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Tuning in with Hazzan Lubin



“From Bimah to Broadway”

I am extremely excited about the evening of Sunday, May 4, when our gala fundraising concert will be held. The artists, who will perform a high energy program of Broadway show tunes, operatic arias, Yiddish, Hebrew and yes, classical Hazzanut, have each received glowing reviews for their performances. **Amy Goldstein**, the talented New York soprano, is soon scheduled to make her Carnegie Hall debut. Her singing has been described as “impressive” with “authority” and possessing “velvet tones.” She is well known for her extraordinary premieres of new music and is the winner of many coveted first prize awards for her vocal artistry.

David Propis was described by the New York Times as “A splendid tenor voice, gleamingly clear at the upper end and duskily handsome at the lower, dramatic yet intimate.” David Propis is one of the most talented young cantors in the world today. He serves as Hazzan of the Beth Yeshurun synagogue in Houston, the largest Conservative congregation in America. His singing has often been described as “breathtaking.”

The well-known Washington pianist **George Peachey** will accompany our artists. Peachey has appeared in concert performances at the Kennedy Center and is in demand as an accompanist to many vocalists and distinguished instrumentalists.

It will truly be a privilege and an honor for me to join these artists in a splendid evening of a wide range of musical experience.

I urge you to attend and support this gala concert. All proceeds of this event will replenish our General Fund.

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Shabbat Services

Friday, April 25

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 26

Aharei Mot: Leviticus 16:1-18:30

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Hannah Rae Levy Bat Mitzvah

9:15 am Leigh Horn Bat Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation – Chapel

10:30 am Nitzanim – APR

Friday, May 2

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, May 3

K’doshim: Leviticus 19:1-20:27

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Joanna Teitelbaum Bat Mitzvah

9:50 am Worship & Study Minyan – APR

10:00 am Family Jr. Congregation/6th Gr. 18 Mitzvot Service – APR

10:30 am Gan Shabbat – MR

11:00 am Shitufim – Rm. 209

Friday, May 9

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, May 10

Emor: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am David Schifrin Bar Mitzvah

9:15 am Max Banaszak Bar Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation – Chapel

10:00 am Learners’ Minyan – BR

10:30 am Nitzanim – APR

7:30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, Maariv, Havdallah – APR

Friday, May 16

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, May 17

B’har: Leviticus 25:1-26:2

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Dan Margulies Bar Mitzvah

9:15 am Daniel Aaron Fersh Bar Mitzvah

9:30 am Minyan Chaverim - APR

10:00 am Jr. Congregation – Chapel

10:30 am Gan Shabbat – MR

11:00 am Shitufim – Rm. 209

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON CONSTRUCTION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 AT 7:30 pm

Members must be current in dues and tuition in order to vote.

Sisterhood News

Hamantaschen Baking

On March 14, several Sisterhood women spent the morning baking hamantaschen. The fruits of their labor (in prune, poppy seed, and apricot) were included as part of Shalach Manot baskets and delivered to residents of the Hebrew Home. Sisterhood would like to thank **Janice Liebowitz** for directing the project, and her class of second grade Religious School students for making the baskets. The enthusiastic bakers included **Harriet Brooks, Pat Danoff, Linda Goldsmith, Barbara Klein, Janice Liebowitz, Evelyn Margolis, Bea Rosenberg, Suzanne Strauss, and Laurie Webber**. Yishar Kochachen!

Sisterhood Women's Seder

The eighth annual Women's Seder on March 30 was one of the highlights of the Sisterhood year. Singing and dancing to the music of Calliope, as well as an inspiring Haggadah and delicious meal, made for a moving and memorable evening for the 160 women, of all ages, in attendance. Participants contributed a car-load of toiletries for the Community Based Shelter, as well as a generous donation of "wheat money" for the hungry in our community. The Seder could not have happened without the hard work and creative talents of the many volunteers listed below. Todah rabah to everyone who gave their time and showed such dedication to plan this special event.

Planning Committee: **Amanda Ford, Karen Lipkind, Debbie Leibowitz, Margie Litman, Pat Danoff, Sheila Smallberg Cohen, Barbara Friedman.**

Seder Leaders: **Debbie Leibowitz, Amanda Ford.**

Haggadah Committee: **Debbie Leibowitz** (Haggadah Chair), **Karen Lipkind, Barbara Eisenstein, Sarah Roark, Amanda Ford, Nancy Rosenthal, Sheila Smallberg Cohen, Holly Stein, Judy Goldman, Leslie Dellon.**

Haggadah Artwork and Layout: **Emily Goldman, Debbie Leibowitz, Joanne Lipkind, Alisa Lipkind, Phillip Ratner** (cover illustration).

Ritual Items: **Judy Baldinger, Mimi Tygier, Ivy Fields** (Ritual Co-chairs), **Toby Rodman, Katie Friedman.**

Reservations, Check-in, Nametags: **Amanda Ford, Karen Lipkind, Joanne Lipkind, Alisa Lipkind.**

Seder Meal: **Margie Litman** (Menu and Cooking Chair), **Barbara Friedman** (Assistant Cooking Chair), **Barbara Klein, Debbie Friedman, Janice Liebowitz, Joan Simon, Laurie Webber, Lucy Ozarin, Phyllis Solomon, Anita Lieb, Barbara Eisenstein, Jana Singer, Judy Futterman, Kay Klass Levitt, Marilyn Shevin-Coetzee, Sheryl Freishtat, Suzanne Strauss, Adeen Postar, Esther Wilner, Janet Getz, Jodi Krame, Melissa Feinstein, Meryl Feinstein, Debbie Fink, Jenny Fink, Katie Friedman, and Pat Danoff.**

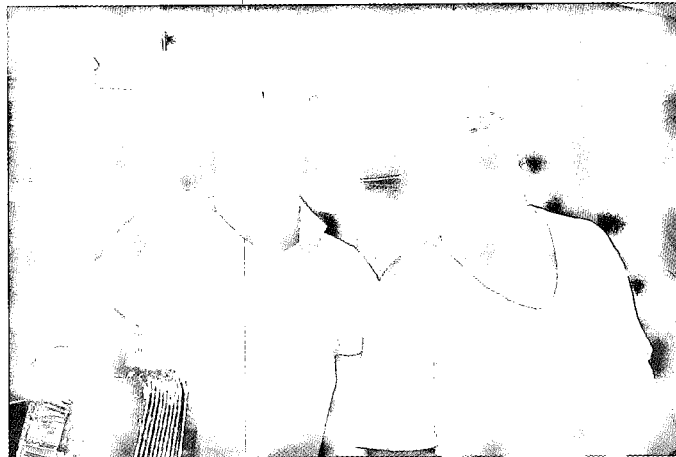
Recipe Booklet: **Margie Litman, Barbara**

Friedman, Pat Danoff, Amanda Ford.

Room and Table Set-up: **Pat Danoff** (Set-up Chair), **Leslie Dellon, Rita Kahn, Gale Dutcher, Judy Goldman, Karen Lipkind, Alisa Lipkind, Joanne Lipkind.**

Tzedakah Projects: **Janice Liebowitz, Barbara Eisenstein.**

Music by Calliope: **Sheila Smallberg Cohen** (Coordinator), **Debbie Fink, Debbie Glick, Deborah Neipris Hendler, Sandy Lederman, Rene Boni.**



Pictured right to left: Margie Litman, Menu and Cooking Chair and Barbara Friedman, Assistant Cooking Chair

Sisterhood Education Program 2002-2003

Menopause A Guide to the Perplexed

**April 27, 2003
9:30-11:30 A.M.**

Exercise and Nutrition

Shari Druckman, Exercise Physiologist

Melanie Polk, Registered Dietitian

**Director of Nutrition at the American Institute
for Cancer Research**

**"Build Better Bones and Eat for Good Health"
Healthy light brunch; come dressed for activity.**

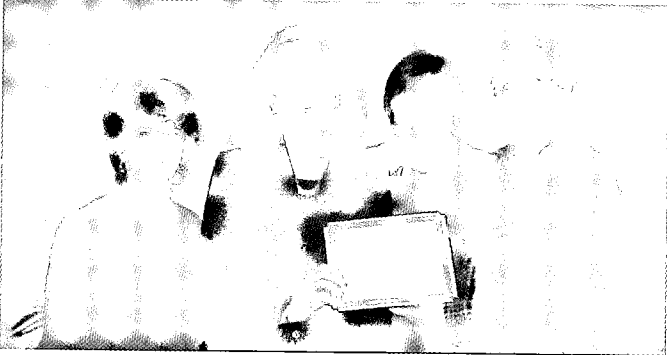
**Please join us; we have something for women of all ages.
Meet your friends, enjoy a light brunch and learn.**

Sisterhood Member Attends Women's League Leadership Institute

Karen Lipkind of Beth El Sisterhood recently attended the Women's League Leadership Institute held at the Pine Brook Jewish Center in Montville, New Jersey. Karen was selected as a candidate for the three-day Leadership Institute based on her volunteer experience, her desire to serve our community, and her participation in our Sisterhood. Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the umbrella organization of 700 Sisterhoods in the Conservative Movement, with a membership of 150,000 worldwide.

Together, the 17 women from Sisterhoods across the country participated in lectures, seminars and study groups that combined acquiring both leadership skills and Jewish knowledge. They met with Rabbi Alan Silverstein of Agudath Israel Congregation, Rabbi Tsafreer Lev of Pine Brook Jewish Center, and Rabbinic Intern Paula Mack Drill of Agudath Israel. They defined their own leadership styles in dynamic inter-active workshops and created personalized leadership paths for the future.

The expectation is that those who attend this and future Leadership Institutes will forge a new generation of leaders for the women of the Conservative Movement, women who are well prepared and Jewishly knowledgeable. "The purpose of the Institute," said Gloria Cohen, Women's League President, "is to strengthen the foundation of leadership in the organization as well as to empower Conservative Jewish women to assume active roles in their communities."



Left to right: Cory Schneider, Chair, Women's League Leadership Institute; Karen Lipkind; Miriam Suchoff, Women's League Trainer; Gloria Cohen, Women's League President

Sisterhood General Meeting and Election

followed by a slide show and display of the work of nationally known fiber artist and Sisterhood member

Amanda Ford

Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m.
No reservations are necessary

קשר נשים

Keshet Nashim

Who are we?

We are a Beth El Sisterhood group which offers support to Beth El women newly diagnosed with cancer by pairing them with Beth El cancer survivors and resources. We encourage any women who are cancer survivors to join our group.

Do you need to be a member of Sisterhood?

No, you just need to be a member of Beth El.

Why do we call ourselves Keshet Nashim?

Keshet Nashim means "connecting women". We chose this name because we hope to establish connections between women newly diagnosed with cancer and those in our group who have gone through similar experiences.

How do you contact us?

Call Margie London (301) 718-1712 or Susan King (301) 652-7350 and they will connect you with a member of our group.

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Beth El Men's Club
Invites the Congregation
To Join Us for the 30th Annual

KAVOD AWARDS
Breakfast and Presentation

Sunday, May 18, 2003
9:30 a.m.
Beth El Social Hall

Service to Congregation Beth El
Jeff Annis

Service to the Jewish Community
Shelly London

Service to the Community at Large
George Perlman

Youth Leadership
David Schoenholtz

Name: _____

Please reserve _____ seats for the 2003
Kavod Awards Breakfast and Presentation on
Sunday, May 18.

I have enclosed a check for \$_____.
(\$10 per person)

Mail form by May 11 to:

Men's Club Treasurer
Congregation Beth El
8215 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814

Men's Club News

A very sincere thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Purim Carnival a great success. There are too many people for individual thanks; everyone's efforts are much appreciated.

Sunday, April 27—**Dr. Warren Strober** and **Dr. Peter Mannon** of the Mucosal Immunity Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases at NIH, will speak on "Inflammatory Bowel Disease."

Sunday, May 4— The annual Men's Club membership meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., following the minyan and breakfast. We shall be approving the Men's Club budget and electing our officers and trustees for the coming year.

Thursday, May 8— The third session of *Hearing Men's Voices* will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room. We shall be discussing issues concerning fathers and sons.

Sunday, May 11— Mother's Day. The Men's Club will have a minyan and breakfast, but no speaker.

Sunday, May 18— The Kavod Awards - Join the Beth El Men's Club in honoring **Jeff Annis**, **Shelly London**, and **George Perlman** for their contributions to Beth El, the Jewish Community, and the Community at Large, respectively. We shall also be presenting **David Schoenholtz** with the FJMC Youth Leadership Award. Reservations are required for this Men's Club event. Please see the reservation form on this page. Copies of the flyer are also available in the lucite racks outside the synagogue office door.

Thursday, June 12— The fourth session of *Hearing Men's Voices* will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room. We shall be discussing additional issues concerning fathers and sons.

Sisterhood Book Group

Join us for a discussion of these
interesting works

Sunday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Days: The World of a Hasidic Family
by Lis Harris

Sunday, June 15, at 9:30 a.m.
*Burnt Bread and Chutney: Growing Up
Between Cultures—A Memoir of an
Indian Jewish Girl*
by Carmit Delman

For information contact
Andrea Golden (301-294-2375) or
Suzanne Stone (301-365-3253)

Message from the President

A good deal has happened at Beth El over the past few weeks, and I want to bring you up-to-date on the major issues.

Construction

Things are moving at a rapid pace on construction. We have all the plans from our architect and a very solid cost estimate from our contractor, and we will shortly have construction financing in place. We are pretty much on the schedule that I outlined in my letter several months ago. If the Congregation approves the project, we anticipate groundbreaking in early June. Construction will begin with the new wing, completion of which is scheduled for June 2004.

You have already received notice of a special congregation meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., at which time we will give you additional information on the project, discuss costs and financing, and bring forth a motion to approve the project. This certainly is one of the most important meetings in the history and for the future of Beth El, and I encourage all members to attend.

Governance

At its March 4 meeting, the Board of Directors approved a proposed governance transition plan that will ultimately lead to very positive changes in the governance of Beth El.

The last time I mentioned this plan, I thanked the members of the Governance Committee for their creativity and hard work. Here I want to express particular thanks to trustee **Sid Getz** for making a truly outstanding presentation of the plan to the Board and for helping make the plan easily understood and more effective.

As part of the Atid process, we learned that members felt that governance at Beth El is unwieldy and that there was less than adequate communication with members about the function of the synagogue. Accordingly, a small Governance Committee reviewed our governance process and recommended revisions based on the findings of an external consultant and interviews with many past and current Beth El leaders.

The new governance plan calls for major changes in the structure of the Board and the leadership of Beth El as outlined in a previous *Scroll*. The proposed organization does not fully fit under the current constitution. As such, in order to legally effect changes in our governance structure, we need a change in the constitution. At the same time, constitutional changes at Beth El often take several years to develop and implement. Thus, governance changes will not occur quickly unless we can develop some alternative means to move forward even while developing and implementing constitutional changes that will make the new governance a part of the structure of Beth El.

Of course, there would be striking advantages to setting up portions of the new governance plan within the framework of the current constitution. Most importantly, this will enable us to experiment and test ideas and to

develop structures before revising the constitution. This transition plan continues the current governance procedures but also implements a number of features of the proposed plan. During the implementation process, the leadership of Beth El will explore the best ways to function. The findings will help guide the Policy Committee as it works to revise the constitution.

The following steps will be taken to implement the transition governance process. Each step will be taken with the concurrence of the Board of Directors: (1) the Executive Committee will define the Centers as proposed by the Governance Report; (2) a vice president will be appointed to oversee each Center; (3) as appropriate, the specific "portfolio" of a VP may be changed to fit the Center to which he/she is assigned; (4) the EC will appoint one or two trustees to work with the VP in each Center (poll trustees to determine the Center to which they would like to work); (5) the EC will invite a member of the Governance Committee to work with each Center that does not already have a member of the committee on it (some Centers will already have Board members who were on the Governance Committee); (6) as appropriate, several new "ad hoc" committees may be set up to meet the needs of individual Centers as recommended by the Governance Report; (7) each "ad hoc" committee will have a chair appointed by the VP of the Center, but this chair will not sit on the Board; and (8) an Atid Implementation Committee will be appointed for each Center.

The Centers to be appointed are (1) Prayer and Spirituality; (2) Education and Life Long Learning; (3) Community Building; (4) Strategic Oversight and Governance; (5) Finance and Fund Raising; and (6) Administration. Each Center will contain the current appropriate committees, and the goal will be to enable the committees to interact with one another and work together on broad issues. Through the Board and Executive Committee, the different Centers will communicate with one another, with the goal of ensuring that all groups work together for the good of our community.

Clearly, the plan is considerably more complex than I have outlined here. I hope that I have given you a taste of what promises to be an exciting and pioneering plan that will enable Beth El to develop a new and unique governance procedure that will serve our community most effectively and efficiently.

Leadership Development

As many of you may recall, the Atid Committee recommended the creation of a Leadership Development Program to "provide outstanding educational and team-building experiences to motivate and train emerging and new leaders and act as a springboard for their active involvement in Beth El." Over the past few months, a small committee co-chaired by **Michael Feinstein** and **Jerry Herman** developed a plan that was presented to the Board on March 25 and that we intend to implement this fall. The

other committee members were **Brent Berger, Susan Jerison, and Leslie Dellon**. The program is extraordinarily exciting and innovative and provides a unique forum in which the future leaders of Beth El will learn and grow together to work in a Jewish community.

Beth El's Leadership Development Program will introduce participants to some of the key components of leadership – vision, passion, and persuasion – within a framework of Jewish values. Participants will develop a set of shared values, language, and skills to help them apply leadership concepts to the synagogue as an institution and respond to the new challenges and opportunities that will face Beth El. As a condition of admission, program participants will agree, on graduation, to take on leadership responsibilities in the Beth El synagogue community and help mentor future participants and prospective leaders.

The target group for the first of what we hope will be annual or even semi-annual sessions will be 15 to 20 participants chosen from prospective synagogue lay leaders, current lay leaders new to positions of leadership in the synagogue, clergy, and professionals. The selection process will include both an open application available to all synagogue members and a nomination of participants by the president. All prospective participants will complete a short application describing why they want to participate and in what areas they hope to contribute to the leadership of Beth El. In order to participate, participants must be able and willing to attend all eight sessions.

Participants will study selected Jewish texts and other resource materials with scholars who will facilitate discussion of the broad concepts and their practical application to leadership at Beth El. In addition, the Board will define a strategic issue facing Beth El that the leadership group will work on throughout the program.

Each of the eight sessions will include lectures and discussions of text related to leadership as well as an examination of leadership in the Jewish community and in Beth El. For example, the group will study the leadership issues faced by biblical figures such as Moses, Samuel, and David as a basis for discussing contemporary leadership principles and practices. Sessions will include discussions of different leadership styles needed in different situations, how changes in the American Jewish community affect Beth El, managing conflict and Jewish civility, governance roles and responsibilities, involvement of Beth El in the greater Jewish community, and detailed discussions of Beth El's history and operations.

The program promises to be exciting and stimulating, and we are grateful to the committee for developing a plan that will clearly, in my view and that of the Board, move us dramatically ahead in developing future leadership for our congregation and community. I am pleased to add that Michael Feinstein has agreed to chair the committee that will coordinate and oversee this and other leadership training for Beth El.

Directory

By now all of you should have received the new Beth El directory. I want to express my gratitude to our Publications Committee Chair, **Helen Popper**, for her hard and creative work in getting the material together for the directory and preparing it for publication.

If you would like a PDF version of the governance transition report, the leadership document, the construction letter that you received in December, or the directory, please call the Beth El office and they will give you the URL to get the documents.

Splinters from the Board

Tuesday, March 4, 2003 (rescheduled from February due to snow storm)

Arthur Popper - presiding, **Jerome Danoff** - recording
Called to order 7:35 pm

AD'var Torah was presented by **Rabbi Bill Rudolph** on the use of indirect approaches to solve problems. Minutes from the December 17, 2002 and the January 21, 2003 meetings were approved.

In the President's Report, **Arthur Popper** made several points...Congregants in need of handicapped parking and who come to shul by themselves may reserve a spot by phoning the office ahead of their arrival...Next Tuesday evening [Mar. 11] we will officially become owners of the adjacent property north of the driveway...Applications for the Solomon Schechter Awards will soon be due. The convention will be in Dallas, Oct. 26-30. Sheila Bellack has the application forms...Trustees have been polled on what "centers" from the Atid report they would like to participate.

Sheila Bellack gave the Executive Director's Report...The budget planning process has begun for FY '04...The completed audit of FY '02 is anticipated to be ready by the Board's April meeting...There will be a meeting with our construction contractor and the architect next week.

Announcements: **Rachelle Solkowitz** for the nursery School: This Saturday evening will be the Casino Night and Silent Auction. **Stephanie Ventura** for Saul Bendit: Classes begin this week, with most on Wednesday and several meeting on Tuesday. **Hazzan Abe Lubin** about the May Concert: Sunday, May 4, 7:30 pm will be a spectacular evening of music, *From Bimah to Broadway*. Proceeds will go into the General Fund. Base tickets are \$45, but contributions may be made at several higher categories. Esther Wilner is the chair for this event.

BREAK FOR MINYAN

Brent Berger introduced **Mark Milner**, a Beth El member and a cardiologist, who reported on the planned purchase of a portable automated external defibrillator (AED): The presence of a defibrillator in the synagogue

may provide a margin of safety in the unfortunate occurrence of a cardiac event at Beth El. After June, utilizers will be CPR-AED certified which means that in addition to the AED, we will have an increased pool of CPR-trained members. The cost will be underwritten by a group of Beth El physicians and others. Mark has agreed to be the coordinator for the purchase of this unit and for the training of individuals in CPR-AED.

Judy Futterman gave the Treasurer's Report: We are two-thirds through the fiscal year and slightly behind our projected income at this point. The May 4 fundraiser [see Announcements] is expected to make up some of the shortage. Congregants are urged to use Shopping Certificates purchased through Beth El because this can help out fiscally without costing the user anything. Board members are also encouraged to support the *Ner Tamid* program.

An excellent power-point presentation was made by **Sid Getz** on the Governance-Transition plans. He explained the steps needed and proposed a timeline. After some discussion, the timeline was slightly modified, and the Board agreed that the transition should initially be implemented with only one center as a model. **Motion** made that the Board approve this draft governance-transition plan and that its implementation be activated around one center as soon as feasible. **Passed** 30-1-3.

Closing announcements:

Rabbi Rudolph: Beth El will be forming a JACS chapter for those interested (Jewish Alcohol and Chemical Dependency)...**Sid Getz**: The *Worship and Study Minyan* will be leading the Shabbat morning service in the main sanctuary this weekend...**David Schultz**: The monthly Mincha service led by the Men's Club will be on Mar. 15 at 5:30 pm...**President Popper**: Next Board meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 25. Meeting adjourned 9:34 pm.

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Arthur Popper - presiding, **Jerome Danoff** - recording
Called to order 7:37 pm

In the D'var Torah **Rabbi Bill Rudolph** wished for a safe return of all personnel from Iraq and a better future for the people of Iraq. As with the construction of the Mishkan, not all goes according to plan. We must be informed, prepared, and accepting of G-d's will.

Benson Adams gave the final report of the Nominating and Recruitment Committee. The nomination process was described followed by a number of recommendations for future committees. Discussion followed on the rationale for the current slate.

BREAK FOR MINYAN

Minutes from the March 3 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Report on the *Leadership Development Training Program* was given by **Michael Feinstein**. Thanks were

given to **Sid Getz**, **Jerry Herman**, **Leslie Dellon**, **Barbara Klein** and others who had contributed to this program. A basic philosophy will be the study of Jewish texts through the lens of modern issues. Selection criteria for participants in this program will be developed, and then applicants will be solicited. Plans are to begin after the High Holidays.

Arthur Popper gave the President's Report...Condolences are extended to **Sheila Bellack** on the loss of her father...The new directory will be mailed to congregants shortly. Thanks to the Publications chair, **Helen Popper**...**Atid**, **Megillah Madness**, and **Israel Action** are encouraged to apply for **Solomon Schechter** awards...A recent meeting between several Beth El representatives and the neighborhood association included negotiations on the local parking situation. Thanks to **Linda Lipson** for her work on this issue.

Brent Berger described his experiences at **SULAM**, a USCJ training program for incoming presidents. Beth El is actually "ahead of the curve" on many of the presented ideas. He thanked the Nominating committee for his nomination.

Don Silverstein gave the construction report. The budget, contractor, and plan are all in place. We will soon be getting the permit and financing. The Congregation will be asked to approve the final "go-ahead" at a May 7 meeting.

The Policy Committee, chaired by **Norman Eule**, proposes that only gifts larger than Chai (\$18) be acknowledged in writing to save expenses. A document describing this and several other issues related to our Restricted Funds was distributed for future discussion.

Hazzan Abe Lubin and chair **Esther Wilner** described the May 4 *Bimah to Broadway* Concert. The performers, **Amy Goldstein**, **David Propis**, **George Peachey**, and **Abe Lubin** are all "national caliber." This is an opportunity to enjoy a great show, an elegant reception, and help the Beth El budget.

The president, with the backing of the Executive Committee, proposed retaining *Blake Real Estate* as construction manager. The Board agreed to enter negotiations with them. Final Congregation approval will still be needed.

Warren Greenberg reported on activities of the Israel Action committee. He reviewed past and ongoing activities and encouraged all to continue using an Israeli theme in programming.

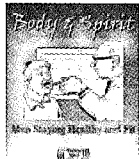
Acknowledgement was given to **Rachelle Solkowitz** and the Nursery School for the recent fun-filled, highly successful **Casino Night**.

A **Motion** was made to recognize and thank **Neil Levy** for his contributions to Beth El including the past RDF study and his time on the Board. Motion was **passed**.

The Board entered *executive session* to discuss several personnel contracts. Meeting adjourned 9:49 p.m.

The Men's Club of Congregation
Beth El Presents:

"HEARING MEN'S VOICES"



This program is to give men the opportunity to share with other men, significant issues that we deal with in our daily lives. We are instituting these men's only monthly programs at Beth El for four sessions this year.

We will meet in the All Purpose Room from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

May 8 & June 12 programs to be announced

If you have any questions, please contact:

Bob Levine, Event Coordinator
(301) 424-7445 leviner@mail.nih.gov

David Schultz, Men's Club President
(301) 530-1620 dschultz@csc.com

To reserve your seat at "Hearing Men's Voices"

Send this form to: The Men's Club,
Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown
Road, Bethesda MD 20814

of Seats _____ May 8

of Seats _____ June 12

**Space will be limited;
pre-registration is mandatory!**

The Men's Club of Congregation
Beth El Presents:

"BASEBALL AT FREDERICK KEYS"



Fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters
will be going to a Frederick Keys
game in Frederick, Maryland.

Sunday, June 15, 2003
Game time: 1:05 p.m.

Cost: \$12 per person (adult or child)
Includes one box seat ticket and fun tickets for
children at amusement pavilion

Transportation will be by carpool from Beth El
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If you have any questions,
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Roy Niedermayer, Event Coordinator
(301) 229-7005 after 8 p.m.

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Proceeds to benefit Congregation Beth El General Fund

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, May 3, in the Chapel from 9:50 a.m. 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 toward 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.

Why Do We Do This?

Come to the Learners' Minyan and find out. This minyan has been growing with shul regulars and new comers. If you have been saying, "I am not new to this but I have questions" Come! or "I am totally lost and I do not know anything." Come! or "I am not even Jewish but it sure seems interesting." Come! What I am trying to say is that everyone is welcome. No matter what level you are, we will find interesting avenues of the service to explore. The next service is Saturday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m. Contact Rabbi Harris if you have questions about the Learners' Minyan.

Minyan Chaverim

Minyan Chaverim is now meeting on the third Shabbat of each month and will meet next on Saturday, May 17, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon in the All-Purpose Room. Minyan Chaverim is a community-led service, featuring complete recitations of Shacharit and Musaf as well as 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.

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Gregory Harris and Rebekah Harris** on the birth of their daughter **Maayan Shira Harris** on Thursday, April 3, 2003. Maayan is the sister of **Benjamin Harris**.

Mazal Tov to **Steven and Ellen Bezner** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Hannah Viviane Arking**, on March 3, 2003. Parents are **Melissa and Mark Arking**.

Mazal Tov to **Yael Greenberg** on the engagement of her son, **Joshua**, to **Jessica Termonia**, daughter of **Yves and Corine Termonia**.

Mazal Tov to **Ruth and Alan Vinitzky** on the engagement of their daughter, **Emily**, to **Doug Rassner**, son of Anita and Melvin Rassner of Yardley, PA.

Mazal Tov to **Ina and Joe Young** on the birth of their three grandchildren, **Aaron Samuel Fandel**, **Leah Rachel Fandel** and **Sara Esther Fandel**. They are the children of **Michal and Andy Fandel** of Sharon, MA.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Sandra Woronow** on the death of her mother, **Rose Cohen**; to **Steven Silverman** on the death of his father, **Sheldon Silverman**; to **Michael Lazar** on the death of his brother, **David Lazar**; and to **Thomas Helf** on the death of his father, **Howard Helf**.

Nitzanim

Todah Rabbah to **Barrie Tabin and Eric Berger** for co-sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on March 29 in honor of the fourth birthday of their son **Benjamin**.

Todah Rabbah to **Adam and Harriet Kuhn** for co-sponsoring the Nitzanim Kiddush on March 29 in honor of the fifth birthday of their son **Abe**.

Sukkot in April to Take Place on Sunday, April 27, 2003

This year, as in past years, Beth El along with 22 other local Jewish synagogues and groups will be sponsoring a day-long work project to paint and repair the home of an elderly, low income resident of the DC area. This is an opportunity to work with your fellow congregants or for parents and teenagers to work together to really make a difference in a family's living environment. It is also fun, very rewarding and a mitzvah. We will be working on Sunday, April 27. Volunteers can work a full or partial day. Home repair and painting skills are not necessary but appreciated. **Bert King** and **Jon Binder** are coordinating this activity for Beth El. Please contact Bert King at (301) 652-7350 by Sunday, April 20 with questions or to volunteer.

With Our Members

Very much in the news these days is a study called *Anti-Semitic Beliefs in the United States*. While half of Americans see us as "like themselves" in terms of basic beliefs and values, the younger generation of Americans (under age 35) actually holds more anti-semitic beliefs than the previous generation. Significant numbers of Americans still believe Jews control the media and have too much influence on Wall Street. The study has many more fascinating and sometimes troubling findings, and is the subject of much journalistic and scholarly analysis.

Co-author of this study is our own **Sid Groeneman**, who is a Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Jewish & Community Research and Consulting, and heads his own survey and market research firm. Prior to launching that firm, Sid was a survey project manager with Market Facts, where he directed more than 120 studies.