



Off the Bimah

Some years ago a wonderful program, "Making Marriage Work," was developed to provide a comprehensive curriculum of pre-marital training for couples embarking on the road to marriage. The Roman Catholic Church has long required all marrying couples to participate in an in-depth preparation program without which the couple cannot perform the sacrament of marriage in the Church. We should do no less.

Are you aware that 67% of all marriages in our country end in divorce; some 50% of all Jewish marriages? The fact is we don't teach people what marriage is all about and how to prepare for it. When a couple creates a home together, there are many dreams they share of what the home will become. How the couple evaluates their lives may determine how successful they are in establishing an environment that is able to realize their vision. It takes effort, commitment, and preparation to make this happen.

Inevitably, with all couples, infatuation fades. With fortunate couples it is succeeded by friendship-often there all along. Helen Fisher, in her book *Anatomy Of Love*, describes "attachment" which follows infatuation as "the most elegant of human feelings, that sense of contentment, of sharing, of oneness with another human being." Or in Leo Buscaglia's words: "Love is dynamic; it will change in spite of us. Our only hope is to change with it."

Note: JSSA offers two classes under the rubric "Making Marriage Work-Preparing for Marriage" (for those engaged or newly married) and "The Challenge of Growth" (for married couples). For further information, call 301-881-3700.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, June 16

6:30 pm Friday Night Service

Saturday, June 17

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services

Naso: Numbers 4:21-7:89

9:15 am Dorothy Fox Bat Mitzvah

Matthew Fox Bar Mitzvah

9:30 am Minyan Chaverim, APR

10 am Jr. Congregation

Gan Shabbat, MR

12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Friday, June 23

6:30 pm Friday Night Service

Saturday, June 24

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Service

B'Haalotekha: Numbers 8:1-12:16

9:15 am David Oliner Bar Mitzvah

10:30 am Nitzanim, APR

12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Friday, June 30

6:30 pm Friday Night Service

Saturday, July 1

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services

Shelach: Numbers 13:1-15:41

9:15 am Zachary Moak Bar Mitzvah

10 am Worship and Study Minyan,

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12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Meet Our New Executive Director

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Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Elected Officers for 2000-2001

President **Esther Wilner**

Vice Presidents

Executive **Pat Danoff**

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Ritual **Judy Goldman**

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Sisterhood Stationery

Do you know about stationery from Sisterhood and why you should consider filling all your stationery needs this way? The products available range from birth announcements, Bar/Bat Mitzvah invitations, kipot, wedding invitations, personalized stationery/cards/napkins/lunch bags, change of address cards, to personalized condolence acknowledgements, and more. All proceeds from stationery sales go to Beth El Sisterhood; and all items are available at 40-50% discount. It is not too early to think about the High Holidays or upcoming life cycle events. Please call Marilyn Hammerman at 301-881-0011 for product and ordering information.

Reminders

The Sisterhood Catering Committee can always use volunteers to help on a regular basis with the Shabbat kiddushim and luncheons. Jackie Levine, 301-299-9507, or Marcia Kalman 301-897-8562, can tell you how you can get involved in this worthwhile activity.

Have you shopped at the Sisterhood Judaica Shop? Stop in to see the lovely, new items in stock. The Judaica Shop is open on Thursdays and Sundays from 9 am to Noon or by special appointment.

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.

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

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.

Membership Information

Change of address: **Jay and Connie Krupin**, 2134 Bancroft Place NW, Washington, DC 20008, 202-299-0304.

Todah Rabah to our Torah Readers

Congregation Beth El would like to honor the following people for their efforts this past year as Beth El Torah Readers: **Judy Baldinger, Reuven Birnkrant, Benjamin Bornstein, Michelle Brafman, Benjamin Bregman, Emily Danoff, Pat Danoff, Melanie Darr, David Farber, Leesa Fields, Thera Finbloom, Murray Foss, Stuart Frisch, Sidney Getz, David Goldman, Judy Cantor Goldman, Julia Goldstein, Sharon Goott, Jason Gutman, Tom Helf, Rob Judson, Rita Kahn, William Kanter, Miriam Kelty, Mac Krents, Stephen Kuperberg, Susan Levine, Mark Levitt, Janice Liebowitz, Bob Litman, Daniella Livnat, Rebecca Maltzman, Zachary Maltzman, Ben Margulies, David Margulies, Marcia Merlin, Toby Moss, Rhoda Nichaman, Jerry Pfeffer, Elaine Pines, Helen Rib, David Scavo, Elissa Scheinberg, Hal Scheinberg, Harold Schiffrin, Ari Schoenholtz, Judy Semo, Judy Sherman, Sara Siegel, Jon Simon, Joshua Stanton, Julian Tishkoff, Judith Wexler, Ina Young, Joe Young, and Gabrielle Yudkovitz**

We appreciate their hard work and the time spent in preparation for the services. Please let us know if we have inadvertently omitted any names.

May 23 Congregation Meeting Report

Rabbi Maltzman, in his d'var torah, described the evolution of the American synagogue. He characterized the type of synagogue community to which we should aspire, one which includes participation, inclusion, commitment to social justice, mutual support, and empowerment to know more about Judaism.

Ruth Silverstein, representing the Nursery School, introduced several students who presented the congregation with thousands of pennies the student body has collected, to be donated to the Capital Campaign. She also announced an additional school pledge of \$25,000.

Don Silverstein, Chair of the Construction Committee, presented an update. A contractor will be selected from among the three finalists in the next few weeks, and construction is likely to begin before the end of 2000.

The Capital Campaign has thus far raised \$7.1 million. The campaign remains active, with dedication opportunities available now and in the future, as subsequent plans are developed.

Whitman High School's auditorium will not be available for the High Holidays this year due to its renovation. Available school auditoriums are very distant to Beth El. Double services at Beth El will be necessary, and additional space at Doubletree will be reserved.

Barry Friedman, Chair of the Budget Committee, described the budget process and presented the budget for approval. The upcoming year's dues will include the total amount of what previously has been divided into separate dues and building fund. A new building fund, dedicated exclusively to the upkeep of the building, will be collected exclusively from new members. After some discussion, the budget was approved as presented.

Bert King, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers and trustees for



election. They were unanimously approved. The officers are (from left to right) **Brent Berger**, Secretary; **Judy Futterman**, Treasurer; **Gail Ross**, Second Vice President; **Gary Marx**, Financial Secretary; **Susan Levine**, Second Vice President; **Benson Adams**, President; and **Arthur Popper**, First Vice President. The Trustees are **Sara Greenbaum**, **Neil Levy**, **George Perlman**, and **Deborah Ross**.

Brent Berger, Secretary

Summer is Simcha Season: Celebrate with a Gift of Israel Bonds

The arrival of summer means more than cookouts and baseball - it's also the simcha season, a time of graduations, weddings, b'nai mitzvah and other special occasions. Why not celebrate with the purchase of Israel bonds?

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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.

June 18 to June 22

Colin and Audrey Winston
David Winter and Ellen Sobel Winter
Herbert and Estelle Wiser
Steven and Elaine Wishnow
Pauline Witkin
Paul and Jo Wodiska
Douglas and Annette Wolf
Franz Wolf
Sy and Faye Wolf
John and Marion Wolff
Steven and Frandee Woolf
Joseph and Elsie Woolman
Sandra Woronow
Jack and Susan Yanovski
Joseph and Ina Young
Marvin Yudkovitz and Fancine Lanar
Robert and Rhonda Zahler
Herbert Zalis
Marla Zalis
Harold and Judith Zassenhaus

June 25 to June 29

Marion Zatz
Doris Zimmerman
Stephen Zimmermann and Susan Neistadt Zimmermann
Jeremy and Sharon Zissman
Meyer and Rene Zitter
Etta Zukerman
Ruvan and Ida Zusin
Klaus Zwilsky
Michael and Joyce Abbell
Kassel and Joan Abelson
David and Estelle Abraham
Burt and Georgette Abramowitz
David and Annette Abrams
Morris and Joyce Abrams
James and Anne Ackerman
Richard and Ilene Ackerman
Benson and Natalie Adams
Robert and Miriam Adelstein
Irwin Aisenberg
Steven and Marlene Aisenberg

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 Yudkovitz at 301-564-4580.

Our regular Sunday Morning Breakfast Programs continue, and all congregants are welcome. For these regular programs, lox and bagel breakfast is at 9:30 am (after the 9 am minyan), with program from 10 to 11 am. Check the Men's Club poster in the Rotunda for updated details.

The Ties that Bind - Tefillin:

On June 18th, at 10 am, the Men's Club will be featuring a special program on tefillin. This is a great Father's Day opportunity in which everyone in the family can participate!! Everything you've always wanted to know about tefillin - what are they, why do men and women wear them, how to put them on, what are the various meanings attributed to putting on tefillin. We will also have forms available for anyone who wishes to purchase tefillin. Prices are quite low based on a special Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs initiative! Please join us.

Summer Volunteers Needed to Shop for and Visit Frail Elders

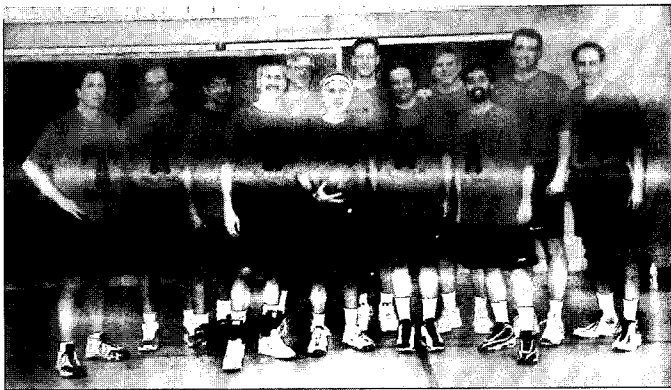
The Jewish Social Service Agency critically needs summer volunteers to shop for and visit the frail elders who live in their own homes. Volunteer shoppers in this non-sectarian program receive a list (by phone or in person) from the elder, purchase the items, and deliver the groceries. The volunteers are needed to fill in for those on vacation. Each volunteer visitor is paired with a frail elder who lives in Montgomery County, as geographically close as possible to them. Volunteers must have their own transportation. For more information or to volunteer, call Marilyn Polon, 301-816-2638.

Welcome Shabbat in Song

Join with us on Friday evening, June 16 at 6:15 pm for our first pre-Shabbat song session. Modeled in part after the highly-successful and very spiritual Friday evening services at synagogues such as B'nai Jeshurun in New York City, we will be welcoming Shabbat with a half hour of group singing. Accompanied by guitar(s), we will be learning and singing some of the wonderful new Kabbalat Shabbat melodies that are used in these singing services as well as songs celebrating Shabbat Shalom, the peace that is ushered in by Shabbat. Then we will davven the regular Friday evening service, using both our regular melodies and some of those inaugurated at the Shabbaton with Rabbi Levi Weiman Kelman.

We intend to repeat this gathering in song on a regular basis during the months of the year in which the late sunset makes possible the use of musical instruments for singing before the regular Shabbat service. The second song session will precede the July 7 service. Information on subsequent dates will follow. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Rudolph.

Hoops for Hunger 2000 Raises Over \$7,000 for MAZON!



Our Men's Basketball Team finished second in the recent synagogue All-Star Tournament to raise funds for MAZON. Having beaten Ohr Kodesh in the first round, we lost a close game, 59-56, to Adat Shalom. Shown in the photo are, left to right: **Ron Rubin, Brent Berger, Michael Lieberman, Fred Wine, Co-Captain Dennis Ross, Co-Captain Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman, David Nearpass, Stuart Weisberg, Ira Hoffman, Craig Futterman, Lew Schragar and Gary Marx.** Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Meet Our New Executive Director



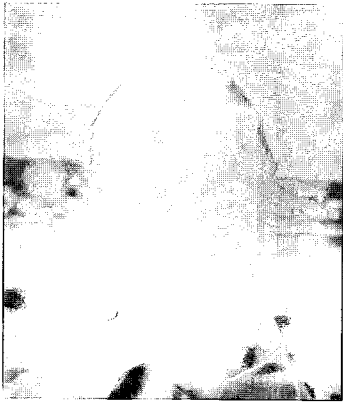
We are pleased to announce that **Sheila H. Bellack**, currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, has been selected and approved by the Board as our new Executive Director. Sheila, a member of Beth El, is a native of Toronto, Canada. A graduate of Associated Hebrew Day School of Toronto, she received her BA in Psychology from York University and an MS in Educational Psychology from SUNY-Albany. Before assuming her position as COO at the JCC, she had been Director of Cultural Arts there for nine years. Her extensive career in Jewish communal service has included serving as Executive Director of the JCC in Oakland, CA and a Branch Director of the Toronto JCC. She has also worked with the Toronto Jewish Federation, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and the JCC in Albany, NY. Sheila will begin her full-time association with Beth El on Monday July 17, 2000, although you will see her from time to time in the building before then.

Thanks to the Search Committee

Thank you to Executive Director Search Committee consisting of **Susanne Bronheim** (Chair), **Jeff Annis, Jackie Levine, Julie Rabinowitz, Nancy Spivack, and Marilyn Wind.** They received some four dozen resumes and inquiries. They conducted telephone or live interviews with about a third of these candidates. Ultimately, five were interviewed by the Rabbis, Hazzan, President, and First Vice President. **Sheila H. Bellack** was selected from this field.

THE LONG VIEW OF LIFE

You know us as a group -- older synagogue members, long-term colleagues, friends or familiar faces seen on Shabbos or the Holidays. We are Beth El's seniors, and we want you to know us as individuals -- with individual histories, needs, goals and observations. With this column, we begin the process of introducing ourselves.



Mervyn Weiner has courageously granted us permission to start the introductions with him. Scholar, husband, father and public servant, like so many Beth El members, he's a Jew with a long view. In the four decades that Mervyn and Shirley, his wife, have been

Beth El members, they have been part of the effort to ensure that this growing synagogue remains committed to providing quality Jewish education. Their own two children were graduates of our religious school, had their bat and bar mitzvah here, and their daughter was married in our sanctuary. During the 1960s, Shirley, a long time teacher of English as well as Hebrew and Sunday school, was on the synagogue's School Committee, and Mervyn chaired the Finance Committee. In 1969 he capped his service as President of the congregation. He has continued his efforts as a recent Board trustee and, currently, as a member of Beth El's Community Torah Institute Committee.

Commenting on the regret expressed by some seniors that synagogue growth has made it difficult to preserve a sense of community for seniors, Mervyn remarked, "I find myself at odds with those who lament this evolution.... Clearly there's much to be done, and now, presumably, much is being done to address the needs of seniors more effectively....The Beth El administration is taking pains to address that....however, the primary focus is correctly being placed on the young....forging their commitment to identity is the key thing."

Mervyn's views have been shaped during a lifetime of study and professional responsibilities. A native of Montreal and dual citizen of Canada and the United States, he was a gold medallist graduate

of McGill University where he was President of the Jewish organization that later became Hillel. After graduation in 1943, he joined the Canadian army, separating in 1946 as a Captain in the Royal Canadian Artillery. A Rhodes Scholar, Mervyn studied at Oxford for the next two years, earning a graduate degree in economics. He then worked briefly in the United Nations' Department of Economic Affairs, studied and taught both at Pennsylvania's Wharton School and, as Johnson Fellow, at Johns Hopkins, and then joined the world bank.

After 33 years of service with the World Bank, including two years of residence in Ecuador and Peru with his family, Mervyn "retired" in 1984. During his illustrious World Bank career, Mervyn held positions as Chief Economist for Latin America, Director of Public Utilities Projects, Director of Asia Region Projects, Regional Vice-President for South Asia, and as the Bank's first Director-General of Operations Evaluation reporting directly to the board. He "retired" a second time after serving for varying periods as consultant to diverse mexican official institutions and international development banks.

He's now into his third or fourth career as an art student, having completed most of the studio art courses offered at Montgomery College. For the first time in his life (in an exercise he describes as "exploring the boundaries of my incompetence"), he's drawing, painting, sculpting when not reading in Jewish history -- and displaying the results at home.

Thus he sets the tone for Beth El seniors: We have talents yet to explore, skills to share and friendships to nurture.

Beth El Awarded Grant for Kostroma

Beth El has just been awarded a \$300 grant by the Greater Washington Committee for Post-Soviet Jewry. The funds will be used by our World Jewry Committee to help defray costs of shipping clothing and other needs to our associated congregation in Kostroma in the former Soviet Union.

Beth El is one of 90 American synagogues which, through the Yad L'Yad program of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, have become partners to reviving Jewish communities.

Set the Table with Torah

An 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.

Naso (June 17)

When transporting the sanctuary, the Gershonites were entrusted with carrying the curtains and coverings, while the Merarites were to convey (with the aid of wagons) the heavier parts of the tabernacle and its court. To preserve the purity of the camp, lepers, unclean people and those who had come into contact with the dead were precluded from its precincts.

A person who had confessed to wrongful retaining his neighbor's property was required to make restitution by adding one-fifth to its original value and by bringing a guilt-offering. If the owner had died and left no heirs, restitution was to be made to the priest.

A wife suspected of infidelity could be brought before the priest by her husband, who was also to make a "meal-offering of jealousy." The priest took holy water and mixed it with dust from the floor of the sanctuary. The woman had to swear that, if guilty, she would suffer harmful effects and be "a curse among her people" after drinking the "waters of bitterness." If, on drinking it, no injuries resulted, she was accorded the blessing of motherhood.

A Nazirite consecrated to the service of God was obliged to abstain from wine and strong drink, not to cut his hair and not to be defiled through contact with a corpse, even that of a near-relative. Sacrifices had to be brought if the Nazirite accidentally defiled himself and on the termination of the period of his vow.

When blessing the people, the priests were directed to use the following wording. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

After the tabernacle had been erected and on the dedication of the altar, the princes (leaders) of each tribe brought offerings. On twelve successive days, they gave presents of gold and silver vessels, sacrificial animals and meal-offerings.

Commenting on the fact that each of the princes' gifts was identical, the Midrash points out that "none among them wished to outrival the others. And such

harmony and unity of spirit reigned among them that God valued the service of each as if he had brought not only his own gifts but also those of his companions."

Rashi Questions

1. **And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel...**

Rashi: Holy water - i.e., water that has become holy through being in the laver. The water was taken from the laver because that was made of the mirrors of the women who assembled at the entrance of the appointed tent, and this woman deviated from their chaste ways. Because they had cherished their husbands' love in Egypt (cf. Rashi on Ex. 38:8) while this woman depravedly gave herself over to another, she was to be tried by it (the contents of the laver).

a. Rashi brought a midrash on Ex. 38:8 which told of the mirrors which had been used by the women to excite their husbands so that they would become aroused and thus defeat Pharaoh's plan to work them so hard that they would have no children. How does this fit in with that?

b. Are there any parallels which could be drawn today?

2. **And the woman shall be an execration among her people (Numbers 5:27)**

Rashi: This is stressed: "among her people" - because there is a difference between a person who is brought to disgrace in a place where he is well known and a person who is brought to disgrace in a place where he is unknown.

a. What is that difference?

b. What does this say about the function of community and anonymity?

Behaalotecha (June 24)

After instructing Aaron how to arrange and light the Menorah in the tabernacle, God set out the order of purification and sacrifice necessary before the Levites (in place of the first-born) could embark on their sacred service in the sanctuary.

On the fourteenth day of the first month, a year after leaving Egypt, the Israelites observed the first Passover in the wilderness. Those who were unable to do so at that time could celebrate the second Passover a month later.

God commanded Moses to make two silver trumpets, which were to be used as a signal to march; to summon the congregation to the sanctuary; to sound the alarm before battle; and to proclaim festivals and new moons.

Ten months and nineteen days after arriving in Sinai, the Children of Israel began their journey towards Moab and the Holy Land. But soon they started to complain and, in fury, God caused a fire to devour much of the camp. Then the Israelites cried out for sumptuous foods instead of their daily manna, and Moses called out to the Lord to help him, saying that he could not cope with the people's complaints alone. God told him to gather together seventy elders, who would help him to bear the burden of responsibility. These seventy, less Eldad and Medad, who remained in the camp, stood near the sanctuary and, on that occasion alone, were seized with the spirit of God and were enabled to prophesy. Joshua urged Moses to restrain Eldad and Medad, who were prophesying while still in the camp, but Moses retorted, "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets."

To satisfy the people's hunger, God caused an abundance of quails to come in from over the sea. Israelites gathered and ate so many that they again angered God and were hit by a deadly plague.

At Hazerot, Miriam and Aaron spoke disparagingly of Moses because he had married a Cushite woman. Moses remained silent, but God, appearing in a pillar of cloud, rebuked the two for their conduct. When the cloud dispersed, Miriam was found to have leprosy and Moses pleaded with God to cure her. Miriam was isolated for seven days before the people were able to resume their journey to the wilderness of Paran.

Rashi Questions

1. The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "have two silver trumpets made; make them of hammered work. they shall serve you to summon the community and to set the divisions in motion" (Numbers 10:1-2).

Rashi: ...and this (protracted sound, a "Tekiah" on both trumpets) is the signal for summoning the congregation, as it is said here, "then all the congregation shall assemble unto you at the entrance of the tent of meeting."

a. Is there any connection between this use of the shofar and its use on Rosh Hashanah?

b. What are the reasons we use the shofar on Rosh Hashanah?

2. Moses said to Hobab, son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law (Numbers 10:29).

Rashi: Hobab is identical to Jethro... But why then does it state (Ex. 2:18) "and they (the daughters

of Jethro) came to Reuel, their father," since he was their grandfather and not their father? It teaches us that children are in the habit of calling their grandfather by the term "father."

a. Why might this be the case?

b. Does it ever happen today?

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/archiv.shtml> and <http://www.torah.org>

New Minyan Chaverim to Meet Second Shabbat of Each Month

The new Minyan Chaverim will meet on the second Shabbat of each month in the Meeting Room from 9:30 am to Noon. **There will be an exception, however, for the month of June, due to Shavuot; the service will be held on June 17 in the All Purpose Room at 9:30 am.** Minyan Chaverim is a community-led service, featuring complete recitations of Shacharit and Musaf as well as a full Torah reading, and emphasizing a spirited and participatory nusach. Following the synagogue kiddush, participants (and for that matter, all comers) will also be invited to attend a pot-luck (Kosher dairy) lunch at a nearby home, which will include a Torah discussion, zmirot, and plenty of good kibitzing. For more information, please contact Debbie Feinstein at debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com or 301-767-1178.

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, July 1 in the All Purpose Room from 10:00 am 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, DOHirsch@aol.com; Sid Getz, 301-530-2215, Sidgetz@aol.com; or Mark Levitt, 301-365-5365, MKEMJ@aol.com, for more information.