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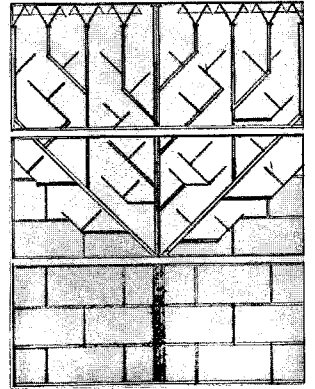
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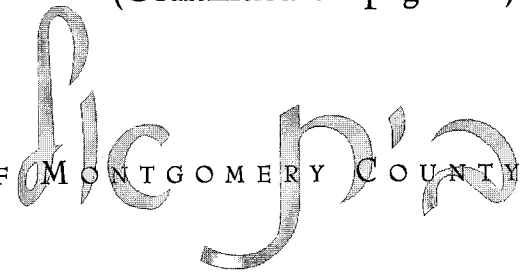
As members of Congregation Beth El, we all feel a strong connection to this very special synagogue and its community. We are approaching the historic milestone of celebrating its 50th anniversary year and are embarking on a Capital and Endowment Campaign to expand and renovate our synagogue facility – our spiritual home.

Our congregation has grown over the years and so have its needs for celebrating, education and meeting. In the past ten years, our membership and Religious School enrollment have nearly doubled.



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CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Off the Bimah

It no longer surprises me when, as a guest in a quality hotel, I call the front desk and the phone is answered: "Hello. This is Donald. How can I help you, Mr. (Rabbi) Maltzman". How do they know my name? Indeed, they know who is calling and are instructed to address all callers by name. In my recent visits to neighboring congregations in Maryland and elsewhere, I was inevitably impressed when someone said "hello" to greet me. Those were the congregations I wanted to return to. As the noted educator Ron Wolfson pointed out, like it or not, synagogues are in the "service" (not only services!) business. We are in the business of serving God, our members and the

community. Like any "service" agency that deals with the public, we too must relate well to our constituencies. And in a world where we have become accustomed to rudeness, disrespect, and a lack of civility, the synagogue must be seen as a place "where everybody knows your name".

Those professionals who are envisioning the synagogue of the next century, have put it this way: "Imagine the changes we would make if we paid close attention to the ambiance of our institutions.

Imagine a synagogue where the search for spirituality began at the front door..."

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

"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, 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

Friday, April 16

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Tazria-Metzora, Leviticus: 12:1 - 15:33

Elisa Schrank Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Michelle Parver Bat 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 a.m. in the MR

USY Shabbat at 12 p.m. in the BR

Friday, April 23

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

7:30 and 9:15 a.m.

Ahare Mot-Kedoshim, Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Sara Siegel Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

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

Friday, April 30

6:30 p.m.

BENS Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Emor, Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Amanda Deutsch Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Family Jr. Congregation (Gr. 6) at 10 a.m. in the APR

Worship and Study Minyan at 10 a.m. in the Chapel

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Barry and Barbara Friedman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Jane Waldman, on February 23, 1999. Emma is the daughter of Ivan and Amy Waldman.

Mazal Tov to **Hal and Elissa Scheinberg** on the birth of their first grandchild, Adina Sarah Scheinberg, on February 24, 1999. Adina is the daughter of Rabbi Robert E. Scheinberg and Rabbi Naomi R. Kalish.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Vera Fassberg**.

Mati Dinar lost a valuable necklace at a Religious School Shabbat Dinner on March 12, 1999. If anyone has found it, please call her at (301) 365-3547.

Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next three 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.

April 11 - April 15

Steven and Beth Rosenthal

Douglas and Barbara Rosing

Benjamin Ross

Dennis and Deborah Ross

Steven and Lori Ross

Henry and Sheila Roth

Allan and Gilda Rotman

Isaac and Blanche Roubein

Irene Routhenstein

Alexander and Nadya Roytblat

Israel Rubin

Kenneth and Susin Rubin

Robert Neil Rubin and Mimi Tygier

Robert and Fran Rubin

Ronald and Nancy Rubin

Richard and Beverly Rudman

Samuel and Rose Saady

Daniel and Ruth Sachs

Howard and Patricia Sachs

Michael Sadof

April 18 - April 22

Roberta Safer

William and Helene Safire

Robert Samet and Janice Raffel

Lawrence Sank

Jorge and Sharona Sapoznikow

Harry Saroff

Elias and Andrea Savada

Stuart and Linda Schatz

Gerda Schechter

Harold and Elissa Scheinberg

Alan Scher and Toby Silverman

Edmund Scherr

Philip and Jennifer Schettewi

Steven Schiff and Karen Casser

Deborah Schiffrin

Mark and Kimberlee Schiffrin

Barry and Elinor Schimmel

Jane Schimmel

Peter and Stephanie Schissler

Benjamin and Joyce Schlesinger

April 25 - April 29

James and Brenda Schmand

Herman and Minna Schneider

Kate Schneider

Andrew Schoenholtz and Janice

Liebowitz

Lewis Schragar and Frances Marshall

Tom and Sarine Schrank

Brian and Cookie Schulman

David and Sonja Schultz

Mark and Trish Schutz

Jeff Schwaber and Eleanor Schroyer

Michael and Faith Schwartz

Stanley and Carole Schwartz

Ira and Deborah Schwarz

David and Juliann Schwinger

Susannah Scott

Daniel and Freda Segal

Donald and Sharon Segal

Jack and Lila Segal

George and Carol Sege

Elliott and Leslie Seiden

Sustain Our Past (cont. from page 1...)

In order to continue providing current programs and activities, as well as develop new ones, additional space is a must. Rather than relocate, we will expand and improve our existing facility to meet the demands of an active, energetic and committed congregation.

The success of this endeavor will rely on the voluntary contributions raised through our campaign. We are excited and encouraged by the generous gifts we have received already, but we've only just begun.

The co-chairs of the campaign are Cary and Nancy Feldman, Erwin and Leena Gronor, and Jay and Connie Krupin. The committees and their chairs are: Communications chaired by Gary Friend and Tara Sonenshine, Dedications chaired by Bert and Susan King, Education chaired by Brent Berger and Carolyn Chabrow, Finance chaired by Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell, and Facilities chaired by Benson Adams.

If you would like to get involved in the Campaign, please contact Andrea Glazer at 301-652-2606, x313.

CONGREGATION BETH EL of Montgomery County CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

TOP 10 GOALS

10. RELOCATE/REFURBISH LIBRARY (including CHILDREN'S ALCOVE), REFURBISH KITCHEN, ENLARGE RESTROOMS and COAT ROOM. ADDITIONAL STORAGE SPACE
9. MECHANICALS FOR SOCIAL HALL AND SANCTUARY
8. RENOVATE/REFURBISH SOCIAL HALL
7. CHAPEL EXPANSION
6. RECONFIGURED OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE SPACE
5. DEDICATED YOUTH ACTIVITIES SPACE
4. HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY
3. ADDITIONAL FLEXIBLE SPACE for: WORSHIP, ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, & SOCIAL EVENTS
2. ADDITIONAL and EXPANDED School/Meeting Room Space
1. YOUR PARTICIPATION

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

Theodore and Rose Levin have moved to 66 Ocean Point Drive, Isle of Palms, SC 29451.

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Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Honor Of: Michele Herman's Simcha by Ilene and David Jacobowitz. In Memory Of: My father, J. Arnold Pines, by Elaine S. Pines.

Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: Daniel Paskow, beloved brother of Miriam Crowell, by Claire Marwick; Ethel Werner by Murray A. Haber; Jack Lichtenstein by Shirley & Seymour Gross; Mugzie DeCederfelt by Deborah and Ron Marcus.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah Lewis by Irwin Aisenberg; Michael Goldfarb by Deborah C. Goldfarb.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Speedy recovery to Myer Zitter by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman; Hazzan Lubin's help with Jacob's Bar Mitzvah by Walter and Deborah Cohn.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Joseph G. Resnick by Bernard T. Resnick; Harry Ectman by Marcia Jeffries; Irving Spiegel by David and Sharon Spiegel; Milton Dolnansky by Rosalyn Bass; Arthur Gang by Florence R. Gang; Henrietta K. Tzach by Marjory F. Weiss; Isadore Routhenstein, father of Irene Routhenstein and Shirley L. Wasserman, by Judith and Jonathan Levin; Ezra Maryamov by Ilene and David Jacobowitz; Ethel Werner by Robert and Beatrice Newell; Harry H. Kahn by Marcia and Paul Merlin; Lawrence Gang by Florence R. Gang.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah Spero, my grandmother, by Stephanie Ventura.

Embracing the Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph and the Torah Institute by Marsha Rehns.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Sidney L. Kohn, beloved brother-in-law, by Frances and Sam Glovinsky; Beloved mother, Ella Gerber, by Mrs. Esther G. Kohn; Sidney L. Kohn by Esther G. Kohn; Ella Gerber, beloved mother, by Frances Glovinsky; Beloved mother, Ella Gerber, by Gertrude Gerber.

General Fund

In Memory Of: Harold Fassberg by Eric and Helen Kestler; David Finbloom by Laurie and Bruce Berger, and Barbara and Barry Friedman; Solomon Meltzer, father of Allan Meltzer, by Laurie and Bruce Berger; Beloved sister, Edith Hindin Chesler, by Frances H. Leibowitz; Ethel Werner by Mildred P. Levin, Maxine and Walter Freedman, and Ruth and Leonard Goldsten; Bernard Rubinstein, father, by Marcia Possick.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Joshua Schmand's Bar Mitzvah by Sarah Greenberg. In Memory Of: Paul Goldsmith, father of Linda Goldsmith, by Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Drachman; Hershel Kanovsky by Rose Kanovsky.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Memory Of: Sherman and Estelle Kimball by Rosalie M. Sporn.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Harold Fassberg by Elaine Pines; Herbert Kappel by Ellen Berman.

Masorti

In Memory Of: Lillian M. Schultz by David and Sonja Schultz; Morris Amchan by David and Sonja Schultz; Sadye Moshman by Jack and Annette Moshman.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Birth of our grandsons, Bryce and Jake Gross by Herbert and Dianne Lerner. In Memory Of: Janis Goldman, sister-in-law of Phyllis and Philip Margolius, by Ann Solotar and Michael Siegel; Pauline Weintraub, mother of Herbert Weintraub and Carol Sege by Dr. Herbert Weintraub; Arnold F. Bass by Rosalyn Bass; My mother, Nancy Raisman, by Margaret Rifkind; Fani Mendelowitz by Flora M. Singer; Mathilde Menasce Schettewi by Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Schettewi; John Risher by Judy and Michael Platt; Sarine Cohen Lisbona by Evelyne Steward; David Finbloom by Beth, Ken, Ben and Eli Berman; Stanley Geschwind by Jack and Esther P. Kranton; Sophie Jewler by Beth and Ken Berman.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Anna and Bernard Turteltaub by Helena Koenig.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi William Rudolph by Jack and Flora Singer. In Memory Of: Abraham Levinson by Herbert Levinson; Allen S. Handen by Roy Millenson; Minna Levi by Werner Blumenthal; Samuel Swoff by Alan and Corinne Swoff; My father-in-law, Harry Markowitz, by Henry Freedman; Ruth Merber, my mother, by Marilyn Lipin.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Gertrude Weiss by Michael Weiss and Karen Satin; Sarah Eva Kolker by Beverly Kolker Friedman; Mrs. Fannie Kleine, mother, by Herman Kleine.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Ethel Werner, wife of Jack Lerner, by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweiller; Max Liss by Esther and George Liss; Louis M. Ellenbogen, beloved father, by Audrey Berger; Ida Lample Bloom by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Harold E. Fassberg by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stept; Sarah Blumberg, beloved sister of Harriet and David Brooks, by Sylvan and Yocheved Karlin; Celia Sherman by Norman I. and Ruth Stein; Barney Barr by Rita and Sol Barr.

Rabbi Jerome Lipnick Israel Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Jacob Leff by Rabbi Kassel Abelson and Joan Lipnick Abelson; Caryl Holiber by Rabbi Kassel Abelson and Joan Lipnick Abelson.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Marriage of Andrea Casson to Jerry Pfeffer on March 13, 1999 by Susan and Stephen Bailey; Rabbi

Rudolph and the Torah Institute by Sheila Birnbach; Rabbi William Rudolph's help with Jacob's Bar Mitzvah by Walter and Deborah Cohn; Rabbi Maltzman by Frances H. Leibowitz; Rabbi Bill Rudolph by Betty and Dick Drachman. In Memory Of: Nathan Applefeld by Roslyn Shapiro; Eli Hecht by Alan and Dunya Hecht; Vera Lieban-Kalmar with thanks to our rabbis by Michele Lieban Levine and Family; Caryl Holiber by Sheila and Henry Roth; Sarine Cohen Lisbona by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schettewi; David Finbloom by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman; Leo Schimmel by Barry R. and Elinor Schimmel; Avrom Fine by Leesa Fine; Julius Platsky by Selig and Sondra Taubenblatt; Ethel Werner by Harry and Beverly Zitelman; Julius Risin by Paula and Sid Horowitz; Max Kahn by Fred A. Kahn; Edward Shandell, grandfather of Andrea Shandell, by Family Camp.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: Lillian Kessler's "Person of the Year" Award by Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Drachman.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Honor Of: Sisterhood Shabbat by Lillian Kessler.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Sisterhood Shabbat by Lillian Kessler. In Memory Of: Caryl Holiber by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El; David Finbloom by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin and his kindness to me by Marjory F. Weiss; The kindness of many during my illness by Marjory F. Weiss; Rabbi Rudolph and his kindness to me by Marjory F. Weiss; Recovery of Helen Marshall by Debby Reiser and Bart Widom. In Memory Of: Virginia Clement by Carolyn and Paul Weinberg; Sylvia J. Nash by Edith E. Nash.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Ronnie Levin's special birthday by Marcia and Don Weinroth.

Vatikim

In Memory Of: Max S. Cohen by Gertrude Cohen.

Barbara Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Barbara Krupsaw Wolf by Seymour D. Wolf; Jean Sherman by Lola and Gerald Sherman; Abraham Wolf by Seymour D. Wolf; Beloved wife, Cecile Kopit, by Leo Kopit.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Alec Chinn, by Sarah C. Kalsner; Pauline Weintraub by Carol and George Sege; Louis Katz by Roy Millenson; Beloved nephew, Philip Chinn, by Sarah C. Kalsner.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Harry I. Young by Ina and Joe Young.

*Baruch Dayan
Emet*

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Thera Finbloom and Aaron and Joel Finbloom on the death of David Finbloom, husband and father; to Jack Werner on the death of his wife, Ethel Werner; to Alfred and Marilyn Reines on the death of their son, Richard Reines; to Boris and Leona Levine on the death of their daughter, Amy Levine Krantz; to Ann Barcome on the death of her sister, Elaine Press; to Trudy Weker on the death of her brother, Kenneth Tucker; and to the family of Clare Lerner.

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!

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).

Morning Minyan 101

What is the order of the service for weekday morning minyan? Are there prayers in weekday morning minyan we may not be familiar with from attending Shabbat services? What are tefillin and why and how are they worn? What are the rules associated with saying kaddish for a loved one? Rabbi Maltzman will answer these questions and more on Sunday, April 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Please join us for breakfast in the Gallery from 9:30-10 a.m. For information, call Judy Spector at (301) 309-1962 or email, globusinc@email.msn.com.

On May 16 there will be a general membership meeting. We will begin with breakfast at 9:30. The program that morning will be a discussion, led by Julie Maltzman and Gail Fribush, of the book The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. The book, a retelling of the story of the rape of Dinah, has been called "modern Midrash." The story is retold from a feminist point of view which makes the Bible come alive. Please join us. No reservations are necessary.

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.

Washington Jewish Week offers a 2-month **free** (trial) subscription. If you then subscribe through Sisterhood, we receive \$7 from your payment. Renew your subscription through Sisterhood and we receive \$5. Call Leslie Dellon for details, (301) 530-4645.

Sukkot in April

The Social Action Committee is seeking volunteers to participate on Sunday, April 25 in our Sukkot in April project. This year we are very excited about our new partnership with the Zion Baptist Church, Georgia Avenue and Shepherd Street, NW, Washington, DC. We will be working with the church to repair and redecorate a church-owned building adjacent to the church itself and used as a community meeting center and youth lounge. The church is in a safe neighborhood that is easily accessible. Beth El is one of ten area synagogues that participate in Sukkot in April. No skills are needed, but talent is appreciated. Students in grades 10-12 are especially welcome and will earn community service hours. There is a meeting on Monday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss the program and to coordinate volunteers. Bert King and Jon Binder are coordinating Beth El's team. Please contact Bert at (301) 652-7350 to volunteer.

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.

Beth El's 1999 Retreat

More than 90 people attended the retreat the weekend of March 5-7 in Easton, MD at the Tidewater Inn. **Dr. Barry Cytron** was the guest scholar, and a special presentation was given by **Dennis Ross** and **Tom Friedman**. Special thanks to the chairs of the retreat, **Julie Rabinowitz** and **Debbie Friedmann**, for their hard work and effort. Mark your calendars to save the date for next year's retreat: March 10-12, 2000.

From the Desk of Rachel D. Sternberg, Youth Director

Bonim (Kindergarten - 2nd Graders)

Advisor: Carrie Apfel
Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 342
Get Creative!! Tie Dye and Ice Cream Sundaes, Sunday, April 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Put on your Artist's hat and join Bonim and Machar for an afternoon of Tie Dye Art and Food Art. Don't forget a white item to tie dye. We will provide the dye and all the making for ice cream sundaes. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. **RSVP must be received by April 9. Gan Shabbat**, Saturday, April 17, 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
Be an Artist!! Tie Dye and Ice Cream Sundaes, Sunday, April 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Put on your Artist's hat and join Bonim and Machar for an afternoon of Tie Dye Art and Food Art. Don't forget a white item to tie dye. We will provide the dye and all the making for ice cream sundaes. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. **RSVP must be received by April 9.**

Kadima (6th-8th Graders)

Advisor: Jane-Rachel Sanow
Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 340
Let's go to the Stadium Movies!!, Sunday, April 11, 2:30-5 p.m. Drop off and pick up at movies. Experience the comfort and fun of the new stadium style movie theater in Rockville. Cost is \$4.50 for the movie, but don't forget extra \$\$ for a snack! Movie selection will be made a week prior to event. RSVP must be received by Jane-Rachel at the Kadima Hotline by April 9 to attend.
8th Graders: You are invited to your first USY event !!! Cosmic Bowling! Check the USY section for more details.

Raft the Rapids with USY and Kadima, Sunday, April 25, 7:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Join USY and Kadima for an exciting morning of White Water Rafting. Cost is

\$55 for members and \$65 for non-members. Cost includes transportation, raft trip, munchies and lunch. (7th graders are excused from Religious School for this event!!) **RSVP with permission slip and check by April 12.**

USY (9th-12th Graders)

Advisor: Rachel Sternberg
Hotline: (301) 652-2606, ext. 308
Rock and Bowl with Beth El USY & 8th Graders, Saturday, April 10, 8:15-11:45 p.m. Join USY for an exciting evening of Cosmic Bowling. 8th Graders are welcome to come see how much fun USY can be and to get ready for next year!! Cost is \$12 for members (of Beth El USY or Kadima) and \$16 for non-members. Cost includes transportation, bowling and munchies). **RSVP with permission slip by April 9. Raft the Rapids with Beth El & Adas Israel USY**, Sunday, April 25, 7:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Join USY and Kadima for an exciting morning of White Water Rafting. Cost is \$55 for members and \$65 for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation, raft trip, munchies and lunch. **RSVP with permission slip and check by April 12.**

Manor Care Shabbat, Friday, April 23, 4-4:45 p.m. at Springhouse Manor Care Earn community service hours by bringing Shabbat to the Jewish residents at this assisted living facility. Call the Hotline to RSVP or with questions!!

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.

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.

Religious School News

6th Grade Boro Park Shabbaton

Our sixth graders spent an enlightening weekend hosted by Orthodox families in the Brooklyn, New York neighborhood of Boro Park, March 5-7. We took our biggest group ever, 38 children, accompanied by nine chaperones. Students danced with the Hasidim at the Aguda, shook hands with the 91 year old Bobover Rebbie, had the traditional shalosh seudot (three Shabbat meals), walked city streets practically silenced by the sanctity of the Sabbath. Our goals of experiencing a traditional Shabbos in the Boro Park tradition, putting our own Conservative practice in perspective and having a group experience for an exceptional cadre of youngsters were met and exceeded.

In the class debriefings following the weekend, our children proved to be interested questioners, keen observers and enthusiastic about the whole experience (many asked if they could go back with next year's sixth graders). Many of the students felt their hosts were little different than their families, other than their level of religious observance. Some students felt their hosts led a "richer life;" others felt they led the richer lives. A student said that "we all have the same beliefs, one God, one Torah." Students were impressed by the sense of community they felt in this Brooklyn neighborhood.

The core of the experience was an encounter with a more intense observance of Jewish tradition. Most of our students recognized the influence of their own families on how they have developed their level of observance. They are comfortable with the Jewish identity they have developed. A few students felt their Orthodox hosts believed their level of observance represented a "superior" way of

life. They were clearly secure enough in their identities that they accepted this as an opinion similar to their own sense of where they ranked in observance compared to their observations of Reform Judaism.

In the final analysis most of our children felt they "wouldn't be anything but Conservative." Many allowed that they would like to be more observant than they are presently. Most of our students considered themselves to be "religious." They related that they felt Conservative Judaism was an authentic expression of religious Judaism. Our students were strengthened in their conviction that what they do is a meaningful expression of our faith. In the context of that discussion one student said "religious is relative, we all believe in Torah, God and Jewish education." This exceedingly successful Shabbaton more than achieved its goals. The Sunday portion of the trip featured a visit to the Museum of Jewish Heritage, lunch at Ratner's and a long bus ride home. Much appreciation for our parent chaperones, without whom the trip would not have been possible: **Ashley German, Linda German Schatz, Jeffrey Jay, Jonathan Levy, Steve Mandel, Jeffrey Moak, Kerry Reynolds, Steve Solomon and Anne Solotar.**

Hoops for Hunger Raises Money for MAZON

The closely fought basketball game between Beth El and Adat Shalom was held on Sunday, March 7, 1999. In attendance were Irv and Susan Cramer, National Directors of MAZON. Between the two synagogues, over \$5,000 was raised to aid the hungry. Special thanks to the Men's Club for their support of the team and for their generous donation to MAZON.



Beth El Sisterhood



Women's Health Seminar

Sunday, April 25th 12 noon - 4 pm

Keynote Address: Sheryl Gay Stolberg

Health Reporter, New York Times

"Biggest Myths About Women's Health"

Breakout Sessions:

- Audrey Corson, M.D. "Take Charge of Your Health"
- Evelyn Karson, M.D. "Testing for Jewish Genetic Diseases"
- Monica Schaffer, Ph.D. "Ways to Prevent Osteoporosis"

Join Us For a Healthy Lunch

Pick Up Literature and Talk to Experts on Many Topics

Open to All - Free - No Reservations Needed

Exercise Participation

*dynabands, aerobics,
yoga, pilates*



Health Screenings

*blood pressure, hearing,
depression, % body fat,
glaucoma, cholesterol*

Planned Schedule

- 12:00 - 12:35 Lunch
- 12:40 - 1:15 Keynote Address
- 1:20 - 2:15 Breakout Sessions
- Screening & Exhibits
- 2:20 - 4:00 Exercise Participation
- Screening & Exhibits

For More Information Call

- Michele Herman
301-718-8710
- Mimi Tygier
301-652-8211
- Pat Danoff
301-365-1180

Program Subject to Change

"NEW"
PARENT/
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at

BETH EL
NURSERY
SCHOOL

Beginning September, 1999

For children 21-24 months

(Children must turn 2 by
December 31, 1999)

Class meets one day per
week (Tuesday or Thursday)

September through

December/Parent & Child

In January, this class becomes

a mid-year

2 day, 2 Year Old Class.

For Information:

(301) 652-2606, ext. 311

Parking Request

Please be respectful of our neighbors!

Use the alternative parking at NIH when the

Beth El lot is full.

*Maps are available in the lucite holder outside the
synagogue office.*

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club wants to thank all of the organizers of and participants in the Purim Carnival. Co-Chairs Jeffrey Moak, Cary Feldman and Sam Margolis did a fabulous job coordinating. Yashar Koach to all of the workers - adults, teens, preteens and Scouts - who helped out and made the day so successful. Thanks to Warren Greenberg for moderating the Men's Club symposium on Social Security. We have extra information booklets, proposals handouts and response cards. Please contact Marvin Yudkovitz at (301) 564-4580 if you would like one or more of these.

The Men's Club is proud to announce the names of the 1999 Kavod Award honorees: Herbert Wisner for

Service to the Community at Large, Julian Spierer for Service to the Jewish Community, and Seth Levita for Service to Congregation Beth El. Please mark your calendars for the Kavod Award breakfast on Sunday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. A reservation form will appear in an upcoming issue of the Scroll. Don't miss the special concert event with Hazzan Lubin and Ahavat Shir at our Sunday, May 2 breakfast program.

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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| April 11 | Benson Adams, Beth El Capital Campaign |
| April 18 | Louis Kahn, Director of Cultural and Educational Programs, America-Turkey Council |
| April 25 | Marion Wolff, author of <u>The Shrinking Circle</u> and, soon to be published, <u>The Expanding Circle</u> , speaking on "Growing Up in Berlin in the '30's" |
| May 2 | Special Event
Hazzan Lubin and Ahavat Shir Choir, "The World of Jewish Music: It's Ubiquity and Diversity." |

*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.*

Social Action News

On February 14, a Tu B'Shevat /Earth Day program was held at the Hebrew Home. Residents enjoyed an afternoon of planting seedlings and singing songs related to Tu B'Shevat, gardening and the earth. Special thanks to **Abbie, Sam and Nathaniel Eckland, Jeff and Mimi Annis, and David and Noah Schoenholtz** for sharing their time and helping with this project. Thank you to **Andy Schoenholtz** for accompanying the singers on the piano.

On February 28, about 140 Shalach Manot baskets were distributed to residents of One East (Beth El's adopted unit) and several other units in the Smith Kogod Building of the Hebrew Home. The project involved the help of many people at many levels. A special thanks to Sisterhood members **Marcia Kalman, Gail Ross, Joan Simon, Laurie Webber and Esther Wilner** for baking the hamentashen in Beth El's kitchen, to the **K-2nd Grade Religious School** classes who put together the Shalach Manot baskets, to **Sharon Strauss** for picking up the colorful Shalach Manot bags, and to **Aaron, Hayley, Gabriel, Bootsie and Jon Cohen, Alexandra and Sheryl Fishman, Charlotte and David Goodman, Abbie and Nathaniel Eckland, Micah and Reuben Hendler, Deborah Neipris Hendler, David and Edith Sievers, David and Noah Schoenholtz, and Becky Webber** for distributing all the baskets and sharing their time visiting with the residents. Anyone who is interested in "adopting" a resident or volunteering in any of our ongoing projects, please call Janice Liebowitz at (301) 654-7377.

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 Goodman, 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 3rd - 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, May 1 in the Chapel 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.

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.

Congregation Beth El Men's Club proudly presents

The World of Jewish Music: It's Ubiquity and Diversity

An Illustrated Musical Presentation

with

Hazzan Abraham Lubin

and

Ahavat Shir

Maria Nusinovich, Piano

Sunday, May 2

10 a.m.

Admission is free

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
<p>11 9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9:30 a.m. Men's Club - SH 10 a.m. Ahavat Shir - Sanctuary 1:15-5 p.m. Youth Dept. Activities - APR</p> <p>18 9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Rel. Sch. Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration - APR 9:30 a.m. Men's Club - BR 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood Mtg. - Chapel 10 a.m. Nitzanin Jewish Cooking - SH 11 a.m. Tax-Saving Workshop, Capital Campaign - BR</p> <p>25 9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Death and Mourning (Gr. 4) - APR 9:30 a.m. Men's Club - SH 10 a.m. Ahavat Shir - Sanctuary 12-4 Sisterhood Health Fair - SH, APR, BR, Gallery</p> <p>2 9 a.m. Minyan - Chapel 9 a.m. Ahavat Shir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Men's Club - SH 10 a.m. Men's Club Ahavat Shir Program - SH 1:15-5 p.m. Youth Activities - APR</p>	<p>12 7 p.m. Campaign Cabinet Mtg. - BR 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - APR</p> <p>19 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - APR 7:30 p.m. Sukkot in April Mtg. - BR</p> <p>26 10:30 a.m. Sabra Hadassah Mtg. - SH 7 p.m. Cub Scouts - APR</p>	<p>13 Yom HaShoah 10 a.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute 4:15-6 p.m. Rel. Sch. Yom HaShoah Commemoration - Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7-8 p.m. Take 30 - Sanctuary 7:30 p.m. Exec. Comm. Mtg. - BR 7:45 p.m. BENS Bd. Mtg. - APR-B</p> <p>20 Yom Hazikaron 10 a.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute 4:15-6:15 p.m. Rel. Sch. Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration - SH 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH</p> <p>27 10 a.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute 5:15-6:15 p.m. Vaad HaStudentim Mtg. - BR 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7:30 p.m. Board Mtg. - BR</p>	<p>14 4:15-6 p.m. Rel. Sch. Yom HaShoah Commemoration - Sanctuary 6:45 p.m. Hebrew Class - Room 201 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR 7:30 p.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p> <p>21 Yom HaAtzmaut 4:15-6:15 p.m. Rel. Sch. Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration - SH 6:45 p.m. Hebrew Class - Room 201 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR 7:30 p.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p> <p>28 5:15-6:15 p.m. Vaad HaStudentim Mtg. - BR 6:45 p.m. Hebrew Class - Room 201 7 p.m. Boy Scouts - MR 7:30 p.m. Saul Bendit Adult Institute</p>	<p>15 12 p.m. Vatikim Luncheon - SH 2-4 p.m. Schrank Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 4:30 p.m. Schrank/Parver B/M Rehearsal - Sanctuary 5-7 p.m. Parver Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7:30 p.m. Catering Comm. Mtg. - Library 7:30 p.m. 50th Anniv. Comm. Mtg. - MR 8:15 p.m. Rel. Sch. Comm. Mtg. - BR</p> <p>22 10:30 a.m. Siegel Picture-Taking - Sanctuary 12 p.m. Vatikim - SH 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH 7 p.m. AMI Mtg. - APR</p> <p>29 12 p.m. Vatikim - SH 6:30 p.m. Aerobics - SH</p>	<p>9 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 7:21 Candles</p> <p>16 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 7 p.m. Parver Shabbat Dinner 7:28 p.m. Candles</p> <p>23 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 7:35 Candles</p> <p>30 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Service 7 p.m. BENS Shabbat Dinner - SH 7:41 p.m. Candles</p>	<p>10 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Carolyn Dorfman Bat Mitzvah 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. Nitzanin - APR 8:30 p.m. Dorfman Bat Mitzvah Party - SH</p> <p>17 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Michelle Parver Bat Mitzvah 9:15 a.m. Elisa Schrank Bat Mitzvah 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10 a.m. Learners' Minyan - APR 10 a.m. Gan Shabbat - MR 12 p.m. USY Shabbat - BR</p> <p>24 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Sara Siegel B/M 10 a.m. Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. Nitzanin - APR</p> <p>1 7:30 & 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:15 a.m. Amanda Deutsch B/M 10 a.m. Worship and Study Minyan - Chapel 10 a.m. Family Jr. Congregation (Gr. 6) - APR</p>

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