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**Shabbat Shirah
will be celebrated on
Saturday, January 30, 1999
at 9:15 a.m.**



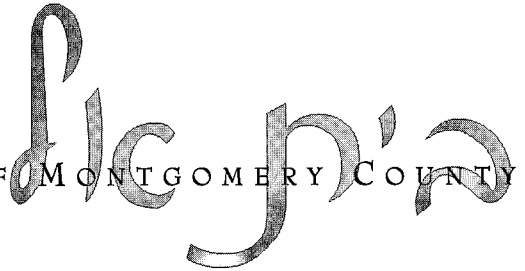
**Hazzan Abraham Lubin
will deliver**



**"A Sermon in Song"
Liturgical music of the Ashkenazic and
Sephardic traditions will be illustrated.**



CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



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In these morally ambiguous times, what can Torah teach us?



Join us at Beth El's First Annual
Community Torah Institute

The first in a series of unique conversations with
Rabbis and Teachers from the major movements
in American Jewish life

First Topic: "Splendid Contradictions:
Understanding the Torah's Morally Perplexing Tales"
Sunday, February 21
1 - 4:30 p.m.

Rabbi William Rudolph and a trio of influential Rabbis/Teachers from Reform,
Conservative and Orthodox institutions will examine some of the most morally
complicated stories in the Torah at a time when morality is a major concern across our
land. Stories such as the passing off of Sarah as Abraham's sister, tricking Isaac into

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Year 2000 B'nai Mitzvah Meeting, Sunday, January 31, 11 a.m.

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, January 29

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30

7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Beshalach, Exodus: 13:17 - 17:16

Maxwell Loewinger Bar

Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jimmy McDonald Bar

Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

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

Friday, February 5

6:30 p.m.

7 p.m., Siyyum HaSefer

Shabbat Dinner (Gr. 4 - 5)

Saturday, February 6

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Yitro, Exodus: 18:1 -

20:23

Daniel Lieber Bar Mitzvah

at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

Worship and Study Minyan

at 10 a.m. in the APR

Friday, February 12

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Mishpatim, Exodus: 21:1 - 24:18

Mindy Kalman Bat Mitzvah

at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in

the APR

Save the Date for Passover University

Join us for Passover University, a Family Education program for all ages, on Sunday, March 7 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Add exciting innovations to your seder!

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, February 6 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. Jonathan Band will lead the discussion on the weekly Torah portion. 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.

Membership Information

Maurice and Milly Papilsky have moved to 15100 Interlachen Drive, Apt. 316, Silver Spring, MD 20906, (301) 438-0440.

LEARNERS' SERVICE

Our Learners' Service will meet on Saturday, February 20 in the Meeting Room from 10 a.m. to noon. We then join the congregation for kiddush. The service, once again 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. Contact Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318, for more information.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Howard and Hollie Stein** on the engagement of their son, Andrew Stein, to Nancy Levinson of New Jersey. An August, 1999 wedding is planned.

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.

January 31 - February 4

Daniel and Mirella Levinas

Barry Levine and Tracy Bone

Boris and Leona Levine

David and Jacquelyn Levine

Howard and Janet Levine

Kenneth Levine and Diana Huffman

Philip and Barbara Levine

Robert and Andrea Levine

Robert and Michele Levine

Steven and Linda Levine

Susan Levine

Herbert and Anita Levinson

Edward Leviton and Sondra Solomon

Mark Levitt and Kay Klass

David and Sabine Levy

Jonathan Levy and Patricia Ann Forsythe

Joseph and Lois Levy

Marshall and Sandra Levy

Martin and Naomi Levy

Neil Levy and Linda Perle

February 7 - February 11

Stephen Levy and Lois Zuckerman

Warren and Rina Levy

Steven and Nancy Lewis

Theodore and Anita Lieb

Marc and Annette Lieber

Michael Lieberman and Randi Abramson

Richard Lieberman and Helene Weisz

Herman Liebling

Burt and Linda Liebowitz

Enid Light

Harry and Karen Lipkind

Robert Lipman and Nancy Rose

Timothy and Hannah Lipman

Edward and Estie Lipsit

Ace and Linda Lipson

Barry and Gail Lipton

Robert and Marjorie Litman

Robert Litowitz and Karen Dubin

Agustin and Kathy Litvak

Sandy and Daniella Livnat

Tuning in with Hazzan Lubin

Even as we have completed our Fall semester of the Saul Bendit Institute, I have already given a good deal of thought to our Spring semester and the course that I am to teach. As a student of Jewish history I have always been fascinated and intrigued by the style, content and forms of our musical heritage, especially in the context of our unique history. It occurred to me that the dynamics and heart of Jewish history is so often reflected in its poetry, its liturgy and its music. The development of Jewish music, and particularly the sacred music of the Jew, is a direct reflection of the multi-faceted experiences of the Jew in the diaspora.

From Babylon to Berlin, from Rome to Russia, from Syria to Spain, from Yemen to Ethiopia — these countries have their own colorful and significant past which may be traced

through the verbal and tonal sounds of their rich musical repertoire.

The vast collection of the oral musical traditions of so many of these communities represents a revealing and touching picture of the vitality and cultural creativity of their long history. A study of these collections of music teaches us how Jewish music evolved and developed. It also give us a deeper insight and understanding as to what, ultimately, may be considered "traditional" in the field of Jewish music.

With that in mind, I plan to teach this Spring a course on "Jewish Music and its Foreign Influences". I hope you will find this topic as fascinating as I do. Let us explore and learn together.

SHABBAT SHALOM AT HOME

Last March hundreds of Beth El families agreed to make one specially chosen Friday night a Shabbat like no other. Some families celebrated Shabbat in their home for the first time, others added new rituals to their Friday evening observance, and many invited other families to join them. All experienced the sense of community, family and peace that Shabbat observance has brought to Jews for generations.

Our second annual communal Shabbat Shalom at Home observance is planned for Friday evening, February 19, 1999. A revised version of the Shabbat Shalom at Home kit, prepared by Family Education Director Sarah Roark, will soon be in the mail to all congregants. We will also arrange to connect host families with congregants who would like to receive invitations to a Shabbat dinner. For more information, call Sarah Roark, (301) 652-2606, ext. 320.

Register for the Beth El Retreat

The annual Beth El Retreat will be held the weekend of March 5 - 7 at the Tidewater Inn in Easton, MD. Registration forms are available in the lucite holder outside the synagogue office.

Beth El's First Annual Community Torah Institute (Cont from p1)

giving his blessing to Jacob, and hardening Pharaoh's heart so his people suffer more. Stories that make us stop short and ask, "What is the morality being conveyed here?" In the relaxed atmosphere of a Sunday afternoon at Beth El, the scholars will call on their backgrounds and training to answer that question. Each will speak and answer questions in a general opening session and then lead two study sessions. The outstanding Torah scholars who have agreed to tackle this timely topic are:

Dr. Eliezer Diamond, Assistant Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary

Dr. David Sperling, Professor of Bible, Hebrew Union College

Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, Rabbi of The Jewish Center, Faculty at Stern College

Admission is free. Invitations to the Institute will be mailed in January. Reservations, while not mandatory, are encouraged. Call (301) 652-2606, ext. 318 to RSVP or for more information.

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Bendit Adult Institute Fund

L. Mark and Blanche Wine. In Honor Of: Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Marjory Weiss by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay. In Memory Of: Herbert Harvey's brother, William Harvey, by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Sophie Tunkle by Jonathan S. Silber.

Beth El Forest

Barry and Barbara Friedman. In Memory Of: Morris Novack by Linda and Ace Lipson; Ida Rubinaw by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Beloved parents, Solomon and Frieda Dora Kay, by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Haskell P. Wald by Ruth J. Wald.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: In appreciation for Hazzan Lubin's Cantillation Class by Paul and Marcia Merlin; Hazzan Abraham Lubin by Polis Family. In Memory Of: Norman Yastrov by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El; Morris Solomon by Dr. and Mrs. Abner Byer; Betty Haber by Murray A. Haber.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: Max and Judy Bernhardt by John and Marion Wolff. In Memory Of: Beloved grandfather, Isadore Routhenstein, by Dr. Stephen and Susan Levinson; Samuel and Esther Bonus by Iris, Julian, and Anne Tishkoff; Benjamin Cohen by Ken Berman.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Andrew Herman's wedding by West Bethesda Havurah. In Memory Of: Irene Golden by Jerry and Ina Wernick; Bilha Amir Waldinger, George Amir's mother, by Esther and Elliot Wilner; Toni Caryn Bloom by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo; Judy Goldman's father by Jonathan and Judith Levin; Jeanette Rosing by Douglas Rosing and Family.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Harris Smokler by Clare S. Lerner; Haskell P. Wald by Ruth J. Wald. Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund In Honor Of: Arthur Feld's Memorial Lecture Fund by Lawrence Papier.

Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery for Marjory Weiss by Murray A. Haber; Manny and Harriet Rabin's 50th anniversary by Melva and Irving Tofsky. In Memory Of: Beloved son, Howard Joel Kohn, by Esther G. Kohn.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Caring for Aging Parents Workshop by Jeffrey and Susan Menick; Beryl Frank's 80th birthday by Leonard and Gabriela Bechick; Refuah Shleimah for Toby Moss by Leonard and Gabriela Bechick; "An Evening in Israel" Concert by Jeanette H. Leventhal. In Memory Of: My brother, William, by Martin S. Dembo; Louis Raisman, father of Margaret Rifkind, by Robert and Jane Hillman; Sadie Palten Klau by Ruth Sachs; Rose Wallerstein by Gloria and Lee Derkay; Howard Feibus' mother by Lewis and Ruth Battist.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Fluger by Judith and Jonathan Levin; Edith's aliyah on her 75th birthday by Joseph I. and Edith Weisz. In Memory Of: Regina Freiberg by Karl Freiberg; Esther Weisz by Joseph I. and Edith Weisz; Beloved mother, Sophie Kopit, by Mr. Leo Kopit.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Louis Kimball with Hanukkah wishes

by the Kimball Family. In Memory Of: Ralph Lider by Karen Greenberg; Dorothy Abrams by Lori and Steve Ross.

Librory Fund

In Honor Of: Rachel Reynolds' Bat Mitzvah by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Golumbic.

Masorti

In Honor Of: Dr. Bernard Moss's election to the rank of Fellow in the AAAS by Jonathan and Judith Levin. In Memory Of: Mother of Steve Teitelbaum by Neil Levy and Linda Perle.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman by The Clayman/ Miller Family; Rabbi Maltzman's anniversary and Zachary's Bar Mitzvah by Ellen and Benjamin Bornstein; Carey Polis's Bat Mitzvah by Rhoda Barish and Michael Polis; Jason Sznol's Bar Mitzvah by Howard and Julia Copperman; Rabbi William D. Rudolph by The Clayman/Miller Family; Bat Mitzvah of Beth Berman by Alan and Barri Gross and Family; Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Ruth Janney by Susan Levine; Jerry and Esther Kurman, Happy Hanukkah, by Jennifer Rubin; Susan Rubin, Happy Hanukkah, by Jennifer Rubin; Hazzan Abraham Lubin by The Clayman/Miller Family. In Memory Of: Marilyn Isaacs by Michael and Judy Platt; Sigmund Clayman by Robert Clayman and Carol Miller; Beloved brother, Emanuel Robinson, by Dorothy Alberstadt; Aaron Blum by Judy and Michael Platt; Esther Grabill, mother of Doreen Zalis, by David and Sonja Schultz.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Mother, Anna Kramer, by Carolyn Shapiro.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Lillian Kessler, congratulations on receiving the Blue Yarmulke Award, "Person of the Year, from Elaine and George Perlman, Roy H. Millenson and Etta Kline; 80th birthday of Beryl Frank by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Engagement of Lisa Levinson by Cary and Nancy Feldman; My Aliyah by Julian Levin; Speedy recovery to Sol Brody by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Stephen Yellowitz, Abraham Yellowitz, and Esther Repinsky by Edward and Beatrice Golfer; Norton Nepo by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo; Benjamin H. Edenbaum by Robert Edenbaum; Jane Schoenholtz, mother of Estelle Wiser, by Herbert and Estelle Wiser; Samuel Wiser, father of Herbert Wiser, by Herbert and Estelle Wiser; Isadore Routhenstein by Lillian Kessler and Etta Kline; Luz Perez, beloved mother of Julia Copperman, by Lillian Kessler; Beloved brother of Jeanne Ende by Jeanne and Asher Ende; Beloved grandfather, Isadore Routhenstein, by Dr. Stephen and Susan Levinson.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Rachel Reynold's Bat Mitzvah by Sylvia Bozof. In Memory Of: Fred Rehns by Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Second birthday of their daughter, Arielle, by Seth and Sharon Kaplan.

Perspectives Fund

In Honor Of: Lillian Kessler's Blue Yarmulke Award by The Baldingers, Dale Gold, and Howard and Julia Copperman. In Memory Of: Sheldon Meyers by Roy H. Millenson.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery of Ruth Stein by Norman I. Stein; Beryl Frank's special birthday by Ed and Bea Golfer; Lillian Kessler's Blue Yarmulke Award by Bernard and Rita Jacobi; Flora Singer being named N.C.A. ORT's 1998 Honoree by Gail R. Landsman. In Memory Of: My mother, Romayne N. Bernstein, by Susan L. Winarsky; Abraham Gutmann by Hanna Gutmann; Ruth M. Perlman by Benjamin Weinmann; Marguerite Bousso by Mr. and

Mrs. J. J. Schettewi; My brother, William, by Martin S. Dembo; Sadie Perlman by Elaine and George Perlman; Fannie Stein by Norman I. and Ruth Stein; Dora Datnowitz by Harvey and Libby Gordon; Alvin Platshon by Shirlene W. Platshon.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Rabin by Myron and Florence Jacobs; Rabbi William Rudolph by Polis Family. In Memory Of: Isadore Routhenstein by Dolly and Marvin Band; Sylvia Fairberg by Mrs. Walter K. Kahn; Fanny Rose Gold by Harvey and Dale Gold; My mother, Edith Orban, by Annamarie Sokoly; Paul Bamberger Shapiro by Howard M. Shapiro.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Hilda Teitelbaum, mother of Steve Teitelbaum, by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman; Anna Millstein Plenn by Louis and Faina Nagel. Sisterhood Remembrance Fund In Memory Of: Marc Russell Devinsky by Paul Devinsky.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery to Dorothea Lear by Rachele and Gary Bernstecker; Gloria and Beryl Frank becoming great grandparents by Ellen and Norman Eule; Beryl Frank's 80th birthday by Joseph George Kay; Birth of Elana Shayna Sichel by Michael and Ruth Cernea; Birth of Jane Philipson Fredman by Michael and Ruth Cernea; Birth of Dylan Stela Cernea by Michael and Ruth Cernea; In Memory Of: Susan King's sister and father by the Eckland Family; Beatrice Pink by Suzanne Gladstone.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Skula Elsner's father by Varda and Richard Nowitz. Torah Scroll Fund In Memory Of: Sadie Platshon by Shirlene W. Platshon; Abraham Waghelstein by Shirlene W. Platshon.

Vatikim

In Memory Of: Bernie's father, Jack Moss, by Toby and Bernie Moss; Anna Kerstein, sister of Norma Golumbic, by Betty and Max Milner; William W. Harvey, brother of Herbert Harvey, by Judith Newman; Louis Lyman by James and Muriel Lyman.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: My mother, Vicki DeGutz, by Judy Spector.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Julia Copperman** on the death of her mother, Luz Perez; to **Steven Ross** on the death of his grandmother, Dorothy Abrams; to **Howard Feibus** and **Jonathan Feibus** on the death of Fay Feibus, mother and grandmother; to **Michael Friedman** on the death of his father, Sam Friedman; and to **Al Fox** on the death of his brother, Raymond Fox.

From the Desk of Rachel D. Sternberg, Youth Director

Bonim (Kindergarten -2nd Graders)

Advisor: Carrie Apfel

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

Fun & Games at Jeepers, Sunday, February 7, 1:30-4:15 p.m.

Bonim will travel to Jeepers for an indoor amusement experience. We will meet and get picked up at Beth El. Cost is \$6 per child. **Parent drivers and chaperones are needed!! RSVP must be received by February 3.** Please call the Hotline to RSVP or for more information.

Machar (3rd-5th Graders)

Advisors: Darrin Gerson and Andrea Goldstein

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

Made By You Pottery,

February 7, 2-3:30 p.m.

Get creative with Machar!! Join Machar at Made by You in Bethesda for an afternoon of decorating your own pottery piece. Cost is \$15 per child. Drop off and pick up at the store on Elm Street in Bethesda. **RSVP is required for this event!!** Call the Hotline to RSVP or to get more information!!

Kadima (6th-8th Graders)

Advisor: Jane-Rachel Sanow

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

Ski Trip to Whitetail. Sunday, February 14, 8:45 a.m.-9 p.m.

Join Beth El and Har Shalom Kadima and USY for the Annual Whitetail Ski Trip. All levels of skiers are welcome — even first timers!! Lessons are available. Applications are in the Youth Bulletin. **RSVP is required for this event.** For more information, please call the Hotline. Seaboard Region Spring Kadima Kallah, March 12-14 at Ohr Kodesh Applications for the Spring Kadima Kallah are due to Rachel no later than Monday, February 8!!! Join Kadimanicks from all over Seaboard Region for an exciting weekend of meeting new friends, ruach, Tikkun Olam and fun programs. For more information, call the Hotline.

USY (9th-12th Graders)

Advisor: Rachel Sternberg

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

Manor Care Shabbat, January 29, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

at Springhouse Manor Care

Earn community service hours, do a Mitzvah, and hang out with your friends. Each month we conduct a Shabbat service for the elderly residents at Manor Care. Would you like to join us?? Then please call the Hotline!!!

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Fresh bagels will be sold by USY in the Rotunda on Sundays, February 7 and 24, from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Spiritual Support Group for Health Care Professionals

A five-week group is being offered by the Washington Jewish Healing Network and JSSA. It is a repeat of a similar, very popular group held last year. Rabbi David Kaye and Dr. Carol Hausman will co-lead the group to be held at Beth El starting Monday, February 22 at noon. Please call Dr. Hausman at (202) 966-7851 for information. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited.

ANNOUNCING ANOTHER NEW HAVURAH!

Interested in joining a havurah for young couples? If you are in your 20's to early 30's, and don't have children (yet?), contact Carole Wellner at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316, to express interest in being part of this newly forming group. There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, February 7 at 11 a.m. at the home of Chris and Merritt Tollefson, (301) 951-9495.

Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. A special service for children ages six and under and their parents, Nitzanim Shabbat Services feature a Torah parade, stories, lots of songs and a snack. We hope you will join us! Todah Rabah to Seth and Sharon Kaplan for sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on January 9 in honor of the second birthday of their daughter, Ariele Kaplan.

USY Bagel Sales \$.50

Coupon

Get \$.50 off your next dozen bagels.

Sisterhood News

Coming up in the winter months, as part of the synagogue-wide Shabbat Shalom at Home program, Sisterhood will be having a Challah Baking Workshop, co-chaired by Susan Brinn Siegel and Julie Rabinowitz, on Friday, February 19, starting at 9:15 a.m. Susan says we should be able to completely prepare and bake the challah by 11:30 a.m. We especially invite all nursery school parents to join us in the Beth El kitchen that morning. Please RSVP to Julie Rabinowitz at (301) 588-1271.

Calendar of Events

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| February 2 | Tallit Workshop
7:00 p.m. |
| February 19 | Challah Baking Workshop
9:15 a.m. |

World Jewry Corner

Russian Response to Anti-Semitism Remains Muted

Jews within the former Soviet Union and international observers await a stronger government response to several episodes of anti-Semitic sentiment by high-ranking Communist Party officials. Two calls in the Duma to censure former General Albert Makashov for urging that Jews be expelled or "sent to the graveyard" have failed. Makashov's outburst is only the most recent in a spate of openly anti-Semitic expressions in Russia: anti-Semitic literature is sold openly at newsstands, despite laws against inciting religious, ethnic or racial hatred. Despite criticism within its own party, Makashov remains unmoved, saying "the Russian bear has awoken, it is outraged...that everything in the country has been seized by one ethnic group." In one of the most recent and disturbing developments, Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov issued a statement blaming Zionism for Russia's economic problems, calling it a secret movement akin to fascism. He denied equating Zionism with Jews, saying, "The spread of Zionist ideology among the Jewish people is by far not the fault, but a misfortune of the Jewish people."

Sources: Jewish Telegraphic Agency; World Jewish Congress; Washington Post

Submitted by Mimi Godfrey

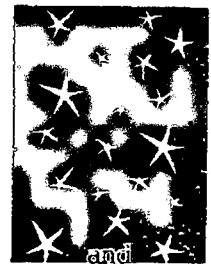
Now we can give you...



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: February 16 and March 16

Time: 7:45 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.

ANNOUNCING THE BETH EL CEMETERY SECTION AT JUDEAN MEMORIAL GARDENS

Congregation Beth El has established a cemetery section at Judean Memorial Gardens, conveniently located on Georgia Avenue in Olney, for our Beth El community. The site is identified by a granite marker with the congregation's name on it.

Sites can be purchased through the synagogue office for \$1,200 each. Perpetual care is included at no additional cost. Judean Gardens will discount the cost of liners, opening and closing, and monuments by 5% for Beth El members who purchase them pre-need. Members who wish to purchase sites in the Beth El section should call Carole Wellner at 301-652-2606, ext. 316, and she will mail the necessary form.

MEN'S CLUB

Don't miss the annual **Magic Show and Spaghetti Dinner** with Malcolm the Magician and Bingo the Clown on Sunday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m.! Great food and entertainment for kids of all ages! Reservation forms are available in the lucite holder outside the synagogue office or in previous issues of the Scroll.

Kids! Tell your parents to mark their calendars for the annual **Purim Carnival** on Sunday, February 28. Pre-purchase tickets good for games and food on Sundays, starting February 7 from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Rotunda. Discount price is 4/\$1. For a greater discount, order by mail and get 45 tickets for \$10. Send orders to D. Geselowitz, 6309 Landon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817 before February 19. Make checks payable to Beth El Men's Club.

If you are not a member, please consider joining the Men's Club. We need you! For membership information, please contact Bernie Rod, (301) 299-8632.

Don't miss the final talk in the **Perspectives in Dialogue** series on Sunday, January 31 at 10 a.m. Coffee at 9:30, following the Morning Minyan at 9 a.m. **Ambassador Dennis Ross**, Special Middle East Coordinator for the Clinton Administration, will give a talk on **"The Future of the Middle East Peace Process."**

Congratulations to our Men's Club team on advancing to the second round of the Seaboard Region "It's Academic" competition. We're always looking for "new blood." If you'd like to test your store of general and Judaic knowledge, you might consider joining our team. Call David Schultz, (301) 530-1620, for more information.

Do you want to have input to Congress and the President regarding Social Security? Do you want to be involved in discussing your opinions on Social Security? Do you want to participate in a discussion with other Beth El congregants about Social Security? Do you want to learn more about Social Security and the various options being discussed to "save" it? You can now have these opportunities.

On Sunday, March 7, beginning at 10 a.m., the Beth El Men's Club, with the support of the Americans Discuss Social Security

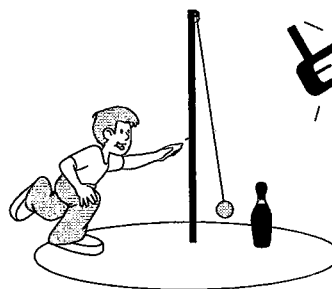
Congregation Beth El Men's Club

Purim Carnival

Fun

Food

Games



Sunday February 28 12 - 3 PM

**Tickets: 4 for \$1 purchased before February 28
3 for \$1 day of carnival**

organization (funded by the Pew Charitable Trust), will conduct a program which will allow all participants to meet all of these goals and more! All participants will be given an information packet containing briefing sheets, watch a video, and participate in discussions. Results of the discussions will be sent in as a group and/or as individuals. Mark your calendars! We will have sufficient materials available for a large number of participants. Remember, Social Security will not only affect our futures, but those of our children and grandchildren as well. Watch for more information in the Scroll and Shabbat Announcements.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 7

Anthony Pitch, Beth El member and author of Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1814. Talk and book-signing

Sunday, February 14

To be announced

Sunday, February 21

"It's Academic" 2nd round, competing against Shaare Tikvah, Beth El of Baltimore and Adas Israel

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Beit El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
					29 5:08 p.m. Candles 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service	30 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Maxwell Loewinger Bar Mitzvah 9:15 a.m. Jimmy McDonald Bar Mitzvah 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR 7 p.m. Loewinger B/M Party - SH, Gallery
31 9 a.m. Morning Minyan - Chapel 9:30 - 11 a.m. Perspectives in Dialogue - SH and Sanctuary 11 a.m. Year 2000 B'nai Mitzvah Parents' Mtg. - Sanctuary 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Pinewood Derby & Blue and Gold Dinner - APR	February 1 Tu B'Shevat 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - APR	2 6 p.m. Take 30 - BR 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7 p.m. Take 30 - APR 7 p.m. Tallit Workshop - SH	3 6:45 Hebrew Class - Room 201 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR	4 12 p.m. Vatikim - SH 6:30 p.m. Aerobics	5 10:30 a.m. Lieber Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 5:16 p.m. Candles 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 7 p.m. Siyyum HaSefer Shabbat Dinner (Gr. 4 - 5) - SH	6 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Daniel Lieber B/M 10 a.m. Worship and Study Minyan - APR 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation
7 9 a.m. Morning Minyan - Chapel 9:30 a.m. Men's Club - SH 1:15 - 5 p.m. Youth Dept. Activities - APR 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Magic Show - SH	8 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - APR	9 1 p.m. Family Ed. Adv. Comm. Mtg. - BR 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7:30 p.m. Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR 7:45 p.m. BENS Bd. Mtg. - APR-B	10 6:45 p.m. Hebrew Class - Room 201 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR	11 12 p.m. Vatikim - SH 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7 p.m. AMI Mtg. - APR	12 5:24 p.m. Candles 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service	13 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Mindy Kalman Bat Mitzvah 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR

MINYANIM 7:30 AM AND 8 PM

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