

Purim Festivities

On Monday, March 1, there will be two services in the Sanctuary with a Megillah reading: a Young Family Service, "Bit o' Megillah," at 6:30 p.m., and the Purim Service at 7:30 p.m.

As is our custom, there will also be a full traditional reading by Avraham Isser in the Chapel at 8:30 p.m.

Todah rabah to our Megillah readers: Hazzan Lubin, Rabbi Maltzman, Julia Goldstein, Amy Smith, Erica Kaye, Rebecca Maltzman, Sharon Goott, Moshe Eckmann, Stephanie Schissler, Jesse Spiegel and Erica Cohen.

The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, February 28 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WORLD JEWRY CORNER

Greece Turns Its Attention to Its Holocaust Past

A new book by Naar and Emil Kunio-Amarillo, *Verbal Testimonies of Thessaloniki Jews on the Holocaust*, gathers new evidence for the fate of one of Greece's oldest and most vibrant Jewish communities during the Nazi occupation. The book appears as government officials step up calls for Germany both to repay a multi-billion dollar loan that Greece was forced to make to the Nazis, and to make reparation to Greeks who lost family members during the war.

Thessaloniki (now Salonika) was home to some 50,000 Jews before 1939; fewer than 2,000 of these survived forced deportations to Auschwitz and Birkenau. Once known as "the Jerusalem of the Balkans," Salonika was only one of several ancient Jewish settlements; Jews may have been living in the city by the second century B.C.E. or even earlier. This thoroughly Hellenized community was enlarged in later centuries by immigrants from several European countries, but especially by Sephardic Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition. Today, Salonika's Jews number only about 1,000; nevertheless, they remain an important part of Greece's 5,000-strong Jewish population.

Sources: World Jewish Congress; Israel Wire; The Jewish Community of Thessaloniki.

Submitted by Mimi Godfrey

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, February 26

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 27

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Tetzaveh, Exodus: 27:20 - 30:10

Sisterhood Shabbat at

9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

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

Friday, March 5

6:30 p.m.

Beth El Retreat Weekend

Saturday, March 6

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Kee Tissa, Exodus: 30:11 - 34:35

Jacob Cohn 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, March 12

6:30 p.m.

Gr. 2-3 Shabbat Dinner at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 13

7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

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

David Schraub Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

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

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. On Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and April 14, 21 and 28, when the Saul Bendit Adult Institute meets, the Evening Minyan will be at 8:20 p.m. During the week of your assignment, we would appreciate your attending as many evenings as possible, so that those who are saying Kaddish will have a minyan that they can attend at Beth El.

February 28 - March 4

Garry and Ethel Mayer

Laura Mayer

Betty McDonald

Allan and Miriam Meltzer

Theodore Meltzer

Allan and Shereen Mendelowitz

Paul and Marcia Merlin

David and Carole Metzger

Roy Millenson

Frances Miller

Jay and Lillian Miller

Philip Miller

Mark Milner and Hattie Ulan

Max and Betty Milner

Harvey and Susan Minenberg

Jack and Johanna Minker

Allen and Sima Minton

Daniel Mintz and Ellen Elow-Mintz

Paul and Yvonne Mirengoff

Andrew Mitz and Carol Fried

March 7 - March 11

Jeffrey Moak and Karyl Barron

Greta Coen Moffatt

Jonathan and Debra Morgenstern

Jonathan Morris

Jack and Annette Moshman

Daniel and Carol Moskowitz

Bernard and Toby Moss

Ida Moss

Michael and Judith Muntner

David and Julie Murray

Edith Nash

Twila Nattel

Gary and Annick Nemirovsky

Irwin and Hellaine Nepo

Barry and Karen Neuman

Robert and Beatrice Newell

Judith Newman

Milton and Rhoda Nichaman

Roy Niedermayer and Gail Ross

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Dan and Judy Matz** on the birth of their granddaughter, Nava Avigail Crisp, on January 21, 1999 in Israel. Nava is the daughter of Ather and Sara Crisp.

Mazal Tov to **Judy Cantor Goldman** on the engagement of her son, Captain Daniel Goldman, to Katie Jill Smeltz, M.S.W., of Harrisburg, PA. Dan is an attorney currently serving in the Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps in Korea, and Katie is a Presidential Management Intern at the National Cancer Institute at NIH. The couple plans a fall, 1999 wedding.

Mazal Tov to sixth grader **Ben Friedmann** on his drawing being included in the Washington Jewish Week's contest "How I Connect to Our Jewish Community." The picture, an upraised hand holding a Magen David, was accompanied by Ben's statement, "I reach out and strive to do mitzvot which can bring our community closer together."

Mazal Tov also to fifth grade teacher **Betsy Roth** whose daughter, Madeline, was also a contest winner.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Ida Winston**.

Wanted: Big Kids Who Love Little Kids

Beth El Nursery School Camp is looking for caring, fun-loving junior counselors and volunteers to help make day camp special for pre-schoolers. Junior counselors will work under experienced teachers and must be entering ninth grade or above. Volunteers must be entering eighth grade or above. Staff must be available to work Tuesday through Friday, June 21-July 30. Salary will depend on related experience. For an application, call Ellen Darr at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

WHAT I'LL DO ON MY SUMMER VACATION AT BETH EL NURSERY SCHOOL CAMP

Play in the sunshine. Splash in the water. Sing with my counselor. Make some new friends. Wish the summer would never end.

Beth El Nursery School Camp is a nurturing environment for children ages 3-5. The program runs Tuesdays through Fridays in two sessions between June 22 and July 30. For applications, contact Ellen Darr at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

BENS 1999-2000 Calendar

We are soliciting ads for next year's calendar. If your profession, organization or business is interested in placing an ad, call (301)652-2606, ext. 311 for information.

Our calendar is distributed to the entire congregation, plus walk-in visitors to the main office.

LEARNERS' SERVICE

Our Learners' Service will meet on Saturday, March 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.

Attention Physicians and Others!

Kostroma pensioners spend most of their very limited resources on medicine. We have learned that the medicines listed here (or their equivalents) are "most needed": Accupril; Capoten; Glibenclamid tabl. 1.75, 3.5, 5.0; Inderal; Hep forte; Norvask; Claritin Caposid; Vasotec; Etmosine; Cordarone; Isoptine or Verapamil; DilacorModuretoc; Maxzide; Lasix; Nitro-Dur; Hidergine LC; Condess DM; Tylenol; Micostin cream, ointment; Diabeta; Imodium; Zantac; Zocor; Mevacor; Senecot; Dulcolax; Intal; Congess; Stadol; Timoptic; Cilert; Aerobid; Scleromate; Noroxin; Neg Gram; Cystospaz and Berocca Plus.

If you have pre-expiration date samples, please call Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328 to arrange for a pick-up, or deliver them to the Beth El office.

More than 35 of our physicians responded generously to our last call. Thanks to all of you in advance! Cash contributions for over-the-counter items or food are also very welcome!

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In Memory Of: Frieda Heller; mother-in-law, by Dr. Heinz Bauer.

Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Raymond-Fox by Jack and Stephanie Ventura; Abraham Hochberg, father, by Marilyn Hammerman; Harold Fassberg by Claire Marwick; Isabel Davison by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Florence Schneider's birthday by Bernice and Werner Blumenthal. In Memory Of: Steven Leikin's mother by Dr. and Mrs. Murray Hammerman; Sam Mortin's precious sister, Emma Mortin, by Aaron Ganek and Sam Eckland.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Abraham Lubin, with thanks, by Marta and Bernardo Wassertzug; Patricia Danoff's being named Golda Meir Award recipient by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin. In Memory Of: Grandpa Goldsmith by The Ganek Family; Grandpa Abe Perle by The Ganek Family.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Elsie Prepsler by Mark and Sabina Shalom; Audrey Goldberg by Mark and Sabina Shalom; Our beloved father, Isadore Routhenstein, by Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman; Fred Kolker by Beverly Kolker Friedman; Zvi Scharfstein by Jose and Tova Sokol; Jacob Shalom by Mark and Sabina Shalom.

College Fund

In Memory Of: Abraham Luks, father, by Ellen Eule; Alison Levy Caffin by Linda Orenstein; Motel Hochberg, grandfather, by Marilyn Hammerman.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Our fathers, Julius Schiffman and Sigmund Shapiro, by Carolyn and Sigmund Shapiro; Milton Wittman by Evelyn Wittman, Friedner, Brendel, Peretz and Davida; Joshua Stephen Brown by Josephine E. Horn.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Frances Becker by Sandra and Arthur Becker; Eva Stein, mother of Paula M. Kleine, by Paula and Herman Kleine.

General Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Malcolm R. Fidell by Eugene R. Fidell; Moe Friedel, beloved father, by Sylvia Abraham; Harry Wallerstein by Gloria and Lee Derkay; Abe Perle by Carla and Jonathan Schraub.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Jason Sznol's Bar Mitzvah by the Reynolds Family. In Memory Of: Jane Goldman by Howard and Susan Feibus.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Harold Krongold by Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum, and Linda and David Samuels.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Max Milner's special birthday by Vatikim of Beth El. In Memory Of: Harry E. Weiss by Michael Weiss and Karen Satin; Ida Rosen by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Masorti

In Memory Of: Harold E. Fassberg by Roy and Janet Millenson.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Oscar and Mary Weitzberg becoming great grandparents by Esther and Jack Kranton. In Memory Of: Harry Friedell, father, by Rosalyn Fleisher; Pauline and David Platt by Michael T. Platt; Yvonne Kushner, mother of Delia Lang, by Marvin and Delia Lang; Zelda Berry by Sylvia and Leonard Sheeskin; Harold Fassberg by Esther and Jack Kranton.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Lillian Kessler's Blue Yarmulke Award by Seymour and Shirley Gross. In Memory Of: Luz Perez, mother of Julia Copperman, by Marta and Bernardo Wassertzug; Isadore Routhenstein by Linda, Michael, Ilana and Noah Dzuba; Edward Eckstein by Alan and Corinne Swoff; Isadore Routhenstein by Nathan Routhenstein; Isadore Routhenstein, beloved grandfather, by Karen, Bob, Jeffrey and Daniel Rosenfelt; Harold Gross by Alan and Barri Gross; Isadore Routhenstein by Dorothea and Arnold Lear; Beloved mother by Louis and Helen Rib; H. Robert Greenhouse by Linda Greenhouse; Minnie Levine by Shirley Levine Wasserman; David Sohn, father of Shirley Gross, by Seymour and Shirley Gross; My mother, Jennie Freedman, by Henry Freedman.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: In appreciation of the hospitality of Sonja and David Schultz by Harry and Karen Lipkind.

Perspectives Fund

In Honor Of: Lillian Kessler by Irene Routhenstein and Shirley L. Wasserman; Lillian Kessler by Trudy and Simon Weker. In Memory Of: Sister of Howard Copperman by Trudy and Simon Weker.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Cesaria De Perez, beloved mother, by Lesley Zark; Faye Weiss Simon by Alan Simon; Clara Abramowitz, mother of Burt Abramowitz, by Burt and Georgette Abramowitz; Sarah Fiedelman, mother, by Judith and Dan Matz; Morris A. Rispler, brother, by Minna R. Schneider; Judith Sunshine, mother of Shirley Feldman, by Shirley and Dennis Feldman; Julianne Freiberg by Karl Freiberg.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph by Richard Lieberman, Helene Weisz and Family; Rabbi Rudolph by Richard and Suzanne Chavis. In Memory Of: Albert Lisbona by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schettewi; Paul Goldsmith, father of Linda Goldsmith, by Samuel and Eleanor Frishman; John Caplan and Esther Caplan Morris by Freda and Daniel Segal; Mena Schertzer, mother, by Sylvia Small; Celia Shapiro by Faye F. Amster; William Moss by Ida Moss; Grandmother of Steve Ross by Linda and David Samuels; Father of Mrs. Lesley Bloom by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Band.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Jonathan and Judith Levin by Louis and Helen Rib. In Memory Of: Marvin Elkinson by Marvin and Audrey Griff.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Memory Of: Augusta Krauthammer by Sarah Reiter.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Janet Goldhill being selected as the Torah Fund Award Winner by Phyllis and Steve Solomon.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: David's marriage by Harvey and Dale Gold. In Memory Of: Beloved father, Melvin Wallace, by Karolyn Wallace and John Broder; Paul Goldsmith by Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: My grandsons, Eric, Alan and Jesse, by Eva Baron; Susan Levine and Sam Janney by Rick, Joan and Josh Claxton. In Memory Of: Oscar G. Gildenhorn by Myron and Lenore Lenkin.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Elizabeth Edlitz by Frances Edlitz.

Vatikim

In Memory Of: Brother of Herbert Harvey by Trudy and Simon Weker; Samuel Temkin, father, by Miriam T. Kuskin.

Barbara Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Belle Tucker, mother of Trudy Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker; Isaac Tucker, father of Trudy Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker; Max Weker, father of Simon Weker, by Trudy and Simon Weker.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: Dear friend, Al Maltz, by Sarah Kalsner; Frank Gittleson by Harriet and Melvin Gravitz; Joseph M. Hertzberg by Hyman J. Zimmerman; Kathrin Jewel Zimmerman by Hyman J. Zimmerman.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel J. Rosen, Sara Rosen Kaufman, and Leila Rosen Young by Ina and Joe Young.

*Baruch Dayan
Emet*

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Vera Fassberg** and **Linda Fassberg** on the death of Harold Fassberg, husband and father; to **Andy Schissler** and **Stephanie Schissler** on the death of their grandfather, Jules Sternberg; to **Sabina Lozovsky** on the death of her father, Ezra Maryamov; and to **Joseph Bleiberg** on the death of his mother, Lea Bleiberg.

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!

Today Rabah to Joe and Dana Kromash for sponsoring the Nitzanim kiddush on February 13 in honor of the fifth birthday of their daughter, Rachele Kromash.

Keruv

Come join us for the next Keruv activity. Dick and Betty Drachman will host a dairy pot luck Shabbat dinner on March 12 at their home, 9311 West Parkhill Drive, Bethesda, at 6:30 p.m. Please call Joan Claxton, (301) 320-9283, to RSVP.

Keruv welcomes your questions, comments and concerns about intermarriage, conversion and living in an interfaith family. These types of questions often arise during life cycle events. We have all types of families and have experience that may be able to help you deal with your particular situation. Call Joan Claxton or leave a message in 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).

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, March 6 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. **Jack Kranton** 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.

Save this Date

April 24, 1999

'Rock with the Docs' Sock Hop

What: Dine and Dance to classic Rock & Roll Bands
Where: Landon School Gymnasium
When: 8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
Sponsor: All Montgomery County Hospitals



Proceeds to benefit Project Access
a unique network of contributing health providers
offering discount care to the low income uninsured
of Montgomery County (a project of the
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.)
Tickets \$75 - Order Now (#301-921-4300)

DO AN EASY MITZVAH!

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

Save the Date!

The annual Hoops for Hunger basketball game to benefit MAZON will be held Sunday evening, March 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, 1901 East Jefferson Street, Rockville. Beth El will play the team from Adat Shalom. MAZON pledge sheets will be distributed at Purim services on Monday, March 1.

From the Desk of Rachel D. Sternberg, Youth Director

BONIM (KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADERS)

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

Passover University, Sunday, March 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Join your Bonim friends and other Beth El youth for an afternoon of learning all about Passover. Play Passover Jeopardy, make arts and crafts projects and cook Passover goodies. Then sit down and enjoy a Passover Puppet show with Lion Tales Puppet Theater. **For more information or to RSVP, call Carrie at the Hotline.**

MACHAR (3RD-5TH GRADERS)

Advisors: Darrin Gerson and Andrea Goldstein
Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 341

Passover University, Sunday, March 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Join your fellow Macharnicks and other Beth El youth for an afternoon of learning all about Passover. Play Passover Jeopardy, make arts and crafts projects and cook Passover goodies. Then sit down and enjoy either a Passover Puppet show with Lion Tales Puppet Theater or a Chocolate Seder. **For more information or to RSVP, call the Hotline.**

Save the date!!! Machar is going to the Baltimore Aquarium on March 28!! More information to come!!

KADIMA (6TH-8TH GRADERS)

Advisor: Jane-Rachel Sanow
Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 340

Kadima Face Painting Booth at the Purim Carnival, February 28, 12-3 p.m.
Volunteer at the Kadima Booth at the Purim Carnival. Have fun painting faces, including your own, and earn dollars for Tzedakah at the same time. To sign up, please call Jane-Rachel at the Hotline.

Passover University, Sunday, March 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Join Kadima and other Beth El youth for an afternoon of learning all about Passover. Play Passover Jeopardy, make arts and crafts projects and cook Passover goodies. Then sit down and enjoy a Chocolate Seder. **For more information, or to RSVP call the Hotline.**

Wanted: 8th Graders to come help USY at the Passover University. Call the Hotline to volunteer!!

Save the date!!! Kadima is going to the Baltimore Aquarium on March 28!! More information to come!!

USY (9TH-12TH GRADERS)

Advisor: Rachel Sternberg
Hotline: (301) 652-2606 ext. 308

USY Silent Auction at the Purim Carnival, Sunday, February 28, 12-3 p.m.
Help USY raise dollars for Tikkun Olam by volunteering at the USY Silent Auction. Bids will be taken at the Carnival and winners will be announced at the end. To volunteer or to get more information, call Rachel at the Hotline.

Manor Care Shabbat, Friday, March 5, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Earn community service hours and do a Mitzvah by providing a Shabbat Service for elderly persons living in an assisted living facility. To RSVP, call Rachel at the Hotline.

Passover University, Sunday, March 7, 11:30-3:30 p.m. (come for all or part!!)
From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., USY will raise funds for Tzedakah by volunteering to Kasher the cars of Beth El members!! Then USY is putting on Passover Jeopardy and a Chocolate Seder for the younger attendees of the Passover University. If you are interested in helping out during any of the activities on this day or if you just want to come and hang out with your USY friends, then call Rachel at the Hotline to RSVP.

The Youth Department is looking for a person to instruct a CPR course here at Beth El. If you are interested in helping out, please call Rachel at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

Bad News, Good News

Beth El Nursery School is currently missing its video camera. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please contact Ellen Darr at (301) 652-2606, ext. 311.

*The Nursery School, Religious School and congregation thanks **Peter and Debra Friedmann** for their timely donation of a video camera and accessories.*

Sisterhood News

Dear Sisterhood

Much has happened in the past month. As of February 1, Sisterhood has an voicemail extension at Beth El, ext. 333. You now can call the synagogue to find out about current Sisterhood programs. We will still announce all programs in the Scroll.

Even more exciting than our message center is our reestablishing a policy of providing comfort to Beth El families in times of need. The following is a letter every member of Sisterhood will be receiving which outlines our policy.

Dear Member:

Sisterhood is a community of caring women. One way we can show our concern for each other is during times of need, especially in times of bereavement. None of us will be untouched. Therefore, we hope every member of Sisterhood can be a part of this project. We have divided the membership in groups so that each of us will be on call for one month a year. During this month you may be called upon to pick up a prepared Shabbat dinner from Beth El and deliver it to a fellow Sisterhood member. If a member sat shivah out of town, we will deliver a Shabbat meal to her home the first Friday following her return.

We would also like to provide support to families in times of other crises, such as extended illness. If you are interested in preparing a meal for these families along with other Sisterhood members in the kitchen at Beth El, or, if you keep kosher and prefer to cook at home, please phone Beth El at (301) 652-2606, ext. 333 and leave a message at our Sisterhood Message Center.

In addition, as part of your month on call, you may be asked to participate in a minyan during the week of shivah at a Sisterhood member's home. If it is not possible for you to participate this year, we hope you can help in the future. We thank you.

The Caring Committee; Bernice Blumenthal, Janice Liebowitz, Gail Ross, Esther Wilner, Mimi Tygier and Julia Copperman

We have already delivered our first Shabbat dinners to bereaved families, and they are most appreciative.

Upcoming events include our Women's Seder on March 21. Again this year, Deborah Rosenbloom, Gail Fribush and Julie Maltzman will be leading us in the service. Barbara Friedman and Marcia Kalman are chairing preparation of the festival meal. New this year, I affirm we will have music. No, we will make music! Again each of us will speak. This event seems to

bring to all who attend a heightened sense of Sisterhood, truly finding ourselves sisters for an evening. There will be a fee for this event. Please call our Sisterhood Message Center now to reserve space.

March 14 is Women's League Torah Fund Day. This day is set aside to honor contributors to Torah Fund. If you would like to find out more about these events, please contact Marilyn Wind at (301) 530-6726.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Joan

Women's Health Seminar Back by Popular Demand

The Sisterhood Women's Health Seminar will be back again this year at Beth El on Sunday, April 25 from noon to 4 p.m. Speakers from the community and our congregation will present information to help you make good decisions about your health. Plan to come and hear about new research findings, eat a healthy lunch, undergo health screening, pick up literature, participate in exercise sessions, and much more.

All members and their guests (women and men) are welcome. Watch the Scroll for more details. Have questions now? Contact Michele Herman at (301) 718-8710, Pat Danoff at (301) 365-1180, or Mimi Tygier at (301) 652-8211.

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
- Date: 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
- No reservation is needed.

MEN'S CLUB

Kids! Don't miss the annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, February 28! Tickets are on sale at the door. Games, food and prizes await!

If you are not a member, please consider joining the Men's Club. We need you! For membership information, please contact Bernie Rod, (301) 299-8362.

Sunday Breakfast Programs are at 10 a.m., following the lox and bagels breakfast at 9:30. All congregants are welcome! Check the Men's Club poster in the Rotunda for updated details.

Upcoming Events

February 28

March 7

March 14

March 21

Purim Carnival

Symposium on Social Security

Harry Lipkind, "The Future of the Computer"

Cary Feldman, "The Office of the Independent Counsel"

Estelle Kimball Memorial Lecture

at

Beth El Nursery School
8215 Old Georgetown Rd. Bethesda
on

Tuesday, March 16, 1999
7:30 pm - All Purpose Room

with

Daniel Shapiro, MD
Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
will speak on

**"Managing Children's
Aggression"**

**Please join us for this educational and
informative program**
RSVP 301-652-2606X311



A group photo
of Beth El 's
Israel Trip led by
Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman,
August, 1998

The complete Passover Guidelines and
schedule of services will appear in the next
two issues of the Scroll.

CONGREGATION SEDER

The Congregation Seder will be held on Thursday
evening, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

I/We would like to make the following reservations:

_____ Adults @ \$28	_____ Total \$
_____ Non-member Adults @ \$32	_____ Total \$
_____ Children 7-12 @ \$15	_____ Total \$
_____ Children 2-6 @ \$8	_____ Total \$
_____ Children under 2	No Charge
_____ Grand Total \$	

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

I/We would like to be seated with:

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

_____ Yes! I would like to be seated at a
Vatikkim table.

Price includes contribution to Mazon

Reservations must be accompanied by a check and
sent to: Beth El, Attn: Seder

Reservations are limited and due by Monday,
March 22, 1999 or the first 250 people,
whichever comes first.

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Vatikkim Luncheon

After a difficult January, we look forward to resuming our
monthly Vatikkim luncheons beginning March 18. For
those of us who do not drive, getting from here to there
can be a major problem. What Montgomery County
needs is more and better public transportation. Fellow
Beth El member, **Ben Ross**, represents the Action
Committee for Transit, a group of spirited citizens that
promotes the extension and use of mass transit. Come
and hear Mr. Ross tell us about Light Rail, new and
improved bus routes, and other exciting ideas to make life
easier.

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1 p.m.
The cost for members is \$7.00; non-member cost is
\$8.00. 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.

VATIKKIM LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, March 18, 1998

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim
luncheon.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please have your response reach us by March 16. No
reservations will be accepted after this date.

DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL SECURITY

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 will soon have a chance:

On **March 7th, beginning at 10:00 A.M.**, the Congregation Beth El Men's Club, through the support of the Americans Discuss Social Security 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.

The discussion leader will be **Dr. Warren Greenberg**.

Results of our 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.

For information contact the **Men's Club** at (301) 652-2606, ext. 332.

SAUL BENDIT ADULT INSTITUTE

SPRING 1999

Six Wednesday Evenings, March 10, 17, and 24 and April 14, 21, and 28

(No classes March 31 and April 7)

7:30 to 8:20 p.m.

Ten Commandments: Meaning for Our Time	Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
Encounter with Judaism: Basic Beliefs	Rabbi William Rudolph
Jewish Music and Its Foreign Influences	Hazzan Abraham Lubin
The Greatest Jews of Their Time	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
The Concept of Love in Judaism	Dr. Saul Rogolsky
Jews in American Politics	Dr. David Dalin and Julian Spirer

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

8:40 to 9:30 p.m.

Decision 99: Perspectives on the Israeli Elections	Dr. Colin Winston and guests
Why Do We Do What We Do?	Rabbi William Rudolph
Twentieth Century Jewish Philosophers	Rabbi Harold White
Sodom and Gomorrah	Norman Shore
Jewish Poetry: Pearls of the Twentieth Century	Michlean Amir

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Hebrew Prayerbook Reading Beyond the Basics	Cheryl Kreiser
The Basics of Conversational Hebrew	Yael Greenberg

Six Tuesday Mornings, March 9, 16, and 23 and April 13, 20, and 27

(No classes March 30 and April 6)

8:10 to 9:00 a.m.

A Taste of Talmud	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
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9:00 to 9:55 a.m.

Reading Hebrew with Ease	Betsy Roth
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10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

Ten Commandments: Meaning for Our Time	Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
Encounter with Judaism: Basic Beliefs	Rabbi William Rudolph
The Greatest Jews of Their Time	Rabbi Samuel Scolnic

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

11:10 to Noon

Why Do We Do What We Do?	Rabbi William Rudolph
Jewish Music and Its Foreign Influences	Hazzan Abraham Lubin

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

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CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
					26	27
					5:39 p.m. Candles	7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services
					6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service	9:15 a.m. Sisterhood Shabbat
						10 a.m. Jr. Congregation
						10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Purim Carnival Set-Up - SH, BR, MR 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood Board Mtg. - Chapel 12-3 p.m. Purim Carnival - SH, BR, MR, APR	Fast of Esther Religious School Closed 12-1:15 p.m. Sp. Support Gr. for Health Care Professionals - BR 6:30 p.m. Bit o' Megillah - Sanctuary 7:30 p.m. More Megillah - Sanctuary 8:30 p.m. The Whole Megillah - Chapel	Purim No BENS 9 a.m. PACT Conference - SH 6 p.m. Take 30 - BR 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7 p.m. Take 30 - APR	6:45 p.m. Hebrew Class - Room 201 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR	12 p.m. Vatikim - SH 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH	5:47 p.m. Candles 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service Retreat Weekend	7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Jacob Cohn Bar Mitzvah 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10 a.m. Worship and Study Minyan - APR
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Men's Club - SH 1:30-3:30 Passover University - Sanctuary, Chapel, SH, APR, BR	12-1:15 p.m. Sp. Support Gr. for Health Care Professionals - BR 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - APR	10 a.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute 6:30 p.m. Aerobics 7:30 p.m. Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR 7:45 p.m. BENS Bd. Mtg. - APR-B	9 a.m. PACT Conference Snow Date - SH 3:45 p.m. Schraub B/M Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:45 p.m. Hebrew Class - Room 201 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR 7:30 p.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute	12 p.m. Vatikim - SH 4-6 p.m. Schraub Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7 p.m. AMI Mtg. - APR	5:54 p.m. Candles 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 7 p.m. Grade 2-3 Shabbat Dinner - SH	7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. David Schraub Bar Mitzvah 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR 5:30 p.m. Nitzanim Havdallah Dinner - APR 7:30 p.m. Pfeffer/Casson Wedding - Sanctuary

MINYANIM 7:30 AM AND 8 PM

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