Dear B-Mitzvah Parents,

Mazal tov on your upcoming simcha. The year before a child's B-Mitzvah is an exciting, confusing, inspiring, and demanding time. It seems that the day will never come, and then it passes by too quickly. Sisterhood is here to help with encouragement, advice, and expertly run services.

Invitations and stationery can be selected online and ordered from Sisterhood member Marilyn Hammerman, who has helped many Beth El members choose invitations, stationery, andkippot. With her years of experience, Marilyn can also give advice about other decisions related to your simcha. One hundred percent of the profits from stationery and invitation sales go directly to supporting Beth El and Sisterhood programs.

You may like to create a unique tallit in the **Tallit Workshop**. Sisterhood offers this instructional opportunity every year beginning in early December. Many of the beautiful and original tallitot worn at Beth El were designed and handmade in the workshop. Children enjoy participating in the workshop with a parent or a grandparent. Creating such a personalized tallit with your child can greatly enrich the B-Mitzvah experience. Please watch for the Tallit Workshop announcement in the Scroll or weekly emails sent from the synagogue. This program grows more popular each year and space is limited.

B-Mitzvah families at Beth El host a kiddush or luncheon for congregants and guests following the Shabbat morning service. Sisterhood has an outstanding all-volunteer **Catering Committee** that can help you plan the event and will oversee food preparation and serving. Youwill find several appetizing menus in the <u>Kiddush Information and Menus for B-Mitzvah Families</u>. One of our volunteers will contact you six to eight weeks before your event to help you select your kiddush menu. While you are welcome to use any caterer you wish from Beth El's approved list, we hope you will consider using Sisterhood.

All B-Mitzvah families **serve at one Kiddush** to build our sense of community at Beth El. <u>Click here</u> to link to our Sign-Up Genius calendar and select a date when your family can share "30 Minutes and a Smile" with congregants and guests.

There is so much to think about before a B-Mitzvah. You can be certain that whatever you plan with Sisterhood will be done professionally and will be worry-free on your part. Please contact Sisterhood if you have any questions about your kiddush.

With best wishes on your special day,

Margi Kramer Wynne Sitrin Sharon Zissman
Sisterhood Co-President Sisterhood Co-President Sisterhood Co-President

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Order your B-Mitzvah invitations from Sisterhood

Beth El and Sisterhood receive 100% of the profits We will match the price from any vendor

We sell invitations, stationery, kippot, business cards, personalized napkins, etc.

We can offer advice about finding Photographers, Videographers, Disc Jockeys, Bands, Table Decorations, Balloons, Party Favors, Party Equipment, Hotels or Other Venues, and Caterers:

Because there's so much to consider, contact **Marilyn Hammerman** at 301-881-0011 or mhammerman@aol.com
Orders can now be placed online.

Marilyn has 43 years of experience in providing our Beth El members with invitations, stationery, and kippot as well as giving expert advice about other decisions relatedto your simcha.

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