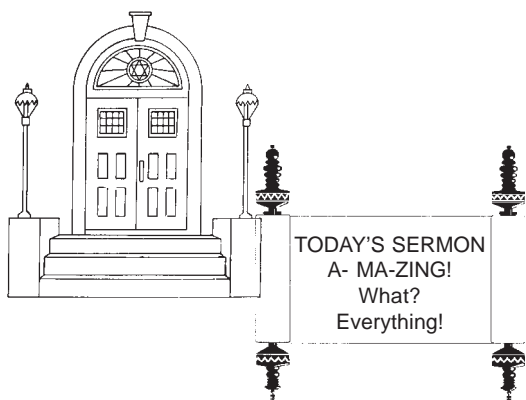


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## TISHA B'AV

August 2nd and 3rd, Wednesday night and Thursday, is Tisha B'Av. The fasting is useful training for Yom Kippur, the next 25-hour fast. There is no connection between the two fast days except that each fast begins the night before and lasts the entire next day.

Tisha B'Av is a day of mourning for the Temple destruction. The past year's spate of concern regarding our Shul's fiduciary responsibility has in it an echo of Temple mourning, the concern for our Shul's welfare.

There are two areas of subliminal melancholy among our people: the absence of the Temple in Jerusalem, and the Holocaust.

The absence of the Temple means a diminishing of G-d's presence in our midst. There were no formal prayers when the Temple existed. Prayers, gratitude and acknowledging were spontaneous. Once the Temple was gone, the Men of the Great Assembly established formal prayers. Spontaneous prayer in depth was no longer possible. There were valid attempts but prayer was less than when the Temple was present. The frequency was the same or more, but less without the presence of the Temple. Therefore, the Men of the Great Assembly composed formal prayers.

We break a glass at every wedding ceremony to connect the ceremony to what is missing in our lives. Missing? The full consciousness of Hashem's presence is no longer full. It is missing.

The Lubavitch wedding ceremony has a deeper symbol for the absence of the Temple. The glass of wine which the groom and bride drink from is given to a guest or relative standing by. The person finishes the wine from the glass and that glass is used for the groom to step on. Drinking from a wine glass of joy and then immediately breaking it, graphically describes that there is something "missing" in our lives.

To understand that something is missing, even in our fullest joy-moment, is an important level. New reasons for the glass-breaking have arisen. One is the symbol of broken glass, like "skoal" as drained glasses are thrown into the fireplace. Another reason, the broken glass is a symbol that our marriage can never be broken as the pieces of glass.

I think these other "reasons" result from our not wanting to remember the Temple destruction or knowing about the melancholy in our past. Maybe it's a subliminal denial of where we come from. At traditional weddings, a song about Jerusalem is sung before the glass is stepped on.



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## The President's Corner

by Andy Carpel  
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Dear Congregant,

This will be a tough message to write. It will be difficult because I have to ask for something from all of you. I am praying that you "take pity" and help. I am talking about our beleaguered synagogue. The Board of Trustees, the Board of Ed, the teachers and the staff have had a difficult year. The bumps in the road are behind us, and we are moving on. I am hoping that you stick with us through what will be a year of healing and rebuilding. I am promising that if you do, you will find being Jewish in Frederick much more fulfilling.

Here is a laundry list of the new problems gripping our shul. All of these problems are related. Number one is our *shrinking membership*. Today we have 263 dues-paying families as members (including Diamond Members). We used to have more. We need to have more. The way Frederick County has been growing we *should* have more. To turn this around, last year the Board offered free, one-year memberships. Each Board member will be assigned someone new to call and meet at services, etc. The idea is to show them around, introduce them to others and make them feel comfortable - a great idea which we intend to continue as an ongoing program.

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**President's Corner (continued)**

Our second problem is *member apathy*. We had the notes from our Coffee Klatches analyzed by a non-Board member, Mrs. Frannie Kessler. She presented her analysis to us at the last meeting. A summary of her report is elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. The gist of her findings cited inertia as an impediment to the expansion of our Beth Sholom community. Indeed I hear this when I talk to members. Two income families do not have time or energy to volunteer. Some members are concerned about our "orthodox" tilt, our youth program, and our 3-days-a-week Hebrew school. Still, these are not reasons to give up on Beth Sholom. We all want the same thing...a vibrant Jewish community with plenty of choices of things to do. We understand. Please bear with us. We *are* listening to you.

The third big problem we face is a sharply reduced registration for our Religious School. This is probably the most disheartening news of this report. Aware that we need to make some changes, the Board of Education has hired a new director who will infuse youth and enthusiasm into our program. They have also hired a new kindergarten teacher who will carry on our tradition of excellence in our Early Childhood Education division.

The Alternative Service is finally being planned. A large group met with the Rabbi last week and the following was agreed upon. We will start with one Friday night service each month, the first being August 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a lot of singing, some different prayers and some new tunes. Explanations in English will precede most prayers. A congregant will deliver a D'var Torah or lead a discussion. The service will take place at the Community Center at 7 PM, which will be followed by the regular service at 8 PM.

Please come to this service. This is a start. Modern civil rights started with a tired Rosa Parks on a bus in Little Rock. This beginning may well be just as auspicious. I plan to attend and I hope you will too.

The Budget committee has met to discuss big problem number four. We went over almost every expense seeking ways to cut costs. Since our income is down we may have to make do with fewer services. Hard choices but the time has come.

The Executive Committee is seeking input from members regarding our spiritual future. Although the Alternative Service will be underway next month, we need to discuss what kind of shul we'll have five, ten or fifteen years from now. What should our vision be and how do we get there. This was a recurring theme of the Coffee Klatches. Many members want to know where we are going.

The Fundraising Committee is developing a Millennium Donor Recognition Program to be coordinated with this year's High Holy Days services. This unique idea is a method of acknowledging contributions made by members and includes all dona-

tions made since the year 2002. Of course we will adhere to our low-key style and handle this fund drive in a dignified manner. No arm twisting, but a great way to give "tzedakah."

The Membership Committee sorely needs people to work on the Gala Committee. This is the most fun of any project sponsored by the shul. Many of us have experience planning those Bar and Bat Mitzvah parties. It's time to put that hard won experience to good use. Call Stephanie Egly and start planning the Gala. Other committee initiatives have Morrie and Norma Kelsey volunteering to greet new members with visits and gifts. Rabbi Kosman is planning a square dance for August 9<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center, with a professional caller and everything. The charge is minimal and you don't need experience. It promises to be a real "oy vey ho down." We will also have a Shabbat dinner on August 25, followed by the Friday night service which will be led by our teens. If you can pry your teen away from the TV and computer, this will be an excellent way for them to meet their Jewish friends.

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**Tisha B'Av (continued)**

I had a re-entry experience at a wedding, when Neshama Carlebach and her band sang about Jerusalem before the glass-breaking.

Synagogues world-over have twisted, squirmed and adjusted so that their Ark will be facing east, toward Jerusalem. In Jerusalem is Mount Zion, where the Temple stood.

In our Center's front hall, the Ibbey and Howard Levine foyer, there is an unpainted patch to remember the Temple destruction. The Temple melancholy is in our present.

The second melancholy is the Holocaust. The amount of literature about the Holocaust has surpassed any other subject. The deniers do not let us forget it. The victims, the children of the victims and the grandchildren of the victims live among us. I think that Hashem has scattered the victims over the world so that every area, every town has a sprinkling of witnesses. Even Frederick has a share of witnesses among us.

There is a small town in Tennessee where no Jews live, allegedly. There is a film about their high school's project, a documentary called "Paper Clips." The teacher wanted to begin collecting six million paper clips to teach the children how many is the number six million. The project escalated beyond their hopes and imagination. Twenty million paper clips were collected from all over the country. A German freight car which had transported Jews was brought to the small town. It is now a memorial in a memorial park to teach about the Holocaust. On Tisha B'Av there is a dirge, a Kinah recited concerning the Holocaust.

The two melancholies are with us. We fast on Tisha B'Av for spiritual renewal. The day's schedule helps us to reenter the night and day of the Temple destruction. The night and day recall for us the centuries of tragedy, begun and implemented by the Temple destruction. ✧



by Chaya Schneider,  
Education Director

Are you ready to party?  
Because I am!

I just recently returned from Israel and am fully immersed in pulling together a great year for the religious school. So to get us started, I would like to play a game with all of you called "Two Truths and a Lie." In the following statements there are two truths and one lie about the upcoming religious school year. See if you can determine which are true and which one is false:

- The first day of religious school is August 27th
- There will be a family Bar-B-Q on September 10th
- Jerry Garcia will be performing live at the Bar-B-Q

Well did you guess my little lie? I am sorry to say that no, Jerry Garcia will not be performing at our opening Bar-B-Q, but there will be a lot of other fun to be had!

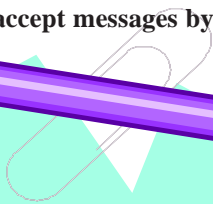
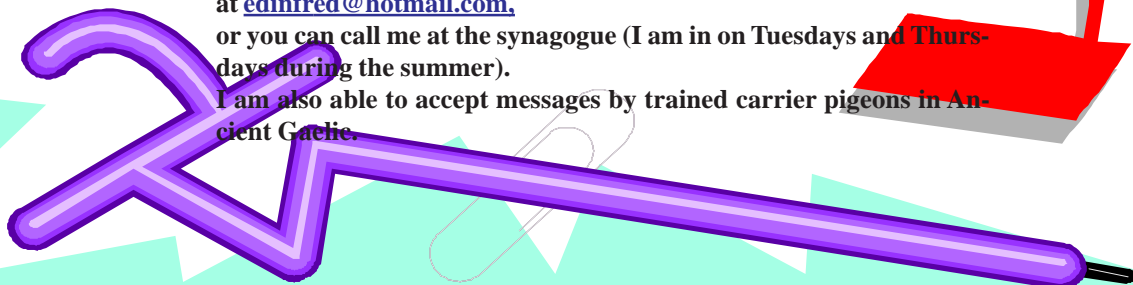
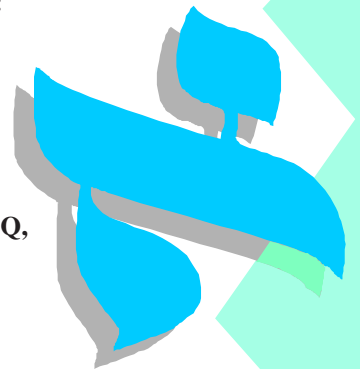
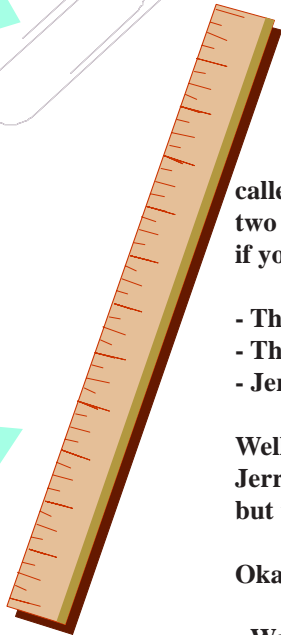
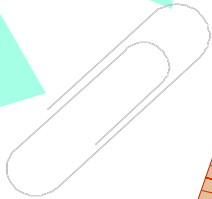
Okay, let's try another one (the last one was too easy):

- Watch your mailboxes in the coming weeks as packets about the coming school year will be arriving shortly
- Each packet is highly confidential
- Fliers will include information about class schedules, new Sunday snack program, family programming, and other activities

I am happy to report that these packets are not highly confidential, and I encourage you to share the information inside with friends, neighbors, and other family members. This year there will be exciting opportunities to engage with your children in family programming as well as opportunities to explore your own learning. I encourage everyone to participate and bring other family/community members to the appropriate programming.

Last one, since you are all doing so well:

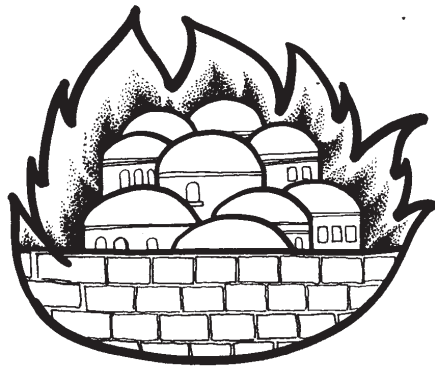
If you have any questions about religious school you can contact me at [edinfred@hotmail.com](mailto:edinfred@hotmail.com), or you can call me at the synagogue (I am in on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer). I am also able to accept messages by trained carrier pigeons in Ancient Gaelic.



## ORDER OF THE NIGHT AND DAY OF TISHA B'AV

There are Kinos recited (prayers called lamenting). The Book of Lamentations is read the evening of Tisha B'Av. When Tisha B'Av occurs on Sunday or Thursday morning then in Frederick we have a service with some additions for Tisha B'Av. Tfillin and Talis are not worn to simulate the period known as "Onen." The "Onen" period is when the family member has died, G-d forbid, but not buried. The mourner does not recite blessings or perform any commandments. Mourners are in limbo. Therefore, Talis and Tfillin are not worn as an "Onen." Rabbi Frand spoke about the time when his mother was Nifteres (died) in Seattle where she lived. He flew to Seattle. He was in a condition of an Onen. He spoke about the strangeness of not reciting a blessing when he ate or dovened. On Tisha B'Av morning we do in similar fashion, no Talis or Tfillin until afternoon.

Tisha B'Av morning, we recite the daily prayer format. We take out the Torah, reading a specific reading for Tisha B'Av. Once the regular service is over then congregants, whose backs can handle the floor or a low chair, put themselves in the mourning posture. Then Kinos are read, dirges. The Kinos are written from different centuries of tragic times which describe the events. I select some of the readings. We cannot do the entire text. ☆



## TISHA B'AV CONTINUED

This year, Tisha B'Av will be Thursday morning, our regular Minyon day. Therefore we will do some Kinos that morning. Synagogues and Temples all around us will do observances on Thursday. In the last few years programs, videos and movies have been used during the long day of fasting. It's an observance that touches all the Jewish houses of worship.

Some Shoresh campers and counselors help my day by coming to the Community Center in the late afternoon. There is no camp schedule on Tisha B'Av. There will be relevant movies shown. I will speak and then the afternoon Minchah service will take place. At this service the men and boys will don Tfillin and Talesim. The crunch period of mourning lessens as the day progresses. After 1:00 P.M., regular shoes are worn. Sitting on regular chairs is permitted.

The program will continue until 9:10 P.M., at which time the evening service will be recited, and then everyone will breaking their fasts. I will go home to break the fast with Carol, G-d willing. ☆

## HALACHA

Halacha literally means "a way of walking." In our context, Halacha means "law." Halacha can mean Torah law or Rabbinical law or even custom. At a recent Jewish Theological Seminary graduation the speaker proposed that the Conservative Movement cease to anchor itself to Halacha. This was not a consensus of the movement nor was the professor an emissary of the Seminary. However, it was a crack in the school's belief system. At the address' conclusion some rabbis were talking about another split in the movement.

Another time, the Chancellor, Rabbi Schorsh, in a farewell address, excoriated the attending rabbis. He bemoaned the lack of scholarship amongst the rabbis. He spoke about the dangers confronting the movement. Graduating rabbis with insufficient Halachic knowledge were attempting to lead congregations in non-Halachic directions. Rabbi Schorsh emphasized the southward direction he has witnessed in his 20 years of tenure. ☆

## MORE ON HALACHA

The Jewish Theological Seminary Chancellor's comments stressed the lack of Halachic knowledge. Jacob Neusner, renowned scholar, author, and Conservative rabbi has been decrying the lack of Halachic knowledge across the board in the Conservative Movement.

I don't feel that it is a great problem because Halachic knowledge is very accessible. Once we agree that we need more, it is all at our fingertips. Congregants constantly ask me questions about Halacha, the way to go in a particular situation. Most of the time the congregant, asking for advice, does not realize he or she is asking an Halachic question.

Parallel to Halacha, the Supreme Court has to be in sync with the Constitution written and signed in the 1780's. A new situation, a new challenge has to be bounced against the Constitution. The results of a ruling cannot contradict the Constitution.

Recently, there was a discussion about sidestepping a protocol of our Shul. The format was deemed unnecessary. Most were in agreement that the format was extraneous. The following is the e-mail I received: "Our bylaws only allow one method of action. We can not pick and choose which sections of the bylaws we will follow or choose when we follow them. If we ever want to defend our action we must adhere to the bylaws."

Halacha based on Torah and Rabbinical interpretation dictates the same procedures. The American Constitution, bylaws of Congregation Beth Sholom, and Lehavdil (pardon the proximity) Torah, need to be part of our system of decision. We must have guidelines. ☆

Beth Sholom Congregation welcomes  
new members

Phyllis & Gary Schwartz

### STRANGE AND NORMAL

Rabbi Frand presented a lecture in which he told about an observant Jew who found out that he was not Jewish. Gevalt! He was married. His children were in day school. He was an activist in his Shul. When he discovered that he was not Jewish, he ran as fast as he could to legitimize his status. He ran.

Andre Schwartzbard wrote a book entitled "The Last of the Just." The theme of the book is based on a Talmudic saying, "There have to be at least 36 righteous persons in the world, otherwise the world will cease to exist." The author creates a story of a person-Tzadik for different centuries. Schwartzbard writes about the first Tzadik. The story takes place in the 12th century when the Christian folk of the town are impassioned by an Easter sermon. They lock the Jews in their synagogue and burn it down. Among these was one of the 36 Tzaddikim, righteous men.

The last Tzadik, one of the 36 men, is a German. The Nazis informed him that he had a grandfather who was Jewish. This made him 25% Jewish. The German speaks about the shame of that 25% Jew in him. His wife and children would have nothing to do with him. He was fired from his job. He felt the persecution suffered as a Jew. He then speaks about being ashamed of the part of him that was German. He chooses to walk into a concentration camp and join the Jews.

At Beth Sholom, we have had congregants who found out that they are Jewish. What to do? Their mates are not accepting of a new interest in Judaism. The family is active in the church. The newly discovered Jewish person has a hunger to be in the synagogue. The family resents a sudden Jewish connection. The only acceptable Jewish experience is the *Bulletin*. Besides all the variables that make up our congregation, there are still more variables: Strange and normal. ☆

### SLURPEE UPDATES

Diet Pepsi Slurpees are dairy. Pina Colado Slurpees are not kosher certified. Also note that 7-Eleven stores are franchised. Franchisees are allowed to use generic brand syrups to produce their slurpees, only if they place a handwritten sign on the machine to notify the customers. ☆

### SOLOMON GARDENS SERVICE

Our annual service at Solomon Gardens will take place the Sunday before Rosh Hashana at 1:00 P.M., G-d willing. The date is September 17th. Our custom is to combine the service with Tzedaka-giving. We are still in need of volumes of the Talmud for the Andrew Nisenfeld and Charlotte Nisenfeld Memorial Library. Thank G-d, we are still able to add to the merit of our loved ones by dedicating volumes in their names.

### ARCHIVES

Check your drawers, please. Bulletins and photographs are what I am collecting. I can also use some photograph albums, empty photograph albums. Everyone has some of these. We need to record our history through photographs and events that have taken place at Beth Sholom. It won't be difficult to create our history through these. I'll need some help dating some of the events and people. Our history is important for us to carry forward. ☆

### Coffee Klatches



Thank you to Frannie Kessler who analyzed the data from the reports from the recently held Coffee Klatches.

Her report to the Board of Trustees was thorough and thought-provoking. The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Carl Lazerow, will begin meeting shortly to address some of the issues that are of concern to congregants, including:

Egalitarian services  
Youth programming  
Women's issues  
Dues issues

Affiliation with an umbrella organization  
In what direction is Beth Sholom headed

## VIRGINIA CLASS AT CRESTWOOD BOULEVARD

Our Virginia class meets at a different home each month. Don Lachman and Andy Carpel have joined our Virginia class. Don wanted to have the class at his home so that he could have a turn at hosting. Prior to our class, we had a short Beautification Committee meeting. Bob Sanabria of Leesburg is on the committee. I wanted to save Bob an extra trip from Leesburg so we co-joined the class with a committee meeting. Ilene Liszka and Bruce Zavos are new members of the committee. After our meeting Ilene stayed to be part of the class. Ilene's staying was big. After all, a new class member, even for just a night, is big.

In one of our discussions we spoke about the codes, clues the scholars have found in the Torah text. The codes may tell of current events or special messages. For instance, there are verses in Genesis which foretell the assassination of Yitzchok Rabin, A.H. This section was read the same week that the assassination took place. I wanted to read the text to the class because of its mystical overtones. I could not find the text. I think the fact that I could not find the text was a mystical moment. I did not find it although I knew exactly where it was.

I told the class that I do not need codes or other so-called proofs. One of the class members said, "You don't need it because you are there already!"

"Wow!" was my response. "I am not there. I need to work on getting there daily, with various levels of success and failure. Belief is like a 'shpritz' of perfume."

Mrs. Ida Rovin, A.H., asked our daughters, "A little 'shpritz' before the wedding?" She was at our home just before the girls left for a wedding.

"Belief is like a 'shpritz' of perfume. At the "shpritz" moment the aroma surrounds us. Almost immediately the aroma begins to weaken. "Quick," I cry. "I need another "shpritz."

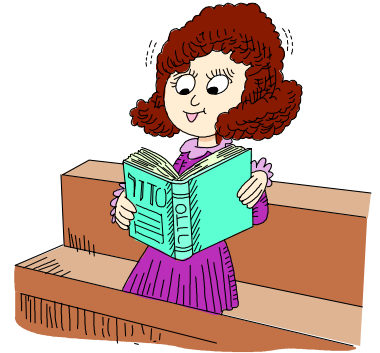
I told my student, "The small advantage I may have is that I know that I need constant "shpritzes." ☆



## MORE "SHPRITZES"

We discussed the effectiveness of the recent Discovery Program in Frederick. I repeated that I would go to the program again. But, make no mistake, it is not the Discovery Program that makes you a committed person. Commitment to attendance and compliance to what is heard are part of the overall picture. Commitment is hard work and is just a part of the needed steps to "Belief."

A person plays the piano after lessons and practice; a person's quality of prayer comes with lessons and practice; a person's belief system needs lessons and practice with what one has learned. ☆



## FAMILY SERVICE FORMAT

The half-hour Family Service will begin on the first Friday night in September and thereafter each first Friday night of the month, September through May, G-d willing. We begin with the hymn, "Sholom Alechem." We read a few excerpts of the service, some Hebrew and some English. We sing Le Chaw Dodi and the children dance. Then we read the beginning of the Silent Prayer.

Afterward, we ask for birthday children. These come up on the pulpit and we wish them Mazel Tov and sing to them. We conclude with Adon Olom or Ain Kaylokay nu.

And then, the biggest hit: wine-juice and cookies. ☆

## BETH SHOLOM SOCIAL CLUB

All around, you will find,

Unique people who are interesting and kind, who

Get together every week;

Uniting in friendship, it is comraderie we seek.

Sometimes we feature politics and more,  
current events, entertainment to be sure.

Take the time and give us a try,  
you will regret it if you pass us by.

We have been enjoying short weekly lectures on  
astronomy from member Hal Neufeld!

Thursdays at 11 a.m.

August Schedule:

Meetings - 8/3, 8/10, 8/24, 8/31

Lunch out - 8/17

For more information, call president Bessie  
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"If you think you can't, you're right." - Carol Bartz, CEO, Autodesk

On the other hand, "When someone says you can't paint, paint."  
 Vincent Van Gogh

"Don't listen to the naysayers." - Sallie Krawcheck, CFO of Citigroup

### HALACHA READING

After the Thursday and Sunday morning Minyons we have begun a new custom. Someone from the congregation reads one or two paragraphs from the Abridged Code of the Arranged Table (Jewish Law). We are now reading laws about the "Three Week" period observance. We read from the English. Even though it is a translation, the simplicity of the language comes through. This volume is a favorite work of mine. The terms and expressions are moving.

I especially like it for Hebrew aficionados. This is a volume that one can translate every word, with some work and help. The inspiration of the material is the engine. ✧



## UJC Launches Israel Crisis Fund

United Jewish Communities (UJC) has launched the **Israel Crisis Fund** in response to the ongoing terrorist threat against Israel, to help vulnerable populations in Israel's besieged north—children, the elderly and disabled, and immigrants in absorption centers.

The economic burden placed upon Israel as a result of this war is tremendous. The cost of the war to Israel's economy over just the first 6 days has been \$1.33 billion US dollars per day! The Fund aims to raise \$10 million to:

- bring thousands of young people to safer areas further south for one month to attend one-week summer camps, to give them a respite from the attacks and life in bomb shelters and possibly bring entire families out of harm's way ;
- aid the elderly and other at-risk populations, including the disabled, by offering intervention programs and trauma relief in day-care centers and support communities;
- offer support and trauma care for terror victims.

Should the crisis worsen, UJC has prepared the infrastructure necessary to launch a broader fundraising effort, like the Israel Emergency Campaign in response to the suicide bombings that began in 2000.

**Beth Sholom Congregation urges you to help support this effort. You may call toll-free 877-277-2477, or send checks designated to the Israel Crisis Fund to Mrs. Rhea Attias, UJC, 111 Eighth Ave., Ste. 11D, New York, NY 10011-5201**

## REVVING UP

The Alternative service will take place the 18th of August, G-d willing. Planning committee is meeting weekly in July to create the service. It will be held in the main sacntuary at 7:00 P.M.

The monthly Family Service will begin in September. For the Family Service we will be using the original format from when the service first began. The service will be one-half hour long, followed by a modest Oneg for the children.

The weekly Thursday afternoon class will begin after the holidays. It will again be held in the Social Hall. We will continue with the Hebrew study followed by the book-reading on Leo Baeck's life. He was called the Jewish pope in Germany. He was a Reform rabbi, Chief Rabbi of Berlin, who was taken to Theresienstat.

Pauline Horn is seeking a volunteer to lead Junior services in the Weinberg Chapel on Shabbos morning. Carly Berkowitz will continue the program for the younger children under the direction of Chaya Schneider, our new Educational Director, G-d willing.

We have a partial sponsor to bring Rabbi Frand to Frederick for a lecture. The Board of Education agreed to sponsor four lectures in 2007 provided that there will be funding. Each lecture costs \$1500. If you can and if you will, we would like sponsors so that we can bring Rabbi Frand to speak a few times in the coming year.

The first square dancing session will take place on August 9th. The caller's fee is \$150 plus the cost of refreshments. I spoke to President Andy Carpel about a movie program. We had one at the Bromberg home several years ago. There are some valuable films, new, that can inspire us. I'm thinking of "Paper Clips," "Ushpizin" and some Yiddish films. There are congregants who are movie buffs that we could call upon for help. Dr. Sherman Kahan, Maishe Guss and Jeffrey Rossio come to mind.

Fred and Ellen Berney have asked to renew the monthly adult class in Walkersville. This would take place either on Tuesday or Wednesday evening, G-d willing.

Monthly Ruby Tuesday lunches continue on Thursday at 12:30 P.M. The most congregants we've had at lunch has been seven. The least has been three congregants. If you'd like to be on our list so you can be called, please let Pauline Horn know. There is an extensive salad bar that is adequate for our needs.

On August 24, our Shabbos dinner will take place. At that time the teenagers will lead the service. So far, I have spoken to the Diaz-Markowitz family, the Dwyer family, the Ebert-Zavos family and the Egly family.

Sharon Kuebbing has consented to present for us a reading from the play, "Golda's Balcony." Her presentation will be given on the 2nd night of Rosh Hashanah, G-d willing. The value of the play is the absorbing history of Israel through the experiences and life of Golda Meir. ☆

## I'M NOT THE ONE TO ASK

Rabbi, how can I get faith? I looked at the person and said, "I'm not the one to ask. I'm a romantic and I believe in a happy ending. Someone whose nature is analytic and critical needs a different answer than I would give. If you really want to pursue belief in G-d, then pursue it in an intellectual exercise that suits your personality."

I know that believing in G-d for me is a reality. There is no other way. How we treat that reality strengthens or weakens the reality. With me, I experience G-d's presence when a bird suddenly alights near my foot. At the last board meeting a fly kept buzzing around me while I was speaking. It would not stop. I wondered who that fly was.

More times than not, I'll walk into the Center and a congregant will walk in at the other end of the hall at the same moment. For me, that is a religious moment. This religious moment is besides the formal times of prayer.

King David, A.H., suggested that a hundred blessings be recited daily. Each time G-d's name is mentioned in a blessing, there is an affirmation of the reality, if only for a moment. ☆

## RILING UP SISTERHOOD

We cannot go from here to there, A to B or Aleph to Bais, without Sisterhood. Celebrations, Oneg Shabbats, luncheons and bingo food schedules cannot take place without Sisterhood doing it. Sisterhood does it all. Sisterhood is still a little, a shtikle, put out about our mischeduling of the Chanukah Gift Fair the last two years. We are still doing Tshuvah, (Repentance) in hopes that we will be forgiven.

Our luncheon on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah has been "just what the doctor" has ordered." The break has strengthened the congregants for the completion of the service. The first year Dr and Mrs. David Bromberg sponsored the luncheon. The 2nd year Michael Gellar asked if he could share the sponsoring and did so, thank G-d. We're always open to additional sponsors to share the costs.

This year I asked Sisterhood if it were possible to have a lunch break on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. The second day attendance is maybe 200 or more. Children are with parents and not upstairs in classrooms. So logistics are possible even though very challenging. The first day of Rosh Hashanah we are talking, conservatively, of 600 for lunch. The logistics are nigh to impossible. There are almost 150 children in the classrooms. The Weinberg Chapel is full. Where could the food tables be set up? Where would the congregants be able to eat? The Art Exhibit Hall is the only place. Thank G-d, with Sisterhood you have someone to go to "Tish" with. There is someone to go to the table with. There is someone to talk to is what I am saying.

I kept saying, "Let's think about it. It's not for this year. Let's think about it. This year let's study the possibilities, as we speak. Let's look over the hall carefully on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. ☆

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I discussed this at the recent Beautification Committee meeting. It's an idea I have had in my head, the kind that does not want to go away. There are ten spaces on the front facade of our building. The spaces are square and are directly opposite of the inside stained glass windows which have the first ten letters of the alphabet. The first ten letters of the alphabet represent the Ten Commandments. The ten spaces outside would be ideal places for Hebrew letters Aleph to Yud, representing the Ten Commandments.

Our sculptor in residence, Bob Sanabria, has pursued costs. The metal used for the letter has to match the sculpture, "Manifestation," on the other side of the building. The size and style of the letters have to be selected. This is simple. I have added a complication to it.

I would like each letter to be dedicated to someone or some happening that would be written and recorded inside the building. Yes, a fundraiser, but attached to a meaningful and inspiring happening that I know about or that I don't know about.

I think about Miss Jeanette Weinberg, A.H.; or a congregant whose ship sunk under him during the 2nd World War; or a boy whose father died the week of his B'Mitzvah; or someone whose father's funeral was attended by Holocaust survivors whom he had saved; or a grandmother whose letter to Hias stated that if need be she would break Shabbos and work on behalf of her sick husband. Her grandson read the Hias letter and discovered his Jewish roots after believing that he was Italian. Then there was the mother who had a terminal illness and told me that she had to live long enough to be here for her only son's B'Mitzvah. How about the couple who died in a car accident in Brunswick the day before they were to leave for Europe. There were two caskets in the 2nd Street sanctuary. We were a 60 family community. I don't think they were members. Then there was the time our son Avi fell or jumped into a pool at age 5 and was rescued by Harold Weisberg who jumped in, clothes and all, after him.

These are some of the stories which come to mind. There are more. We have to choose ten stories. Does this interest anyone? It's a project. What should the dedication cost be? The sum of 10,000 dollars to dedicate a letter comes to my mind. But, maybe the story should be sufficient. Money has to be involved since there is a cost of each sculptured letter. That cost may be a hefty sum.

It's too ponderous for me to pursue. I need help. Maybe there should be more than ten stories. If one had to think of "cornerstone" stories in the life of our community what would you choose? The start of Shoresh? The beginning of bingo? What could be a "cornerstone" story in the life of our community. It's too ponderous for me. Maybe each letter should represent more than one story.

The sages tell us that there are 600,000 letters in the Torah, each one representing every Israelite who left Egypt. The problem is that there are not 600,000 letters in the Torah. There may not even be half that amount. Therefore, the sages say that we

cannot know how many persons are tied into each letter. We just know that for every person there is a letter in the Torah.

So, maybe we should set aside more than one story per letter. I need help for this. Anyone willing to take this on, as we speak? You know that it is interesting. How do I bring this about? ☆

## THE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Our first new alternative service will be held on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary at the Community Center. This will be a monthly Friday night service open to everyone to participate in any way in which they are comfortable. This is your chance to actively participate in singing and leading prayers or meditation, giving a Dvar Torah or word of Torah, leading a discussion about Jewish ethics or current events, or anything else that you would like to contribute. If you would like to get involved, please contact Suzanne at 301-682-8001 or [osuzannesky@hotmail.com](mailto:osuzannesky@hotmail.com).

## VISITING SHORESH

Rabbi David Finkelstein told me that this is the first year that children had to be turned away. Frederick children are always a priority. Last year half of the Sunday school children were enrolled in Camp Shoresh. The largest influx is from Montgomery County. Tom and Jill Sack's rabbi of the National Synagogue of Washington sends his children to Shoresh. There are three families whose parents were campers and now their children are campers.

The Attman family of Baltimore has contributed an area called the Attman Village. These are 16 air-conditioned cottages. They are attractive Activity Centers for the children. ☆

## LETTERS



Rabbi,

I remember some of our congregants being square dancers many years ago. There were many more square dance clubs in Frederick about 20-30 years ago. There are others whom I know to be square dancers but not too active.

Rabbi, square dancing is hard. It just looks easy. We dance 3-4-times a week. Our family does not understand our passion. You will need more than one square. Eight couples would just about do it. More would be much better.

Zadie,

I'm designing the calendar now. What did you want me to include in it? The Talmud page number and the time for reciting the Shema Yisroel in the morning. Also, do you want calendars again? How many? P.S. I think the members of your class should sponsor an ad in the middle of the calendar. If so many people from Frederick and related area use it, then they should see themselves in it too. What do you think?

BTW (by the way) the Bulletin made me laugh a lot this month. You are funny.

Rabbi,

Congratulations to Jill on a well-deserved award and note that we owe Ellen Koitz and Pauline thanks for taking the time to nominate Jill and do all the paperwork involved in the nomination. I know that it is all too easy to let something like this pass because we all have too little time. I think it is great that they both made effort. Thank you.

It is with much praise and thanks to G-d that we announce the birth of a son. The Sholom Zochor will be in our home. The Bris will be on Wednesday morning.

Rabbi,

How is Frederick? Luther? Becky? I can't thank you enough for the Bulletin which I rely upon and look forward to reading. I'm still teaching piano and rescuing animals. Now, we have two iguanas and three dogs. All I need are goats. Remember the little goat I brought into your home? I bet Carol does.

Dear Rabbi Kosman,

So nice to hear from you. It is true that the honor of holding the baby at a Bris means you pay for the Bris. Paying for the Bris is a merit to forthcoming wealth. So the pay-off will even out in the end. Good Shabbos.

Hi,

Replying from the beautiful Shabbaton before dovening. We missed you this Shabbat. Wow! That was powerful. Someone told me, "Never underestimate the power of your presence."

Rabbi,

There was an unused tray left over from the B'Mitzvah, so I bagged up the lox and cream cheese for Breakfast Minyon use. It's in your section of the walk-in. ✨

*Beth Sholom offers sincere condolences to*

*Carolyn Snyder & Family  
on the passing of her sister,  
Elaine Hodges*



## BEAUTIFICATION MEETING

Dan Kuebbing, Robert Sanabria, new member Ilene Liszka, Andy Carpel and I met in June. Bruce Zavos will be joining the committee, G-d willing. There was old and new business discussed. I am still hoping for a rug that will cover the grey area in front of the elevator. The area is 12 ft by 26 ft. It's easy to count out because the tiles surrounding the carpet are one foot each.

Regarding the carpet, our past discussions came to life again. People and children would wipe their feet on it. G-d forbid someone might trip on the edges. But both these possibilities were put to rest as they were the last time we discussed this. We almost had a hand-made rug from Lithuania. I'm also hoping for four or six lounge chairs in the lobby or as we dubbed the hall, the Art Exhibit hall. Some day we hope for a dedicated name for the hall. We came close to having the hall named for Jacob Glushakow. The hall would have been a permanent exhibit place for his wonderful water colors, but it did not work out.

The tapestry which belongs to Dan and Sharon Kuebbing was offered on loan to Beth Sholom. The tapestry-cover was sewn together by the National Council of Jewish Women. It was one of their projects. We think hanging it for a year would be a fitting tribute to the National Council and their work for the Frederick community. Carl Lazerow, Chairman of the House Committee, has already examined the makeup of the hanging for installation. On a recent Shabbos morning, Bruce Zavos, Ilene Liszka and I had an impromptu meeting. Bruce and Ilene agreed that the hanging should be exactly in the middle of the empty wide space. I would like it to be off-center. Japanese art taught the art world to draw and paint pictures off-center. Someone said that our shul is not Japanese. At another time, Bruce Zavos mentioned that he had a plan by which the stained glass windows could be illuminated during evening services. ✨



A FAITH IN THE FUTURE  
A BELIEF IN ACTION

National Council of Jewish Women  
Frederick Section

by Margie Barber and Marcy Taylor

On Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the National Council of Jewish Women, Frederick Section, met at Tauraso's restaurant for their Installation Dinner and Ceremony. The evening began with members enjoying a delicious meal and lively conversation. Following dinner, Shirley Neufeld conducted the Installation Ceremony. First, outgoing officers were honored. At this time, outgoing President Irene Stephen was highly praised by many members. Irene led the organization for three years. Her phenomenal organizational and leadership skills brought Council to new heights. NCJW's accomplishments during Irene's tenure are too many to mention. Thanks, Irene, for your unwavering dedication! NCJW will be forever grateful for your service.

The new officers who were installed are as follows: President - Anastasia Rosen-Jones, Vice President - Marianne Erlichman, Treasurer - Marcy Taylor, Financial Secretary - Joyce Gordon, Programming - Betsy Nicholas, Recording Secretary - Irene Stephen, Corresponding Secretary - Janet Potash, and Public Affairs - Sharon Kuebbing.

NCJW National provides each section the ability to award a lifetime membership if the section's annual dues are paid by a specific date. NCJW, Frederick Section was once again able to award this membership to a member that has shown a commitment to working with NCJW and the Frederick community. This year, Anastasia Rosen-Jones was the recipient of this wonderful acknowledgement; as the newest member of NCJW, Anastasia has fully committed her support to our section as our President for the next two years. Irene Stephen once again showed her artistic side and presented Anastasia's membership certificate in a frame decorated especially for this award. Anastasia was clearly moved by the award and extends her sincere appreciation for the warm welcome our section has shown.

Following the Installation Ceremony, Marianne Erlichman presented both Marcy Taylor and Margie Barber with Hannah Solomon awards. The Hannah Solomon award is a prestigious award typically given to Council members who have been active and dedicated members for many years. Hannah Solomon founded National Council of Jewish Women in 1893, with the intent to give women a springboard for performing community service and for having a political voice, in hopes of improving the lives of women, children and families.

A personal note from Marcy and Margie: "We would like to take this time to thank NCJW for bestowing us with these prestigious awards. We are flattered and humbled! As we both be-

lieve very strongly in Council's mission statement, we intend to continue to be active NCJW participants for the good of the Jewish community and the community at large."

National Council of Jewish Women, Frederick Section, always welcomes new members. NCJW is a great venue for fellowship, community action, and community service. For questions about this wonderful organization or on ways to get involved, please contact any of the NCJW board members. ☆

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"He who says it, does it." - Simon Cooper, president and CEO, Ritz-Carlton

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### President's Corner (continued from page 2)

Sid Kandel is working on the new expanded tree of life so that members may honor their loved ones. This is a real and original work of art that we can all be proud of. Our current tree filled up very fast. Like nature itself these trees take time to take root and grow. By this time next year it should be completed with many named leaves. It's rare that I come to shul without seeing someone searching the leaves for names they recognize.

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am will be the first Men's Brunch Bunch in over a decade. It will be held at my house, 8205 Glen Heather Dr. in Clover Hill Three, and the breakfast will be lox and bagels for \$5.00, payable during the meal (no IOU's, please). This date and time was chosen to be convenient for those dads who have to "schlep" their kids to that first Sunday School session. These brunches were wildly popular in the old days and many members said to bring them back, so guess what? Men, please circle the date.

We're short on funds. We have both the obligation and privilege to educate your youth. We provide many ways for you as Jews to help our community, our needy and each other. I wish you would take full advantage. I have confidence that with your patience, understanding and faith, Beth Sholom will become stronger than ever. I always feel like we're asking for something. Please volunteer, please donate, and please participate. Some say, "I don't have the time" and "charity begins at home." I know many times in my life those words were quite true for me. But here's my take... Food and shelter are a basic need. Without them you cannot enjoy anything else. Judaism is the same kind of thing. Whether you pray, volunteer, make a donation, visit a friend in need, light candles with your kids, or even kibbitz (my personal favorite), you're practicing our religion. Our religion, Judaism, gives you a sense of *belonging*. You need us to *belong*, and we at Beth Sholom never needed you more.

Shalom, Andy Carpel

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August 18\*  
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August 25*	Betty Guttman Wesley Deane Halsey Anthony Joseph Rich Harry Cohen Jack Egly Michael Erlichman Pearl Erlichman	Adolph Finkelstein Florence Galinkin Manlio Goetzl Harry Silver Joseph Carpel Michael Isaac Freda Sautman
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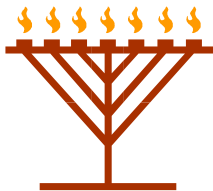
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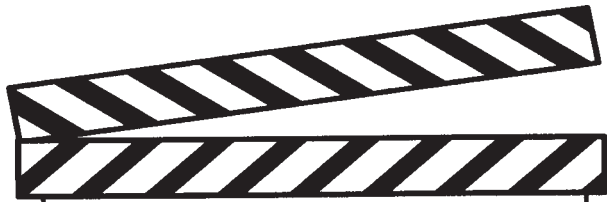
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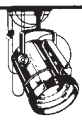
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <sup>7 AV</sup>	2 <sup>8 AV</sup>	3 <sup>9 AV</sup> ✧Tisha B'Av 8 a Minyon 11 a Social Club	4 <sup>10 AV</sup> 🕯️ 8:04 8 p Services - CC Bas Mitzvah of Dana Piccioni	5 <sup>11 AV</sup> ✠Va'etchanan 9:15 a Services - CC Mincha Bas Mitzvah of Dana Piccioni
6 <sup>12 AV</sup> 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon Bingo	7 <sup>13 AV</sup> Shoresh Bingo	8 <sup>14 AV</sup>	9 <sup>15 AV</sup> ✧Tu B'Av	10 <sup>16 AV</sup> 8 a Minyon 11 a Social Club 12 Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 p Board of Trustees Meeting	11 <sup>17 AV</sup> 🕯️ 7:56 8 p Services - CC Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Frishman	12 <sup>18 AV</sup> ✠Ekev 9:15 a Services - CC Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Frishman
13 <sup>19 AV</sup> 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon Bingo	14 <sup>20 AV</sup> Bingo	15 <sup>21 AV</sup>	16 <sup>22 AV</sup>	17 <sup>23 AV</sup> 8 a Minyon 11 a Social Club	18 <sup>24 AV</sup> 🕯️ 7:47 7 p Alternative Service - CC 8 p Services - CC	19 <sup>25 AV</sup> ✠Re'eh 9:15 a Services - CC
20 <sup>26 AV</sup> 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon 10 a NCJW Meeting Bingo	21 <sup>27 AV</sup> Shoresh Bingo	22 <sup>28 AV</sup>	23 <sup>29 AV</sup>	24 <sup>30 AV</sup> ✧Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 1 8 a Minyon 11 a Social Club 7 p Early Childhood Center Back-to-School Night	25 <sup>1 ELUL</sup> ✧Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 2 🕯️ 7:36 6 p Shabbos Dinner - CC 8 p Services - CC	26 <sup>2 ELUL</sup> ✠Shoftim 9:15 a Services - CC
27 <sup>3 ELUL</sup> 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon 10 a RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEGINS Bingo	28 <sup>4 ELUL</sup> 1st day of Kindergarten Bingo	29 <sup>5 ELUL</sup>	30 <sup>6 ELUL</sup> 1st Day of Nursery School	31 <sup>7 ELUL</sup>		



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