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CONGREGATION BETH EL

From the Clergy

This is a time to look both backward and forward. The year now concluding was not an easy one. When have we had one like that lately? The news included the sniper, the continuing terror faced daily by our brothers and sisters in Israel, and the war in Iraq and the difficult days that have followed that. In our synagogue, we invested a great deal of time and effort reflecting on and responding to those difficult realities. On more positive notes, we also put the finishing touches on our construction plans and broke ground for the work that will follow. We introduced a streamlined governance structure and we inaugurated the presidency of Dr. Brent Berger, who follows in the footsteps of his mother, Bea, highlighting in a wonderful way the strong traditions and continuity of Beth El.

As we look ahead, we see a synagogue bursting with new members, new leaders, new ideas, new creativity, and a renewed focus on the individual member. The three of us feel fortunate to be part of all this excitement and look forward to helping produce its ample fruits.

Our families join with us in wishing you and all of us a year of peace and progress – in our hearts, our homes, our synagogue, and Eretz Yisrael. *L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu.* May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Rabbi Bill Rudolph Hazzan Abraham Lubin Rabbi Gregory Harris

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Shabbat and High Holiday Services

Friday, September 19	10:30 am Gan Shabbat – MR
6:30 pm Kol Haneshamah Service	11:00 am Shitufim – Rm. 209
6:30 pm Friday Evening Service	Sunday, October 5
Saturday, September 20	Kol Nidre
Nitzavim-Vayeilekh: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30	6:30 pm Services at Beth El & Whitman
7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services	Monday, October 6
9:15 am Jason Weingardt Bar Mitzvah	Yom Kippur
9:30 am Minyan Chaverim – APR	9:00 am Services at Beth El & Whitman
10:00 am Jr. Congregation – Chapel	10:00 am Torah Reading
10:30 am Gan Shabbat – MR	11:30 am Sermon/Yizkor/Musaf
11:00 am Shitufim – Rm. 209	3:00 pm High Holiday Seminar
Friday, September 26	4:45 pm Mincha
Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:00 pm Neilah
6:30 pm Service at Beth El only	7:15 pm Conclusion of Fast/Shofar
Saturday, September 27	Friday, October 10
1st Day Rosh Hashanah	Erev Sukkot
9:00 am Services at Beth El & Whitman	6:30 pm Friday Evening & Festival Service
6:30 pm Service at Beth El only	8:00 pm Family Shabbat Service – APR
Sunday, September 28	Saturday, October 11
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah	1st Day Sukkot
9:00 am Service at Beth El only	9:15 am Shabbat & Festival Service
Friday, October 3	10:00 am Jr. Congregation – APR
6:30 pm Friday Evening Service	10:00 am Learners' Minyan – MR
Saturday, October 4	10:30 am Nitzanim – BR
Ha'azinu: Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52	6:30 pm Festival Service – APR
7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services	Sunday, October 12
9:50 am Worship & Study Minyan – BR	2nd Day Sukkot
10:00 am Jr. Congregation – APR	9:15 am Festival Service

Sisterhood News

Remember to Join Sisterhood

It is not too late to become a member of Sisterhood. If you didn't send in your membership form with your High Holiday registration packet, just send a check now for \$36 (made out to Beth El Sisterhood) to the office. Please include a purple membership form if you have one, but it is not required.

A one-year free membership is available to women who joined the congregation after March 1, 2003. Send a note or purple membership form indicating you wish to have the free membership. For more information contact Adeen Postar at 301-564-4516, postar1@aol.com, or Gale Dutcher at 301-984-0025, gad695@aol.com.

All Sisterhood members should see the Membership Dinner flyer in this edition of the *Scroll* and be sure to join us on October 30.

Sisterhood Invitation and Stationery Sales

To order invitations and stationery, please call Sisterhood's volunteer rep. Marilyn Hammerman at 301-881-0011.

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Visit our re-decorated shop and see the new merchandise, including many beautiful things from Israel.

Our new fall hours are
Wednesday and Thursday:

9 a.m. - Noon

Sunday:

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Purchase all your High Holiday needs and support Beth El

Save the Date

Sunday, November 2
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Sisterhood Flu Shot Clinic

Watch the next *Scroll* for details

Men's Club News

This summer has been somewhat different from both previous summers and from what we had planned. While Sunday morning services and breakfasts have continued as planned, we also had monthly "Hearing Men's Voices" sessions on Thursday evening. These sessions (for men only) have allowed attendees to examine things they have been concerned with over time. These sessions are not intended as individual or group counseling, just time for men to get together and discuss challenges and opportunities.

The Men's Club got off to a rapid start this fall and here is the upcoming schedule:

Sept. 21 - Speaker to be announced

Sept. 28 - No program - Rosh Hashanah

Oct. 5 - board meeting (Erev Yom Kippur)

Oct. 12 - No program - Sukkot

Oct. 19 - No program - Simchat Torah

Oct. 26 - hosting a round of the annual "It's Academic" competition

Hearing Men's Voices

Sessions for this year started on September 11, and continue on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The exact meeting room will be announced a few days before the session due to the expected renovation of the facility.

Sunday Morning

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.

Beth El Senior Singles

The Beth El Senior Singles will open its new season on Thursday, September 18, with a talk by retired Hollywood cinematographer, Shelby Reyes, on "Anecdotes of the Movie Industry." Socializing from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. at which time the program will begin. For further information contact Roy Millenson 301-229-4237 or Evelyn Bitterbaum 301-530-3464.

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.

Message from the President

During the month of Elul, Jews traditionally begin an introspective evaluation of their past year as a preparation for the High Holidays. The Hebrew term "cheshbon hanefesh" is used to describe this "accounting for the soul." As we do our own personal accounting, I thought it would be interesting to perform an accounting of our communal action, a "cheshbon hakehilla," of the past year.

What follows is a partial list (in no particular order) of some of the activities and mitzvot in which Beth El's members have participated since last Rosh Hashanah, gathered from a review of the weekly Shabbat announcements, the Scroll, and our staff. I ask for your forgiveness if I have overlooked other important activities—there are just too many to list. I think what we do at Beth El is remarkable and demonstrates the vibrant and caring community that we have created. Kol hakavod to all of you!

THE MITZVAH LIST, 5763

The lift is installed in the sanctuary to allow disabled individuals to reach the bimah.

More than 150 individuals read from the Torah during the main Shabbat morning service; many others read at other minyanim, many for the first time.

More than 50 young men and women celebrate their B'nai Mitzvah.

More than 100 people volunteer at High Holiday services.

Hundreds of bags of food are collected for the Manna Food Center at the High Holiday food drive.

A lay-led High Holiday service is introduced.

Members purchase 53 lulavim and etrogim and 15 sukkah kits.

Hundreds of people dance, sing, and play music at the Simchat Torah celebration.

Sisterhood's Flu Shot Clinic provides the vaccine to more than 150 people, both members and non-members.

Eleven couples celebrate their aufrufs.

A record 25 people take part in "Sukkot In April," painting and repairing the home of an elderly low-

income individual.

Hundreds of families participate in "Shabbat Shalom at Home."

Families with young children enjoy the Musical Weekend with Peter and Ellen Allard.

Rabbi Neil Gillman helps introduce the new Etz Hayim Chumash at our Scholar-in-Residence weekend.

More than 50 families participate in Siddur cover decoration program for fourth graders.

Thirty students reach Confirmation; 24 travel to New York City.

More than 30 families prepare and serve meals to the homeless at the community based shelter in late December.

Seven volunteers lead P'sukei D'Zimra at the main Shabbat morning service.

More than twenty physicians share in the cost of an automated external defibrillator, to be installed this fall.

Adults offer volunteer tutoring and mentoring to children at Woodlin Elementary School.

Over 90 people create "Megillah Madness," which attracts more than 700 people to celebrate Purim; traditional and young children's draw several hundred more.

Eleven high school students participate in Panim el Panim and meet privately with Congressman Van Hollen.

More than 160 women participate in Sisterhood's Women's Seder.

Four teen athletes are named to the JCC Maccabi team.

Hundreds of people participate in Mitzvah Day.

Men's Club introduces Shabbat Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, Maariv, and Havdalah services.

Beth El adopts the Luvtin family, Israeli victims of terror.

Warm weather clothing, prescription drugs, and funds for a refrigerator/freezer and fence are sent to the Kostroma Jewish community.

Men's Club introduces "Hearing Men's Voices."

A relationship is created with the Jewish community of Bahia Blanca, Argentina, to help provide basic needs.

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Hundreds learn at Saul Bendit Adult Education classes.

The sanctuary is filled to capacity to enjoy "From Bimah to Broadway"; more than 50 volunteers assist with the concert.

Shalach Manot baskets are delivered to 100 residents of the Hebrew Home.

More than 60 dozen roses from Israel are delivered for Mother's Day.

Sisterhood introduces "Keshet Nashim," a support group for women newly diagnosed with cancer.

Ten baby girls receive their Hebrew names on our bimah.

As we enter 5764, I hope we are all able to add to the list of both our collective and personal mitzvah ledgers. The Beth El leadership remains committed to this fundamental goal.

On behalf of the Officers and Board, I wish all of you and your families L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu!

B'shalom,
Brent

Set the Table with Torah

September 20, 2003: Nitzavim-Vayeilekh

In this double portion Moses continues his third and final address to the assembled Jewish community. He warns against succumbing to the temptation toward idolatry, that God's covenant is with them and their descendants, that God will be with them and that they will be blessed by following the commandments. It is in this portion, coming at the end of Elul, the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah, that Moses announces that he can no longer lead at age 120 and that Joshua will succeed him. The priests are told to read publicly "HaTorah," this Teaching. Moses also tells the leaders that they are going to be defiant, not follow the commandments and misfortune will be the result.

"Surely, this Instruction which I enjoin upon you this day is not too baffling for you, nor is it beyond reach." (Devarim 30:11) This verse tells us that Moses regards the teachings of Torah as exceedingly straightforward, leaving little to the imagination. He goes on to say, "It is not in the heavens...it is not beyond the sea...No the thing is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to observe it." (Devarim 30:12-14) What insights into human nature is Moses expressing? What is the nature of excuse-making? Given this text, how would Moses have responded to people making excuses for their failings?

This portion makes one of the ultimate statements on free will, our responsibility for choosing among options, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day: I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life" (Devarim 30-19).

Several decades ago, this phrase was seized upon by the anti-nuclear movement as underwriting their position, recognizing the potential atomic bombs held for ending life on earth as we know it. Is our society confronted by similar decisions today? What are those issues? Are our behaviors "blessing or curse?" Moses addressed the community and later addressed the leaders, separately. On the potentially catastrophic decisions facing our society, are we and are our leaders "choosing life?"

September 27, 2003: Rosh Hashanah

On Rosh Hashanah our Torah portion is The Akedah, The Binding of Isaac. One observation, courtesy of Etz Hayim, is that in this portion is the first appearance of the word Ahav, love, in describing Isaac as "your favored (son)...whom you love." Much later in the Torah we are told to "Love your neighbor" and to "Love God." What does it mean to love? What is the experience of feeling or expressing love in these very different directions, toward God, family and neighbor?

I have long appreciated the story of The Binding of Isaac as a commentary and rejection of the ancient world's practice of child sacrifice, a bold statement in its time. The interpretation of this story is that the God of Abraham, our God, does not want this practice to be a part of this revolutionary new faith. What aspects of Judaism do you regard as counter to mainstream cultural values and traditions? Consider relations between people and nations, business practices, materialism or our relationship with the environment, for starters. As we re-evaluate our behaviors of the past year, *cheshbon hanefesh*, and look to the year ahead, what Jewish values will you reaffirm as an act of rebellion against conventional values that are in conflict with our Jewish teachings?

October 4, 2003: Ha'azinu

"Give ear, O heavens, let me speak; Let the earth hear the words I utter! May my discourse come down as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, Like showers on young growth, Like droplets on the grass. For the name of *Adonai* I proclaim...." (Devarim 32:1-3)

Two *shirim* (poems or songs - Hebrew has only one word for the two) of Moses appear in the Torah. The first, the Song of the Sea, comes at the beginning of the Israelites desert wanderings, the second, Haazinu, literally "Give ear," comes at the end, just before they are to conquer the Promised Land.

These poems make me think of European Jewry emerging from the devastation of Nazi Europe, the exodus to Palestine and Israel's Declaration of Independence. With such principles in Ha'azinu as "All (God's) ways are just" (32:4), a description of the Israelite people as "an (eagle's) nestlings" (32:11) and the statement "Nations, acclaim God's people"

(32:43), I imagine the Israelites about to confidently emerge as a nation ready to make a positive contribution to tumultuous world, much like to potential the modern State of Israel held out and continues to offer.

Moses speech closes with, "Take to heart all the words with which I have warned you this day. Enjoin them upon your children, that they may observe faithfully all the terms of this Teaching. For this is not a trifling thing for you: It is your very life; through it you shall long endure on the land that you are to possess upon crossing the Jordan." (Devarim 45-47)

An aspect of Israel's national dialogue is the debate between living up to standards that would be expected of any nation in the world or the higher standards that would be expected of "God's people." What is your position on this question of national identity? The idea of "you shall long endure" could imply making sacrifices for the short term in order to benefit over the long term. How would this condition inform debate on relations with the Palestinian leadership or response to Hamas and Islamic Jihad? It occurs to Moses that his words of warning and instruction would be regarded as "trifling." Why would he have that concern?

Senior Caucus Tips Correction

The phone number for stopping the telemarketing phone calls as listed under Senior Caucus Tips in the *Scroll* dated August 29, 2003 is incorrect. The correct phone number is 1-888-382-1222.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL Sisterhood Membership Dinner

**Thursday, October 30
6:45 p.m.**

**Dinner is free for
members of Sisterhood**
Guests may attend for \$18 per person
(Beth El women must be Sisterhood
members to attend)

**No payment accepted at the door
No phone reservations**

**Please RSVP by
Thursday, October 23**

Please respond early to
avoid disappointment

There is still time to join Sisterhood!

Call Gale Dutcher 301- 984-0025
gad695@aol.com
or Adeen Postar 301- 564-4516
postar1@aol.com

Sisterhood Membership Dinner Reservation Form

Name of Member _____

Phone _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Number of Members (free) _____

Number of Guests (\$18 per person) _____

Amount of check, if included for guests

(payable to Beth El Sisterhood) \$ _____

Mail to arrive before Oct. 23, 2003 to:

Gale Dutcher
11708 Farmland Drive
Rockville, MD 20852

The form may also be left at the synagogue
office before Oct. 23

No Reserved Seating

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

Shalom from the Youth Department

We started off the year in grand style with our X-TREME kick-off activity at the Leland Community Center on September 14. The Jurassic Adventure was a big hit, as were the carnival games and the casino tables. Now that this has become a Beth El tradition, you can mark your calendars for next year already! Our youth staff-people were thrilled to have met all of you who were there and can't wait to meet even more kids as the year progresses!

Our opening USY activity was to Dave & Buster's and was enjoyed by all.

Our first Shabbat dinner is on September 19 at the home of one of our co-presidents, Ben Friedmann and was also a great success. Thanks to Deborah and Peter for your always gracious hospitality.

Gabi will be taking our Kadima kids to Shadowland Laser-tag on Sunday, September 21 and then dinner afterwards. Then we have a break till the end of October. The one "marathon" date in October for all of the youth groups is the weekend of October 25/26, after all the holidays are over. The only activity planned for during the holidays will be a USY Sukkot Shabbat dinner on October 17; more info to follow about that.

An exciting event to keep alert about will be taking place the weekend of December 12 - 14, when we will be hosting the Jewish musical group known as "Yom Hadash." USY will be hosting an exciting community-wide coffee house that Saturday night featuring this group; I also strongly urge our Bonim-age population and their families to join us here at the synagogue that Sunday morning for a younger-people's concert. Sarah Roark and I will be coordinating the plans for what is sure to be a most enjoyable weekend.

That's all for now...much more in the next *Scroll* (isn't it a great new look, by the way?) about our Fall calendar and special events. In the meantime, again let me wish you all a happy and stress-free new year!

L'hit-ra'ot, Sheldon

JCC Maccabi Games

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington sent a delegation of 93 Jewish athletes to participate in the 2003 JCC Maccabi Games from August 10-15 in St. Louis, MO. The Games are an annual week-long, international, multi-sport, athletic and cultural event that has united Jewish teens since 1982.

Our athletes joined more than 1,300 Jewish athletes from across the United States and Canada, as well as Australia, Great Britain, Israel, Mexico, Poland, and Venezuela. The following is a list of participating athletes from Beth El: **Meredith Dicker**, Girls Soccer; **Lauren Fluger**, Girls Swimming; **Mike Freishtat**, Boys Baseball; **Leah Taub**, Girls Tennis. Congratulations to our participants. We look forward to hearing their stories.

Beth El Sisterhood Cookbook

Dor Va'Dor

Generation to Generation

Favorite Recipes from the Beth El Community

The Beth El Sisterhood Cookbook will be available around the High Holidays! The book contains nearly 600 recipes, including foods that Jews have made for generations, as well as dishes not usually thought of as being traditionally Jewish. Previous Sisterhood Cookbooks have become family treasures, so buy several now while supplies last.

Books will be on sale for \$18 on Sunday mornings in the rotunda, in the office during business hours, in the Judaica Shop, and at selected evening programs and meetings. For an additional \$3 we will mail a book to any address you choose. For mail orders please send in the form below.

**For information contact: Tutti Sokol (301-229-5263, tuttisokol@comcast.net)
or Barbara Klein (301-951-8835, brklein2@comcast.net)**

**Remember—the cookbook will be on sale for \$18 at Beth El.
Only use the form below if you want the book(s) mailed to you.**

Please send me _____ copies of the Sisterhood Cookbook at a cost of \$21 per book (\$18 plus \$3 postage).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail form to:

Beth El Sisterhood Cookbook

8215 Old Georgetown Rd.

Bethesda, MD 20814

Total amount enclosed _____ (check payable to Beth El Sisterhood)

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.

September 21 – September 25

Miriam Israel
 Gregg Ivers and Janet Krell
 Amy Jackson
 Bernard and Rita Jacobi
 David and Ilene Jacobowitz
 Gary Jacobs and Harriet Kerwin
 Rodger and Mindi Jacobson
 Newton and Lois Jassic
 Mervyn and Marcia Jeffries
 Jon and Susan Jerison
 Steffie Johnson
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 Stanley and Gail Jutkowitz
 David and Louise Kahaner
 Fred and Rita Kahn
 Henry Kahn and Laura Primakoff
 Marvin and Elaine Kahn
 Gail Kailo
 Stephen and Alice Kalish
 Robert and Marcia Kalman

September 28 – October 2

Sarah Kalser
 Robert and Carole Kaminsky
 David and Donna Kanin
 Helen Kanovsky
 Ethan and Sue D. Kanter
 Steve and Aileen Kantor
 William and Sue Ann Kanter
 Dan Kaplan and Kay Richman
 Donald Kaplan and Evelyn Karson
 Lawrence and Ann Kaplan
 Seth and Sharon Kaplan
 Laura Karadbil
 Sylvan and Yocheved Karlin
 Mark and Sarah Kass
 Michael Katz and Sharon Fine
 Sumner Katz and Martha Witebsky
 Jay and Bernice Kaufman
 Steven and Wendy Kaufman
 Frederic and Maria Kaye

October 5 – October 9

Jonathan and Eileen Kay
 Michael and Nancy Kay
 Ruth Kay
 Sanford and Diane Kay
 Jerrold Keilson and Ellen Silver
 Edward and Miriam Kelty
 Ruth Ann Kelty
 Kenneth and Carol Kempner
 Bruce and Amy Kershner
 Joseph and Leslie Kessler
 Lillian Kessler
 Konstantin Khludenev and Larissa Lapteva
 Bert and Susan King
 Laurence and Celia Kirsch
 Murray and Iris Kivitz
 David and Laura Klaus
 Libby Klavan
 Katie Klein
 Mariette Klein
 Michael and Francine Klein

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.

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KOL HANESHAMA
(Carlebach and more)
KABBALAT SHABBAT
SERVICE

September 19
6:30 p.m.

Join us for a lively,
song-filled service
as we welcome
the Shabbat with
soulful melodies.

Musical instruments used for
Kabbalat Shabbat.

Questions: sidgetz@aol.com

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, October 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Contact Rabbi Harris if you have questions about the Learners' Minyan.

Family-Friendly Friday Night Service October 10, 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
October birthday.

Services will be followed by a desert oneg.
This is one in a series of services which
will occur on

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

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, October 4, 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.

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

Attention Day School Families

Please join us on
Sunday, October 12, 2003
9:15 a.m.
16 Tishrei 5764
The Second Day of Sukkot

Students from area day schools will lead services in the Main Sanctuary

Many older students will be assigned individual parts.
Younger students will lead prayers in grade level groups.

To ensure that the service will run smoothly, there will be a combined rehearsal and bagel brunch at

Beth El on Sunday, October 5, 2003
from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

We are suggesting that each day school family make a contribution of \$36 to cover the cost of a special kiddush following the service.

Questions? Contact Sid Getz:
sidgetz@aol.com or 301-530-2215

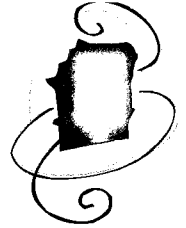
Please return this form and your check to the synagogue office by mail or fax (301-907-8559) to indicate your interest in participating in the Day School service at Beth El.

Student: _____ Grade: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

WE *will / will not* also be at the rehearsal on Sunday, October 5, 2003 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
_____ contribution enclosed.



Please join us for
Roundtable
with the
Rabbi



Wednesday, October 1, 2003

2 p.m.

Board Room

Come help us celebrate the October birthdays. We will have dessert and coffee with a roundtable discussion led by Rabbi Rudolph.

If you have questions, need transportation, or plan to attend, please call Rabbi Rudolph at 301-652-8573 ext 318.

Vatikkim Luncheon

At this paid-up membership luncheon, our special guest will be **Dr. Barry S. Lever**, Special Projects Consultant at the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore. He has chosen as his topic: "Baltimore Ship: Exodus 1947 and the Birth of Israel." You are probably familiar with the book and the movie of the ill-fated immigrant ship and its 4,550 holocaust survivors. Dr. Lever will tell us the exciting story behind the story. Don't miss it.

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 16, 2003

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Vatikkim luncheon.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have your response reach us by Tuesday, October 14, 2003. No reservations will be accepted after this date.