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Tuning In With Hazzan Lubin



The declaration of the familiar words of the Sh'ma – “Hear O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai alone” (Deut. 6:4) is one of the most important liturgical centerpieces of the entire prayer book. It contains three biblical citations. The first passage (Deut. 6:4-9) declares the unity of God and to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might.” The second paragraph (Deut. 11:13-21) teaches the biblical doctrine of reward and retribution. The third and last paragraph of the “Sh'ma” (Numbers 15:37-41) clearly states that Judaism requires the observance of ritual and fulfillment of the commandments. At the end of the recitations of these passages there is a rather peculiar requirement of the prayer leader to conclude the chanting of the last words of the passage: “Ani Adonai Eloheikhem”-I am the Lord your God, and to add the first word of the next prayer: “Emet”- truth. This last word is not part of the biblical citation just concluded. This practice was already in vogue in the Mishnaic period (200 C.E.).

What was the purpose of the framers of the liturgy, at that early stage of its development? Clearly they made the powerful connection and linked the entire “Sh'ma” prayer, which is the

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Shabbat Services

Friday, October 11

6:19 pm Candles
 6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
Saturday, October 12
 Noah: Genesis 6:9-11:32
 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
 9:15 am Katie Jaclyn Friedman Bat Mitzvah
 9:15 am Mira Arielle Kahn Bat Mitzvah
 10:00 am Bogrim – BR
 10:00 am Jr. Congregation - Chapel
 10:30 am Nitzanim – APR

Friday, October 18

6:09 pm Candles
 6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
Saturday, October 19
 Lekh L'kha: Genesis 12:1-17:27
 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
 9:15 am Ethan Lotshaw Bar Mitzvah
 9:30 am Minyan Chaverim – APR
 10:00 am Gan Shabbat - MR
 10:00 am Jr. Congregation - Chapel
 11:00 am Shitufim – Rm. 209

Friday, October 25

5:59 pm Candles
 6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
Saturday, October 26
 Vayera: Genesis 18:1-22:24
 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
 9:15 am Eric Weisberg Bar Mitzvah
 9:15 am Scott Posilkin Bar Mitzvah
 10:00 am Jr. Congregation - Chapel
 10:30 am Nitzanim – APR

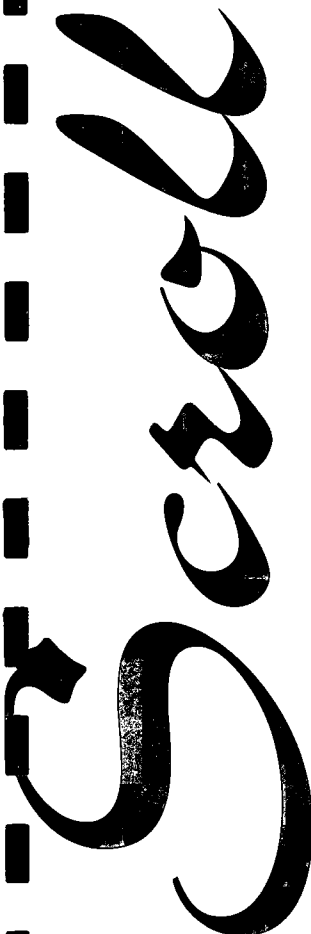
Friday, November 1

4:51 pm Candles
 6:30 pm Friday Evening Service
Saturday, November 2
 Haye Sarah: Genesis 23:1-25:18
 7:30 and 9:15 am Shabbat Services
 9:15 am Robert Dicker Bar Mitzvah
 9:15 am Sam Raim Bar Mitzvah
 9:50 am Worship and Study Minyan - APR
 10:00 am Gan Shabbat - MR
 10:00 am Jr. Congregation - Chapel
 11:00 am Shitufim – Rm. 209

Special Congregation Events

Join us at two very important Congregation gatherings:

1. October 20 at 1 pm to talk about our future and participate in the installation of Rabbi Harris.
2. October 22 at 8:15 pm for a special Congregation meeting to vote on purchasing a property and on a security assessment.



Sisterhood News

Sisterhood to Honor Amanda Ford and Judith Spector with the Torah Fund Award

Beth El Sisterhood is pleased to announce that **Amanda Ford** and **Judith Spector** are this year's recipients of the Torah Fund Award. The annual award is given in recognition of many years of dedicated service to Sisterhood and the congregation through work on programs, committees, special events, and the Board of Directors. The award will be presented to Judy and Amanda at the Sisterhood Membership Dinner on Thursday, October 17. We hope many of you will be there when we honor them that evening.

Amanda Ford became active as a volunteer in the Beth El Nursery School in 1985. Little did she know when she made covers for the BENS small Torahs that it would lead to a career as a Judaic artist whose work now appears throughout the country in homes, synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and The Jewish Theological Seminary. Amanda was instrumental in starting the Nitzanim and she served as the first Chairperson of that group from 1986-88. She has conducted educational programs for the synagogue including a workshop for parents of B'nai Mitzvah entitled "Putting God on the Guest List." She has also served on the Beth El Fine Arts Committee for many years. In 1994, Amanda and Jeanette Kuvin-Oren designed and constructed the covers for the Beth El Torahs based upon the theme "The Seven Days of Creation." These beautiful works of art are still in use today. Amanda has been a member of the Sisterhood Board of Directors as a Trustee and is currently the Vice President for Ritual. Since 1996, she has been the co-chair of the Sisterhood Tallit Workshop, more about which will appear later in this article.

Judith Spector was a member of one of the early Beth El Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes, and can be seen in a 1982 picture of the group on page 25 of the recently published 50th Anniversary Book. She served as a Trustee on the Sisterhood Board of Directors, was a member of the Catering Committee for several years, and has worked in the kitchen for every Women's Seder since that event began. She organized and lead "Morning Minyan 101" and "Tefillen 101," educational programs designed to make women more knowledgeable and comfortable in the morning service and with putting on Tefillen. In 1996, Judy recognized the need for Sisterhood to take an active role in promoting the wearing of Tallitot by women in the congregation. She proposed that we begin holding an annual Tallit Workshop open to women, men, and youth, those who could sew and those who could not, the purpose being not only to make beautiful ritual objects, but to educate the participants about the religious and historical aspects of wearing Tallitot, and to encourage women who had not done so before to begin doing this mitzvah.

Amanda and Judy began co-chairing the workshop that year and have continued ever since. Amanda has major responsibility for the artistic aspects while Judy handles the educational and administrative details. They estimate that more than 50 congregants have participated in the workshop, creating over 125 Tallitot for themselves or a loved one. Specialty workshops on embroidery and making hats and bags have also been offered. Several Tallitot created in the workshop have been displayed at G-Street Fabrics, and in 1998, the Tallit Workshop received an award for unique programming from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. See below for information about this year's workshop, which begins on November 19th.

Sisterhood's Tallit Workshop Returns

Sisterhood is pleased to announce that its always-popular, award-winning Tallit Workshop is being offered again this year. If you have admired the many beautiful and unique, hand-made tallitot worn at Beth El or if you've ever thought of making one yourself, this is your chance! Experienced sewers, as well as non-sewers willing to try, are welcome. Machine sewing assistance will be provided. The class will be limited to 12 participants, with priority given to Sisterhood members. Participants may make one tallit each.

Note: All classes will be held on Tuesdays, from 7-9 pm in the Social Hall.

November 19: Introductory session

December 8: Trip to G-Street Fabrics on Sunday afternoon (attendance optional)

December 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21, (28 make-up date):
Work sessions

February 4: Tying of the Tzitzit

If there is sufficient interest, we will repeat last year's successful one-session 'Hat and Bags' class for making kippot and tallit bags on February 18.

Plan to reserve your spot now for one or both classes. Questions? Want to sign up for one or both workshops? Contact Holly Stein at hhstein@juno.com or at 301-593-7297.

Sisterhood Book Group

Don't miss the next two meetings of the Sisterhood Book Group. Everyone is welcome to join in a discussion of *The Book Borrower* by Alice Mattison on November 3 at 9:30 a.m. On December 1 at 9:30 a.m. we will review *Going South: Jewish Women in Civil Rights* by Deborah Schultz. Call Suzanne Stone at 301-365-3253 for information.

Tuning in with Hazzan Lubin continued

very watchword of Judaism, to the concept of "Emet" – truth. It is as if they wanted to make the point that after all the lofty words of our prayers and devotional practice of our rituals have been pronounced and performed, it is ultimately "Emet" – truth, that is the foundation of our faith.

The recent discoveries of the most egregious and deceptive practices of the heads of some of the largest corporations in our country, is a wake up call to all Americans to recognize that our "inalienable rights...(of) life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" must never be divorced from our obligations to the concept of truth, if these "rights" are to be fully earned and achieved.

A Concert to Benefit the Jews of Argentina

"Klezmer Argentina - The Lerner/Moguilevsky Duo" on October 12, 2002, 8:00 pm, at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 7701 16th St., NW, Washinton, DC. Tickets are \$18 (all proceeds to be donated).

Please join us. Your generous contribution is vital to the Argentinian Jewish Community. For tickets or more information, call 202-882-1605.

Last call for the Sisterhood Cookbook

Recipes are due October 31

Send us your favorites via mail, e-mail or
drop them at the office.
Use a yellow form or plain paper.

Call Rachelle Solkowitz at 301-897-8139
to receive forms or for information.

We need your special recipes
to make the book a success!

Sunday, October 20, 2002 at 1:00 pm

You are cordially invited to attend the

Installation of Rabbi Gregory Harris as Assistant Rabbi of Congregation Beth El

followed by

Atid: Continuing the Conversation; Crafting the Future

Join one of these five workgroups to help develop

Beth El's future:

Community Building

Meeting Spiritual Needs

Education and Lifelong Learning

Training and Role of Lay Leaders

Improving Communication

Schedule

1:00 Installation of Rabbi Harris

2:15 Refreshments

2:30 Atid Workgroups

4:00-4:15 Conclusion

Help Wanted

The Technology Committee, chaired by Gary Rosenfeld, is looking for creative, artistic, and energetic individuals who can assist in redesigning Beth El's web site. The committee will be meeting soon and would like to include those interested in helping with this project. For more information, please contact Gary Rosenfeld at grosenfeld@myer-emco.com or 301-279-7919.

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Message from the Executive Vice President

I want to thank our president, **Arthur Popper**, for allowing me to share some thoughts in this edition of the *Scroll*.

At the end of Neil Gillman's book, "Conservative Judaism—The New Century," he lists several "centers of energy" through which the Conservative Movement's vitality can be clearly perceived. Among them are the lively conversations during the lunch hour in the Seminary's dining room, youngsters celebrating Shabbat at a Ramah camp, and the passion for Judaism demonstrated by teenagers at a USY convention.

The final "center of energy" that Rabbi Gillman describes is the synagogue board room, "where a group of men and women struggle to define the unique character of the congregation, the kind of service of worship they should create, the kind of a rabbi they want to hire, who should be teaching their children, and how they should apportion funds that never really seem to be sufficient for what they want to do."

As we take down our sukkahs, and the holiday highs that we have enjoyed start to fade into memories, we return to the more routine aspects of Jewish life. At Beth El, we will be struggling with the challenges of deciding how our future will look, the future of both our building and that which happens inside of it. It is likely that there will be diverse opinions among our membership, but at the end of the process I hope we will be able to be proud of our level of interest in the congregation community, and the civility with which we have treated one another, whether or not we fully agree with the ultimate decisions. This vitality will help drive us forward as we face future challenges.

Our Board, which Rabbi Gillman seems to describe very accurately, is taking its leadership responsibilities very seriously. We continue to benefit greatly from the input of our fellow congregants, and we will continue our efforts to communicate with the membership through the *Scroll* and by other means, as we work to expand the "center of energy" to the entire congregation.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Arthur Popper's tremendous commitment to our synagogue. He spends countless hours in meetings, on the phone, and on his computer, and the results of his hard work and love for the congregation are readily evident.

Although he is likely to deny any responsibility for the good things that happen at Beth El, he has earned our gratitude, and we are fortunate to enjoy the benefits of his leadership.

High Holiday Thank You's

Todah Rabbah to all of the many people who made this year's High Holiday services a success. First of all, thank you to all the clergy - **Rabbi Rudolph, Rabbi**

Harris, Hazzan Lubin, and Cantor Stolper - for keeping us inspired and on track.

This year, we initiated a third service that was lay-led and took place in the Whitman Cafeteria. We extend a very special thank you to everyone who officiated and assisted with this successful endeavor: **Sid Getz, Evan Krame, Debbie Friedmann, Peter Friedmann, Samuel Lohman, Ronni Getz, Debbie Fink, Bob Litman, Mark Levitt, Susan Levine, Jonathan Band, Leesa Fields, Jessica Band, Rob Fersh, Jonina Ducker, Dan Hirsch, Barbara Cohen, Micah Hendler, Deborah Hendler, Debbie Glick, and Steven Cohen.**

Thank you to usher captains **Herb Levinson** at Beth El and **Cheryl Rod** at Whitman and their dedicated volunteers: **George Perlman, Mac Krents, Julian Levin, Mark Weinberg, Judy Sherman, Michele Herman, Ed Shapiro, Helen Popper, Faith Schwartz, Bob Luskin, Judy Spector, Jonathan Levy, Ron Klein, Jerry Broder, Bob Koenig, Debbie Leibowitz, Ed Levitan, Marvin Yudkovitz, Howard Trofkin, Bert King, Judy Marcus, Hilda Sidman, Lois Zuckerman, Stephen Levy, Merry Eisenstadt, David Schultz, Bob Teitel, Joan Claxton, Howard Feibus, Dennis Askwith, Len Sheeskin, Bruce Strauss, Rick Rudman, Erwin Groner, Mervyn Hamburg, Darryl Sherman, Cary Feldman, Jeff Annis, Pat Danoff, Jerry Danoff, Emily Danoff, Leslie Dellon, Adeen Postar, Michael Postar, Martha Wexler, Leslie Shedlin, Karen Lipkind, Joanne Lipkind, Harry Lipkind, Audrey Berger, Judy Marcus, and Barbara Eisenstein.** Each one of them contributed to the smooth running of our services.

Thank you also to everyone who volunteered in leading services, reading Torah and Haftarah, and blowing shofar: **Thomas Hoffman, Daniel Hirsch, Michael Wald, Mac Krents, Marta Wassertzug, Judy Futterman, Stephen Kuperberg, Aryeh Portnoy, Howard Lesser, Pat Danoff, Seymour Gross, Judy Semo, Susan Levine, Melanie Bachrach, Elaine Pines, Tutti Sokol, Peter Novick, Judith Wexler, Marilyn Hammerman, and Robert Litman.**

Todah rabbah to Education Director, **Louis Nagel**, and Assistant Education Director, **Sarah Roark**, for arranging children's services. Thanks also to our seminar speakers, **Kenneth Feinberg and Rabbi Harris.**

Yasher Koach to the Officers and Board members who sat on the bimah.

Finally, thank you to our Executive Director, **Sheila Bellack**, and all our administrative staff: **Hattie Goodman, Kathy Hooley, Pam Kocher, Phyllis Scholl, Carole Wellner, Hien Thanh, Karl Smart, Ofilio Murillo, Angel Rodriguez and other PMM staff, Dorothy Beverly and Margaret Smith** for all the behind-the-scenes work. To everyone, a job well done. **Gail Ross, Religious Vice President.**

Splinters from the Board

Tuesday, August 6, 2002

Arthur Popper - presiding, Jerome Danoff - recording
Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

The Board assembled in the Sanctuary where **Rabbi Bill Rudolph** and **Hazzan Abe Lubin** made a presentation on Shabbat morning Bimah duties for Board members.

A presentation was made by Executive Director **Sheila Bellack** on Emergency Evacuation Procedures from the sanctuary when the alarms sound in the building or the emergency lights flash in the Sanctuary. A document has been prepared that indicates location of exits and which exits should be used from specific locations in the Sanctuary. Specifically, all congregants should exit immediately in orderly fashion through the nearest doors. People on the Bimah will exit from a doorway that aligns with the back of the Bimah, taking the Scrolls with them if time allows. Children will be taken from their activities to the area of the basketball court at the far side of the parking lot, which is where parents should go to find them.

Board reassembled in Board Room.

The D'var Torah, presented by Rabbi Rudolph, focused on the way each generation of our people has taken the responsibility to ensure our future. At Beth El we have many groups and individuals who work hard to ensure a "professional" level of services and maintain the function of the synagogue. Special thanks are extended to **Peter Novick** for his role with the early morning Shabbat minyan. May we have peace in the coming year.

In the President's Report, **Arthur Popper** described procedures to be followed in Board meetings this year. He also asked for and received nominations from the floor to appoint **Cary Feldman** and **Dave Levine** to represent Beth El on the Support Foundation for the balance of this year. He requested that all committee chairs and auxiliary presidents write a brief description (one or two paragraphs) of what their group does and some representative activities for publication in the Scroll. Thanks were extended to **Don Silverstein**, **Bert King**, and **Sheila Bellack** for all their work on the design of the building renovations. Sheila, in particular, has come up with some excellent ideas. Mazal Tov to **Cheryl and Bernie Rod** on the marriage of their daughter this Sunday.

Judy Futterman gave the Treasurer's Report. In summary, our year-to-date income (as of August) is slightly ahead of last year.

In the High Holiday Report, Sheila Bellack reminded everyone that there will be three services including one at Beth El, one in the Whitman High School auditorium, and a new participation-oriented service in the Whitman High School cafeteria led by **Sid Getz** and **Evan Krame**. A food drive will be held again.

BREAK FOR MINYAN

Two corrections were made to the June minutes. (1) Non-Beth El members who purchase High Holiday tickets will be referred to as *non-affiliated worshipers*. (2) **David Glassman**, membership committee chairman previously identified 6 membership subcommittees: Targeting, Marketing, Publications, Activities, Outreach, and Welcoming, and additional volunteers are needed to staff these subcommittees. Minutes were approved as corrected.

A report on Security was given by Sheila Bellack and **Judy Sherman** during which a summary of the work done by the Security Committee chaired by **Sara Greenbaum** was covered. Several actions have already been taken in response to the committee's recommendations including improvements in the physical plant, additional lights, and the use of staff IDs. Additional actions may also be taken. Wiring and monitors have been considered, but would be best delayed until after next year's construction.

The conclusions of the Executive Committee Security subcommittee were that a security guard (\$35/hour) should be considered. Lengthy discussion followed on the need for a guard and the specific hours that should be covered. A motion was made and passed (20 aye, 9 nay, 5 abstentions) to have a guard on duty Monday – Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm and 3 pm to 6:30 pm, Friday, 8 am to 2 pm, Shabbat, 7:30 am to 1 pm, and Sunday, 9 am to 1:30 pm, and request a fee of \$100/member unit and \$125/non-member unit. These hours would provide coverage during nursery and religious school, and during Shabbat services and Sunday morning activities. The constitution requires a congregational meeting to establish new assessments so, until then, these fees will have to be voluntary.

Claire Marwick, speaking on behalf of World Jewry, issued a plea to provide support for the Jewish Community in Argentina.

The Policy Committee, including **Norman Eule**, **George Perlman**, **Herb Wiser**, and **Helen Popper**, has gone through several years of Board minutes to codify Board policies and is preparing a comprehensive document.

The committee suggests that the Beth El listserv be split into two separate lists. One, intended exclusively for Beth El members, would continue to operate as in the past. The second, newer list would be made available to non-members interested in Beth El activities (non-member parents of children in the school, non-member attendees at Saul Bendit programs, prospective members, etc.). This second list would not include names, numbers, or email addresses of Beth El members. All contacts regarding postings would be directed to the synagogue office.

A motion was made and passed to establish this new community-at-large listserv.

The revised Board *Code of Conduct* was presented by **Leslie Dellon**. After much discussion a motion was made and passed to express gratitude to the committee for

their hard work preparing this code and to return it to them for revisions. Neil Levy has been added to the committee.

Construction Update report by **Don Silverstein**: Bimah access will be improved by using a soon-to-be-purchased portable lift aligned with the front right area of the Bimah. This front access will be temporary. As part of the construction project we will have more elegant access via a rear entrance to the Bimah.

Updated construction plans will be available shortly after the High Holidays.

Announcements

- **Pat Danoff** for the Sisterhood requests that recipes to be published in the upcoming cookbook be turned in well before Oct. 31 "to beat the deadline."
- **Janet Liebowitz** reports that Social Action needs more volunteers to deliver meals.
- **Hazzan Abe Lubin** encourages everyone to attend the innovative services being held on Fridays and Saturdays at Beth El, as well as the Selichot service. Also, there will be a brief service commemorating the events of last September 11. On Sunday, May 4, we will have a major cultural musical event as a fund-raiser and a spirit lifter featuring the singing of Amy Goldstein and David Propas. **Esther Wilner** and **Susan Sherzer** will be co-chairing this event.
- **Stephanie Ventura** reports that Saul Bendit will be starting soon with several exciting new classes. Be sure to register.
- On Sunday, Oct. 20, starting at 1:00 pm, we will hold the installation of Rabbi Gregory Harris followed by an ATID activity.

Beth El Sisterhood

and

Adventist HealthCare Community Health Program

will offer a

Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, November 3, 2002

9 am - noon

9 am - 11 am: seniors (65 & over) and people at risk

11 am - noon: young & healthy (while supplies last)

Where: Beth El Board Room
Walk-in, No Reservations Necessary

Who: Adults, 18 and Older
Members and Non-members
(must not be pregnant, allergic to eggs,
or have a cold)

Cost: \$15 (cash or check)
Will Accept Medicare Part B (bring card)

Info: Call Pat Danoff at (301) 365-1180

Beat the Flu Bug

Ahavat Yisrael (Love of Israel) Creative Expression Challenge

Rabbi Harris invites all of Beth El's youth to participate in the first annual Creative Expression Challenge. The theme of the challenge is Ahavat Yisrael, Love of Israel. Students are encouraged to express themselves in any art form they wish to convey a love, knowledge, and/or understanding of Israel under such titles as:

- a) What Israel Means to Me.
- b) A Report on a Grandparent or Special Friend's Recollections of Turning Points in Israel's History.
- c) An Open Letter to the People of Israel

We are encouraging submissions of poetry, prose or art, but would welcome other forms of creative expression. Some works will be integrated into the Friday, November 1 Ahavat Yisrael Shabbat Service. Entries should be turned into Rabbi Harris on or before Friday, October 25.

Ahavat Yisrael Shabbat Celebrate Israel Shabbat Friday, November 1, 2002

Erev Shabbat 26 Cheshvan 5763

You are invited to Ahavat Yisrael Shabbat, a Beth El Youth Celebration of Israel in song, poetry, prose and art. This festive evening will take place on **Friday, November 1 at 6:30 pm**. Our celebration will begin with a Maariv service highlighted by student readings, music from the Beth El Children's Choir and special attention to prayers speaking of our love for Eretz Yisrael. Services will be followed by an Israel theme dinner, a performance by the Children's Choir and a delightful selection of zemirot.

Please join us for this celebration of Israel. If you will be staying for dinner please fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue office by October 25.

Celebrate Israel Shabbat Dinner

Family Name(s) _____

Phone _____

No. of Member Adults _____ \$14.00/person

No. of Non-Member Adults _____ \$16.00/person

No. of children (2-12) _____ \$6.50/child

Amount of check, included \$ _____
(payable to Congregation Beth El)

Mail to arrive before Oct. 25, 2002 to:

Celebrate Israel Shabbat Dinner

Congregation Beth El

8215 Old Georgetown Rd

Bethesda, MD 20814

The form may also be left at the synagogue office on or before Oct. 25, 3:00 pm.

There will be no reserved seating.

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Dr. Neil Gillman

Friday, November 15 - Sunday, November 17, 2002

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County
8215 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, Maryland 20814



Dr. Neil Gillman is the Aaron Rabinowitz and Simon H. Rifkind Professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He graduated from McGill University, was ordained at JTS, and received his PhD in philosophy from Columbia University. His many books include the very popular *Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew* and *Conservative Judaism: A New Century*.

Friday, November 15, 2002

Services begin at 6:30 pm followed by community Shabbat dinner.

After dinner Dr. Gillman will speak on

What is Spirituality in Judaism?

How do we Find it in a Modern Conservative Congregation?

Saturday, November 16, 2002

Services begin at 9:15 am to include

Inauguration of the new *Etz Hayim* Chumash

Dr. Gillman will explain the significance of this new Torah translation and commentary to which he is a contributor.

Services are followed by kiddush at 12:00 noon.

After kiddush, we will study the Torah reading *Va'yaytzay*

with Dr. Gillman using *Etz Hayim*.

Sunday, November 17, 2002

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Where was God on 9/11?

A Family Education Program for Families with Children in grades 7-12

This writing workshop will offer the awesome opportunity for families to address tough theological questions among themselves and with one of Judaism's great minds.

Breakfast will be served.

Sponsored by Congregation Beth El Family Education

For information or to RSVP for Sunday's workshop

contact: Sarah Roark, sroark@bethelmc.org

R.S.V.P. by Friday, November 8 for the Friday night dinner

RETURN TO SYNAGOGUE OFFICE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Congregation Beth El

Family Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Number of Member Adults _____ @ 14.00 /person Amount \$ _____

Number of Non-Member Adults _____ @ 16.00/person Amount \$ _____

Number of children (ages 2-12) _____ @ 6.50/person Amount \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Please seat us with _____

Please provide _____ vegetarian meals.

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 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. **On Wednesdays, through November 13, Minyan will be at 8:20 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 they can attend at Beth El.

October 13 – October 17

Don and Michelle Hainbach
Irwin and Daphne Halpern
Robert Halperin and Candace Kaller
Mervyn and Eileen Hamburg
Joseph and Mildred Hamer
Murray and Marilyn Hammerman
Ken and Lisa Handelman
Bruce and Susan Hanley
Elliot Harkavy
Brian and Sara Jane Harris
Gregory and Rebekah Harris
Sandra Harris
Bennett and Marlene Harte
Mandy Hart
Stanley and Lois Hartman
Herbert and Lila Harvey
Julius and Irene Hauser
Dunya Hecht
Bernard and RuthAnn Heckman

October 20 – October 24

Mindy Hecker
Mick and Cyma Heffter
Anne Heilman
Thomas Helf and Michelle Brafman
Julia Heller and Michael Banaszak
Clifford and Deborah Hendler
Jerry and Linda Herman
Michele Herman
Rose Herman
Stephanie and John Hesse
Daniel Hirsch and Brenda Gruss
Hans Hirsch
Reba Hirsh
Abram and Andrea Hoffman
Howard Hoffman
Joseph and Margery Hoffman
Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey
Thomas and Judith Hoffman
Jerome Holiber

October 27 – October 31

Elmira Hopp
Josephine Horn
Paul and Sharon Horn
Mitchell Horowitz and Abbe Levine
Eric and Alissa Horvitz
David Horwitz
Martin and Mariana Huberman
Jonathan Isaacs and Liz Krauss
Robert and Sheryl Isaacs
Esther Isralow
Miriam Israel
Gregg Ivers and Janet Krell
Amy and Darryl Jackson
Bernard and Rita Jacobi
David and Ilene Jacobowitz
Gary Jacobs and Harriet Kerwin
Rodger and Mindi Jacobson
Newton and Lois Jassie
Mervyn and Marcia Jeffries

New Members

The Beth El community extends its warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined or rejoined the synagogue. If one or more of these families live in your neighborhood, please reach out and personally welcome them. We encourage the new members to take advantage of the wonderful activities Beth El has to offer and hope you will let us know if you have questions or concerns that we can help to address.

Jonina Duker and Alan Lichtman, 5020 Cloister Drive, N. Bethesda, MD 20852-3364

301-530-2361

Jared Lichtman

jonina.duker@juno.com

Michael and Amy Lenkin, 8204 Wahly Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

301-365-4123

William Lenkin, Lawrence Lenkin, Hannah Lenkin

Kenneth and Helene Nankin, 7305 Marbury Road, Bethesda, MD 20817

301-229-7305

Jessica Nankin, Amy Nankin

Alexander and Jennifer Powers, 5506 Huntington Parkway, Bethesda, MD 20814

301-656-1789

Samuel Powers, Maxwell Powers

powersjams@comcast.net

Joseph Schultz, 6528 Windermere Circle, Rockville, MD 20852

301-530-1620

Martin and Deborah Sieff, 5215 Acacia Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814-2822

301-564-5347

Talia Sieff, Zachary Sieff, Rachel Sieff

Michael and Tamara Simon, 9804 Singleton Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

301-493-8693

Jerome and Rose Snyder, 8603 Woodbrook Lane, Chevy Chase MD 20815

301-656-3814

All In The Family

Mazal Tov to **Marilyn Hammerman** on receiving the first place blue ribbon in the Home Arts Division at the Montgomery County Fair, for a king-size knitted bedspread. Marilyn also received the first place blue ribbon at the Maryland State Fair for a needlepoint pillow doll, second place for an afghan, and third place for the bedspread.

Mazal Tov to **Howard and Holly Stein** on the engagement of their daughter **Leah** to **Damon Bradley**.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Harvey Gordon** on the death of his mother, **Hannah L. Scheider**; to **David and Harriet Brooks** on the death of their son, **Robert Brooks**; and to **Julia Copperman** on the death of her husband, **Howard Copperman**.

Pilot Parking Program for Individuals with Disabilities

Beginning October 15, 2002, Beth El is initiating a pilot parking program for individuals with disabilities. This program, which we emphasize is experimental, will enable individuals with significant physical disabilities to reserve a parking space at Beth El when they are planning to attend a service or other special event. These will be spaces *in addition* to the regular reserved special needs spaces.

Under this policy, we will reserve a parking space only for individuals who meet *all* of the following criteria:

1. The driver of the vehicle is handicapped, uses a wheelchair, canes, leg braces, or other assistive devices, and is coming to Beth El without someone who can assist him/her with parking;
2. The driver of the vehicle will be prevented from attending Beth El events if a parking space is not available; and
3. The driver notifies the synagogue at least four days in advance that he/she wishes to have a space reserved.

We request that this service not be requested if an alternate driver is available for the vehicle who can drop off the disabled individual at the entrance the building before parking the car. Please also understand that this program has been designed to specifically meet the needs of individuals who drive to Beth El *on their own*, and use wheelchairs, canes, leg braces or other assistive devices.

If you meet these criteria or have any other significant impairment of ambulation and need the assistance described above when you drive a vehicle to Beth El, and if you would like to be a participant in this pilot program, please

register with the office by calling Hattie Goodman at extension 301. Once you have registered for the program, all you need to do to reserve a space is to call the office at least four days in advance and let them know the event you wish to attend and the time you are coming, and a space will be reserved for you from 30 minutes before to 30 minutes after the start of the event, except on Shabbat, when the space will be reserved starting Friday afternoon.

We reserve the right to limit the number of spaces reserved for a particular event so that this pilot program does not have too great an impact on parking for other Beth El members. Also please note that the pilot program will run until January 1, 2003, after which time the Executive Committee will assess the program, how it has helped members, and its impact on other members before deciding to make the program permanent.

It's Not too Late for Saul Bendit Classes!

You may have missed the first week of classes for the Saul Bendit Adult Institute, but it's not too late to sign up. Late registration will be accepted for all courses that have space. Just stop by the table outside the Social Hall before class on Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening to register. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for Jewish adult education!!

Special note: One of the new features, the Tuesday class at the Ratner Museum entitled "Bible as Art" taught by Phillip Ratner, has not yet begun. Classes will be on November 5, 12 and 19, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. You may register now, or before the first class on November 5, on a space available basis.

Shabbat Morning Family and Youth Services at Congregation Beth El

Service Name	Applicable Ages	Room No.	Times	Leaders
Nitzanim	birth to kindergarten	APR	10:30-11:30 am 2nd,4th,5th Shabbat	Rachelle Solkowitz, Glenda Koby, Audrey Winston - Pres.
Gan Shabbat	kindergarten - 2nd grade	Meeting Room	10:00-11:00 am 1st, 3rd Shabbat	Rachelle Solkowitz, Lisa Rosen
Shitufim Minyan	3rd & 4th grades	Room 209	11:00 am-Noon 1st, 3rd Shabbat	Anita Lieb
Junior Congregation	5th grade and up	Chapel	10:00-11:15 am Every Shabbat	Cheryl Kreiser
Bogrim	7th grade and up	Board Room	10:00-11:30 am 2nd Shabbat	Sheldon Novek

Please feel free to speak with the individual leaders or coordinators about any one of the services or contact Sarah Roark, 301-652-8573, ext 319

The Social Action Committee is pleased to announce Beth El's sixth Mitzvah Day, to be held Sunday, November 10, 2002. The congregation is invited to participate in a variety of volunteer projects designed to help both Beth El and the greater community. Individuals and families can select from projects listed below. Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity for Beth El to come together as a community to make a difference in the lives of our own members and in the community. We're hoping many families will find the time to join with fellow congregants to make Mitzvah Day a success.

**CONGREGATION BETH EL MITZVAH DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2002**

Project	Time	Location	Age	#Vols	Skills/Equipment	Contact
Beth El Clean-up	9 am-?	Beth El	any	24	yard tools	Jeff Annis 301-656-5219
Children's Inn at NIH prepare dinner for 40 people	Cook in own home and call to say what part of dinner you can prepare			10	kitchen	Laurie Webber 301-652-1510
Children's Inn at NIH mailbox treats/scenery	call for time	Children's Inn	all ages	lots	art/craft supplies, stickers, pencils	Andrea Golden 301-294-2375
Interfaith Clothing Center Sorting, Delivering	8 am-noon 1:30 pm	Beth El Beth El	3+ w/adult drivers	25	bags, labels vans	Diana Huffman 301-229-8089 Leslie Dellon 301-530-4645
Cooking for Shelter/ Soup Kitchen	9 am-3 pm	Beth El or someone's house	5+ w/adult	many	kitchen	Barbara Klein 301-951-8835
Preparing and Serving Dinner at Shepherd's Table	5-9 pm	Shepherd's Table	12+ w/adult	6 people		Peter Novick 301-493-8428
Greentree Shelter Photo album/picture frame project	2-3 pm	Greentree Shelter	3-4 families		Polaroid camera film, art supplies, refreshments	Bob Lipman 301-951-3631 Abbe Levine 301-564-6694
Jewish Foundation for Group Homes Bowling	2 - 4 pm	Naval Bowling Center Bethesda	kids w/parents	6 families	Appx cost \$7.50 pp (incl. shoes) + cost of 1 JFGH resident	Rabbi Rudolph 301-652-2606 x318
Hebrew Home - Variety Show	2:30-4 pm	Hebrew Home	any age		performers-music, magic, etc.	Janet Getz 301-530-2215
Gleaning for Washington Area Gleaning Network	10 am	A farm TBA	all ages	families	glean fruits/veggies for food bank	Janice Leibowitz 301-654-7377
Rainbow Shelter Serving Dinner	6:30-8 pm	Rainbow Shelter Rockville	all ages	2 families		Abbie Eckland 301-320-9433
Audubon Naturalist Society	noon - 3 pm	Audubon Society Chevy Chase	all ages	20	elbow grease	group leader still needed; call Janice to volunteer 301-654-7377

We are looking for additional activities and projects. If you have any ideas, or would like to lead a group, please call Janice Leibowitz at 301-654-7377

Beth El Mitzvah Day Volunteer Registration Form

Please return this form to Beth El as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Phone Numbers: (day and evening) _____

Project Choice (Call project captain for details.) _____

I can help with the following:

- Bring donations for the Interfaith Clothing Center
- Make tax-deductible contribution to defray the cost of Mitzvah Day.
- I need transportation to Mitzvah Day activities.
- I can provide transportation to Mitzvah Day activities.

Vatikkim Luncheon

Our program for the paid-up membership luncheon on October 17, 2002 will feature **Sheldon London**, member of the Beth El Board. You will remember him as an enthusiastic, articulate, and well informed speaker on a variety of subjects. This time his topic will be "Israel Today." No matter how grim the situation, Sheldon London's optimism never fails to inspire us. All are welcome. See you at the luncheon.

Everyone is welcome! Lunch is at Noon, and the program starts at 1 pm. There will be no charge for paid up Vatikkim members at this luncheon. Non-member cost is \$8 per person. Please fill out the reservation form below and mail it to Bea Goldman, 3214 Henderson Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902; 301-942-9434, or to Phyllis Blum, 1411 Stratton Drive, Rockville, MD 20854; 301-340-3046.

Reservation Form

Vatikkim Luncheon on Thursday, October 17, 2002
Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by Tuesday, October 15, 2002. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

From the Youth Director

It was wonderful meeting so many of you at our year's kick-off event back on September 15th! The day was a huge success, with the human foosball taking the prize for the most fun, but followed closely behind by the casino tables! The basketball and skeeball were constantly busy, as were the carnival games for all of the younger folks there! All told just about 100 kids participated and that was an awesome number with which to begin 5763! My thanks again for our dedicated and wonderful youth staff, Scott, Lisa and Julia, and Scott's brother Derek who joined in the fun just for the day. Also, mega-thanks to all the USY'ers who helped run all the booths and helped with set-up and clean-up—KOL HA-KAVOD guys! (that means ya done good!)

It's kind of a quiet time right now, after a very busy Sunday, October 6th—the first day of individual youth group activities! The USY'ers attended the regional kick off dance on Saturday night, October 5th, and then on Sunday, KADIMA went to Rounding Third for laser-tag, go-karting, batting cages and arcades, MACHAR went to Sportrock to climb those walls, and Bonim had pizza, movies and a very important art project! Everyone had a blast!

We are gearing up, now, for Friday night, November 1st which will be the first phase of our year-long Ahavat Israel program, a joint effort between the youth department, the religious school, the children's choir and the rabbis. On November 1st we will all enjoy the chance to spend Shabbat evening together as families, and celebrate our love for Israel through prayer, song, food, art and other forms of creative expression. Starting with Kadima and on through our high school age members, we will sponsor a creative expression fair—everyone will have the chance/responsibility of either writing an essay or poem or song, or of drawing a picture or compiling a photo presentation about how Israel holds a special place in each of our lives. The kids will hear more about the project from their individual youth group advisors as well as from their teachers if they attend the religious school here. Kids at any of the day schools will have a special lunch meeting to find out more. A little advance information is that the Bonim kids will be making the centerpieces for our dinner that night! Just get your creative juices flowing, and on the first, you'll all find out about the exciting second phase of Beth El's "Ahavat Yisrael Israel Expo"!

Let me remind all 8th, 9th and 10th grade families to sign up the kids for ISRAEL QUEST—it's free and it's fun! Please contact me with any questions. Also, make sure to get your Youth Department megaphones—don't be left without one!

Looking forward to meeting more of you as the year moves along...please introduce yourselves...

L'hitraot, Sheldon Novek