



Guide

Support The Daily Minyan!

Daily Minyan Schedule

Weekday Mornings 7:00 A.M.
 Sunday & Legal Holidays 9:00 A.M.
 Sunday - Thursday evenings 5:40 P.M.
 Legal Holiday - Memorial Day
 Monday, May 30th

May 2005
 Nisan - 5765

ניסן - אייר תשס"ה

Schedule of Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat

Fri., May 6 (TGIF)7:30 P.M.
 Fri., May 13 (FNL) 6:00 P.M.
 Fri., May 20, 276:00 P.M.
 Fri., June 3 (TGIF/FNL)7:30 P.M.

Shabbat Mornings

Shacharit9:30 A.M.
 Jr. Congregation.....10:30 A.M.
 Tot Shabbat11:00 A.M.

Saturday Evenings

May 78:05 P.M.
 May 148:10 P.M.
 May 218:20 P.M.
 May 288:25 P.M.
 June 48:30 P.M.

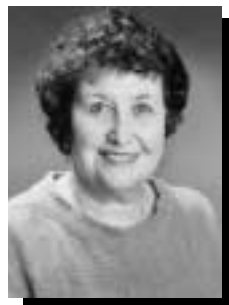
Erev Shabbat

Candle Lighting Times

Fri., May 67:46 P.M.
 Fri., May 137:53 P.M.
 Fri., May 207:59 P.M.
 Fri., May 278:05 P.M.
 Fri., June 38:10 P.M.

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*Friends, Congregants, and Colleagues
 Please join us as we honor Beth Israel's Preschool Director*



Gail Potashnick

*On her Retirement with a
 Champagne Luncheon*

Sunday June 5, 2005 - 12:30 p.m.

Beth Israel Congregation

*We welcome you to celebrate Gail's 32 years
 of dedicated service to Beth Israel*

Entertainment provided by

"The Not Ready For Prime Time" Preschool Teachers

Music and much more

\$36 per person

Please respond by May 31, 2005

Checks made payable to: Beth Israel Congregation

Send to: Beth Israel Congregation • Attention: Caron Glassman

3706 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117

For additional information please call Janis Bormel 410-654-0800 ext. 213.

Caron Glassman selected as Beth Israel's new Director of Preschool and Kindergarten!



Caron will assume the position this summer. Certainly not a new face, Caron has been on the Beth Israel Preschool staff since 1986. Over the years, Caron has touched the lives of so many of our young families. Caron's dynamic personality, commitment to early childhood education and love for Beth Israel assures her success. Mazel Tov Caron!

Divray Ha-Rav: The Rabbi's Words

Rabbi Jonathan Berger



Ha-mehadesh be-tuvo be-khol yom ma'aseh bereishit—The One who, in His goodness, renews creation day after day —The morning service

In the Jewish calendar, spring began on April 10th—the first day of the Hebrew month of Nisan. Spring is a special time of year; every day brings a new sign of change. One day we hear birds chirping, the next we notice a flower pushing up through the earth, another day we begin to put away our winter clothing, and so on. It truly feels like God is renewing His creation every day.

And for me and Laura, that is what having a baby is like! Day by day, our daughter Talya is doing new things, getting more comfortable with her body, recognizing more faces and voices, something new every day. And, while we can't see her grow, people who only see her from time to time tell us how different she is from one visit to the next. Changes don't always come so fast—but for newborns, and for spring, they do.

This year, in the month of May, the Jewish calendar exhibits the same rapid kind of change, but in a different way. We observe a series of holidays which follow one another in fast sequence. Each captures a different slice of the national life-cycle of the Jewish people.

First, on May 4-5, is Yom Ha-shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. We use the time to remember the 6,000,000 innocent Jewish victims of Nazi Germany; we are emotionally downcast, full of sadness. And yet, Yom Ha-shoah is not only a day of mourning, because its date commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. We also remember the fierce determination and courage of those who resisted the Nazis. In fact, in Israel, the holiday is known as Yom Ha-Shoah Ve-ha-gevurah, "Holocaust and Bravery Remembrance Day." Even with the bravery, though, it is still a sad day, focused on the loss of countless lives.

Then, on May 10-11, comes the second of the holidays: Yom Ha-zikaron, Israel's Memorial Day. Again, we honor those who lost their lives—but this time, their deaths were part of the State of Israel's successful struggle to survive and thrive. In America, observance of Yom Ha-zikaron is not widespread, but in Israel, when the memorial siren sounds, the entire country comes to a halt. The atmosphere is mournful, but full of a fierce resolve.

And finally, right on the heels of Yom Ha-zikaron comes Yom Ha-atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. The night of May 11th, through the next day, Israel celebrates the miracle of its own existence. There is dancing in the streets, public concerts, moving celebrations, and a general feeling of energetic joy. There is nothing like being in Israel for Yom Ha-atzmaut!

From the horrors of the Holocaust, to the losses suffered by Israel over the years, to the ultimate triumph of Israel's existence, the holidays of May take us through the creation and re-creation of our Jewish world, in rapid succession.

Don't observe these holidays at home! The community Yom Ha-shoah event will take place Wednesday night, May 4th, at 7-8:30 p.m., at Shriver Hall on the Johns Hopkins campus. There are two communal Yom Ha-atzmaut events. The first, mainly for families, will be at Beth El Congregation, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 11th. It will feature live performances, including the Beth Israel choir, and food. The second, featuring the President of the "Seeds of Peace" organization, will take place at 7 p.m. at Beth Tfiloh, on May 12th.

I hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers & Board Members

Monday, May 16th 7:30 P.M.

Executive Director's Desk

David I. Rothenberg, FSA, ATz



When I was very young (back in the 1960's) Israel seemed to us like a small, far away country; struggling, but full of hope and promise. We worried about her survival. We thrilled at her victories. We grew up singing folksongs that extolled the *chalutz* - the pioneer - love of the land, the brotherhood of working together, of a bright tomorrow. In those days, visiting Israel meant bringing hiking shoes and backpacks - to walk the land, to count the ramparts and towers, to help on a kibbutz - just like the songs we sang. Loving Israel was at the core of our identity - we shared a bond with the land, the people, the nation, and the state - *am echad im lev echad* - one people with one heart.



The Fuchsberg Center has residence halls that could be your "home" in Jerusalem.

In some ways, Israel today is a very different place from that image. First impression when you get off the plane - this is not some quaint little struggling-to-survive country anymore. From the airport, driving in to Tel Aviv and heading north - it has the feel of a Westernized, high tech, fast paced, capitalistic, lifestyle - the Trans-Israel Highway is jammed with cars, a commuter train runs in the median, and cell phones are everywhere. One has to work harder to find the Israel that you imagined or learned about in school. But it is still there.

I was fortunate to have been in Israel for the Executive Director's Conference this past February. My fourth trip. Israel has evolved and changed, true, but Israel is still a small, magical place. And it is still at the heart and soul of the Jewish people. Depending on who is counting, it is either the largest or second largest Jewish community in the world. Over 5 million Jews in an area about the size of New Jersey. A country that is far from struggling, but still cannot afford to be complacent. Our trip

revealed that Israeli life was still quite normal, and tourists are returning. Israelis we met - both Arab and Jewish - were hopeful that things might be getting better.

As American Jews, we still need to keep Israel foremost in our hearts and minds. If not for anything, but "*le-ma'an achai ve-re-ai*", as the Talmud says: for the sake of our brothers and friends. Israel still needs our love and friendship - and our visits. The challenge for us today is to love Israel as it is - and not turn our backs on it because it does not fit the Israel seen in travel posters or in our expectations. Regardless of our feelings about the politics - these are our people. We need them, and they need us.

For generations, our ancestors prayed for a return to Zion. They could never have imagined that those dreams would become reality. Today we can get on a plane for twelve hours and effortlessly visit the land that was the distant object of their prayers. It was but a dream, and today it is routine fact. Now made even easier by the newly expanded and dedicated Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism in the heart of Jerusalem, which will welcome any member of a USCJ Congregation - and where you can have inexpensive lodging.

Next month, Rabbi Goldstein will be leading another Beth Israel Congregation trip to Israel. Included in the group are many visiting Israel for the first time. To them we say *Yasher Kochachem* and *Nesiah Tovah*. May you be privileged to see Israel with your own eyes, Jerusalem rebuilt, a miracle in our lifetimes.



Sign of the times - unfortunately.

Hazak

So, What's New With Hazak?

All Congregants, 55 & Older Are Invited:

End of the year event — mark your calendar!

Israeli Dinner & Music in Celebration of Yom Yerushalayim

Monday, June 6th 6:00 P.M.

\$18.00 HAZAK Members

\$25.00 Guests

To make your reservation, send your check payable to Beth Israel Congregation, attn: Janis Bormel by May 31st.



Join us for a special
Shabbat Celebration
Friday, June 10, 2005
6:00 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services - Carlebach Style
Followed by Shabbat Dinner & Installation of Officers
and Board of Trustees

We will applaud the efforts of the current leadership under outgoing President Steven Silfen, and welcome the new officers and Board. You will want to be part of the next phase in the history of Beth Israel Congregation!

Cost For Dinner: \$25.00 Adults, \$13.00 Children (ages 3-12). To make a dinner reservation, please send a check to Beth Israel Congregation, Attn: Janis Bormel by June 3rd. Your check is your reservation.

Celebrating Shavuot At Beth Israel Congregation Sunday, June 12 - Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Sunday, June 12 Erev Shavuot

6:00 P.M. Ma'alot Graduation Dinner & Graduation Ceremony

7:30 P.M. Erev Shavuot Services - the entire
Congregation is invited

8:00 P.M. Tikun L'eil Shavuot - the entire
Congregation is invited

Back by popular demand!

The Shavuot "Bet Din"- Interactive Jewish Learning

Join us as we study text then use what we learn to help solve an ethical dilemma of modern Jewish life. Watch for more details!

Reception featuring
traditional Shavuot desserts.

Monday, June 13

9:15 A.M. Shavuot Morning Services with participation
by our Day School Chavurah

7:30 P.M. Maariv

Tuesday, June 14

9:15 A.M. Shavuot Morning Services
(Yizkor will be recited at approximately 11:00 A.M.)
A festive kiddush will follow.

5:40 P.M. Maariv

Ulpan has arrived! A first for Beth Israel!

*Always wanted to learn to speak Hebrew?
Planning a trip to Israel?*

*This is your opportunity for an intensive
study of spoken Hebrew!*

By popular demand, Beth Israel will offer a 6 week Ulpan on Tuesday evenings beginning May 10th. Class will be held from 7p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays - May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7 and on Thursday, June 16th (due to Shavuot). We are pleased to welcome Instructor, Leah Magali. She brings extensive experience and a wonderful personality to the classroom.

The cost will be \$100 per student for the 9 hours of instruction and all supplies/books. A minimum of 10 students is required. To register, contact Janis Bormel at 410-654-0800.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT OUR SANCTUARY

We are all justifiably proud of our facilities and the use we make of them. Because of logistics, and heavy usage of all of our spaces, we often hold school assemblies and other programs and meetings in the David Phillip Gresser Sanctuary. We are finding that the use of our Sanctuary for events other than worship services is contributing to a more casual attitude towards our Sanctuary and what it represents in the spiritual life of our synagogue. On Sunday morning in particular, parents come for school programs with coffee, and sometimes donuts, bagels, and other delicacies, and sit eating and drinking during their time there.

The potential result could be stains, damaged books and seats - and that lead to more maintenance expense and wear and tear in a room that was NOT DESIGNED FOR FOOD.

We want to remind everyone that it has been the policy of the Congregation that food and drink NOT be brought in to the Sanctuary at any time.

We want to maintain the feeling and ambiance of our Sanctuary as a “*makom kadosh*” - a place of elevated sanctity in our synagogue. As we get ready to start a new school and synagogue programming year, your assistance and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

B'nai Mitzvah

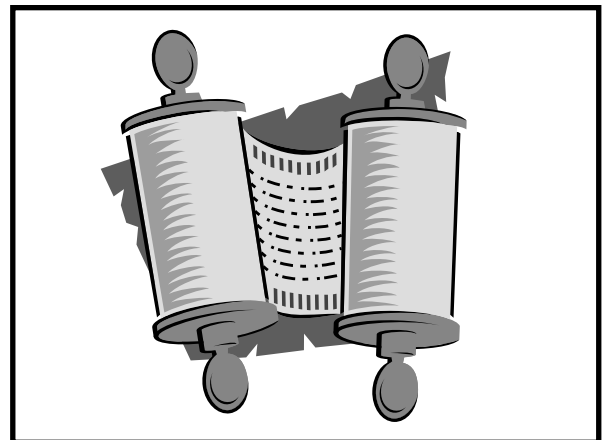
בני מצוה

May 2005

- 7 Alexis Jill Feldman, daughter of Bonnie and Andrew Feldman
- 7 Jenny Anne Rosen, daughter of Meryl and Steven Rosen
- 14 Brett Taylor Barker, son of Ellen and Gary Barker
- 14 Michael Phillip Leaf, son of Andrea and Steve Leaf
- 21 Chelsea Amber Smith, daughter of Susan and Fred Smith
- 28 Max Garret Kushner, son of Mary and Dr. Jonathan Kushner
- 28 Jennifer Eve Rottenberg, daughter of Amy and Jim Rottenberg

June 2005

- 4 Brooke Rose Myerberg, daughter of Tracey Myerberg and Marc Myerberg
- 4 Dana Catherine Snyder, daughter of Lisa and David Snyder



NEEDED

Torah Readers for the summer months of June, July and August. Please contact Joan Ross at 410-581-2024 or send an e-mail to Joanlr@comcast.net.

Sisterhood

**Norma Levin,
President**



On May 12, 2005 in conjunction with the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland, we will be honoring Tami Fine, who will receive the "WHO IS WISE" award. Congratulations to Tami for all of her hard work and dedication to Sisterhood.

Sandy Kirsh and Sheila Stern will be attending Seaboard Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism Conference on May 15th & 16th.

The 49th Annual Beth Israel Sisterhood Donor and Installation of Officers is just weeks away, on Wednesday, May 18th, and promises to be an exciting event. Thanks to the hard work of Fritzie Schweitzer, Jodi Dinkin and other committee members, our auction will be a prize event. Invitations are in the mail - please RSVP promptly. This event will culminate my term as President of the Beth Israel Sisterhood. The newly elected officers will be installed on May 18th. Please support these officers and committee members as they plan exciting events for the coming term. My heartfelt thanks to all the officers and members of Beth Israel Sisterhood for supporting me during my term as president.

AWARD of HONOR



The Faculties, Directors and Overseers of
**The Jewish Theological
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gratefully acknowledge the exemplary devotion
to Judaism and outstanding achievement of

*Beth Israel Sisterhood
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Torah Fund Campaign
of Women's League for Conservative Judaism
on behalf of the Seminary

Henry Alshuler
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להגדיל תורה ולהאדירה

Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

To Jocelyn Eve Needel, daughter of Robyn and Fred Needel on her marriage April 3, 2005 to Theodore Jonathan Casser, son of Rena and Jerry Casser of New Jersey.

Thank You

תודה רבה

To Charles Schevker and Terry Schevker, for generously dedicating three new Sim Shalom weekday prayer books in large print In Memory of their mother, Gean Schevker.

A Special Thank you to Elaine and Alvin Katz for sponsoring the Siyyum Bechorim, Passover breakfast this year.

To Chesapeake Telephone, and our member Barry Brill, for assisting us in the acquisition and installation of a new phone message system.

Book Club


Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 2nd. We will be reviewing, The Covenant by Naomi Regan. This fascinating book deals with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Hamas terrorists kidnap an American-Israeli father and his daughter who live in the West Bank. The man's pregnant wife, after following protocol and contacting the Israeli Police and American authorities, to no avail, calls her Bubbie, a Holocaust survivor for help. The Bubbie contacts three women who survived the Nazis with her and who have become a New York cosmetics magnate, a Paris nightclub owner involved in cloak and dagger intrigues and a Polish, righteous gentile, a political activist. This group of elderly ladies, with the help of a Palestinian Journalist, outsmarts the Mossad and locates the kidnap victims. The ending is surprising and some of the details are not factual, but the book is a good read. Join us to discuss the book and critique it. For more information call Eudice Lowenthal 410-484-3260.

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The new, smaller edition of Etz Hayim: A Torah Commentary is ideal for travel and personal study. It contains nearly all the same material as the original edition and is designed to withstand heavy use. Order on the Book Service website, www.uscj.org/booksvc or e-mail booksvc@uscj.org. For information, contact Book Service, ext. 2003; fax 212-253-5422. For orders only, call 1-800-594-5617.

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New Slate of Officers/Board of Trustees

Notice is being sent with the proposed slate of Officers and members of the Board of Trustees for 2005/2006 which will be presented by the Nominating Committee. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

President - Allen Cohen	Treasurer - Ellen Cohen
1st Vice President - Sandy Bernheim	Financial Secretary - Elaine Winn
2nd Vice President - Susan Rabin	Recording Secretary - Rick Frankle
3rd Vice President - Stacey Berner	Corresponding Secretary - Toni Greenberg

Board Members Nominated for 1st Year Two Year Term:

Randi Buerghenthal	Howard Gartner	Brian Lerner
David Hough	Sandy Kirsh	Eddie Steinberg

Board Members Nominated for 2nd Year of First Term:

Sharon Bass	Jodi Dinkin	Aileen Grebow	Harriett Weiner
Howard Bernheim	Charles Frazer	Rita Meier	Zelda Zaben
Michael Cohen	Saul Friedman	Fred Needel	

The following Board members are continuing the second year of their two year term:

Harry Baumohl	Larry Campf	Lisa Lipton
Candice Baylin	Henry Foxman	Edith Winegrad

Thanks to all who helped make Art Auction 2005 a huge success

Allen Cohen, Lloyd and Marcy Snow, Evan Snow, Jeremy Snow, Joni and Jeff LeVine, Sherri Chavis, Michele and Michael Allen, Ryan Allen, Seth Glassman, Brian Glassman, Jerri Glassman, Mona Kaufman, David and Adrianna Hough, Eddie and Diane Steinberg, Lou Friedman, Ira and Janis Bormel, David Bormel, Carl Baylin, Elaine Winn, Robyn and Fred Needel, Saul Friedman, Jeff Berman, Rick and Pam Frankle, Rick and Laurie Tucker, Max Tucker, David Rothenberg, Seth Rabinovitz, Heather Rabinovitz, Eric Eller, Alex Cohen, and Andrew Lahn

My girls: Theresa, Sharon, and Karen!

Special thanks to Cece Witow and Staff for their wonderful food and service.
Thank you to Saul Friedman for his expert photography and photo memories.
Many thanks to the Teen Klezmer band for their outstanding performance.

Marlin Art presented a very entertaining evening complete with a guest artist, Robert Lui. In case you still would like to purchase art please visit Marlin's website at: www.marlinfundraising.com
Enter code 01020012 upon check out.

Thanks, Caron Glassman - Auction Chairperson

*And to anyone else who helped and I did not mention *



Guest Artist, Robert Lui enhanced the Art Auction preview as he completed a painting in front of our eyes.

Preschool

Gail Potashnick, Director

2005-2006 Registration

Applications are now available for the next school year. Call the school office 410-654-0803 to schedule a visit and/or get an application.

We offer a full day kindergarten program in addition to part-time and full-time hours for children two to four years old. Before-and after-school care is available. Schedules are flexible to meet your needs. Our goal is to provide an environment that promotes and nurtures your child's development on all levels - physical, social and intellectual. Visit Beth Israel's preschool web site (bethisraelpreschool.org) for more information.

Summer Program

We are offering a seven week program for children entering three-and four-year programs in the fall. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with an opportunity to extend to 3:15 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Activities will have a summer theme and we will be using a sprinkler. Children can attend two-five days a week. Children entering a two year old program can attend Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Applications are available in the preschool office. The dates are June 27th through August 12th.

Mommy & Me

Our Mommy & Me program is for children ages 15-23 months at the time the program begins. It will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with classes beginning in October and ending in May. Parent/caretaker and child participate in activities geared to the special needs of the young child and include art, manipulative games and toys, music, literature and large muscle activities. Parent/caretaker participates in providing healthy snacks. The class will be taught by a qualified early childhood teacher.

Mommy & Me, Two (New for 2005)

This offers another option for families of two-year-olds who do not want a drop-off program. The format will be the same as our Mommy & Me program with age appropriate activities for the children. The group will meet Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Applications are now available through the Preschool office for both Mommy & Me and Mommy & Me, Two programs.

January two-year-olds

Our January two year old class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children must be two to begin. Applications are now available.

Shabbat Dinner/Teacher Appreciation TGIF

Preschool Shabbat Dinner will be held on Friday, May 6th. This Shabbat dinner will have a Wild West theme with lots of fun for everyone. Following dinner there will be a Teacher Appreciation TGIF. The children will be singing on the bema. We hope you will join us for services at 7:30 p.m.

Conferences

End of the year conferences will be held on Thursday, May 19th for the two-day two-year-olds. There will be no school that day for the two-year-olds only. All other conferences will be scheduled on Friday, May 20th. School will be closed. Babysitting will be available both days.

Truck Day

This annual event will take place on Wednesday, May 4th. The children will have an opportunity to learn about many different types of trucks and vehicles that will be at our school.

Pumpkin Theatre

The three-year-olds, four year olds and Kindergarten will be going on a trip to the Baltimore Museum of Art for a performance of Rumpelstiltschen.

Closing Program

The four-year-olds and Kindergarten will have their program on Friday, June 10th. Further information will be sent home.

May 2005 Preschool Calendar

Monday, May 2	School reopens
Wednesday, May 4	Truck Day
Friday, May 6	Preschool Shabbat Dinner & Teacher Appreciation TGIF
Thursday, May 19	Conference Day - two day two year olds (No classes for two day two year olds only)
Friday, May 20	Conference Day - School Closed
Wednesday, May 25	Pumpkin Theatre Trip - three & four year olds & Kindergarten
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day - School Closed

CALLING ALL 2005 B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS

Beth Israel wants to know—Now that you've had your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, what are you going to do next?

We're going to enroll in Ma'alot!! The post B'nai Mitzvah education program at Beth Israel.

At Ma'alot you can

- :) Hang out with your friends
- :) Hear interesting speakers
- :) Go on field trips
- :) Enjoy monthly dinners
- :) Explore Jewish topics in a new and exciting way

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2005-2006



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JEM CLASSES MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOONS,
4:00-6:00 P.M. COME & VISIT!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SHABBAT

TGIF Service And Teacher Appreciation

**Friday, May 6, 2005
7:30 PM.**

Our May TGIF features a tribute to our
Pre-School and Religious School Teachers & Staff
AND

- May Birthday Shabbat
- School Choir Performance
- Religious School Student Participation
- JEM Student Participation
- PreSchool Participation
- Oneg Shabbat in Honor of Our Teachers

Show your support for our school and our teachers.
Be a sponsor (\$10 minimum)
in honor of the teachers.

Return response form below, with your check,
to the Religious School office
by Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Sponsors will be recognized in the program.

Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Sponsor Yes, I/we would like to be a sponsor to honor the teachers.

\$_____ enclosed.

(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
BETH ISRAEL PARENT ASSOCIATION)

Name of sponsor(s)

Religious School

Rachel Glaser, Education Director

Re-Registration for 2005-2006

Re-registration for the coming school year is in progress. There are many programs to look forward to as we continue to provide quality Jewish education. Families have a choice of enrolling in a three-day enrichment program or a two-day core curriculum program. Registration forms have been sent. If you have not registered your child, please do so immediately. Choice of session is on a first come, first served basis and class sessions will close when they are full. For further information, call the school office.

JEM Program

Beth Israel is the only religious school in our area that offers a choice of educational program and we encourage our families to choose our wonderful JEM curriculum - Jewish Enrichment Magnet. JEM students attend the regular two days and also come for enrichment in the third day on Thursdays. JEM offers many hands-on experiences and more advanced modern Hebrew studies. It is a truly wonderful program!

This year's JEM students and families will be honored at a Shabbat dinner, Friday evening, June 3 at 6:00 P.M. preceding the final TGIF service for this school year.

Jewish Education for Our Youngest Children

Judaism has always placed a premium on the education of young children. There is an implicit recognition that our children are a link with eternity, and our investment in their educational growth is our assurance for Jewish survival. Beth Israel has developed special Sunday programs for our youngest children, Prozdor (Kindergarten) for children entering Kindergarten and Mechina (Sunday School) for first graders.

Prozdor (Kindergarten) - Children entering Kindergarten will have the opportunity for a fun-filled introduction to Judaism on Sunday mornings. The curriculum includes holiday crafts and an introduction to the Jewish holiday cycle.

Mechina (First Grade) - Our Mechina program paves the way for entry into mid-week Religious School program. It is an exciting, joyous program introducing the young child to the experience of Judaism, its holidays and songs. The Mechina classes meet Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. or 11:15 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Call the

school office at 410-654-0803 for more information and registration forms for either program.

Mid-Week Hebrew School for Children in Second through Seventh Grades

When children are in the second grade they begin in our mid-week Hebrew School program where they are taught Hebrew reading, prayer and synagogue skills, Jewish history and values, torah and holiday studies. The JEM program provides additional Judaic and Hebrew enrichment and we encourage parents to enroll their children in this program as well.

For Children with Special Needs

Beth Israel would like to be able to serve children with special needs in our BINA program. The term BINA stands for "Beth Israel's New Achievers" and means "Understanding" in Hebrew. This is a parallel program to our established curriculum. The classes are geared for children with learning difficulties or delays who need support services to learn successfully in a congregational school setting. The class meets on Sunday and may also meet one day during the week if there is sufficient interest.

Registration is kept to a minimum so those children can benefit from individualized attention and instruction. If you are interested in such a program, or someone you know is interested, please contact Mrs. Glaser at the school office, 410-654-0803. Please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Glaser if you wish to discuss your special needs child or any other concern.

Alef Class to be Honored - Sunday, May 15

Yasher Koach and congratulations to the 52 Alef boys and girls who completed the Hebrew alphabet and are now well on their way to reading Hebrew! The Alef class will be honored at a brunch and program, when the children will be presented with their Siddurim. We thank the children's teachers, Debbie Kofsky and Tracey Myerberg, for their work and patience, and their parents for all the support and encouragement they give.

Hay Class to be Honored - Sunday, May 15

As we near the end of the school year, Hay students begin to be transformed into "upper classmen/women" in

anticipation of their entry into the Vav class and their becoming B'nai Mitzvah. With this in mind, the Hay students will be presented with the Jewish Publication Society Hebrew-English Tanakh (Bible), as a gift from the Beth Israel Parent Association in preparation for their studies as B'nai Mitzvah.

VAV Class News

Vav students are busy completing their curricular studies, becoming B'nai Mitzvah, taking their achievement test for graduation and preparing their graduation ceremony. We hope that the students and parents will make wise choices about continuing their Jewish education in a post B'nai Mitzvah program. Information will be mailed to Vav students and parents, as well as registration material for Beth Israel's Ma'alot program (8th, 9th, and 10th grades).

We are proud of the 43 Vav students who will be graduating on May 22 and look forward to their participation in Ma'alot.

Ma'alot News

For several years, Ma'alot students have been hosting "Yachad," a group of special needs young adults. Yachad participants come to Beth Israel once a month for a program with Beth Israel's teens, including dinner, socializing and an educational program. In this way, our students learn to reach out to others and to give of themselves. The Yachad group enjoys visiting Beth Israel and the time they spend with our students. This year, a new group of 8th graders has begun to work with Yachad and the experience has been most rewarding. We look forward to next year's activities.

We also recognize the twenty 10th grade Ma'alot students who will be completing their 3 years of study. We are proud that they continued their Jewish education and encourage them to participate in a post-Ma'alot program next year.

Shavuot Celebrations

The Festival of Shavuot is known as "Z'man Matan Torateinu," the "Time of the Giving of the Torah." It is a time to celebrate Jewish education and Torah learning. On Erev Shavuot, Sunday evening, June 12, the Ma'alot 10th grade class will be honored with a festive dinner and presentation of certificates. The students will present a program on the theme of "Living a Jewish Life" and will be recognized for their past 3 years of study.

School Tzedakah News

Reisterstown Food Pantry - In conjunction with the Purim

mitzvah of giving to the needy, the religious school students collected canned and boxed food items for the Reisterstown Food Pantry.

Abayudaya Jewish Community of Uganda - Together with personal contributions from school families, the Religious School sent \$500 to the Abayudaya Congregation of Uganda. These funds will help address the community's Jewish needs, such as replacing mud synagogues with permanent structures and improving Jewish education.

Kosher Food Pantry - At our recent Model Seder, our students generously donated money for Maot Hittim, a fund to help needy Jewish families in our community celebrate Pesach.

Greetings and Gifts to Jewish Men & Women Serving in the Armed Forces - \$360.00 from the school tzedakah fund was used to send "Solo Seder Kits" (Kosher for Pesach foods and supplies) to Jewish service men and women. This donation provided 20 soldiers with a personal Seder kit which included chicken soup with matzah balls, grape juice, matzah, gefilte fish, a Haggadah, a kippah, macaroons & candies, and an international calling card. We hope that this helped our Jewish GI's celebrate Pesach knowing that they were in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these worthwhile causes.

Parents' Association Purim Carnival Volunteers

Purim Carnival 2005 was a great success and we thank the coordinators Aileen Grebow, Sharon Bass and Liz Schuman along with all of their helpers for their hard work in organizing and setting up the games, cleaning up and providing a fun day for our children. We also thank our teachers and staff for donating items and manning the tables for our popular Grab Bag raffle.

Special thanks goes to Marc Myerberg of Master Lumber in Reisterstown for donating tickets for the April 7th Orioles game which were raffled off and won by Gilda Harf. Mrs. Harf's grandchildren, Rebecca and Sarah Grim, attend our preschool.

Parents' Association Model Seder Volunteers

We also thank Debbie Rosenbaum, Melissa Ciresi and their team of workers who put together another successful Model Seder for our students. This is the 3rd year that Debbie and Melissa have chaired this event and we are extremely grateful for their dedication and great organizational skills. Debbie and Melissa organize the set-up of each grade's Model Seder, which includes making Seder plates for each table, coordinating the food and overseeing the clean-up. We also thank all of our families who donated their assigned items for the school Seder.

April TGIF Sponsors

Marcy, Alan, Stacy & Jodi Elkin in honor of Lauren & Jennifer becoming B'not Mitzvah

Linda, Rick & Neil Esterson in honor of Erin - Apr 7

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Lauri, David & Morgan Sacks in honor of Brandon - Apr 22

Lisa, Barry & Matthew Yatovitz in honor of Rebecca - Apr 1

Nancy & Lee Zimmerman in honor of Kayla - Apr 29

Junior Congregation and Synagogue Attendance Awards through April 2, 2005

5 Times Award: Emily Allen, Rachael Allen, Carly Axman, Emma Danoff, Alaina Kahn, Ian Kahn, Noa Lipton, Brooke Myerberg, Melanie Rendel, Sophia Rosman, Jennifer Rottenberg, Mark Rottenberg, Barret Rus, Lauren Steinger, Jennifer Walker, Rebecca Zeitlin

10 Times Award: Amber Rogers, Erin Sullivan, Billy Walowitz, Natalia Zilberstein, Kayla Zimmerman

15 Times Award: Nathan Block, Deena Siltan, Miriam Siltan, Jeremy Snow, Shelby Zimmerman

25 Times Award: Chanan Rothenberg

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Brett Barker in honor of his Bar Mitzvah May 14, 2005, Creation of the Modern Middle East - Israel by Louis Chipley Slavicek

Jennifer Rottenberg in honor of her Bat Mitzvah May 28, 2005, Walking the Bible by Bruce Feiler



MORAH DENISE MOLDOVER'S DALET 2 CLASS

FOLLOWING THEIR PERFORMANCE OF

"HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, ESTHER"

AT THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM ASSEMBLY ON

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005.

Religious School Calendar

May 2005

3 (T) School Reopens VAV Graduation Picture 6:00 P.M.
6 (F) Yom Hashoah TGIF Shabbat Family Service 7:30 P.M. - May Birthdays & Youth Choir Participation Teacher Appreciation Shabbat
7 (Sh) ALEF Shabbat at Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
8-12 (S-Th) Israel Celebration Week
11 (W) Yom Hazikaron Israel Memorial Day
12 (Th) Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day
14 (Sh) GIMEL Shabbat at Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
15 (S) ALEF Family Brunch, Siddur Ceremony & Program 1st session for all ALEF students & parents 9:00-10:45 A.M.
HAY Class Tanakh Program 1st session for all HAY students & parents 9:00-10:45 A.M.
16-19 (M-Th) VAV class graduation rehearsals for all VAV students 4:00-6:00 P.M.
VAV class dinner following final rehearsal on Thursday.
21 (Sh) BET Shabbat at Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
22 (S) VAV class graduation 9:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon

24 (T) Final Ma'alot Sessions
27 (F) Lag B'Omer
29 (S) SCHOOL CLOSED. Memorial Day
31 (T) School Open

June, 2005

1/2 (W/Th) School Open
3 (F) JEM Appreciation Dinner 6:00 P.M. (rescheduled from June 13)
TGIF "Friday Night Live" Style Shabbat Family Service 7:30 P.M. with the Beth Israel Youth Choir June & July Birthdays will be celebrated
5 (S) Closing school session at 9:00 A.M. for all students. Report cards distributed.
6 (M) Yom Yerushalayim
12 (S) Erev Shavuot Ma'alot Graduation Ceremony in evening
13 (M) First Day Shavuot - Services 9:15 A.M. Shavuot evening service 7:30 P.M.
14 (T) Second Day Shavuot - Services 9:15 A.M.

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You can help the synagogue while you do your regular grocery shopping - and it won't cost you anything! You pay face value for the gift card and use it whenever you go to Giant. Giant will then donate 4% of what you paid for the card to Beth Israel - it's that simple! Your weekly shopping trips turn into cash for Beth Israel!

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1. Call any one of the Giant Card committee members below and let us know how we can get them to you...we'll deliver -home or office!
2. Even easier...call the Beth Israel office (410-654-0800) or one of the committee members below to arrange for a monthly commitment. We'll contact you to make arrangements for payment...and delivery to you!
3. Order them through the Hebrew School. The first Sunday morning of each month, volunteers will be in the parking lot at carpool line to hand them right to you!
4. Order them through the Preschool. Just call the school and let them know what you'll need, and they'll be ready for you when you pick up your child!

Giant Gift Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. The more you buy, the more Beth Israel earns! Come and join the program - you've gotta eat!

For questions, or to place your order, please call any of the following members to assist you:

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Thank you in advance for your support!

BETH ISRAEL CELEBRATES PURIM IN STYLE!



Parent Association

Leila H. Liberman
President

Perfectly Purim

Children and adults enjoyed the fun at this year's Purim Carnival, held March 20th. Putting together an event of this size requires wonderful volunteers. A huge thank-you to the entire crew of enthusiastic parents who volunteered before, during and after the event. You were spectacular! Each and every volunteer was, and is, much appreciated.

Special kudos to Caron, Seth and Brian Glassman, Fred and Robin Needel, Barbara, Jerome and Rebecca Wilson for hours of hands-on assistance during set-up; Brian and Rachel Dressin for superior food preparation during the event; and the Vav students for jumping in where needed.

This is a great time to recognize the many efforts of Sharon Bass and Aileen Grebow as chairs of the Purim Carnival for the last several years. They did a magnificent job and Beth Israel appreciates their hard work to make the Carnival a treat for our children.

Building on this year's energy, we are already thinking about next Purim. If you have ideas to share, please call the new chairpersons Liz Schuman, at 410-526-2142, or Randi Buerghenthal, at 410-902-4402. Look for an announcement about revamping our Purim Carnival games this summer.



Beth Israel's Purim Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel was enjoyed by all!

Special thanks to:

Shlomo Turkel for coordinating our first ever multi-media Megillah Reading, and Fred Needel for taking care of all our technical needs. We are so fortunate to have such "willing and able" experts!

Stephanie Eichhorst for serving as Director of the Purim Shpiel. Stephanie is the director of Drama Kids which holds classes in our facility on Mondays. She did an outstanding job and we look forward to future Purim shpiel's under her able direction.

Doris Sugar for providing all our musical accompaniment. Doris spent many hours working with the cast, adjusting music and preparing the choir for the Shpiel. Doris is truly extraordinary!

The dedicated, hardworking and talented Purim Shpiel cast. Each and every one of you deserves a round of applause. You are all invited back next year!

Youth Department News

Elisha Rothschild Frumkin, Youth Director

Time flies by when you're having fun!

How quickly this year has flown by with so many amazing programs and opportunities for our youth! From Parents' Night Out to Kids' Night Out, an Orioles ball game and more, the Beth Israel Youth Department has had a busy but fun year! We saw the beginnings of a new youth group - Bonim - for 2nd and 3rd graders, and the results are in - IT'S A HIT! Bonim will be wrapping up its inaugural year with an End-of-the-Year Bouncing Blowout on May 15th - watch the mail for more details! With such resounding success we will definitely be expanding our programming for Bonim this coming year.

Machar had its own share of fun and excitement with its advisor Marcy Snow this year, and more members have joined that ever before! Our 4th and 5th graders had so many great experiences, from our crazy Chocolate Seder (decidedly delicious!), Pottery Painting Party, Hamentaschen bake-off, and so much more! Machar will end its year with a part at the brand new Pump It Up on June 5 - you won't want to miss it!

Kadima, our youth group for middle school students, also had a record number of members this year, and boy did they have fun! From rock climbing to skiing, lasertag, a Purim Ball and more, our Kadimaniks enjoyed many great programs. Beth Israel Kadimaniks had a great time at both Regional Kallahs, but it was at our Spring Kallah that Beth Israel sent a record number of Kadima members - the second largest in the Seaboard region. Congratulations, Beth Israel Kadima!

Always busy, our USY chapter at Beth Israel has had an exciting year! Attracting USYers from our chapter and beyond, Beth Israel programming for our high school students this year ranged from our annual Meat and Dairy Night (overnight fun for all!), Lasertag with Beth El, a limo scavenger hunt down at the harbor, and so much more! The 31st Annual Claire Soddan Memorial Weekend in February was an amazing opportunity for our teens to interact with over 40 USYers from across the region, including a dance with over 100 in attendance! This is only the beginning of continued excellence for our chapter - watch the upcoming Guide issues for results from regional and chapter elections as well as for regional chapter awards. Mazel Tov, BIOM USY!

Membership packets will be arriving in your homes soon - act now to take advantage of early bird savings! While membership in our youth groups is not required to attend our fun and exciting events, it is worthwhile to become an official member. Not only does membership allow us to plan exciting new programs but members receive reduced rates for events and retreats. A new perk for this year, all Beth Israel group members, from Bonim to USY, will receive a special Beth Israel t-shirt when they sign up for next year! Membership packets will be available soon, so check your mailboxes or our website.

Check out the pictures on the next page, from some of our past events - you might see yourself or someone you know!

2005 Spring Calendar of Youth Events

May

8th	Israel Festival
12th-15th	USY Spring Convention
15th	Bonim End-of-the-Year Bouncing Blowout!
19th	USY Elections & Dinner
22nd	Trip to Camden Yards Orioles vs. Philadelphia
26th	USY Officer Installation & Dinner

June

5th	Machar Year End Bonanza
TBA	Trip to Six Flags! (5th-12th Graders)

Look for e-mails, flyers, & mailings for all the details. For additional information, contact the Youth Department at ext. 219, or email elisha@bethisrael-om.org. You can also find us online at

www.biomyouth.org

USY ON WHEELS IS ON ITS WAY!

Beth Israel Congregation will be visited once again this summer by a bus of teenagers from USY on Wheels, a program that takes 50 high schoolers across the nation on a cross-country bus adventure. We will be hosting these teenagers at the end of July/beginning of August for two nights. We would love to have you share in tradition of hachnasat orchim (welcoming guests) and volunteer to offer home hospitality - the USYers say this is often one of the highlights of their trip!

If you are interested in hosting some of these remarkable teens, contact Elisha at 410-654-0800 x219 or elisha@bethisrael-om.org.



Kadima had a rockin' time this Purim! After the Megillah reading, Kadimaniks in costume danced the night away and enjoyed some balloon animals and magic tricks.



Some Machar kids show off funny frog faces during our annual Machar Chocolate Seder"

Donations for the Jewish Community in Odessa:

Our Youth Director, Elisha, will be visiting Baltimore's sister city, Odessa, this coming June! We are going to be running a donation drive to help the Jewish community that is there. If you have any of the following items for donation, there will be a box outside of Elisha's office.

Judaica items, Jewish holiday items, puzzles, coloring books, toys, glue sticks, gel pens, colored paper, stickers, CDs/Tapes of Jewish music, other craft items.

If you have any questions, call Elisha at 410-654-0800 x219.

WANTED:

Gently used
video games and movies
for the youth lounge.
G and PG ratings preferred.

If you have items to donate, please contact Elisha at 410-654-0800 x219 or elisha@bethisrael-om.org

Beth Israel Celebrates

We want to take the opportunity to wish Mazal Tov to Congregants celebrating "special" life milestones (birthdays over 50 and anniversaries over 10). While every birthday or anniversary is a reason to celebrate, if you are having one ending with a five or a zero, we will now automatically list your name(s) in this space. We apologize in advance if our records are incomplete or in error. Please call the office to give us an update. If you do not want your name listed, please call us at least two months in advance.

Special Birthdays for May 2005

Raymond Abrams	Ann Cornblatt	Gail Potashnick
Albert Adler	Stephen Gandel	Bernice Shugarman
Michael Allen	Gil Goodman	Shelbie Wassel
Eve Bashoff	Joel H.G. Marcus	Barry Weiss
Sydney Bass	Edith Meyers	

Special Anniversaries for May 2005

Stephanie & Gary Block	Linda & Michael Schneyer
Sharon & Louis Gilden	Florence & Leon Sigel
Deborah & Andrew Hermann	Sherryl & David Silberman
Irish & Ivan Pressman	Amy & Peter J. Sloane
Ellen & Paul Saval	Susan & David Solomon
Myra & B. Robert Schein	Robin & William Ullman
Marilyn & Earl Schloss	

Sincere best wishes to our members who have special birthdays or anniversaries in May 2005.

To you and all other members of our Beth Israel family who are celebrating joyous occasions, milestones, and honors. *MAZAL TOV!*

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם,
שהחינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Praised are you, Adonai, our God who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

Notify Us When A Loved One Is Hospitalized

Please be aware of the changes resulting from HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that went into effect in April 2003. This law no longer permits medical facilities to show clergy, when visiting hospitals, any lists of patients in their facilities. Only those employed by the medical facility have the right to see these lists. Prior to this, we were permitted to call the hospital and ask if any Beth Israel members were in the hospital.

Therefore, the only way that we know that one of our members is hospitalized is when a friend or family member contacts the synagogue office. We urge you to let us know so that a visit can be arranged. In addition, in case of illness, please let us know so that our clergy and the Chesed Committee can take action when their services are needed.

Happy Belated Birthday to
Beryl Gottesman

Yasher Koach and Thank You to the Following Individuals for Completing CPR and AED Training for Beth Israel Congregation:

**Janis Bormel
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Beth Israel Mourns

We share in the sorrow of the passing of:

Max Drimer
father of Rachel Okun

Eva Granek
mother of David Granek and Grandmother of Brian Granek

Karen Butler
sister of Berta Geller and Aunt of Judy Campf

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך
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*May the Lord comfort and sustain you along
with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem*

BETH ISRAEL'S
Simcha Wall

There are many joyous events in our lives:

- Baby Naming
- Brit Milah
- Pideon Haben
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah
- Special Birthdays
- Graduations
- Engagements
- Weddings
- Anniversaries

And one special way to commemorate each!

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*may be made by calling
the Synagogue office at 410-654-0800,
during business hours.*

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Goldie B. Gorn Memorial Library Fund
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and 5:00 P.M.*

Sisterhood Mitzvah Cards
*may be purchased by calling Rena
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*may be purchased by calling the
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*Minimum donations to the various
funds are as follows:*

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Prayer Book w/Plate - \$36.00
Bible Fund - \$30.00
Bible w/Plate - \$60.00

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Goldie Gorn Memorial Scholarship
Fund - \$10.00

K'vod L'Torah Fund and
Mitzvah Fund - \$15.00

**Please refrain from calling the
above numbers on Shabbat or
Jewish Holidays.**

Todah Rabbah!

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**Sincere thanks and appreciation to those who remember to honor
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*by Sandy & Howard Bernheim, Jessica &
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The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Delores
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*by Zelda & Jerry Zaben; Doris Berliner;
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by Mary Trippe

The Engagement of Sander Zaben
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Arielle Steinmetz Becoming a Bat Mitzvah
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*by Sue & Phil Rabin, Josh & Ben; Betsy &
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The Birth of a Grandson & Granddaughter
to Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Shamash
by Marilyn & Earl Schloss

Alan Taylor's marriage
by Shirley & Malcom Gordon

The 25th Wedding Anniversary of Susan
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by Sabina & Walter Dorn

The Bar Mitzvah of Sylvia Berger's
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by Eileen & Elliott Miller

Jocelyn Needel's Marriage
by Gail Potashnick

The Birth of Talya Michel Berger
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The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dolores
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The 85th Birthday of Lillian Goldberg
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In Appreciation of:

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In Memory of:

The Berman Family's beloved father and
grandfather
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Bar Mitzvah of their son, A.J.
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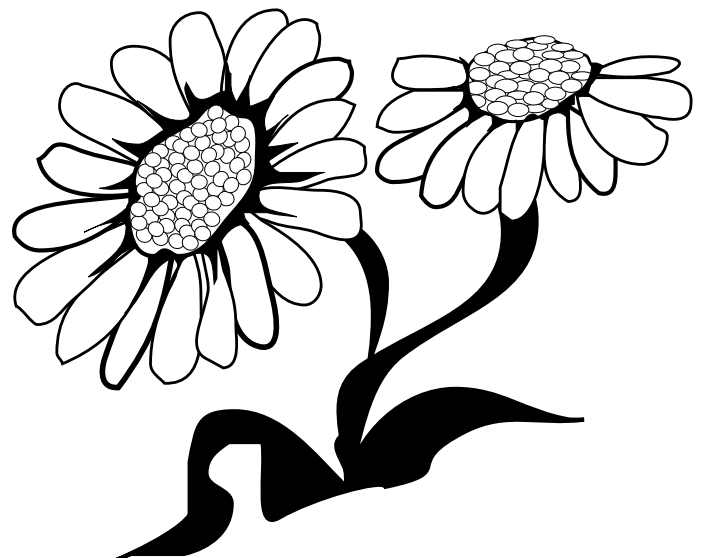
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May 2005



Coming Events:

- June 1st 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 3rd 7:30 p.m. TGIF/FNL
- June 5th 12:30 p.m. Brunch honoring Gail Potashnick
- June 6th 6:00 p.m. Hazak Jerusalem Day Event
- June 10th Officer/Board of Trustees Installation Dinner
- June 12th - 14th Shavuot



1 SUNDAY

Eighth Day of Pesach
 9:15 a.m. Pesach Morning Services
 11:00 a.m. Yizkor
 5:40 p.m. Pesach Mincha/Maariv

2 MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Book Club

4 WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

5 THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Brotherhood Donor Dinner

6 FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. TGIF & Teacher Appreciation
 7:46 p.m. Candlelighting

7 SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
 B'nai Mitzvah - Alexis Jill Feldman and Jenny Anne Rosen
 8:05 p.m. Mincha Maariv Havdallah

8 SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Brotherhood Mother's Day Breakfast

11 WEDNESDAY

Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day)

12 THURSDAY

Yom Ha-atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)

13 FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. Friday Night Live
 7:53 p.m. Candlelighting

14 SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
 B'nai Mitzvah - Brett Taylor Barker and Michael Phillip Leaf
 8:05 p.m. Mincha Maariv Havdallah

16 MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Congregational Annual Meeting

18 WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Donor Dinner

20 FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat
 7:59 p.m. Candlelighting

21 SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
 Bat Mitzvah - Chelsea Amber Smith
 8:20 p.m. Mincha Maariv Havdallah

22 SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Vav Graduation

27 FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat
 8:05 p.m. Candlelighting

28 SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
 B'nai Mitzvah - Max Garret Kushner and Jennifer Eve Rottenberg
 8:25 p.m. Mincha Maariv Havdallah

29 SUNDAY

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Friday Night's Heat Up at Beth Israel in May & June

Friday, May 6th 7:30 P.M.

TGIF & Teacher Appreciation

Come honor our hard working teachers & faculty.

Celebrating May birthdays

Religious School Youth Choir will perform

Oneg Shabbat will follow

(Contributors are welcome, \$10 minimum
in honor of our teachers.) see page 10.

Friday, May 13th 6:00 P.M.

Friday Night Live featuring our FNL Band

Friday, June 3rd 6:00 P.M.

JEM Recognition Dinner

(see Religious school article for details)

Friday Night Live/Final TGIF of the school year...7:30 P.M.

Recognition of Retiring Preschool Director, Gail Potashnick
Celebrating June & July Birthdays. Class Participation.

Oneg Shabbat will follow in Gail's honor- To make a contribution, make checks payable to Beth Israel Congregation,
Attn: Barbara Katz. (suggested minimum \$10.00).

Friday, June 10th 6:00 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat featuring Carlebach Tunes

**Followed by Shabbat Dinner & Installation of Officers and
Board of Trustees**

(reservations for dinner are required) see page 4.