



Off the Bimah



I am gratified by the strong show of support and confidence I received at the annual meeting in May from the membership of Congregation Beth El. The Executive Committee, the Board, and now the shul have each reaffirmed my service by significant margins. But this wasn't a political race and shouldn't be viewed as one. I understand those who have a different view from mine. However, I am exceptionally gratified by what has happened. In the weeks and months ahead I will continue to reach out to the entire Congregation. It is time for the healing to begin. I am hopeful that in time, as with other families, we will rise above the anger and disappointment, and come together again as a loving religious community. I will do everything I can to hasten that day.

— Rabbi Jonathan Z. Maltzman

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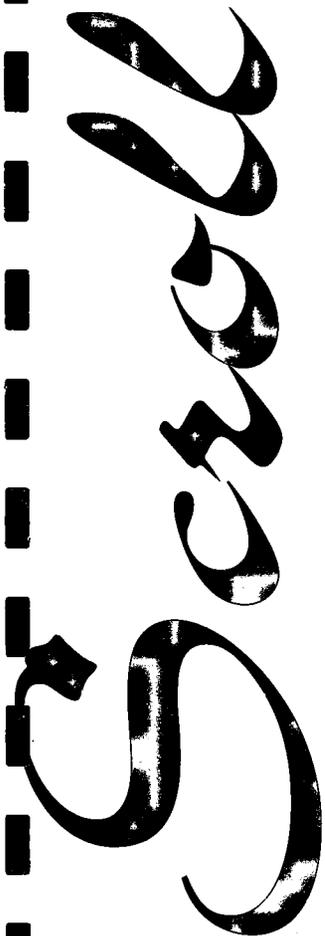
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From the President

This is my first opportunity to write a piece for the *Scroll* as President of Congregation Beth El. I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the other officers elected to lead you for the next two years, to thank you for your support. I pledge that we will do our very best to serve you and the synagogue as well as we possibly can and will work toward helping Beth El through this difficult time.

I will soon be meeting our Executive Committee, Trustees, and Board to discuss ways in which we can work together to reunite our congregation. Looking to the future, we are planning the continuation and continued success of our Capital Campaign. I have already received a number of ideas from congregants on this very important issue, and I would welcome additional thoughts from others. As we progress in planning, I will keep you informed via the *Scroll* and also through our Listserv (which I invite all members to join by sending a note to my E-mail address or to our office).

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Shabbat Services

Friday, June 8

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
8:12 pm Candles

Saturday, June 9

B'haalotekha: Numbers 8:1-12:16
7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
9:15 am Abigail Klaus Bat Mitzvah
9:30 am Minyan Chaverim, MR
10:30 am Nitzanim, APR
12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Friday, June 15

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
8:15 pm Candles

Saturday, June 16

Shelah: Numbers 13:1-15:41
7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
9:15 am Hannah Lieberman Bat Mitzvah
Abraham Einhorn Bar Mitzvah
10 am Learners' Minyan, APR
Gan Shabbat, MR
12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Friday, June 22

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
8:17 pm Candles

Saturday, June 23

Korah: Numbers 16:1-18:32
7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
9:15 am Adam Glick Bar Mitzvah
10:30 am Nitzanim, APR
12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Friday, June 29

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
8:17 pm Candles

Saturday, June 30

Hukat: Numbers 19:1-22:1
7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
9:15 am Seth Yastrov Bar Mitzvah
Benjie Kubic Bar Mitzvah
10:30 am Nitzanim, APR
12:30 pm Perek Yomi, Chapel

Men's Club News

On Sunday, June 10, at 10 am., Rabbi Jonathan Maltzman will present "Exotic Jews of China and Japan," drawing upon his experiences in Asia. The program will follow the morning minyan at 9 am, with bagel and lox breakfast at 9:30 am.

On Sunday, June 24, the Men's Club joins with the Beth El Support Foundation to cosponsor a breakfast honoring Martin Dembo for service to Beth El on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate.

Todah Rabah to Our Speakers

On April 29, Louis Nagel, Director of the Beth El Religious School, shared his observations on "Raising a Kingdom of Priests: Jewish Education in the Information Age." Still passionate after a decade, Louis pointed to groundbreaking efforts in family education, adult Hebrew instruction, and faculty development. This year Beth El is piloting a one-week summer camp as part of a year-round schooling strategy. Lively Q&A followed.

On May 6, Bill Lebovich, an architectural historian and photographer, presented "A History of Synagogue Architecture," spanning almost three centuries of American synagogue architecture. The SRO crowd was treated to a cross-country tour of remarkable congregations. The emergence of American born Jewish synagogue architects was the capstone in an evolution from copybook to post-modern statement.

Upcoming events

Baseball with Abba

Save the date of Sunday, July 1 for an evening of family fun. Send in your reservation form for the first annual Men's Club baseball expedition to Keys Stadium. Ticket includes bus fare, admission, meal, fireworks, and children's access to the Pepsi Pavilion. For more details, see the Beth El website or contact Norman Silberman at 301-469-6486.

Men's Health and Fitness Series

The Men's Club is developing an ongoing series of presentations and health and fitness fairs. If you have ideas for topics to be covered, or wish to participate in the planning/presentations, please contact Jack Epstein at (301) 365-1418.

Sunday Programs

On Sunday mornings, the 9 am minyan precedes a bagel and lox breakfast followed by the program from 10-11 am. Among reasons to attend: erudite speakers, engaging subjects, exhaustive scrutiny. Check the Beth El website or Men's Club poster in the Rotunda for details.

Here's the Pitch

If you're not already a member of the Men's Club, you should consider joining. The Men's Club sponsors youth programs including scouting, the Purim carnival,

Israeli scholarships, schoolbooks, Bar Mitzvah kiddush cups, and other worthwhile activities. Your participation makes it possible! For membership information, call Marvin Yudkovitz at 301-564-4580. For other questions about Men's Club, call Gary Bernstecker at 301-309-0147.

Sisterhood Newss

Book Group

During the past year the Sisterhood Book Group met monthly to discuss many different books of interest to members of the Congregation. Some meetings featured guest speakers and authors. The sessions were always lively, interesting, and thought provoking. Sisterhood would like to thank Andrea Golden and Annette Moshman for chairing the group during the past two years. They did a wonderful job selecting the books and making all the arrangements. Yishar Kochachen!

The Sisterhood Book Group will hold a meeting at 9:30 am on Sunday, June 10th, to discuss *The Family Orchard*, by Nomi Eve. The book is available in the Montgomery County libraries.

If you have any questions, please call Annette Moshman at 301-229-4040 or Andrea Golden at 301-294-2375.

Reminders

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 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.

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.

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 301-652-8569, ext. 333. Calls will be answered as quickly as possible.

From the President...continued

My view has always been that it is critically important to communicate with our members, and so I intend to write fairly regular pieces in the *Scroll* to let you know what is going on and to solicit your input and advice on a variety of topics. Moreover, if you have ideas about how Beth El can function better, if you have issues about things happening at our synagogue, or if you have comments on any aspect of Beth El, I would encourage you to communicate with me or with any of the other officers. Since I am going to be traveling a good deal over the next several months, the easiest way to get hold of me is to use E-mail (apopper@bethelmc.org) since I am an E-mail "junkie" and generally carry a laptop with me when I travel. Alternatively, you are welcome to call me at home at 301-460-5599, but I would be grateful if you do not call after 9:30 pm since I am a very early morning person and tend to be asleep by 10 pm on nights we don't have meetings.

I realize that congregants are very concerned and interested in the issue of the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. As many of you know, the Board has set up a special committee to examine this and all related issues. This committee, chaired by Neil Levy, is made up of an outstanding group of congregants, and they also have access to external experts as needed to facilitate their analysis. Neil has an article in this issue of the *Scroll* that describes the committee, its functions, and its members in greater detail, and they invite input to their deliberations from all congregants. I think we will all benefit from their examination of all issues. At the same time, I know from my experience on the last Executive Committee that examination of the issues related to the RDF will be time-consuming, complex, and very stressful. I would like to ask all congregants to give Neil and his committee the "space" they request, with an understanding that they will report back to all of us at appropriate times.

— Arthur N. Popper

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to Michael Feldman, son of Nancy and

Cary Feldman, on his graduation from the University of Rochester.

Mazal Tov to Elana Lipson, daughter of Linda and Ace Lipson, on her graduation from the University of Michigan.

Mazal Tov to Jeremy Bronheim, son of Suzanne and Benjamin Bronheim, on his graduation from Northwestern University.

Mazal Tov to Abby Wilner, daughter of Elliot and Esther Wilner, on the publication of her book *Quarterlife Crisis: The Unique Challenges of Life in Your Twenties*. Abby and her coauthor, Alexandra Robbins, will be speaking and signing copies of the book at Barnes and Noble in Bethesda, MD, on June 12 at 7:30 pm. You may also visit Abby's website at www.quarterlifecrisis.com.

Todah Rabah to Our Torah Readers

Congregation Beth El would like to honor the following people for their efforts this past year as Beth El Torah Readers: **Melanie Darr Bachrach, Judith Baldinger, Jacob Bardin, Karyl Barron, Ben Bornstein, Eitan Bornstein, Emily Danoff, Moishe Eckmann, Becky Eisenstadt, David Farber, Rachel Fersh, Leesa Fields, Thera Finbloom, Murray Foss, Gail Fribush, Judy Futterman, Sid Getz, Amy Gooft, Sharon Gooft, Alezá Hartman, Daniel Hirsch, Oren Hirsch, Steve Jacobson, Naomi Janney, Bill Kanter, Miriam Kelty, Evan Krame, Mac Krents, Steve Kuperberg, Susan Levine, Jonathan Levy, Marc Lieber, Bob Litman, Bob Loeb, Zachary Maltzman, Ben Margulies, Marcia Merlin, Zachary Moak, Adam Pankowski, Elaine Pines, Aryeh Portnoy, Dara Postar, Rachel Reynolds, Helen Rib, Joshua Rosenbloom, Amanda Rudman, Elissa Scheinberg, Hal Scheinberg, Andy Schlissler, David Schultz, Jeff Schwaber, Phyllis Solomon, Julian Tishkoff, Judy Wexler, Ina Young, and Joe Young.**

We appreciate their hard work and the time spent in preparation for the services. Please let us know if we have inadvertently omitted any names of readers who read more than once this past year.

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Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next three 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.

June 10 to June 14

Robert Watson and Fran Katz Watson
Laurie Webber
Mark and Joanne Weinberg
Paul and Carolyn Weinberg
Sophia Weinberger
Edwin and Carolyn Weiner
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Allan and Jocelyn Weissman
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Joseph and Edith Weisz

June 17 to June 21

Simon and Gertrude Weker
Steven Alan Wenick and Karen Amy Block
Barbara Werner
Jerome and Ina Wernick
Rita Wexler
Yuli and Martha Wexler
Mary Wichman
Barton Widom and Deborah Reiser
Mark and Janet Willen
Elliot and Esther Wilner
Lewis and Susan Winarsky
Gary and Marilyn Wind
Bradley D. and Melanie Ilyse Wine
Mark and Blanche Wine
Mildred Wine
Colin and Audrey Winston
David Winter and Ellen Sobel Winter
Jeanette Winton
Herbert and Estelle Wisner

June 24 to June 28

Steven and Elaine Wishnow
Pauline Witkin
Paul and Jo Wodiska
James and Regina Wolbarsht
Douglas and Annette Wolf
Franz Wolf
Nathan and Elizabeth Wolf
Sy and Faye Wolf
John and Marion Wolff
Steven and Frandee Woolf
Joseph and Elsie Woolman
Sandra Woronow
Jack and Susan Yanovski
Joseph and Ina Young
Marvin Yudkovitz and Fancine Lanar
Robert and Rhonda Zahler
Herbert Zalis
Marla Zalis
Harold and Judith Zassenhaus
Marion Zatz

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

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date

FIRST BETH EL CARLEBACH KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

June 22, 2001
6:15-7:15 pm

Join us for a lively, song-filled service as we welcome the Shabbat *with R' Shlomo Carlebach's* uplifting melodies.

Questions: sidgetz@aol.com

Nitzanim

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

Todah Rabah for sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on May 26 to **Bruce Spiegel and Glenda Koby** in honor of their daughter **Jeannie** turning 2.

Gan Shabbat

Gan Shabbat, the youth service for families with children in grades K-2, includes 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 a.m. The service meets twice each month, on the first and third Saturdays. Sarah Roark and Rachelle Solkowitz alternate leading the service.

At the time of major life cycle events, particularly serious illnesses or deaths, 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.

A Message from Neil Levy

On the evening of May 22, nearly 1,000 members of our congregation attended the annual meeting, with the primary goal of listening to, speaking about, and dealing with the difficult issues surrounding the Rabbi's use of his Discretionary Fund and how and under what authority the investigation of his actions was conducted. The fact that so many of you took the time and effort to attend is a testament to the strong connection that we feel to our synagogue and community. Unless these issues and the manner in which they get resolved are dealt with properly, they threaten to tear at the fabric of our tightly knit and precious community.

We find ourselves at a critical juncture in the life of our community, a community many of you have nurtured through years of dedicated service and countless donations of time, hard work, and personal funds. Much of what has occurred to date and the manner that we learned about those occurrences has left us with many unresolved questions. Why were funds handled in this manner? How do we evaluate information that comes from an investigation that some charge was unfair and unauthorized? What significance do we attach to the Rabbi's initial responses when confronted under these circumstances? What importance do we assign to statements from major donors that they intended to authorize the Rabbi to use the funds in whatever way he chose? We need accurate, fair, and complete information and an objective evaluation from an authorized inquiry to try and provide some answers and to make recommendations for going forward. We need to evaluate those recommendations and conduct our dialogue about them with civility and respect for each other, and we need to strike a careful balance between taking the time necessary to obtain accurate and complete information and unnecessarily prolonging a painful matter.

Toward that end, the Board created a committee on May 15 to deal comprehensively with the issue of the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: to examine past actions, to disseminate information, and to recommend future steps. I am honored to serve as the chair of this committee. I have had some experience with investigations and with efforts to bring civility to discourse in contentious situations. By way of introduction, I am an attorney, an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, an advisor to boards and ethics committees of nonprofit associations, and a Member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's Disciplinary Panel. I served as Chair of the panel that drafted the D.C. Bar's Voluntary Standards on Civility, a former federal prosecutor, and on the Senate Judiciary Committee during the Watergate Investigation. I feel privileged to be serving on this committee with the following fellow congregants who possess a remarkable

depth of skill, experience, and compassion as well as demonstrated commitment to the synagogue through years of service:

- Ben Bronheim, a psychiatrist, Chair of the Ritual Committee, and the single most consistent voice in the congregation for spiritual and emotional healing.
- Rob Fersh, an attorney who specializes in conflict resolution and helping people at odds with each other find common ground. Rob is former Chair of the Family Education Committee.
- Linda Lipson, a health services researcher and a consistent advocate for finding a common sense approach to difficult issues. She has been a Board member for more than seven years and serves as Beth El's liaison to the community. Linda was Chair of our Religious School Committee when it also dealt with potentially divisive issues.
- Jay Krupin, an attorney and named partner in a firm specializing in employment and personnel matters. He is also Vice President for Administration of Beth El and served as a co-chair of our Capital Campaign.

I am deeply grateful that these people have volunteered to serve at great personal and professional sacrifice. They have done so out of an abiding commitment and love for this congregation. They have willingly placed themselves in the center of a storm and, given the nature of the issues and the high emotional pitch swirling around us, they will likely be subject to criticism and anger no matter the outcome and no matter how diligent the effort. We recognize that there are limits to what the committee can accomplish. But we should be able to provide you with accurate and complete information on which to base your judgments, set a tone of civility in our discussion of these issues, and make recommendations concerning safeguards and guidelines for the future.

Our mission, as outlined by the Board, is to review and make recommendations regarding the following issues:

- The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.
- Investigations regarding the RDF.
- The handling and dissemination of reports and information produced as a result of that investigation.
- The payment of fees and expenses.
- The settlement of claims pertaining the fund and investigation.
- Formulation of guidelines and safeguards for the use of synagogue discretionary funds.
- Guidelines and safeguards for investigation of allegations of misconduct by the Congregation's religious, professional or volunteer leadership.
- Steps that need to be taken to protect the interest and intent of Beth El donors.

As you can see, the scope of our mission is large and difficult. We have our work cut out for us. As chairman of this committee, I want to reassure every member of this congregation that this process will be careful, thoughtful, fair, and impartial. I will not commit to a timetable because I cannot. We need time, space, and patience to do what needs to be done. The issues are complex and multifaceted; they have legal, financial, and religious ramifications. Due to the sensitivity of the issue, out of regard for the dignity of Rabbi Maltzman and his family, and in recognition of the fact that the Maryland State's Attorney's office has opened a separate investigation, we are committed to keeping the proceedings confidential. We urge all of our fellow members to be civil and respectful in conversations regarding these matters and to keep our disputes and disagreements within "the family." No constructive purpose is served by taking your complaints and suspicions to the media or the State's Attorney.

We will be operating under the authority of the Board and will make reports to the Board when appropriate. We will make a full report to the congregation when the work is completed. We do not anticipate that our report will end the dialogue or discussion about this matter. It should not. We only hope to provide each of you with as much accurate and objective information as possible. We hope that your judgments concerning these matters, about which you feel so deeply, will be based upon a complete and accurate examination of all the evidence. And finally, we hope to establish a tone of civility and respect in all our discourse as we go about this process. We hope that you will join us in this effort.

As the Committee charged by the Board to examine all matters related to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and the investigation that was conducted into it, among other things, we have established a dedicated mailbox for members to communicate with us. The mailbox is being established partially in response to a question at the Annual Meeting as to how members could interact with the Committee and partially out of a perceived need of the Congregation to be heard further on this matter. The address for the dedicated mailbox is RDFCommittee@bethelmc.org. While we welcome thoughtful comments of any kind on the subject matter, the most useful communications will be about ideas as to how we should proceed in our work rather than your opinion as to what we should ultimately conclude. We would particularly welcome ideas concerning safeguards and guidelines for the use of the fund and for investigations in the future. Please do not expect the Committee to respond to your communication. Rather, the mailbox is for you to communicate with us. Finally, please avoid personal attacks and keep the tone of your comments civil and respectful of everyone involved. Thank you.

— B'Shalom,
Neil Levy

Vatikkim Luncheon

Please join us at our June 21st luncheon for a report on the work of the Montgomery County Council by **Howard Denis** of our congregation and member of the County Council. He will provide us with up-to-date information on current issues before the County Council.

Lunch is at noon and the program is at 1 pm. Cost for members is \$7. Non-member cost is \$8. 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, June 21, 2001

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by Tuesday, June 19. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Shabbat Hospitality Suite

Can't find anyone you know at the Shabbat morning kiddush, even though you are sure they were in shul? Wish you could sit around a table and not have to balance your plate, drink and tallit while you talk with old friends? At the initiative of the Senior Caucus, we are experimenting with a Shabbat Hospitality Suite. The Board Room will be set up so people can bring their food and sit around tables in relative quiet and be able to enjoy the kiddush and connect with friends. We hope this will become a weekly reality, but with the current limited space and even less space to be available with the upcoming construction, a periodic experiment is what this initiative will have to be for now. Watch the Shabbat Announcement sheets for future dates. This initiative is sponsored by the Senior Caucus. All congregants are welcome.

Set the Table with Torah

By Hazzan Abraham Lubin

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

Grumbings and rebellions in the history of the children of Israel's wanderings in the wilderness figure prominently in this and subsequent Torah portions. The following anecdote will give us a perspective on similar events:

"How was life in the country where you come from?"

The question was asked of a new immigrant, just arriving in Israel from the USSR.

"I could not complain," was his answer.

"And how were your living quarters there?"

Again the same answer: "Well, I couldn't complain."

"And your standard of living?"

And again: "I couldn't complain."

"If everything was so swell, why then did you come here?"

"Oh," replied the new *oleh*, "here, thank God, I can complain!"

A free person in a free society may and should complain over wrongs. Sometimes God may be angry with us, not because we complain, but because we do not complain enough. We must make sure, however, that our complaints are justified and are based on foundations of truth and integrity.

Shelach Lecha (Numbers 12:1-15:41)

Truth is in the eyes of the Beholder

This week's Torah portion relates to the story of the spies sent by Moses to report back on the Promised Land. Ten of the twelve spies brought back a majority report in which they described the Canaanites as giants, their cities fortresses and their land one that eats invaders. They frankly admitted that in their own eyes they were as grasshoppers in comparison to the enemy. The minority report rendered by Joshua (successor to Moses) and Caleb stated, "If the Lord is pleased with us, He will bring us into that land, a land that flows with milk and honey, and give it to us...." (Numbers 14:8). Moses accepted the minority report and ordered the tribes to advance.

In this instance the minority report of Joshua and Caleb prevailed because it reflected a courageous, honest and optimistic view of their vision of the Promised Land.

Discuss the issue of majority and minority opinions in matters of life and death, right and wrong.

Korach (Numbers 16:1-18:32)

This Torah portion contains the classic narrative of the rebellion and controversy of Korach and his congregation. Regarding the issue of controversy, there is a guideline delineated in the popular work of the Mishnah "Ethics of the Fathers" (5:19): "Every controversy that is pursued in a heavenly cause is destined to be perpetuated: and that which

is not pursued in a heavenly cause is not destined to be perpetuated. Which can be considered a controversy pursued in a heavenly cause? This is the controversy of Hillel and Shammai. And that not pursued in a heavenly cause? This is the controversy of Korach and his congregation." The serious question as to which side of a controversy a person chooses to be reflects the difficult and ultimate response to one's conscience and commitment to the noble values of truth, fairness and justice.

Discuss the responsibilities inherent in taking sides and making choices relative to these concepts.

Learners' Minyan

The next Learners' Minyan will meet on June 16, from 10 am to noon in the All Purpose Room. 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 tallit, 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.

Minyan Chaverim Meets Second Shabbat of Each Month

Minyan Chaverim meets on the second Shabbat of each month, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Meeting Room. 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 kibitzing. For more information, please contact Debbie Feinstein at debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com or 301-767-1178.

Blood Donor Program

Due to the impending resignation of Steve Frank as chair of Beth El's blood donor program, there will be a meeting to discuss the future of the program on Thursday, June 14 at 8:30 pm in the Board Room. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to help continue the blood program, you may contact Steve Frank at 301-933-4744 or sf_blood_donor@msn.com.

USY Board

Congratulations to the recently elected 2001-2002 USY Executive Board! Good luck for the new term!

2001-2002 USY Executive Board

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Thank you to the 2000-2001 Board for all of your hard work and dedication. This amazing year could not have happened without you.

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USY on Wheels Home Hospitality (June 26-27, 2001)

USY on Wheels is a fabulous program where groups of USYers travel around the United States and Canada for 6 weeks on a bus. Beth El will be welcoming one of these busses to our congregation on Tuesday, June 26 for two nights. Please fulfill the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (hospitality) by allowing these USYers into your home for the night. All you need to provide is a place for at least two people to sleep, transportation to and from the synagogue, breakfast, and a bag lunch.

If you are in high school, please join us for the evening programs on Tuesday and Wednesday. We also welcome any congregant to daven with us for morning minyan on Wednesday the 27th and Thursday the 28th.

Please call Ariele Hausner-Barach, Youth Director, by June 12, to let her know that you are interested in hosting USYers. Her number is 301-652-8573 ext. 308.

Religious School Committee

The Religious School Committee is seeking additional members for the 2001-2002 school year. In addition to participating in monthly meetings, Committee members undertake a variety of projects during the year relating to school policies and practices. If you are interested in serving, please contact Celia Goldman Kirsch, Committee Chair (301-365-2525) as soon as possible for additional information. New members for 2001-2002 will be invited to attend the June meeting of the Committee.

*We cordially invite you to join us
as we sail through 50 years of USY...*

*Please join Seaboard Region
Sunday, June 10, 2001 from 7pm ~ 10pm
Shaare Tefila Congregation, Silver Spring, Maryland
for an evening of fun, friends, dining, and dancing
Alumni from all regions are invited to attend*

<i>Main Deck (24-under)</i>	<i>\$18 in advance</i>	<i>\$25 at the door</i>
<i>Lido Deck</i>	<i>\$25 in advance</i>	<i>\$36 at the door</i>
<i>Promenade Deck</i>	<i>\$50</i>	
<i>First Class</i>	<i>\$100</i>	

*All amounts contributed over the base cost of \$18
are tax deductible*

*For more information please contact Seaboard Region:
by phone: 301 230-0801 x7
via email: seabd.youthadmin@verizon.net
or visit our website:
<http://www.uscj.org/seabd/usy/50th>*



**Day and Religious
School Families**

**Come celebrate the end of
another terrific school year
with a**

**MAGIC SHOW AND
BAGEL BRUNCH**

**Sunday, June 10, 2001
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
In the Social Hall**

*Magician
Michael Rosman
is an
International
sensation!*

Baseball with Abba



Who:	Fathers, children, adult guest(s)	
What:	Frederick Keys Baseball includes Box Seat, T Shirt, Pizza Supper, Pepsi Fun Zone and Fireworks !	
When	Sunday July 1 5:30PM 'til??	
Where	Bus leaves from Beth El parking lot at 5:30pm; early return at 8pm; late return about 10pm.	
Cost	Father and child	\$30
	Additional guests	\$15 each

Name _____

Please reserve the following:

Tickets:	Father and child	\$30
	_____ Additional guests	
	(\$15 each)	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

_____ We would like to ride the bus
 _____ We will meet you at the stadium

* contact me at _____ day/evening

send check and form to Men's Club Treasurer, Congregation Beth El,
 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814