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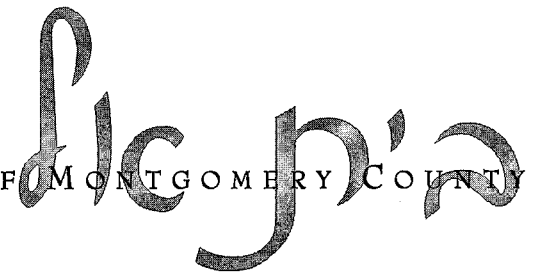
## First Community Torah Institute a Success!

With almost 400 people in attendance, more than one third non-members of Beth El, and with a stimulating look at the Torah's perplexing moral tales that flowed from the three plenary speeches to individual breakout text study sessions that filled the building with the sounds of Torah, our first Community Torah Institute was successful almost beyond our hopes. Plans are underway for making this a permanent part of the Beth El program landscape.

A project like this takes a particular kind of dedication, not

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CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



### ***Bit o' Megillah Purimschpiel***

*Todah Rabah to Emily Eckland, Rachel Fersh, Joey Friedmann and Carolyn Webber. Led by the spirited USY Advisor and Youth Director Rachel Sternberg as Haman, these four volunteered to act out the purimschpiel for the younger families at the Bit o' Megillah service. All four are graduates of Beth El Nursery School who, as high schoolers, have become active in USY. They exemplify what we hope for in the youth of Congregation Beth El.*

### **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.***

***"Sustain Our Past, Renew Our Present,  
Build Our Future"***

*On Sunday, April 11, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall, come hear for the first time a description of the objectives of our Capital Campaign: our vision, our needs, our priorities and our concept.*

## Shabbat Schedule

### 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

### Friday, April 2

2nd Day Passover

6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 3

7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Exodus: 33:12 - 34:26

Numbers: 28:19 - 25

3rd Day Passover

Initiation of New Torah

Readers at 9:15 a.m.

Grandparents' Shabbat at

10 a.m. in the Chapel

Worship and Study Minyan

at 10:00 a.m. in the APR

### Friday, April 9

6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 10

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Shemini, Leviticus: 9:1 -

11:47

Caroline Dorfman Bat

Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in

the APR

## All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Ron and Eleanor Feldbaum** on the birth of their granddaughter, Leah Feldbaum Borquez. Leah is the daughter of Merle Feldbaum and Julio Borquez.

Mazal Tov to **Jeffrey and Karen Boyd Williams** on the birth of their daughter, Ilana Claire Williams, on December 10, 1998.

Mazal Tov to **Marvin and Dolly Band** on the birth of their grandson, Matthew Band Nagler, on February 11, 1999. Matthew is the son of Mindy and Alan Nagler.

Mazal Tov to **Alan and Dunya Hecht** on the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Hecht, to Michael Brazinsky. An October wedding is planned. Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Mel Richter**.

## 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.

Can you teach CPR????  
Then We Need You!!

The Youth Department is looking for a Beth El member who is certified to and would be willing to teach CPR to Beth El youth.

If this is you, please contact Rachel @ x. 308.

## 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, 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 28 - April 1

Louis and Carole Potash  
Albert and Doris Povich  
Vincent Prada and Jana Singer  
Barry Pupkin and Barbara Klein  
Emanuel and Harriet Rabin  
Shirley Racusin  
David Raim and Leslie Shedlin  
Arnold and Hilary Raizon  
Howard and Anita Ratain  
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Sanford and Shelley Reback  
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Joel and Monica Recht  
Vivien Redman  
Neil and Julie Reinhard  
Stuart and Sarah Reiter  
Bernard and Charlotte Resnick  
Harvey Resnik  
Kerry and Carol Reynolds  
Louis and Helen Rib

### April 4 - April 8

David and Marjorie Richman  
Basil and Margaret Rifkind  
Susan Rittenberg  
David and Sarah Roark  
Bernard and Cheryl Rod  
Isadore and Rose Rod  
Dean and Toby Rodman  
Philip and Alisa Rogers  
Gary and Lisa Rosen  
Lisa Rosen  
Alexander and Beatrice Rosenberg  
Gilbert and Minerva Rosenberg  
Norman and Sarah Rosenberg  
Steven and Alice Rosenberg  
Marvin and Suzanne Rosenblatt  
David and Deborah Rosenbloom  
Gary and Dawn Rosenfeld  
Bernice Rosenstock  
Herbert and Nancy Rosenthal  
Joseph and Dorene Rosenthal

## LEARNERS SERVICE BECKONS TO NEWCOMERS

Rabbi Rudolph has returned to leading this user-friendly service the third Shabbat of each month. The final three services of this program year are April 17, May 15 and June 19 in the All Purpose Room. In this Learners Service, we don't try to finish the whole service. Rather, we move slowly, we explain everything we are doing, we take any question. We actually pray too, but we do so much more. We guarantee you will find this service worthwhile.

## Membership Information

**Mark Bronfman** has moved to 8101 Glenmore Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. **Milton Pochter** has moved to 1801 E. Jefferson Street, Apt. 336, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 468-1732.

## First Community Torah (cont. from page 1...)

just the conscientiousness that every project deserves, but also a belief in the importance of making Torah study accessible to everyone. To Brenda Bregman, Merry Eisenstadt, Susan Levine, Barry Pupkin, Susan Brinn Siegel, and Mervyn Weiner, well-deserved thanks for devotion to tasks large and small including deciding on a topic, writing the invitations and programs, distributing posters, ushering, getting terrific publicity, and arranging wonderful refreshments. Special thanks to Sam Janney for being traffic coordinator on a busy Sunday and to Steve Kravitz for pulling all the plans together.

Stay tuned for announcements about next year's plans. Contact Marsha Rehns or Rabbi Rudolph for more information.

**Thank you Beth El!!!**

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**the USY**

**Silent Auction**



*Community Torah Institute Scholar Professor David Sperling addresses the audience. At the table: Rabbi William Rudolph, Professor Eliezer Diamond and Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter.*

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**Beth El Forest**

In Memory Of: Morris Eisenstein by Frances Eisenstein; Gladys Haber, sister, by Murray A. Haber; Harold Fassberg by Etta Watson Zuckerman.

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**Cantor's Fund**

In Honor Of: Hazan Lubin, in appreciation of his help, by Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation. In Memory Of: Rose Feingold, beloved mother, by Lenore Richter; Isadore Richman by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Raymond Fox by Al and Evelyn Fox.

**Chevre Kadisha Fund**

In Memory Of: Norman Schrank by Tom and Sarine Schrank; Harry Berman by Kenneth and Beth Berman; Erich Hyman by Karl Freiberg.

**College Fund**

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**Disabled Access Fund**

In Honor Of: Aliyah in January by Renee Marlin-Bennett. In Memory Of: Jacob Burman by Bea & Bernie Berger.

**Fine Arts Fund**

In Honor Of: Our grandson, Jason Tofsky's Bar Mitzvah by Melva and Irving Tofsky. In Memory Of: Sidney L. Kohn, beloved brother-in-law, by Gertrude Gerber.

**General Fund**

William Gerber.  
In Honor Of: 70th Birthday of Mike Getz by Adolph and Florence Friedman. In Memory Of: Harold Fassberg, our beloved cousin, by Mort and Ellen Weintraub; Harold Fassberg by Erna and Izzy Flugler, Ann and Sigmund Fritz, and Leon and Laura Karadbil; Isadore Londner by Annabel and Irving Chasen; Sarah Blumberg by Fred, Lauren Sam and David Sternburg; Adele Shefferman by Sholom Shefferman.

**Israel Experience Teen Fund**

In Honor Of: Gail Ross's special birthday in October by Barbara and Ira Zucker; Tamira Hartman's Jewish Day School graduation by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker; Sam Spector's Jewish Day School graduation by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker. In Memory Of: Max Friedman by Phyllis Katz; Harold Fassberg by Priscilla and George Tievsky; Paul Goldsmith, father of Linda Goldsmith, by Jonathan and Judith Levin; Louis Raisman, father of Margaret Rifkind,

by Jonathan and Judith Levin.

**Kimball Nursery School Fund**

In Memory Of: Howard Sachs's brother by Debra Morgenstern and Boys.

**Library Fund**

In Honor Of: Judy and Dani Matz's first grandchild by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Boruch Wagman by Abraham and Louise C. Wagman; Rebecca Calderon by Abraham and Louise C. Wagman; Irena Ross Glick by Jeffrey Glick; Harry Bozof by Sylvia Bozof; Harold Fassberg, husband of Vera Fassberg, by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller.

**Mazon**

In Honor Of: The Bat Mitzvah of Tamar Elisheva Mintz by Ellen Elow-Mintz and Dan Mintz. In Memory Of: Tillie Lotman, mother, by Zelda L. Janus; Harold Fassberg by Etta Kline; Dora Scheer by Iris and Murray Kivitz; Dr. Harold Fassberg by Jack and Annette Moshman; Bess Unger Cohn by Jerome and Cyma Heffter; Bronya Sheykman by Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman; Daniel Weisbach by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin; Robert Sachs, brother of Howard Sachs, by Family Camp; Rose Miller's brother, Philip Steinburg, by Al and Evelyn Fox; Sarah Brooks, sister of David Brooks, by Rabbi Kassel Abelson and Joan Lipnick Abelson; Raymond Fox by Al and Evelyn Fox.

**Mintz Landscaping Fund**

In Honor Of: Bat Mitzvah of Tamar Mintz by The Simon Family. In Memory Of: Rachel Frank by Beryl and Gloria Frank; Nan Weiser, grandmother, by Ellen Elow-Mintz.

**Morning Minyan Fund**

In Honor Of: Lillian Kessler's Blue Yarmulke Award by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Lillian Kessler by Eleanor and Ronald Feldbaum. In Memory Of: Leonard H. Rodman by Toby, Dean, Len and Elana Rodman; Katie Routhenstein, our grandmother, by Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman; Fay Feibus by Eleanor and Ronald Feldbaum; Minnie Haber, mother, by Murray A. Haber; Harris Freedman, my father, by Henry Freedman; Isadore Routhenstein by Gloria and Beryl Frank and Eleanor and Ronald Feldbaum; Sara Rea Burkom by Ruth Lee Greenberg; Dr. Israel M. Kamens by Toby, Dean, Len and Elana Rodman.

**Music Fund**

In Memory Of: Leah Heffter by Jerome and Cyma Heffter; Bill Harris by Esther Rubin; Helen Wilder by Mitzi and Max Goldman.

**Nitzanim Fund**

In Honor Of: The Bat Mitzvah of Tamar Mintz by Toby & Bernie Moss; Our daughter Eliana's 4th birthday by Scott and Deborah Glick.

**Prayerbook Fund**

In Honor Of: Sam Spector's graduation from JDS by Bert, Judy and Naomi Spector; Rabbi William Rudolph by Marcia Possick. In Memory Of: Isaac Golumbic by Calvin and Norma Golumbic;

Isaac Klavan by Robert and Zeld Landsman; My dear brother, Daniel Krigelman, by Reba Hirsh; Esther Nusinovich by Gregory and Yelena Nusinovich; My brother, Isaac Klavan, by Irvin Klavan.

**Rabbi's Fund**

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph by Vladimir and Jolie Lechtman; Brian Graber's Bar Mitzvah by Jay Graber; Cary Feldman's help by Debra Morgenstern and Boys; The Scheinberg's first grandchild by Toby & Bernie Moss; Rabbi William Rudolph by James and Debbie Heller; Rabbi Rudolph by B'nai Mitzvah Class of 1998; Rabbi Rudolph and his promotion of Torah study by Margaret and Basil Rifkind; Rabbi Maltzman's help by Debra Morgenstern and Boys. In Memory Of: Anna and Abraham Cohen by Priscilla and George Tievsky; Fortunee Harari by Irving and Vivian Beyda; Sidney Masse by Ellen and Steve Bezner; Richard Lieberman's mother by Debra Morgenstern and Boys; Adolph Kahn by Bernard and Betty Kahn; Raymond Fox by Al and Evelyn Fox; Louis Gernstat by William and Pearl Baker; Dorothy Bender by Howard M. Bender.

**Sisterhood Hospitality Fund**

In Honor Of: Judy Spector for the wonderful tallit-making class by Anne Solotar.

**Sisterhood Silver Fund**

In Honor Of: Miriam Crowell's birthday by Harvey and Dale Gold. In Memory Of: Tillie Golumbic by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

**Sisterhood Torah Fund**

In Honor Of: Miriam Crowell's birthday by Jacquelyn Levine.

**Social Action Fund**

In Honor Of: A complete recovery for Marjory Weiss by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Mindy Kalman's Bat Mitzvah by The Dellon Family; Birth of Natalie Juliana Fredman by Michael and Ruth Cernea; Rabbi Rudolph's dedication and leadership by Gloria and Beryl Frank. In Memory Of: Harry M. Broder by John M. Broder and Carolyn Wallace; Harold Fassberg by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Luz Perez, mother of Julia Copperman, by Gloria and Beryl Frank.

**Suls Youth Activities Fund**

In Memory Of: Loving memory of Robert Sachs, brother of Howard Sachs, by Andrea and Alan Golden; My loving mother, Evelyn Appleton, by Andrea Golden.

**Barbara Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund**

In Memory Of: Murray Zawatsky, beloved husband, father and grandfather, by Debby and Menachem Shoham and Family.

**World Jewry**

In Memory Of: Harold Fassberg by Bea and Bernie Berger.

*Baruch Dayan Emet*

*Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Susan Bruser on the death of her grandmother, Beatrice Hess; to Martin Dembo and Helen Friedkin on the death of Fanny Winkelstein, aunt and great aunt; to Sy Taubenblatt on the death of his father, Jacob Taubenblatt; and to Miriam Crowell on the death of her brother, Daniel Paskow.*

**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 Scott and Debbie Glick for sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on March 27 in honor of the fourth birthday of their daughter, Eliana Glick.**

## Keruv

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

### Anti-Semitism in Australia

A report presented at the annual meeting of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) in Sydney last December noted that rates of anti-Semitism in Australia had reached record levels, with reports of threatening phone calls, hate mail, and hate e-mail contributing to the 22% increase in incidents reported over the previous year. The total - 324 complaints of violence, harassment, intimidation or vandalism - shows a decline in the level of violence; ECAJ Vice President Jeremy Jones attributed this to increased security measures at synagogues and other Jewish institutions.

Australia is home to the largest Jewish population in the Asian region; its 100,000 Jews live mainly in Melbourne and Sydney, but can also be found throughout the country in Canberra, Brisbane, Perth, Ballarat and even Tasmania. Jews were among the first convicts to arrive from Great Britain in the late 18th and early 19th centuries; English and European Jews followed the Australian gold rushes of the 19th century. Some 7,000 refugees from Germany and Austria swelled the size of the Jewish community in the 1930's; thousands more entered as Holocaust survivors. Today, Australia has the highest percentage of Holocaust survivors of any Jewish community worldwide.

Source: Executive Council of Australian Jewry; World Jewish Congress  
Submitted by Mimi Godfrey

Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington

presents the

## 1999 Brady Endowment Lecture Highlighting Jewish Contributions to Science

### Dr. Roald Hoffmann

1981 Winner of Nobel Prize for Chemistry  
and Frank T. Rhodes professor of humane letters  
at Cornell University

will speak at the  
Jewish Community Center  
6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD  
Monday, April 5, 1999 - 19 Nisan 5759  
8 p.m.  
in the Kreeger Auditorium

### "Old Wine, New Flasks: Reflections on Science and Jewish Traditions"

A lecture discussing the enriching confluence of science,  
history, religion and the humanities

Admission is free and open to the public



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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING

APRIL 15  
8:15 - 9:00 P.M.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, COMPLAINTS  
ABOUT THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO VOICE  
THEM TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

## 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!!

***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 3, 1999.*

*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.*

***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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***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.

***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.*

## **Second Annual Shabbat Shalom at Home**

The second annual Shabbat Shalom at Home built quietly on last year's success, inspiring an ever-growing proportion of Beth El families to enhance their Shabbat evening observance on one special night. This year's Shabbat Shalom at Home on February 19 found, as last year, many havurot eating Shabbat dinner together. Thanks to the efforts of **Abbie Eckland** and **Ellen Winter**, new members of the congregation were quickly drawn into the warmth of the glow of Shabbat candles. Eckland and Winter called all new members to determine if they would like to be invited to a more veteran member's home. As a result, eleven new families were invited to the homes of other congregants. A number of families included in their evening celebrations friends who were not members of Beth El who did not usually observe Shabbat. On Friday morning, some twenty Sisterhood members joined **Susan Brinn Siegel** and **Kay Klass** in the Beth El kitchen to enjoy the unique satisfaction of baking challah from scratch. From the candles tied with ribbon handed out in the Rotunda to the Shabbat guide prepared by Sarah Roark, Beth El members were prepared to observe Shabbat and savor the sense of community, family and peace that Shabbat observance has brought to Jews for generations. Next year, Family Education will be encouraging members to pledge to celebrate a twenty-four hour Shabbat.

## **MARK YOUR SOCIAL ACTION CALENDARS**

Congregation Beth El is scheduled to volunteer at the Community Based Shelter (CBS) in Rockville during the third week of May. Beth El volunteers can help out beginning with dinner on Sunday, May 16 and ending with breakfast and brown bag lunches on Sunday, May 23. Our responsibilities will include preparation of three precooked meals (breakfast, bag lunches and a hot dinner) for each shelter day, and setting up, serving and cleaning up the evening meal. We also are responsible for providing paper goods. If you are interested in participating, please call Karolyn Wallace at (301) 656-3142.

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

## **Havurot Want Ads**

There are a few openings in several young Beth El Havurot. Havurot are small groupings of Beth El couples or families, who meet approximately monthly for social or cultural programs or Shabbat/ Holiday meals, and who share life's pleasures and *tsuros* together. Openings at the current time include:

**Torah Study Havurah:** A new group that began this year. It focuses on either a stimulating Torah discussion or articles/ books of interest. Members are mostly younger couples with children below B'nai Mitzvah age. Contact Judy or Craig Futterman at (301) 365-6294.

**Young Couples Havurah:** Just launched this winter, this new Havurah already has an e-mail list and a spring's worth of mostly social activities. Half the couples have babies or toddlers. Contact Meritt or Chris Tollefson at (301) 951-9495.

**Empty Nester/ Baby Boomer Havurah:** Begun in the fall, this is a group for couples or singles in the 45+ age range. Programs have been cultural and social. There is room at this time for a few more people. Contact Janet or Mark Willen at (301) 587-2712.



Beth El Sisterhood  
**Women's Health Seminar**

**Sunday, April 25, 1999 Noon to 4 p.m.**

**Keynote Address: Sheryl Gay Stohlberg, Health Reporter, New York Times**

**Current Issues in Women's Health –  
What's New and True and What's a Myth?**

**Break-out sessions led by specialists on: emotional health and well-being;  
current genetics research; stress; osteoporosis; healthy living**

**We'll share a healthy lunch, provide health screenings and exercise sessions.  
Free literature, too!**

**All members and their guests (ladies and gentlemen) are welcome.  
No reservations required.**

**For additional information, please call:  
Michele Herman 301-718-8710  
Mimi Tygier 301-652-8211  
Pat Danoff 301-365-1180**

*Sisterhood  
News*

It's not too early to start thinking about ordering cards and stationery for Mother's Day and/or graduation. Contact Sisterhood's chair, Marilyn Hammerman, at (301) 881-0011. All of the proceeds are donated to Sisterhood.

**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**

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| March 28 | Quarterly Board Mtg. Join us to hear about the future of the Men's Club.          |
| April 4  | No breakfast (Passover)   |
| April 11 | Benson Adams, Beth El Capital Campaign  |
| April 18 | Louis Kahn, Director of Cultural and Educational Programs, America-Turkey Council |

## 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, PTAs, 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 to Host Russian and Iranian Jewish Newcomers for Passover Seders (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, DC, 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.

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## Vatikkim Luncheon

We invite you to join us for an informational program at our Vatikkim luncheon on April 15, 1999. Dr. Suheil Bushrui, Bahai Chair for World Peace, will return to talk to us about the history and teachings of the Bahai. Those of you who enjoyed Dr. Bushrui's talk on literature in the service of world peace will remember him as a dynamic and most knowledgeable speaker. Don't miss his lecture on the Bahai faith.

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, April 15, 1999

Please reserve ..... places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name.....

Phone Number.....

Please have your response reach us by April 13.  
No reservations will be accepted after this date.

## High Holy Days Junior Congregation

Leading High Holy Days Junior Congregation can be an extraordinary experience. The enthusiastic participation of the children and the support from the parents make these services meaningful for all involved. We offer a Kindergarten - 2nd grade minyan and a 4th - 6th grade service at both Beth El and Whitman High School. They run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Over the years we have had exceptional people leading these services, but recruiting new leaders is an annual effort. If you would be interested in learning more about leading these High Holy Days Junior Congregation services, please 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. Rabbi Steve Segar 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.

## 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.

## Sybil Suls Youth Activities Fund Do you know what it is???????

Beth El has very active Kadima and USY Chapters. In fact, Beth El boasts the largest Kadima Chapter in Seaboard region.

Sybil Suls supplements the activities of our youth program and provides subsidies to USY and Kadima members who attend regional conventions.

So the next time you are making a donation please consider a gift to the Sybil Suls Fund.

## Please Donate to Sybil Suls!!!

## Support the Beth El Youth Bulletin Advertise!!!!

Do you want to advertise your business?? Or maybe you want to wish a kid a Happy Birthday or Congratulations!!

Well now you can do so by sponsoring the Beth El youth Bulletin!!

Call Rachel for price information

@ (301) 652-2606 x. 308

March/April 1999

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
					26	27
					Religious School Spring Break Begins	7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services
					6:08 p.m. Candles	9:15 a.m. Joshua Schmand Bar Mitzvah
					6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service	10 a.m. Jr. Congregation
						10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR
						8 p.m. Schmand Bar Mitzvah Party - SH, Gallery
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel	BENS Spring Break 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH	Erev Passover - 1st Seder	Passover - 1st Day Offices and Schools Closed	Passover - 2nd Day Offices and Schools Closed	Passover - 3rd Day 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services
9:30 a.m. Men's Club - SH			7:15 a.m. Fast of the Firstborn and Siyyum	9:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Festival Services	9:15 a.m. Festival Service	9:15 a.m. Initiation of New Torah Readers
9:30 a.m. Sisterhood Book Club - BR			1 p.m. Offices Closed	7 p.m. Congregation Seder - SH	6:14 p.m. Candles	10 a.m. Grandparents' Shabbat - Chapel
1:15 - 5 p.m. Youth Dept. Activities - APR			6:30 p.m. Festival Service		6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service	10 a.m. Worship and Study Minyan - APR
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Passover - 4th Day 9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel	Passover - 5th Day BENS Resumes	Passover - 6th Day	Passover - 7th Day	Passover - 8th Day Offices and Schools Closed	6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service	7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services
9:30 a.m. Men's Club - SH	Religious School Closed	Religious School Closed	Offices and Schools Closed	7 & 9:15 a.m. Festival Services (Yizkor)	7:21 Candles	9:15 a.m. Carolyn Dorfman Bat Mitzvah
10 a.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Mtg. - BR	7 p.m. Cub Scouts	3 p.m. Offices Closed	9:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Festival Services			10 a.m. Jr. Congregation
		6:30 p.m. Festival Service				10:30 a.m. Nitzanim - APR
						8:30 p.m. Dorfman Bat Mitzvah Party - SH

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