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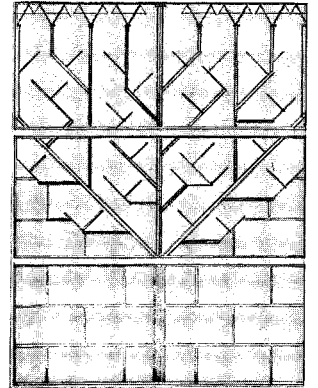
ISSUE 19

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Sustain our Past * Renew our Present * Build our Future

Important Information to Keep in Mind

1. All pledges to the Capital Campaign may be paid over a five year period.
2. We are eager to meet with every family who wishes to discuss its participation.
3. This campaign will support the expansion and renovation of OUR synagogue.



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CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Beth El Nursery School Chooses New Director

The Parent Board at Beth El Nursery School is pleased to announce that our new director has been selected. We welcome Johanna (Jo) Sohinki to our school and to our synagogue.

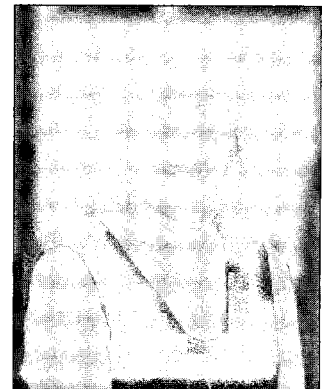
Jo has been an early childhood educator since 1977. She has been a classroom teacher, an early intervention/special needs teacher and a nursery school director. She recently returned from California where she was the nursery school director at Kol Tikvah Preschool at the Stephen Wise Temple. Jo proudly started this nursery school, and she received rave reviews from the staff as well as from the Rabbi, who credited her with helping to create a

vibrant active atmosphere at the synagogue through the warm and nurturing environment she

established at the nursery school. Prior positions include director of the full day preschool at the JCC in Rockville and early childhood center director with the Montgomery Child Care Association.

Jo is married with two grown sons. Her husband Arnie is the

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Shabbat Schedule

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

Friday, June 4

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 5

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Behaalotekha, Numbers: 8:1 - 12:16

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

Rachel Jutkowitz Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.

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

Friday, June 11

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 12

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Shelach, Numbers: 13:1 - 15:41

Eve Hoffman Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Joshua Stanton Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

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

Beth El Nursery School Chooses New Director (cont. from page 1 ...)

Executive Director of the JCC of Greater Washington in Rockville. Their son Rich, 21, attends American University, and their son Lewis, 18, attends University of Denver.

Jo is very excited to join our co-op nursery school and has already attended school functions including camp planning meetings, parent board meetings, a staff luncheon and our Shabbat dinner. To help ensure a smooth transition, she and Ellen Darr will work collaboratively throughout the month of June. Jo will assume her full time director duties effective July 1, 1999. Please join us in welcoming Jo and her family to our Beth El family.

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 30 - June 3

Donald Stein and Linda Katz

Howard and Holly Stein

Josephine Stein

Mark and Judith Stein

Norman and Ruth Stein

Edmund and Gladys Stelzer

Larry and Lya Stern

Ronald Stern and Elisse Walter

Eliot Sternfeld and Lisa Tarker

Helen Stettner

Evelyne Schettewi Steward

Jacob and Anita Stillman

Martin and Kitty Strauss

Martha Strauss

William and Mandy Strum

Renee Kluger Subrin

Fred and Lorraine Sulmer

Leonore Swerdlow

Samuel Swerksy

Alan and Corinne Swoff

Ellen Swoff

June 6 - June 10

Mario and Manette Sznol

Harold Talisman and Marianne Freeman

Jonathan and Alisa Talisman

Robin Taub

Selig and Sondra Taubenblatt

Robert and Ginger Teitel

Steven Teitelbaum and Susan Kitt

Steven Teplinsky

Jerome and Sophie Teplitz

Terry and Susan Teplitz

Milton and Renee Thaler

William Theodore and Judith Fradkin

Andrew and Sharon Tievsky

George and Priscilla Tievsky

Marvin and Arleen Tievsky

Julian and Iris Tishkoff

Irving and Melva Tofsky

Christopher and Meritt Tollefson

Ronald and Evelyn Treinish

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).

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

4. Dedication opportunities are available to honor someone special or pay lasting tribute to the memory of a loved one.
5. The names of **ALL** contributors will be recognized in a congregation journal displayed in a central location in the synagogue.
6. Gifts of appreciated assets (stock) result in great tax savings.

For more information or to make an appointment to discuss your participation, contact Andrea Glazer, Campaign Coordinator, at 301-652-2606, ext. 313.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Many people gave generously to expand the synagogue and renovate the Sanctuary. Haven't they done their part?

A. Those families were very generous. But it is crucial that every family - veterans and newcomers - work together to make our synagogue all that it can be for all of our members.

Q. Won't all this building destroy the culture of our community?

A. This expansion and renovation is not about becoming a bronze and marble edifice with no soul. We are literally 'trapped by our success'. We are an active and energetic, caring and creative congregation. Our limitation of space inhibits our ability to realize our fullest potential.

Q. Can't we solicit money from corporations or foundations to reduce the burden on our members?

A. If you are employed by a corporation that participates in a philanthropic 'matching gifts' program, you can maximize your gift to Beth El. However, experience teaches us that it is extremely rare to receive funding from organizations that don't have a close relationship with a synagogue member. When all is said and done, it will be our own congregation members who will build our future.

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.

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Bendit Adult Institute Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved grandfather, Morris Stein by Helen and Lenny Rib.

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: The 85th birthday of Aunt Belle, with love by Roz and Allen Ginsberg; For a speedy recovery of Meyer Zitter by Howie and Holly Stein. In Memory Of: David Finbloom by Mark Raza; In loving memory of Patrick Coleman by Ellen and Benjamin Bornstein; My dear aunt, Berta Samban, by Marta Wassertzug; Gertrude "Geri" Quillen by Dr. Lucy Ozarin.

Building Fund

In Memory Of: Alvin J. Schragger by Lewis Schragger, Frances Marshall, Elana and Alec.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Hazzan Lubin, with special thanks for helping Josh, by Brenda, Jim and Josh Schmand. In Memory Of: Mildred Tulman Fidell by Eugene R. Fidell.

Chevre Kadisha Fund

In Memory Of: Kurt Weisz, brother, by Joseph Weisz; Leonard Pitch by Anthony and Marion Pitch; Sharon Schiller by Bat-Ami and Morcehai Liwshitz; Our beloved uncle, Kurt Weisz, by Helene Weisz and Richard Lieberman.

College Fund

In Honor Of: Seymour and Shirley Gross by Tutti Sokol. In Memory Of: William Leibenhaut by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky; Pauline Kessler, grandmother, by Ellen Eule; Beloved brother, Dr. Harold Rib, by Helen and Lenny Rib.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Joseph Leibowitz by Hannah and Tim Lipman.

Embracing the Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph by Helene Weisz and Richard Lieberman.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Ann Greenberg, beloved sister of Harold Hurwitz, by Lillian Kessler; Perla Falk, beloved friend, by Gertrude Gerber.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Irene and Julius Hauser's birthdays and anniversary by Helene and Murray Weitzman. In Memory Of: Frank and Celia Lissy by Stewart and Myra Deutsch; Maurice Derkay by Lee and Gloria Derkay; Jack Pupkin by Stuart

and Sherry Kaswell; Ida Winston by Alan and Elizabeth Simon; David C. and Doris C. Kanter by William Kanter; Hazel Sherbill by Barbara and Raymond Sherbill.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: Rose Blumberg Asner by Marti Asner.

Havurah Fund

In Honor Of: Mitzi and Max Goldman's new grandson, Samuel Isaac Strongin, by Ilene and David Jacobowitz.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of David Schraub by Eugene and Amy Goott; Cheryl Kreiser, with special thanks for tutoring Josh, by Brenda, Jim and Josh Schmand. In Memory Of: Evyan Koenig's beloved grandmother by Brenda and Doug Bregman; Samuel Scherr by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Margit Sonne by Daniel and Elaine Mann.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Ellen Darr's 15 years as Nursery School Director by Sharon and Andrew Tievsky. In Memory Of: Sidney Chernick by Jeffrey and Naomi Berman.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Frieda Gordon by Israel Rubin; Joseph Levine by Howard and Jan Levine; Abraham David Rubin by Israel Rubin; Kalman Seigel by Ann Goodman; Harold Fassberg, beloved husband of Vera Fassberg, by Jack and Johanna Minker; Father of Barry Pupkin by Peter and Debra Friedmann; Janet Rubin by Israel Rubin.

Masorti

In Honor Of: Aliyot to the Torah of Milton Nichaman by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman.

Mazon

In Honor Of: For speedy recovery of Irv Kalikow by Al and Evelyn Fox; Birth of granddaughter, Lily Rose by Al and Evelyn Fox; Josh Schmand's Bar Mitzvah by Brenda, Jim and Josh Schmand; The birthday of Dan Margulies by Donna Vogel and David Margulies; Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Raim by Nancy Rose and Bob Lipman; Rabbi Maltzman by Helene Weisz and Richard Lieberman; Birth of grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wagner by Al and Evelyn Fox; Hal and Elissa Scheinberg's grandchild, Adina Sarah by Brenda, Jim and Josh Schmand. In Memory Of: Philip Goldstein by Eleanor and Richard Cohen; Louis Cherkas by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman; Albert Langerman, father, by Dr. Elaine L. Shalowitz; David Finbloom by Mark Raza; Henry Cohen by Stanley B. Cohen.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph helping Josh

with his Bar Mitzvah by Brenda, Jim and Josh Schmand. In Memory Of: The Yahrzeit of Ruth Heller's mother by Bert and Susan King; Kenneth Tucker, beloved brother of Trudy Weker, by Jack and Johanna Minker; Fay Swoff Eckstein by Alan and Corinne Swoff; Abraham Swoff by Alan and Corinne Swoff; Clare Lerner by Mary Dubrow; Harold Bernstein by Blanche B. Cohen; David Goldman's sister, Ruth Smith, by Sarah C. Kalser; Bina Zipper by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; David Finbloom by Bert and Susan King; Gertrude Kossman, mother, by Mary Dubrow; Mr. and Mrs. Otis M. Yokum by Craig D. Yokum; Father, Abraham Samuel Lipkind, by Harry Lipkind.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Irene and Julius Hauser's birthdays and anniversary celebration by Judith J. Newman; Walter Kahn by Priscilla and George Tievsky. In Memory Of: David Eleck Snyder by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Silverberg; Nathan Silverberg by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Silverberg; Arthur Richman by Cookie and Brian Schulman.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Naomi Solkowitz's 3rd birthday by Mitchell and Rachele Solkowitz.

Perspectives Fund

In Memory Of: Beloved father, Joseph Rib, by Helen and Lenny Rib.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Margaret Salant by Frances Edlitz; Beloved sister, Charlotte Quint, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Dr. William Dorfman by Lillian Dorfman; Eva Silas, loving aunt, by Etta Watson Zuckerman; Samuel Zuckerman by Etta Watson Zuckerman; Gertrude Kaminsky by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Israel Bloom by Bob and Carole Kaminsky; Elizabeth S. Goldberg by Davetta and Emanuel Landau.

Rabbi's Fund

Charles H. Shoneman. In Honor Of: Rabbi Maltzman, in appreciation for Mishaberach, by Frances H. Leibowitz; Rabbi Maltzman helping Josh with his Bar Mitzvah by Brenda, Jim and Josh Schmand; Rabbi Scolnic by Helene Weisz and Richard Lieberman; Julie Taylor Kromash's Babynaming by Joseph, Dana and Rachele Kromash. In Memory Of: Robert Band by Bernard A. Band; Ida

Serlick by Edna and Max Krents; Aaron Siegel, father of Michael Siegel, by Howard Goldblatt; Kurt Weisz, brother, by Joseph Weisz; Justin Finger by Janet and Steve Goldhill; Anna Caplan by Freda and Daniel Segal; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bogler by Margaret Bogler; Mr. and Mrs. David Rottenberg by Margaret Bogler.

School Enrichment Fund

Beatrice Root. In Memory Of: Molly G. Ury by Joan and Michael Ury.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: Refuah Shelaimah for Elliot Wilner by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Kenneth Tucker, brother of Trudy Weker by Bea and Bernie Berger.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Memory Of: Clare Lerner by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El; Ethel Werner by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El; Kenneth Tucker, brother of Trudy Weker, by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El; Daniel Paskow, brother of Miriam Crowell, by Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Clare Lerner by Gloria and Beryl Frank; In loving memory of our friend, David Finbloom, by Janice Liebowitz and Andy Schoenholtz; Kalman Seigel by Carolyn Shanoff; Kenneth Tucker, brother of Gertrude Weker, by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Ida Winston by Gloria and Beryl Frank; Anne Greenberg by Daniel and Elaine Mann; Ethel Werner by Gloria and Beryl Frank.

Social Action Fund - Kosovo Relief

Barry and Beverly Goldsmith; Rosalyn D. Bass; Irwin and Sylvia Ruff; Shirley Levine Wasserman; Esther and Elliot Wilner. In Memory Of: Alvin J. Schragger by Lewis Schragger, Frances Marshall, Elana and Alec.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Samuel Suls, brother of Pearl Cohen, by Lenore and Kenneth Becker; Selma and Nathan Hankin by Marcia and Donald Weinroth; Philippe Rubinstein by Gail, Barry and Philip Lipton; Samuel Suls by Mark and Julie Scheiner; Sam Suls by Daniel and Clara Gordon.

Vatikim

Herbert Harvey. In Memory Of: William Kuskin by Judge and Mrs. Harry H. Kuskin.

World Jewry

In Memory Of: Kurt Weisz, beloved brother of Joseph Weisz, by Claire Marwick

*Baruch
Dayan
Emet*

*Congregation Beth
El offers its sincere
condolences to
Steven Talkovsky
on the death of his
mother, Florence
Talkovsky.*

*Beth El
Cemetery
Section at
Judean
Gardens*

Cemetery sites are currently being sold at Judean Gardens in Olney, Maryland. Beth El's first section is almost full. Please contact Carole Wellner at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316 to receive our brochure.

Do You Know What To Do If Someone Is...

Having a Heart Attack

Not Breathing

Choking

Come To Our CPR Classes We will teach you

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. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, baby sitter, or just a good Samaritan, these are skills that you should not be without.

The classes are divided into two age groups.

Youth

11-yrs to 17-yrs

Adults

18-yrs and older

For more information or to sign up for these important skills, please contact:

Rachel Sternberg at 301-652-2606 Ext.308 for Youth Classes

Susan Levine at 301-530-2919 for Adult Classes

Youth class will be held on:

Sunday, June 6, 1999 from 11:00 p.m. To 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Adult class will be held on:

Sunday, June 13, 1999 from 10:00 p.m. To 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$ 26.00

Please make checks payable to:
Send to:

Cong. Beth El
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814

Lost Tallit

A woman's tallit in a white bag within a plastic covering was lost on Saturday, March 20. It was placed on the shelf in the coat room. Please contact the synagogue office if you find this tallit, (301) 652-2606, ext. 303.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Mitchell and Rachelle Solkowitz on the birth of their daughter, Masha Aviva Solkowitz, on April 22, 1999.

Mazal Tov to Marshall and Sandi Levy on the birth of their grandchildren, Ryan Matthew Levy and Elliana Beth Levy. Ryan, born on February 12, 1999, is the son of Stuart and Susan Levy. Elliana, born on April 16, 1999, is the daughter of Eric and Shari Levy.

Women's Health Seminar

The Sisterhood Women's Health Seminar on April 25 received rave reviews from those who attended. Participants ate a delicious lunch, listened to knowledgeable and informative speakers, underwent health screenings, talked to experts, picked up literature and participated in several types of exercise. Sisterhood wishes to thank the many people listed below for helping to make the Seminar such an educational, valuable and fun program.

Co-Chairs: Michele Herman, Mimi Tygier, Pat Danoff.

Luncheon Chair: Evelyn Bitterbaum

Speakers: Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "Women's Health: Fact vs. Fiction;" Audrey Corson, "Take Charge of Your Health;" Evelyn Karson, "Testing for Jewish Genetic Diseases;" Monica Shaffer, "Ways to Prevent Osteoporosis."

Exercise Leaders: Jill Cahn, Unity Woods Yoga Center; Pat Danoff, Dynamic Dynabands; Kathy Matty, Love to Dance Aerobics; Sarah McKechnie, Sarahflex Pilates.

Health Screening Providers: Shelly Belson and Harriett Knoll, glaucoma; Bernice Blumenthal, blood pressure; Robin Coffey of High Tech Health, Inc., cholesterol; Solveig Ingersoll of The Hearing and Speech Center, hearing; Rose Kehoe of Suburban Hospital, percent body fat; Stacia Super, clinical social worker.

Health-Related Exhibits: Joyce Abbell, Magnetic Therapy; Susan Heitmuller of Adventist HealthCare, Heart Health; Cheryl Hoyt of The Women's Health Boutique, Health Products; Janice Liebowitz, Exercises for a Healthy Back; Michael Shalom, Ethics, Environment and Diet.

Planning, Cooking and Set-Up: Betty Baer, Gabriela Bechick, Adah Rose Bitterbaum, Bernice Blumenthal, Suzanne Bronheim, Gail Dutcher, Ellen Eule, Emily Goldman, Rita Kahn, Dorothea Lear, Jackie Levine, Toby Moss, Andrew Rubin, Ruth Silverstein, Karolyn Wallace, Dora Weinstein.

Donations of Door Prizes or Materials: Adventist HealthCare, Andalucia, Cottonwood Café, Rio Grande Café, Ristorante Tragara, Thyme Square Café, Washington Radiology Associates (Estie and Edward Lipsit).

Beth El Staff Support: Dorothy Beverly, Miriam Davidson, Elsie Hercules, Jose Morales, Karl Smart, Margaret Smith.

BETH EL NURSERY SCHOOL & NITZANIM

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th - 11:30AM-1:30PM

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QUESTIONS: SHERYL ISAACS - 301-365-2721

Our Family _____ will attend. Home Phone _____

Number of Adults ____ Children ____ Please make check payable to: Beth El Nursery School.

Class Teacher _____ Nitzanim ____ New Family ____

Beth El Families

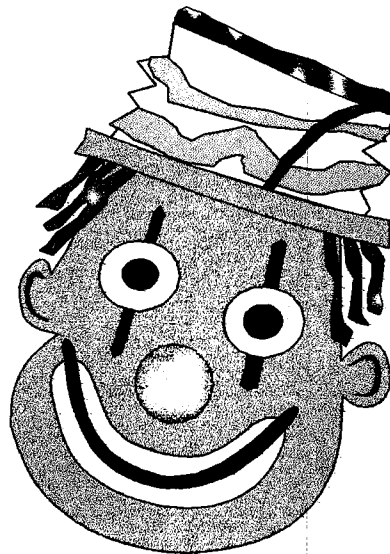
**BRING A NEW SCHOOL
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**Come celebrate the end of a
great school year at a picnic
and field day at Veirs Mill
Park**

**Sunday
June 13, 1999
10:00-12:00**

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CONES**



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Kosovo Relief Efforts

Among the many organizations accepting financial contributions to aid Kosovo refugees are American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 711 Third Avenue, 10th Floor, NY, NY 10017, (212) 885-0832; American Red Cross International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013, 1-800-HELPNOW, www.redcross.org; or Kosovo Refugee Relief Fund, c/o Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, 6101 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852. (Put the code "POP99DRK" on your check.) Checks may also be sent to the synagogue office, marked attn.: Kosovo Relief. As of April 20, \$2,060 has been sent to Beth El.

World Jewry Corner

Update on Norwegian Holocaust Compensation

The World Jewish Congress reports that progress is being made with Norway's long-considered plan to offer compensation to its Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Recent parliamentary legislation has earmarked \$57 million for a comprehensive scheme that will provide funds both to Norwegian Jewish survivors and for projects to further Jewish education and culture in Norway and abroad.

Norway currently has one of the smallest Jewish populations in Scandinavia – some 1,500 Jews out of a total population of nearly 4.5 million. About 1,800 Jews were living in Norway during the Second World War, the overwhelming majority Norwegian citizens. When the Quisling collaborationist government took over, nearly half were quickly turned over to the Nazis for deportation; 760 of the 770 deported died in the concentration camps. The majority of those remaining, some 900 Jews, were successfully smuggled to Sweden by the Norwegian underground. (By contrast, about 90% of the resident Jewish population of Denmark was saved by underground transport to Sweden, which today has a Jewish population of about 18,000 out of a total of 9 million.)

The legislation recently passed is the direct result of a 1996 commission which undertook an investigation of the wartime confiscation of Jewish property by the Quisling government, in part as a result of criticism and pressure from the World Jewish Congress and other Jewish groups.

Sources: World Jewish Congress; Jewish Telegraph Agency

Russian Anti-Semitism Continues to Surge on Local Levels

American and international Jewish organizations have monitored the former Soviet Union with concern this spring, as reports of anti-Semitism at local and community levels continue. National leaders spouting anti-Semitic remarks already receive wide reportage in Russia; one of the most outspoken is Communist Party leader and Duma member Albert Makashov, who has suggested reinstating the Pale of Settlement (a restricted territory where Jews were forced to live in the 19th century) and referred to Jews as "Yids" who "drink the blood of the indigenous peoples of the state." His rhetoric has been matched by some local officials, particularly the governor of the southern Russian region of Krasnodar, and by ultra-nationalist and neo-fascist groups such as the group Russian National Unity, or RNU.

In the U.S., Jewish officials have stepped up appeals to legislative and diplomatic contacts. The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on European Affairs held a hearing in late February at which representatives from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) and the American Jewish Committee joined the Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, in testifying about worsening conditions. At a State Department meeting in January held prior to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's Moscow trip, a joint NCSJ-Anti-Defamation League delegation presented Albright with a white paper that included a number of suggested programs that could ameliorate anti-Semitism in Russia.

Sources: Anti-Defamation League; Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
Submitted by Mimi Godfrey

**"NEW"
PARENT/
TODDLER CLASS**

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

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!

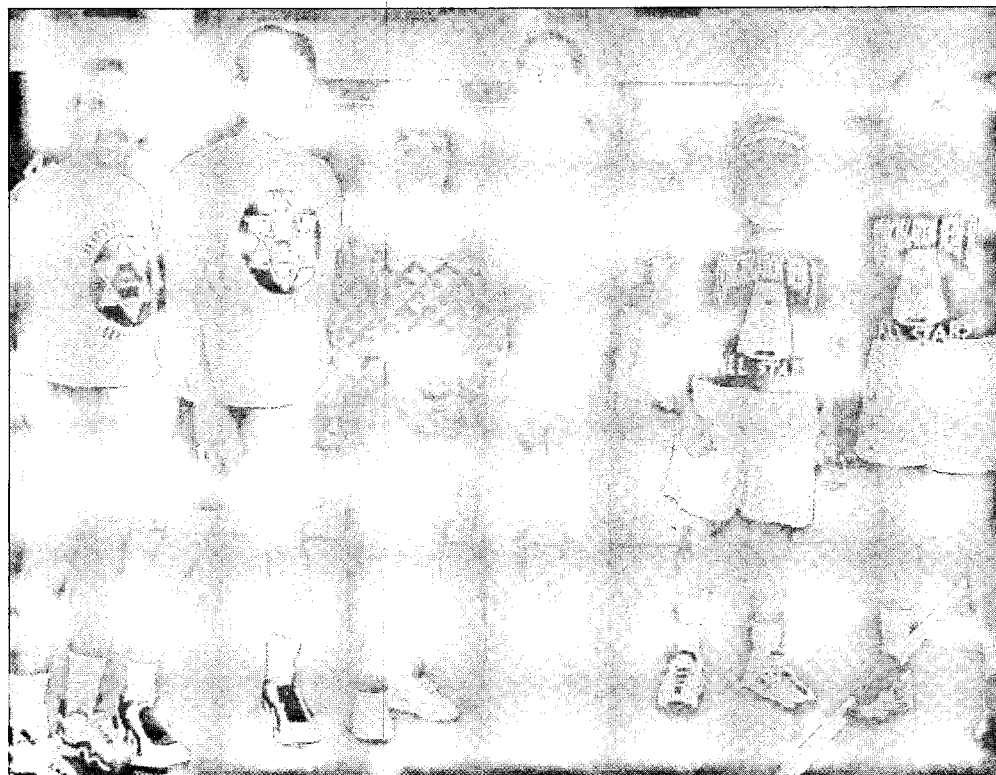
MEN'S CLUB

The year is winding down, but you're still welcome to the Men's Club Sunday breakfasts. Why not stop by? For membership information, please contact Bernie Rod at (301) 299-8362.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 30 | Seymour Gross performing "Favorite Yiddish Melodies" |
| June 6 | Dr. Milton Jacobs, "Juan Luis Vives: A Converso Born in 1492, Valencia Spain; Wrote Philosophy in the Low Countries" |
| June 20 | Healing Service led by Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman |



HOOPS FOR HUNGER TOURNAMENT — Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation and Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County recently raised \$5,600 for Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Adat Shalom remained undefeated in the tournament with a 46-40 victory, but all the players felt like winners in the fight against hunger. Shown here are, from left, Sidney Schwarz, Adat Shalom founding rabbi; Peter Haas, Adat Shalom player; Susan and Irving Kramer, executive directors of Mazon; Jonathan Maltzman, rabbi of Beth El; and Ambassador Dennis Ross, Beth El player.

Photo courtesy of Adat Shalom

Sisterhood News

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Membership Information

Jeff Schwaber and Elizabeth Schroyer have moved to 10913 Roundtable Court, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 581-0099. **Ken and Beth Berman** have moved to 11304 Crossing Glen Court, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 340-1727.

From the Desk of Rachel D. Sternberg, Youth Director

Bonim (Kindergarten - 2nd Graders)

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

Machar (3rd-5th Graders)

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

Kadima (6th-8th Graders)

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

USY (9th-12th Graders)

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

Regional Spring Reunion

Dance, Sunday, May 30, 8-11:30 p.m. at Agudas Achim
Go to the jungle at the Seaboard Region Spring Dance at Agudas Achim Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. A fun night of dancing, Karaoke and friends. Cost is \$7 at the door (you must be a USY member to attend). Bring extra money for pictures!! Need directions?? Call the Hotline.

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)

Another New Havurah Forming

Come to the organizational meeting for a new Havurah for families with children in the approximate age bracket of 4 - 8. The meeting is Sunday, June 6, 4 p.m. in Bethesda. Call Carole Wellner, Rabbi Maltzman's secretary, at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316, for more information or to register interest if you cannot attend that day. This is the fifth new Havurah forming this year. To discuss joining a Havurah, or starting a new one, please contact Rabbi Rudolph at (301) 652-2606, ext. 318.

Volunteers Needed for Evening Minyan Telephone Committee

For the past few years, we at Beth El have been fortunate to have full quorums at the Evening Minyan. However, such regular participation has not always been easy to achieve. To promote a reliable minyan, the synagogue posts a "minyan duty" list in each issue of the Scroll. This list goes a long way toward promoting the volunteerism needed to fill the minyan on a regular basis. However, in addition, the Board of Directors, several years ago, authorized an Evening Minyan Telephone Committee. The purpose of the committee is to call congregants listed in the Scroll a week or two in advance of their scheduled minyan duty and provide a friendly reminder. The concept has been very useful as measured by participation in the Evening Minyan.

Telephone Committee members make one call a week (occasionally two), using a list that is provided by the synagogue office. A number of Telephone Committee members have now been performing this service for the more than three years that the committee has been in existence and would like to pass on the baton. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the committee and performing the valuable service of keeping the Evening Minyan strong, please contact Jerry Ostrov at (202) 872-0800 (office) or (301) 571-7339 (home). This is a mitzvah that can be performed with little investment of time and is usually greeted with appreciation by the people who are called.

LEARNERS SERVICE BECKONS TO NEWCOMERS

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

Vatikkim Luncheon

Would you like to revisit a time and experience long past? Then come join us for our June 17 Vatikkim luncheon. Milton J. Weidler will present a slide essay from a series called "The Decades of Our Lives." He will focus on "Individual Memories of the 1940's and the Baby Boom" and describe "The Trials, Tribulations, Turmoil and Trauma" of the decade that molded our generation. People who have heard Mr. Weidler's talks at the JCC have rated him tops for his entertaining programs.

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, June 17, 1999.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the
Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by June 15. No
reservations will be accepted after this date.