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High Holiday Thank You's

Todah Rabah to all the many people who made the High Holiday services a success. First of all, thank you to all the clergy at Beth El, Whitman and DoubleTree for keeping us inspired and on track. Thank you to usher captains Miriam Kelty at Whitman and Herb Levinson at Beth El and their dedicated staffs: Carol Fried, Ed Kelty, Herb Rosenthal, Alla and Olga Shapiro, Pat, Adam and Emily Danoff, Jody, David and Rachel Benjamin, Janice Liebowitz, Ben and Suzanne Bronheim, Rachele Bernstecker, Yael Greenberg, Leslie Dellon, Cheryl Rod, Amanda Ford, Ruth Kelty and Ryan Jones (Walt Whitman High School); Gary Wind, Alan Hecht, Max Krents, Bert King, Faith Schwartz, Len Sheeskin, Mark Weinberg, Michael Mandel, Ed Leviton, Bob Luskin, Mervyn Hamberg, Helen Popper, Jerry Broder, Marvin Yudkovitz, Michele Herman, Judy Sherman, Diana Pankowski, Howard Troffkin, Jonathan Simon, Dennis Askwith, Brent Berger, Art Popper, Howard Feibus, Ed Shapiro, Harry Lipkind, Julian Levin, Ira Hoffman, Jack Edlow, Steve Mandel, Darryl Sherman, and Jeff Annis (Beth El). Each one of them contributed to the smooth running of our services. Yasher Koach to all those who sat on the bimah in each of our locations. Our thanks to our speakers, Connie Krupin, Benson Adams and Ed Lipsit. Finally, thank you to our Executive Director, Steven Kravitz, and the office staff for all the behind-the-scenes work. To all, a job well done.

Steven Kravitz Announces His Resignation

At the October 5, 1999 Board Meeting it was announced that our Executive Director for the past 8 1/2 years, Steven Kravitz, has submitted his resignation. Steven has accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer at Earth Share. Earth Share, a federation of America's leading non-profit environmental and conservation charities, promotes environmental education and charitable giving in workplace payroll deduction campaigns. Earth Share manages workplace giving campaigns for its national environmental charities, just as the United Way raises funds for its health and human service charities. Member agencies include the Conservation Fund, the Nature Conservatory, and the National Audubon Society.

Steve will work full time at Beth El until December and has agreed to help cover any gap until a successor can be found. Benson D. Adams, President, announced that he will form a search committee to find a new Executive Director.

The Board expressed its sincere appreciation for all of Steve's hard work and dedication to Beth El and wished him well in his new position.

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, October 29
6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 30
7:30 & 9:15 a.m.
Vayera: Genesis:18:1-22:24
Benjamin Ganzfried Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Mason Posilkin Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.
Learners' Minyan at 10 a.m. in the APR
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the MR

Friday, November 5
6:30 p.m.
Consecration, K-1 Shabbat Dinner at 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 6
7:30 & 9:15 a.m.
Chaye Sarah: Genesis: 23:1-25:18
Sarah Goldstein Bat Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.
Worship and Study Minyan at 10 a.m. in the APR
Shitufim Minyan at 11 a.m. in Room 209

Friday, November 12
6:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 13
7:30 & 9:15 a.m.
Toldot: Genesis: 25:19-28:9
Adam Pankowski Bar Mitzvah at 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10 a.m.
Nitzanim at 10:30 a.m. in the APR
Havdallah Happening (Gr. 2) at 6:30 p.m.



Congregation Meeting, Tuesday, November 9, at 8:15 PM

Sisterhood News

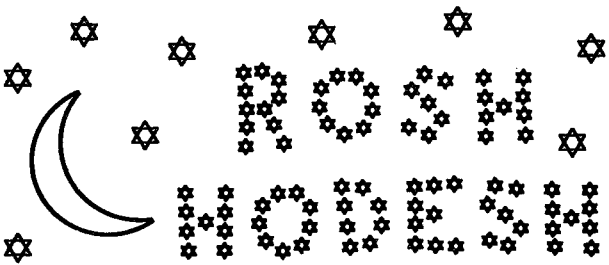
Sisterhood and Men's Club are jointly hosting a meeting on Sunday, October 31 at 10 a.m. to discuss Jewish views on organ transplant. If you would like more information about the program, please call Barbara Friedman at (301) 947-1428.

Please join us for the Book Discussion Group's next meeting. *The Reader*, by Bernard Schlink, will be discussed on Sunday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. For more information, call Annette Moshman at (301) 229-4040 or Andrea Golden at (301) 294-2375.

Please stop by the Sisterhood Judaica Shop to admire our new decor and our useful and beautiful items to enhance your rituals. We have items suitable for gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, house warmings and your own enjoyment. Since Hanukkah is early this year, now is a good time to start shopping. Look for a notice about our special weekday hours the week before Hanukkah.

If you are planning to be a new subscriber or just renewing your subscription to the *Washington Jewish Week*, please call Leslie Dellon at (301) 530-4645 to find out how Sisterhood can benefit from your subscription, at no additional cost to you.

The Sisterhood hotline number is (301) 652-2606, ext. 333. This is an easy way to get updates on Sisterhood activities and to leave a message for Sisterhood. Calls will be answered as quickly as possible.



**Beth El Sisterhood Invites You to its
Women's Rosh Hodesh Group
Tuesday Evening Discussion Series**

Topic: *Women and the Synagogue*

Leader: *Rabbi Janet Ozur Bass*

Dates: *November 16, 1999: Historical Background*
December 14, 1999: Halachic Issues
January 18, 2000: Changing Public Roles
February 15, 2000: Women and Prayer

Time: *7:30 pm*

Place: *Congregation Beth El Board Room*

Info: *Marla Merlin (301-365-3747)*
Mimi Tygler (301-652-8211)
Pat Danoff (301-365-1180)

**Please join us for any or all of the sessions
No reservation required**

Learners' Minyan

Our first Learners' Minyan of the new year will meet on Saturday, October 30 in the All Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to noon. (The normal meeting date is the third Shabbat of the month.) The service, conducted by Rabbi Rudolph, is designed for the novice worshipper. It moves slowly. It is very hands-on in orientation, from how to put on the talit, to knowing when to bow, to practicing how to have an aliyah. There is also a focus each time on a different major portion of the service. Questions and discussions are very much encouraged. No registration or advance sign-up required. Contact Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318, for more information.

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. After November 1, the charge will be \$1,250. Please contact Carole Wellner at (301) 652-2606, ext. 316 to receive our brochure.

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, November 6 in the All Purpose Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Evan Krame 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, DOHirsch@aol.com; Sid Getz, (301) 530-2215, Sidgetz@aol.com; or Mark Levitt, (301) 365-5365, MKEMJ@aol.com, for more information.

Dealing with your Aging Parent

There will be a repeat of this highly successful three session workshop, co-facilitated by Rabbi Rudolph and Beth Hess of the Jewish Social Service Agency, on Monday evenings, November 29, December 6 and 13. For more information, contact Rabbi Rudolph at (301) 652-2606. Ext. 319.

Men's Club News

The Men's Club invites you to join, and invites all members of the congregation to attend Men's Club activities. The Men's Club supports programs including our Sunday morning breakfast programs, the Perspectives in Dialogues series, political forums, awards and the annual dinner dance.

The Men's Club also sponsors youth programs including Scouting, the Purim carnival, the annual Magic Show, Israeli scholarships, school books, Bar Mitzvah Kiddush cups, and other important activities. The Men's Club needs you! For membership information, please call Marvin Yudkovitz at (301) 564-4580.

Regular Sunday Breakfast Programs: Lox and bagel breakfasts at 9:30 (after the 9:00 minyan), with program at 10:00. All congregants are welcome! Check the Men's Club poster in the Rotunda for updated details! Upcoming breakfast programs:

Oct. 31: Special Event. Sisterhood/Men's Club Joint Program. Rabbi William Rudolph, an organ recipient, and an organ transplant expert will address this important medical-ethical issue: "Human Organ Transplant: How is it Done? Is it Kosher?" This will be the kick-off event in a congregational effort, inspired by the speech of one of last year's B'not Mitzvah, to make organ donation a simple and accessible process for those who may wish to be involved.

Nov. 7: Al Lerner, "Jews in American Wars"

Nov. 14: Speaker to be announced

Nov 21: Business meeting

Nov 28: Dave Goldman, book review

Havurot

Havurot are small groups formed within the Beth El community to give members a chance to get to know one another in a setting other than large congregational events. There are 19 functioning Havurot at this time. If you are interested in joining any of the new Havurot which are beginning their activities, as described in the High Holiday mailing, or in joining an existing Havurah, please contact Margery London, (301) 718-1712, or Meritt Tollefson, (301) 951-9495.

Congregation Meeting

Tuesday, November 9

8:15 p.m.

Board News

The Board met on September 14 and October 5. At the September meeting, the new Youth Advisor, Arielle Hausner-Barach, was introduced. The Board approved an interim policy for private life cycle receptions on Shabbat afternoons, and agreed to improve efforts to safely enhance the yield of the Congregation's assets.

The Capital Campaign and plans for reconstruction and renovation of Beth El were the subjects of the remainder of the September meeting and nearly the entire October meeting. Cary Feldman, Co-Chair of the Campaign, announced that the appeal to the Congregation at Yom Kippur by Benson Adams and Campaign Co-Chair Connie Krupin had been enthusiastically received, and that now more than 300 members have made pledges totalling nearly \$3 million. Dialathons to reach members who have not yet been contacted are being conducted by the Board, Campaign Cabinet, and clergy members.

Don Silverstein, Chairman of the Construction Committee, presented a detailed analysis of the costs involved in the plans, to be presented at the Congregational Meeting in November. The Board unanimously approved two motions: 1) to present the current design as a master plan/ideal goal for the construction, pending further financial planning requiring Congregational approval, and 2) to recommend to the Congregation final approval for the purchase of the house adjacent to Beth El on Old Georgetown Road.

The Board thanked Gail Ross for her hard work in organizing the High Holy Day services.

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Vatikkim Luncheon

Marion Wolff will review Edmond Fleg's life (1874-1963), a novel, *The Boy Prophet* (1926), and Fleg's autobiography, *Why I am a Jew* (1929). While Fleg's works are virtually unknown in the U.S., they enjoyed popularity and influence among French and German Zionists in the thirties. Marion's talk will be followed by an open discussion. Join us!

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1 p.m. **There will be no charge for paid-up members of Vatikkim;** 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.

Reservation Form

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, November 18, 1999.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by November 16. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Gan Shabbat

Sarah Roark will lead Gan Shabbat services this year. Gan Shabbat, the Saturday morning service geared especially for children in kindergarten through third grades, will continue to meet in the downstairs Meeting Room from 10 to 11 a.m. Meeting dates will be on the third Saturday of the month.

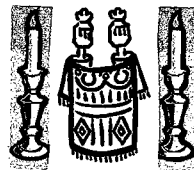
Please contact Sarah Roark at (301) 652-2606, ext. 320, if you are a parent interested in helping out with the details of the service.

Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. A special service for children ages six and under and their parents, Nitzanim Shabbat Services feature a Torah parade, stories, lots of songs and a snack. We hope you will join us!

Todah Rabah to **Mike and Andrea Druckman** for sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on October 9 in honor of the sixth birthday of **Nate Druckman**.

Set the Table



with Torah

Parshat Vayera (week ending Shabbat, October 30)

Hachnasat Orchim (Hospitality) is one of the important practices that is associated with our patriarch Abraham. He always searched for the opportunity to

practice this great Mitzvah. Although Abraham suffered much discomfort following his own Brit Milah (Circumcision), he nevertheless sought travelers whom he could invite in to his house and be hospitable to them and provide them shelter and food.

The narrative in the Bible (Genesis 18:1-14) relates so lovingly and with great detail how God sent the three angels disguised as men who passed Abraham's house. Abraham was delighted when he saw them and proceeded to do what he was very good at and, together with his wife Sarah, provided these men with the choicest food and shelter. Abraham and Sarah were rewarded with the birth of their son Isaac, exactly one year later. What a heartwarming narrative and a lesson to contemplate.

Parshat Chayey Sarah (week ending Shabbat, November 6)

Our matriarch Sarah died at the age of 127 years, in the town of Hebron, also known as Kiryat Arba, (the city of the four). This refers to the four couples buried there in the Cave of Machpelah, namely, Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their wives. The Bible relates (Genesis 23:1-20) that Abraham wanted to buy this cave in order to bury Sarah there and keep it as a family cemetery plot. Although the owner of the plot, Ephron the Hittite, ostensibly, offered to give the plot to Abraham as a gift, Abraham refused to accept it this way, and ended up paying for it in hard currency, a total of "four hundred silver Shekels." It behooves all of us to reread this narrative in the Bible and consider its implication in light of the present political situation in Hebron. To what extent, if any, should this or any other biblical narrative impact our present day discussions with our Arab neighbors, on the question of territory and peace in the area?

Hazzan Abraham Lubin

For further discussions of Parshat Hashavua geared toward families, get on the web at www.jewishfamily.com "Portion of the Week" and www.uahc.org "Shabbat Table Talk".

United Way CFC Campaign

Did you know that you can designate Congregation Beth El for your United Way contributions? Beth El is agency number 11605. If you are contributing to the Central Maryland United Way, Beth El's number is 4499. Todah Rabah to all who designate Beth El as your United Way donation beneficiary.

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. **The Wednesday Minyan begins at 8:20 p.m. during the six weeks, October 13 through November 17 when the Saul Bendit Adult Institute classes meet.** 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.

October 31 - November 4

Nathan and Helen Gordon
Jonathan and Deborah Gottlieb
Darryl and Susan Grant
Melvin and Harriet Gravitz
Peter Gray and Nancy Greenfield
Jeffrey and Cindy Green
Jerrold and Karen Greenberg
Leonard and Linda Greenberg
Robert and Jean Greenberg
Warren and Judith Greenberg
Yael Greenberg
Eli and Marcia Greenblum
Harold and Evelyn Greene
Naomi Greenwood
Joseph and Aline Greif
Marvin and Audrey Griff
Sid and Beth Groeneman
Erwin and Leena Groner
Alan and Barri Gross
Seymour and Shirley Gross

November 7 - November 11

Kenneth and Ruthanne Grundfast
Milton and Libbie Gussow
Donald Gutman and Ivy Fields
David and Janice Haas
Don and Michelle Hainbach
Robert Halperin and Candace Kaller
Mervyn and Eileen Hamburg
Joseph and Mildred Hamer
Murray and Marilyn Hammerman
Ken and Lisa Handelman
Michael Handelman and Mary Malhiot
Bruce and Susan Hanley
Elliot Harkavy
Barry and Sandra Harris
Brian and Sara Harris
Mason and Robin Harris
Stanley and Lois Hartman
Herbert and Lila Harvey
Julius and Irene Hauser
Alan and Dunya Hecht

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Arthur and Susan Bruckheim** on the marriage of their son, **Michael Bruckheim**, to **Meredith Torres** on October 16, 1999. Mazal Tov also to Michael's grandparents, **Bernard and Rita Jacobi**.

Mazal Tov to **Richard and Eleanor Cohen** on the engagement of their son, **Paul Bryan Cohen**, to **Faye Avni**, both of Atlanta, GA. A November wedding in Atlanta is planned.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Lila Harvey**.

The following note was received from Ellen Darr:

Dear Beth El members,
Thank you for your kind wishes of condolence and sympathy on the death of my father, and for all the "Mazal Tov's" on Melanie's engagement. Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.
Ellen M. Darr

Congregation Beth El Millennium Mission to Israel

Jerusalem - Tel Aviv - Eilat
July 2 - July 16, 2000

Rabbi Jonathan and Julie Maltzman
will personally escort the tour.
Individuals and families are welcome. Bar/Bat
Mitzvah children travel at no cost!

**There will be an orientation session at the
Maltzman home on
Sunday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.
To RSVP, please call Carole Wellner at
(301) 652-2606, ext. 316.**

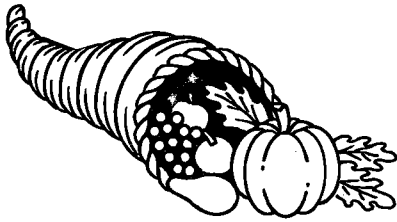
For more information about the trip, call Rabbi
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Membership Information

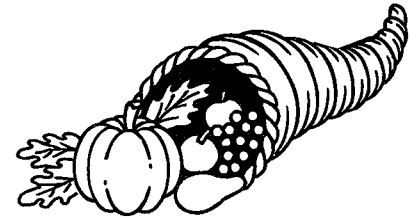
Changes of address: **William Cullen and Mimi Godfrey**, 3032 Oliver Street, NW, Washington, DC 20015, (202) 364-5828.

Address correction: **Deborah Schwarz**, 5525 Devon Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-1009.

Ira Schwarz, 5505 Brite Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817.



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WITH THE BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1999

AT 8:00 P.M.

AT BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WITH RABBI JONATHAN MALTZMAN,

RABBI WILLIAM RUDOLPH,

HAZZAN ABRAHAM LUBIN

AND REVEREND RON FOSTER

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR

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**Havdallah at Home: Saturday,
November 20**

Havdallah is a lovely short ceremony with more symbolic meaning per minute than almost any other Jewish ritual. A many-wicked candle, wine and fragrant spices grace the end of Shabbat and usher in a new week. If you participated in Havdallah at Home last year, you know how delightful Havdallah can be. If you have never conducted a Havdallah ceremony, make this year's Havdallah at Home a gift to yourself. Invite friends and family to join you on November 20.

Religious School classes will review the ceremony at the beginning of class on Sunday, November 14. Parents are welcome to join their children's classes. Havdallah candles will be handed out to each student. Candles will also be handed out to every congregant who would like one on Sunday, November 14 in the Rotunda and at the conclusion of Friday evening services on November 19. Tapes of Sally Heckelman

conducting the Havdallah service (with Friday night rituals on the other side) are still available through Sarah Roark, (301) 652-2606, ext. 320. This year Havdallah at Home falls the evening before Mitzvah Day. Since all Jewish holidays start the evening before, this year begin the feeling of community that comes from doing mitzvot together on the eve of Beth El's Mitzvah Day.

Community Torah Institute

Please reserve February 27, 2000, for our Second Annual Community Torah Institute. The theme, approached in a plenary and study sessions, will be "What Can the Torah Teach Us Today About Spirituality?" Teachers already accepting our invitations are Rabbi Lawrence Kushner (Reform) and Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin (Conservative). More information will follow.

**Congregation Beth El Gratefully
Acknowledges the Following
Contributions
(As of October 1, 1999)**

Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Margot Schumm's 70th Birthday by Aunt Flor, Becky, Steven, Ginny, Scott and Marcie. In Memory Of: Rebecca Rubinstein, my beloved mother, by Marcia Possick; Dr. William Gerber by Claire Marwick.

Building Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of granddaughter, Hannah Faye Angerman, by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: In appreciation of Cantor Lubin by Frances H. Leibowitz; Dan Kweller and his wonderful High Holiday davening by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; To congratulate Hazzan and Mrs. Lubin on granddaughter's, Sophia Hannah Feldman, birth by Rita Kahn. In Memory Of: Mark Goldsmith's father, Dr. Herman Riibner, by Barbara and Alan Gold.

Feld Memorial Lecture Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Howard Weiss and my recovery from eye surgery by Martin Dembo.

General Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Howard Weiss and my recovery from eye surgery by Martin Dembo; 50th wedding anniversary of Ronnie and Evelyn Treinish by Ellie and Sam Frishman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landsman by Michael and Shelley Gordon. In Memory Of: Sylvia Berkowitz, sister of Gilbert Rosenberg, by Ellie and Sam Frishman.

Groner Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Honor Of: Isaac and Blanche Roubein, warm wishes for your move by Erwin Groner.

Israel Experience Teen Fund

In Memory Of: Clara Lichter by Mimi and Alan Meltzer; Dorothy Weinberg by Barry, Beverly and Jacob Goldsmith.

Kimball Nursery School Fund

In Honor Of: Engagement of Melanie Darr and David Bachrach by Sara Greenbaum and Darryl Sherman. In Memory Of: Rubin Horwitz, beloved father of Ellen Darr, by Sara Greenbaum and Darryl Sherman, Helen and Ely Shell, and The Sherman Family.

Library Fund

In Memory Of: Eileen Gordon Rubin by Israel Rubin; Mrs. Frances Hochheiser by Barry and Beverly Goldsmith.

Masorti

In Memory Of: Shirlee Weinberg, mother of Mark Weinberg, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg and Family.

Mazon

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy, son of Audrey Corson and Dan Kazzaz, by Ellen and Norman Eule; Marriage of David Litvak, son of Kathy and Gus Litvak, to Meredith Talbot by Ellen and Norman Eule; Beth El Hebrew School Staff by Jody and Joseph Bleiberg; Dr. Sanford Kay's speedy recovery by Bernice and Sidney Euzent; "To feed the hungry" by Dr. Herbert and Estelle Wiser; Holly and Howard Stein's 30th wedding anniversary by The Birnkrant Family; Reuven Birnkrant's High Holiday davening, Love, Mom and Dad by Alan and Debra Birnkrant; Dr. Howard Weiss and my recovery from eye surgery by Martin Dembo; Judith Cantor Goldman's Simcha by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Helen H. Millenson by Roy Millenson; Emma Danish by Danish Family.

Mintz Landscaping Fund

In Memory Of: My mother, Lillian Adelman Glaser, by Suzanne R. Glaser.

Morning Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: Aufruf of Judy Goldman's son, Daniel Goldman, and Katie Smeltz by Shirley and Seymour Gross; Rabbi William D. Rudolph for his special thoughtfulness by Shirley Levine Wasserman; Speedy recovery of Sol Brody, my brother-in-law, by Julian E. Levin; A Refuah Sheleyma for Ed Golfer by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Jeanette Steinitz Feldman by Frances H. Leibowitz; My husband, Morris Goldberg, by Suzanne B. Goldberg; Dr. William Gerber, a scholar, by Dr. Herbert and Estelle Wiser; Rita G. Minker by Jack Minker.

Music Fund

In Memory Of: Milton Doberman, husband of Faye Doberman, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg; Morris Skolnik, Dunya Hecht's father, by Toby and Bernie Moss and Howard and Julia Copperman.

Nitzanim Fund

In Honor Of: Babynaming of Jeannie Spiegel by Florence and Martin Koby. In Memory Of: Ida Winston, mother of Colin Winston, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg.

Perspectives Fund

In Honor Of: Dr. Howard Weiss and my recovery from eye surgery by Martin Dembo.

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory Of: Shoshana Vainstein by Sharona and Jorge Sapoznikow; My father, Sidney Ulan, by Hattie Ulan.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman by Michael Feder and Debbie Wang; In appreciation of Rabbi Maltzman by Alan and Hana Fryer; In appreciation of Rabbi Maltzman by Frances H. Leibowitz. In Memory Of: Milton Doberman by Mrs. Milton Doberman; Dr. Norman Alberstadt by Dorothy Alberstadt.

School Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: Ellen Darr's father, Rubin Horwitz, by Robert and Sheila (Smallberg) Cohen.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: A speedy recovery to Trudy Weker by Bea and Bernie Berger; Birth of Sophia Hannah Feldman, granddaughter of Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin, by Bea and Bernie Berger; In Honor Of: For a speedy recovery to Edith Weisz by Bea and Bernie Berger. Toby's grandfather, Solomon Streit, by Toby and Bernie Moss.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Memory Of: Celia Press by Irene Simpkins.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: Steven Frazier by Karolyn Wallace and John Broder; Max Steinway by Karolyn Wallace and John Broder; Arthur J. Weinberger by Sophia B. Weinberger.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Memory Of: Sidney Goldin, father of Lynn Goldin, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg.

Vatikkim

In Honor Of: 62nd Anniversary of Isadore and Rose Rod by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg. Dr. Isadore Rod's 95th birthday by Judith Newman. In Memory Of: Milton Doberman by Judge and Mrs. Harry H. Kuskin.

World Jewry

In Honor Of: The Hirsch Family's Succah hospitality by Claire Marwick; Succah hospitality of John and Sue Rosenthal by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Beloved husband, Lawrence Marwick, by Claire Marwick; Phillip Berman by Kenneth and Beth Berman.

Young Equality Fund

In Honor Of: Birth of Natan Fandel, grandson of Joe and Ina Young, by Hal and Elissa Scheinberg and Family.

The Social Action Committee is pleased to announce Beth El's third annual Mitzvah Day, to be held Sunday, November 21, 1999. The congregation is invited to participate in a variety of volunteer projects designed to help both Beth El and the greater community. Individuals and families can select from projects listed below. Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity for Beth El to come together as a community to make a difference in the lives of our own members and in the community. We're hoping many families will find the time to join with fellow congregants to make Mitzvah Day a success. The Beth El Mitzvah Mall will also be open for holiday shopping!

CONGREGATION BETH EL MITZVAH DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1999

PROJECT	TIME	LOCATION	AGE	# VOL	SKILLS/EQUIP	CONTACT
Glen Echo Park Clean-up	10am-2pm	Carousel	all ages	15 max	elbow grease	Sam Swersky (946-7269)
Beth El Clean-up	9 am-?	Beth El	any	24	yard tools	Jeff Annis (656-5219)
Children's Inn at NIH prepare lunch for 40 people	9 am-?	Beth El or someone's home	any	10	kitchen	Andrea Golden (294-2375) Debbie Gottlieb (897-9807)
Interfaith Clothing Center Sorting Delivering	8 am-noon 1:30 pm	Beth El Beth El	3+w/ adult drivers	25	bags, labels vans	Diana Huffman (229-8089) Leslie Dellon (530-4645)
Cooking for Shelter/ Soup Kitchen	9 am-3 pm	Beth El or someone's home	5 w/ adult		kitchen	Marcia Kalman 897-8572
Greentree Shelter Photo album/ picture frame project	2-4 pm	Greentree Shelter	3 families		Polaroid camera film, art supplies, refreshments	Marcy Berger (320-4494)
Jewish Foundation for Group Homes/ Bowling	2:00 pm	Bowl America/Bethesda 5353 Westbard Ave	kids w/ parents teenagers	12 families	Bowling shoes!	Rabbi Rudolph (652-2606, ext 318)
Hebrew Home Variety Show	2-4 pm	Hebrew Home	any age		performers (music, magic, etc) refreshments	Janice Liebowitz (654-7377) Fancine Lanar (564-4580)
MC Thanksgiving Hunger Drive	2-3 pm	Beth El neighborhood	8+ w/ adult Boy Scouts	12	canvass neighborhood w/ flyers and envelopes	Beth Weisberg (263-0027)
Bethesda Cares Clothing Closet Clean-Up	1-2:30 pm	St Johns Church 6701 Wisconsin Ave	teens	10	straighten clothing closet	Susan Kirk (301-907-9244)

Start Collecting for Mitzvah Day!

As you clean out your closets this Fall, remember to save items for our Mitzvah Day clothing collection on November 21. Once again, we will be collecting and sorting clothing and household items for the Interfaith Clothing Center in Rockville. The Center will accept gently used clothing (socks and underwear must be new) and shoes for men, women and children. In addition, used linens, dishes, pots and pans, small appliances, and children's books and toys are needed. If you have questions, call Diana Huffman, (301) 229-8089, or Leslie Dellon, (301) 530-4645.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Michael Steinberg** on the death of his grandmother, Dora Stahl.

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 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.

Back to RESPONSE-ABILITY

You heard at Kol Nidre why the expansion and renovation of our synagogue is needed. *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 each other, now and for the future. Each of us, across the span of age and means, has a stake in seeing our congregation meet the promise of today and tomorrow.

Remember gifts to the Capital Campaign may be paid over a period of five years. For many, gifts of appreciated stock are an advantageous means of making a gift.

Here are the ways to make a gift to the campaign:

- Call any of the Capital Campaign Co-Chairs: Cary and Nancy Feldman, Erwin and Leena Groner, or Jay and Connie Krupin. Or call Beth El President, Benson Adams.
- You can also call the Capital Campaign Office at (301) 652-2606, ext. 313, to make a gift or to set a time to learn more about the expansion and renovation project and talk about your participation in the campaign.

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

BETH EL MITZVAH DAY VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this form to Beth El as soon as possible

Name _____

Children's names and ages _____

Address _____

Telephone number (day and evening) _____

Project Choice (The project team captain will telephone you with details):

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

In addition, I can help with the following:

- I plan to bring donations for the sorting and collection projects
- I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to defray the cost of Mitzvah Day. Enclosed is a check payable to the Beth El Social Action Fund.
- I need transportation to Mitzvah Day activities.
- I can provide transportation to Mitzvah Day activities.

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*** * *MITZVAH DAY T-SHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE ROTUNDA; PROCEEDS BENEFIT KOSTROMA* * ***