



Off the Bimah

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Rabbi Maltzman

Some of the most deeply moving (albeit sad) moments in my life have occurred when I have sat around the kitchen table with some of you in preparation for a funeral. Many of you have shared with me at these moments the story of the life of a family member and wove that story into your family's history. These conversations very often become the very first stage of coping with grief and integrating the meaning of a loved one's life into your own.

These conversations around the kitchen table should not only take place at a moment of death, but also periodically over the course of our lives. They should not be only about other people, but also about ourselves. Each of us has an important story to tell about the significant moments in our lives. We might even say that each of us is a story—a story about what has given meaning to our own lives and what we mean to others. Generations past had more time to sit around the table and tell their stories, and it may be important for us to sit down together and to listen to one another's stories—who we are, why we are here, and what gives us hope emerge in the telling of our story.

Unfortunately, life rushes past all of us and often we do not have the discipline to pause and to tell or write down our story. Moreover, even if we are able to slow the pace of our lives, our story does not simply pour out from within us. We need to recover it and sometimes unbury what we know to be deeply true about our lives, but have never expressed.

The author, Ralph Harper writes: What do I mean by presence? I can say this. When I am moved by a painting or by music, by clouds passing in a clear night sky, by the sighing of pines in the early spring, I feel the distance between me and art and nature dissolve to some degree, and I feel at ease. I then feel that there is, briefly, no past and no future, and I am content. I feel that what I know makes me more myself than I knew before, or as Cathy says to Heathcliff, "More myself than I am." And when I think of someone I really care for, I feel an exchange of understanding and acceptance that is a measure of love.

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Shabbat Services

Friday, February 16

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, February 17

Yitro: Exodus 18:1-20:23

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Joshua Frankel Bar Mitzvah

Eric Weissman Bar Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation, Chapel

Learners' Minyan, APR

Gan Shabbat, MR

11:00 am Shitufim Minyan, Room 209

12:30 pm Perek Yomi Chapel

Friday, February 23

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, February 24

Mishpatim: Exodus: 21:1-24:18

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Lisa Kurtz Bat Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation, Chapel

10:30 am Nitzanim, APR

12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Friday, March 2

Beth El Retreat

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, March 3

Terumah: Exodus 25:1-27:19

7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Rebecca Kaplan Bat Mitzvah

9:50 am Worship and Study Minyan, APR

10:00 am Jr. Congregation, Chapel

Gan Shabbat, MR

11:00 am Shitufim Minyan, Rm. 209

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Sisterhood News

Rosh Hodesh Study Group

The Sisterhood Women's Rosh Hodesh Study Group will hold its final meeting on Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 pm. Marilyn Fine will lead a study session on "Jewish Liturgy: An In-depth Look at the Text of Our Worship Service." Call Cyma Heffter, 301-229-5287, for information. No reservation is necessary, and you need not have attended other sessions.

Save the Date

The Sisterhood's annual **Women's Seder** will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The reservation form is in this issue of the *Scroll*.

Making Hamantashen for Purim

Join the Sisterhood for Hamantashen baking on Wednesday, March 7 at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. The finished goodies will be delivered to the Hebrew Home for Shalach Manot. If you would like to come, or if you need more information, call Janice Liebowitz at 301-654-7377.

Book Group

On Sunday, March 11, the Beth El Sisterhood Book Group will talk about *Postville* by Stephen G. Bloom. The meeting will take place at 9:30 am and everyone is invited. The book is available in the Montgomery County Public Library system. Please call Andrea Goldin at 301-294-2375 or Annette Moshman at 301-229-4040 if you need more information.

Cookies!

Here is an opportunity to send charming gifts for holidays, birthdays or B'nai Mitzvah and help raise money for Sisterhood at the same time. Clever Cookie has arranged to share a percentage of the price of every basket of cookies sold in our name. Their brochure and price list can be picked up in the Judaica Shop or from the lucite rack outside the synagogue office. Their designs are cute and funny, and the cookies are kosher and pareve. For more information, please call Leslie Dellon at (301)530-4645.

Clothing for Kostroma

The last seven boxes of winter clothing are on the way to Kostroma. We are now collecting **only summer garments**, which we will begin to ship in late February. Warmest thanks from the World Jewry Committee on behalf of our Kostroma community!

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Werner and Bernice Blumenthal on the birth of their granddaughter, Adira Elisheva

Blumenthal, on January 20, 2001. Adira is the daughter of Ari Blumenthal and Sharon Parrott.

Congregation Beth El wishes a speedy recovery to Rose Rod, Jerome Wagshal, and Ruth Shartsis.

Learners' Minyan

Our Learners' Minyan meets on the third Shabbat of the month through June, from 10 am to noon in the All Purpose Room. The date this month is February 17. The service, conducted by Rabbi Rudolph, is designed for the novice worshipper. It moves slowly. It is very hands-on in orientation, from how to put on the talit, to knowing when to bow, to practicing how to have an aliyah. There is also a focus each time on a different major portion of the service. Questions and discussions are very much encouraged. And it's fun! No registration or advance sign-up required. Contact Rabbi Rudolph, (301) 652-2606, ext. 318, for more information.

Beth El Men's Club
Invites the Congregation
To Join Us for the Annual

Purim Carnival

Fun, food and games
for
Children of all ages!



Sunday March 4 Noon to 3 PM



Tickets:

4/\$1 if purchased before March 4
3/\$1 if purchased day of Carnival

for information contact Bernie Rod
301-299-8362 or via email rod@erols.com.



Alexander Muss High School in Israel: One Group Returns, One Group Leaves!

On behalf of Alexander Muss High School in Israel, we are thrilled to welcome our Beth El students back from their eight weeks of study in Israel. Seth Niedermayer, Jessica McDonald and Calvin Cooper had a wonderful and meaningful experience.

On February 5, we will send three of our U.S.Y. students: Rachel Ferish, Rebecca Kazzaz and Diana Stern. We wish them an equally satisfying experience. For more information about this program, please call Phyllis Solomon, Director of Admissions, at 301-230-7292.

Come to Our Book Fair February 25, 2001 9 am to 4 pm in the Board Room

Over twenty titles recommended by Beth El's clergy and education staff will be available on special tables, as well as many other books as part of the "regular" fair.

Also this year you can visit Beth El's Book Fair online, beginning in early January, continuing through the end of February. Here's all you have to do:

- Log on to www.forwordsbooks.com
- Click on the Visit a Book Fair Tab
- Click on the On-Line Book Fair Tab
- Click on the Beth El, Bethesda Tab
- Shop away!

Proceeds from all book sales benefit the Religious School.

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When I think of presence, I think of what it is like for the soul to be touched, the mystery of the whole self, body and spirit. I think of the love that wants to "banish all contradictions, banish the duality of body and soul, banish perhaps even time."

It is a unitary experience and an experience of totality in the midst of shattering differences. It is the only experience that we can dream of and aspire to that makes it possible for us to live untouched at the core by violence and separation, without losing our minds or our souls.

Let us begin again. What do we mean when we think of presence? I should like to be able to reply, "We think of what it is like to be alive." And so it is, if one forgets momentarily the "boundary situations." It is to remember that life is unpredictable, persons are unpredictable, we ourselves are unpredictable, and that sometimes personal relations are both mysterious and miraculous. It is to know that sometimes there are experiences that for a little while lessen the dread of separation, loneliness, and even death. We are never safe, but within experience itself we are justified in dreaming of what life would be like if we were. We would know as we are known and be the simple wholes that we have failed to be.

— Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman

At the time of major life cycle events, particularly serious illness or death, members of Beth El expect and deserve timely responses to requests for support. Appropriate arrangements, including the participation of other members of the clergy if desired, can be assured by contacting Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman at 301-652-2606, ext. 319 at the synagogue, or 301-530-9199 at home, or Sheila Bellack, our Executive Director, at 301-652-2606, ext. 306.

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**BETH EL SISTERHOOD
WOMEN'S SEDER**

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2001

5:30-8:30 pm

cost: \$20.00 Sisterhood members
25.00 non-members



ותקח מרים... את התוף בידה
ותצאן כל הנשים אחריה בתפים ובמחלות

“And Miriam...took a timbrel in her hand and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.” Exodus 15.20.

Please bring **new and used children's books** for the **Interfaith Clothing Center** so that each child who comes to the Center can go home with a book.

Note: there will be **no phone reservations or payment at the door**. Please detach and send the tear off slip below with a check by **Wednesday March 14, 2001**.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHERS' BIRTHPLACE(S) _____

Amount enclosed _____

**RETURN BY MARCH 14 TO:
KAREN LIPKIND
6124 TUCKERMAN LANE
ROCKVILLE, MD 20852**

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 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.

February 18 to February 22

Elsa Newman
Judith Newman
Milton and Rhoda Nichaman
Roy Niedermayer and Gail Ross
Peter and Diane Novick
Richard and Varda Nowitz
Gregory and Yelena Nusinovich
Bette Nussbaum
Robert and Rosine Nussenblatt
Phillip Ochs and Sheila Cohen
Samuel and Debra Olchyk
Gertrude Oliner
Stephen and Joyce Oliner
Alan and Linda Orenstein
Aaron and Elizabeth Oser
Doris Oshinsky
Max Osias
Jerome Ostrov and Roberta Baruch
Lucy Ozarin
Mark and Rina Palchick

February 25 to March 1

Jacob and Diana Pankowski
Milly Papiilsky
Raymond Paretzky and Karen Zacharia
Alan and Sharon Parver
Harold and Gaye Passes
Irving and Hamaline Peltz
Joseph and Linda Pelzman
David and Janet Perim
George and Elaine Perlman
Willa Perlmutter
Irwin and Carol Pernick
Jerry Pfeffer and Andrea Casson
Elaine Pines
Anthony and Marion Pitch
Michael and Judith Platt
Erica Frohman Plave
Saul and Elizabeth Pleeter
Mark and Teresa Plotkin
Milton Pochter
Michael Polis and Rhoda Barish

Weekday Service Schedule

Morning Minyan

7:30 am Monday to Friday

9:00 am Sunday and Major Civic Holidays

Evening Minyan

8:00 pm Sunday to Thursday

Men's Club News

Judaica Obscura

Please join us February 25 for an interesting presentation by Joseph Hantman, of Kulanu, who will be speaking about "Jews in Places You Never Thought About." More information about Kulanu, its publications and activities, may be found on their website at www.kulanu.org.

Purim Carnival

Reserve the date March 4 for the upcoming Purim Carnival. Games, food, fun for the entire family. The Carnival will run from noon until 3 pm. Discounted tickets if purchased in advance. Watch for details on the website and in the *Scroll*. Volunteers are needed - please contact Bernie Rod at 301-299-8362 or rod@erols.com.

On the Road

Better than Kerouac, on March 11, Dr. Jonathan Levin will discuss "Old Georgetown Road: A Fascinating History." An economist and author, Dr. Levin has of late been exploring local history, and will share insights gained about this busy urban thoroughfare.

Nursery School Applications Available

Nursery School applications for 2001-2002 are available; please call 301-652-8569, ext. 344. Provide the information requested and an information packet/application will be mailed to you. Beth El Nursery School offers programs for 20-24 month old children in the Parent/Toddler program, and programs for children who are 2, 3 and 4 years old.

List of Holocaust Era Insurance Accounts

Please contact Rabbi Maltzman, 301-652-2606, ext. 319, if you want to see or obtain a copy of the first published list of Holocaust era insurance accounts.

Premarital Counseling

Rabbi Maltzman is forming a pre-marital counselling group. If you are interested in being part of a steering committee, please call him at 301-652-2606, ext. 319.

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County

Third Annual Community Torah Institute

In our struggle for spiritual connection, is the G-d of the Torah accessible in our age?

Wrestling With G-d: What is the Connection Between the G-d of the Torah and Our Lives?

Sunday, February 25, 2001

1:00 to 4:45 p.m.



Rabbi Robert Harris
Assistant Professor of Bible
Jewish Theological Seminary
New York, New York



Rabbi Elyse Goldstein
Director of Kolel: The Adult Centre
for Liberal Jewish Learning
Toronto, Canada



Rabbi Shmuel Goldin
Rabbi
Congregation Ahavath Torah
Englewood, New Jersey

Please join **Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman** and
Rabbi William Rudolph

when they host this distinguished panel of
Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform scholars
to explore the struggle to relate to an ancient
G-d in a modern world. Gain new perspectives as the scholars call upon
their different backgrounds and training to explore and enlighten.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.
Call (301)652-2606 ext. 318 to make your reservation.
Or visit our website, www.communitytorahinstitute.org

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Set the Table with Torah

by Sarah Roark

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.

Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

This parsha gets its name from Moses' father-in-law who joins him in the desert to bring to Moses his wife and sons who have been in Midian. Yitro (or Jethro as he is called in English) proves himself a worthy advisor when he suggests to Moses that he should stop trying to do everything by himself in ruling and judging the people. Jethro suggests setting up a hierarchy of judges who would make decisions in smaller cases. Moses would maintain his authority in making more weighty rulings in consult with God. Jethro warns Moses that if he continues the way he is going, not only will he wear himself out, but people will get sick of him. What can each of us learn from this section? How can it affect our own need to delegate responsibility to others and share authority in our families, in our work? (For children: If you are assigned a group project in school and one of the children in class takes over and does all the work, how do the rest of the group's participants feel about this child?)

After Jethro leaves, Moses begins to help the people prepare to receive the Ten Commandments. (Talk about a momentous life-changing event in your life and the preparation you had to undergo to get there.) God tells Moses that the people must prepare by washing their garments. There are many examples in God's speech that show that Revelation was meant for all the people at Sinai - men and women. However, Moses, in interpreting God's instructions to the Israelites, adds that they are "not to go near a woman." (Exodus 19:15) What do you think about Moses' addition? Did Moses think that Revelation was only for men?

On the third day, all senses are assaulted with God's awesome power. The shofar blast is heard. The mountain trembles and lightning strikes. Fire and smoke envelope Mount Sinai. God pronounces the Ten Commandments. The people are terrified, and Moses ascends alone to "where God was." (Exodus 20:18)

Mishpatim (Exodus 21:1-24:18)

Mishpatim are laws for which there is comprehensible justification, as opposed to *hukim*, laws which are commanded by God, the reasons for which we cannot discern. This parsha is largely comprised of an interesting list of laws. Included are laws for the just treatment of Hebrew servants; laws about what constitutes murder and what crimes are capital offenses; and laws

about bodily harm and property damage, plus just restitution (21:24, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth). Interspersed in the list of laws is the phrase "you were strangers." Commentators both from the past and in recent times have written about the connection between our experience as slaves and the moral obligations towards others that we derived from our ill treatment. We must force our better selves to empathize with others and in so doing treat them as the laws dictate. Nehama Leibowitz points out that because you have been oppressed, you may be more tempted to lord it over someone else when you finally have power. This is precisely what is forbidden. Discuss other ways you have been obligated by your life experiences. Did a loss suffered due to drunk driving lead you to fight passionately against this behavior? Did a remarkable law professor inspire you to fight for justice?

For Harry Potter fans, read Exodus 22:28-32. When an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten, but the owner of the ox is not to be punished. If however, that ox has been in the habit of goring, and its owner, though warned, has failed to guard it, and it kills a man or woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner put to death. Compare this to the story of Buckbeak, the hippogriff, in the *Prisoner of Azkaban*. (For those of you who have not had the opportunity to read this series, a mythical creature harms a wizarding student after being provoked and is sentenced to execution.) How are the actions and punishments similar and different in the Bible versus the novel? In each case, do you think the punishment is justifiable?

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 Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, March 3 in the All Purpose Room from 9:50 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.

Donations Accepted

USY will again be running a Silent Auction at this year's Purim Carnival (March 4). If you, or your business, would like to donate goods or services to be auctioned off, please return this form or call Ariele Hausner-Barach, Youth Director, at 301-652-2606 ext. 308.

**Suggestions for items include gift certificates, artwork, cooking a meal or dessert, babysitting, cleaning, lawn services, or time shares.



All proceeds benefit Tikun Olam, USY's National Tzedakah fund.

Date: _____

On behalf of the United Synagogue Youth of Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, we donate for the auction, to be held on March 4, 2001, the following item/service:

Name of Establishment: _____

Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Item: _____

Value: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Please respond by February 25, 2001.

Thank you!

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In Memory Of: Ida Bauer, mother, by Heinz Bauer.

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Beth El Forest

In Honor Of: Our grandson Asa Reynolds' Bar Mitzvah by Herbert and Lila Harvey. In Memory Of: Fannie Stein by Norman and Ruth Stein; Nissim Faraj by Sima Minton; David Philipson by Ruth and Michael Cernea; Bernardo Kotelanski by Simcha Chavurah; Pauline Resnick by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard T. Resnick.

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of: David's Bar Mitzvah by Jesse and Linda Baumgold; Hazzan and Sandy Lubin's new granddaughter, Juliet Irene Lubin, by Robert and Sheila Cohen and Family, Judith and Stanley Baldinger, Rhoda and Milton Nichaman and Lynn Goldin and Henry Birnkrant; Dorothy Alberstadt by Judy Goldman. In Memory Of: Edward Fohrman by Elizabeth Fohrman Simon; Harold Feigenbaum by Kenneth David Feigenbaum.

Capital Campaign

In Honor Of: 10 years of teaching at Beth El Religious School by Juliann Goldman. In Memory Of: Louis Schneider, dear father, by Janet and Howard Levine. In Memory Of: Sadie Palten Klau by Eleanor Klau.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Honor Of: Chevra Kadisha, for their kind support, by Rosa Kotelanski and Family. In Memory Of: Father, Max Cohen, by Barbara S. Spitzer; Alex Kweller by Marilyn D. and Daniel Kweller; Irving Ehrenthal by Thera E. Finbloom; Charles Merlin by Paul and Marcia Merlin; My beloved mother, Elsie Strauss-Prepsler, by Sabina Shalom; Daniel Sobel by Janet Sobel; Anita Rib, beloved mother, by Louis and Helen Rib.

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Fine Arts Fund

In Honor Of: David and Evelyn Kuskin's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Miriam and Harry Kuskin. In Memory Of: Beloved son, Howard J. Kohn, by Mrs. Esther G. Kohn; Samuel Walters by Selma Hurwitz; Howard Kohn, beloved nephew, by Frances Glovinsky.

General Fund

David and Ellen Darr; Regina Ohlbaum. In Honor Of: Dorothy Alberstadt by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Weinmann; Alissa Horvitz's Bat Mitzvah by Susan Kilstein; Jackie's becoming a Bat Mitzvah by Ilene and Syd Schneider; Larry Bruser's Bar Mitzvah by Steve Tulkin and Sydney Kapchan. In Memory Of: Alan Swoff by Samuel Tranen, Giant Food, Thomas and Julie Curtis, Estelle and Jay Dobbs, Evelyn Sacks, Arthur and Marian Scheiner, Bob and Jackie Hayes, Mark and Robin Stowell, Marion Frohman, David and Linda Richman, Dr. Sydney Green, Carol and Paul Horvitz, Edwin and Tracy Truman, Judith and Stanley Baldinger, Robert Davis, Nancy Stroker, Joan A. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cornfeld, Gerson Barnett, Dave and Joanne Herriman, Kenneth and Christine Long, Brenda Gruss and Daniel Hirsch and Gayl and Joel Tjornehoj; Barbara, mother of Arlene Farber Sirkin, by Employees of Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; In loving memory of my mother, Fay Y. Feibus, by Howard Feibus; David and Jackie Levine by Ilene and Syd Schneider; In loving memory of my beloved wife, Sally Goldberg, by Robert Goldberg; Edward Golfer by Martin S. Dembo; Louis Rosoff by Janice Raffel; David Goldman by Martin S. Dembo.

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In Memory Of: Samuel Gelman, beloved father, by Helen Rib; Anne L. Margulies by David H. Margulies; Dr. David Glick by Jeff Glick; Mother of Dr. Gerald Ehrenstein by Judith and Jonathan Levin.

Masorti

In Honor Of: Our very special Adult B'nai Mitzvah by Claire Marwick. In Memory Of: Esther K. Grabill by Herb Zalis; Melvin Wine by Mark and Blanche Wine.

Mazon

Benjie Kubic. In Honor Of: Becki's Bat Mitzvah by Beth and Ken Golfer by Hellaine and Irwin Nepo; Annie Zarwin, a very special lady loved by all, by Audrey Berger and Family; Sue Golub, my mother, by Deborah G. Leibowitz; Ed Golfer by Judy and Stanley Baldinger; Jacob Forman by Julian Levin; Lev ben Yitzhak, brother of Boris Gendelman, by Rita Gendelman; Joseph Auerbach, father, by Fran A. Rubin; Abraham Bass by Shirley and Seymour Gross.

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In Honor Of: Becky Rose Weiss' 5th birthday by Howard and Susan Weiss. In Memory Of: Ethel Hoffman, mother of Alice Kalish, by The Kalish Family.

Perspectives Fund

In Memory Of: Isabelle Backer by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Samuel Zukerman by Etta Watson Zukerman; Betty Treinish by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish; Bernard B. Watson by Etta Watson Zukerman; Abe Bass by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish and Marilyn D. and Daniel Kwellner; Alan Swoff by Rosalie M. Sporn; Julia Shapiro by Evelyn and Ronnie Treinish.

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor Of: Bar Mitzvah of Chris Tollefson by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Mirsky; Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2000 by Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 1998; Birth of Natan Matmon Levin, grandson of Judy and Jonathan Levin, by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman and Toby and Bernie Moss. In Memory Of: Benjamin Miller by Phyllis and Buddy Dickler; Our beloved father, Isadore Routhenstein, by Irene Routhenstein and Shirley Levine Wasserman; Alan Swoff by John and Susan Rosenthal, Debra and David Rabin and Elaine and George Perlman; Semeon Nusinovich by Gregory and Yelena Nusinovich; Anna Hammer by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman; My beloved father, Maxwell S. Jacobs, by Dr. Richard M. Jacobs; Annie R. Sherman by Libby and Harvey J. Gordon; Ruth M. Perlman by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Weinmann; Edward Golfer by Martin S. Dembo; David Goldman by Martin S. Dembo; My beloved mother, Carola Shapiro,

by Yael Greenberg; Beloved mother, Sadie Perlman, by Elaine and George Perlman.

Rabbi's Fund

In Honor Of: Ben Fersh's Bar Mitzvah by The Olchyk Family and Vincent Prada and Jana Singer; David's Bar Mitzvah by Jesse and Linda Baumgold; Marc Rudolph's Bar Mitzvah by The Olchyk Family; Our 40th Wedding Anniversary by Toby and Bernie Moss; Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2000 by Vincent Prada and Jana Singer; Speedy recovery to Sidney Horowitz by Susan and Stan Schwartzbart; My Aliyah by Julian Levin. In Memory Of: Beatrice Stern Feldman by Drs. Elliot and Lily Gardner Feldman; Israel Rubin by Employees of Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., Harry Herbert, Stephanie Jenkins, Frank Czajkowski, Noah Spivak, Ellen and Lon Babby, Claire Hanna, Noreen and Scott Winkelman, Diane, Elliott, Fred and Jeff Gimble and McLeod, Watkinson and Miller; Elaine Platsky by Selig and Sondra Taubenblatt; Ralph Stein by Paula and Herman Kleine; Mary Tamara Coune by Susan and Stan Schwartzbart; Edith Orban and Lillian Stranzky by Annamarie Sokoly; Hilda Teitel by Richard Lieberman; Sol Kruger by Allen J. Kruger; Ruth Asen by Samuel and Henrietta Asen; Benn Friedman by Barry and Barbara Friedman; Gussie Fox by Lester Fox; Harry Baker by William and Pearl Baker; Isidore Edlitz by Frances Edlitz.

School Enrichment Fund

In Honor Of: Judith and Jonathan Levin by Helen and Lenny Rib; Bat Mitzvah of Linda Goldstein by Edith Sievers. In Memory Of: Paul Bamberger Shapiro by Howard M. Shapiro; Jacob Kopin by Dr. and Mrs. Irwin J. Kopin; Harry Goldstein, loving father and devoted grandfather, by Judith and Jonathan Levin and Family; Ben Kirsch by Laurence and Celia G. Kirsch.

Sisterhood Hospitality Fund

In Honor Of: Jackie Levine - Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah by Susan and Howard Feibus; To wish Jackie Levine a Refuah Shelaymah by Claire Marwick; Jacqueline Levine's recovery by Judith and Jonathan Levin. In Memory Of: Pat Danoff's step-father by Esther Wilner.

Sisterhood Remembrance Fund

In Memory Of: Henrietta Bruckheim by Arthur Bruckheim.

Sisterhood Silver Fund

In Honor Of: Eileen Meier's Bat Mitzvah by Esther Wilner; Alissa Horvitz's Bat Mitzvah by Esther Wilner; Jackie Levine's Bat Mitzvah by Esther Wilner.

Sisterhood Torah Fund

In Honor Of: Judy and Joe Semo's 25th anniversary by David and Sharon Spiegel.

Social Action Fund

In Honor Of: The Bat Mitzvah of Rachele Bernstecker by Toby and Bernie Moss; Diana Huffman by Deborah Schenk. In Memory Of: Jerry Sohinki by Miriam Davidson.

Suls Youth Activities Fund

In Honor Of: Karen and Jonathan Feibus - Happy Chanukah by Susan and Howard Feibus; Clara Gordon's special birthday by Warren and Pearl Siegel. In Memory Of: Alan Swoff, my neighbor of 45 years, by Lois Levitan.