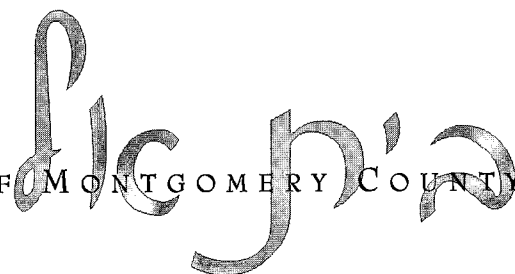


Nursery School Director Ellen Darr Resigns

After fifteen years of unwavering leadership, Ellen Darr, the director of Beth El Nursery School, has submitted her resignation effective June 30, 1999. Her leaving creates a great void in our community, and it is with deep sadness that we say goodbye to her. Ellen has lead Beth El Nursery School (BENS) with a steady hand and a warm heart. Her door was open, her words were encouraging and her advice was wise. The reputation of our school, the long tenure of our teachers and aides, and, perhaps most of all, the

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CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Off the Bimah

It is now possible to obtain the entire spectrum of classic Jewish literature on one CD ROM. Called "Judaic Classics Library," the disk contains everything from the Tanach to the Talmud to the Codes to the Responsa literature, all in the original Hebrew or Aramaic. Centuries upon centuries of textual material in one hand-held disk! It's truly mindboggling.

I recently took a moment and called up on my screen every reference to a "communal leader" found in the written tradition. One particular passage screamed out at me as I thought about recent events in our nation's capital: Rabbi Yohanan said in the name of Rabbi Shimon B. Yehoyatzedek: One should not appoint any communal leader who does not carry a basket of reptiles on his back (eleh im keyn kupah shel shratzim t'luya lo mei-ahorav), so that if he becomes arrogant, one can say to him: Turn around! (Yoma 22b)

Like the best texts in our tradition, the meaning of this charge is all too clear.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

New Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Starting

There will be a meeting for all those who are interested in participating in the next Adult B'nai Mitzvah program on Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room.

If you have questions, please contact
Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
at (301) 652-2606, ext. 319.



Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, March 19

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.
Vayikra, Leviticus: 1:1 -
5:26
Jacob Raim Bar Mitzvah at
9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.
Learners' Minyan at 10 a.m.
in the APR
Gan Shabbat at 10:30
a.m. in the MR
USY Shabbat at 12 p.m. in
the BR

Friday, March 26

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat HaGadol
Tzav, Leviticus: 6:1 - 8:36
Joshua Schmand 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 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.

March 14 - March 18

Peter and Diane Novick
Richard and Varda Nowitz
Gregory and Yelena Nusinovich
Bette Nussbaum
Robert and Rosine Nussenblatt
Phillip Ochs and Sheila Cohen
Samuel and Debra Olchyk
Gertrude Oliner
Stephen and Joyce Oliner
Alan and Linda Orenstein
Max Osias
Jerry Ostrov and Bobbie Baruch
Lucy Ozarin
Mark and Rina Palchick
Jacob and Diana Pankowski
Raymond Paretzky and Karen Zacharia
Alan and Sharon Parver
Harold and Gaye Passes
Irving and Hamaline Peltz
Joseph Pelzman

March 21 - March 25

David and Janet Perim
George and Elaine Perlman
Irwin and Carol Pernick
Jerry Pfeffer and Andrea Casson
Elaine Pines
Anthony and Marion Pitch
Shirlene Platshon
Michael and Judy Platt
Mitchell and Erica Plave
Saul and Elizabeth Pleeter
Milton Pochter
Michael Polis and Rhoda Barish
Mark Pollak and Janet Meyers
Richard and Sandra Pollen
Joel and Betsy Popkin
Arthur and Helen Popper
Zvi and Bunny Porath
Robert and Linda Posilkin
Marcia Possick
Michael and Adeen Postar

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Erwin and Leena Groner** on the birth of their grandson, R. Jacob Hulit, on January 26, 1999 in Cherry Hill, NJ. R. Jacob's parents are Richard Hulit and Felicia Groner Hulit.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Clare Lerner**.

Beth El members **Sylvia and Albert Small** have just produced a new book, A Treasury of Yiddish-American Cartoon Humor. Reproducing cartoons published early in the 20th century by the then-flourishing Yiddish press, the book includes the original Yiddish captions, transliterations and translations, glossaries, grammar helps, and an introduction for even "non-mavens." The book is available at the Sisterhood Judaica Shop for \$19.95 per copy.

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.



Ahavat Shir Calls for Singers

Attention all people who love to sing! Beth El's Ahavat Shir, led by Hazzan Lubin, is planning an exciting spring program on Sunday, May 2, sponsored by the Men's Club. The Hazzan and the Choir will present "The World of Jewish Music: Its Ubiquity and Diversity." Join us as we musically explore the influences of various ethnic Jewish groups and styles, from Ladino to Yiddish and from secular to the liturgical. We welcome all voices and ages who can commit to five rehearsals on Sunday mornings, March 14 and 21 and April 4, 11 and 25. Please contact Sheila Smallberg Cohen, (301) 652-0237, or Selma Kriss in the synagogue office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 302, if you are interested or would like more information.

LEARNERS' SERVICE

Our Learners' Service will meet on Saturday, March 20 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. We then join the congregation for kiddush. The service, conducted by Rabbi Rudolph, is designed for the novice worshipper. It moves slowly. It is very hands-on in orientation, from how to put on the talit, to knowing when to bow, to practicing how to have an aliyah. There is also a focus each time on a different major portion of the service. Questions and discussions are very much encouraged. No registration or advance sign-up required. Contact Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318, for more information.

Darr Resigns (Cont. from P. 1)

adoration and respect of our children for their "diwector," testify to the imprint Ellen has made upon a generation of parents and their offspring.

Ellen joined BENS in 1984, teaching 3 year olds 4 days a week, and being the Director one day a week. The nursery school had 40 children enrolled that year. Her office consisted of a desk, a file cabinet and a telephone in the corner of her classroom. Space was tight then, so her phone was often kept inside the file cabinet! We can thank Judy Goldman and Cindy Simon (of blessed memory) who sat on the hiring committee with others and brought Ellen to us.

Ellen saw the nursery school through its greatest challenge when the synagogue was being renovated and BENS moved out for two years starting in 1985. The nursery school spent the first year at Rocking Horse School in Rockville. Then it had to move again, and this time the school was split into two locations: Ayrlawn school housed our 3 and 4 year olds and Magen David Congregation housed our 2 year olds. Ellen spent that year going back and forth between the two locations, overseeing our growing nursery school. Much to everyone's relief, the nursery school moved back to Beth El in the spring of 1987. Starting in the fall of 1988, after five years of teaching, Ellen became our full time Director.

Ellen has watched the school grow from 40 students on her first day here, to 112 students this year. Many of her first families have a long affiliation with our congregation, and Ellen has had the pleasure to watch those delightful two's, three's and four's become mature and confident young adults.

The Talmud says that "She whose deeds exceed her wisdom is like a tree whose branches are few but whose roots are many." We are confident that all of us will continue to draw wisdom from these roots as Ellen goes from "strength to strength."

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Beth El Forest

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Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Refuah Shlema to Rocky Lang by Erwin and Leena Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Judy and Dan Matz' first grandchild, Nava Avigail, by Sandy and Arthur Becker; Birthday of Gail Ross by Janet and Steve Goldhill. In Memory Of: Ezra Mariamov by Daniel and Elaine Mann.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Beatrice Chernin by Jerry and Fay Chernin.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Meyer Zuravin by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Harold Fassberg by Robert and Michele Lieban Levine; Martin Weiss by Rita and Irv Weiss; Cecelia Brown by Rita and Irv Weiss.

Masorti

In Honor Of: Pat Danoff by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Janet Goldhill by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Lil Kessler by Hugh and Ruth Sickel. In Memory Of: Estelle Berger Rubin, mother-in-law, by Audrey Berger; Luz Perez, mother of Julia Copperman, by Hugh and Ruth Sickel; Harold Fassberg by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Morris Moshman by Jack and Annette Moshman.

Mazon

In Memory Of: Abe Kessler by Ellen Eule; Nat Miller by Robert and Diane Coplan; Harold Fassberg by Leslie, Joel, Morley and Leah Silver.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved grandmother, Minnie Levine, by Susan Levinson; Lea Bleiberg by Sara Greenbaum and Darryl Sherman.

Morning Minyan Fund

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Music Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin's fine programs by Clare S. Lerner. In Memory Of: Mary L. Silverberg by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Silverberg.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Rachelle Kromash's 5th birthday by Joe and Dana Kromash.

Perspectives Fund

In Honor Of: Marilyn Kweller for a speedy recovery by Evelyn and Ronald Treinish. In Memory Of: Professor Jordan A. Schwarz, beloved son-in-law, by Frances H. Leibowitz; My beloved father, Nathan Hindin, by Frances H. Leibowitz.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Hilda de Sapoznikow by Jorge Sapoznikow; Harold Fassberg, beloved husband, father and grandfather, by Lillian Kessler; Beloved father, Max Newell, by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Newell; Julius Weisberg by Stuart and Elizabeth Weisberg; Sylvia Silberzan by Frances Edlitz; Edward Edlitz by Frances Edlitz; Beloved mother, Rose Newell, by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Newell; Dear brother, Jacob K. Newell, by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Newell.

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Rabbi's Fund

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School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Brigid G. Leventhal by Carl M. Leventhal; Audrey B. Green by Mollyann March.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Memory Of: Khava S. Mazo by Marina Ginderov.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Memory Of: Harold Fassberg, husband of Vera Fassberg by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Judy and Dan Matz becoming grandparents of Nava Avigail by Ellen and Norman Eule. In Memory Of: Robert Sachs by Sara Greenbaum and Darryl Sherman; Dora Oling, mother, by Gloria O. Frank; Linda Perle's father by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Stanley Cohen by Kenneth M. Berman.

Barbara Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Harold Fassberg by Seymour D. Wolf.

World Jewry

Mrs. Lenore Swardlow. In Honor Of: Jennifer Hecht's engagement by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim; Lillian Kessler receiving the Blue Yarmulke Award by Vatikkim of Beth El; Mindy Kalman's Bat Mitzvah by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim; Birth of a granddaughter to Dan and Judy Matz by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim; Refuah Shalemah to Ida Winston by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim. In Memory Of: Al Fox's brother by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim; Lewis Millenson by Roy Millenson; My father, Julius Kaplan, by Rosalie M. Sporn; Linda Perle's father by Ben and Suzanne Bronheim.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Howard Sachs** on the death of his brother, Robert Sachs; to **Andrew Schissler** and **Stephanie Schissler** on the death of their grandmother, Susan Sternberg; to **David Brooks** on the death of his sister, Sarah Blumberg; to **Evyvan Koenig** on the death of her grandmother, Florence Horowitz; to **Judith Lessin** on the death of her father; to **Michele Lieban Levine** on the death of her stepfather, Stephen Samuel Kalmar; to **Jerome Holiber** on the death of his wife, Caryl Holiber; to **Ashley German** and **Michelle German** on the death of their grandmother, Harriet C. German; and to **Suzanne Rosenblatt** on the death of her mother, Jean Trevas.

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!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Upper School Intersession

For the past five years, we have offered a special Upper School semester called Intersession. For the month of January, students are given the opportunity to take unique mini-courses for each of the two hours of our Tuesday night session. Intersession, not entirely coincidentally, coincides with exam time in most of the area's high schools. In its original conception, Intersession would provide an opportunity for congregants with special knowledge, an interest in teaching in the school, and limited time to commit to teach in the school. This year saw the most involvement of congregants with Stan Judkowitz teaching "A Bissele Yiddish, Annette Abrams and Barbara Mandel leading the Arts and Crafts Workshop, and Edith Sievers, Paola Bolasny and local Kosher pastry chef Paula Schoyer of Paula's Pastries teaching a third session of the Jewish Cooking class, and guest speakers for the Jewish Political Activism: 60's Style for the 90's class: Bert King (on anti-war activism) and Gail Ross (on the civil rights movement). Other classes included Jewish Humor, a perennial favorite taught by Sheldon Novek; Middle Eastern Dance Culture, another favorite presented by Betsy Roth; Tough Jews: Jews and Violence, taught by Liessa Demba; Jews, Blues and Rock and Roll, taught by Ellen Swoff; and The Five Scrolls, taught by Marlene Sandberg. Congregants interested in proposing and presenting courses next year should contact Louis Nagel in the Religious School office, (301) 652-2606, ext. 310.

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, April 3 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.

DO AN EASY MITZYAH!

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.

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).

WORLD JEWRY CORNER

Russian Rates of Aliyah Expected to Rise

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), which monitors immigration rates in Israel, predicts a coming jump in applications from the former Soviet Union. According to a recent press release, JAFI announced that in recent months, the numbers of "olim" from Russia had increased by 49%, compared to the same period last year. Between December, 1998 and January, 1999, 3,319 Russian immigrants arrived in Israel, versus 2,224 in the same period in 1997-1998. JAFI cautions that rates of emigration from Russia and other former Soviet territories are likely to continue to fluctuate in response to changing economic conditions as well as to conditions in Israel. JAFI attributes the current increase not only to Russia's shaky economy, but to JAFI's own stepped-up outreach programs in Russia, which have provided information on emigration, Hebrew language study, and camp experiences for Russian youth. While it has declined in recent years, the rate of Russian immigration remains significant: in 1998, according to Israel's own Central Bureau of Statistics, about 80% of the 57,000 new immigrants came from the former Soviet Union. Source: The Jewish Agency for Israel; Israel Wire. Submitted by Mimi Godfrey

Schedule of Passover Services

Wednesday, March 31

Erev Passover
1st Seder
7:15 a.m. Fast of the Firstborn and Siyyum
1 p.m. Offices Close
6:30 p.m. Festival Service

Thursday, April 1

1st Day Passover
2nd Seder
Schools and Offices Closed
9:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Festival Services
7 p.m. Congregation Seder

Friday, April 2

2nd Day Passover
Offices and Schools Closed
9:15 a.m. Festival Service
6:14 p.m. Candles
6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 3

3rd Day Passover
7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services
9:15 a.m. Initiation of New Torah Readers

Tuesday, April 6

6th Day Passover
Offices Closed at 3 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Festival Service

Wednesday, April 7

7th Day Passover
Offices and Schools Closed
9:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Festival Services

Thursday, April 8

8th Day Passover
Offices and Schools Closed
7 & 9:15 a.m. Festival Services (Yizkor at both services)

SPECIAL PESACH INFORMATION

Memo From The Rabbi

The following Pesach guidelines have been made available through the Conservative Movement. It is an incomplete list but helpful nonetheless. Please feel free to call on me with any individual questions and be sure to fill out the form to sell your chametz. I will conduct the "Mechirat Chametz" on Wednesday, March 31, 1999 after the Siyyum. Have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and congregation.

Pesach (Passover) Guidelines

Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Pesach falls on Wednesday, March 31 through Thursday, April 8. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration.

A Pesach home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz or leaven in preparation for the welcoming of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of Chametz or leaven throughout the Pesach days, both at home and when away.

The term Chametz or leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

Foods During Pesach

1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dried peas and dried beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category.

2. Permitted Foods

A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label - The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes

also require no supervision.

B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Pesach use are permitted also in their frozen state.

C. If Certified for Pesach Use by Rabbinical Authority - Matzot, matzo flour, Pesach noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear rabbinical signature.

Dishes and Utensils

1. Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions:

A. Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Pesach if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

B. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

C. Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Pesach.

2. Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.

3. The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.

4. A dishwashing machine may be used for Pesach after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through a cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.

5. Microwave ovens are made kosher for Pesach by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.

6. Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over them. Some authorities call for a sink liner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Pesach Yizkor Book Listing

Our Pesach Yizkor Book will be available on April 8, 1999.

Please complete and mail the form below without delay. Please PRINT or TYPE the form to avoid errors.

I/We are enclosing a contribution to Congregation Beth El of \$

Please check one:

I/We would like to use the same listing(s) from the 1998 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book.

I/We did not have a listing in the 1998 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book. Please include the names listed below in the Pesach Yizkor Book.

I/We had a listing in the 1998 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book and would like to have that listing plus the following names:

IN MEMORY OF:

REMEMBERED BY:

NAME:

PHONE:

Please return this form by Monday, March 22.

CONGREGATION SEDER

The Congregation Seder, conducted by Rabbi William Rudolph, 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 @ \$26 _____ Total \$ _____

Non-member Adults @ \$32 _____ Total \$ _____

Children 7-12 @ \$15 _____ Total \$ _____

Children 2-6 @ \$8 _____ Total \$ _____

Children under 2 _____ No Charge

Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Address _____

I/We would like to be seated with: _____

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

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

Price includes contribution to Mazon
Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to: Beth El, Attn: Seder
Reservations are limited and due by Monday, March 22, 1999 or the first 250 people, whichever comes first.
No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Selling of the Chametz

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in your home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of Mechirat Chametz, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Maltzman sell your chametz, please mail in the following form by March 31, 1999 or drop it off in the Rabbi's office.

Volunteers Needed to Host Russian and Iranian Jewish Newcomers for Passover Seders

The Community Resettlement Program (CRP) of UJA Federation of Greater Washington needs families and individuals to host newly-arrived Russian and Iranian Jewish families or individuals for the first and/or second Passover seder(s) on Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday,

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New Torah Readers to be Initiated on Shabbat, Chol Hamoed Passover, April 3, 1999

Members of Hazzan Lubin's Torah Cantillation Class will be initiated as new Torah readers at the Shabbat morning service on Chol Hamoed Passover, April 18, 1998.

The following students will read a Torah portion: Janet Getz, Paul Merlin, Rhoda Nichaman, Donna Saady and Colin Winston. You are invited to attend this service and congratulate our new Torah readers on their achievements.

Siyyum For The First Born

The Annual Siyyum for the First Born Child will be held on Wednesday, March 31 at 7:15 a.m. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session with the Rabbi and a special breakfast honoring our first born children will follow.

Our thanks to Faye and Sy Wolf, who are sponsoring the Siyyum in memory of Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, Abraham and Dora Wolf, Dan Rosen and Molly and Irving Weinstein.

I,, hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman to sell my chametz before Passover, March 31, 1999 according to Jewish law.

Signature

Address

..... I enclose a donation for "Maot Chittim," feeding the hungry. Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth El.

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.

From the Desk of Rachel D. Sternberg, Youth Director

Bonim (Kindergarten-2nd Graders)

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

Gan Shabbat, Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. in the downstairs Meeting Room

Join your Bonim friends at Gan Shabbat!!

Machar (3rd-5th Graders)

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

Baltimore Aquarium Trip with Ohr Kodesh, Sunday, March 28, 12:45-5:45 p.m.

Join Kadima and Machar members from Beth El and Ohr Kodesh for an exciting and fun afternoon at the Aquarium. There is no Religious School this Sunday, so don't worry!! Cost is \$8 for members, \$12 for non-members. Cost includes ticket, transportation and snacks. RSVP with the Permission Slip in the Youth Bulletin by March 22. Questions? Call the Hotline!

Kadima (6th-8th Graders)

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

Baltimore Aquarium Trip with Ohr Kodesh, Sunday, March 28, 12:45-5:45 p.m.

Join Kadima members from Beth El and Ohr Kodesh for an exciting and fun afternoon at the Aquarium. There is no Religious School this Sunday, so don't worry!! Cost is \$8 for members, \$12 for non-members. Cost includes ticket, transportation and snacks. RSVP with the Permission Slip in the Youth Bulletin by March 22. Questions? Call the Hotline!

Israel Quest Event: Comedy at the Improv, Sunday, March 28

Have you joined Israel Quest??? Well, now is your chance to join and earn dollars to go to Israel. This is the first event for 8th graders. Come see what it is all about. For more information about Israel Quest, call Rachel at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308.

USY (9th-12th Graders)

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

Be Cool, Play Pool with Beth El and Adas Israel USY, Sunday, March 14, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Join USY for an afternoon of pool, schmoozing and snacks at Champions Billiards in Rockville. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. Drop off and pick up at Champions!! RSVP or questions to the Hotline!!

Seaboard Region USY Formal, Saturday, March 20, 8:30-11 p.m. at B'nai Tzedek

Dance the night away at the USY formal. Advance purchase is \$15 per ticket or \$25 for two. At the door cost is \$18 per ticket and \$30 for two. The formal is only open to paid USY members. Tickets must be purchased through Seaboard Region, not through Beth El. Call the Hotline for more information.

Come cheer for the Beth El USY Basketball Team

Sunday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. at the JDS Upper Gym and Sunday, March 21, 5 p.m. at the JDS Lower Gym.

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.

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.

Sisterhood News

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.

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) 299-8362. Interested in softball? Contact Roy Niedermayer at (301) 229-7005. 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

March 14

Harry Lipkind, "The Future of the Computer"

March 21

Cary Feldman, "The Office of the Independent Counsel"

March 28

Quarterly Board Mtg. Join us to hear about the future of the Men's Club.

Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed for Meals-on-Wheels Program

The Jewish Social Service Agency urgently needs volunteers to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to frail, homebound elders. Volunteers pick up the meals at the Hebrew Academy in Silver Spring in the morning, and then deliver them to elders in Montgomery County and Northwest Washington.

Groups, such as Sisterhoods, Men's Clubs, PTA's, play groups, neighborhoods and organizational chapters can take responsibility for a weekly route, and rotate driving among their members. If, for example, you volunteer with three friends to deliver meals on Tuesdays, each volunteer would drive once a month.

There is no minimum time commitment for volunteer drivers. Mileage expense reimbursement is available. For further information or to volunteer, call Marilyn Polon at JSSA, (301) 816-2638.

Volunteers Needed... (Continued from page 7)

April 1. Due to the steady stream of newcomers able to emigrate to our area, the need for volunteers continues.

For the past several years, hundreds of families from Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia have responded to the need for volunteers by opening their hearts, their homes and their Passover seders to newly-arrived immigrants. These families represent a mere fraction of the thousands of people who continually donate their time and money to newcomer resettlement. According to Geri Elias, Director, Community Resettlement Program at UJA Federation, "the outpouring of support from the Jewish community is astounding — more than anyone could have imagined. I'm confident that community support will continue to be strong and we will match or exceed this year's volunteer needs."

Passover celebrates the Exodus of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and is called "the season of our liberation." The seder symbolizes unity among all generations of Jewish people. It is especially poignant to recently arrived emigres. For them, the seder reflects a personal celebration of their modern day Exodus to freedom.

To extend a Passover invitation or for more information, please call Geri Elias at (301) 230-7200.

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.