

the BR

New Havurah Forming

The "Baby Boomer/Empty Nester Havurah is now forming. For couples and individuals in the 40-55 age group who don't have children or whose children are gone from the house, there will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, December 13 at 11 a.m. at the home of Rabbi Rudolph. Please call (301) 652-2600, ext. 318 to register or for more information.

Membership Information

Harriet Wilkins has moved to 88 Rockwood Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830, (203) 661-8043. Leonard and Linda Greenberg's new phone number is (301) 913-2003.

High Holiday Thank You

Miriam Kelty would like to thank her entire High Holiday ushering staff at Walt Whitman High School for a job well done.

The staff included: Debbie Ross, Carol Fried, Herb Rosenthal, Estie Lipsit, Alla Shapiro, Olga Shapiro and her friend, the Danoff Family, Janice Liebowitz, Suzanne Bronheim, Wayne Arden, Ed Kelty, Amy Goott, Rachelle Bernstecker, Bob Kalman, Yael Greenberg, Jody Benjamin, David Benjamin, Rachel Benjamin, Leslie Dellon, Lenny Rib, Jody Green and Amanda Ford.

Healing Service

The next Healing Service, led by Rabbi William Rudolph, will be held at Beth El on Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.

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.

December 6 - December 10

Bernard and RuthAnn Heckman

Jerome and Cyma Heffter

Anne Heilman

Thomas Helf and Michelle Brafman

James and Debbie Heller

Julia Heller

Alfred and Kiki Hellman

Clifford and Deborah Hendler

Jerry and Linda Herman

Michele Herman

Rose Herman

Stephanie Hesse

Scott and Martine Hillman

Daniel Hirsch and Brenda Gruss

Hans Hirsch

December 13 - December 17

Reba Hirsh

Joseph and Lisa Hochheiser

Abram and Andrea Hoffman

Howard Hoffman and Julia Mack

Ira and Meredith Hoffman

Joseph and Margery Hoffman

Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey

Thomas and Judith Hoffman

Jerome and Caryl Holiber

Leah Hollander

Elmira Hopp

Josephine Horn

Paul and Sharon Horn

Sidney and Paula Horowitz

Eric and Alissa Horvitz

David Horvitz

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Burt and Georgette Abramowitz** on the marriage of their daughter, Naomi Abramowitz, to Jason Panzer, son of Lewis and Jackie Panzer of Staten Island, NY, on October 31, 1998.

Mazal Tov to **Art and Susan Bruckheim and Bernard and Rita Jacobi** on the engagement of their son and grandson, Michael Bruckheim, to Meredith Torres. An October, 1999 wedding is planned.

Mazal Tov to **Bernie Moss** on being elected to the rank of fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The "fellows" distinction recognizes "efforts toward advancing science or fostering applications that are deemed scientifically or socially distinguished."

Internationally-known artist and Beth El member **Selma Hurwitz** is having an art exhibit at Nordstrom's at Montgomery Mall from December 6 through 20. She works in a unique art form called "hadbakah" which is achieved by applying thousands of metallized threads, glued one by one to a specially prepared surface. The resulting work has an outstanding luminous, three-dimensional effect. The creation entitled "Beth El" which is hanging in the Beth El Rotunda is a Selma Hurwitz original.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Ron Treinish, Gary Wind, Nancy Rotman and Leon Sherman**.

The following letter was received from Judy Sherman:

*To the 1998 B'nai Mitzvah Class,
Mazal Tov! I am sorry I missed the
B'nai Mitzvah. I heard you were all
wonderful!! I so appreciated your get well
cards, calls, prayers and bagel platter.
Thank you very much.*

LEARNERS' SERVICE

Our Learners' Service will meet on Saturday, December 19 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. Contact Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318, for more information.

Found Item

If you donated clothes to the Mitzvah Day clothing drive and accidentally included your baseball card collection, please call **Leslie Dellon** at (301) 530-4645 to identify it.

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Beth El Retreat will be held the weekend of March 5 - 7 at the Tidewater Inn in Easton, MD.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Sarah Kalser** on the death of her brother, Abraham Chinn; to **Dale Gold** on the death of her father, Irving Cohn; and to **Sarah Roark** on the death of her grandmother, Barbara Gray.

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Bauer Confirmation Fund

In Honor Of: Claire Marwick by Lillian Kessler.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Samuel Scolnic by Rosalie M. Sporn. In Memory Of: Frances Spector by Lynn Jewelers.

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Samuel Boston by Sandra D. Pressman; Adele Krigelman by Reba Hirsh; Avraham Krutiansky by Jack and Esther P. Kranton; Selma Siegel by The Druckman Family; Frances Spector, mother of Roberta Safer, by Simcha Chavurah; Beloved father of Susan King by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Abraham Lubin by Lillian Kessler, Judy and Andrew Sherman and Deborah Golub Leibowitz. In Memory Of: Selma Siegel by Larry and Judy Lessin; Fred Mandler by Margi and Mark Kramer; Bernard Sisco by Shirley S. Sisco.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: Beth El's Chevre Kadisha by Bob and Paula Siegel. In Memory Of: Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman; Selma Siegel by Bob and Paula Siegel and Family; Bernard Sisco by Shirley S. Sisco; Lillie Lefkowitz by Jerry and Fay Chernin; Dear ones by Helen and Lenny Rib; Max Wolper, beloved father, by Lillian Kessler; Allen Kahn by Marcia and Paul Merlin; Isak Gruenberg by Joseph and Edith Weisz; Liba Goldberg by Harriet Weinstein.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Aliyah by Howard and Holly Stein; Yom Kippur Services of Congregation Beth El by Mollie Raffes. In Memory Of: Harry Leibowitz by Hannah and Tim Lipman; Regina Freiberg, beloved wife, by Carl Freiberg; Sidney Ross by Gail Ross and Roy Neidermayer.

Crowell Religious School Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: My opening the Ark during Yom Kippur Services by Donald P. Silverstein.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Jeannette Levis by Josephine Horn; Sidney Meystel's sister and brother-in-law by Josephine Horn; Goldie Gross by Josephine Horn; Aaron Burman by Bea and Bernie Berger; Judith Goldman's father by Josephine Horn.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

William Massar.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: Susan Cohen's special birthday by Dolly and Marvin Band. In Memory Of: Beloved brother, Sigmund I. Gerber, by Esther G. Kohn and Frances and Sam Glovinsky; Sidney Kohn by Esther G. Kohn; Selma Siegel by Brenda and Jim Schmand.

General Fund

Rose and Louis Papier; Alan H. Singer; Shirley and Jack Babbini; Robert and Frances Tropp; Jean E. Roxon. In Honor Of: Joseph George Kay's 80th birthday by Gerri Scholar and Marvin

and Hilda Goldstein; Joel Simon's speedy recovery by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker; Rabbi Scolnic by Fran Leibowitz. In Memory Of: Levi Dembo by Martin S. Dembo; Selma Siegel by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; Michael Sharon and Linda Kupfer, Marianne Strauss, and Fred and Mildred Leonard; Florence Horwitz by David Horwitz; Betty Lipson by Andrew and Sharon Tievsky; Belle Shefferman by Sholom Shefferman; Malcolm Friedman by Barbara S. Friedman; Jacob Benhaim by Colette N. Jacobs.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

Barbara Resnick. In Memory Of: Edward Solotar by Anne Solotar.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Gail Ross's birthday by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker. In Memory Of: Dorothy Horowitz, mother of Evyan Koenig, by Brenda and Doug Bregman; Aaron Weintraub by Carol Sege; Selma Siegel by Brenda and Doug Bregman; Minna G. Scherr and Jacob Mann by Daniel and Elaine Mann.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

Barbara S. Friedman. In Memory Of: Selma Siegel by Sander and Suzanne Davidson; Yetta and Sydney Staffin by Amsellem Family.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Bertha Jampel Spergel by Barry and Karen Spergel. In Memory Of: Hyman Rispler, father, by Minna Schneider; Rose Rispler, mother, by Minna Schneider; Ruth Holiber by Jerome and Caryl Holiber; Henry Hopp by Elmira Hopp.

Masorti

In Memory Of: Aaron Lowenstein by Mark and Janet Willen; Seymour Danis by Marion Danis; Selma Siegel, beloved mother of David and Robert Siegel by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker.

Mazon

Ronnie Rubin. In Honor Of: Marriage of Brent Berger and Carolyn Chabrow by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker; Cheryl Kreiser by Beth and Ken Berman; My becoming a Bar Mitzvah by David Schoenholtz; David Isaac Schoenholtz by Janice Liebowitz and Andy Schoenholtz; Cheryl Kreiser by Sarah C. Kalsner; Torah Honor by Ellen and Robert Schumer; Bar Mitzvah of David Schoenholtz by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman; Aliyot received on Rosh Hashanah by Leonard M. Sheeskin; Birth of Cayden and Sydney Abramowitz by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wodiska; Patty Gorman's 50th birthday by Debby and Bart Widom. In Memory Of: Minnie Ectman, mother, by Marcia Jeffries; Father by Jack and Esther P. Kranton; Antoinette Barillon by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wodiska; Charles Lefkowitz by Jerry and Fay Chernin; Emanuel Sickel by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Fred Mandler by Linda and Ace Lipson; Selma Siegel by Gooft Family; Elizabeth Janus by Zelda L. Janus; Seymour Gross' mother by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir Lechtman.

Men's Club Perspectives in

Dialogue Fund

In Honor Of: Ronald Treinish speedy recovery by Howard and Julia Copperman. In Memory Of: Isador Fassberg by Harold and Vera Fassberg.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Selma Siegel, beloved mother and grandmother, by Lillian Kessler.

Morning Minyan Fund

Robert and Janice Samet. In Honor Of: David Goldman, superb Torah teacher, by Deborah Golub Leibowitz; In Honor Of: David and Elizabeth Goldman, grandparents of two new baby girls, by Deborah Golub Leibowitz. In Memory Of: Mother of Seymour Gross by Deborah Golub Leibowitz; Father of Judith Goldman by Deborah Golub Leibowitz; Nathan and Rebecca Zagoria by Etta Kline; Ira Kline by Etta Kline; Sidney Leviton by Mr. Edward Leviton; Charlotte R. Helzner by Manuel Helzner; Magda Mieselbach, mother of Kathy Litvak, by Ellen and Norman Eule; Goldie Gross by Judy and Dan Matz; Rose Rachel Siegel by Anne S. Ball; Asher Ende's beloved father by Asher and Jeanne Ende.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Norman Yastrov and Hattie Goodman's invaluable contribution to Sisterhood by Joan Simon. In Memory Of: Frances Spector by Mitzi and Max Goldman; My father, Robert Friedman, by Susan Grant; Frances Spector by Chevy Chase Havurah.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Nate Druckman's 5th birthday by Sol and Marcia Karsch.

Prayerbook Fund

Dr. Lucy Ozarin. In Honor Of: Joseph George Kay's 80th Birthday by Muriel C. Hurwitz and Dorris T. Beckler; Speedy recovery of Harry Rubitsky by Norman I. and Ruth Stein. In Memory Of: Edna Routhenstein, beloved wife and mother, by Isadore Routhenstein, Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman; Minnie K. Segal by Beatrice and Robert Newell; David Silverstein by Davetta Landau.

Rabbi's Fund

William and Pearl Baker. In Honor Of: Shoshana Vainstein by Sharona Sapoznikow; Rabbi William D. Rudolph by Fran Leibowitz; Rabbi William D. Rudolph by Judy Sherman; Synthia Pommis by Mollie Raffes; Dora Weinstein's Bat Mitzvah by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kalman; Rabbi William D. Rudolph by Lillian Kessler; Marjorie Litman by Norman and Cynthia Shapiro; Rabbi William D. Rudolph by Allan Rotman; Our Aliyot to the Torah by Sharon and Jorge Sapoznikow; Bat Mitzvah of Dora Weinstein by Morton and Joyce Frank. In Memory Of: Bob and David's mother, Selma Siegel, by Toby and Bernie Moss; Rachel and Meyer Segal by Freda and Daniel Segal; David Tievsky by Marvin Tievsky; Harvey Weiss by Susan and Howard Weiss; Herman Abramowitz by Jean Abramowitz and Ellen Bezner; Selma Siegel by Marvin and Dolly Band; Benjamin Lesselroth and Lawrence Lesselroth by Sylvia Lesselroth; Selma Siegel by Alan and Debra Birnkrant; Fred Mandler by Alan and Debra Birnkrant; Bernard Sisco by Shirley S. Sisco; Levi Dembo by Martin S. Dembo; Selma Siegel by Paula and Sid Horowitz.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Bert King by Margi and

Mark Kramer. In Memory Of: Isidor Leventhal, grandfather of Sarah L. Roark, by Carl M. Leventhal.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved father of Judy Goldman by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker; Hannah Ross by Mrs. Rhoda Mancher.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Honor Of: Honor received during the Holidays by Lillian Kessler.

Sisterhood Silver Fund

In Honor Of: Otis and Mary Yokum by Mr. Craig D. Yokum.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Norman Yastrov by the "Once Upon a Suitcase" Sisterhood Players; Dan Hirsch's High Holy Day Torah reading by Judy and Andrew Sherman; Elizabeth Baer's invaluable contribution to Sisterhood by Joan Simon; Sheila Smallberg Cohen's invaluable contribution to Sisterhood by Joan Simon; Alissa Horvitz by the "Once Upon a Suitcase" Sisterhood Players. In Memory Of: Ben Cantor by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Mitzvah Day by Rachelle and Gary Bernstecker; Abbie Eckland receiving Kallat Breishit by Janice Liebowitz and Andy Schoenholtz; Gloria and Beryl Frank by Rosalie M. Sporn; In celebration of Bert King's 50th birthday by Bert and Susan King; Gail Ross by Margi and Mark Kramer; Joseph George Kay's 80th birthday by Marjory F. Weiss; Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Fidell by Adah Rose Bitterbaum and Steve Epstein. In Memory Of: Joseph Bitterbaum by Adah Rose Bitterbaum and Steve Epstein; Cyril P. Heiman and Archie Berde by Irene Hauser; Benjamin Cantor by Chevy Chase Havurah; Jacob Kaplan by Donald A. Kaplan; Benjamin Cantor by Mitzi and Max Goldman; Fred Mandler by Hartman Family; Elena F. Epstein by Janice Liebowitz and Andy Schoenholtz; Charles Lefkowitz by Mr. and Mrs. B. Ash; Gertrude Parkoff Schultz, beloved grandmother, by Patricia Sachs.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Danoffs' commitment to the Sukkah program by Sheila Birnbach; Lois Hankin by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Eric, Alan, and Jesse Spiegel by Eva Baron. In Memory Of: Selma Siegel by Sharon and David Spiegel; Samuel Mininberg by Susan G. Mininberg.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Selma Siegel, beloved mother of David and Robert Siegel, by Kathy Hooley.

Barbara Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Honor Of: Gail Ross' special birthday by Ganek Family; Dr. Evelyn Karson's Bat Mitzvah by Ganek Family; Mr. Joe Kay's birthday by Seymour D. Wolf.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: Lillie Lefkowitz by Mr. and Mrs. Ash.

Young Equality Fund

In Honor Of: Avigayl Young's Senior Sermon at the JTS by Joseph and Ina Young. In Memory Of: Magda Mieselbach by Ina and Joe Young.

Sisterhood News

Tallit Workshop 1998 - 99

Make a tallit for yourself or someone you love. Special instruction and assistance for non-sewers. Separate track for experienced sewers. Basic tallit bag instruction. On December 6 there will be a field trip to G Street Fabrics, and the other workshop dates are December 8, 22, January 5, 12 and February 2 (tying of the tzitzit) at 7 p.m. RSVP to Judith Spector, (301) 309-2529 or e-mail globusinc@msn.com. All are encouraged to participate. You need not be a Sisterhood member. We are happy to work with teens and family groups, too.

Are You Interested in Health and Fitness?

The Sisterhood Women's Health Fair will be held on Sunday, April 25 from noon until 4 p.m. We are looking for people (men and women) to help plan a program that will build upon our successful event last year. Please call Pat Danoff, (301) 365-1180, Michele Herman, (301) 718-8710, or Mimi Tygier, (301) 652-8211, if you are interested in doing any of the following: serve on planning committee, find speakers and clinicians, do publicity, prepare healthy lunch, obtain or donate health-related literature, lead an exercise or hands-on session, set-up and take-down, perform basic health screening tests, or serve in any other capacity, large or small.

We are hoping to hear from the many health professionals in the congregation, but we also need volunteers from all backgrounds who want to make this event worthwhile. The date may seem far away, but the planning needs to start now! Please call if you can help in any way with this informative and fun afternoon.

NURSERY NEWS

1999-2000 School Applications are available; please call (301) 652-2606, ext. 344, provide the information requested and an information packet/application will be mailed to you.

Entertainment '99 Books available now in the school office, the synagogue office and the Judaica Shop.

Lost Tallitot

The Beth El synagogue office has a large collection of lost tallitot and bags. One in particular is in a hand-embroidered bag with the name Reuven Ari in Hebrew. If you have been missing your tallit for days or months, please come in and look for it here.

Sisterhood Judaica Shop Special Offer

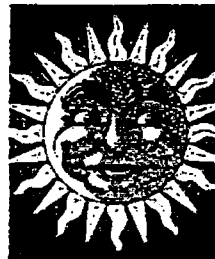
**While supplies Last—With any
purchase over \$25 receive a
lovely mug free!**

**Come in for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding and Baby
Gifts**

**Hannukah is around the corner—come see our
wonderful selection of gifts, toys, decorations and
Hannukiot!**

**Open Sundays and Thursdays
9am to Noon**

Now we can give you...



The Sun



The Moon



The Stars

The Women's Rosh Hodesh Group
of Beth El Sisterhood

invites you to its Tuesday evening discussion series

- Topic: The Status of Jewish Women from the Biblical Period to the Present: What the Texts Say About Responsibility, Rape, Marriage, Divorce and Abortion
- Leader: Rabbi Toby Manewith
Hillel Director, The American University
- Dates: December 15, January 19, February 16 and March 16
- Time: 7:30 p.m.
- Place: Beth El Board Room
- Questions: Call Marcia Merlin, (301) 365-3747, or Mimi Tygier, (301) 652-8211

You are welcome to join us for any or all of the series.
No reservation is needed.

From the Desk of Rachel D. Sternberg, Youth Director

Bonim (Kindergarten-2nd Graders)

Advisor: Jacquelyn Alpert

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

Bonim Pre-Hanukkah Party, December 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Get ready for Hanukkah with Bonim. Come eat some yummy Hanukkah treats, sing Hanukkah songs, play dreidle and make your very own Menorah!! Cost is \$4 for members, \$6 for non-members. RSVP's are required. Please RSVP to the Hotline by December 3.

Machar (3rd-5th Graders)

Advisors: Darrin Gerson and Andrea Goldstein

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

Machar on Ice, December 6, 3-5:15 p.m. at Cabin John Ice Rink

Hit the ice with Machar at Cabin John Ice Skating Rink. Meet at the rink at 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of ice fun. Cost is \$6.00 per child. If you have your own skates, cost is only \$3.50 per child. RSVP's are required. Please RSVP to

Darrin and Andrea at the Hotline by December 3.

Kadima (6th-8th Graders)

Advisor: Jane-Rachel Sanow

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

Kadima Sundae at the Movies, December 6, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Join Kadima for an afternoon of sundae making and a movie. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Please RSVP to the Hotline by December 3 so we buy enough ice cream!!!

USY (9th-12th Graders)

Advisor: Rachel Sternberg

Hotline: (301) 652-2606 ext. 308

USY Movie Mania, December 6, 12-3 p.m.

Join USY for an afternoon of movie watching and junk food eating and raising \$\$ for Tikkun Olam. Cost is \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members. RSVP to the Hotline with your movie suggestions!!

Battle of the Chapters, December 13, 6-11:30 p.m.

Bring your USY spirit as we battle other area USY chapters in both athletic and non-athletic events at B'nai Israel. There will be events for everyone and lots of fun. RSVP to the Hotline by December 8!

USY Bagel Sales, December 6 and 20, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

If you want to help out, call the USY Hotline. (See coupon below).

Senior Revival 1998, December 12, 7:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland Hillel

Are you a high school senior? Is college stuff stressing you out? Then come to the University of Maryland Hillel for a night of senior bonding, learning about Hillel on college campuses and lots more!!

Congregation Beth El Family Fun Day!!!

Friday, December 25, 1998

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Advanced Reservation is \$25 per family of 4 or less.

\$4 for each additional person.

Admission at the door will be \$30 per family of 4 or less.

\$6 for each additional person.

For more information please call Rachel Sternberg, Youth Director at (301) 652-2606 ext. 308.

Join the Fun!!!

Surprise Entertainer
11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Moon Bounce, Ball
Crawl, Olympic
Obstacle Course and
much more!!!

Latkes, Sufganiyot
and a light lunch.
activities for kids-
both big and small.

Family Fun Day Reservation Form

Return with check (made payable to Congregation Beth El) no later than Tuesday, December 22, 1998. Please return to:

Congregation Beth El
Attn: Family Fun Day
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 2081

**Cost of admission in advance: \$25 per family of 4 or less. \$4 for each additional person.

***Please note that admission at the door will be \$30 per family of 4 or less. \$6 each additional person.

Name: _____
Telephone# _____
Number in Party _____
Amount of check enclosed: _____

USY Bagel Sales

\$.50 Coupon

**Get \$.50 off
your next dozen bagels.**

MEN'S CLUB

Do you have children attending Sunday school? Why not join 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) 299-8362.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Men's Club is honored to be able to sponsor the reception for the concert, "An Evening in Israel," on Sunday, December 6. We look forward to a marvelous event!

The Men's Club is pleased to announce that Lillian Kessler is the Men's Club Blue Yarmulke "Person of the Year" honoree. The Seaboard Region award dinner will be held at Adas Israel on January 10, 1999. See the ad and reservation form in this issue.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

Breakfasts are at 9:30 and speaker programs at 10:00. Check the Men's Club poster in the Rotunda for updated details.

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| December 6 | Rabbi Samuel Scolnic,
"Studying at the Jewish
Theological Seminary" |
| December 13 | Carolyn and Sig Shapiro,
"Introduction to a Bissel
Yiddish" |
| December 20 | Harry Lipkind, "The Future of
the Computer" |
| December 27 | To be announced |

PERSPECTIVES IN DIALOGUE SERIES

The Men's Club will offer its 25th annual Perspectives in Dialogue Series during the month of January. This series has endeavored to bring speakers of national status to talk on topics of special importance to our community, and this year's lineup is truly exceptional. Currently scheduled are the following:

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| January 3 | Elected official to be
announced |
| January 10 | William Safire, <u>New York Times</u> |
| January 17 | Dr. Steven Rosenberg, National
Institutes of Health |
| January 24 | Shoshana Bryen, JINSA |
| January 31 | Ambassador Dennis Ross |

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The Mitzvah Mall is your one stop shopping place for Chanukah, Bar Mitzvah, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and they make great teacher gifts!



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\$20, or \$25.

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Capital Area Food Banks
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Magen David Adom
Shepherd's Table
Whitman-Walker Clinic

You will receive a lovely gift card telling what your donation purchased. Send your check payable to Congregation Beth El to the school office to the attention of Sarah Roark. Your tax deductible donation will appear as Social Action Fund on your synagogue year end tax summary. If you have questions contact Sarah Roark (x320).

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Check the organization(s) to which you would like your donation sent & Designate the amount (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$25):

- Bethesda Cares \$ _____
(provides for the needs of the homeless in Bethesda)
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(distributes millions of pounds of food to the hungry in Washington)
- Mazon \$ _____
(A Jewish organization feeding the hungry nationwide)
- Magen David Adom \$ _____
(makes blood drives and ambulances possible in Israel)
- Shepherd's Table \$ _____
(provides food, health care, and information to needy people in our area)
- Whitman Walker Clinic \$ _____
(educates about AIDS and assists those suffering from the disease)

Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth El. Your tax deductible donation will appear as *Social Action Fund* on your synagogue tax statement.

Return this form to the school office or mail to

Sarah Roark
Congregation Beth El
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

New Israel Scholarship Fund

Beth El is proud to announce that The Lipnick Israel Scholarship Fund has been restructured to widen its scope and applicability. The Fund is now able to provide partial scholarships for both high school and college students who will be attending study-oriented programs in Israel. Programs such as the very successful Alexander Muss High School in Israel, the Conservative Movement's Nativ and USY High programs, Young Judea Year Course, as well as semester and year courses at Israeli universities - all are now acceptable for scholarship assistance through the Lipnick Fund. Contact Rachel Sternberg, (301) 652-2606, ext. 308, for more information on this and other Israel scholarship funds. Potential donors to this Fund should contact Steven Kravitz, (301) 652-2606, ext. 306.

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, December 5 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. 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.

JSSA Offers Social Skills Group for Teenagers

Jewish Social Service Agency is offering a unique social skills/therapy group for teenagers who have difficulties with peer relationships. This group, led by Brina Saklad, LCSW-C, is for teens in grades 9-12, and will focus on problem-solving, emotional issues and relationships with peers and parents. The group meets Wednesday evenings at JSSA, 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville. The fee is insurance reimbursable. For information and registration, call Brina Saklad, (301) 816-2695.

SAVE THE DATE

"AN EVENING IN ISRAEL" WITH THE SHIKMIM CHOIR OF ISRAEL

**Sunday, December 6, 1998
7:00 p.m.**

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.

The Shikmim Choir of Israel

will visit our congregation, the only synagogue in the Baltimore-Washington area, during its American tour.

Mark your calendars for this special event.

Call 301-652-2606 x302

Central America Disaster Relief

To contribute financial support to Central American relief efforts for Nicaragua and Honduras, make checks payable to B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief, 1640 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, or to Emergency Relief Fund of JCC, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852. To make your donation in honor of someone else, send your check payable to Congregation Beth El to the Mitzvah Mall, attn.: Sarah Roark. You or the designated honoree will receive a gift card in the mail and the funds will be forwarded. If you would like to donate clothing, food and water, shelter equipment, or medical and health supplies, please contact Carol Ansell at Adas Israel Congregation, (202) 362-4433.

Keruv

Dear Keruv: I keep hearing that having the Keruv group encourages our youth to feel that intermarriage is OK. Wouldn't we be discouraging them more forcefully if we eliminated this group and made it less obvious that we have intermarried families in the congregation?

Dear Congregant: Keruv certainly does not want to encourage intermarriage. Indeed, we often have discussions about the difficulties our families have faced from the time they made their decisions. It is never easy to mix religions and cultures. However, we are also faced with the situation that many of our families are intermarried and do also choose to have Jewish homes and Jewish children. This is something that should give us cause to rejoice. We are working with our rabbis to make these families comfortable at Beth El and give them the support they need to live as Jewish families. We count these as success stories. Indeed, several non-Jewish spouses have chosen to convert after learning about Judaism through participation in Keruv.

Join Keruv on Sunday, December 20 at the home of Susan Levine and Bob Janney in Bethesda for the annual Keruv Hanukkah party. Please RSVP to Joan Claxton at (301) 320-9283.

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).

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Mitzvah Day was a great opportunity for Religious School students, teachers and parents to carry out acts of Tikkun Olam. Two local food banks benefited from the labors of the fifth grade classes. Sixth graders who enjoyed this activity last year joined the fifth grade group at Manna Food Center. Revitz House, the "senior adult apartment building for those able to live independently" whose residents are an average age of "85.5 years young" was the site of a visit by our fourth graders and songleader Sally Heckelman. This group had a sing-a-long and some socializing time in which the students interviewed their "senior buddies." Third graders packed bag lunches. Second graders made welcome bags for children staying at the Children's Inn at NIH. Seventh graders had a walkathon, aligned with the Fannie Mae Help The Homeless Walkathon. Combining their pledges with the matching funds, they raised over \$1,000 for the benefit of Shepherd's Table and Bethesda Cares. Prior to their walk, seventh graders had a speaker from Shepherd's Table talking about hunger and homelessness. Later, with the smell of the kindergartner/first graders' brownies filling the hall, the seventh graders' speaker commented that bakery items are one treat they have a hard time getting in sufficient quantities to go along with their meals.

I would like to thank the many parents who made a huge effort toward ensuring the success of our participation in Mitzvah Day. It is also important to thank the teachers who organized projects, presented motivating activities and contacted parents to arrange for supplies, chaperones and drivers. This massive undertaking could not have been pulled off without the efforts of Social Action Committee Chair Abby Eckland and her committee. We can all be proud of our efforts and take pride in an exceptional learning experience.

Volunteers Needed for Beth El Weeks at Community Based Shelter

Congregation Beth El is scheduled to volunteer at the Community Based Shelter (CBS) twice this year, so check your calendars now and sign up to participate in this very rewarding event. Beth El volunteers can help out beginning with dinner on Sunday, December 20 and ending with breakfast and brown bag lunches on Sunday, December 27. This is an especially busy week for everyone due to winter break, but it can also be a meaningful time to volunteer. Our responsibilities include preparation of three precooked meals (breakfasts, bag lunches and a hot dinner) for each shelter day, and setting up, serving and cleaning up the evening meal. We also are responsible for providing paper goods. If you are interested in participating, please call Carolyn Wallace, (301) 656-3142. If you like to plan ahead, our second week is scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 1999.

CBS also has a wish list which includes: laundry soap, dishwasher soap, toilet paper, hygiene items (deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste), canned goods, towels and washcloths, and linens. If you can donate any of these items, call Patricia Fox-Morrill, CBS Director, at (301) 770-2413.

World Jewry Corner

Jewish Education in Britain

Enrollment in Jewish day schools in Britain has increased by 39% in only five years, according to a recent report on the state of British Jewry. Currently, nearly 18,000 children attend day school programs, up from 12,800 in 1991. An additional 10,100 children receive Jewish

education on a part-time basis; 2,700 more are enrolled in Jewish nurseries. Overall, 66% of Jewish children aged 5-17 receive some form of Jewish education, an increase of 14% from a decade ago. As several new day schools open in years to come, attendance should continue to rise. The report, "A Profile of British Jewry - Patterns and Trends at the Turn of the

Century," offers a possible reversal of demographic trends for English Jews, whose numbers have decreased steadily since a postwar high of 430,000. Currently, fewer than 300,000 Jews reside in the United Kingdom, most of them in the greater London area.

Debates Continues on German Holocaust Museum

Incoming German Chancellor Gerhard Shroeder has called for more debate on a national memorial to the Holocaust. A design by American architect Peter Eisenman and sculptor Richard Serra, featuring an outdoor grid made up of 4,000 tombstone-like columns, was strongly favored by former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, but was roundly criticized in Germany. Berlin mayor Eberhard Diepgen felt that any memorial would be "too monumental," and its proposed location near Berlin's Brandenburg Gate irrelevant to the events of the Holocaust. German intellectuals, including writer Guenter Grass, argued that a central monument might allow Germans to forget more easily the deaths of the millions of Jews. Shroeder himself has said that true memorials to the Shoah lie at former concentration camps such as Auschwitz and Dachau. Instead, new cultural minister Michael Naumann has proposed a video installation made up of survivors' interviews gathered by Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation.

This article was submitted by Beth El World Jewry Committee member Mimi Godfrey.

Please Join Us for the
**Seaboard Region - Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs
Annual Blue Yarmulke Awards Cocktails
and Dinner Evening**

This Year,
Congregation Beth El's Men's Club
"Person of the Year" is:

Lillian Kessler

(the Region's first Woman Honoree!)

January 10, 1999;
Adas Israel Congregation
2850 Quebec Street, N.W.

Cocktails - 6:30 P.M.
Dinner and Presentations - 7:30 P.M.
\$42. per person

Please reserve _____ seats for the Blue Yarmulke Evening.

Please place a Congratulatory ad for our honoree in the Program in the following size (write copy of ad on the back of this sheet or attach):

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Enclosed is a check for \$_____ (\$42. per person plus cost of ad if desired).

Congratulatory ads for the program must be received by Dec. 11th.
Reservations for the evening must be received by Jan. 1st.
Please make all checks payable to the Seaboard Region - FJMC. Mail to Treasurer, Beth El Men's Club,
8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-1451.