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## THE SOUL OF PESACH

Change. The Torah says it. Revolutionize your basic diet. Food is a central influence on our being. Change.

Where we live has to be cleaned for removal of fermented substance. Grain. The whole world calls it spring cleaning – we call it Pesach cleaning with a purpose.

On a lunch day in Baltimore, Risyl had posted a sign to the entrance of the living room. “This room is now ready for Pesach” – meaning no food to be brought in. This was on February 28.

The car, too, has to be clear and cleaned of the fermentation products. My car can be called “one shtik Chometz.” One time I found a bingo cake in my cleanup. Because of the flavor, lemon, Risyl knew that it was three months old. I tried to convince the kitchen to sell it but it was no go.

We change our diet, some of us do spring cleaning, BUT...the real purpose of it all is to change ourselves. “Consider yourselves as if you came out of Egypt.” All the ground rules change with a new freedom.

Until now we were burdened by our own deterrents to spiritual growth. We take on the concept of freedom. We need to be free from ourselves. Tackle the fermentation of the self.

How do we do this? The easy part is to change the physical surroundings. Pesach cleaning, new dishes and a new diet. Then maybe, maybe we’ll want to change our own spiritual goals. Sharpen, hone, trim the schedules. Refocus your view of what is the most important in yourself and family. It can happen.

How about skipping all the cleaning and the Matzah? Jump right to renew your spiritual goals? The Torah tells you that it will not work. The Torah advocates the surroundings change and, what can be closer to your self than food? Change your food diet.

Work on scraping off the fermentation process. ✧



## The President’s Corner

by Andy Carpel  
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Beth Sholom has some challenges ahead. To me the biggest challenge is membership. We have tried to tackle it in the long term by beefing up our education services. In the short term we are hosting various social and religious events. None of these will work unless you tell others about the interesting speakers, auctions, concerts, dinners and carnivals we are having. Please attend our events and talk about them. Imagine, me asking Jews to talk.

It was business as usual at the Board of Trustees meeting. Rabbi would like an intern and is drawing up a job description. The Board is being open-minded. It would be a part-time person who will teach and lead an occasional service. Everyone hates the electric amplifier in the sanctuary. It cuts in and out. Intermittent problems are the hardest to diagnose. I must take the technician’s word on this, as I have never actually fixed anything myself. We decided to shop for a new *halachic* system. Meanwhile, our first kosher sound system is up-for-grabs. “Old elephant ears” as we call her will wind up on eBay unless

some lucky congregant buys her. She really is a marvelous contraption with horns and air pumps...but she’s so darn big.

The Long Range Planning Committee is exploring the future of our shul. A small group will meet soon with a representative of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The question of future affiliation is rife with pros and cons. Our old synagogue bylaws have become stale. Fresh bylaws are being marinated in logic by dozens of herbs and spices, and then they will be slow-roasted by experienced legal opinion. The new bylaws will be proudly served piping hot at the next congregational meeting and they will be ... mouth watering! (Can you tell I am writing this *before* dinner?)

There has been talk about making the 2nd Street shul handicapped accessible. Right now 2<sup>nd</sup> Street enjoys an exemption because it is an exempt facility. To make the shul accessible to the outside would be comparatively easy, but to make the bathrooms accessible would be an engineering feat worthy of the towers of Kuala Lumpur. While the water closets are clean and working, they are monuments to the early years of indoor plumbing. To say they are cramped (pardon the pun) is charitable. In my opinion we should upgrade the HVAC in that building, but leave the access as it is.

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## THE SEARCH FOR CHOMETZ

Fermenting grain is the villain. That is Chometz-leavening. Any product made with grain is the villain. The Torah says do not own Chometz; do not see Chometz in your household; do not eat it and do not benefit from it.

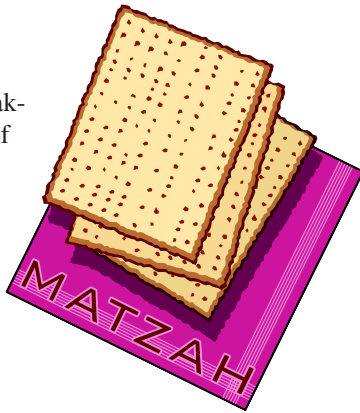
There is an anathema toward grain "fermentation," corresponding to spiritual fermentation, G-d forbid.

Matzah is grain but the time for baking precludes the fermentation. The time is 18 minutes.

In the 1200's in England, the Matzah bakers would draw pictures in the dough before the oven baking. The rabbis saw that the artisans were too focused on the picture. It could lead to the process going over the 18 minute limit. Therefore the plain Matzah we have today. ☆

## MATZAH IS MYSTICAL

Water, flour (grain) and 18 baking minutes are the symbols of simplifying life. Don't even add salt. Water, flour and 18 baking minutes is the way to go. The ingestion of Matzah will clear away the spiritual clotting. ☆



## Bulletin Angels

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in thanksgiving for and celebration  
of Emmalee's U.S. citizenship

What is a Bulletin Angel? YOU are, when you give a gift to Beth Sholom of \$36 per issue to help defray the costs of publishing Beth Sholom's Bulletin. Angels' names are published in each issue. Send your check, earmarked for Bulletin Angels, to the Community Center. ☆

**Alternative Service:**  
Monthly service in which congregants may  
take part in songs, prayers, and meditation.

**Friday, April 27, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Beth Sholom Community Center**  
**Weinberg Chapel**

## THE GARAGE STORY

You bought the car. The price of \$10k to \$30K but it can't be parked in the garage. The garage is full with the stuff you're saving for some rummage sale in the future that is going to take place somewhere sometime. There is no way that you will clear the garage to permit the real value to be safeguarded.

Pre-Pesach cleaning and "you" must get rid of the rummage stuff and even some of the good stuff.

I'm not talking about garage, rummage, new car. I'm talking about a cleansing of self. Prioritizing. Take the stuff out of the garage and put the car in. Remove self-fermenting and take on valuable steps of self.

Some of us are not ready for the process. There will be an opportunity next year, G-d willing. The Torah waits. But at least understand the nature of the holiday. Change. ☆

## THE OMER COUNT

I often notice when our congregants put on their Talesim, they first kiss the collar and then they don the Talis. Perhaps they recite the blessing which praises G-d for giving the commandment to envelop ourselves in the Talis. The intention one should have in enveloping ourselves is to be eager to perform commandments.

The Omer count is a commandment. On the second night of Passover, we begin counting the Omer. We count the Omer day, each day, for 49 days/seven weeks.

What an easy commandment! Allegedly.

It's the remembering to count each night that is the challenge. There are negative forces that keep one busy so that the count eludes us. Or the count eludes me. Even though it is clear that the count is connected to the evening service, still, praying alone does not guarantee that I remember to count the Omer.

Women are not obligated to count the Omer. Of course, they can and they do. But there is no obligation. Women are not obligated to do any Mitzvah which has a time limit.

I have an Omer buddy with whom I count the Omer. I think this is our third year. I'm grateful that I have this insurance. ☆

Im baaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaack!

Im back and happy to announce (for all of you who missed the Open House on March 11<sup>th</sup>) all the things that will be happening in the religious school for next year.

1. I am very excited to announce our new **Torah for Toddlers** program. The program, for 2-4 year olds and their parents, will be one Sunday a month. Participants will enjoy songs, activities, games and snack (of course!). Watch your mail for fliers with more details.
2. Our **Madrichim** program for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders: The best (paying) job I had in college was teaching religious school. Next year, five 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will get the opportunity to learn how to be teachers/teachers assistants in religious school. They will then get hands-on learning experience in our religious school helping teachers and tutoring Hebrew (and, of course, there will be some compensation). To apply, students should submit a resume with one recommendation to Chaya Schneider either in person or by email (edinfred@hotmail.com).
3. Our new **Parent Jewish Book Club** will meet four times during the year on a Wednesday night to discuss four wonderful books recommended by the American Jewish Libraries. All the dates for discussion are after major Jewish holidays, so you will have plenty of time to read.



Also, a reminder about our upcoming **Jewish History Class** for parents, Sundays from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center

by Margie Barber, teacher  
Four-Year-Old Classes

Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center has been brimming with activity lately, par for the course for a preschool! We thank all those who participated in two of our recent fundraisers: a Family Bingo, which was well attended and fun for all; and the Silent Auction. Both of these activities netted funds sorely needed for our end-of-the-year activities.

All the classes are learning about Passover. We learn about many Jewish holidays over the course of the school year, and it's a lot of information for the little ones to absorb. However, each year the students demonstrate how very capable they are of grasping much, if not all of what we impart to them.

The Teddy Bears (3's), the Bumblebees (4's) and the Kindergarten all enjoy their weekly music classes with Miss Julie. Miss Julie has an angelic voice, endless patience, and obvious enthusiasm for passing on her love of music to the children. All the students look forward to these educational and enjoyable sessions.

There are still a few spaces available for some of the classes for next year. Contact Naomi Lazerow, Director, for more information. ☆

It's That  
Time  
Again!



## Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center YARD SALE

Friday, April 27, 2007  
7 a.m. until noon

Bring your items in from Tuesday 9 a.m. through Thursday noon. **COME SHOP WITH US ALSO!** You may shop Tuesday through Thursday, before the "official" advertised sale time.

**President's Report (cont.)**

This month begins with Passover, so I would like to hand out some advice...

1) Seders were meant to be shared. Invite someone you cannot stand to your seder. No, family members do *not* count.

2) Don't pig out on the chopped liver before the meal. Since it is usually served as an appetizer it is easy to eat too much. Ask someone to watch you and tell you when you have had too much. A spouse is perfectly suited for such a task.

3) Watching Charleton Heston in *The Ten Commandments* is in no way a substitute for a Passover seder.

4) If you are a younger sibling, work it so you read the ten plagues. Then glare at your older brother or sister when you slowly read the last plague. It's very therapeutic.

5) Don't eat the shank bone on the seder plate. It's for looks only. In fact, save yourself a lot of grief and don't eat anything on the seder plate. I learned this one the hard way.

6) Don't ask for second helpings. Another course is usually just a few minutes away.

7) Hide the afikoman in a place where kids never look, like in their text their books, or next to the dog's leash, or under a bar of soap.

8) Use a lab beaker with the millimeters marked-off for the Cup of Elijah. The results will freak you out.

9) Don't forget to close the front door as soon as you think Elijah finished his visit to your house. It's a lovely old custom, but remember this still 5767!

10) If the hostess offers you leftovers to take home, swallow your foolish pride and accept them graciously. Otherwise you be swallowing matzah and margarine for a week.

A wonderful friend, Mr. Marty Tulkoff of Baltimore, just passed away. I met him 15 years ago through his sister-in-law, Bertie Farbman, a long-time member. Every spring Marty would say "*a zissen Pesach*" to everyone he'd meet. If ever there was a cheerleader for Passover, it would be my friend Marty. It became a joke and we'd say it to each other all year long. So in his name I say to you, "*a zissen Pesach*."

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**BEDIKAS CHOMETZ –  
THE SEARCH**

April 1, Sunday night, is the search for Chometz. I will be "bodek" our house on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street first. Carol waits for me to do this. She places ten pieces of bread in plastic baggies on the first and second floors. No food has gone up to the third floor during the year. I go through every room knowing that there is no Chometz except the plastic baggie. I gather them on a paper plate. I better come up with the ten pieces, as we speak.

Before we begin the search I recite the blessing of burning the Chometz. I recite a formula stating that any Chometz in my possession is null and void. I have two more buildings to perform the Chometz search. Some years, attorney Marc Ward asks me to be bodek his office, therefore, three more places to search, sometime.

The Bedikah has spiritual significance but its purpose is not clear to me. The house is already clean. Yet open the Haggadah and you will find the text for Chometz searching. It's on the first pages. It states the formula one says before the search.

Because I don't understand the Bedikah, the performance of it creates its own meaning. Walking through each room of your home with a candle (flashlight) defines for you the entire purpose of your home. How about each searched room defining its purpose?

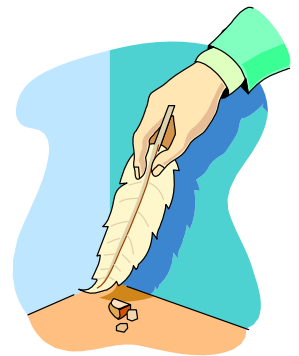
Some of our children have their own rooms. I can't imagine such a thing. Not having to share your room with someone is a denial of reality.

On the other hand, maybe after a few marriages in our family, some of the children did have their own room. Then again, some of us might have one child. I don't think Avrohom or Chaim ever had their own room. Some of our daughters did.

Back to Bedikas Chometz: As the search begins, we could be defining the purpose of each room. Not only of each room but more. What is the purpose of the house? The search could be an impetus to resolve goals of the home.

When our children followed me from room to room, we sang. I don't remember any significant thoughts I had at the time. But as I look back now there was a unity of family. Walking through the children's bedrooms was "big." Each one had been responsible for his/her Chometz-free area. Pockets are searched for candy kisses and the like. Candy kisses are not of grain but they are also not specifically Pesachdik.

One year, while searching through the rooms, I remember lying down on Avi's bed. I wanted to have the perspective of the whole house from his point of view. What did the house, the authority, Carol and myself, look like from Avi's reality of the house. ☆



בְּדִיקַת חֵמֶץ

**GREAT DINNERS**

Seder night is universally observed by Jews. I find it inspiring. It does not matter what facet of Judaism we observe. Everyone either does the dinner, or is invited to the dinner, or knows about others going to a dinner. Its origins are ancient and mystical.

The first dinner was the night before the Exodus. The dinner was carefully planned. Israelites were pre-invited to be at the dinner. The dinner was eating the roast lamb of Egypt, one of its gods. That is the origin of our Passover Seder. It was a dinner in defiance.

Today's dinners, too, are strong expressions of Jewishness. I don't think it's in defiance of a different culture. It's a healthy expression of "I love my religion." ✧



**BE TRUE TO YOUR JEWISH SELF**

But how? Cynthia Oszick, best-selling author at age 22, decided to write about her Jewish self. It was then that she realized that she did not know anything about Judaism. That realization caused her to launch an aggressive study of Judaism. Since then she has written extensively on Jewish stories. When you read her, you will know that she has found her Jewish self and is very busy being true to her Jewish self. But education first. ✧



**EMAIL NUMBER EIGHT, AS WE SPEAK**

I have two addresses for some of the email recipients. Please inform me which name to keep and which to remove or to keep them both. Thanks for your encouragement in your responses.

Should someone like to receive the weekly email, please call the synagogue. Should someone not have email, but would like to receive the weekly message, call the office. ✧

**LUTHER BROWN**

Luther Brown died. I saw him the day of the viewing. He had bouquets and bouquets of flowers on either side of him. The undertaker continued to bring in the flowers while I was sitting in front of Luther. In front of me and while I was there, the flowers continued to arrive. I knew that his worth was far above flowers. But, evidently, I needed to be witness to the stream of flowers.

I'll tell one story about Luther.

I had a class in my home. I taught the Chumash, The Five Book of Moses. Edna Rosenstock A.H., Sylvia Weinberg, Fran Lowenthal A.H., Ruth Weisberger A.H. and two minister's wives came religiously.

During class, Luther came into the dining room on two different occasions looking for something. When he came in the third time, I asked: "Luther, what are you looking for?" He told me that he had a \$1000 which he could not find. It was the money to purchase a pulpit. The church had given him the money. He was very distraught. When he left, I told the group that I think between us, we should raise the money and give it to Luther. Between us, it would not be a hardship for anyone of us. We agreed.

It did not take long and Luther returned. Again, he was looking. I took him aside and told him that if he did not find the money, we would give him the money.

Before the class ended Luther was back. His wife had taken the money to teach him a lesson. She felt that he was too careless with the money. Luther thanked all of us. And onward he went and onward we went.. ✧

**OMER HISTORY**

An Omer is a weight of grain. On the second night of Passover, in ancient times, the farmer (we were all farmers) would go to the field and mark the grains that were ripening. He would then take a measure of grain and bring it to the Temple. From that night he would count 48 more days which would bring him to the holiday of weeks, Shavuos.



In present times, on the second night we do not go out to our farmland. We are sitting at a Seder.

Since those farm-times, the Temple is gone. We are in exile in different parts of the world. The second night in the Diaspora is a holy day like the first, meaning we cannot gather grain. The Jewish world, as it was, has been turned upside down. The Temple is destroyed and we are in exile.

What we have left is counting the Omer days in anticipation of the Shavuos holiday -the giving of the Torah and the celebration of the first fruits. The 50<sup>th</sup> day is Shavuos.

At Beth Sholom, we count the Omer at Friday night services; we count the Omer Shabbos morning at services; we count the Omer Sunday morning and Thursday morning at services. We count the Omer at every Shul gathering. Every year we count the Omer at our congregational meeting. ✧

# Remembering the Holocaust

## Healing the Heart

### Program Highlights

Keynote Speaker: Miriam Klements  
See the *Holocaust Memorial* on display  
and hear about its history

7:00 - 7:45 Shabbat Services (All are welcome)  
8:00 Holocaust Program: Remembering the  
Holocaust, Healing the Heart

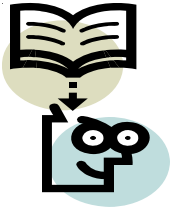
Program will be followed by a dessert reception

**Please Join Us**  
**Friday April 20, 2007**  
**Beth Sholom Community Center**  
**1011 North Market Street**  
**Frederick, Maryland**  
**301-663-3437**

**Miriam Klements**  
is the child of Holocaust survivors. She will share how her participation in a Jewish - German Compassionate Listening Project for Healing the Wounds of WWII helped her heal personal pain as well as cultural trauma and wounds. The Compassionate Listening Program facilitates and trains people to speak and listen from the heart, even in the heat of conflict.

Co-sponsored by Beth Sholom Congregation  
and

National Council of Jewish Women, Frederick Section



## ADULT CLASSES

We're reading the following books in Adult Classes: *The Pledge* by Leonard Slater in Virginia monthly class, *Narcissus and Goldmund* by Nobel Prize winner Herman Hesse, *Days of Sorrow and Pain* by Leonard Baker. These are sprinkled with stories by Chaim Walder's.

*The Pledge* is very exciting, telling about the events taking place to help Israel in 1948. So much action takes place in Baltimore at that watershed moment.

*Narcissus and Goldmund* is a beautifully written book. Our group listens intently to the literature of the story. This is the second session with this book. When we were ready to go, a student asked what was there Jewish in this book. He was waiting for the appearance of some Jewish reference. "Something!"

"The story is the struggle between the cloistered spiritual life, Narcissus, as opposed to the desires of his student, Goldmund, who sought the opposite. More! He even sought a wild life. That struggle," I told my student, "is universal."

*Days of Sorrow and Pain*, about Leo Baeck, has a very different interest for me than the above books. This book describes a period of change in Judaism.

In my family, in Detroit, non-adherence to Jewish law was just that. There was no necessity to call it a name or a movement. We were too busy with becoming Americans and keeping up.

This from the author: "In 1793 a follower of Moses Mendelsohn described the Jews of Berlin as belonging to four groups. The first group he called the "true believers," those remaining in the ghetto. They were fossilized and unable to assimilate and they were dying out. The second group was the "libertines," Jews who called themselves Christians but still were shunned by their Christian neighbors. The third and fourth groups were the 'educated' and 'partly educated,' those upon whom it was hoped a 'pure' religion could be established."

In Frederick, living in 2007, I am involved in more than four different groups of interpretive Judaism.

The history in this book encourages me and strengthens me in the direction that we go. How many times in my Frederick life have I been confronted with the view of change. Congregants who mean well but would like to expand horizons.

In 1793, in Europe, in Germany, "let's expand horizons."

I want us to be a citadel of tradition. I want our children to recognize where we are, where we come from and where we are going.

Leo Baeck's story is instructive and inspiring for me. It solidifies our goals. I need our place of worship to be an educational experience as well as spiritual.

Moses, our rabbi, fought the counter-view of Amalek. He could not do it alone. Joshua and Hur supported his hands.

Leo Baeck's story gives me courage and inspiration. ☆

## THREE INFLUENTIAL MEN OF THE 1700'S

### Moses Mendelsohn

Moses Mendelsohn (mentioned above in the discussion of *Days of Sorrow and Pain*) was bent on improving the lot of his fellow Jew. He had his own system. He translated the Five Books of Moses into German. That way, ghetto Jews would learn the language of the country they lived in.

Moses Mendelsohn's grandson was Felix Mendelsohn. Felix would not permit a Jew to play in his orchestra. Felix had converted.

### Baal Shem Tov

The Baal Shem Tov was the founder of the Chassidic movement. The Chassidic movement! Talk about fossilized. Unable to assimilate. The farthest thing from their mind is to assimilate. Even today, refusing to assimilate. Imagine how the idea to assimilate was foreign to them in the 1700's.

There are hundreds of thousands of Chassidim today. Satmar, Belz, Bratzlav, Ger and Lubavich to name a few. Each name was the name of a town in Europe, destroyed in the Holocaust. They have been resurrected.

Today, throughout the year, hundreds of Chassidim charter planes and travel to visit the cemetery in their various towns. They seek the graves of their Rebbies. The Jewish travelers look exactly like their forbears. The townspeople believe they are seeing ghosts. It's the same garb and the same beards and the same separateness.

One of our congregants visited the same area. He was American, dressed American and certainly no Yarmulke. He experienced an anti-Semitic remark.

His response was, "You would not recognize a Jew if you saw one."

My response is that it does not matter how hard you try to be unJewish, it won't work. So you may as well be what you are and be true to your Jewish self.

### The Vilna Gaon

This sage was a giant in scholarship. Although Jews came from all over the world to ask advice, his lifestyle was austere. There was no furniture in his home. He had a bookcase in the living room, a kitchen table and beds. He was, and still is, an inspiration to Torah Jewry. His books are revered and studied. Elijah the prophet was a frequent guest in his home. ☆

These three men, Moses Mendelsohn, the Baal Shem Tov and the Vilna Gaon lived in the same time. Each had very different plans for his fellow Jew. The Baal Shem Tov and the Vilna Gaon started out in opposition. The Vilna Gaon was certain that Chassidism was a different direction. Eventually, their circuitous route brought them together. They are still lights to our generations going forward. Moses Mendelsohn became a vehicle for his descendants to ride out of Judaism.

It's a plan. ☆

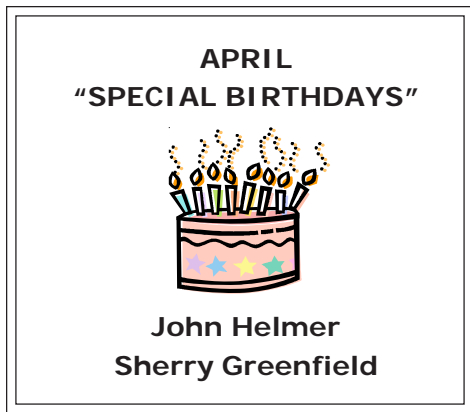
**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

I had a congregant whose mother belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution. She told me that she was very "proud" to be a Jewess, her word. My congregant made it clear that she would always belong to the Temple.

Mrs. M. was opposed to Jewish organizations or any groups which separated us from other religions.

She was buried in a church cemetery with only her nephew in attendance at her funeral. There is no cause and effect in my telling this story. In my telling, there is no cause and effect. Obviously, there is cause and effect here beyond my ken.

At an adult class we were discussing Carlebach and the Beatles. I was trying to remember a song and one of us said, "Eleanor Rigby." That song comes to mind when I think of my congregant. Eleanor Rigby by the Beatles with the accompanying cello. ☆



**LETTERS**



Dear Rabbi,  
Why are we allowed to bury someone on Purim.

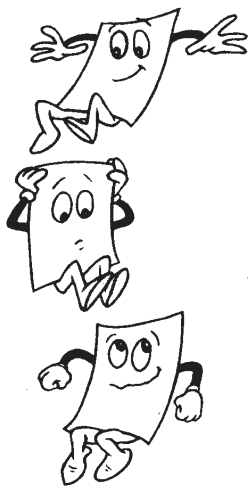
Hi Rabbi,  
I'm crying thinking about Luther coming in the back door when we were staying at your house. How old was he? I know it must have been so emotional for you; probably for your kids, too.

Dad,  
I still hear the call for candle lighting and the ringing of the supper bell plus the chimes of the living room clock not to mention the church bells and even, from the old house, the yell of outrage to "Turn On The Cellar Light!"

(The TV was in the basement. When anyone walked by and saw the switch up, they would put the switch down not remembering that five or six children were watching the TV in the basement.)

Rabbi,  
What is sponsoring a speaker? Where is the speaker from? Do they speak of the portion of the week or is this something else? I'm not sure about doing it.

Rav,  
I have a paper-back copy of *The Last of the Just*. I will lend it to you for an extended period of time with no late fee added on. Let me know if you want it.



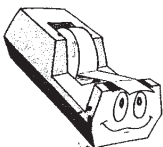
**Annual School Supply Drive**



National Council of Jewish Women  
Frederick Section

**Once again, we would like to help out the Frederick County School system and collect school supplies for students whose families aren't as fortunate as we are. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of the Beth Sholom Community Center during the months of March and April.**

**Although all donations will be gratefully accepted, the following items have been specifically requested:**



- Heavy Duty Pocket Folders**
- Large Glue Sticks**
- 3-Ring Binders**
- Paper**
- Primary "Fat" Pencils**
- Backpacks**

- Protractors**
- Pocket Dictionaries**
- Index Cards**
- Composition Books**
- Scissors**
- Graphic Calculators**



**Congratulations  
to**

Sylvia Sclar  
on the birth of her  
great grandson,  
**Reed Jacob Nelson**  
January 4, 2007



Lewis & Alice Gold  
on the birth of their  
grandson, **Nathan Gold Ginsberg**  
January 25, 2007



Gene & Gayle Klupt  
on the birth of their  
granddaughter, **Hannah Lena Klupt**  
February 15, 2007

**Sisterhood News**

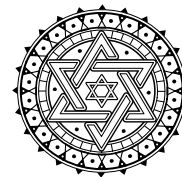
by Sylvia Elfman & Denys Louderback

Sisterhood thanks everyone who supported our Purim Card fundraiser. Also, Happy Passover to everyone. The kitchen will be closed during Passover and services will be held downtown in the Synagogue.

Thank you to the following for sponsoring onegs or luncheons during March: NCJW, Lewis & Alice Gold, Dan & Sharon Kuebbing, Michael Smith & Sharon Edelstein, Kevin & Andrea Eyler, Carl & Naomi Lazerow, and Rabbi & Carol Kosman.

The next meeting is April 12 at 12 noon at the Community Center.

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**LETTERS (Cont.)**

Dearest Rabbi Kosman,  
You mentioned *The Last of the Just* by Andre Schwartzbard. I read that novel almost forty-five years ago. The reading had a profound effect on my outlook on life. My view of humanity became much sadder. You have to be ready to read that story! Strange that after all these years I barely remember the plot, just the memory that it was the saddest story I ever read! I was curious to rekindle my memory of the plot so I went to google and was so amazed to find a Beth Sholom Bulletin on google. It was an excerpt of an August 2006 article which discussed the plot.

Hi Rabbi,  
I just read your weekly e-mail. You mentioned Ethel Merman. She was a client of my grandfather's firm so many years ago. She sang at my Aunt Dorothy's wedding, before my time. I have a music box that was given by Ethel Merman to my grandfather.

Our daughter was just accepted for a birthright trip to Israel this summer. I thought you would like to know.

Rabbi,  
I was at a women's seder at Beth El and who did I see but Sheila Smallberg. She is great as always. I promised that I would tell you. Her mother is doing fine. ☆

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National Council of Jewish Women  
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A BELIEF IN ACTION**by Anastasia Rosen-Jones, President**

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I had many compliments about my speech at the NCJW-sponsored Oneg Shabbat. That encouraged me to offer an edited version of my talk for my column this month. The excerpt follows:

“A Woman of Valor” was the title of a poem I once heard at the memorial service of a woman whose strength and grace I admired. The dictionary defines “valor” as courage, boldness and heroism.

Recently, I thought, perhaps, my serving as president of our local NCJW chapter could *someday* mean that I, too, could earn the right to be called a “woman of valor.” I think I might like that. My role in NCJW would then truly be Be’shert.

Our NCJW members are consistently serving throughout the Frederick Jewish community and the greater Frederick community in ways that merit respect. We are a whole group of emerging “women of valor.”

Marianne Ehrlichman, NCJW’s representative to the Season For Nonviolence program and Sharon Kuebbing, representing us to the Interfaith Council worked closely to co-sponsor one of the Season For Nonviolence programs, the Virtues Workshop (with the Frederick Interfaith group). NCJW provided ethnic Jewish refreshments and members joined in the workshop to learn to, more gracefully, speak the language of peace in our day-to-day lives.

Visiting with Rita Gordon recently, I met another woman of valor, as are the other old-time NCJW members I’ve met so far. Rita gave me a copy of her book, **The Jews Beneath The Clustered Spires**. This book is really aiding my beginning to grasp the role NCJW has played in the history of Frederick County and Jewish life here. What a proud heritage! In June, NCJW is planning to have a brunch (or lunch) to honor our past presidents. We need women of this ilk in our lives, “women of valor,” women of courage, boldness and heroism.

The Holocaust Memorial program, co-sponsored by NCJW and Beth Sholom (Friday evening, April 21) will give us another opportunity to reflect on valor — the valor of those who perished in the Holocaust — and, for those of us who must now learn to make sense of it, to find enhanced ways through these lessons to help better humankind.

This will be an inspiring program. One of my dearest spirit sisters, Miriam Klements, will be our keynote speaker. Look for our announcement for this program in the Beth Sholom *Bulletin*. ☆

**YAHARZEITS  
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| April 6*  | David Glick<br>Mae Diane Lohman<br>Sarah Rude<br>Fanny Hoffman<br>Moshe Miller<br>Irwin Solomon<br>Leo Sperling<br>Frances Polansky<br>Charlotte Spero<br>Benjamin Adelman  |  |
| April 13* | Rose Diamond<br>Rose Shapiro<br>Lew Wesker<br>Cindy Cohen<br>Selman Ginsburg<br>William Nasher<br>Lee Sapiro<br>Joseph Erlichman  | Herman Miller<br>Rebecca Kayte<br>Bernard Neufeld<br>Helen Stein<br>Dora Gordon<br>Hodes Mogelevor<br>Donald Neufeld |
| April 20* | Joseph I. Kopelman<br>Vera Kuebbing<br>Allison Gayle Patchen<br>Patricia Snyder<br>Abraham Sclar<br>Albert Pargament<br>Benjamin Brandorff<br>Gussie Freilich<br>Joseph Lessans<br>William T. Martin<br>Morris Reichel<br>Louis Feuer |  |
| April 27* | Celia Rossio<br>Libby (Eva) Shirley Losover<br>Eva Schreiber<br>Sylvan Jerome Block<br>Yetta Dubin<br>Carrie Cohen<br>Sam Pollicove<br>Gertrude Rand<br>Harry Sherby  |  |

\* indicates Friday on which name will be read from the Bima.

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| <b>1</b><br>13 NISAN<br>9 a Minyon<br>NO SCHOOL<br>NO BINGO   | <b>2</b><br>14 NISAN<br>⚡Erev Pesach<br><b>7:11</b><br>NO SCHOOL<br>NO BINGO                                       | <b>3</b><br>15 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - Day 1<br>NO SCHOOL<br>9:15 a Services - Syn<br>Candlelighting 8:11 | <b>4</b><br>16 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - Day 2<br>NO SCHOOL<br>9:15 a Services - Syn | <b>5</b><br>17 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - First Intermediate Day<br>NO SCHOOL   | <b>6</b><br>18 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - Second Intermediate Day<br><b>7:15</b><br>NO SCHOOL<br>8 p Services - Syn | <b>7</b><br>19 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - Third Intermediate Day<br>9:15 a Services - Syn         |
| <b>8</b><br>20 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - Fourth Intermediate Day<br><b>7:17</b><br>9 a Minyon<br>NO SCHOOL<br>NO BINGO | <b>9</b><br>21 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - Day 7<br>9:15 a Services - Syn<br>NO SCHOOL<br>NO BINGO<br>Candlelighting 8:17 | <b>10</b><br>22 NISAN<br>⚡Passover - Day 8<br>9:15 a Services - Yiskor - Syn<br>NO SCHOOL              | <b>11</b><br>23 NISAN   | <b>12</b><br>24 NISAN<br>8 a Minyon<br>11:30 a Social Club<br>12 Sisterhood Meeting<br>4:30 p Hebrew School<br>7:30 p Board of Trustees Meeting | <b>13</b><br>25 NISAN<br><b>7:22</b><br>8 p Services - CC<br>Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Vershel                  | <b>14</b><br>26 NISAN<br>Shemini<br>9:15 a Services - CC<br>Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Vershel |
| <b>15</b><br>27 NISAN<br>9 a Minyon<br>10 a Religious School Adult Ed<br>10 a NCJW Meeting<br>Bingo               | <b>16</b><br>28 NISAN<br>Shores Bingo  | <b>17</b><br>29 NISAN<br>4:30 p Hebrew School  | <b>18</b><br>30 NISAN<br>⚡Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 1                             | <b>19</b><br>1 IYAR<br>⚡Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 2<br>8 a Minyon<br>4:30 Hebrew School   | <b>20</b><br>2 IYAR<br><b>7:29</b><br>7 p Services - CC<br>8 p Holocaust Commemoration Program                | <b>21</b><br>3 IYAR<br>Tazria - Metzora<br>9:15 a Services - CC                             |
| <b>22</b><br>4 IYAR<br>9 a Minyon<br>10 a Religious School Adult Ed<br>Bingo                                      | <b>23</b><br>5 IYAR<br>⚡Yom HaAtzma'ut<br>Bingo  | <b>24</b><br>6 IYAR<br>4:30 p Hebrew School  | <b>25</b><br>7 IYAR   | <b>26</b><br>8 IYAR<br>8 a Minyon<br>11:30 a Social Club<br>4:30 p Hebrew School  | <b>27</b><br>9 IYAR<br><b>7:36</b><br>7 a ECC Yard Sale<br>8 p Services - CC Alternative Service              | <b>28</b><br>10 IYAR<br>Acharei Mot - Kedoshim<br>9:15 a Services - CC                      |
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