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Question and Answer?

"A Jew," so goes the joke, "answers a question with another question." It is generally expected that when one asks a question an answer should follow. We live in a world and in a time when there is an abundance of questions and queries with very few responses. Chaim Nachman Bialik, the great 20th Century Hebrew poet, wrote a most powerful poem, *In the City of Massacre*, about the pogroms in Kishinev (Bessarabia). In the midst of this poem he declares the word, Lamah – Why? He leaves this word dangling without attempting to answer it at all, as if the very question speaks volumes, and it does. The answer is less important but the question is powerful and substantive in and of itself.

In the shtetls of Eastern Europe when a student would come home from a day in the Cheder (school room, or the Yeshivah), the father would not ask his child what he studied in school that day but rather: "Shloimele, did you ask good questions of your teacher today?"

The reason for the relevance of Judaism to this day is the fact that throughout history it has always invited, encouraged, and commended the never-ending stream of inquiry about the meaning of every law, every commandment, every precept, every custom, and every ritual. We are a people who are intoxicated with the habit of asking "Why?" and "Why not?" This leads to creative, innovative, and daring ways of dealing with the tough issues of our lives and the world we live in.

May we never cease from asking the questions and may we be blessed with the wisdom to ask the right questions and thus earn the ultimate reward of a world in peace.

Shabbat Services

Friday, March 5

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service-BR

Saturday, March 6

T'zavveh: Exodus 27:20-30:10

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:50 am Worship & Study Minyan-MR

10:00 am Jr. Congregation-BR

10:30 am Nitzanim/Gan Shabbat Purim
Shabbat Service-APR

11:00 am Shitufim-Rm. 209

7:30 pm Megillah Madness-Sanct.

8:30 pm Traditional Megillah Reading

Friday, March 12

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

8:00 pm Family Shabbat Service-APR

Saturday, March 13

Ki Tissa: Exodus 30:11-34:35

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Adult B'nai Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation-BR

10:00 am Learners' Minyan-MR

10:30 am Nitzanim-APR

5:30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit,
Maariv, Havdalah - APR

Friday, March 19

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

Saturday, March 20

Vayakhel-Pekudei: Exodus 35:1-40:38

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Benjamin Kurland Bar Mitzvah

9:15 am Carl Slater Bar Mitzvah

9:30 am Minyan Chaverim - APR

10:00 am Jr. Congregation-BR

10:30 am Gan Shabbat - MR

11:00 am Shitufim - Rm. 209

Friday, March 26

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

Saturday, March 27

Vayikra: Leviticus 1:1-5:26

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Joseph Mitz Bar Mitzvah

9:15 am Rachel Yanovski Bat Mitzvah

10:00 am Jr. Congregation-BR

10:30 am Nitzanim - APR

11:00 am USY Shabbat - Rm. 209

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Cookbook is Still Available

The popular Sisterhood Cookbook, **Dor Va'Dor**, is now in a second printing. The book contains 600 recipes from the Beth El community, including 40 dishes for Passover. **Pick up your copies soon so you can prepare delicious and unusual items to share with guests at the Taste of Beth El on March 27 and add something new to your Pesach table, beginning on April 5.** Cookbooks make great hostess gifts too! Books are available for \$18 in the Beth El office and Judaica Shop or for \$21 by mail. For information, pick up a flier in the Gallery or call Tutti Sokol 301-229-5263 or Barbara Klein 301-951-8835.

Thank you

Sisterhood extends a warm thank you to **Esther Geiger** for her wonderful yoga program on January 25. Thank you also to **Brenda Bregman, Ellen Eule, Phyllis Solomon, and Laurie Webber** for their preparations for this program. We look forward to seeing many of you on April 25 when **Faye Mendelsohn** will talk about personal make-overs.

SAVE THE DATE SISTERHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Put on a Happy Face

Personal Makeovers and Beauty Tips

Faye Mendelsohn Make Up Artist;

Faye Mendelsohn and Associates

Sunday, April 25, 2004

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Again this year,
Sisterhood will sell

Israeli Roses for Mother's Day

Watch the next *Scroll*
for ordering information

Have questions?
Call Pat Danoff at
301-365-1180



Men's Club News

Sunday, March 7 - Services at 9:00 a.m., Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. but no program - preparations for Purim Carnival hosted by Men's Club.

Thursday, March 11 at 8:15 p.m. - Hearing Men's Voices - Continuing monthly discussion group for men with specific topics facilitated by different members of the Congregation. All men are welcome whether they have attended previously or not.

Saturday, March 13 - 5:30 p.m. - Monthly Shabbat Evening Services - Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, Maariv, and Havdalah - all members of the congregation are welcome. Followed by Wine Tasting (see ad below).

Sunday, March 14 - Program to be announced.

Sunday, March 21 - Avi West, Executive Director, Board of Jewish Education, will speak at 10:00 a.m.

Understanding Ma'ariv

Understanding Ma'ariv: Hazzan Lubin will conduct a workshop to help you learn how to lead the weekday evening Ma'ariv service. Come to our orientation meeting on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. Hazzan Lubin will present his conception of the workshop, and participants will agree upon a mutually convenient schedule. Following this orientation meeting, we will attend the 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv service.

Wine Wine Wine

*** GOURMET ***

Israeli kosher wines for Passover & all Beth El events

(only certified Kosher wines are permitted at Beth El)

Learn, Taste & Order from

Expert Lecturer (& Beth El member)

Bob Luskin of Bell Liquor & Wine Shoppe

following Havdalah service

March 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

at Congregation Beth El

8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

\$18/person, includes lecture,
wine tasting w/cheese & fruit

Mail to Beth El, c/o Men's Club:

Register me/us for the wine tasting

Enclosed is a check for \$18 per person

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Zei  gezunt!

Message from the President

As you can see when you come to Beth El, we are making remarkable progress on our construction project (If you are spending time in Florida or elsewhere, check out the latest pictures on our [website](http://www.bethelmc.org), www.bethelmc.org). Concrete has been poured and steel beams are now rising above the ground.

Although the building changes are in their early stage, our Capital Campaign is entering its final phase, the first step of which is to raise an additional \$1 million before the construction is completed in the fall of 2005 and then another \$1 million by January 2008. **Bert King** will be continuing to lead the effort, and our Executive Vice President, **Gail Ross**, will be lending her considerable talents to Bert and his committee.

We will be attempting to reach many of you who have recently joined Beth El and may not have been solicited. In addition, many of you, newer and not-so-new members, have told me how much our Beth El community means to you and to your families. Some have asked about making a tangible gift to the congregation as an expression of your commitment. Now is the time.

I am pleased to report that your Board of Directors is fully committed to this effort and has agreed to take a leadership role in meeting the goals of the campaign.

There is a palpable sense of optimism and cohesiveness at Beth El, and the skepticism that this project would ever take place vanishes further with each day of progress. Each of us has a stake in the successful completion of the project, which will enhance all that we do. If your circumstances permit, please consider making or increasing your pledge. Many dedication opportunities still exist, for individuals as well as for groups, such as havurot or minyanim. Please do what you can to further strengthen our Jewish community by helping us complete the first-rate, safe and secure facility that will enhance our ability to daven, to study, to celebrate simchas, to socialize, and to nosh together.

Please contact the synagogue office, Bert King, or any member of the Board if you wish to help us reach our goals.

B'shalom, Brent

Capital Campaign Update

Thursday, February 6, 2004 was a very special day for Congregation Beth El. On that day, President Brent Berger signed the documents that gave Beth El \$7,332,000 of funds (and a mortgage to United Bank) to help pay for our construction.

The process started in April 2003 when a number of banks were solicited for financing proposals. Our team of Joel Simon, Walter Arnheim, Don Silverstein, and Sheila Bellack deserve special thanks and appreciation of everyone for their work on our project. They put in countless hours to provide the necessary services for this transaction.

The contribution by our members highlights what I think is an important aspect of our community here at Beth El. It is that we volunteer, participate, join, and work together as a Jewish community. We would not have the Capital Campaign or the construction project we are now undertaking without the voluntary efforts of many, many members. If we were to put a price tag on the hours donated, it would run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. But it is not solely about saving money. It is about the satisfaction of walking through a building that you, in some small way, helped build. It is about setting an example for our children. And it is about being Jewish, engaging the world, not withdrawing from it.

We will soon be asking for contributions from new members who have joined since our last fundraising effort. We will also be asking existing contributors to increase their donations. As you watch the construction, take note of the new concrete, steel, brick, etc. These items might not have your name written on them, but they really are yours and ours and everyone's. Congratulations to you on what we have all accomplished and keep up the good work.

Bert King

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to to **Bart Widom** and **Debby Reiser** on the birth of their grandson, **Michael Tyler Widom**, on January 30, 2004. The parents are **Ken Widom** and **Teri Watson**.

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Splinters from the Board

by Tami Simon

D'var Torah. Hazzan Lubin delivered the D'var Torah regarding Nahshon ben Aminadav, a little known leader in Jewish history who was the chieftain of the tribe of Judah and selected by Moses to take the census of the Jewish people. He was the first to present his offerings at the dedication of the tabernacle and also the first to proceed in the desert marches with Moses. Finally, according to a well-known Midrash (legend), Nahshon ben Aminadav was the only one among the Israelites to enter the waves of the Red Sea, obeying Moses while taking a leap of spiritual and physical faith. Due to this courage, other Israelites followed. We should all learn from this exemplary individual, to lead with courage and with faith, as we engage in the sacred act of building our physical structure and spiritual home.

Audit Presentation. Jeff Sabot, of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C., presented the shul audit report for the year ending May 31, 2003, which reflected a modest surplus. The Budget Committee had previously endorsed the audit for Board approval. Resolutions to resolve minor issues were adopted for implementation.

Community Building Center Report. Phyllis Solomon reported that the Beth El Salute to Israel was a wonderful success. In addition, homebound congregants are being visited by committee members as an outreach program. Mark Levitt is working on a Beth El cultural identity statement and Barbara Cohen is working with several groups as Inreach Chair. The new Havurah Committee is taking off and new groups will be forming soon. The Taste of Beth El will be on March 27, 2004.

Education and Lifelong Learning Center Report. Leesa Fields reported that the review of the religious school structure is progressing. The committee is receiving input from a broad range of individuals. The time frame to report to the Board is this spring and the implementation date of any changes will be fall 2005. In other news, David Margulies will be heading a review of the shul's adult Hebrew language education programs.

Prayer and Spirituality Center Report. Rachelle Solkowitz reported that an eruv was erected and includes the Holiday Inn in downtown Bethesda. The Chevra Kadisha will be expanded to help in the bereavement process of congregants. Rabbi Rudolph will be holding meetings regarding the use of musical instruments in the Friday evening service. For those of you interested in this topic, please attend and give your feedback and thoughts. Finally, the Worship Committee is meeting regularly to discuss enhancing the worship experience at Beth El.

Treasurer's Report. Walter Arnheim passed out the Beth El Financial Summary through December 31, 2003. In sum, the shul's financial situation to date is on track. Membership is growing at a good rate and we currently have 916 units. School enrollment is still a little low. As of the end of January, we had 12 new member units due to the recently enacted membership discount.

Capital Campaign Presentation and Discussion. Walter Arnheim thanked Don Silverstein, Bert King, and Joel Simon for their hard work and dedication to the shul and this capital campaign effort. Walter reviewed a financial plan from the present to 2007-8. The Board reviewed the project costs, funding resources, cash resources, income and expenses summary, and other relevant topics.

Following thorough review and discussion, the Board (and previously the Executive Committee and Budget Committee) unanimously agreed to proceed with construction and to commence the final stage of the capital campaign as planned, the first step of which is to raise an additional \$1 million prior to the end of construction in late summer 2005 and an additional \$1 million by January 2008. Bert King and Gail Ross will be leading this effort in conjunction with our clergy and other lay leaders.

Bank Loan Resolutions. The Board adopted a series of resolutions presented by Joel Simon that enable us to lower the closing costs by approximately \$75,000 by creating a limited liability company.

Proposal from Governance Committee. Sid Getz discussed a proposal to grant the Religious School a seat on the Beth El Board of Directors. The Governance Committee created a set of criteria to determine whether a Beth El interest group, committee, or auxiliary should be considered for a seat on the Beth El Board. This proposal was discussed at length and Board members concluded that the Religious School has a unique role and is a vital part of the Beth El community and thus merits a seat on the Board of Directors.

From Washington to Paris to Jerusalem

There will be a public meeting to share details of our exciting upcoming synagogue mission to France and to Israel on Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Rabbi Bill Rudolph and Beryl Meyer of the Federation's Missions Department will be on hand to discuss the itinerary in detail and to answer any questions about flights, accommodations, programming, and finances. See the full page flyer in this issue of the *Scroll* for basic details, and please join us on March 15 to see what a wonderful opportunity this mission represents.

Purim



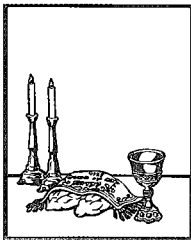
Carnival

**Sunday, March 7
from noon till 3 p.m.**

**Be at Beth El for good food,
fun games and
Haman's Haunted House**

**On Carnival day (2 @ \$1.00) Two Tickets for One Dollar
Advance ticket sales will take place at the Megillah Reading,
night of March 6.**

Advance ticket price will be (3 @ \$1.00) Three Tickets for One Dollar.



Family-Friendly Friday Night Service

March 12, 2004

Social Hall

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 March birthday.

Services will be followed by a desert oneg.

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

May 14, June 11.

Set the Table with Torah

by Rabbi Bill Rudolph

March 6: T'tzavveh

Parshat Tetzaveh continues the discussion of the plans for the *mishkan*, the portable tabernacle for worship in the wilderness - the equipment it requires as well as the clothes and functions of the priests who will officiate in it. Our cycle this year begins with the rituals for the future installation of the priests. The priests in ancient Israel served many different roles: religious functionaries, teachers, spiritual doctors, and judges. In what ways is the priesthood similar to/different from our modern rabbinate?

The portion doesn't contain the name of Moses, which is particularly interesting since the entire parashah is addressed directly to him. Can you think of any reasons why the name of Moses would not be mentioned? Does this relate to his absence from the Haggadah as well?

March 13: Ki Tissa

This portion is famous, or infamous, because in its heart is the story of the making of the Golden Calf. Our cycle focuses on the events afterwards, the making of a new set of tablets and the reassurance to Moses that God would be with him. We note that Moses's actions seem contradictory in this story: on one hand, he faithfully defends the people when God threatens to destroy them all while he also smashes the tablets and causes the death of 3,000 Israelites in retaliation for their sins. How do you explain this contradictory behavior?

Later in chapter 33, Moses dares to request to see God. God says "no person can see Me and live" but does offer to reveal part of Himself/Herself to Moses. The Torah uses metaphoric language here: while Moses cannot see God's face, he is allowed to see God's "back." What do you think that means? Why does God agree to do this at this particular time? In what ways can we see God?

March 20: Vayakhel-Pekudei

This double portion describes the actual building of the tabernacle, the plans for which were given earlier. According to the midrash, the commandment to go ahead and do the construction was given only after the Israelites had worshipped the Golden Calf. The rabbis say that the tabernacle was given in deference to human frailty - God recognized that people could not worship God without a concrete symbol of God's existence (witness the making of the calf earlier). Do you think that physical symbols make it easier to worship or believe in God? Does Judaism have enough of them?

We note that Moses blesses Israel after they complete the construction (end chapter 39). Similarly, when we eat a meal, we recite a short blessing before

we eat but recite the full *birkat hamazon* only when we have completed the meal. What logic is there in waiting until a job is completed before acknowledging God's role in it? Does the same reasoning apply to both the *birkat hamazon* and Moses' decision in our parashah?

Awaken Your Mind and Body to Spring

With the Saul Bendit Adult Institute
Spring Kick-off

Dr. Amatzia Baram



Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and frequent commentator on Iraq for MSNBC and PBS will speak on UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT DYNAMICS: IRAQ, the UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL And ISRAELI DANCING with Rocky Korr

The Saul Bendit Adult Institute invites you to a free evening of learning for mind and body to kick off the Spring 2004 semester.

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Take this opportunity to sign up for the Spring Semester that begins on Wednesday April 14, 2004 and Tuesday, April 20, 2004 and enjoy an exceptional evening.

7:30-8:20 p.m. Lecture by Amatzia Baram

8:20-8:40 p.m. Light refreshments and evening minyan

8:40-9:30 p.m. Israeli dancing with Rocky Korr



Beth El Sisterhood Annual Women's Seder

Join us and Sing and Dance with Timbrels

**Sunday, March 21, 2004
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

*"And Miriam... took a timbrel in her hand and
all the women went out after her with
timbrels and with dances."*

Cost: \$ 20 Sisterhood Members
\$ 25 non-members

Please bring toiletries (any size) for the Community Based Shelter.

**You may contribute "Wheat Money" (cash or checks) to feed the
hungry in our community. Containers will be on your table.**

Note: Due to space limitations, only 175 reservations will be
accepted, so send in the form early to avoid disappointment.

Final reservations deadline is March 12.

NO PHONE RESERVATIONS OR PAYMENT AT THE DOOR

Beth El Sisterhood Seder Reservation

Names: _____

Phone Number _____

of Sisterhood members @ \$20 _____

of Non-members @ \$25 _____

Total Amount of Check \$ _____

(made out to **Beth El Sisterhood**)

**Send to: Karen Lipkind
6124 Tuckerman Lane
Rockville, MD 20852**

___ CHECK HERE IF YOU WISH A VEGETARIAN MEAL (and the number) ___

Pesach Yizkor Book Listing

Our Pesach Yizkor Book will be available on Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

Please complete and mail the form below without delay. Please **PRINT** or **TYPE** the form to avoid errors.

I/We are enclosing a contribution to Congregation Beth El of \$_____

Please check one:

____ I/We would like to use the same listing(s) from the 2003 Yom Yippur Yizkor Book.

____ I/We did not have a listing in the 2003 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book. Please include the names listed below in the Pesach Yizkor Book.

____ I/We had a listing in the 2003 Yom Kippur Yizkor Book and would like to have that listing plus the following names:

In Memory Of

Remembered By

Name _____

Phone _____

Please return this form by Monday, March 22, 2004.

Selling of the Chametz

During the week of Passover, it is forbidden, according to Jewish tradition, to eat chametz or even to own the chametz that has been put away in your home. Therefore, we annually observe the custom of **Mechirat Chametz**, selling the chametz to someone who is not bound by Jewish law. If you would like to have Rabbi Rudolph sell your chametz, please mail in the following form so that it is received by Monday, April 5, 2004 or drop it off in the Rabbi's office.

I, _____,

hereby authorize Rabbi Bill Rudolph to sell my chametz before Passover, April 5, 2004 according to Jewish law.

Signature _____

Address _____

____ I enclose a donation for "Maot Chittim," feeding the hungry. Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth El.

Congregation Seder

The Congregation Seder, conducted by Beth El's clergy, will be held on Tuesday evening, April 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

I/We would like to make the following reservations:

____ Adults @ \$30 \$_____

____ Nonmember Adults @ \$38 \$_____

____ Children 7-12 @ \$19 \$_____

____ Children 2-6 @ \$11 \$_____

____ Children under 2 no charge

____ Total \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

I/We would like to be seated with _____

____ Yes! I would like to be seated at a Senior Singles table.

____ Yes! I would like to be seated at a Vatikim table.

Price includes a contribution to Mazon.

Reservations must be accompanied by a check and sent to: Beth El, Attn: Seder. Reservations are limited and due by Friday, March 26, 2004 or the first 200 people, whichever comes first.

No Refunds or Phone Reservations!!

Siyyum for the Firstborn

The annual Siyyum for the Firstborn will be held on Monday, April 5 at 7:15 am. The Morning Minyan will include a brief study session, so that firstborn can eat on Erev Pesach, and a special breakfast honoring our firstborn will follow.

Our thanks to **Faye and Sy Wolf**, who are sponsoring the Siyyum in memory of **Barbara Wolf, Sarah and Abraham Krupsaw, Abraham and Dora Wolf, Dan Rosen, and Molly and Irving Weinstein.**

Pesach (Passover) Guidelines

The following Pesach guidelines have been made available through the Conservative Movement. It is an incomplete list but helpful nonetheless. Please feel free to call on Rabbi Rudolph with any individual questions and be sure to fill out the form to sell your chametz. As always, we will conduct the "Mechirat Chametz" on Monday, April 5, 2004 after the Siyyum. Have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and congregation.

Permissible or Not? Chametz or Kosher?

This year Pesach falls on Monday evening, April 5 through Tuesday, April 13. The following guidelines are designed to help you in your celebration. A Pesach home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in all its parts and by the removal of all **Chametz** or leaven in preparation for the welcoming of Pesach; also through the meticulous avoidance of the use of **Chametz** or leaven throughout the Pesach days, both at home and when away. The term Chametz or leaven is applied not only to foods, the use of which is to be avoided during Pesach, but also to the dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year and which may not be used during Pesach except as herein indicated.

Foods During Pesach

1. Forbidden for Use

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most processed food fall under this category. Note: Some communities permit the use of legumes and rice (Kitniyot).

2. Permitted Foods

A. Requiring No "Kosher L'Pesach" Label

The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: Natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, dates, dried fruits, nuts, eggs, meat, fish, honey, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted). They require no "Kosher L'Pesach" label. Such things as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, detergents and metal polishes also require no supervision.

B. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Pesach use are permitted also in their frozen state.

C. If Certified for Pesach Use by Rabbinical Authority

Matzot, matzo flour, Pesach noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent rabbinical authority as fit for Pesach use. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear a

rabbinical signature.

Dishes and Utensils

Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for Pesach should be used with the following exceptions:

Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Pesach if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.

Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Pesach if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.

Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Pesach.

Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Pesach.

The stove is prepared for Pesach by thorough scrubbing and cleaning of all parts and turning on full flame in the bake oven and all the grates.

A dishwashing machine may be used for Pesach after thorough scouring with boiling water and running it through a cycle while empty. Some authorities say you must use new trays.

Microwave ovens are made kosher for Pesach by a thorough scrubbing and placing a container of water in the oven and turning on the power until the oven is filled with thick steam.

Sinks should be scoured and boiling water should be poured over them. Some authorities call for a sink liner if the sink is made of porcelain or enamel.

Siddur Sim Shalom For Weekdays

The newest edition of the Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays is now in use in the daily morning and evening Minyan Services. Many innovative, useful, enlightening, and user-friendly features have been incorporated in this latest edition of the Prayerbook of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Included are all the weekday Torah readings with synopses of the weekly Parashah. There are also new liturgies for Yom Ha-shoah, Yom Ha-atzma'ut, and Yom Yerushalayim which were never before part of the formal Service. Many of the prayers contain sublinear annotations to help the worshipper understand better the content of the prayer. There are additional transliterations for the many prayers that are generally sung by the congregation.

We are very proud of our own **Hazzan Abraham Lubin** who served, together with several outstanding scholars, on the editorial committee.

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.

March 7 – March 11

Lawrence and Robin Tabak
 Harold Talisman and Marianne Freeman
 Jonathan and Alisa Talisman
 Steven Talkovsky and Lydia Liferiedge
 Robin Taub
 Robert and Ginger Teitel
 Steven Teitelbaum and Susan Kitt
 Lenny and Jennifer Tender
 Jerome and Sophie Teplitz
 Terry and Susan Teplitz
 William Theodore and Judith Fradkin
 Ellen Tillman
 Julian and Iris Tishkoff
 Joseph Titlebaum and Julie Mack
 Marla Chanin Tobar
 Irving and Melva Tofsky
 Jeffrey Trauberman and
 Patricia Ann Silver
 Ronald Treinish
 Howard and Rhea Troffkin
 Bruce and Susan Turnbull

March 14 – March 18

Daniel and Rachel Ullman
 Howard Ungar and
 Rachel Goldsmith
 Jack and Stephanie Ventura
 Alan and Ruth Vinitzky
 Alon and Rebecca Vogel
 Irene Vogel
 Abraham and Louise Wagman
 Michael Wald
 Gregory Walters
 Alan Wasserman and Penny Dash
 Bernard and Marta Wassertzug
 Robert Watson and Fran Katz Watson
 Laurie Webber
 Benjamin and Lillian Weinmann
 Brent Weingardt and Danielle Srouer
 Donald and Marcia Weinroth
 Dora Weinstein
 Edwin and Carolyn Weiner
 Frank and Harriet Weinstein

March 21 – March 25

Herbert and Judith Weintraub
 Jonathan and Sabrina Weinberg
 Mark and Joanne Weinberg
 Mervyn and Shirley Weiner
 Neil and Karen Weinstein
 Paul and Carolyn Weinberg
 Sophia Weinberger
 Steven Weinstein and
 Sandra Cushner
 Bernard and Janyse Weisz
 Irvin and Rita Weiss
 Joseph and Edith Weisz
 Stuart and Elizabeth Weisberg
 Gertrude Weker
 Jerome and Ina Wernick
 Rita Wexler
 Yuli and Martha Wexler
 Barton Widom and Deborah Reiser
 Mark and Janet Willen
 Elliot and Esther Wilner
 Lewis and Susan Winarsky

Open Shabbat March 6

The newly formed Worship Committee, chaired by Susan Levine, has been looking at both broad and specific ways to enhance the worship experience at Beth El. The Committee has been reviewing our vast array of services and minyanim, with the intent of cataloguing and better publicizing them. One of the specific, short-term projects is a plan to enhance the worship experience on the occasional Shabbat when there is not a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the Sanctuary. The next such Shabbat is March 6, which is also Erev Purim. On that Shabbat morning, the clergy will be leading a Teaching Service. The Rabbis and Hazzan will each present a D'var Tefillah or D'var Neginah, a teaching about a specific prayer or chant. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to explore the Shabbat liturgy with our clergy.

Shabbat Morning Family and Youth Services at Congregation Beth El

Service Name	Applicable Ages	Room	Times	Leaders
Nitzanim	birth to kindergarten	APR	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	BR	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