

Tuning In with Hazzan Lubin

During the course of the last few weeks, I have been asked many times: "Have you recovered?" referring to the beautiful and heartwarming evening of celebration on the occasion of my "Tenth" anniversary with Congregation Beth El. My immediate response has been that this is one "illness" from which I do not wish to "recover." Two other common expressions that have been repeated to me are: "Have you come down from cloud nine?" which I surprisingly discovered is a relatively recent slang of the early 60's which, of course, refers to a heightened state of bliss (unfortunately and originally drug induced). Yes, Sandy and I both have enjoyed this blessing of bliss and reluctantly are descending from that ninth cloud. The other comment made to us was that we must be "in seventh heaven." This last expression has its roots in Jewish tradition.

According to tradition Baruch, who was the prophet Jeremiah's secretary and scribe, is granted a heavenly journey in order to comfort him in his grief. Baruch, the traveler, is shown one heaven after another, which ultimately leads to the "seventh heaven", that heaven where one could see the Glory of God. Baruch, unfortunately, is denied seeing the "seventh heaven" in his journey. Thus the folk saying of being in "seventh heaven."

For Sandy and me the "Tenth" anniversary event in June provided us the opportunity to see the glory of Beth El at its loftiest and reaching the "seventh heaven." We shall forever be grateful to this Kehilah Kedoshah (holy congregation) for the precious and magnificent evening of words and music that was tendered to us. We are humbled by the outpouring of love and caring that you have exhibited before, during and following the celebration.

It is always a dilemma and a risk to mention the names of individuals who worked so hard and with such commitment and devotion to the success of the event, for fear of omission of equally deserving individuals. However, I feel quite confident in selecting one name under whose guidance and direction the entire committee worked so tirelessly to make it the success that it was. That person is Tara Sonenshine, a very special friend who was the dynamite chairperson of the Celebration; whose skill, diligence and devotion propelled the hard working committee to work with equal devotion for the benefit of the entire congregation.

Beth El is a very special place and I am proud to serve as your Hazzan because of what you all bring to make our synagogue a sacred place and a holy community. May we always celebrate each other's good fortunes in joy and in good health. May God bless you all.

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Shabbat Schedule

Friday, July 28 6:15 pm Special Singing 6:30 pm Friday Night Service	10 am Worship and Study Minyan, APR Perek Yomi, Chapel	Saturday, August 19 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services Ekev: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 9:15 am Andrew Bennett Bar Mitzvah Adult B'nai Mitzvah Study Session, BR Perek Yomi, Chapel
Saturday, July 29 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services Mattot-Mase: Numbers 30:2-36:13 9:15 am Ethan Levy-Forsythe Bar Mitzvah Nitzanim, APR Perek Yomi, Chapel	Friday, August 11 6:30 pm Friday Night Service	12:15 pm
Friday, August 4 6:30 pm Friday Night Service	Saturday, August 12 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services Va'et'hanan: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11 9:15 am Ethan Hochheiser Bar Mitzvah Minyan Chaverim, Chapel Nitzanim, APR Perek Yomi, Chapel	Friday, August 25 6:30 pm Friday Night Service
Saturday, August 5 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services D'varim: Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22 9:15 am Joshua Sirkin Bar Mitzvah	10:30 am Worship and Study Minyan, APR Perek Yomi, Chapel	Saturday, August 26 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services Re'eh: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 9:15 am Jamie Hanley Bat Mitzvah Nitzanim, APR Perek Yomi, Chapel
	Friday, August 18 6:30 pm Friday Night Service	10:30 am Worship and Study Minyan, APR Perek Yomi, Chapel

Sisterhood News

Catering Committee

The Sisterhood Catering Committee announces a change in its leadership. Joan Claxton is stepping down to assume other tasks for Sisterhood. Her position as Co-Chairman will now be filled by Miriam Crowell. Jackie Levine remains the other Co-Chair. Anyone who needs to contact the Committee about catering a Bar or Bat Mitzvah should call Miriam at 301-951-8644.

Save the date!

The Sisterhood and Men's Club will jointly sponsor a Community Candidates Forum on Sunday morning, September 10. The speakers will be Republican Connie Morella and her Democratic opponent, Terry Lierman. More information on this event will be forthcoming, but mark your calendar now.

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 - 12 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.

Weekday Service Schedule

Morning Minyan

7:30 am Monday to Friday

9 am Sunday and Major Civic Holidays
Evening Minyan

8 pm Sunday to Thursday

8:20 pm Wednesdays of Saul Bendit Institute

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Phil and Sue Goldberg** on the birth of their son, **Tyler Joshua Goldberg**, on June 10, 2000.

Mazal Tov to **David and Sheila Feinberg** on the birth of their son, **Ethan Martin Feinberg**, on June 23, 2000.

Mazal Tov to **Edgar and Naomi Levin** on the engagement of their daughter, **Rebecca Levin**, to **Alan Cohn**, son of **Peter and Joan Cohn**.

Mazal Tov to **Melanie Darr and David Bachrach** on their upcoming wedding. They will be called to the Torah to announce their marriage to the community in an Aufruf ceremony at Beth El on Saturday, August 12.

Mazal Tov to **Ari Lipman**, who graduated with a summa cum laude BA degree from Harvard University on June 8, 2000. Ari was elected into Phi Beta Kappa and also received a Truman Foundation Scholarship and a Striderite grant.

Mazal Tov to **Rachel Bingham**, granddaughter of **Rose and Sam Saady**, for winning first place for her short story in the Prince Georges County Council of the International Reading Association Young Authors Program.

Men's Club News

The Men's club wishes you a great summer! It may be summertime, but you are still invited to attend the Beth El Men's Club's regular Sunday breakfasts and to join the Men's Club. The Men's Club supports programs including the renowned Perspectives In Dialogues 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.

Mark your calendars now for one almost-fall event:

September 10: Special Joint meeting of the Men's Club and Sisterhood. A candidate's forum featuring Connie Morella and her Democratic opponent!

Cantors Assembly Publishes Hazzan Lubin's Guide To The Prayerbook



We are proud to announce that the Cantors Assembly commissioned Hazzan Lubin to write a guide for the Shabbat Prayer Book. It was recently published and was unveiled at the Cantors Assembly convention held in Detroit last May. The purpose of the book "is an attempt to help the novice and the person unfamiliar with the prayer book and the worship service to have a deeper and more enlightened understanding of its classic prayers and their spiritual content."

Copies of this guide are now available for purchase in the Sisterhood's Judaica Shop.

USY Helps Ship Clothing to Kostroma

The World Jewry Committee is indebted to Youth Director **Ariele Hausner-Barach**, USY President **Rebecca Kazzaz** and USY Tikshoret **Caroline Webber** for their help in preparing 110 pounds of clothing for shipment to Kostroma. Now we know where to look for help!

Wanted Volunteers

The Beth El ushering committee is looking for volunteers to join the cadre of more than 100 members who volunteer their time to ensure that everyone is made to feel comfortable and at home at our service each Shabbat and Festival morning.

Ushering at Beth El is easy. It requires about three hours on a Shabbat or Festival morning no more than twice a year. It is a wonderful mitzvah and a great way to meet and greet your friends and neighbors as they come to worship with us.

Please call Cheryl Rod (301-299-8362, E-mail: rod@erols.com) or Miriam Davidson in the Synagogue office (301-652-2606, E-mail: mdavidson@bethelmc.org) to volunteer.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Lulav and Etrog Order Form 2000

This year we are again purchasing our Lulav and Etrogos from New York directly, thus saving everyone money — almost 20%. To do this, however, all orders **must** be placed and paid for by **September 27**. Please note that these are the same prices as last year.

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

Small \$38 Large \$47 Deluxe \$57

Name _____

Phone _____

Make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office. No orders will be accepted after September 27. Orders can be picked up on Thursday, October 12, from 8:30 am to 5 pm. All orders must be prepaid!!

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The Long View

Introducing Beryl Frank, a Beth El Senior Congregant



"I still have a photo of my father and my oldest son in front of the house that was Beth El on this, our current site." So saying, Beryl Frank began his "long view" account of his Beth El experience — essentially 47 years of helping to build a synagogue.

He saw it as a community experience in which everyone worked toward the same goal. With pride, Beryl mentioned a few of the earliest members who shared their talents to nurture the fledgling congregation — Joshua Bernhardt, first President Harry Brodie, Rabbi Morris Gordon, Haskell and Ruth Wald, Cantor Jack Werner, Milton Wittman, Sy Wolf, Joel Wolfsohn, and the dedicated Vatikim members and Beryl's own family who stuffed envelopes for mailings and served as volunteer secretarial help. Some of their photos, including Beryl's, line the wall of presidents in the Board Room. "I think we had more Ph.D.'s than business people in the membership," Beryl remarked.

He has had the opportunity to observe and davven with many congregations, some far older than Beth El, both in the States and Latin America. (On the island of St. Kitts-Nevis, his guide led him to an old unidentified cemetery, which Beryl immediately recognized as Sephardic and dating back to the 1700s.)

The many countries in which he worked during his lengthy career as an authority on social security systems read like a Latin American atlas — Antigua-Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador,

Grenada, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Venezuela — and Canada (yes, he still speaks English — as well as Spanish, French and Portuguese).

Under the aegis of the U.S. Social Security Administration, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, and many consulting, appraisal and evaluation missions, Beryl headed social security divisions here at home and helped other governments develop and improve their own systems.

His dedication to the advancement of social security systems has continued despite nominal "retirement." He continues to teach at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies and to lecture at the Inter-American Defense College. But now retirement has afforded Beryl and Gloria, his wife and an equally familiar figure at Beth El, more time to enjoy their family — their sons, daughters-in-law and a growing brood of grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also has made time to serve meals at Bethesda Cares "on a temporary basis" for the last 11 years. Additionally, for 3 years running, he's been president of the University of Vermont's "Green and Gold Society," the organization for alumni graduated at least 50 years ago.

Beryl remains a Beth El enthusiast and praises the accomplishments of our Board. "I've had the opportunity to get to know and work with these young people. It's a healthy shul that has young members willing to undertake the responsibility of maintaining a synagogue and provide for the religious needs of a thousand families. Admittedly it is hard to maintain the 'hamesch' intimacy that existed when we were a very small congregation, but our Board members continue to bear in mind that they are working on behalf of, and in the spirit of, a shul, and not a business." He speaks from first-hand knowledge, having served on the Board for many years. In fact, this is the first year in a long time that Beryl's not a Board member, but instead is concentrating on his duties as co-chairman of the synagogue's Fiftieth Anniversary Committee.

Although he claims not to differentiate between Beth El's older and younger members, his continuing interest in the well-being of our seniors (an extension, perhaps, of his career on behalf of social security recipients) was expressed in his participation on an "in-reach" project to determine how well Beth El responds to seniors' needs. Based on that experience, he remarked, "My impression is that, although our

seniors are taking full advantage of the wide variety of programs offered to all our members, regardless of age, people who can't drive to the synagogue, seniors as well as others, do face limitations. They're reluctant to ask for rides, and public transportation is inadequate. Perhaps we should give serious consideration to establishing car pools, not only to help the seniors with their transportation problem, but also to alleviate Beth El's acute parking situation. We might start by grouping members by the neighborhood in which they live; this could serve several useful purposes, including the promotion of car pools."

The years appear not to have slowed Beryl down. He continues to apply his professional expertise, to enjoy his family, to be concerned about others in the shul and community, and to cap it all, play a good game of tennis.

Senior Caucus Update

Senior Caucus members continue to meet to plan activities for our more senior members, in addition to the programming which is under the auspices of Vatikkim. Here is an update, focusing on three activities of the Caucus that began this spring.

Computer Training. Our first class, called "Introduction to Computer and E-Mail," took place in May-June. Organized by Caucus Co-Chair Dunya Hecht, and held in cooperation with the Bethesda Senior Source, every space in the class was full. The curriculum, including an introductory session and three classroom sessions, went from the very basic fundamentals to e-mailing. The Caucus will be offering another training in the fall, contact Dunya if you are interested (301-365-3177).

Support Group for the Recently Bereaved. Facilitated by Karen Levinson, LCSW, this group began meeting the first Wednesday of the month right after Pesach. Members quickly decided that a second monthly meeting was desirable, so that sessions are held both the first and third Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. There is room for a few more participants, contact Rabbi Rudolph if you are interested.

Scroll Column. Estelle Wisner has authored the first two of a series of profiles of our more senior members. Featured in the first profiles were Mervyn Weiner and Beryl Frank. The goal of this program is to highlight the contributions of our more senior members in the wider community and especially in making this congregation all that it is.

Vatikkim Luncheon

Our speaker on August 17 will be Dr. Donald Losman, Professor of Economics and Strategy at the National Defense University in Washington. (You may also know him as Marcia Possick's son-in-law.) The title of his talk is "The Evolving Status and Posture of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF)." Dr. Losman will trace the history of the IDF and then discuss the current changes in the nature of the fighting forces and the role of the IDF in greater Israeli society. This is a very timely and interesting topic. Don't miss this program!

Please note: Since July 20 was a fast day, there was no Vatikkim luncheon on that date. Instead, our speaker, Beverly Hummel, will present her program on "The Health Care Crisis" on August 24. Beverly is a well-known activist, an expert on all aspects of health care, who has addressed hundreds of groups in the past 30 years. This program is of vital concern to all of us.

Lunch is at Noon on August 17 and the program is at 1 pm. The cost for members is \$7.00; nonmember 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 Phyllis Blum, 1411 Stratton Drive, Rockville, MD 20854, 301-340-3046.

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, August 17, 2000.

Please reserve ____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by August 15.

No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Social Action Committee Makes Gift to the World Jewry Committee

The Social Action Committee has contributed \$1,000 to the World Jewry Committee (WJC) for its work with a reviving Russian Jewish community. It couldn't be more timely since the WJC has just begun to ship clothing to Kostroma. Our warmest thanks!

Welcome to New Members

Congregation Beth El extends a warm welcome to the following new members. If one or more of these families live in your neighborhood, please reach out and personally welcome them.

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Membership Information

Temporary change of address: Irv and Rita Weiss, 17266 Hardy Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771, 410-549-7689.

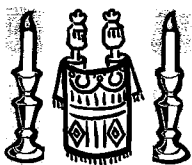
Change of address: Steven and Sheryl Freishtat, 10 Purcell Court, Potomac, MD 20854, 301-365-5635.

Todah Rabah to Additional Torah Readers

We regret that the names of Joshua Rosenbloom and Sharon Spiegel were omitted from the list of Torah readers in the last issue of the Scroll.

Set the Table with Torah

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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.

Double Portion Mattot/Mase'ei

Mattot: Numbers 30:2-32:42 (July 29)

This parsha seems to have three distinct parts. It begins with the commandment to keep one's vows. Illustrative of the status of women in this period, is the fact that a woman's oaths can be annulled by her father, if she is still under his care, or husband.

Next the savage war against the Midianites is described. When the Israelites come to report that all the men were slaughtered, Moses sends them back to kill any boy children and women who were not virgins. The spoils are divided.

Finally, the tribes of Reuben and Gad come to Moses and ask him to let them stay and graze their herds on the East side of the Jordan, but Moses tells them they must first cross the Jordan and fight with their brothers for the land. They agree to do so in these words (32:16) "We will build here **sheepfolds for our flocks and towns for our children**. And we will hasten as troops in the van of the Israelites." Moses in answering them says, (32:24) "Build **towns for your children and sheepfolds for your flocks**, but do what you have promised." Notice the difference in word order between what the tribes say and what Moses says. Scholars say that Moses was trying to teach them a lesson about what their priorities should be: family before work. Discuss choices you have had to make where you put your family first.

Mase'ei: Numbers 33-36:13 (July 29)

"Mase'ei" means "marches" and the detailed itinerary of the route the Israelites took from Egypt to the Promised Land is the beginning of this portion. Maimonides and Rashi wrote different explanations for why this dry recitation of place names was included.

Maimonides explains that the quote *Moses recorded the... marches as directed by the Lord* (Num 33:2) shows that God wanted the passages included. God did not want any other nation to say that the Israelites wandered for forty years, because they simply got lost.

Rashi says that by reading of all these places, the Israelites were to be reminded of how miserable their

journey was, so that they would appreciate the Promised Land more. Do you prefer one explanation over the other? Why or why not? Have you ever been on a trip which made you appreciate the comforts of home?

The system of the six cities of refuge described in this parsha (35:9-34) could provide an interesting basis for a family discussion on what constitutes murder and whether capital punishment is justified. The cities of refuge are safe havens for murderers preceding trial. Following trial a murderer may be executed. However, one who unintentionally murdered can return to live in the city of refuge, safe from any of the victim's family members who might try to harm him, until the death of the next High Priest. Staying within the confines of the city may ensure that the person thinks seriously about the life they have unintentionally taken. Maimonides explains that the release at the time of the death of the High Priest is because the whole country will mourn at the priest's death and thus the victim's family will feel reconciled with their own loss. Have you ever felt grief at the death of a public figure whom you didn't know personally? Describe how you empathized with the people who were experiencing this loss on a more personal level.

Devarim: Deuteronomy 1-3:22 (August 5)

Moses is addressing the Israelites at the end of the forty years. Moses' summary sounds something like this. Here's a little review - remember when it became too rough for me to govern you alone and I set up tribal chief representatives. Remember I sent spies and when they came back and said that the inhabitants of the land were big, you got scared and didn't want to fight. God punished you for cowardice which showed lack of faith. He made you stay in the desert -and then you, Israel, decided to go forward, but it was too late, because God wasn't with you and you lost. His final speech is full of rebuke. Why do you think Moses makes these reprimands his final message? If you were a leader, what final thoughts and feelings would you wish for people to have about you?

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>



SUKKAH BUILDING KIT
OR DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTRUCTIONS
ORDER EARLY THIS YEAR!



Sukkot begins this year on **Friday night, October 13**. For the thirteenth year, Congregation Beth El is offering an easy-to-assemble, moderately priced Sukkah kit to enhance your enjoyment of the holiday.

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

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

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

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

For Do-It-Yourselfers:

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

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

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

Sukkah Order Form

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

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

A check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Religious School News

This year's Religious School sponsored Read-A-Thon raised over \$600 for the Anti-Defamation League. The Vaad HaStudentim (Student Council) chose the recipient. At a ceremony on Wednesday, May 24, members of the Vaad presented Gail Ross, a congregant and ADL activist, with a check.

Students were recognized with awards for Most Books Read and Most Money Raised, divided between Kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd grade and up. Most Books Read winners were: Jessica Goldstone (1st grade), Noah Shrago (1st), Todd Pollak (K); Corey Goldstone (3rd), Gabriella Kahn (5th) and Alyssa Stein (3rd). Most Money Raised winners were Drew Ansbacher (2nd), Hannah Hoffman (K), Lisa Kaufman (2nd); Noah Schoenholtz (4th), Alyssa Stein (3rd) and Ilana Caplan (5th).

Participants in the Read-A-Thon were: Drew Ansbacher, Sophia Berardi, Andrew Berger, Ilana Caplan, Annie Cohen, Brian Dellon, Suzie Dershowitz, Nathaniel Eckland, Sam Epstein, Alexandra Fishman, Jacob Gallagher, Josh Gallagher, Ben Ganzfried, Samuel Geselowitz, Corey Goldstone, Jessica Goldstone, Maya Gottlieb, Julia Halperin, Hannah Hoffman, Gabriella Kahn, Mira Kahn, Lisa Kaufman, Becca Leibowitz, Lauren Levine, Arielle Levy, Alex Maier, Todd Pollak, Lila Rosenbloom, Amy Rosenthal, Joshua Rosenthal, Jenna Ross, Carly Schmand, Noah Schoenholtz, Noah Shrago, Jason Schraub, Megan Schwinger, Danny Solomon, Jessica Stahl, Michael Stahl, Alyssa Stein, Elizabeth Stein and Jessie Weinstein.

All students who participated in the Read-A-Thon received a prize. This year 7-11 gave us Slurpee and Big Gulp coupons for everyone who participated. Other sponsors were: Borders Books (\$100 in gift certificates), Bethesda Academy for Performing Arts, Zyzyx, Lisbon's Jewish Book Store, Whirligigs and Whimsies, Israeli Accents, Abe's Jewish Bookstore, Bookoo Books, Kar-Ben Publishing and Austin Grill. Juliann Goldman and Sarah Roark were recognized for encouraging high levels of participation from their fifth and first grade classes, respectively. Without the volunteer assistance of Janice Leibowitz this project would not be possible.

New Minyan Chaverim to Meet Second Shabbat of Each Month

The new Minyan Chaverim will meet on the second Shabbat of each month from 9:30 am to Noon. 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, August 5 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.

Nitzanim

Nitzanim Shabbat Services are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:30 am 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!

Today Rabah to **Tsvi and Ruth Assal** for sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on June 24 in honor of the third birthday of their granddaughter, **Maayan Albert**.

Today Rabah to **Colin and Audrey Winston** for sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on July 8 in honor of the second birthday of their son, **Reuben Winston**.

Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next four weeks. On Sunday through Thursday, the Minyan begins at 8 pm and concludes at 8:15 pm. 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.

July 30 to August 3

Arthur and Mary Blitz
 Edward and Debra Bloom
 Leslie and Dina Bluhm
 Elliot and Betty Blum
 Phyllis Blum
 Robert and Rayah Blumenthal
 Werner and Bernice Blumenthal
 Sharon Bobb
 Sheldon and Paola Bolasny
 Yaakov and Linda Borenstein
 Philip and Hope Borish
 Benjamin J. Bornstein
 and Ellen Sidransky
 Samuel Boxerman and Debra Vodenos
 Sylvia Bozof
 Paul Bran and Nina Levine
 Douglas and Brenda Bregman
 Joel and Bernice Breslau
 Jerome and Hessa Broder

August 6 to August 10

John Broder and Karolyn Wallace
 Gerald and Caryl Brody
 Kenneth and Carol Brody
 Mark and Lisa Bronfman
 Benjamin and Suzanne Bronheim
 David and Harriet Brooks
 Esther Brooks
 Kenneth Brooks and Anita Wolke-Brooks
 David K. Brown and Candice Wilson
 Kenneth Brown
 Arthur and Susan Bruckheim
 Lawrence and Susan Bruser
 Abner and Ruth Byer
 Paul and Edith Calem
 Marcia Cantor-Grable
 Jeffrey and Sharon Caplan
 Mitchell and Cindy Caplan
 Sidney and Miriam Carter
 Michael M. Cernea
 and Ruth Fredman Cernea

August 13 to August 17

Annabel Chasen
 Richard and Shelley Chasen
 Ronald and Judith Chasen
 Rick and Joan Claxton
 Robert Clayman and Carol Miller
 Albert and Diane Clement
 Mark and Jocelyn Cogen
 Charles and Helen Cohen
 Ethel Cohen
 Gertrude Cohen
 Jeffrey Cohen and Leslie Fried
 Jonathan Cohen
 and Aileen Miller Cohen
 Paul and Cyna Cohen
 Richard and Eleanor Cohen
 Robert Cohen and Sheila
 Smallberg Cohen
 Stanley and Selma Cohen
 Stephen Cohen and Deborah
 Friedman
 Susan Cohen
 Yoram and Margo Cohen
 Walter and Debbie Cohn

August 20 to August 24

Norton and Dorothy Come
 Edward Comer and Joan Schaffer
 Jeffrey and Ferne Cooper
 Mitchell and Renee Cooper
 Robert and Diane Coplan
 Howard and Julia Copperman
 Miriam Crowell
 Stephen and Pamela Crystal
 Fred and Ilse Cutler
 Michael Cutler and Dale Rosenthal
 Jerome and Patricia Danoff
 David and Ellen Darr
 Morton and Lillian Davis
 William Davis
 and Mindy Goldberg Davis
 Ralph and Vera Deckelbaum
 James and Leslie Dellon
 Martin Dembo
 Howard and Babette Denis
 Lee and Gloria Derkay

Attention all Congregation Beth El College Students!

We want to stay in touch with you at school! Please update your college address with our office. Don't miss out on emails, mail and packages throughout the year. Fill in the form below and return it to Youth Director, Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814 by September 1, 2000.

Student's Name:	_____
School:	_____
College Address:	_____
Email:	_____
Year of Graduation:	_____
School Phone:	_____

Note: Please update this information every year.