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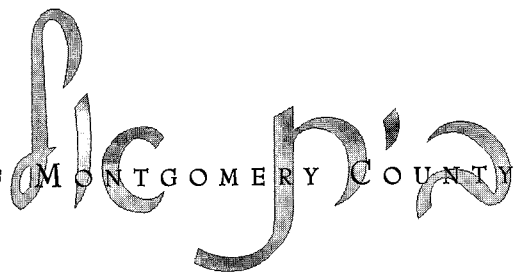
Off the Bimah

In the construction of the first sanctuary in the Bible the text reads: "Take for Me a contribution from each person whose heart moves him (her!) to give." In other words, the Tabernacle was built from beginning to end through the gifts of volunteers. No one was forced to do the work; no one was assessed or compelled to contribute. If Moses had raised the funds by taxing his people — perhaps more would have been raised — but it would have meant far less.

As we embark on a major effort to construct and enhance our own "Mishkan" for the next generation, and for the new millennium, let me remind you that there is much that can be done by professionals, there is much that depends upon experts and technicians. But at the heart and center of human life are people who are moved to do what they don't have to do, who are willing to volunteer, to give a hand, and to contribute — not by union rules, but simply because it is right.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Shavuot Festival Service Schedule

Thursday, May 20, Erev Shavuot
Mincha Service at 6:30 p.m.
Religious School Tikkun Layl Shavuot at 6:30-8 p.m. in the APR
Light supper at 6:45 p.m.
Study Session at 7:15 p.m.
Maariv Service at 8 p.m.
Study Session at 8:15 p.m.

Friday, May 21, First Day Shavuot
Festival Service at 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation
Bikkurim Ceremony
Festival Service at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22, Second Day Shavuot
Festival Services at 7 and 9:15 a.m.
Yizkor will be recited at both services
Torah Readers will be honored at the 9:15 a.m. service

The Religious Schools will be closed on Thursday, May 20 and the schools and offices will be closed on Friday, May 21.

Israel Quest

To the parents of Bar and Bat Mitzvah age students: Now is the time to be thinking about Israel Quest, our community's teen Jewish identity program. Israel Quest provides a framework for fostering your teen's Jewish identity, promoting his or her connection to the Jewish community and enabling him or her to experience the wonders of Israel first hand with other Jewish teens.

Israel Quest works like this: After the tenth or eleventh grade, students select an Israel trip, which is usually six to eight weeks in duration. UJA Federation of Greater Washington provides an Israel Experience guide, which lists hundreds of Israel trips that qualify for Israel Quest. Upon your

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, May 14

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Bemidbar, Numbers: 1:1 - 4:20

Gabrielle Yudkovitz 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, May 21

1st Day Shavuot

Festival and Shabbat

Service, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22

2nd Day Shavuot

7 & 9:15 a.m. (Yizkor at both services)

Deuteronomy: 14:22 - 16:17

Numbers: 28:26 - 31

Max Ostrov Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

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

Friday, May 28

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 29

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Naso, Numbers: 4:21 - 7:89

Lauren Leonard Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jessica Widom Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

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

Thank You, Doctors!

Thanks to all the doctors who supplied samples of medicines for our partner Jewish community in Kostroma, Russia. More samples are always welcome. Now we're working hard to find people to take the medicines to Moscow or St. Petersburg. If you know of anyone who is going, or if you have samples to be picked up, please call Claire Marwick at (301) 657-2328.

Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next two weeks. On Sunday through Thursday, the Minyan begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. During the week of your assignment, we would appreciate your attending as many evenings as possible, so that those who are saying Kaddish will have a minyan that they can attend at Beth El.

May 16 - May 20

Gary and Caryn Silverman

Donald and Ruth Silverstein

Emil and Devra Simiu

Alan and Elizabeth Simon

Joel and Joan Simon

Jonathan and Sandy Simon

William Simon

Charlotte Simos

Lee and Amy Simowitz

Daniel and Irene Simpkins

Jack and Flora Singer

Stuart and Arlene Sirkin

Shirley Sisco

Matthew Slater and Faith Roessel

Albert and Sylvia Small

Arthur and Myra Smith

Henry and Laurie Smith

Jason and Marilyn Smolen

Robert and Phyllis Snider

May 23 - May 27

Janet Sobel

Mark Sobel

Jose and Tutti Sokol

Laszlo and Annamarie Sokoly

Mitchell and Rachelle Solkowitz

Steve and Phyllis Solomon

Melvin and Frances Spaeth

Bertram and Judith Spector

Barry and Karen Spergel

Allen and Rita Spiegel

Bruce Spiegel and Glenda Koby

David and Sharon Spiegel

Julian and Diane Spirer

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Neil and Sherri Stahl

Thomas Stanton and Martha

Zaslow

Roger and Debra Stark

Jon and Darby Steiger

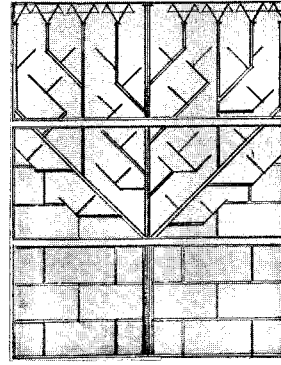
KERUV

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).

Beth El Capital and Endowment Fund Campaign Passes the "Minyan" Mark!

The Capital and Endowment Fund Campaign to expand and renovate Beth El is off to a strong start. All of you should have received by now the beautiful brochure outlining the goals and priorities of the campaign. Already, gift commitments have been made by 18 generous families (as of April 14, 1999), enabling us to pass the "minyan" mark. The congregation gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the support of Benson and Natalie Adams, Jeffrey and Terri Annis, Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim, Norman and Ellen Eule, Cary and Nancy Feldman, Robert Fersh and Sharon Markus, Beryl and Gloria Frank, Erwin and Leena Groner, Bert and Susan King, Bob and Evyan Koenig, Jay and Connie Krupin, Susan Levine and Robert Janney, Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin, Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman, Ted Meltzer, Jerome Ostrov and Roberta Baruch, Rabbi William Rudolph and Gail Fribush, and Andrew and Judy Sherman.



This is just the beginning. We hope to involve each and every family in the project to build a stronger home for our congregation. The time to participate is now. Call Andrea Glazer at (301) 652-2606, ext. 313 to set up an appointment to discuss your participation.

Capital Campaign: Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the time frame for my payment of a gift to the Capital Campaign? Can I pay monthly?

Answer: Gifts to the Campaign can be paid over a period of five years. When you make your gift to the Campaign, you may structure payment to best fit your family's financial situation. You may pay in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments. Some congregants will choose to pay more of their gift in the early years, others may choose equal annual installments. You will notify us as to when we can expect payments when you confirm your gift.

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, June 5 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. Elissa Goldfarb 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.

LEARNERS SERVICE BECKONS TO NEWCOMERS

Rabbi Rudolph has returned to leading this user-friendly service the third Shabbat of each month. The final two services of this program year are on 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.

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Beth El Forest

In Memory Of: David Finbloom by Marta Wassertzug; Beverly Haas by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin J. Weiss; Anna Botnick by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin J. Weiss; Walter Taylor by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin J. Weiss; Ludwig Meyerhoff by Leonard and Gabriela Bechick; Anne Greenberg, sister of Harold Hurwitz, by Murray A. Haber; Sara (Mickey) Harris by Bernice Finkelstein; Irving Greene by Harold and Evelyn Greene.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: In appreciation of Hazzan Lubin by Audrey Berger. In Memory Of: Fanny Byer by Dr. Abner A. Byer; Sol Gabry by Mona and Jerry Gabry.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: Sabina Shalom by Marion F. Wolff. In Memory Of: Dr. David Finbloom by Debbie and Wayne Pultman; Simon H. Spivak by Anita Lieb; Clare Lerner, mother of Suzie and Howard Lerner, by Judith J. Newman and Flora and Jack Singer; Hyman Tunkle by Jonathan S. Silber.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Jack Edlow's birthday by Jose and Tutti Sokol. In Memory Of: Clare Lerner by Priscilla and George Tievsky.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Loving memory of Ethel Werner by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay.

General Fund

Suzanne and Benjamin Bronheim; Robert and Michele Lieban Levine; Allan Krongold; Sharon and Jeremy Zissman. In Honor Of: Jack Edlow's 50th birthday by Helen and Charles Wylar; David Schraub's Bar Mitzvah by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker. In Memory Of: A. Abba Koblenz by Andrew D. and Katherine E. Koblenz; Michael Abrams by Katherine and Andrew Koblenz; Harlan Bernstecker by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker; Ethel Werner by Betsy and Bill Micucci; Lionel Lipschultz and Harold L. Talisman; Ezra Maryamov by Yiddush of Greater Washington, Inc.; Ernest Bukatman by Dr. Barry Bukatman; Our loving aunt, Ethel Werner, by Natalie and Lenny LaBelle; Ann Diamond by Douglas L. Diamond; David Finbloom by Gary and Rachelle Bernstecker.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: The birth of Joshua Benjamin Beckhardt by Gale and Ron Dutcher. In Memory Of: Leon Polis by

Sheryl Fishman.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Dr. David Finbloom by Katy Stein and J. Merrill.

Masorti

In Honor Of: Benjamin Levin, grandson of Judith and Jonathan Levin, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg and Family.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Ari Blumenthal and Sharon Parrott by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; Engagement of Brett and Laura by Beth, Ken, Ben, and Eli Berman; Dr. Naomi Ruff and Matthew Masden by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; Elaine Pines by Neil Levy; Jacob Blumenthal and Marci Harris Blumenthal by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; Eli and Gayle Blumenthal by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; The Ehrensteins' grandchildren by Arlene and Edwin Shykind. In Memory Of: Solomon Berde by Irene Hauser; Elaine Press, twin sister of Ann Barcome, by Al and Evelyn Fox; Kenneth Tucker, brother of Trudy Weker, by Al and Evelyn Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Ilse Nathan Wolf by Franz B. Wolf; Louis Lerman by Allen and Barbara Lerman and Family; David Raab by Arlene and Edwin Shykind; Clare Lerner by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hauser.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: Cecelia Schroeder Platt, beloved mother, by Max and Judy Bernhardt.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Anniversary of Shabbat Early Morning Minyan by George and Elaine Perlman, Peter and Diane Novick, Murray and Anne Foss, Howard and Julia Copperman, Marcia and Paul Merlin, Davetta and Emanuel Landau, Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum, Lucy Ozarin, Lillian Kessler, Henry E. Freedman, Herbert and Nancy Rosenthal, Hope and Phil Borish, Claire Marwick and Herbert and Estelle Wiser; Get well, Shirley Gross, by Herb and Peggy Levinson. In Memory Of: Martha Eppstein by Werner Blumenthal; Ruth Smith, beloved sister of David Goldman, by Lillian Kessler; Harry Burkom by Ruth Lee Greenberg; Ethel Werner by Henry E. Freedman; Clare Lerner by Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman; My wife, Trudy Haber, by Murray A. Haber; Max Kleine, father, by Herman Kleine; Ethel Werner by Herb and Peggy Levinson; My dear mother, Lia Imas, by Marta Wassertzug; David Finbloom by Henry E. Freedman.

Music Fund

Judith Bernstein. In Memory Of: Clare S. Lerner by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg and Family; Ann Barcome's sister by Sheila Smallberg Cohen and Family.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Hilary Druckman's 3rd birthday by Andrea, Mike and Nate Druckman; Nitzanim Havdalah Program by Howard and Susan Weiss.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Yetta Bernstein, my grandmother, by Susan L. Winarsky; Morris Maggin by Bernard and Frances

Maggin; Becky Maggin by Bernard and Frances Maggin; Barry Weisberg by Stuart, Beth, Andy and Eric Weisberg; Joseph Sherman by Norman I. and Ruth Stein; Eve Scharf by Elaine and George Perlman; Fannie Robinson Hochman by Bernard and Frances Maggin; Joshua Keith Maggin by Bernard and Frances Maggin; Lillian Shapira by Ellen and Joseph Levin.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph by Bernard and Rita Jacobi; My aliyah by Cecelia Levine; My aliyah, Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesach by Daniel Mann; Rabbi Maltzman by Bernard and Rita Jacobi. In Memory Of: Gloria Dreilinger by Craig Dreilinger; My beloved husband, Herbert Magid, by Evelyn Magid; Leonard Davidov by Dolly and Marvin Band; Betty Pleeter by Saul Pleeter; Ida Winston, dear mother of Colin Winston, by The Druckman Family; Maurita Prada by Vincent F. Prada; Eva B. Doroff by Stanley W. Doroff; Mildred Hecht by Dr. Alan Hecht; My beloved father, Julius Risin, by Evelyn Magid.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Engagement of Andrew Stein to Nancy Levinson by Cary and Nancy Feldman. In Memory Of: Aaron Kaufman by Dr. Ava Kaufman.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Rockey Lang's speedy recovery by Marta Wassertzug.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Mike Friedman's father, Sam Friedman, by Susan and Bert King; Clare Lerner by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph George Kay; Samuel D. Mandel by Steven Mandel.

Social Action Fund - Kosovo Relief

Sarah C. Kalser; Murray and Anne Foss; Isadore and Rose Rod; Howard and Susan Feibus; Bernice Gold.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Jacob Cohn's Bar Mitzvah by Betsy Roth, Howard Moss and Family; Susan Levine, Bob Janney and Family for your hospitality by Betsy Roth, Howard Moss and Family. In Memory Of: Dr. Max Solow by Marcia and Don Weinroth; Samuel Suls by Herbert and Estelle Wiser; Cary and Nancy Feldman, and Freda, Dan, Jeffrey and Marcia Segal.

Torah Scroll Fund

In Memory Of: Sarah Adella Ozarin by Lucy Ozarin.

Vatikim

In Memory Of: Wolf Kuskin by Harry H. Kuskin; Anna Gelman, beloved mother, by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rib; Clare Lerner by Jack and Bea Goldman.

Barbara Wolf "Israel Quest" Fund

In Memory Of: Father-in-law, Jacob Greenberg, by Leo Kopit; Jacob Adolph Kay by Lola and Gerald Sherman; Barbara Wolf by Debby and Menachem Shoham and Grandchildren; Beloved brother, Lt. Aaron M. Kopit, by Leo Kopit.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: Sylvia Pogach by Mrs. Esther P. Kranton; Aladar Sege by George Sege.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Joseph Weisz, Bernard Weisz and Helene Weisz on the death of Kurt Weisz, brother and uncle.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Ted and Miriam Anders on the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anders, to Mark Bronfman. An October wedding is planned.

Membership Information

Josephine Stein has moved to 130 New Mark Esplanade, Rockville, MD 20850-2732. **Lisa Anne Rosen** has moved to 5121 King Charles Way, Bethesda, MD 20814-2149. **John Broder** and **Karolyn Wallace** have moved to 4212 Maple Terrace, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

CPR Class to Be Offered at Beth El

As a part of Brass, Incorporated's community outreach program, their CPR instructors will be holding classes at Beth El. These classes will cover adult, child and infant CPR techniques. The youth class (ages 12 and up) will be held on Sunday, June 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Board Room. The adult class will be held on Sunday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. Please contact Rachel Sternberg at (301) 652-2606, ext. 308 to sign up to learn these important skills.

Chevra Kadisha

The work of the Chevra Kadisha may not always be fully understood and the Committee would like to explain some of the duties and obligations that are a part of its administrations. Many of these are neither demanding nor unpleasant, but in order to meet the needs of those who may at some time require such services, additional voluntary help is greatly needed.

A meeting of the Chevra Kadisha will be held in the Board Room at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 23, at which time a presentation will be made outlining the many non-stressful ways in which new members can feel encouraged to join this dedicated group of workers. A physician will also be on hand to answer any questions that might touch upon the hygienic aspect of our work. In addition and of general interest, is the need to be informed of the heavy, and sometimes hidden, expenses of funerals and the services and options that are offered. This most important aspect enables one to avoid making hasty decisions at a time when expediency and grief overshadow one's choices.

Participation in the work of Chevra Kadisha is, perhaps, one of the most important contributions any congregant can make to ease the burdens of a grieving family in times of bereavement. Your interest is earnestly solicited, and we hope you will make every effort to attend this most worthwhile and enlightening meeting.

Brunch will be served, but in order to ensure adequate catering, please call Sabina Shalom, (301) 564-5751, by May 18 if you plan to attend.

Installation and Congregation Dinner

All congregants and guests are invited to attend the Friday evening service and the Installation Dinner on Friday, June 4. The service is at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be followed by the installation of the Officers and Trustees of the congregation and its auxiliaries for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Reservations must be received by Tuesday, June 1. Please fill out the form below and send it with your check made payable to Congregation Beth El to the synagogue office, marked attn.: Installation Dinner.

RESERVATION FORM Installation and Congregation Dinner Friday, June 4, 1999

Adult Members _____ @ \$13.50 each	Total \$ _____
Non-member _____ Adults @ \$16.00 each	Total \$ _____
Children (6-12) Members _____ @ \$9.00 each	Total \$ _____
Children (under 6) _____ @ \$4.00 each	Total \$ _____
	Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone No. _____

I would like to sit with _____

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

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

Reservations will not be accepted after Tuesday, June 1, 1999

(All rates include a 3% Mazon donation)

Shavuot

Shavuot will take place this year on May 21 and May 22. Literally, "the holiday of weeks," Shavuot marks the culmination of the 50-day counting period of the agricultural harvest — thus explaining its name Yom Ha-Bikkurim, the holiday of first fruits. Shavuot also has historical significance, since tradition states that the Torah was presented to the Jewish people on the 6th day of Sivan. For this reason, Shavuot is designated as Z'man Matan Toratenu — the time of giving our Torah.

Special Torah readings are assigned for these two days of Yom Tov — the highlight of which is the chanting of the Decalogue on the first morning, On the second day, Yizkor memorial prayers are said.

Shavuot is a triple holiday, a three-fold celebration which commemorates:

- The giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai
- The harvesting of wheat in Israel
- The ripening of the first fruit in the Holy Land

The Rabbis declared Shavuot to be the most pleasant of all Jewish holidays. It complements Passover well and brings that great festival to a glorious conclusion. On Passover the Jews were freed from slavery, and on Shavuot the freed slaves were transformed into free human beings by the Ten Commandments.

*The Families of the Confirmation Class Cordially Invite
the Congregation to the Confirmation Exercises
on Friday, the twenty-first of May,
nineteen hundred and ninety-nine
at 9:15 a.m.*

Congregation Beth El

Beth El's 1999 Confirmation Class

*Rachel Benjamin, daughter of Jody and Bobby Benjamin
Anna Stephanie Cohen, daughter of Helen and Charles Cohen
Rebecca Dreiling, daughter of Amanda Ford and Craig Dreiling
Emily Tova Eckland, daughter of Abbie and Bill Eckland
Rebecca Eisen, daughter of Claire Shapiro and Eric Eisen
Joseph Willy Friedmann, son of Debra and Peter Friedmann
Jacob Bradley Goldsmith, son of Beverly and Barry Goldsmith
Michael Hoffman, son of Andrea and Abram Hoffman
Ariel Hurwitz, daughter of Barbara and Ely Hurwitz
Jennifer Lebovich, daughter of Karen and William Lebovich
Joshua Rosenbloom, son of Deborah and David Rosenbloom
Rachel Ross, daughter of Deborah and Dennis Ross
Shira R. Savada, daughter of Andrea and Elias Savada
Ari Schoenholtz, son of Janice Liebowitz and Andy Schoenholtz
Justin Shapiro, son of Eve and Howard Shapiro
Elisabeth Theodore, daughter of Judith Fradkin and William Theodore*

Tikkun Lail Shavuot - Thursday, May 20, 1999

It is a time-honored custom to study Torah on the eve of Shavuot, commemorating the anniversary of the giving of the Law. The morning the Jews were supposed to receive the Torah at Sinai, they overslept. Moses had to wake them up! This is one explanation for the custom of staying up all night studying on the eve of Shavuot. Come learn together on Thursday evening, May 20. Congregants of all ages are welcome to attend. Both children's and adults' programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include dinner. The Maariv Service at 8 p.m. concludes the children's evening. The service will be preceded by a study session with Rabbi Maltzman and followed by study sessions led by Rabbi Rudolph and Hazzan Lubin. If you would like to join us for the light meal and study sessions, please return the coupon in this issue to the synagogue office by Thursday, May 13. Please contact a member of the clergy if you have questions about the adults' program; contact Sarah Roark, (301) 652-2606, ext. 320, with any questions about the children's program.

Shavuot/Bikkurim Ceremony

The festival of Shavuot will be celebrated on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22. Families are invited to celebrate Shavuot and the bringing of "Bikkurim" (first harvest fruits and flowers) to the synagogue during services on Friday, May 21.

It is a tradition at Beth El for children up to third grade age to bring a basket filled with fresh fruit and flowers of your choosing to beautify the synagogue (later to be distributed to the needy). There will be a children's procession during the service. There will be refreshments following the service and babysitting is available during services.

**Thursday May 20th, 1999
Tikkun Leil Shavuot
All Ages**

Adults will attend:

6:30 Mincha

6:45 Dinner

7:15-8:00 Teaching Session with Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman

8:00 Maariv

8:15-9:30 Teaching Sessions with Rabbi William Rudolph and Hazzan Abraham Lubin

Children's programming will be run by Sarah Roark and Louis Nagel from 6:30-8:00 including dinner. Families will be encouraged to reunite for Maariv.

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

If children are attending please list their ages:

**There will be a five dollar fee per person to cover the cost of dinner.
R.S.V.P. to the synagogue office by May 13th.**