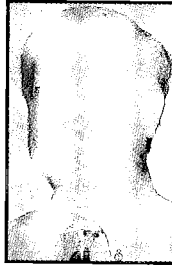




Off the Bimah



Tony Bennett may have left his heart in San Francisco and Dionne Warwick doesn't know the way to San Jose, but I return to the words of the medieval poet Halevi: "My heart is in the East, but I am at the end of the West." In other words, my heart always turns towards Israel.

I spent two glorious weeks with eight wonderful Beth El families. And, while I saw few sites I hadn't visited countless times before (with the exception of Latrun, a museum and memorial to Israel's Armored Corp-a must stop on the road between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem), when one travels with a group, one is able to see it all through their eyes and share in the joy of what it's like to be in Israel for the first time. And I was blessed with some special eyes to see it through. And that made it come alive in front of my eyes as well.

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Shabbat and High Holiday Services

Friday, September 22

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, September 23

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services

Nitzavim-Vayelekh:

Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

9:15 am Avi Birnkrant Bar Mitzvah

Aviva Birnkrant Bat Mitzvah

10 am Jr. Congregation, Chapel

10:30 am Nitzanim, APR

12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

10:30 pm Reception

11 pm Selichot Service

Friday, September 29

Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 pm Service at Beth El only

Saturday, September 30

1st Day Rosh Hashanah

8:30 am Services at all locations

6:30 pm Service at Beth El only

Sunday, October 1

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

8:30 am Services at Beth El and

Doubletree only

Friday, October 6

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 7

Shabbat Shuvah

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services

Ha'azinu: Deuteronomy 32:1-52

9:15 am Benjamin Friedmann Bar

Mitzvah

10 am Jr. Congregation, Chapel

Worship and Study Minyan,

APR Gan Shabbat, MR

11 am Shitufim Minyan, Room 209

12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Sunday, October 8

Kol Nidre

6:15 pm Services at all locations

Monday, October 9

Yom Kippur

9 am Services at all locations

10 am Torah Reading

11:30 am Musaf/Sermon/Yizkor at

Beth El (Order may vary at other locations)

3 pm High Holiday Seminars

4:45 pm Mincha

5:45 pm Neilah

7:07 pm Conclusion of Fast/Shofar

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

High Holiday tickets have been mailed out. Please remember to bring them with you to services, as ushers will ask for them on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Book Group

There will be a book discussion of *Turbulent Souls* by Stephen J. Dubner at a meeting of the Sisterhood book review group on November 12 at 9:30 am in the Board Room. This book is available at Montgomery County libraries. Please call Annette Moshman, 301-229-4040, or Andrea Golden, 301-294-2375, if you have questions.

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.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Thomas and Judith Hoffman** on their son, **Jacob Hoffman**, becoming a Bar Mitzvah at Beth El on September 4, 2000.

Mazal Tov to **Arthur and Susan Bruckheim** on the birth of their granddaughter and to **Bernie and Rita Jacobi** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, **Hannah Evelisse Bruckheim**, on July 28, 2000. Hannah is the daughter of **Michael and Meredith Bruckheim**.

Mazal Tov to **Sam and Evelyn Margolis** on the birth of their grandson, **Andrew Jefferson Margolis**, on August 27, 2000. Andrew is the son of **Daniel Margolis and Debbie Sun**.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to **Deborah Leibowitz and Marjory Weiss**.

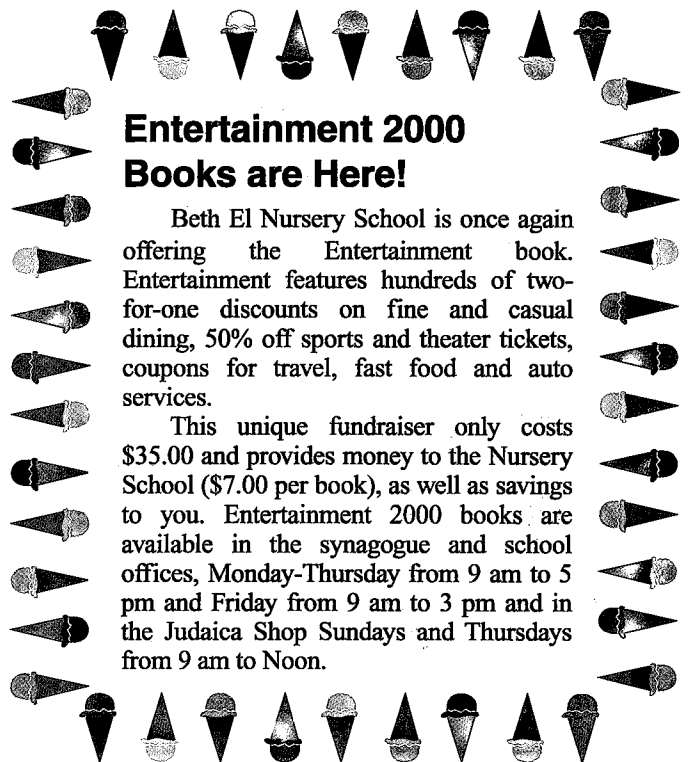
Men's Club News

You are 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.

Men's Club/Sisterhood Cabaret Night

On November 11, we will be holding our Cabaret Night from 7:30-11 pm. We have a very special evening planned, featuring the nationally acclaimed pianist/singer, Jon Simon. Jon is one of America's foremost contemporary Jewish musical artists. He will entertain us with a wide variety of songs including Jewish music from the 7th century to the present time. In addition, he'll play more secular music including the Beatles and his own compositions. Jon has performed throughout the United States, including performances at The Kennedy Center, the Israeli Embassy, music schools, synagogues and various New York and California locations. More information on this talented man can be found on his website at www.jonsimonmusic.com. Throughout the evening, we will be serving drinks and desserts. Mark your calendars now. Reservation forms will be in future *Scroll* issues and at Beth El. It's going to be a great evening!

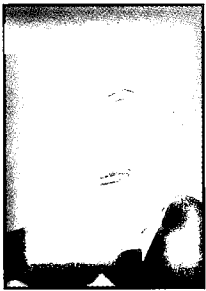


**Entertainment 2000
Books are Here!**

Beth El Nursery School is once again offering the Entertainment book. Entertainment features hundreds of two-for-one discounts on fine and casual dining, 50% off sports and theater tickets, coupons for travel, fast food and auto services.

This unique fundraiser only costs \$35.00 and provides money to the Nursery School (\$7.00 per book), as well as savings to you. Entertainment 2000 books are available in the synagogue and school offices, Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm and Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and in the Judaica Shop Sundays and Thursdays from 9 am to Noon.

Tuning In With Hazzan Lubin



One of the most glaring and troublesome statistics that was revealed in the 1990 National Jewish Survey was that almost 50% of Jews who married in the most recent years chose a person of another faith. Following this troublesome announcement, the buzzword in the early nineties throughout the Jewish community was "continuity." The fear was that at this rate of intermarriage, the number of Jews would dwindle so that there would exist a real threat to a viable presence and continuity of the Jewish community in America.

There have been many creative responses, on the part of the Jewish Community, to combat this growing trend of intermarriage and assimilation. What followed in the mid-nineties was a new buzzword: "spirituality." A variety of well-meaning attempts at bringing about a new sense of commitment and "spirituality" among Jews of all the major denominations, were introduced. The focus of this "spirituality" movement was primarily in the realm and conduct of the synagogue worship service. New experiments and constructive ideas were suggested and introduced in order to help create a greater "spiritual" awareness among the worshipping congregants.

Over the summer I have had a chance to ponder upon this concept of "spirituality" during a very pleasant vacation trip that Sandy and I enjoyed in Canada. I was struck by several experiences during our stay which led me to begin to understand what the true nature of "spirituality" might mean if we are to be serious about this concept. The one word that can best describe it is: "integrity."

I noticed that a number of Canadian banks carry the word "trust" in their names. An example is the "Canada Trust Bank." By its very name the bank wishes to reassure its potential clients that it is safe to entrust their hard-earned funds in its financial institution. On another occasion, while taking a long walk in Niagara-on-the-Lake, I noticed by the roadside a display of baskets filled with fruit and a price tag clearly noted. There was no vendor anywhere to be seen; if you

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Beth El Listserv and Directory

The Beth El Listserv continues to grow and increase in value to our members. For those of you not familiar with a listserv, it is, in effect, a community bulletin board 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 included time-sensitive events such as member simchas, illnesses, and deaths. This has proven very useful, and we have expanded 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.

We are also updating the Beth El Directory. If you have any changes or corrections, please send them to the office **IN WRITING** (letter, fax, or E-mail). We will also include up to two E-mail addresses of adult members. If you would like both addresses included, please send them to the office. You can also E-mail them to Helen Popper at hpopper@bethelmc.org. The Directory will be published later this fall.

Religious School Committee

The Religious School Committee is seeking several new members for the 2000-2001 school year. Committee members attend monthly Committee meetings, as well as undertake a variety of projects during the year relating to the policies, curriculum and budget of the School. Please call Celia Goldman Kirsch, Chair (301-365-2525) if you are interested in serving.

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Tuning in With Hazzan Lubin continued

wished to purchase one of these baskets of fruit, you were instructed to deposit your payment into a cash box that was placed on the side of the counter. No person was there to watch, but the buyer was trusted to deposit the appropriate sum of money in payment for the purchase. I was touched by this complete sense of trust, on the part of the absent vendor, that he held for his unseen customers. Later that week in Toronto, I listened to a news item over the radio which reported that the local government, in charge of metered parking on the streets, was considering a law that would essentially eliminate all tickets issued to car owners who returned to their parked cars after the meter had run out of time. Instead, the car owner would be required to simply deposit sufficient coins to pay for the additional time that the car was parked. Once again the integrity of the car owner was at issue. Its success rested entirely on the honest response of the car owners.

Finally, one more event that aims at testing the integrity and honesty of the reading public: Stephen King, the popular author of dozens of highly successful and best selling mystery books, announced that he was ready to unload the first two chapters of his latest book on line. The prospective reader would be able to download the contents of these first two chapters for the cost of one dollar. It would all be done on the honor system. He stated that if people would be honest and pay him one dollar for the first installment, he would then continue to offer the rest of the book with the same arrangements. The author added that if people were dishonest, he would simply stop the whole enterprise and proceed to publish the book in the more conventional manner.

"Spirituality" has to do, above all, with honesty and integrity. Whether it is within the framework of a worship service in the synagogue or throughout our activities every moment of our lives, we all need to examine our lives and consider the fundamental element of integrity in everything that we do. How do we interact with family, friends, with people in the work place and in every walk of life? It is, ultimately, the most cleansing and "spiritually" uplifting experience to pursue a mode of life that is honest, upright and fair to ourselves and to others.

As we are about to usher in the New Year of 5761, it is a particularly propitious time to ask ourselves what is in the innermost parts of our hearts and souls. In Jewish tradition this exercise is known as Heshbon Hanefesh, literally the "inventory of our souls."

Sandy joins me in wishing each and every one of you, together with all your dear ones, a healthy and happy New Year. May it be a year filled with contentment and fulfillment; a year of peace and harmony in our lives, in the land of Israel and throughout the world.

Leshanah Tovah Tikatevu!

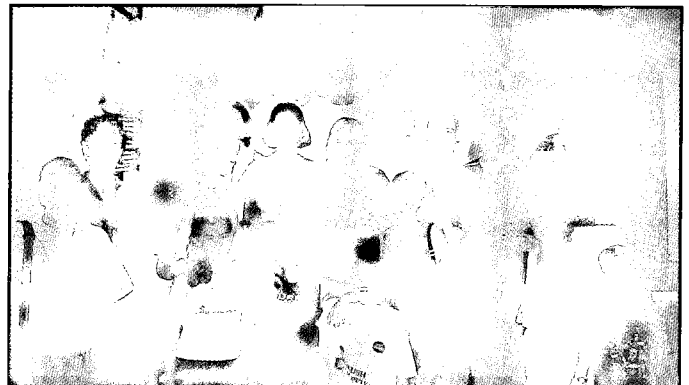
Off the Bimah continued

The youngsters in our group wrote these lyrics on the eve of their return to the States. I think it captures the mood and magic of the trip of a lifetime. [To the tune of "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie"]

A long time ago
Though it seems like yesterday
We came together at Tel Aviv.
And all the families became a group,
The Mandels, Greenblums, Rodmans, too,
Pankowskis, Coplans, and the Annis',
Gerolds, Siegals, and the Maltzmans.
With all of us, the fun begins,
And our trip goes on and on.
We were singing...
Bye Bye to Israel we came
On a plane, in the name, in the name of our God.
After this trip, we're never the same,
Saying "home" to this land without shame. (2X)
Ayalon and Beit Shean
Atlit, rafting, The Golan,
Jeep ride, Tzipori, and Eilat,
Shops and braids and water fun,
Eilat we say was #1,
During the long bus ride,
We were singing...

Lyrics by: Rebecca and Miriam Annis; Stephanie Coplan; Dena, Jacob, and Sharon Greenblum; Laura Mandel; Adam and Arielle Pankowski; Elissa and Leonard Rodman; Sophie Siegel; and Blair and Gregory Gerold.

Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman



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 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.

September 24 to September 28

Samuel Forstein and Faye Ehrenstamm
Murray and Anne Foss
Albert and Evelyn Fox
Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell
Beryl and Gloria Frank
Steven Frank
Steven and Regina Frank
Stanley and Sarah Frankel
Henry Freedman
Stanley Freeman
Karl Freiberg
Steven and Sheryl Freishtat
Kenneth and Stephanie Fried
Helen Friedkin
Barry and Barbara Friedman
Bernard and Paula Friedman
Gerald and Sandra Friedman
Jerry and Laurie Friedman
Marc and Daniella Friedman
Michael and Barbara Friedman

October 1 to October 5

Moshe and Sarah Friedman
Philip and Beverly Friedman
Thomas and Ann Friedman
Peter and Debra Friedmann
Gary Friend and Tara Sonenshine
Samuel and Eleanor Frishman
Gary and Sylvia Fuchsman
Craig and Judy Futterman
Jerome and Mona Gabry
Mordechai and Joan Galil
Patrick and Tracey Gallagher
Jeffrey and Lynne Ganek
Florence Gang
Jonathan and Jane Gang
Jerrold and Sally Ganzfried
Michael Garel
Hy Garfinkel
Eran Gasko and Bonni Berger
Robert and Jane Gelman
Gertrude Gerber

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

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, October 7 in the All Purpose Room from 10 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.

Minyan Chaverim to Meet Second Shabbat of Each Month

Minyan Chaverim meets on the second Shabbat of each month, from 9:30 am to Noon in the Meeting Room, **with the exception of October when there will be no meeting due to Sukkot.** 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) are invited to attend a pot-luck (Kosher dairy) lunch at a nearby home, which includes a Torah discussion, zmirot, and plenty of good kitzing. For more information, please contact Debbie Feinstein at debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com or 301-767-1178.

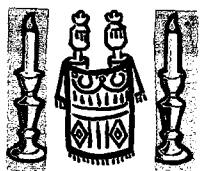
November 17-18 Shabbaton

"Is a flat tire ever just a flat tire?" asks Rabbi Karyn Kedar in a chapter in her book, *God Whispers: Stories of the Soul, Lessons of the Heart*. Rabbi Kedar, who teaches that there is meaning in everything if we allow ourselves to find it, answers that even a flat tire has significance. Sometimes, however, understanding comes later; first you have to fix the tire.

You can experience Rabbi Kedar's unique approach to spirituality when she leads the Shabbat evening service on November 17 and offers the D'var Torah on November 18. Signed copies of Rabbi Kedar's book are available in the Sisterhood gift shop. The November Shabbaton is a project of the Family Education Advisory Committee. For information, call Sarah Roark at 301-652-8573, ext. 320.

Set the Table with Torah

Set the Table



with Torah

By Louis Nagel

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.

Parashat Nitzavim (September 23)

This is Moses' final address to the Israelites. It is the last day of his life and he knows that without him, the tribes are about to cross the Jordan to "the land which you are about to invade and occupy." (30:16) Consider Moses. He has brought the Israelites out of slavery. He has led them through forty years in the wilderness, organized the tribes politically and militarily, established a judiciary and a basis for that law, a higher authority. He has seen the Israelites at their best and at their worst. Put yourself into Moses' sandals. What would you tell the Israelite people at this time, at this place?

Some of the beauty in this portion is the poetic balance of Moses' address. The portion begins with Moses summoning, "all Israel...You stand this day, all of you, before Adonai...all the men of Israel, your children, your wives, even the stranger within your camp...to enter into the covenant." This address, and this covenant, is not only for the men, as would have been the case in most societies of the time; it is for the entire Israelite tribe. It is no flight of fancy to read into the text that this covenant is for all time, to all future generations. What is the significance of a set of teachings, as the covenant is referred in this portion, that are the obligation of all?

This portion does not go into many specifics of the covenant. It mostly says keep it or else there will be terrible punishment. We are repeatedly told not to worship other gods. Another theme that recurs is teshuvah (repentance or return): that the covenant will not be kept, that the Israelite people will suffer exile, but will later be returned to their land. There is a stream of thought that says that this portion is a product of the period of the Babylonian exile and was meant to buck up an exiled people. What is the significance to us if we accept Torah as literally the "word of God to Moses on Mount Sinai" or as a document written by men inspired by the idea of God?

A great line in here is "Surely, this instruction...is not too baffling for you, nor is it beyond reach." Consider, in our own lives how often we have the option between behaving in a way we have been told, or intuitively know, is the more just route, or a path that tramples on others. What then makes it "baffling" for some people to do the right thing? An often quoted

verse appears in this portion, "I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life...for thereby you shall have life and shall long endure."

Parashat Vayelech (September 23)

Here we have an ancient version of the passing down of the mantle of authority from one leader, one generation, to the next. Moses knows that age limits his days and he will not cross the Jordan. The generation that knew slavery has passed away. Then, before all the people of Israel, with ceremony, Moses pronounces, "Joshua is the one who shall cross at your head, as Adonai has spoken." He goes on to offer words of encouragement to Joshua. Think of times we have experienced a change of leadership. A new teacher, a boss's replacement (through dismissal of the predecessor, promotion or just a new management team moving in), or political change either through peaceful means or through violence. How do we deal with this kind of change? What smoothes the transition? How does the new leader gain respect?

Moses has had an extraordinary career leading what he called a "defiant...stiffnecked" people. In this portion Adonai lays out the future for Moses. The Israelites will "break My covenant...my anger will flare...and I will abandon them." Moses is even told to write this down as witness against the people. It is this verse, "Therefore, write down this poem and teach it to the people of Israel" (31:19) that is the source of the mitzvah that the Congregation undertook several years ago to write a Torah scroll. This forecast, of rebellion and punishment inspires debate into the nature of free will. If God sees all, is there free will?

Central to this portion is leadership being passed on to Joshua. Joshua has been Moses' closest aide. He accompanied him at Mount Sinai, he was a military leader in the battle against Amalek, and he risked his princely position as the spy paired with Caleb delivering the positive report that the land "flows with milk and honey" and is ripe for conquest. But the portion sounds as if Joshua is being handed over the wheel of the Titanic after it has struck the iceberg. One can imagine what Joshua was thinking when Moses said, "Be strong and resolute." Some of the lessons in this portion are the theme of teshuvah (interestingly appearing in the weeks leading up to the High Holy Days) and the terminology of God "concealing my presence." The challenge is to maintain faith in those times and to continually seek the holy presence. May we all, "Be strong and resolute."

Rosh Hashanah (September 30)

The Torah portion for this Shabbat is a section of Vayera, the fourth sedra. Abraham is in Canaan, he has had his faith tested several times by God. According to Rashi and Rambam, the tests numbered ten. There are several more to go. The portion begins, "And Adonai remembered Sarah...and Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son." This is the root of the section

congregations such as ours added to the Avot prayer. A childless couple is somewhat unusual. How typical is it that even at their advanced age, Abraham and Sarah hope for a child? The connection between this reading and Rosh Hashanah is that according to tradition, Sarah conceived on that day. The child is named Yitzchak, meaning, "He will laugh." It could be Abraham's laugh, or the joy of others seeing an infertile couple finally have the blessing of parenthood. Another test comes, circumcise the boy at eight days "as God had commanded him," and another tradition is born. The chapter closes with an alliance formed between Abraham and Abimelech, a Philistine king. Abimelech pursues this pact seeing that, "God is with (Abraham) in all that (he) does." What does this tell us about the choices we make in our friends and acquaintances? Abimelech then asks Abraham to swear to "not deal falsely" with him. What do you think of this as a standard for our interpersonal relations? After making that promise Abraham brings up a dispute over a well. Some read this exchange as Abraham's peace-loving spirit and seeking to resolve disputes. To have left the issue outstanding would have been deceitful and could have brought conflict down through the generations. The well is called Beer-sheva, the Well of the Seven, today's capital of the Negev, taking its name for the seven ewes given to Abimelech as a token gesture in exchange for the well and to resolve the dispute.

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>

Beth El Adult Academy Returns

The Beth El Adult Academy, the Congregation's Sunday morning Adult Education program, will resume with a seven-session Fall semester beginning on Sunday, October 29. Course offerings include: Torah Studies, Holocaust Studies, Tefillah Hebrew: The Shabbat Morning Service, The Jewish Celebration Cycle, Israel Studies: The Current Situation in the Historical Perspective, and One Step Ahead of Your Child: Beginners Hebrew. Classes will be held from 9-10 am, 10-11 am, and 11:15 am-12:15 pm. We are only able to offer three one-hour classes, so final course selections will depend on enrollment. This program is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. The only charge will be a textbook fee. For more information, please contact the Religious School Office, 301-652-8569, ext. 309.

Lulav and Etrog Order Form 2000

This year we are again purchasing our Lulavim and Etrogim 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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 Sunday, November 19, 2000 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$26
 Sunday, April 29, 2001 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Youth Department News

Attention 9th Graders

If you have not already registered for Israel Quest, now is your last chance. You must register by September 30 of your 9th grade year. Israel Quest is a fabulous program where you can earn up to \$1500 towards an Israel Trip taken after 10th or 11th grade. The program requires that you continue your Jewish education, either at Beth El's religious school or at a Jewish day school, through 10th grade. You must also participate in a total of 9 Jewish activities before you are eligible for the scholarship. It's an easy and fun way to earn money towards your trip to Israel. Don't miss this amazing opportunity. Get your application from Ariele Hausner-Barach, Youth Director, before it's too late.

Youth Department Calendar

Get ready for an exciting year of youth group programs!!! Don't forget to put these dates on your calendar so you won't miss out on future programs (schedule is subject to change). For more details, check out our monthly mailings and the bulletin board in the school wing. We can't wait to see you at all our programs. I know you will have an amazing time.

Bonim (K-2)

Sunday, November 5	Mitzvah Day
Saturday, December 2	Hav-Deli and Israeli Dancing
Sunday, January 7	Bowling
Sunday, February 4	Tu B'shevat Celebration
Sunday, March 4	Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 18	Jeepers
Sunday, April 1	Tie-Dye
Sunday, May 6	Mini-Golf
Sunday, June 10	End of Year Celebration

Machar (3-5)

Sunday, November 5	Mitzvah Day
Saturday, December 2	Hav-Deli and Israeli Dancing
Sunday, January 7	Game Show Day with B'nai Tzedek
Saturday, February 3	Wizards Game with B'nai Israel
Sunday, March 4	Purim Carnival
Saturday, March 17	Movie Night
Sunday, April 1	Newseum
Sunday, May 6	Mystery Day
Sunday, June 10	End of Year Celebration

Kadima (6-8)

Thursday, October 19	Mystery Night (no MCPS or JDS on Friday)
Friday-Sunday, November 3-5	Weekend Retreat
Sunday, November 12	CPR Class
Friday-Sunday, December 8-10	Regional Kadima Kallah

USY (9-12)

Friday, September 22	Shabbat Dinner
Friday, October 6	Manor Care Shabbat
Thursday, October 19	Casino Night at B'nai Tzedek (no MCPS or JDS on Friday)
Sunday, November 5	Mitzvah Day
Friday, November 10	Shabbat Dinner
Sunday, November 12	CPR Class
Friday-Sunday, November 17-19	Regional Fall Convention
Wednesday, November 22	Regional Thanksgiving Dance

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Shitufim Minyan

Shitufim Minyan is our newest addition to the junior congregation services available at Beth El. Our target audience is third and fourth grade students and their parents. Second graders who are ready to graduate from Gan Shabbat are more than welcome to join us. Shitufim Minyan will be meeting the first and third Shabbat of the month in Room 209. High school students of our congregation have volunteered to read Torah at this service, setting a fine example of accomplishment for our younger participants. Schedules will be sent home with the third and fourth grade students. The service is led by Anita Lieb, who can be reached at (301)762-3896 if you have any questions or want to volunteer to read Torah.

Gan Shabbat

Gan Shabbat, the youth service for families with children in grades K-2, has begun another year of prayer, songs and Torah. This service eases the children into greater Hebrew literacy with repetition of the prayers basic to the service. Come join us in the Meeting Room downstairs from 10-11 am. This year the service will meet twice a month on the first and third Saturdays. Sarah Roark and Rachelle Solkowitz will alternate leading the service.

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!

**See you at our Annual
Membership Dinner**

Thursday, November 2, 2000
6:30 in the evening

Presentation of Torah Fund Award to
Joan Claxton

Entertainment by Calliope

Dinner is free to members of Sisterhood

Guests may attend at a cost of \$18 each
Please include a check with guest reservation
We regret no payment will be accepted at the door

Beth El women must be Sisterhood members to attend

Haven't joined Sisterhood yet?

Call Toby Moss (301) 530-0861
Call Marilyn Wind (301) 530-6726

Please RSVP by October 24. We regret we will be unable to honor any requests after October 24.
Don't be disappointed. Respond early to ensure your reservation reaches Beth El by the deadline.

Please mark your envelope "Membership Dinner." Todah Rabah!

Sorry, no phone reservations

Please detach _____

Sisterhood Membership Dinner Reservation Form

Name of Member _____ Phone _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Amount of Check, if included \$ _____ Date _____

I/We wish to be seated with _____

Please note that while we will try to accommodate seating requests, we can't guarantee this will be possible. We expect your understanding if we can't honor your request