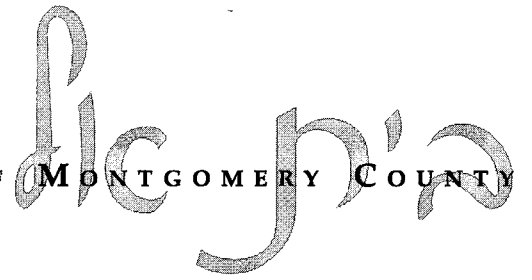


CONGREGATION BETH EL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Off the Bimah

There are people among us who are not touched by current worship but hunger for a sense of God in their lives and for a sense of meaning in what they do. Can we find a way to lower the barriers and help them find a way home? The irony is that polls tell us that many people believe in God and think of themselves as religious, but are not involved in formal worship. Do we simply write them off, those who have let their skills grow rusty with disuse?

These and other provocative questions were prompted by October's Feld lecture weekend and have inspired our Ritual Committee to proceed with an ambitious study of our current worship services and what can be done to enhance the immediacy of prayer for our congregation. We will learn from each other so that we can create a House of Prayer in which we all wish to dwell.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

Beth El Listserv

The Beth El Listserv continues to grow and increase in value to our members. For those of you not familiar with a listserv, they are, in effect, community bulletin boards where the information posted is immediately sent to all people subscribed to the bulletin board. In addition, subscribers are able to respond to material (if they wish) or just get information as posted.

Over the past several months, we have started to use the listserv to communicate with members about time-sensitive events such as member illnesses and deaths. This has proven very useful, and we intend to expand the information provided at the request of listserv members. The value of the listserv increases as the number of members with E-mail join, and so we invite you to join our listserv if you are not already a member. To join the listserv (which is only open to Beth El members so you get no outside material), send an E-mail to Arthur Popper at apopper@bethelmc.org, and you will be added to the listserv.

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, February 11
6:30 pm Friday Night Service
Shabbat Shalom at Home

Saturday, February 12
7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
Terumah: Exodus 25:1-27:19
9:15 am Jonathan Rubin Bar Mitzvah

10 am Jr. Congregation
10:30 am Nitzanim, APR
11 am Shitufim Minyan, Room 209
12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel
6:30 pm Gr. 6-7 Havdallah Program, Sanctuary, SH

Friday, February 18
6:30 pm Friday Night Service

Saturday, February 19
7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
Tetzavah: Exodus 27:20-30:10
9:15 am Elliot Levitt Bar Mitzvah

10 am Jr. Congregation
Learners' Minyan, APR
Gan Shabbat, MR
12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Friday, February 25
6:30 pm Friday Night Service

Saturday, February 26
7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
Ki Tissa: Exodus 30:11-34:35

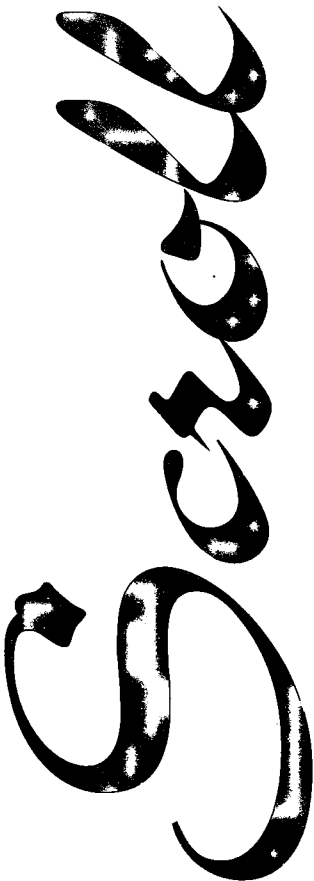
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10 am Jr. Congregation
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Sisterhood News

Upcoming Activities

The third Women's Rosh Hodesh Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The discussion will center on "The Changing Public Roles of Women in the Synagogue." Attendance at previous meetings is not a prerequisite. The January 18 Rosh Hodesh session that was cancelled due to snow will be rescheduled in March. The topic will be Women and Prayer.

Ann Roiphe's *1185 Park Avenue* is the next selection for the Book Discussion Group which will meet on Sunday, February 20 at 9:30 a.m. *Snow In August* by Pete Hamill is the March 26 selection. Flora Singer will present an overview of Yiddish literature and there will be a discussion of *My Mother's Sabbath's Days* by Chaim Grade at the April 16 meeting. Please call Annette Moshman, 301-229-4040, or Andrea Golden, 301-294-2375, for more information.

The Women's League Institute, in conjunction with the Jewish Theological Seminary, Seaboard Branch, is pleased to announce that Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal will teach its Spring Semester 2000 course: "I'm Not Reform, I'm Not Orthodox: The Challenge of Being a Conservative Jew." Classes will be held on six Monday evenings from 8-9:30 p.m. starting February 28 through April 4, (excluding Purim, 3/20) at Beth El. The registration deadline is February 14; fee is \$60. For more information, call Matlee Yadin, 301-493-4611, or Paula Horowitz, 301-365-7930. Look for Institute flyers in the display case outside the office.

Sisterhood will be holding a Spring bulb sale; more details will follow.

Reminders

Your subscription to *Washington Jewish Week* can benefit Sisterhood at no additional cost to you. Call Leslie Dellon, 301-530-4645, for more information.

The Sisterhood Catering Committee can always use some volunteers to help on a regular basis with the Shabbat kiddushim and luncheons. Jackie Levine, 301-299-9507, or Joan Claxton, 301-320-9283, can tell you how you can get involved in this worthwhile activity.

Sisterhood has beautiful, special greeting cards available for all occasions. Proceeds from the cards

benefit the Jewish Theological Seminary. Call Rita Kahn, 301-654-7716, to purchase cards.

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop is open on Thursdays and Sundays from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. or by special appointment. Check out the lovely new items in stock.

An easy way to get information about Sisterhood or to leave messages, is to call the Sisterhood hotline number 301-652-2606, ext. 333. Calls will be answered as quickly as possible.



Art Show and Auction to Benefit Bethesda Cares

There will be an art show and auction to benefit Bethesda Cares on Saturday, February 26 at the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Boulevard. Bethesda Cares is a nonprofit organization responding to the problems of the homeless and working poor of Montgomery County.

Preview of the art begins at 7 p.m., the auction at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A wide selection of fine art will be furnished by the Heisman Fine Arts Gallery. Tickets are \$10 each and are tax deductible. They can be obtained from Bea Berger, 301-424-1269.

Men's Club News

You are invited to attend the Beth El Men's Club's regular Sunday breakfast programs and to join the Men's Club. The Men's Club supports programs including the renowned Perspectives in Dialogue series, political forums, awards and other events.

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. Your participation makes it possible! For membership information, please call Marvin Yudkowitz at 301-564-4580.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 19. This year we will have new games and more of them! Tickets will be available before the Carnival at reduced prices. Look for more details in the next issue of the *Scroll*.

You may wish to mark your calendars for the Perspectives in Dialogue series of talks on March 26, April 9, 16, 30 and May 7. More details later!

Regular Sunday Morning Breakfast Programs: Lox and bagel breakfasts at 9:30 (after the 9:00 minyan), with program from 10:00 to 11:00. All congregants are welcome. Check the Men's Club poster in the Rotunda for updated details.

Upcoming programs:

- Feb. 13: Julian Spirer, "Sol Blum and the Congressional Response to the Holocaust"
- Feb. 20: Alisa Goetz, Washington Jewish Historical Society, "Family History and Preservation Techniques"
- Feb. 27: Dr. Herbert Wiser, "Birth of the Atomic Age"
- Mar. 5: Claire Marwick, "Jews of India"

Info on Inreach

Note: This is the third in a series of updates provided by Beth El's Inreach Committee.

The third aspect of New Member Services is the activity of the Membership Chairperson, which dovetails with the work of the New Member Welcoming Committee, which delivers welcome baskets to the homes of new members, and the home gatherings hosted by our clergy. Our Membership Committee Chair, Judy Sherman, makes contact with individuals who express interest in membership in Beth El, answers their questions and concerns, and then shepherds their membership application through the various processes that lead to Board acceptance. In recent years, 40-60 new families or individuals have been brought successfully through that process each year. Judy also conducts exit interviews with members who may chose to leave Beth El, so that we are able to identify issues (apart from relocation) that may be affecting membership retention.

Beth El to Honor Day School Graduates

Graduates of the class of 2000 from area Jewish day schools will be honored at the 9:15 a.m. Shabbat service on February 12. Beth El members Adam Heller, Stephen Krupin, Stephanie Schissler and Benjamin Steward will be called to the Torah for an aliyah in honor of their graduation from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Mazal Tov to the graduates and their families.

Membership Information

Change of address: **Alon Vogel and Rebecca Smith-Vogel**, 9004 Kirkdale Road, Bethesda, MD 20817, 301-560-6145.

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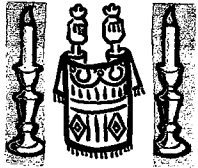
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Set the Table



with Torah

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Introductory word: a discussion about the week's Torah portion is a good Shabbat dinner custom. Make the discussion as long or short, as simple or complicated, as your dinner crowd can handle.

Parashat Terumah (Exodus 25:1-27:19) reads more like architectural description than narrative. The focus of this portion is the *mishkan*, the portable sanctuary the Israelites carried with them in their nomadic wanderings. Particularly relevant to us are the opening lines, "And Adonai spoke to Moses saying, "Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept for Me from every person whose heart is so moved. And these are the gifts that you shall accept from them: gold, silver and copper...and let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." It is an interesting contrast that while so much in the Torah is commanded, the contributions to bringing to fruition the physical home of our emerging religion are left to "every person whose heart is so moved." For discussion: 1) Is this contribution truly optional or is it indeed obligatory? Why is it so? 2) What would move your heart to make this contribution to building the *mishkan*? 3) While the Israelites are going to build the *mishkan* to exacting plans, Adonai plans on living among the Israelite people, not explicitly in the sanctuary. What does this tell us about the balance between the public worship service and experiencing God? Shabbat Shalom!

Parashat Tetzaveh (Exodus 27:20-30:10) *Tetzaveh* describes the ritual of consecrating Aaron and the priests and their priestly garb, the breastplates, robes and headgear, which will be made by "all who are skillful, whom I have endowed with the gift of skill." (28:3) For discussion: What does this verse imply about our unique talents and skills?

Adonai then tells Moses, "For there (the Tent of Meeting) I will meet with you, and there I will speak with you, and there I will speak with the Israelites, and it shall be sanctified by My Presence...I will abide among the Israelites and I will be their God. And they shall know that I, Adonai, am their God, who brought them out from the land of Egypt that I might abide among them, I, Adonai, their God." (29:42-46) For discussion: 1) What does God mean in saying "My Presence?" 2) We are reminded that

God freed us from slavery "that I might abide among (us)." Why couldn't God "abide among" us in Egypt? What do you think is the nature of God's speaking to us? What do you think is the nature of our hearing God? Shabbat Shalom!

Please cut out this article and save it for your Friday Shabbat dinner discussion. 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". You may also want to try these two websites: <http://learn.jtsa.edu/topics/parashah/archive.shtml> and <http://www.torah.org>

Shabbat Shalom at Home

Share your Shabbat Shalom at Home experience with other members of Beth El. Observe Shabbat Shalom at Home in a special way on Friday evening, February 11. Then tell us about it. If this year's Shabbat Shalom at Home was unique—perhaps a special group of family and friends, a new ritual, an unusual recipe—send your story to Sarah Roark at sroark@bethelmc.org. We'll print your story in the Scroll, to inspire others to join in next year's Shabbat Shalom at Home.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Sunday, June 4, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Hazzan Abraham Lubin's 10th

Anniversary:

A Musical Celebration

This coming year our congregation will celebrate Hazzan Lubin's 10th anniversary at Beth El. Plans are underway to honor our Hazzan for his decade of service with a special evening of music and tributes. We are privileged to have joining us Hazzanim from around the country: Hazzan Melvin Luterman, Temple Oheb Shalom of Baltimore; Hazzan Jacob Mendelson, Temple Israel Center, White Plains, NY; Hazzan David Perper, Temple Judea of Bucks County, Doylestown, PA; and Hazzan Faith Steinsnyder, Temple Beth El of Spring Valley, NY. Also performing will be a marvelous klezmer band from Connecticut, "The Klezical Tradition." You won't want to miss this night of songs and salutes!

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County

Second Annual Community Torah Institute

In an age in which G-d doesn't speak to us directly
and we yearn for spiritual connections, is the Torah relevant?

Our Spiritual Journey: Is the Torah a Guide?

Sunday, February 27, 2000

1:00 to 4:45 p.m.



Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
Author and Rabbi
Congregation Beth El
Sudbury, Massachusetts



Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin
Director of Jewish Life
Jewish Community Center
Baltimore, Maryland



Rabbi Barry Freundel
Rabbi
Keshet Israel Congregation
Washington, D.C.

Please join **Rabbis Jonathan Maltzman**
and **William Rudolph**
when they host this distinguished panel of
Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform scholars
to examine the relevance of the Torah to our search
for spirituality and our quest for meaning and
connection in our lives. Gain new perspective
as they call on their different backgrounds
and training to explore and enlighten.

Admission is free. Babysitting is available by advance arrangement.

Refreshments will be served.

Call (301)652-2606 ext. 318 to make your reservation.

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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.

February 13 to February 17

Harvey and Susan Mininberg
Jack and Johanna Minker
Allen and Sima Minton
Daniel Mintz and Ellen Elow-Mintz
Paul and Yvonne Mirengoff
Ira Mirsky
Andrew Mitz and Carol Fried
Jeffrey Moak and Karyl Barron
Greta Coen Moffatt and J. Curtis Moffatt
Jonathan Morgenstern and Debra Beteg Morgenstern
Jonathan Morris
Jack and Annette Moshman
Daniel and Carol Moskowitz
Bernard and Toby Moss
Ida Moss
Michael and Judith Muntner
David and Julie Murray
Barry Myers and Robin Gross
Louis Nagel and Faina Nagel
Edith Nash

February 20 to February 24

Twila Nattel
Gary and Annick Nemirovsky
Irwin and Hellaine Nepo
Barry and Karen Neuman
Robert and Beatrice Newell
Elsa Newman
Judith Newman
Milton and Rhoda Nichaman
Roy Niedermayer and Gail Ross
Peter and Diane Novick
Richard and Varda Nowitz
Gregory and Yelena Nusinovich
Bette Nussbaum
Robert and Rosine Nussenblatt
Phillip Ochs and Sheila Cohen
Samuel and Debra Olchyk
Gertrude Oliner
Stephen Oliner and Joyce Oliner
Alan and Linda Orenstein
Aaron Oser and Elizabeth Oser
Max Osias

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Max Krents** on the death of his brother, **Milton Krents**; to **Deborah Ross** on the death of her father, **Jarvey Gilbert**; to **Michael Muntner** on the death of his mother, **Josephine Muntner**; and to the family of **Marcia Possick**.

In Search Of REUVEN? Robert? Richard? Ronald? Randolph???

Desperately seeking one of the above who may be the owner of a handwoven woolen tallit striped in broad bands of color. Loving hands created the needlepoint tallit bag, a true family heirloom, and they are eager to see it reunited with the family.

This extraordinary tallit was left at Beth El sometime last spring. Is this your tallit? If someone in your family celebrated a bar or bat mitzvah last year, it is possible a family member or friend left it behind. Please check with your guests. If you have any information, please contact Toby Moss (301-530-0861) who is determined to find the owner of this most special tallit. Thank you.

College Corner

Hire a Beth El college student for the summer and get a bagel brunch! The Beth El College Outreach Committee is again coordinating Summer Opportunities for Beth El College students. We are encouraging Beth El congregants to hire our students for various jobs over the summer. Job forms are available in the synagogue office. Completed forms will be compiled and mailed to students on the Beth El college list in early March. For more information, please contact Ariele Hausner-Barach at 301-652-2606, ext. 308.

The College Fund Needs You!

College can be a stressful time, especially being away from home for the first time. That's why the Beth El College Committee provides support and care packages to our students who are away at college. You can support our outreach efforts by donating to the College Fund. Todah Rabah for your contributions.

BETH EL WEEKEND RETREAT 2000
MARCH 10-12, 2000
WITH GUEST SCHOLAR RABBI MARSHALL MALTZMAN!

**LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER**

Sign up TODAY for Beth El's WEEKEND RETREAT 2000, to be held at the beautiful Tidewater Inn in historic Easton, MD (a 90-minute drive from Bethesda). Share a relaxed Shabbat in a beautiful, family-friendly setting with Rabbi Maltzman, Cantor Lubin and your fellow congregants and friends. The Beth El Retreat will give you and your family a unique opportunity to enjoy a weekend of learning, camaraderie and just plain fun. Beth El Weekend Retreat 2000 will be held from Friday evening, March 10 through Sunday noon March 12.

We are honored to have as our special Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Marshall J. Maltzman, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El of Wynnewood, PA. Rabbi Marshall Maltzman will share with us his great knowledge, insights and sense of humor on the topic "**Three Who Thumbed Their Noses at Us: Spinoza, Lindbergh, and Rockefeller**". Many of you have heard Rabbi Maltzman speak at our synagogue in the past, particularly at his son Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman's 10th anniversary celebration at Beth El.

In addition to study/discussion sessions with Rabbi M. Maltzman Friday evening and Sunday morning, our weekend will include Shabbat afternoon free time with informal activities available, including access to the local YMCA for a nominal fee. Saturday night, back by popular demand, will be an evening of ISRAELI FOLK DANCING led by Rocky Korr!

Per Person rates

Double occupancy	\$230
Single adult	\$325
Children, ages 2-16	\$ 80
Children (2 in separate room)	\$335
Children under 2	Free

Rooms are configured with king, queen, two double beds and two twin beds. Some adjoining rooms are available. Rollaway beds and cribs available on request. No pets allowed. Space is limited, registrations and room/bedding requests taken on first come, first served basis. Refunds available only if substitutions are made. All forms and payments are due in the synagogue office by FEBRUARY 1, 2000. If you have questions, call Sandy Elson (301) 469-6238 or Linda Liebowitz (301) 770-9597.

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AGES OF CHILDREN _____ TYPE OF ROOM(S) REQUESTED _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ SPECIAL REQUESTS _____

We will need babysitting (fee to be determined) We would like a day pass to the YMCA (about \$5 each)

My _____ year old child can help with babysitting/children's activities We can organize a Havdalah service

We can provide a ride We need a ride We can help with transporting religious supplies

Spring Term Saul Bendit Institute Has Something for Everyone

The Spring 2000 Saul Bendit Adult Institute course offerings are among the most diverse and exciting ever included in Beth El's award-winning adult education program. Two multi-lecturer courses will be focused on some of the most compelling issues of our day. "American Jews Turn to the Courts" will bring six notable Washington attorneys to discuss how Jews have taken advantage of the judicial process to vindicate uniquely Jewish concerns: Nathan Lewin, Abbe Lowell, Martin Mendelsohn, Harvey Reiter, Julian Spierer, and Arthur Spitzer will describe their experiences in six different areas, with Julian Spierer moderating. Topics to be addressed include litigation over Holocaust reparations, school vouchers, damages for Jewish victims of state-sponsored terrorism (e.g., Klinghoffer, Flatow), menorahs and creches on public property, leave for Jewish religious observance, and an early case of orthodoxy vs. reform for control of a South Carolina synagogue.

"Comparing Religious Traditions: Ethical Standards in Everyday Life and at Life Passages" will consider the role of ethics in Judaism, Catholicism, and Islam, from the perspectives of Rabbi Fred Dobb, Rev. William Joensen, Sister Marie Stelmach, and Imam Yahya Hendi.

Our renowned clergy will be bringing us several special courses. Rabbi Maltzman will continue his examination of provocative topics from the Bible, Talmud, and later tradition, in "The Rabbi's Table, Part II." A chance for parents and grandparents to explore parenting in an altogether new way will be brought to us by Rabbi Rudolph in "Parenting as a Spiritual Journey." In "Jewish Humor and Jewish Identity" Rabbi Rudolph will show us what Jewish humor tells Jews about themselves and how we view the world. Hazzan Lubin will explore the rich and colorful repertoire of the Hassidic musical heritage in "The Hassidic *Nigun*." Rabbi Scolnic will explore the remarkable achievements of Moses Maimonides in "Moses Maimonides: His Life, Times, and Teachings."

Those of you wishing to delve more into Sephardic history and music will have a superb opportunity to do both. Jeffrey Kaplan will return to

tell us about Sephardic personalities in his course "In the Wake of the Expulsion: Personalities of the Sephardic Diaspora." Hazzan Ramon Tasat will describe and illustrate the spirit of Sephardic Jewry as captured in its beautiful musical tradition, including music for Shabbat and holidays, historic and romantic songs, and a special focus on songs of Pesach. Also with Pesach in mind (the first Seder is April 19), Dr. Saul Rogolsky will bring us "The *Haggadah*: Its History and Evolution." This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how the content - ritual, art, and music - and interpretations of the *Haggadah* since its creation have been responsive to the contemporary world.

Rounding out our Spring semester, we will also offer courses for those interested in Yiddish and in Hebrew reading. Estelle Abraham will return to share how Yiddish folk sayings can enhance your experience of Jewish culture. Cheryl Kreiser will help you enhance your Hebrew prayerbook reading skills in 12 1-hour sessions on Wednesday evenings. On Tuesday mornings, Betsy Roth will offer a Hebrew reading course for advanced beginners, helping those with basic reading skills to become more familiar with prayers.

If you've taken classes in the Bendit program before, you know what a terrific program this is. If you haven't, now is the time to start. Simply fill out and return the registration form that you will find in the brochures that were recently mailed, or use the registration form in this issue of the *Scroll*. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning, March 7 and/or Wednesday evening, March 8. Classes will run for six weeks through April 11 and 12. If you have any questions, call the synagogue office at 301-652-2606, ext. 349.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Leonard and Gabriela Bechick** on the engagement of their son, **Brian Bechick**, to **Chana Schmidt**, daughter of **David and Shoshanna Schmidt**.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Elissa Scheinberg**.

SAUL BENDIT ADULT INSTITUTE

SPRING 2000

Six Wednesday Evenings, March 8, 15, 22, and 29, and April 5 and 12

7:30 to 8:20 p.m.

The Rabbi's Table, Part II .....	..... Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
Jewish Humor and Jewish Identity .....	..... Rabbi William Rudolph
The Hassidic "Nigun" .....	..... Hazzan Abraham Lubin
Moses Maimonides: His Life, Times, and Teachings .....	..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
In the Wake of the Expulsion: Personalities of the Sephardic Diaspora .....	..... Jeffrey Kaplan
Comparing Religious Traditions: Ethical Standards in Everyday Life and at Life Passages .....	..... Imam Yahya Hendi, Father William Joensen, Rabbi Fred Dobb, and Sister Marie Stelmach
Hebrew Prayerbook Reading Beyond the Basics .....	..... Cheryl Kreiser

8:20 to 8:40 p.m. - Coffee Break

8:40 to 9:30 p.m.

American Jews Turn to the Courts .....	..... Julian Spierer, Arthur Spitzer, Harvey Reiter, Nathan Lewin, Abbe Lowell, Martin Mendelsohn
Parenting as a Spiritual Journey .....	..... Rabbi William Rudolph
The <i>Haggadah</i> : Its History and Evolution .....	..... Dr. Saul Rogolsky
Sephardic Song .....	..... Hazzan Ramon Tasat
Folks Sayings in Yiddish (Mamalushin) for Modern Times, Part II .....	..... Estelle Abraham

Six Tuesday Mornings, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 4 and 11

8:10 to 9:00 a.m.

A Taste of Talmud Rabbi Samuel Scolnic
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9:00 to 9:55 a.m.

Reading Hebrew with Ease for Advanced Beginners Betsy Roth
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10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

The Rabbi's Table, Part II Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman
Jewish Humor and Jewish Identity Rabbi William Rudolph
Moses Maimonides: His Life, Times, and Teachings .....	..... Rabbi Samuel Scolnic

10:50 to 11:10 a.m. - Coffee Break

11:10 to Noon

Parenting as a Spiritual Journey .....	..... Rabbi William Rudolph
The Hassidic "Nigun" .....	..... Hazzan Abraham Lubin

BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Note: The evening minyan will start at 8:20 p.m. (rather than 8:00 p.m.) on evenings when Institute classes are scheduled.

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Please enroll me in the following A.M. P.M. course(s):

1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made payable to Beth El.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

One 1-hour course (Six 1-hour sessions) (Talmud - no fee).....	\$25
Same person taking two or more 1-hour courses (morning and/or evening).....	\$20 per course
Prayerbook Hebrew course (12 1-hour sessions).....	\$40 per course

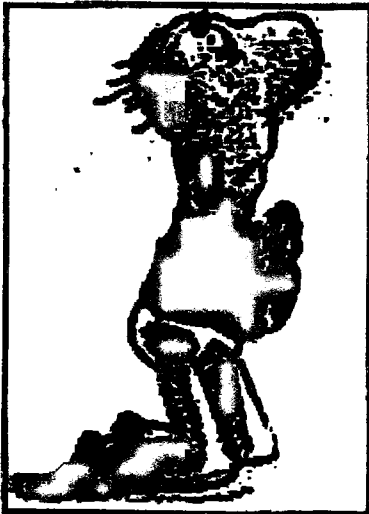
From Rabbi Maltzman

Have you seen this? Hazzan Lubin brought it to my attention. What a terrific "sign of the times!"

A TEFILLAT HA-DEREKH FOR WEB SURFERS

תְּפִילַת הַדֶּרֶךְ לְנוֹלְשִׁים בְּאִינטֶרְנֵט

May it be your will to cause us to connect in peace, to Web surf in peace and to reach the Web site of our desires in peace. And may you disconnect us in peace and make sure that the connection not have been too costly. And deliver us from the hands of viruses and computer crashes on the journey, and from all kinds of trashy sites, licentiousness and idol worship that may befall in the virtual world. And may you send a blessing to all the deeds of our mouse, and grant us favor and kindness and mercy in the eyes of every computer screen, and may you hear the voice of our wallet, for you are the one who listens to prayers and supplications and shields us from the wasting of time.



יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ שֶׁתְּחַבְּרֵנוּ
בְּשָׁלוֹם וְתִגְלֶשְׁנוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם
וְתִגְיַעְנוּ לְאַתֶּר חֲפִצָּה
בְּשָׁלוֹם. וְתִנְתְּקֵנוּ
בְּשָׁלוֹם וּבְזוּל,
וְתִצִּילֵנוּ מִכָּף כָּל
וִירוֹס וְנִפְיָלָה בְּדֶרֶךְ,
וּמִכָּל מִינֵי אֲתָרֵי
זָבָל, פְּרִיצוֹת וְעִבּוּדָה
זָרָה הַמְתַּרְגְּשִׁים
לְבוֹא בְּעוֹלָם
הַיּוֹדֵטוּאֵלִי. וְתִשְׁלַח
בְּרָכָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה עֵקֶבְרֵנוּ,
וְתִתְּנֵנוּ לְחֵן וּלְרַחֲמִים בְּעֵינֵי כָל
מָסַד, וְתִשְׁמַע קוֹל אֲרָנְקֵנוּ, כִּי
שׁוֹמֵעַ תְּפִילָה וְתַחֲנוּן אָפָה
וּמְגַנְנוּ מִבְּטוּל זְמַן.

Doctors' Alert

You've been generous in providing samples of medicines needed by pensioners in Kostroma, Beth El's associated synagogue in Russia. Can you help us again with the following medicines?: Accupril, Capoten, Gilbenclamid, Inderal, Norvask, Vasotec, Etmosine, Isoptine, Verapamil, Dilacor, Moduretoc, Maxzide, Lasiz, Nitro-Dur, Diabeta, Zocor and Mevacor.

For pick up of medicines, please call Claire Marwick, 301-657-2328, or email to csmarwick@aol.com.

Feeding the Hungry

Please bring in nonperishable food items at every opportunity. A basket outside the Board Room is designated for Bethesda Helps. The volunteers of Bethesda Helps aid people who are house-bound by driving to doctors' appointments and bringing emergency food baskets. Bethesda Helps also supplies the food pantry in the church off Lone Oak Drive. It's easy to add an extra jar of peanut butter to your cart every time you shop or remember a can of tuna fish next time you come to the synagogue.



Beth El Sisterhood



Invites Adults (13 and older) to

Celebrate Israel

Sunday, March 5, 2000 12 noon — 4 pm

featuring

**Our Own Hazzan Abraham and Sandy Lubin in
"Israel: A Miracle in Our Time"**

With George Peachey at the Piano

An original production, with narrative and song chronicling the history of the State of Israel from its founding in 1948 to the present time.

Art from Moriah Gallery

View and/or purchase art by several Israeli artists. Gallery owner Ofer Sampson will speak about the artists and their work.

Israeli Dancing

Rocky Korr will lead us in dances ranging from basic to complex.

Lunch

Delicious foods which have made their way from the diaspora to Israel.

\$5 per person

For more information call:

Esther Wilner (301) 320-2478

or Pat Danoff (301) 365-1180

Schedule

- 12:00 Lunch; art talk
- 1:15 Program by the Lubins
- 2:30 Israeli dancing; art
- 3:30 View and purchase art

Reservation for *Celebrate Israel*

Name _____

Number of people _____ at \$5 per person

Phone number _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please return by February 29th

to: Beth El Sisterhood
8215 Old Georgetown Rd.
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