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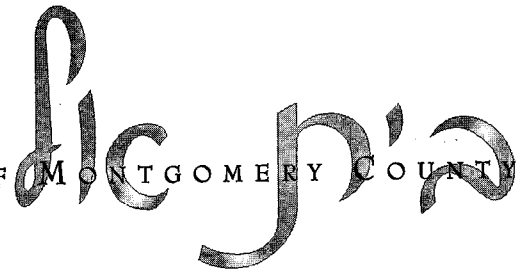
One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon wide mouth mason jar and set it on the table in front of him.

Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks.

Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good."

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CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



WHAT IS MY RESPONSE-ABILITY?????

Have you been reading the literature about our Capital Campaign and thinking to yourself, 'I'll get around to that later.' Or, have you said to yourself, 'They don't want or need my gift, it's probably not enough to make a difference.' The truth is that everyone and every level of giving is important to meeting our goals of not only raising money but of strengthening our congregation and community. So, when your head says not now, not so much, listen to your heart when it says that we are all responsible for the future. Each of us, across the span of age and means, has a stake in seeing our congregation meet the promise of tomorrow.

So, what is your Response-Ability???? It's really quite simple. Remember gifts to the Capital Campaign may be paid over a period of five years, and for many, gifts of appreciated stock are an advantageous means of making a gift. Whatever you decide, it's easy to do. Here are the ways to make a gift to the campaign:

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High Holiday Service Schedule

Saturday, September 4

Selichot Program
9:30 p.m.
Selichot Service
11:00 p.m.

Friday, September 10

Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

1st Day Rosh Hashanah
8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 12

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah
8:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 19

Kol Nidre
6:45 p.m.

Monday, September 20

Yom Kippur
9 a.m. Morning Service
10 a.m. Torah Service
11:30 a.m. Musaf/Sermon/
Yizkor
3 p.m. High Holiday Seminar
4:30 p.m. Mincha
5:45 p.m. Neilah
7:39 p.m. Conclusion of Fast/
Shofar

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, August 27

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 28

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Kee Tavo, Deuteronomy:

26:1 - 29:8

Sarah Steward Bat Mitzvah

at 9:15 a.m.

Rebecca Webber Bat

Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.

Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in

APR

Friday, September 3

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 4

7:30 & 9:15 a.m.

Nitzavim-Vayeilekh,

Deuteronomy: 20:9 -

31:30

Lauren Dutcher 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, September 10

Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 p.m.

Saturday,

September 11

1st Day Rosh Hashanah

Genesis: 21:1 - 34

Numbers: 29:1 - 6

8:30 a.m.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Renee Subrin** on the birth of her grandson, Harrison Subrin Yeager, on May 28, 1999. Harrison is the son of Scott and Laura Yeager.

Mazal Tov to **Sam and Evelyn Margolis** on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Rose Warshawsky, on June 23, 1999. Sarah is the daughter of Mark and Laura Warshawsky.

Mazal Tov to **Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin** and Larry and Judy Feldman on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Hannah Feldman, on August 3, 1999. Sophia is the daughter of Dr. Scott Feldman and Stephanie Lubin.

Mazal Tov to **Danielle Hazan** on her marriage to **Evan Sultan** on June 13, 1999.

Mazal Tov to **Sholom Shefferman** on his marriage to **Theda Banker** on July 20, 1999.

Mazal Tov to **Judy Bernhardt**, who was named the Na'amat Washington Council Woman of the Year, and to **Anne Foss**, who was installed as President of Na'amat Washington Council.

Mazal Tov to **Josh Rosenbloom** and **Becca Ostrov** for completing the Hitmachut (Becoming an Expert) Program at Camp Ramah in New England. Josh received his expertise at the Waterfront and Becca in Jewish Art.

The following letter was received from **Ed and Bea Golfer**:

Dear Rabbi Maltzman, Rabbi Rudolph, Hazzan Lubin and our dear congregants:

Ed and I send our deepest gratitude for your prayers and good wishes for Ed's return to good health. We are certainly grateful to have such dear friends to wish him a refuah shleimah.

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.

August 29 - September 2

Mitchell and Renee Cooper

Robert and Diane Coplan

Howard and Julia Copperman

Michael Copperman

Miriam Crowell

Fred and Ilse Cutler

Michael Cutler and Dale Rosenthal

Jerry and Pat Danoff

Morton and Lillian Davis

William and Mindy Davis

Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum

James and Leslie Dellon

Martin Dembo

Howard and Babette Denis

Lee and Gloria Derkay

Michael and Sheila Dershowitz

David and Deborah Deutsch

Paul Devinsky and Mary-Ellen Signorille

Michael Diamond and Barbara Mittleman

Elliott and Phyllis Dickler

September 5 - September 9

Ariel and Mati Dinar

Milton and Faye Doberman

Alan and Jane Dorfman

Jonathan and Cynthia Dorfman

Lillian Dorfman

Stanley Doroff

Richard and Elizabeth Drachman

Craig Dreilinger and Amanda Ford

Michael and Andrea Druckman

Mary Dubrow

David Dunn and Tamara Dunietz

Mitchell and Heidi Dupler

Gale Dutcher

Lee and Donna Dymond

Steven and Marilyn Ebbin

William and Abbie Eckland

Kenneth Eckmann and Rhonda Friedman

Robert and Sandra Edenbaum

Frances Edlitz

Jack and Sabrina Edlow

Eugene and Paula Einhorn

Congregation Beth El
proudly presents
Selichot Night
of
Music and Prayer
Saturday, September 4, 1999
9:30 p.m.

Special Program
"Music of the Jewish Spirit"
with
Hazzan Abraham Lubin and guest artists
Zina Gendel, violin
Lori Barnet, cello
Maria Nusinovich, piano

Reception following the program

11:00 p.m. *Selichot Service*
with
Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman and
Hazzan Abraham Lubin

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Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the 'big rocks' in your life? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your dreams? A worthy cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in.

So, on the eve of this New Year, ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, put those in your jar first.

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Ritual Committee News

This last year, the Spirituality and Healing Service Task Force of the Ritual Committee began, in collaboration with our Rabbis and Hazzan, a series of Healing Services at Beth El. We have now had six Healing Services. Many of you have asked, "What is a Jewish Healing Service?" At Beth El we have utilized approaches developed at other Conservative synagogues and put our special imprint on them. The services include singing and music, inspirational readings, opportunities for participants to talk about the issues that have brought them to the service and to mention those for whom they pray, and comments by the clergy leading the service. It is a less formal, more intimate opportunity for congregants to find support, comfort and renewed hope and energy to deal with the physical, emotional or spiritual challenges they or a loved one faces. Please plan to join us in the Healing Services this year, which will begin in late October. Watch the Scroll for the exact date.

This year, in addition to its usual activities, the Ritual Committee will be working with Rabbi Maltzman, Rabbi Rudolph and Hazzan Lubin on various aspects of our services, including spirituality. If you are interested in serving on the Ritual Committee this year, please contact Ben Bronheim at (301) 320-3220 or bbronheim@hotmail.com.

Finally, we are looking for members of Beth El who would like to form a Beth El chamber group. If you play an instrument that would be appropriate and are interested, please contact Ben Bronheim, Chair of the Ritual Committee.

Lulav and Etrog Order Form 1999

This year we are again purchasing our Lulav and Etrogs from New York directly, thus saving everyone money — almost 20%.

In order to do this, however, all orders must be placed and paid for by September 8.

Please note that these are the same prices as last year.

I would like to order the following lulav and etrog set:

- _____ Small \$38.00
_____ Large \$47.00
_____ Deluxe \$57.00

Name _____

Phone _____

Make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office.

No orders will be accepted after September 8. Orders can be picked up on September 23, from 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. All orders must be prepaid!!

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!

The Nitzanim Kiddush on June 26 was sponsored by Darryl Sherman and Sara Greenbaum in honor of the seventh birthday of their daughter, Shoshanna Sherman.

The Nitzanim Kiddush on July 10 was sponsored by Colin and Audrey Winston in honor of the first birthday of their son, Reuben Winston and by Alan Kravitz and Sandra Kresch in honor of the naming of their daughter, Natalie Anne Kravitz.

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, September 4 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. The service, conducted entirely by members of the congregation, combines evocative Torah study with ample singing and ruach. Children of all ages are welcome although the service is oriented towards adults. Contact Dan Hirsch, (301) 654-7289, Sid Getz, (301) 530-2215, or Mark Levitt, (301) 365-5365, for more information.

Keruv

Join Keruv on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 12, at the home of Betty and Jim McDonald, 5405 Huntington Parkway, Bethesda, for a pot luck dairy luncheon. Please RSVP to Betty McDonald, (301) 656-0742, or Terri Annis, (301) 656-5219.

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 Terri Annis 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 Terri Annis at (301) 656-5219.

Glossary of Terms Used in the Scroll

Some of our readers may not be familiar with the meanings of Hebrew terms used in the Scroll. This column will list words or phrases and their literal meanings. In the case of names of groups, the function of that group will also be explained.

Selichot: Penitential prayers are said the whole month of Elul leading up to Rosh Hashanah. The Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah has become a time for concentrated prayers recited up to midnight.

tzedakah: Literally, "righteousness." "Giving charity" is the usual translation of tzedakah. In fact, charity and other good deeds are the right thing to do.

tikkun olam: "Repairing the world." The generic term for social action, joining with God in making the world as good as possible for all its inhabitants. shalach manot: Gifts for the needy at Purim time.

Tu B'Shevat: Arbor day of trees on the Jewish calendar, celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Shevat when sap begins to flow in trees in Israel.

What Is My Response/Ability? (cont. from page 1...)

- Return the "Count Me In" card included in the High Holiday packet and in a recent letter from the President, and someone will call you.
- Call (301) 652-2606, ext. 313, to set a time to learn about the expansion and renovation project and talk about your gift to the campaign.
- Don't want or need more information? Just call the number above and inform Andrea Glazer, Campaign Coordinator, of the gift you want to make.

Remember: Listen to your heart and follow your Response-Ability. Beth El needs your support and it needs it now.

Supporting Beth El's Future!

We all talk of the importance of Jewish continuity. The following families have finalized their financial commitment to Beth El's Capital Campaign to assure a vital and vibrant synagogue that will meet our spiritual, educational and social needs as we move into the 21st century. Many others have had meetings with us and are determining the most advantageous ways to make their gifts. Congregation Beth El gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the generosity and support of those families that have become donors to the campaign. They are:

Benson and Natalie Adams, Jeffrey and Terri Annis, Stanley and Judith Baldinger, Heinz Bauer, Howard and Sondra Bender and Family, Brent Berger and Carolyn Chabrow Berger, Gary and Rachele Bernstecker, Douglas and Brenda Bregman, Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim, Sidney and Miriam Carter, Miriam Crowell, Jerry and Pat Danoff, Martin Dembo, Richard and Elizabeth Drachman, Michael and Andrea Druckman, William and Abbie Eckland, Jack and Sabrina Edlow, Norton and Sandy Elson, Burton and Diane Epstein, Norman and Ellen Eule, Cary and Nancy Feldman, Robert Fersh and Sharon Markus, Eugene Fidell and Linda Greenhouse, Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell, Beryl and Gloria Frank, Karl Freiberg, Barry and Barbara Friedman, Tom and Ann Friedman, Gary Friend and Tara Sonenshine, Sam and Eleanor Frishman, Craig and Judy Futterman, Bernice Gold, Harvey and Libby Gordon, Erwin and Leena Groner, Seymour and Shirley Gross, Donald Gutman and Ivy Fields, Jerome and Cyma Heffter, Thomas Helf and Michelle Brafman, James and Debbie Heller, Josephine Horn, Robert Janney and Susan Levine, Sarah Kalser, Michael and Nancy Kay, Edward and Miriam Kelty, Bert and Susan King, Bob and Evyan Koenig, Max and Edna Krents, Jay and Connie Krupin, Arnold and Dorothea Lear, David and Jacquelyn Levine, Kenneth Levine and Diana Huffman, Theodore and Anita Lieb, Ace and Linda Lipson, Sheldon and Margery London, Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin, Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman, Steve and Barbara Mandel, Lawrence and Linda Mann, Philip and Phyllis Margolius, Claire Marwick, Gary Marx and Julie Rabinowitz, Ted Meltzer, Dan Mintz and Ellen Ellow-Mintz, Bernard and Toby Moss, Barry and Karen Neumann, Judith Newman, Jerome Ostrov and Roberta Baruch, Lucy Ozarin, Milton Pochter, Arthur and Helen Popper, Herbert and Nancy Rosenthal, Joseph and Dorene Rosenthal, Benjamin Ross, Rabbi William Rudolph and Gail Fribush, Peter and Stephanie Schissler, David and Sonja Schultz, Joseph and Judith Semo, Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin, Andrew and Judy Sherman, Don and Ruth Silverstein, Joel and Joan Simon, Mitchell and Rachele Solkowitz, David and Sharon Spiegel, Rosalie Sporn, Alan and Corinne Swoff, Julian and Iris Tishkoff, Chris and Meritt Tollefson, Jack and Stephanie Ventura, Dora Weinstein, Mervyn and Shirley Weiner, Howard and Susan Weiss, Elliot and Esther Wilner, Gary and Marilyn Wind, John and Marion Wolff, Jack and Susan Yanovski, and three families who requested that their names be withheld.

We hope to involve each and every family in the project to build a stronger home for our congregation. If you care about the future of Beth El, the time to participate is now. Call Andrea Glazer at (301) 652-2606, ext. 313 to set up an appointment to discuss your participation.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Lawrence Marcus' special birthday by Julius and Jeanne Marcus; 90th Birthday of Irving Klein by Harriet and Mannie Rabin. In Memory Of: Dennis Feldman by Elizabeth and William Sager; Joseph J. (George) Goldberg by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lehrhaupt; Anna Sanderson by Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Lehrhaupt; In Memory Of: Saul Possick, beloved husband, by Marcia Possick; Beloved wife, Frances Doroff, by Stanley Doroff; Dennis Feldman by Harriet and Mannie Rabin; In loving memory of Dennis Feldman by Robert and Iris Shamaskin and Shirley and Ray Galant; Milton Newman, beloved husband, by Judith J. Newman; Our dear member, Dennis Feldman, by Kenwood Park Havurah; Hyman Finn by Elaine and George Perlman; Meer Vainstein by Sharona Sapoznikow; Beloved father, Harry M. Segal, by Beatrice and Robert Newell; Ronald Smith by Harvey and Libby Gordon; My dear brother, Morris Krigelman, by Reba Hirsh.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Rudolph by Sheila and Henry Roth; Marriage of Sholom Shefferman to Theda Banker by Sholom Shefferman; Dr. Howard Weiss by Martin S. Dembo; 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levine by Dolly and Marvin Band; Sophia Clarke, aunt of Joyce and Morris Abrams, by Minerva and Gilbert Rosenberg; In Memory Of: Lillian Silver by Joel, Leslie, Morley and Leah Silver; Reuven Bar-Levav, father of Ilana Bar-Levav, by Alan and Debbie Birnkrant; Louis Schimel, beloved son, by Jane Schimel; Mildred Pernick Schafer by Irwin Pernick and Family; Abraham Gernstat by William and Pearl Baker; Magda Comsky by Stanley Doroff; Sarah Kotz by Marvin and Barbara Kotz; Jack Kotz by Marvin and Barbara Kotz; Dorothy Scheiner by Freda and Daniel Segal; Sidney Goldin, father of Lynn Goldin, by Robert and Paula Siegel; Harry Morris by Freda and Daniel Segal; Emanuel Dickler by Elliott and Phyllis Dickler; Samuel Berger, father-in-law, by Audrey Berger; Benjamin Morris Chasen by Irving and Annabel Chasen; Louis Schimel by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schimel; Ramon Semo by Joseph and Judith Semo.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Jonathan Levy's 50th birthday by Joseph and Lois Levy. In Memory Of: Sally Cohen by Family of Robert and Sheila Cohen; Alex Smallberg by Sheila and Robert Cohen and Family.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Memory Of: Lee Fefferman, Adeen Postar's mother, by Congregation Beth El Sisterhood; Ben Barnett Berman by Ken and Beth Berman; Irwin Bernstein, father, by Beverly Goldsmith.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: Special birthday of Diana Huffman by Judy and Meyer Levine, and Cynthia Huffman and Ray Heacox. In Memory Of: Leigh Fefferman, mother of Adeen Postar, by Joan and Tony Edwards; Mark Weinberg's mother by Susan and Bert King; Charles Margulies by David H. Margulies; Alexander Gordon by Annette and Jack Moshman; Goldie Gordon by Annette and Jack Moshman.

Social Action Fund - Kosovo Relief

Steven Talkovsky and Lydia Liferiedge. In Honor Of: My Aliyah at Early Sabbath Service by Henry E. Freedman.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Sybil Suls by Daniel and Clara Gordon; Harry Siegel by Daniel and Clara Gordon; Minnie Gordon by Daniel and Clara Gordon; My loving father, Harold S. Douglas, by Susan D. Feibus; David Gordon by Daniel and Clara Gordon; The mother of Adeen Postar by Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Rudolph; Michael Goldberg by Susan and Harvey Mininberg.

Vatikkim

In Honor Of: Rose Rod's special birthday by Judith Newman, Judge and Mrs. Harry H. Kuskin, Calvin and Norma Golumbic, and John and Marion Wolff; Marcia Possick, one of the best, by John and Marion Wolff; John Wolff's birthday by Kathy Hooley; A Refuah Shelaimah for Ed Golfer by Toby and Bernie Moss; Lillian Kessler's birthday by Kathy Hooley; Bernie Jacobi by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Eva Gittleston by Harriet and Melvin Gravitz.

World Jewry

In Honor Of: Anne Ball's special birthday by Carol and George Sege; Recovery of Ed Golfer by Roy H. Millenson. In Memory Of: Lily Sporn by Rosalie M. Sporn; Charlotte Sege by George and Carol Sege; Mari Samakovlija by Paola Samakovlija-Bolasny.

Young Equality Fund

In Memory Of: Elissa Scheinberg's father, Herbert Frankel, by Toby and Bernie Moss.

October Shabbaton

And now for something completely different: Tread an exhilarating path to spirituality at the Beth El Shabbaton on October 15 and 16. Leading Friday and Saturday services will be Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kalman, founder of Kehilat Hol Hanishamah in Jerusalem. A vibrant non-Orthodox community, Kehilat Hol Hanishamah has become "a unique attraction in Jerusalem and maybe all of Israel," reports Rabbi William Rudolph from his recent trip. "There were several hundred tourists like us on Friday night. Every Friday night of the tourist season is like that because of the synagogue's reputation for beautiful singing and spirituality," he adds. Shabbat morning at Kehilat Hol Hanishamah is a unique experience in Torah and learning, too. "The excitement of worshipping with Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kalman is beyond description," Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman declares. Now you don't have to travel to Jerusalem to revitalize your religious enthusiasm with Rabbi Weiman-Kalman. Experience his unique approach to Shabbat worship at Shabbat evening and morning services at Beth El on October 15 and 16. This program is sponsored by the Family Education Advisory Committee. For more information, call Sarah Roark, (301) 652-2606, ext. 320, or Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318.

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In Memory Of: George and Rose Gottfried by Arnold and Judith Marcus; Aaron Marcus by Arnold and Judith Marcus.

Beth El Forest

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Building Fund

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Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: Rita dressing the Torah Scroll by Bernard and Rita Jacobi; A speedy recovery for Meyer Zitter by Mitzi and Max Goldman; Anne Ball's special birthday by Vera B. Fassberg. In Memory Of: Mother of Adeen Postar by Dr. and Mrs. Alan R. Gold; Joseph Kershner by Thelma Solomon; Jules Frederick Freedman by Abner and Ruth Byer; Etta Posilkin by Robert and Linda Posilkin.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: Oren Hirsch's Bar Mitzvah by Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Herman Dewald by Michele D. Herman; Renee Chrem by Mr. and Mrs. John Wolff; Lillian Brown by Murray A. Haber; Our daughter, Claudia, by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Flyer; Recha Heilborn by Vera B. Fassberg; Clara Gang by Florence Gang; Abraham Weiss by Marjory F. Weiss; Rachel Zimmerman by Diane Zimmerman; Rebecca Berman by Ken and Beth Berman; Goldie Moss by Toby and Bernie Moss; Renee (Shalom) Chrem, sister, by Mark Shalom; Sister-in-law, Ethel Kondy Mendeloff, by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jacobi; Dr. Hyman Zimmerman by Dr. Herbert and Estelle Wiser; Dennis Feldman by Bernie and Anita Ash; Samuel Tzach by Marjory F. Weiss; Minna Shaftan, mother, by Florence Gang; Mary Zipper by Bernice Blumenthal; Isaac Mandel by Bernice Blumenthal; Our grandfather, Morris Routhenstein, by Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman; Sarah Kahn by Marcia and Paul Merlin; Bobby Zimmerman by Diane Zimmerman; Sylvia Goldenbach by Marilyn and Daniel Kweller.

Disabled Access Fund

In Memory Of: Dora C. Henley by Carolyn Shapiro; Bessie Burman by Bea and Bernie Berger.

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory Of: Phillip Glovinsky, beloved father, by Sam Glovinsky; Annie Walters by Selma Hurwitz.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Wishing Dr. Kotelanski a speedy recovery to good health by Ethel and Joe Bulman, Frieda B. Kasden, Fran and Jack Lish, Janet S. Cohen, Ruth Estrin, Andrea J. Silverstone, Ed and Melissa Firestone, Isabel A. Young, and Wilma and Stuart Bernstein; To celebrate the birth of Darcy June Drewyer by Doris Lerman. In Memory Of: Our cousin, Dennis S. Feldman, by Laurie Feldman and Stephen P. Koster; Dennis Feldman by Sarah Silverman; Adeen Postar's mother by Irene and Philip Gallas; My mother, Dora Deutsch, by Stewart Deutsch; Dennis Feldman by The Gondos Family; Our cousin, Dennis Feldman by Sheila and Ed Silverman; Bernard Feibus by Howard and Susan Feibus.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Honor Of: The birth of Natan Hayim, son of Michal and Andy Fandel by West Bethesda Havurah. In Memory Of: Hy Pessa by The Popper Family; Emma Klawans by Rita and Sam Gillman; Bernard Kaplan by Mimi and Allan Meltzer.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery of Dr. Bernardo Kotelanski by Claire Dratch. In Memory Of: Gilbert J. Spiegel by Barbara Friedman; Mother of Adeen Postar by Galil Family; Ida Friedman by Barry and Barbara Friedman; Celia Hoffman by Lee Hoffman.

Library Fund

In Honor Of: 70th Anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of Dr. Hans Hirsch by Judith and Jonathan Levin; Rose Rod's special birthday by Joseph and Elsie Woolman. In Memory Of: Frances Jacobson by Lynn Katz; Dennis Feldman by Calvin and Norma Golumbic; Dr. Milton Avol by Dr. and Mrs. Burton S. Epstein; Abe Golumbic by Calvin and Norma Golumbic.

Masorti

In Memory Of: Dorene Zalis by Herbert L. Zalis; Betty Finkle Popkin by Joel Popkin; Paul Shanoff by Barry Shanoff; Herbert Frankel, father of Elissa Scheinberg, by Judith and Jonathan Levin.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Oren Hirsch by Sidney and Janet Getz; Rachel King's high school graduation by Rachele and Gary Bernstecker; Eileen Aranoff's 40th Birthday by Cindy and Mitchell Caplan. In Memory Of: Moshe Dayan by Beth El Religious School Teachers; My beloved father, Norman Miller, by Aileen Miller Cohen; Samuel Kline, father-in-law, by Etta Kline; Ruth Carroll by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin; Israel Sheeskin by Leonard and Sylvia Sheeskin.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: For Ed's good health by Bea Golfer; The recovery to good health of Edward Golfer by Dr. Herbert and Estelle Wiser, Lillian Kessler, Marilyn and Daniel Kweller, Edna and Max Krents, and Bea and Bernie Berger; For a speedy recovery of Dr. William Gerber by Lillian Kessler; Lillian Kessler's daughter, Paula, named President of the Olney Chamber of Commerce by Frances H. Leibowitz; A Minyan by Beth El Religious School; Henry Freedman, in appreciation, by Elliot Shaller and Ellen Werner; Marcia Merlin, for your dedication and commitment to Jewish education by Beth El Religious School Teachers; In Memory Of: Dr. Hyman Zimmerman by Dr. Herbert and Estelle Wiser, Sarah C. Kalsner, Dorothea and Arnold Lear, and Roy Millenson; Betty Rosoff by Janice Raffel Samet; Lisa Anne Frank by Suzanne B. Goldberg; Milton Feldman by Michael and Judie Muntner; Grandmother, Esther Hochberg, by Marilyn Hammerman; Beloved mother, Dora Schulman Hindin, by Frances H. Leibowitz; My dear father, Leon Imas, by Marta Wassertzug; Tessie Tanenbaum by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Tanenbaum; Joseph Rockkind by Frances H. Leibowitz; William Platt by Libby and Irv Klavan; Elissa Scheinberg's father, Professor Herbert Frankel, by Judy Goldman; Leopold Levi by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; Simon Zipper by Werner and Bernice Blumenthal; Elizabeth Lerman by Allen and Barbara Lerman.

Music Fund

In Honor Of: Birthday of Anne Ball by Margie and Dick Siegel.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Reuben's 1st Birthday by Colin, Audrey and Shira Winston; A new member! by Beth El Religious School Teachers; New grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schettewi by Helen and Lenny Rib.

Perspectives Fund

In Honor Of: The return to good health of Dr. William Gerber by Dr. Herbert and Estelle Wiser.

Men's Club

You're always welcome to join the Men's Club! For membership information, please contact Marvin Yudkovitz at (301) 564-4580.

Nitzanim Leader Needed at Walt Whitman

Nitzanim is searching for an adult or teenager to lead Nitzanim services at Walt Whitman for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The paid sessions are for Rosh Hashanah, September 11, and Yom Kippur, September 20, from 9:45-10:45 and 11:00-12:00. If you are interested, please contact Audrey Winston at (301) 493-8536 or Rachelle Solkowitz at (301) 897-8139 for more information.

Thank You for Volunteering

The Social Action Committee would like to acknowledge everyone who participated in Tikkun Olam activities this past year. Thanks to USY for distributing empty grocery bags for our annual High Holiday Food Drive. Thanks again to all the wonderful project leaders who made our Mitzvah Day program so successful and rewarding. Thanks to Karolyn Wallace for organizing Beth El's volunteer weeks at the Community-Based Shelter. Thanks to Janice Liebowitz and family for organizing beautiful Purim Shalach Manot baskets and a Tu B'Shevat activity for our adopted unit at the Hebrew Home. Thanks to everyone who contributed time and money to the Montgomery County Thanksgiving Hunger Drive. Thanks to everyone who patronized participating restaurants for Thanksgiving in February. Thanks to Bert King and Jon Binder for coordinating Beth El's participation in Yachad's "Sukkot in April" program. Thanks to Deborah Leibowitz, our liaison with the Interfaith Housing Coalition. Thanks also to Rabbi Maltzman and Rabbi Rudolph and their families, Hazzan Lubin, Louis Nagel, Sarah Roark, Rachel Sternberg, Sisterhood, Men's Club, our wonderful office staff and support staff. May our good deeds strengthen our community and everyone we touch.

Ambassador Richard Solomon to Speak at High Holiday Seminar

Every year we offer a High Holiday seminar on Yom Kippur in the afternoon prior to closing services. This year we are privileged to have as our speaker Ambassador Richard Solomon, President of the United States Institute of Peace. Dr. Solomon served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs under President Bush. He was U.S. ambassador to the Philippines during 1992-93. For the past six years Ambassador Solomon has been president of the Institute of Peace, a nonpartisan federal institution created by Congress to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflicts. Dr. Solomon will speak on "Peace Making in the 21st Century."



SUKKAH BUILDING KIT

OR DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS

ORDER EARLY THIS YEAR!



Sukkot begins this year on Friday night, September 24th. For the twelfth year Congregation Beth El is offering an easy-to-assemble, moderately priced Sukkah kit to enhance your enjoyment of the holiday.

The complete kit will produce a free-standing 8' x 8' square frame Sukkah made of #2 spruce. All necessary holes are pre-drilled and hardware (bolts, wing nuts, corner braces) and directions for assembly are included. Tools required are pliers, wrench, or nutdriver. You will need to provide your own siding (such as sheets, shades, or plastic), roofing branches, and decorations. A 4' x 8' extension kit is available to enlarge the sukkah to 8' x 12'.

Pictures of the assembled Sukkah can be seen on the synagogue bulletin board near the office and in the Nursery School Hall. The Sukkah put up by the Nursery School is from a Beth El kit.

THE COST OF EACH COMPLETE KIT IS \$100 (which covers the cost of materials and a contribution to the synagogue). A limited number of kits are made during the summer and will be sold to the first people from whom we receive payment. **MAIL IN YOUR ORDER SOON TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT SINCE WE ARE EXPECTING THE KITS TO SELL OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR.**

Call Jerry Danoff at (301) 365-1180 for further information. Kits can be picked up at the home of Pat and Jerry Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, by arrangement in September. (Be prepared to carry home several pieces of 8' lumber).

For Do-It-Yourselfers:

An instruction packet including directions for purchasing the materials and completely making the Sukkah yourself is also available. We have plenty of copies and will mail them anywhere you wish.

THE DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS COST \$6 and include an exact shopping list of lumber and hardware needed, plus directions for how to cut the wood, drill the holes, and assemble the Sukkah.

Please complete the order form below and send it with your check made payable to "Congregation Beth El" to Pat Danoff, 6740 Greentree Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. Please write Sukkah kit or Sukkah instructions on the check.

Sukkah Order Form

I would like to order _____ complete Sukkah kits at \$100 each. (Instructions included.) Kits can be picked up in September.

I would like to order _____ do-it-yourself Sukkah instructions at \$6 each. Packets will be mailed upon receipt of your order.

A check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

*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.

Attention:

Ushers

Please contact Leonard Sheeskin, the new Chair of the Ushering Committee, at (301) 340-2352, to report any changes in the ushering schedule.

Beth El Has a New Website Address and New E-mail Access!

Beth El's new website address is **www.bethelmc.org** This should be a lot less cumbersome than our previous address! The clergy, staff and officers of the Board of Directors can also be reached now by e-mail at Beth El. The new addresses are listed below:

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Our webmaster, Gary Rosenfeld, is updating our web site on a regular basis. Gary will be soliciting materials from all Beth El groups to put on the web, and the goal is to have our web site contain up-to-date information of interest and importance to all Beth El members and to the community. If your group wants to have material on the web site, please contact Gary. He prefers to get material already on disk, but you can also e-mail Gary at GROSENFELD@EX-PRESSNET.COM or call him at (301) 279-7919.

Membership Information

Max and Edna Krents have moved to 4615 North Park Avenue, #419, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, (301) 656-5833.

Irwin Aisenberg has moved to 8508 Meadowlark Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 365-6444.

Allan Lang has moved to 8100 Connecticut Avenue, #1009, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, (301) 652-8111.

Ira and Deborah Schwarz have moved to 5505 Brite Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 986-1681.

Steven and Sheryl Freishtat have moved to 11911 Renwood Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 231-6122.

*Baruch Dayan
Emet*

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to Harvey Gordon on the death of his stepfather, Edward Schneider; to Shirley Feldman on the death of her husband, Dennis Feldman; to Mark Willen on the death of his father, Abraham Willen; to Tom Schrank on the death of his mother, Pearl Schrank; to Evelyn Bitterbaum on the death of her brother, Milton Avol; to Elissa Scheinberg on the death of her father, Herbert Frankel; to Mark Weinberg on the death of his mother, Shirlee Weinberg; and to David Roark on the death of his grandfather, John Charles Macey.

Thanks from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

The following letter was received at Beth El:

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (JDC), we are pleased to acknowledge your contribution of \$6,111 to assist those fleeing from the fighting in Yugoslavia.

We are working through our established network of field staff to assess needs and respond in the most effective fashion. In Albania, JDC is providing emergency items such as blankets, mattresses, and water tanks for the refugees in the camps. Longer-term programs geared primarily to assist women and children will soon begin in Albania and Macedonia, where JDC is working in partnership with the International Rescue Committee, Project HOPE, World ORT and others.

In addition to our direct services, we are coordinating the Jewish Coalition for Kosovo Relief and Assistance, comprised of 40 American and foreign Jewish organizations.

We are grateful that you have chosen JDC as a partner in your charitable endeavors. Thank you once again for your commitment and concern for those in need.

Sincerely,

Jonathan W. Kolera
President

Ronne M. Hess, Chair
Resources Development Committee

Annual High Holiday Food Drive

Welcome the New Year with an act of tzedakah - a bag filled with groceries for Montgomery County's neediest citizens. As you depart Rosh Hashanah services on Saturday, September 11, you will receive an empty shopping bag. Please return your bag filled with non-perishable food items on Kol Nidre evening. Trucks from Manna Food Center, Montgomery County's non-profit food bank, will be at Beth El and at Walt Whitman High School from 6:15 until 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, September 19, to collect your bags.

Manna provides meals to 75 - 100 families every day, in addition to supplying county shelters year-round. If each family fills a bag, Beth El can donate several tons of food to help our less fortunate neighbors.

Attention all Congregation Beth El College Students!

Please update your college address with the synagogue office. Joining the Beth El college list means mail and packages throughout the year. Fill in the form below and return Attn. Youth Director, Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Student's Name _____ Year of Graduation _____
College _____
Street Address and/or Box Number _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____

Note: Even if you were on our list last year, please send this form in.