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CONGREGATION BETH EL

Message from Rabbi Harris



I recently asked at services for people to answer the following statement, "I like to pray because...but..." I offered the statement and asked people to spend some time sharing their answers with the people sitting around them. The answers people offered were personal and important.

Some people said that they *like to pray because...* it brings me together with a community; it connects me to memories of my family when I was younger; I just like it; *but...* I do not know if God hears my prayer; does God exist; it is hard to connect with the prayerbook. These are only a few of the wonderful responses offered that morning. In the days following, I was asked to expand further on my personal answers to this statement, so as I begin my preparation for the High Holidays, I want to share some of my thoughts on prayer.

I like to pray because... prayer draws me to see beyond the immediate moments of daily life which modern living forces me to face. The constant pressures of deadlines, appointments, bills, and obligations make me turn to my

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Shabbat Services

Friday, August 29

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, August 30

Shof'tim: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Adam Marshall Bar Mitzvah

9:15 am Kevin Levine Bar Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation - Chapel

10:30 am Nitzanin - APR

Friday, September 5

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, September 6

Ki Tetzei: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Anna Katherine Davis

Bat Mitzvah

9:15 am Tatiana Nemirovsky

Bat Mitzvah

9:50 am Worship & Study Minyan -

BR

10:00 am Jr. Congregation - APR

10:30 am Gan Shabbat - MR

11:00 am Shitufim - Rm. 209

Friday, September 12

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

8:00 pm Family Friday Night Service

Saturday, September 13

Ki Tavo: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Erica Beth Casser Schiff
Bat Mitzvah

9:15 am Robert Schwartz Bar Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation - APR

10:00 am Learners' Minyan - MR

10:30 am Nitzanin - BR

6:30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit,
Maariv, Havdallah - APR

Friday, September 19

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, September 20

Nitzavim: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Jason Weingardt Bar Mitzvah

9:30 am Minyan Chaverim - BR

10:00 am Jr. Congregation - APR

10:30 am Gan Shabbat - MR

11:00 am Shitufim - Rm. 209

High Holiday Tickets

Watch your mail around mid-September for your High Holiday tickets. Please remember to bring them with you to services, as security and/or ushers will ask to see them on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood/Nitzanim Picnic

On July 13th, congregation families attended the second annual picnic at Maplewood-Alta Vista Park sponsored by Sisterhood and Nitzanim. On a beautiful summer morning, participants of all ages enjoyed a picnic brunch and a chance to schmooze, hunt for plastic bugs, and try their hand at crafts and games. The most popular activity was the water balloon play which, among other tests of skill, included a chance for kids to take aim at good sport **Rabbi Greg Harris**. The water balloon toss for distance was won by the father and son team of **Alan and Jared Lichtman**. We would like to thank **Glenda Koby** and **Caren Ravitch** for making all the arrangements and chairing the event for Sisterhood and Nitzanim. Thanks also to **Pat and Jerry Danoff** for organizing the outdoor games, **Emily Danoff** for filling 350 water balloons, and to **Dale Gold** and **Weichert Realtors** for donating helium balloons and kazoos, which added to the festivities. Others who volunteered their time to help make the event a success included **Karen Lipkind**, **Joanne Lipkind**, **Bruce Spiegel**, and **Leslie Dellon**.

Invitation and Stationery Sales

Need invitations, stationery or kippot? Contact Marilyn Hammerman at mhammerman@aol.com, 301-881-0011. She has over 20 years experience in providing Beth El members with Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, and party invitations, as well as stationery and kippot. Marilyn has an extensive collection of sample books to look through and she will match the price of all competitors. Sisterhood receives 100% of the profits. Call Marilyn today for great selection and great prices on invitations, stationery, kippot and other things for your special simcha.

Hold the Date!

Sisterhood's Annual Paid-Up

Membership Dinner is

Thursday, October 30

at 6:45 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Sisterhood is no longer handling
Washington Jewish Week
subscription renewals.
Please send your renewal form and
check directly to WJW.

Men's Club News

Hearing Men's Voices

Hearing Men's Voices has turned out to be a program that has developed beyond our expectations. Because of the interest and momentum, a program was scheduled for August on *Imagery to Connect with our Parents*. The approach used a particular type of "guided imagery" to help the members address possible issues they may have with their mothers and fathers.

There will very likely be a program on September 11. Please watch for confirmation of the program and location. We are grateful that Rabbi Harris has been able to be our spiritual leader during these meetings.

Sunday Morning Services

Sunday morning services and breakfasts without speaker programs continue through August. The first speaker program will be Sunday, September 7.

The program this year will be as rich as it has been over the past few years. The World Wide Wrap to encourage people to wear Tefillin will be on February 1, 2004. *Perspectives in Dialogue* will be spread throughout the year, depending on the availability schedule of appropriate high profile speakers. The monthly Shabbat Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, Maariv, Havdallah Service will also resume in the early fall.

Frederick Keys Baseball



Scene from the Frederick Keys game attended by the Men's Club on Fathers Day, June 15, 2003.

**The Sisterhood Cookbook
will be available around
the High Holidays.
Watch the next *Scroll* to
find out how to
obtain your copies.**

A New Logo for Beth El

Dynamic, creative, traditional yet progressive, unpretentious, multigenerational, grounded in history while planning for the future. These were all concepts that were integral to the process of creating a new logo and a new “look” for Congregation Beth El. The task to change our logo came out of the Membership Committee’s charge to attract new members. Because a large part of that effort involves print materials, it was quickly realized that these were looking dated and could really use a facelift. With the blessing of and financial commitment from Rabbi William Rudolph as well as support from Rabbi Gregory Harris, Hazzan Abraham Lubin, Arthur Popper, and Brent Berger, a group of six committee members enthusiastically took on the project.

Sheila Bellack, Brenda Bregman, Judy Futterman, Helen Popper, Judy Sherman, and Ruth Silverstein interviewed several graphic designers and selected Robin Lazarus Berlin to transform our concepts into a logo. Meeting weekly for several weeks, we hashed out the “look.” What reflects our traditional side? How do we communicate our plans for the future? How will people know we’re creative and open to new ideas? What kind of image will stand the test of time? We considered several designs, sending Robin back each time to change this and tweak that. Once we all agreed to the basic design, we must have asked her to try at least 30 different color combinations before hitting on just the right one!

What you see in our new logo will probably be different from what your neighbor sees. Each time we asked someone new to take a fresh look at it, it spoke to them in a unique way. Maybe you’ll see a tree that signifies our roots and growth; you may see a person dancing, reflecting our creativity; for those involved in the construction project, you may note that the curved shapes mirror the curved design on our new building; or you could see a menorah or a shin. Whatever it says to you is what Beth El is all about.

Our new image is now reflected in all of our print materials, including stationery, the *Scroll*, and a folder

that will be used for new member packets. It is our hope that it will be created into a sculpture that will be mounted on the outside of our new building. For those of you loyal to our former logo, the *Eternal Light* by Philip Ratner, that piece will continue to be displayed in a prominent place at Beth El.

We hope our new “look” inspires you to take a fresh look at all that Congregation Beth El has to offer.

Five Lanes of Traffic Reduced to Two on Old Georgetown Road

As I write this column, the five lanes on Old Georgetown Road outside Beth El have been reduced to two. Why? Because a southbound car tried to make a left turn into our driveway and the result was a three-vehicle accident. An ambulance has just taken one of the passengers to the hospital. Passengers on the Ride-On bus (one of the vehicles involved) had to disembark and find other means of transportation. Everyone involved was visibly shaken.

This was an accident that could have been avoided very easily. But someone thought they might save a minute or two by making that turn, rather than going down to Maple Ridge, turning there and entering our parking lot from the back.

I urge everyone driving to Beth El not to make that turn at any time until the parking lot is redesigned and the traffic light installed. As has been stated before, during the first phase of construction, the driveway will be blocked off Monday through Friday; everyone will have to enter and exit through the rear on Rayland Drive. The driveway will be open on the High Holidays, as well as Saturday and Sunday but, with the volume of traffic on those days, this is one of the worst times for trying to make that left turn.

Please do not put yourself in a situation that might result in another accident such as that described above. You have another, much safer, option at Maple Ridge. Please use it.
Sheila Bellack

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Show Your Support For Israel

During the High Holidays, you will once again be asked to show your support for Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds. The need has never been greater.

As you reflect on the grave situation facing Israel, know that through your investment you can do your share to help ensure an economically strong homeland for the Jewish people. Money raised from the sale of Israel Bonds is being used to build new communities in the Negev and Galilee, to finance desalination plants, and to resettle thousands of Jews arriving from the former Soviet Union, as well as thousands more arriving from Argentina and France.

Besides being an investment from the heart, Israel Bonds are a conservative investment vehicle in today's turbulent financial marketplace. They pay significantly higher interest than many other bonds and CDs currently available. Whether you are looking to supplement a retirement plan, build a college education fund, or give a special gift for a simcha, you'll find an Israel Bond appropriate for your needs.

To learn more about how Israel Bonds can benefit both you and Israel, please contact the Israel Bond office in Bethesda at (301) 654-6575 (from out of town call (800) 795-6575), or contact **Mike Steinberg** of the Beth El Israel Action Committee at (301) 229-7608.

Message from Rabbi Harris *continued*

PalmPilot far more often than my *siddur* (prayerbook) for direction.

I like to pray because... prayer connects me with God. I once expected that these moments of connection with God had to happen between the allotted hours of services at synagogue. Due to this, I left services disappointed and frustrated if I did not feel a connection. I have learned that praying and feeling God's presence can be felt far beyond Shabbat but it necessitates personal preparation and discipline. I have learned to be confident of God's presence.

I like to pray because... I become part of sacred community. It is widely understood that a *minyan* (counting) of 10 people is required for a complete prayer service. The regularity of this gathering creates relationships and community. What is too often unspoken though is that this community is formed around a sacred charge. Prayer transforms our community into a holy gathering. We spiritually elevate ourselves and each other by participating in this sacred community.

But... The siddur is difficult to access. The language and choreography of the *siddur* require a great deal of knowledge. While the fixed words of the *siddur* frequently resonate with me, listening for the words of my heart form meaningful prayers too. To pray without listening to my heart makes the *siddur* disconnected

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from me. Praying without being grounded in our tradition leaves me feeling equally lost. Each week, I try to let a different part of the *siddur* jump out at me responding to the events of my week.

But... God does not directly answer my prayers. I believe that God does hear my individual prayers and answers them communally. It would be much easier if I received a direct answer from God. For one thing, it would confirm that God cared enough to "write back." The difficult part is that God responds to individuals' prayers with a communal response.

I like to pray for many reasons but I still have personal struggles. Despite my struggles though, the ability of prayer to draw me beyond the details of my life, helping connect me with God, and being part of this sacred community guide me to take prayer seriously. As we move towards the High Holidays, I invite you to join me in reflecting on what prayer means to you. *I like praying because...but...*

Message from the President

As immediate past president **Arthur Popper** noted in his February 14, 2003 *Scroll* article, the Atid process led us to a review of the governance structure of Beth El and, as a result, many changes have occurred over the past six months based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee and Board. A great deal of credit should be given to our current Governance Committee Co-Chairs, **Sid Getz** and **Arthur Popper**, who have helped shepherd along the process. Based on my conversations with the leadership of United Synagogue, I believe that Beth El is in the forefront nationally in this effort, and we should be very proud of what we have accomplished in a very short period of time.

Arthur's excellent review of the steps leading to these changes are in the above-mentioned *Scroll* article, which is maintained on our website. Under our previous structure, the Board included the elected officers and trustees, representatives of the auxiliaries, the immediate past president, and chairs of Board-approved committees. The number of Board members exceeded 50 and it was the general consensus, as well as a finding of a detailed survey of Board members and other leaders, that this was too large a group for easy and effective discussions and decisions. The Vice Presidents' portfolio responsibilities were vague and many of the trustees were not assigned to a specific role. Many issues were addressed at the Executive Committee level due to the unwieldy nature and lengthy deliberations of the Board, and there were times when communication among committee chairs and auxiliary representatives was lacking, raising the risk of overlapping agendas and duplication of effort.

To improve and streamline the leadership process,

the "Center" concept was created. Six centers of activity have been established, each led by a Vice President. The other elected officers and trustees have also been assigned to leadership roles in a particular Center. To ensure that the goals of the Atid Committee were addressed by the Centers, representatives of Atid have been assigned to five of the Centers. The centers (with their assigned elected officers and Atid Committee representatives in parentheses) are: **Administration** (VP Judy Sherman, Recording Secretary Tami Simon, Trustee Tamar Fishman, Atid Committee Rep. Beryl Frank); **Community Building** (VP Phyllis Solomon, Trustees Debbie Feinstein, Barbara Klein, Atid Committee Reps. Barbara Cohen, Sheila Smallberg-Cohen, and Mark Levitt); **Education and Lifelong Learning** (VP Leesa Fields, Trustees Jack Minker and Colin Winston, Atid Committee Rep. Suzanne Bronheim); **Finance and Development** (VP Shelly London, Treasurer Walter Arnheim, Trustees Joel Simon and Jose Sokol); **Prayer and Spirituality** (VP Rachele Solkowitz, Trustees Sid Getz, David Schultz, and Esther Wilner, Atid Committee Reps. Rob Fersh, Susan Levine, and Jeff Schwaber); and **Strategic Oversight and Governance** (VP Judy Futterman, Trustees Jody Bleiberg and Susan Jerison, Atid Committee Reps. Jerry Herman and Marsha Rehns).

The final component of the Centers is assigning the respective committees that are felt to fit best within a particular Center. For example, the Ritual Committee was assigned to the Center for Prayer and Spirituality, and the Budget Committee to the Center for Finance and Development. It is clear, however, that certain groups, particularly the large auxiliaries such as the Men's Club and Sisterhood, may be primarily assigned to the Center for Community Building but will also require representation at other Centers, such as Education and Lifelong Learning, or Prayer and Spirituality, as their programs include these interests.

The new Board, at its first meeting in June, voted overwhelmingly to limit its size in an effort to streamline its function. As a result, the Board now includes the officers, trustees, auxiliary representatives, and the immediate past president. Committee chairs, like all members of the congregation, are welcome to attend Board meetings, but their work will primarily be done at the meetings of the Centers, where the important goal-setting and implementation plans will be created. The Committees will continue to have a very strong influence on what happens at Beth El.

If the Center concept works as we expect, the Vice Presidents will report to the Executive Committee regarding their respective Centers' plans and concerns. The Executive Committee will set the agenda for the Board with regard to issues of importance that have arisen from the committees. Committee chairs may

then present to the Board the issues of concern, with the Executive Committee having already reviewed the information provided, to ensure a complete and thorough presentation.

At the July meeting of the Executive Committee, the Vice Presidents reported with great enthusiasm on the progress of their Centers, and it is already clear that we have made great strides forward. For example, the Center for Education and Lifelong Learning is conducting a review of all the educational programming we do at Beth El, whether it is under the auspices of the Religious School, Family Education, Nursery School, Saul Bendit, or any other committee or group. The opportunity exists to create unifying themes throughout the congregation's educational efforts, and to look for gaps in our programs that need to be filled. As simple as this process may appear, these types of overall review discussions have never been instituted at Beth El.

If all goes as planned, a Board Retreat, scheduled on September 7, will give us the opportunity to hear from the Center leadership and develop unifying goals for the Congregation for the upcoming year.

I truly believe that the new governance model will enable us to improve greatly upon the efficiency and effectiveness of the Executive Committee and Board, which ultimately serves the best interests of Beth El as a whole. In addition, it will empower committee chairs to have a greater impact by ensuring them direct and effective representation on the Executive Committee and Board, and provide them a forum to create, discuss, and be informed at the regular meetings of the Centers.

We have already made great strides forward in implementing the new governance model. I invite your input, comments, and questions as we move forward in our internal renovation.

B'shalom,
Brent

Set the Table with Torah

by Sarah Roark

August 30, 2003: **Shof'tim**

This portion includes advice on how to create two essentials of nationhood. *Shof'tim* begins with the commandment to the Jews to set up a just court system. It is very interesting to read in comparison to how our courts function today. Where are the similarities and differences?

The later section discusses elements of just war. (*How do the themes of a legal system and a military relate to each other?*) In approaching an enemy one should always offer peace first. One should not wantonly destroy the environment of a place one is waging war against. Verses 20:5-9 list those who should receive exemption from military service (i.e. Those who have built a house but not yet had time to dedicate it).

From Teaching Torah p. 254: "According to the Talmud, the order in which exemptions from military service are treated is also the order in which a person should live (Sotah 44a): first one should build a house, then plant a vineyard and finally, marry. Of course expectations about the course of one's life have changed since biblical times. What are your expectations about your adult life? What did your parents expect from adult life? How have your expectations been fulfilled or changed?"

September 6, 2003: **Ki Tetzei**

A variety of laws (72 according to Maimonides' count) are listed in *Ki Tetzei*, most of them moral laws. They deal with how we conduct ourselves in every part of our lives and how every act along the way can be imbued with holiness.

Below are two of the laws; discuss their justification and how they apply today.

Deuteronomy 22:8, "When you build a new house make a parapet (a low protecting wall) around your roof."

Deuteronomy 23:16, "You should not plow with an ox and a donkey together."

September 13, 2003: **Ki Tavo**

Two very different ceremonies are described in this parsha. The first describes the annual pilgrimage of bringing the first fruits to the Temple that took place on the holiday of Shavuot. As part of the Temple ceremony a formulaic history of the Jews was recited beginning with the phrase "My father was a wandering Aramean." This phrase is central in the Haggadah; the use of these Torah words in the Haggadah emphasize the strong connection between the holidays of Pesach and Shavuot. Name some of the things that connect these two holidays. Shavuot, which became the holiday designated to celebrate receiving the Torah, was a Zionist time to be thankful for the history that brought us to the Land of Israel. How are giving thanks and identifying with our history connected? It is noteworthy that this parsha tells the exact words repeated during the ceremony. Why do we have a verbal structure in our prayer services – why do people need to be told what words to pray?

The second description is of a dramatic ceremony that took place after crossing the Jordan. Twelve stones with the words of the commandments were placed on Mount Ebal. The tribes were split - some to stand on Mount Ebal and some to stand on Mount Gerizim. The Levites recited a list of curses and after each one, the tribespeople would respond "Amen." What was the original purpose of these curses? If they were a threat, did they keep people from engaging in the behaviors described? What has their effect over the centuries been? Do we feel like they were prophecies that came true or fates we avoided?

**Family-Friendly
Friday Night Service
September 12, 2003
All Purpose Room**

8:00 p.m.

Remember the Friday Night Services of your youth?

Wish you could come to a short Shabbat Service together after work and dinner?

Here's your chance to attend a prayer service full of stories, songs, and fellowship, led by Rabbi Greg Harris and Sarah Roark. Special honors will be given to anyone with a September birthday.

Services will be followed by a desert oneg.

This is one in a series of services which will occur on

**October 10, December 12, January 9,
March 12, May 14, June 11.**

**Lulav and Etrog
Order Form 2003**

This year we are again purchasing our lulavim and etrogim from New York directly, thus saving everyone money - almost 20%. To do this, however, all orders must be placed and paid for by September 29. Please note that these are the same prices as last year.

I would like to order the following lulav and etrog set:

___ Small \$38 ___ Large \$47 ___ Deluxe \$57

Name _____

Phone _____

Make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office. No orders will be accepted after September 29. Orders can be picked up on Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Friday, October 10, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All orders must be prepaid.

 **Fall Festival Fair** 

**Synagogue-Wide Program - Preparing
People for the High Holidays
Sunday, September 21, 2003**

9:00 a.m. - Noon

There will be something for every age at Beth El.

Plan to spend the morning with us!

Look for detailed registration forms coming in the mail.

Adults can take exciting courses including:

- **Teshuvah means Repentance, with Rabbi Bill Rudolph**
- **Comparative Worship Services: What is Unique about the High Holidays, with Hazzan Abraham Lubin**
- **Making the Fall Holidays Meaningful at Home, with Sarah Roark**
- **Chanting the High Holiday Prayers, with Cheryl Kreiser**
- **This is the Year I Build a Sukkah!, with Louis Nagel**

Younger children will enjoy a Lion Tales Puppet Show. Older children can make a Shofar in our Shofar Factory

Young Adults can paint a fall Festival mural with Sheldon Novek and Myrna Yalon.



Social Action Alert!

To honor Rosh Hashanah as the Birthday of the World we will be making birthday party kits for Greentree Shelter and Children's Inn. Please bring party supplies to donate:

new wrapped sets of paper party goods, balloons, cake mix, or party favors.

New toys and books as gifts are also welcome!

Questions? Contact Sarah Roark
301-652-8573 ext. 319 or sroark@bethelmc.org

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. 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.

August 31 – September 4

Jeffrey and Sarah Greenberg
Naomi Greenwood
Warren and Judith Greenberg
Yael Greenberg
Marvin and Audrey Griff
Sid and Beth Groeneman
Erwin and Leena Groner
Alan and Barri Gross
Ames Gross and Stephanie Lowet
Seymour and Shirley Gross
Juan and Leilia Gruner
Milton and Libbie Gussow
Donald Gutman and Ivy Fields
Paul Haar
Murray Haber
Don and Michelle Hainbach
Irwin and Daphne Halpern
Robert Halperin and Candace Kaller
Mervyn and Eileen Hamburg
Joseph and Mildred Hamer

September 7 – September 11

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
Herbert and Lila Harvey
Julius and Irene Hauser
Dunya Hecht
Bernard and RuthAnn Heckman
Mindy Hecker
Nick Heffter
Anne Heilman
Thomas Helf and Michelle Brafman
Julia Heller
Clifford and Deborah Hendler
Jerry and Linda Herman

September 14 – September 18

Michele Herman
Rose Herman
Stephanie Hesse
Daniel Hirsch and Brenda Gruss
Hans Hirsch
Abram and Andrea Hoffman
Howard Hoffman
Joseph and Margery Hoffman
Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey
Thomas and Judith Hoffman
Jerome Holiber
Elmira Hopp
Josephine Horn
Paul and Sharon Horn
Mitchell Horowitz and Abbe Levine
David and Arabella Horwitz
Neil and Rachel Hyman
Jonathan Isaacs and Liz Krauss
Robert and Sheryl Isaacs
Esther Isralow

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Mark Wernick** who graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maryland, School of Medicine in Baltimore, where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, honorary medical society. Mark is the son of **Ina and Jerome Wernick**.

Mazal Tov to **Steve Susswein and Wendy Wyte** on the birth of their son, **Ian Lucas**, on Monday, August 4.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Beatrice Rosenberg** on the death of her husband, **Alexander Rosenberg**; to the family of **Leona Levine** on her death; and to **Michael Fishman** on the death of his wife, **Irene Fishman**.

Shabbat Morning Family and Youth Services at Congregation Beth El

Service Name	Applicable Ages	Room	Times	Leaders
Nitzanim	birth to kindergarten	BR	10:30-11:30 am 2nd,4th,5th Shabbat	Rachelle Solkowitz, Glenda Koby, Rodger Jacobson - Pres.
Gan Shabbat	kindergarten-2nd grade	Meeting Room	10:30-11:30 am 1st, 3rd Shabbat	Rachelle Solkowitz, Sarah Roark
Shitufim	3rd & 4th grades	Room 209	11:00 am-Noon 1st, 3rd Shabbat	Anita Lieb, Nora Levy
Jr. Congregation	5th grade and up	APR	10:00-11:15 am Every Shabbat	Cheryl Kreiser

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

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, September 6, in the Board Room 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, MLevitt@Nelliscorp.com, for more information.

Minyan Chaverim

Minyan Chaverim meets on the third Shabbat of each month and will meet next on Saturday, September 20, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon in the Board 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 301-767-1178 or debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com.



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(Penetrating Prayer)
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For more details,
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