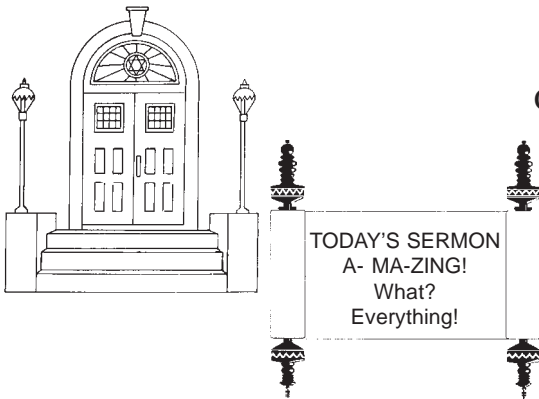


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Chanukah



According to the Siddur, Chanukah celebrates “the deliverance of the mighty into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few,...and the wicked into the hands of the righteous...”









Antiochus of Syria ruled over the land of Israel during the period after the death of Alexander the Great. He set out to Hellenize the Jews by forbidding Jewish Torah observances, forcing upon them the idolatrous practices of pagan Greece. Antiochus was backed by a force of thousands of soldiers – and elephants!

But the Jews staunchly resisted. They flocked together under the banner of a faithful Jewish family, the Chashmonayim, to fight Syrian oppression. Brave Jewish fighters, called Maccabees, waged an incessant battle to drive the enemy from the land.

Against overwhelming odds, they succeeded. The Syrians fled and Jerusalem was freed. The Temple that had been defiled by pagan Greek rites was purified and rededicated. The Menorah, which symbolized the Divine Presence and spiritual light, was rekindled with undefiled olive oil that had been discovered in the Temple. Miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, until new pure oil could be produced—thus the eight-day celebration.

Chanukah marks the earliest battle for religious freedom in the history of mankind. But more than that, Chanukah marks the beginning of the very concept of religious freedom. If the Jews had not been victorious, if the light of Torah had been snuffed out, there would be no legacy of monotheism. The Ten Commandments would be absent from the treasure house of world culture. There would be no Christianity or Islam. There would be no Bill of Rights. That little bit of oil has lasted and lasted; it stands for mercy, conscience, freedom, dedication, and thanksgiving. Like the burning bush it reflects, it stands for the glory of G-d.

Chanukah Candlelighting Schedule

	Sun., Dec. 25, after nightfall Blessings 1, 2 & 3
	Mon., Dec. 26, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2
	Tues., Dec. 27, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2
	Wed., Dec. 28, after nightfall, Blessings 1 & 2
	Thurs., Dec. 29, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2.
	Fri., Dec. 30, before Shabbat candlelighting, Blessings 1 & 2
	Sat., Dec. 31, after Shabbat Blessings 1 & 2
	Sun., Jan. 1, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2

The President's Corner

by Andy Carpel
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Last Board of Trustees meeting was very exciting. No joke. We had many guests who came to support a request for an alternative service that will include women in a more meaningful way. This was a proposal spearheaded by Marty Erlichman, who has been talking about it for many years. For those of you who may not know him, he hosts our Gala every year and looks swell in his tuxedo. Marty read an eloquent written statement. Then many of the guests respectfully spoke their piece about the benefits of holding such a service. They proposed one service per month to be held simultaneously with our more traditional service.

The Religious Affairs Committee, headed by Bill Goldberg and Conrad Adelman, will study the idea with members of Marty's survey committee to come up with a proposal for the service. Rabbi Kosman has told some of us that he would not block such a proposal if we began no sooner than January of 2006. As he has said many times about other things, "This is big!"

I call Marty's group the "survey committee" because they were the group that sent out that survey right before the holidays. They produced the results of the survey at our meeting. The survey was the brainchild of esteemed shul members but not sanctioned by synagogue trustees or committees, so those of you who are interested can get the results from Marty. The Board does, however, recognize the results as being valid, as the survey questions appeared to be terse and to the point.

The Board of Trustees are not ostriches. Our heads are not buried deep in the sand. There are new shuls around competing for members. We are trying to attract new members without taking our current members for granted. We announced during the High Holy Days that new families and individuals who join will get their first year's membership for FREE! We think after a year they won't want to leave. In October three lengthy newspaper articles appeared in the Frederick Post. Two of the pieces were on the front page. They were positive and full of information about Beth Sholom. An objective news story is worth 50 advertisements. These stories let newcomers know we are here and thriving. In addition, we have confronted some controversial changes in our educational system. For good or bad, we didn't run the other way. Ignoring contention is always easier in the short run. We have NOT been taking the easy way.

The Board has compromised on, and even embraced some fundamental changes that a few years ago would have been impossible. Remember, we are Jews. My brother says that the only thing two Jews can agree on is how much *charity* a

third Jew should give. So a consensus is never easy. This is where faith comes in. I have faith and know that with G-d's help, in spite of the chaos, fairness, order, and progress will follow our good intentions. Please don't tell me which road is paved with good intentions. We're Jews and no matter what road we're on, there's always somebody checking the rear view mirrors.

Shalom all. Andy

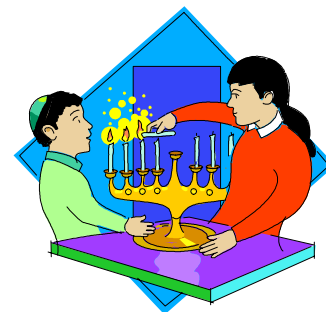
Candlelighting Blessings

Before kindling the menorah lights, recite:

1. Baruch Atah Hashem Elokeinu Melech Ha-olam Asher Kideshanu Bemitzvosav Vetzivanu Lehadlik Ner Shel Chanukah. Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us by His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.
2. Baruch Atah Hashem Elokeinu Melech Ha-olam She-asa Nisim La-avoseinu bayamim Haheim Bazman Hazeh. Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who wrought miracles for our father in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is said only on the first evening (or the first time one kindles the lights this Chanukah):

3. Baruch Atah Hashem Elokeinu Melech Ha-olam Shehecheyanu Vekiyemanu Vehigianu Lazman Hazeh. Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has kept us alive, and has preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.



REPLAY

I enjoyed reading President Andy Carpel's description of our High Holiday services. It was a view from the Bimah (pulpit). He did not mention the props he brought to accentuate the power of his message. We kept the large megaphone in case the Koshersound system goes kaput, G-d forbid.

RAC co-chairman, Conrad Adelman, would also have given us a positive take of services. His view was a bit different. His view was from yoga positions, taping down the strip carpeting.

I met our Machetenitza (Chaim's mother-in-law) at Seven Mile Market. She asked about our services. I told her that all those who lead our congregation are from our congregation. Although the services were spiritually and professionally led, our leaders are not professional....yet. The taste (the Tam) of our congregants leading services is a Tam that cannot be evaluated. Our congregation, which has never had it different, cannot know how special and unique is our circumstance. Our Machetenitza appreciated it when I said that we do not bring in anyone strange to lead the service. It's all home grown. I especially appreciate it and am grateful for what we have.

We experienced spiraling spirituality once we settled into the High Holiday mode. - RMK

HOME-GROWN PROFESSIONALS

Bill Goldberg had Yahrzeit recently. We observed it on a Sunday morning. I assured Conrad how fitting it is to lead the service when a person has Yahrzeit. Recently, the Weinstein family lost their mother, Sandra Weinstein, A.H. I suggested that Marc Weinstein lead the service, mostly in English, since that was the most comfortable for him. It is special for a child to do the service instead of our 'professionals.'

Rabbi Naftali Neuberger, Z.TZ. L., whom I wrote about last month, passed away on a Friday night, after last month's *Bulletin* was mailed. Rabbi Neuberger lit candles in his apartment, lay down and passed away. Now every morning at the Yeshiva his two sons share leading the service. I went to Rabbi Frand's class on a Thursday night. We arrived a bit early and the evening service was being recited. A third son of Rabbi Neuberger led the service. Each time I experience one of his sons leading the service, it brings home the reality of their sainted father no longer being with us. Another tradition is that during the first year of mourning, the mourner changes his or her seat in Shul. Morrie Kelsey did that when his mother died. That custom indicates how constant is the reminder of a parent gone.

Our prayer is that no one should have to experience such things, but we know it happens. Learning the service permits us the privilege and the honor of participating in a close way for a loved one.

The pulpit is an open opportunity for those who want to learn to lead the service. Conrad Adelman tells me that there are tapes for those who wish to learn how to conduct the service in He-

brew or lead the English parts of the service.

Thursday and Sunday mornings are perfect times to take the plunge. You can stand next to the readers and practice with them. That is how the Herman boys began and that is how Conrad began. Now on a Sunday and Thursday, whoever is there first, takes to the pulpit.

It is a luxury for me and Rabbi Wiesenberg. It is a luxury and a Nachos (pleasure), to view the ease and the comfort of the leaders.

I once read a menu at a restaurant in Frederick. There was the Jewish word "Nachos" - then I realized it was nachos and salsa, as we speak. - RMK

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH LUNCH

It was so pleasant to break for lunch on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. We're grateful for the sponsors, the Brombergs and the Gellars. The luncheon was sponsored in memory of parents, Harry Silver, A.H., Gail's father and David's father; Bernard A.H.; in memory of Michael's parents, Leah and Morris Gellar A.H., by Meribeth and Michael.

Harry Silver collected classical music and show tunes. He was a major influence in seeing to it that his daughters continued their education.

Bernard Bromberg was a pharmacist. He served as a medic in World War II. As he mixed the medicines he gave out wise counsel.

Leah Gellar was a gardener and an ardent knitter. Her daughters say that when they knit now it brings them close to their mother.

Morris Gellar lost his mother at 14. He had to grow up quickly. Mr. Gellar had his own home improvement business. Michael would accompany his father when visiting clients. The last time Michael saw his father in a nursing home, Mr. Gellar told Michael, "I love you forever and ever."

We honor our parents even when they are gone by joining their memory with a Mitzvah. -RMK

Beth Sholom Congregation welcomes
new members:

Arlene & Norman Perkins
Lisa & Robert Perkins
Victor Buckwold
Michael & Deborah Blum
Susan & Reuel Musselman
Hermine & Fred Bernstein

B'MITZVAH MEETING ET AL

B'Mitzvah meetings are opportunities to understand the process. It is true that much is explained during the one-on-one meetings with our Executive Director, Pauline Horn. However, the view from the pulpit side is left unexplained. Non-attendance at a B'Mitzvah meeting leaves parents in the dark.



There is an ideal B'Mitzvah experience. This happens when our children are at services 30 or more times. Children begin to be on the pulpit from 5th grade on. In three years, thirty or more times means ten times a year. The pulpit becomes a comfortable place to be. That is a three-year preparation. The purpose is for our children to be at ease. They sing with their classmates and with the rabbi. The children enter a new world when they are so close to the singing and chanting. On some Friday nights there are as many as ten children on the pulpit. What could be better? Their finger is following every word and, for some, the finger is hugging every word as the Hebrew goes by.

The choices of Bimah attendance can be Shabbos morning or Sunday morning. Friday evening is prime time. On the B'Mitzvah evening, the child leads the service while his father leads the English reading. Some fathers are not comfortable doing this; it's his choice.

I have some students who have begun the one-on-one training with me and have never been to the synagogue. Inexperienced parents are thinking we are like other synagogues. The day of the B'Mitzvah the child and his family appear. There is nothing familiar or worse, there is nothing comfortable for the child and the family. This is an important life-cycle happening. We want it to be a positive happening. Parents who do not know, unknowingly defeat what we try to do.

Whether it is a prime experience or not, the child becomes a B'Mitzvah. The family and the child did not have the "Frederick" experience, although they live in Frederick and are at Beth Sholom.

Our standard for the B'Mitzvah student has been constant. Working toward the goal begins in the sixth grade, continuing through the seventh grade. We want the child to have mastered Hebrew reading within their capabilities. We want the child to have experienced Scriptures as well as Talmud. This is done through the verses and wisdoms the children have copied from the board. For two years, three times a week, the children record and discuss the thoughts of the Scripture and the Talmud. Parents would be amazed at the depth of their children's understanding. We are not just talking about the depth and understanding of the verse and wisdom. We are talking about the understanding of life, morality and destiny. These are the true subjects of Scripture and Talmud.

The calendar work is an important part of their knowledge. We review the Jewish happenings day by day. By B'Mitzvah time, the child knows the makeup of worldwide synagogue practice as well as his own personal practice.

At each session, we take a few minutes to review Hebrew reading.

We do a smattering of history, without a textbook. Historical events are noted through the holidays in the calendar. We review a timeline periodically, noting the history of Judaism, beginning with Adam and Eve through present times.

We have reviewed the weekly Torah reading for two years.

In addition, we review services and songs. We have a list of 45 or more songs which the children can sing.

At the outset we recite a prayer for our studies, for our country and a prayer for Israel. Before or after the prayer there will be come current events about our country and Israel.

You may think that when missing a day of Hebrew our children miss a day of Hebrew. They may miss a very important lesson especially attuned to their situation.

At the proper time, B'Mitzvah lessons are scheduled with either Rabbi Wiesenbergs or myself. We go in order of the children's names as they are on the list. The boys need to have Tfillin in hand when lessons begin. Tfillin cost \$350, a gift they will have their whole life.

Our goal is to have an educated, experienced B'Mitzvah child. We offer it. - RMK

THIS COULD BE BIG

There were two ideas brought to the fore at the last Board of Education meeting. Since one-hour classes are not really an hour long, perhaps the early class should be begin at 4:15. The other idea was to add a half hour to Sunday school sessions. Just suggestions - the logistics have to be worked out to see if the new times are practical. - RMK

*Beth Sholom offers sincere
condolences*

to

*Dina Piccioni &
Family on the passing
of her grandmother,
Anne Tulchinsky*



*Marc Weinstein & Family on the passing
of his mother, Sandra Weinstein*

*Richard Patchen & Family on the passing
of his mother, Shirley Patchen*

HELP THOSE IN NEED HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Each holiday season, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) adopts families in need and reaches out to the congregation to purchase gifts so these families can have a joyful holiday season.

This year we have 1 family that REALLY needs our help.

This orthodox family has seven children ranging from age 1 to 18.

Most of the children have been diagnosed with learning disabilities and require tutoring and academic supports. The seven year old and 12 year old have dyslexia and require very specific, intensive educational modifications. The seven year old attends a special school but has not been able to start as of yet as her parents are still trying to secure the funds for her tuition.

Dad works full time and mom currently works part time and is looking for full time employment. The family receives food stamps and WIC and still cannot meet their monthly expenses. There is tremendous stress on this family due to their large size, their financial strain and having children with special needs.

The family's Chanukah wishes are:

Dad- A TV for the family

Mom- gift certificate from "Hat to Hose" in Baltimore. She likes to sew and it is her dream to have a sewing machine.

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18yr .old boy , gift certificate to Best Buy or Circuit City , likes guitar music.

16yr old girl, gift certificate to Value City for clothes, anything girly for a 16yr .old

1yr old boy , educational toys, games appropriate for toddlers



7yr .old girl, educational games for computer for children with dyslexia, other age appropriate games that don't involve reading (to limit her frustration)

9yr .old boy , age appropriate things, handheld videogames, gift card to best buy or circuit city

13yr old boy , gift card to Circuit City

16yr old girl, needs clothes, gift card to Value City

14yr old girl, gift certificate to Circuit City Value City for clothes, girly teen age things,

The family has nothing.

If anyone has a used laptop or playstation/game system that they are getting rid of, the family, especially the teenage boys would love to have something like that.

Mom also likes to sew and it is her dream to have a sewing machine.

Giant/ Safeway/ Shoppers coupons would be very helpful. Day to day household stuff would be helpful. Mom has not bought herself clothes in 10 years.

Please bring your gifts to the Community Center lobby between October 31 and 10 am on December 18.

If you would prefer to make a donation (and we will buy the gifts), make checks payable to NCJW and mail to: Marcy Taylor, 608 Bushytail Drive, Frederick MD 21703.

For questions, call Diane at 301-831-8880 or Marcy at 301-696-8679



Coming in December
Our Annual
Hanukkah Gift and Book Fair

Dates and Times Listed Below:

Dec. 6, Open during Hebrew School 4.30 to 6

Dec. 7, Open 10 am till 3 pm

Dec. 8, Open 10am to 3pm and during Hebrew School 4.30 to 6

Dec. 9, 10am to 12 noon

Dec. 11, 10am till 2pm



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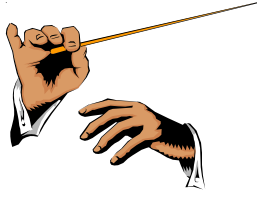
Director of the Victor Center for Jewish Genetic Disease Screening,
 Director, Clinical Genetics, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

If you have children, if you have grandchildren, or if you think you would someday like to have a family – this program is a must. Modern science has the technology to give us a view of what has previously been hidden in our genetic codes. Come learn about what is currently available to you, your children, your grandchildren and future generations in the form of education, counseling and screening.

Dr. Schneider completed her residency at Wilmington Medical Center and a Fellowship in Genetics and Metabolic diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is Board Certified in Genetics and Pediatrics has been practicing Clinical Genetics at the Albert Einstein Medical Center where she is currently the Director of the Victor Center for Jewish Genetic Disease Screening.

December 6, 2005 - 7:30 PM
Beth Sholom Community Center
1011 North Market Street, Frederick MD

For more information, please call Sharon Kuebbing (301-371-4434).



THE INEXTINGUISHABLE SYMPHONY SOON

This will be the third book review this year, G-d willing. The first book was about twin brothers born before the Holocaust but experienced it in their lives. I asked the question: "What would your preference be? To have a pious, studious son but converted to Catholicism, or a Jewish son but 'gornisht' as far as serious Judaic religion is concerned." Some of you told me that they prefer the Jewish son because you never can tell what will happen....Jewishly.

Janet Potash gave me the book.

The second book was "The Life of Pi." The only review-re-mark on this book is "Gevalt!" I could not put it down once I passed the beginning. A freighter sinks. On board there are zoo animals on the way to New York. The ship sinks. One lifeboat makes it with a tiger, a zebra, a gorilla and young boy. First, not right away, the tiger eats the zebra and then the gorilla. Who is left? The boy and the tiger are left to begin the struggle of co-existence. The rest of the story is how the boy made peace with the tiger holding him at bay, but feeding him water and sharing food with him but always holding him at bay. For me this story was a struggle with the Yetzer Hara, the evil inclination. Everyone has his own tailor-made evil inclination. Its whole being is set to destroy us. The boy has his own tiger and we have our own tiger which seeks to defeat us at every turn, as we speak. Only towards the end did I realize the book was fiction. Andrea Kane gave me the book during Aviva Kane's B'Mitzvah lessons.

The coming review is "The Inextinguishable Symphony." This is a biography of the writer's father and mother. They were in their early 20's when Kristallnacht happened. They were musicians in the orchestra of the Kulturbund, an all-Jewish performing arts group who performed only for other Jews. The Nazis used Jewish people, performing for Jewish people only, to indicate to the world that Germany took care of their Jews. Jews had to be separate and apart from the German people, but safe.

This is a different view, a very unJewish view, by Jews who were totally assimilated into the German culture with very little Judaism. Janet Potash gave me this book.

The week of Kristallnacht I read parts of the book to my church class. There is a very clear description of a German Jew being taken to a concentration camp on Kristallnacht. The Jew kept saying, "There must be some mistake. I fought for the Kaiser. This cannot be happening to me." The description of the secular Jew, German in all aspects, being taken for what his essence is, "a Jew," regardless of the life he led. The class, of course, was mesmerized by the description.

I could not believe the absence of knowledge on the subject of Kristallnacht, and the Holocaust in general, in my church class. - RMK

Beth Sholom Participates in Frederick County's

2nd Annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Each year, one week before Thanksgiving, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness co-sponsor a week of awareness in support of the hungry and homeless in Frederick County. The dates for this year were November 13-20.



Rabbi David Wiesenberg took part in the Ecumenical Candlelight Prayer Walk on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, beginning and ending at the Frederick Rescue Mission's Beacon House on South Street. Along with other faith leaders, he led a prayer at one of the designated stops.

David Warne from our Men's Cooking Club prepared a delicious dessert of fruit dipped in chocolate for the dinner for the homeless (that preceded the walk) at the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter on DeGrange Street.



Everyone knows David as a talented chef who has helped prepare meals for our communal Friday night dinners. Needless to say, his dipped fruit went down very well...literally! - RDW

BETH SHOLOM SOCIAL CLUB

Scientists, engineers, artists galore,
Nurses, homemakers, chefs to be sure -
Friendly, intelligent, active as well;
Come by Thursday mornings and sit a spell.
Speakers, movies, music to adore,
Always there is laughter and so very much more.
Bring a dairy lunch, we dine at noon, you see
Join our happy group, become part of our family.

December meeting dates: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15;
Lunch out: 12/22; Chanukah party: 12/29

For further information:
President Bessie Pollicove, 301-845-6682

THE MEETING

Congregant: I'm worried about the future of the congregation. How do you see it ten years from now?

Rabbi: We have been going in a solid direction. I don't see why it would change.

Congregant: The Frederick dynamics are different now. Shouldn't we be making changes so that we can appeal to new people who move to town?

Rabbi: I don't think we should change spiritually to reflect dynamics. We have a very successful operation. It has been successful for a long time.

Congregant: I worry about the membership. I worry about the budget.

Rabbi: I know that the last two years has seen the biggest leap in our expenses. Still, there has never been a crunch period during this time. We are able to hold our own, moneywise. Our treasurer talks about a deficit. If I would pay up my pledge instead of payments, that would take care of the deficit. The new dynamics in Frederick have been here during this period. We continue to be strong. Service attendance is strong and enthusiastic. Those who come often understand the power of regular attendance. They are stronger in their commitment. They strengthen me by their attendance.

Congregant: Yes, but what about the future? Can we sustain ourselves without a strong growth?

Rabbi: I don't need to be the largest congregation in town. You want to change what we are so people will be attracted to us. I want to be what we are because we are inclusive, we are traditional, we are a source of education and we are constant. We will never satisfy everyone. But, an evaluation of our service will indicate that it is a balance of many things, made so to meet the needs of many different kinds of congregants. I regret with all my heart that some of us are not served.

There are congregants who left after many years of faithful dues-paying. I appreciated their financial support to our Shul. Their children were B'Mitzvahed. But during this period of years, our relationship was a 'love-can't stand you' relationship. I could not be what they wanted me to be. They could not change themselves to accept what I am. There we were in 'no man's zone.' It is sad because there could have been so much more for them and me. On the other hand, at least there was what we had and the children gained a lot.

Congregant: I can't believe that someone carried that resentment.

Rabbi: I saw the congregants often and I know there was an activist void between us.

Congregant: But, I don't see dynamic growth.

Rabbi: We're going over the same ground and I'm going to give you the same answers. We cannot alter who we are each time a new dynamic appears. Should there be financial straits then we'll cut back. This synagogue and its boards have always been fiscally responsible.

One unalterable fact cannot be changed. Children, your children, who grew up under Beth Sholom Congregation as it is now and as it always has been, your children and many, many

others have a beautiful, strong feeling about Judaism. Whatever we have done has worked. Whatever we did not let happen has worked. I'm grateful for that.

Congregant: I think some of the decisions should be in the hands of the board not just up to the rabbis.

Rabbi: We're a team and there is no letter 'T' in the word team. I can do nothing by myself; however, spiritual decisions are not resolved democratically. Otherwise, what you pay the rabbi is not utilizing his knowhow, expertise and experience. You think the board should direct the rabbi. That small difference between you and me could be described as the finger in the dike. Thank G-d, there are not too many who believe that. Although, I did have a congregant who wrote the board a letter stating that the rabbi's position should be like the position of the minister. The minister stays maximum five years in one place and is moved hither and yon by a central office. Thereby, no rabbi has the authority to really bring about spiritual decisions. Thereby, congregants can set the spiritual rules since the rabbi just arrived or the rabbi is leaving in a year or two, as we speak. The finger in the dike my friend. Therein lies the difference. - RMK

GARDEN OF EDEN

I've watched Simcha Gross at Kiddush Kids for some years. I was fortunate to be there at the moment when Simcha discovered that he was tall enough to reach the cookies by himself. He did stand on tiptoe but his hand reached an unseen cookie. It was a moment of triumph. Now Simcha knows exactly where to go. He still can't see the cookie his hand reaches, but, G-d willing, I know that will come. - RMK



A QUICK LESSON

I learned if you want the women to ignore you talk about a luncheon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. The logistics are challenging. We would have to spill over into the hall. The Weinberg Chapel will be occupied by children's services. It seems to me that in previous years the children were served peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

The RAC, Religious Affairs Committee, is apprehensive because it fears that congregants will leave after lunch. That could be, but at least they had lunch.

We have a year to think about it. - RMK

An aside - sitting in the chairs a long time is really a hardship. Perhaps we can arrange for different chairs. A lunch break is inviting.

CAN THIS MARRIAGE BE SAVED?

Tackling the Central Domestic Problem of Our Time

“The secret of a happy marriage remains a secret.”
Henny Youngman

A major factor that inspired me to pursue a rabbinical career was the urge to help people who are suffering. Some go through the harrowing but temporary pains of bereavement, accident or illness. Others experience painful, chronic ailments, physical or emotional.

Whatever the situation, I have learned the importance of treating everyone with dignity and compassion.

I feel all the time a need to improve my pastoral counseling skills, however good they might be at present. One of the areas where society is desperately crying out for help is in attaining the dream of marital bliss and fulfillment. Everyone yearns for this achievable goal yet the divorce rate, unhappily, has now reached around 50%.

Divorce itself is relatively easy. It's the consequences which are so often harrowing. Money, children, home and emotional stability; these are the unfortunate victims. No one wants that. What can a couple do to make sure that their marriage will be a success? How can they be empowered?

Impassioned by this goal and aspiration, I have embarked on a program of study and initiatives. Recently I attended a dinner in support of a new interfaith initiative: **Marriage Savers of Frederick County**. Based on a successful program launched in other cities of the United States, the goal lies in:

- counseling couples proposing marriage, including a detailed questionnaire
- empowering couples within each faith who have long-lasting, stable marriages to mentor younger couples
- teaching partners ways to communicate and work out solutions to differences.

By the time you read this article, I shall have completed a practical course on **Divorce Mediation** sponsored by CALM, the Frederick County Mediation Center (I have promised to volunteer as a mediator for them).

Finally, I have been asked to rewrite the renowned **“Imago” Course in Couples Counseling** to provide a Jewish spiritual angle (it is currently written with a Christian spiritual angle), which may be promoted towards Jewish couples nationwide. - RDW

CHESED

On *Rosh Hashanah*, I highlighted our *Chesed* group, which I formed in order to inspire each of us to care for others in our community and to become more intimate, both at the advent of happy events and, especially, when sad things happen. Indeed, that's what makes a **true** community.

Yet, as I pointed out on *Yom Kippur*, we can't create a kind community if we don't begin at home. Rituals mean nothing without practice of kindness. Where most important is the practice of kindness but at home, the root of the community?

True to my philosophy, I aim to empower you in order to put these noble ideals into practice. - RDW

A SIMPLE ACT OF DEFIANCE THAT TURNED AMERICA INTO A BETTER LAND

Rosa Parks' Legacy

“She was very humble, she was soft-spoken, but inside she had a determination that was quite fierce.”
—Congressman John Conyers

It was a small act of defiance, but Rosa Parks' refusal, as a black woman, to give up her bus seat to a white man, would change the course of American history.

Rosa Parks being arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man

Some of the most important changes in the world start with just one person who stands up and says no to malevolent authority. Rosa Parks was just an ordinary person going about her business. She experienced the kind of discrimination that all black people encountered in those days down in the Deep South. One day she decided she had withstood enough injustice and would accept it no longer. She then performed a simple act that turned America forever into a better land.



Rosa Parks being arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man.

At times it can be far more convenient simply to let things go and not bother. But not Rosa Parks! Celebrating her life is not the only way we can cherish her memory. We can also honor her by refusing to give up our seats, too, when we find ourselves unfairly suppressed and by crying “No!” to injustice. - RDW

PETER DRUCKER

Some preachings from Peter Drucker, A.H., the CEO's rebbie:

"Profit is a requirement for a company but should not be a goal in itself."

The giving up of goals so that there would be a profit is not the way to go. The defining of who we are and the direction we wish to go has to be clear in the mind of the CEO who leads the company.

The CEO is the public face of the company, the strategist and the operational manager.

Managers should make a decision "no later than you need it, but as late as possible, because you always have more information."

At a recent Board of Education meeting we discussed various proposals regarding Hebrew school schedules. There was a suggestion made which made me ask for our mission statement. I thought that we were going too far afield from our purpose. We are supposed to provide the best opportunity for our children's education. It seemed to me that our goals had dimmed while personal agenda had taken over. A few of us expressed how a change in Hebrew school would affect their personal schedules. I did not believe that personal affects should be the criterion for which Hebrew schedules should be set. Therefore, I asked, "Let's review the mission statement, the goals."

Probably, the reason for the personal statements by board members was to indicate that they were typical parents and what they were expressing is an overall picture of parents.

Who sets the goals for our school? There was holy input from the board members. We are all responsible for the spiritual goals. Yet, it is the rabbi's shoulders which carry it. The rabbi works on two fronts. One is moving toward higher spiritual levels; the second is the guard, like the goalie at a hockey game. Please, no stray pucks that would change the game's score.

The rabbi does not work alone. He could do nothing without the board. However, it's on his shoulders.

"But, G-d, they out-voted me."

"You are responsible. It is from you that I will ask, Why?"

"But, G-d, what about the board members?"

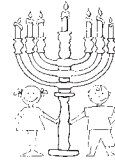
"For some, their term is over, for others, their term is beginning, others are just learning....I can't chase them. It is you, whom I will get!

We can do nothing without board members' input. But, I have had maybe a hundred different boards in my time, in all the various committees. Once the partial board is gone, the rest of us work with what has been done. It's the rabbi who is here the longest. It's the rabbi who gets called in. You know what Colonel Custer's soldier pleaded. "Please, Mr. Custer, I don't want to go!"

It's on the rabbi's shoulders, whether he wants to go or not. -
RMK

Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center

THE BUMBLEBEES



November is an exciting time for the "Bumblebee" classes at the Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center. First of all, who are the Bumblebees? They are the two 4-year-old classes, and our mixed 3/4 class. Secondly, why is November an exciting time for these students? It's because each child has the opportunity to take home "Buzzy" our Bumblebee class mascot, for a day or two. With the help of their parents, the children write short stories about Buzzy's experiences at their homes. When the students return with Buzzy and their stories, we read them to the class, and then the stories are placed on the wall outside our classroom for all to read. Each children LOVES to have his or her turn taking Buzzy home. They LOVE to hear about Buzzy's experiences and antics as Buzzy travels all over Frederick County. Each visit is different, and the stories always bring the children to laughter! Buzzy is a lucky bee, as he always has the time of his life during these visits.

During the months of September and October, each child also had the opportunity to shine on his or her own by completing an "All About Me" poster. On these posters, all the children's likes and dislikes are mentioned, as well as their special wishes, and what they'd like to be when they grow up. Pictures of the students and their families are also included. As the posters were brought in, each child had the opportunity to stand in front of the class while his or her poster was read.

These are only some examples of how we like to put each student in the spotlight individually. Later on this year, you will hear about more activities we offer to the students which provide opportunities for them to be recognized as the unique little people that they are.

Margie Barber, Ellen Berkowitz: Bumblebee teachers

Bulletin Angels



Cindi & Barry Diamondstone

What is a Bulletin Angel? YOU are, when you give a gift to Beth Sholom of \$18 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. ☆

LET'S PRETEND

We are now in a session of our monthly goals meeting, a la Drucker.

"Rabbi, do you have anything to report."

Rabbi: "Things are busy and I'm happy with the activities. I see about 200 congregants weekly."

Member: "You get 200 congregants in Shul weekly?"

Rabbi: "No. Between Friday and Saturday services, Sunday and Thursday morning services, I see half that amount. Then parents bring their children for lessons. I meet another 25 congregants at two days of bingo, seven out of eight times a month. Sunday and Thursday mornings are big with parents congregating in the halls or bringing in their tots. I have four adult classes and two of these are weekly. I am full, thank G-d."

"Rabbi, where do you see that we can improve? Can we get more people to come to Shul?"

Rabbi: That's not my goal. My goal is to present a service and teaching for those who are there. Congregants who do not have Shul attendance in their lifestyle, do not have Shul attendance in their lifestyle. There is no one at fault here.

I feel when a member devotes time to attend a meeting, then he or she attended a service. You've heard me say at a board meeting, "this is like attending a service." Maybe we should sing the Shema Yisroel and the first paragraph at each meeting to accentuate the premise that devoting time to Beth Sholom is akin to attending a service.

I see professional and retired people mopping the kitchen floor, collecting the garbage bags, plus an array of other tasks. I am awed by what our congregants do for the synagogue. To me it's attending a service.

We've covered synagogue attendance; we've covered volunteerism.

Treasurer: "We can use more volunteers. The formula is, the more volunteers, the greater the revenue. The more volunteers, the greater the camaraderie during the evening of the event. The more volunteers, the greater everyone feels about being there." "What about new members?"

Rabbi: "There's a membership committee. Membership waxes and wanes. We offer a unique product. We are ongoing seven days a week. The array of activities which Beth Sholom features is offered only here. I don't feel that there is competition to Beth Sholom opportunities."

"Rabbi, What should we be working on?"

Rabbi: "Personal spirituality. We once had ten congregants who had copies of the Book of Psalms. We would read Psalms daily, each of us reading the same Psalm, moving page by page."

"Is there a guide to help us with personal spirituality?"

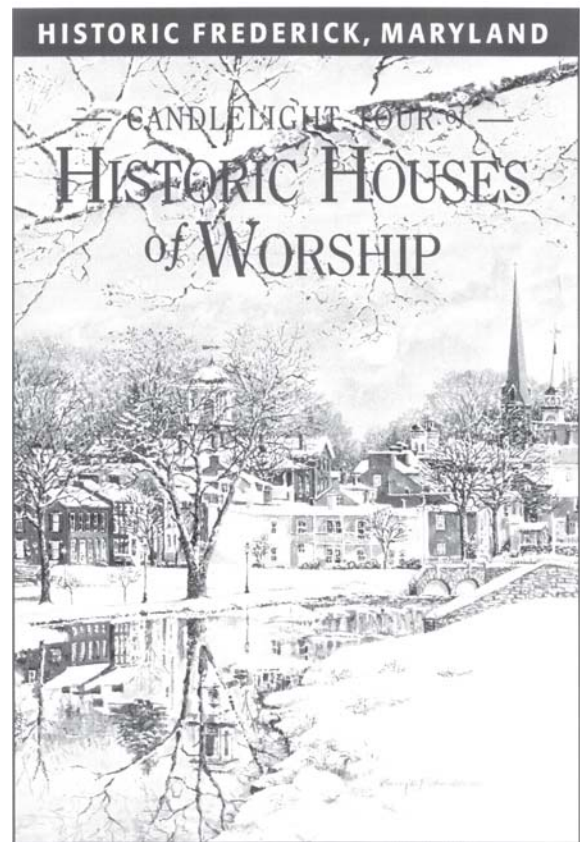
"I would be happy to meet with anyone to discuss personal spirituality. This is a moving community, energetic and busy. Time is our most precious element. The time we have is being fragmented to the extent that we do not permit ourselves to take time out for what our souls need. Thursday lunches at Ruby Tuesday can easily be developed into a mini-discussion group.

If you would like to be on the monthly lunch group list, call the office.

Our goals meeting has brought us up to date. G-d willing, next month, same time. - RMK

DEDICATION TIME

This is December. There are tax benefits that we can take advantage of. I'm not sure what they are. There are places in our Community Center that are looking for a love-memory. We have had memorable simchas here. Our children have participated in life cycle events. Some of our members have died. The opportunity awaits us to memorialize, to honor, to make a love gift in dedication. There are lists of what can be dedicated. The costs are from \$500 for a Torah cover to the dedication of a Tree of Life. The Tree of Life, \$25,000, is a gift that keeps on giving. Congregants will dedicate hundreds of simcha names which will be to the merit of the Tree of Life donor. More than one family can share this gift. The rabbi's corner awaits a dedication, as we speak. - RMK



Featuring 12 Worship Sites

Monday, December 26, 2005 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

To help, call Marty Erlichman at 301-694-9217

LETTERS



Rabbi,

I thought you would be interested in the following - our letter to the editor which was published in today's Sept. 18th, Washington Post, Loudoun edition.

Dear Sir,

It is unfortunate that the County of Loudoun Planning Commission has chosen October 3, the eve of the Jewish High Holiday of Rosh Hashanah, as the evening for its public hearing on proposals for comprehensive plan amendments in two key sub-areas in the Transition Policy Area, Upper Foley and Upper Broad Run - both the subject of considerable controversy. I happen to think that there are opportunities for additional development there. That is not the point. A public hearing is supposed to be an occasion on which members of the public, from all sides, can express their views on development proposals and listen to one another. To schedule a hearing of this importance on this date is a real affront to a minority - roughly like confronting the majority by scheduling something on Christmas Eve. To have the meeting start at 5:30 P.M. instead of the usual 6:00 P.M. "in order to make it possible for observers of Rosh Hashanah to leave the meeting before sundown" adds insult to injury because it is clearly is nothing more than a token and ignores one of the principal purposes of a public hearing - to allow people on all sides of a debate to be present for the whole hearing to listen to the views of their neighbors.

Hi Rabbi,

I have been thinking about you and hope everything is well with you and your family. Reading the Bulletin is like eating a good dairy meal for me. It makes me feel full like that. Each time I read more and more good things happening.

I wanted to tell you about what happens with my daughter in Shul now. She turned one a few weeks ago. Not a week goes by that someone doesn't comment how "good" she is through the service. I respond that she comes every week so she knows what to expect. We have the option of the children's service, but I don't want to miss the Torah reading or the Amidah (silent prayer). I learned a trick from the Rebbetzin in Ct. that I put the baby in the front pack so I can hold my prayer book during the silent prayer. So we sway back and forth, quietly. The congregation has adopted her. It is very different than when I was growing up and baby noises were shushed and parents were made to feel embarrassed or unwelcome.

Anyway, I wept in deep appreciation and understanding when I read the letter in the Bulletin about the woman who had the dream about being invited to come up on the Bimah (pulpit). I pictured myself sitting with her and her sister and many other important people. And celebrating afterwards.

I thought we would come in Sept. for our annual visit, but now I'm not sure when we will visit next. I hope all is well.

Rabbi,

If you're there right now, give us a call.

Rabbi,

Thanks for the info. On Nov. 20, the visit to the Mikveh will be at 1:00 P.M. If you can go, do you need a ride. Have a gut Shabbos.

Rabbi,

Are we the proud papas of a new Kosher mike? Has it arrived?

Rabbi,

I just went to bed with the Bulletin (my favorite time of the month). I saw the announcement about the annual service held at Solomon Gardens this coming 1:00 P.M....so there shouldn't be a conversations class....just wanted to reconfirm so that they will not be coming to Frederick....as it appears you need to be at Solomon Gardens....glad I read the Bulletin....I always read the Bulletin...from cover to cover! Good Shabbos.

Rabbi Kosman,

I hope that you received the microphone on time and that everything was easy to set up and worked according to your expectations. I thought about you numerous times during Rosh Hashanah and look forward to hearing from you.

Rabbi,

Our son just got home from his high school football game and said that Matt Barr was nominated for homecoming king.

Rabbi,

Here is the upcoming schedule. Congratulations to Andy R. for being asked to do the Saturday morning service by the B'Mitzvah family. Jeff, can you please accept the honor to lead Shachris-morning service. Let me know if there are conflicts. Three Torahs have been designated to be moved to 2nd Street; Willie Greenfield will be moving them. The Torah cover donated by the Marcus family will be on the Torah for the B'Mitzvah, G-d willing.

Rabbi,

Had a real Jerusalem moment. I was wondering whether or not I should go to Geulah (neighborhood in Jerusalem), on the way, who do I see walking my way, your children, Sima and Shabsi. Even before I reached them I said....Now I know why I came here today.

Hi Rabbi,

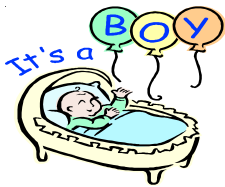
Everyone is doing well here. Still looking for a shul like Beth Sholom. I have confidence that it will happen again. Tell all that I miss and give our regards to all.

Rabbi,

I received this question. In the mourner's Kaddish (and others as I recall) there is in Hebrew the word Israel. Is this a reference to the State of Israel? ✪

**Congratulations
to**

Dick & Frannie Kessler on the
birth of their granddaughter,
Abigail M. Kessler
November 1, 2005



and

Roger & Donna Strong
on the birth of their grandson
Zachary Benjamin Strong
October 14, 2005

**THE ENLIGHTENED PARENT
The Blessing of a Skinned Knee**



Educational discussion conducted by:
Rabbi David Wiesenberg

When: Thursday December 15, 7:30pm
Duration: Approximately one hour
Venue: Home of Margie & Bobby Cantor
8805 River Oaks Terrace
Frederick, MD 21704

Tree of Life

Our existing Tree of Life has bloomed to its full capacity, and we are currently seeking a donor (or donors) to underwrite the creation of a second tree, to be crafted by our own Sid Kandel. A gift of \$25,000 will enable congregants of Beth Sholom to mark the milestone events of their lives in a meaningful way, as well as support the congregation financially. Lifetime membership, as well as admission to all future synagogue events, will be bestowed upon the donor. If two or three families would like to go in together to underwrite this project, we are open to discussing benefits! If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Pauline at the synagogue office.



Beth Sholom's Tree of Life

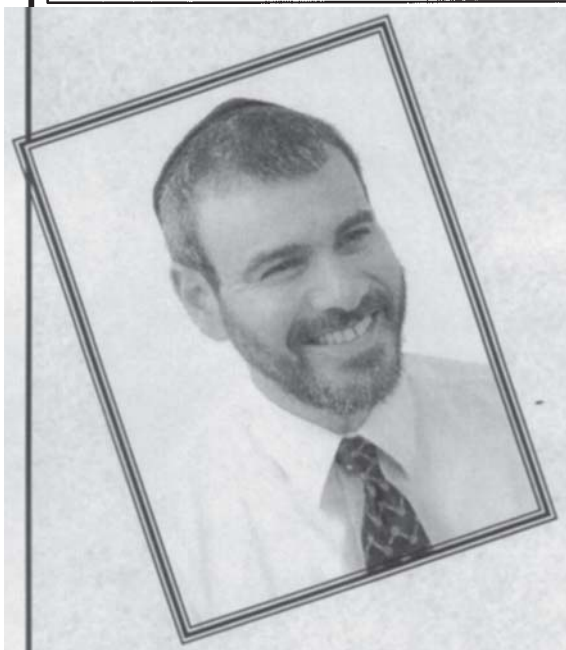
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RABBI DORON KORNBLUTH

*“MY BIG FAT Jewish WEDDING:
HOW DIFFERENT ARE WE ANYWAY?”*



*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2005
10:00 AM*

*BETH SHOLOM COMMUNITY CENTER
1011 N. MARKET STREET
FREDERICK, MD*

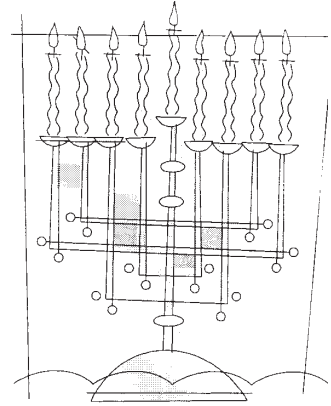
Refreshments will be served

Rabbi Doron Kornbluth is a creative teacher and author. He moved to Israel from his hometown of Montreal, Canada in 1991, and teaches Jewish thought at Neve Yerushalayim College in Jerusalem and Tzofia Seminary in Beit Shemesh. Known for bringing Jewish ideas to life in a positive and non-threatening way, he is in demand as a lecturer around the English-speaking world. The creator of the Love & Legacy film and discussion seminar, he has become well known as a consultant on issues of intermarriage and Jewish identity. He is the author of Why Marry Jewish? Surprising Reasons for Jews to Marry Jews and a frequent lecturer for Jewish singles, parents, and grandparents.

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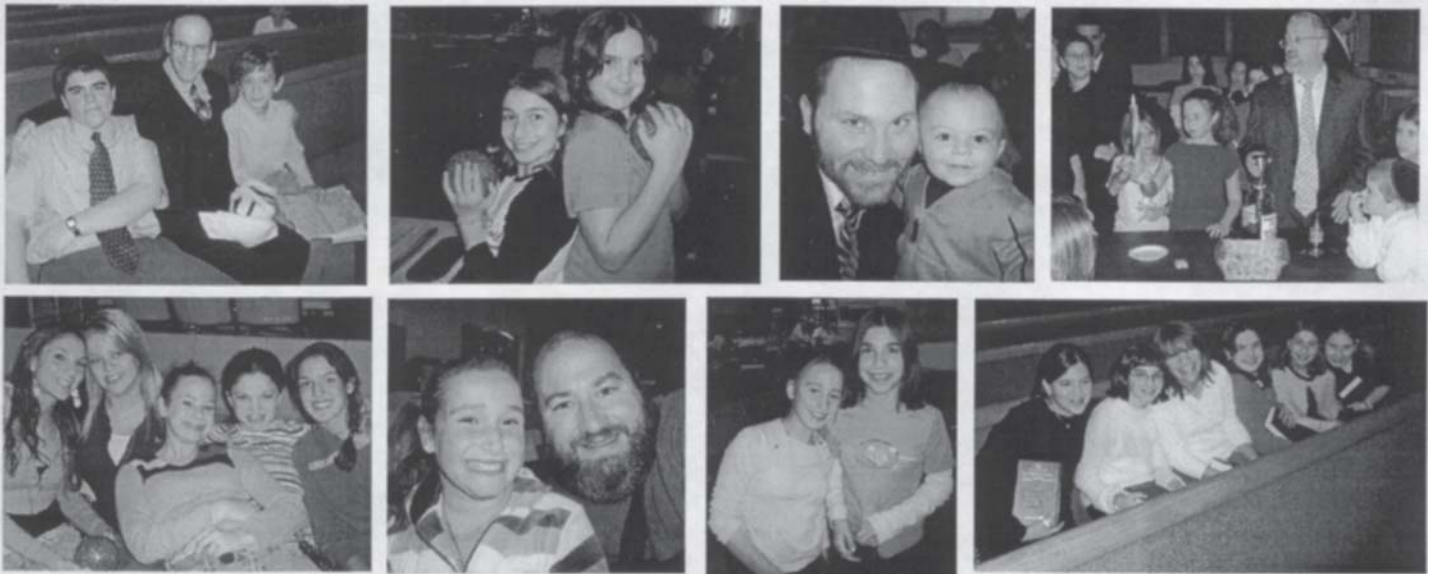
Save the date...

Sunday, December 18, 2005 Shoresh Chanukah Family Event



2005 REUNION SHABBARON

On the weekend of November 11-12, 2005 campers and counselors got together for an amazing reunion at the Beth Sholom Community Center where we renewed friendships and reminisced about an amazing summer at Camp Shoresh.



SUKKAH PARTY

At the Shoresh Adamstown campus during the holiday of sukkot, community members gathered for delicious Chinese food, dancing, music, and words of wisdom from Rabbi Kosman





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12:30 - 2:45 PM
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A FAITH IN THE FUTURE
A BELIEF IN ACTION

National Council of Jewish Women
Frederick Section

by Irene Stephen

December 6th: Mark your calendars, change your schedule, and rearrange your priorities. On Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30 pm, NCJW is sponsoring a program you won't want to miss – "Jewish Genetic Diseases, Prevent Tragedies, Learn About Testing." Dr. Adele Schneider, Director of the Victor Center for Jewish Genetic Disease Screening will be speaking about this extremely important subject - which affects all of us in some way. This program is being presented free of charge and will be followed by a question and answer period and, of course we will be providing our traditionally fantastic choice of refreshments. We live in an era where we have the opportunity to prepare for the future - the goal of this knowledge far outweighs the cost of a babysitter.

On December 18th, we will be having our annual gift-wrapping session for our Adopt-A-Dreydel Family. I'm writing this article early in November and so far we have some wonderful donations.

My personal goal this year is to need more than one vehicle to deliver our gifts. Please check out our ad in this month's *Bulletin* for the specifics on this family with seven children. Donations can be dropped off in the collection basket in the Community Center right up to the 18th of December. We welcome all who would like to join us help sort and wrap the donations.

Our Chanukah Portraits program is still going strong for the third year. Sharon Nicholas and Trish, our photographers, continue to capture really great shots. Once again a very special "Thank You" for helping us make this project so successful.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on December 6th and thanks to all of you who are helping to bring smiles to all seven children and their parents in our Adopt-A-Dreydel family. ☆



Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center Kindergarten Open House

Wednesday, January 4, 2006*
7:00 p.m. in the kindergarten classroom

- all-day program 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- small classes
- individual attention
- Specials: art, music, physical education, science & sign language

Registration begins Tuesday, January 3, 2006
Children must be five years old by
September 1, 2006 in order to enroll.

Questions: Contact Jill Brenner at the
Community Center, 301-663-3437

*Snow Date—January 11, 2006

Dear Rabbi Wiesenberg,

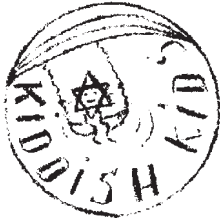
It was so special for the people at the Cold Weather Shelter to have fresh fruit dipped in incredible chocolate for dessert on Sunday evening! That was fantastic!!! I know it would have been nice to have more homeless people there for the dinner, but everyone who was there greatly appreciated the very lovely desserts! Please extend our gratitude to the Men's Cooking Club for their special donation!

We also want to thank you for participating in the Prayer Walk and for your wonderful contributions of prayers at both the dinner and also at the Prayer Walk. It was so inspiring to hear you sing "The Lord is My Shepherd" in Hebrew; and to be quiet and pray together there. Now I know why people were so excited to have you do that as a part of the program.

It was so nice to have the synagogue represented at both events! We look forward to working together next year; and perhaps between now and then.

Thank you so much!

Joey Hoffman, Donna Wisniewski, Sue Oehmig, Tommy Skaggs, and the Community Day of Prayer Committee



KID-ISH KIDS

Kid-ish Kids is off and rolling with a bang! Every Saturday the kids get a chance to explore their Judaism through prayer, stories, and fun activities for all age groups. With the help of our Lego Master Andrew Kuebbing, our reconstruction of the Second Temple is almost complete and to be unveiled sometime this winter. We also would like to welcome our newest teen aide, Zach Wingate, to our Kid-ish Kids family. We appreciate all volunteers, and welcome anyone who wishes to help.

Within the last month or so, Kid-ish Kids has taken part in many fun, holiday-oriented activities. On Succos we filled up on sugar and giggles as we all made edible Succahs out of graham crackers and icing. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we made amends to all by making "I'm Sorry" cards using stickers, and passing them out to family members. On November 19, we all took part in making Thanksgiving cupcakes to thank our families for a super year. Help us continue our fun and learning by taking part in our Chanukah Promotion all through November and December. Purchase merchandise in any participating store this Chanukah season, and Kid-ish kids will receive a portion of the proceeds! Contact Lori Duke or Amy Gross for details. Also, feel free to join us for our annual Chanukah Party on December 31st. It's going to be a blast!

Sisterhood News

by Sylvia Elfman & Denys Louderback

By the time you read this the Hanukkah Gift and Book Fair will be in progress. We will have menorahs, driedels, Hanukkah candles, gelt, jewelry, CDs, books, and art galore. Also there will be a vendor from Tastefully Simple. Please stop by and support this event from December 6th thru 11th. Remember, all monies earned return to Beth Sholom via Sisterhood to support its various operations and events.

Once again, we are requesting more volunteers to help out in the Bingo kitchen on Sundays and Mondays. If you are available, we would love to see you! Once a month in the kitchen can become quite a social event. **COME AND SEE!**

Sisterhood would like to thank the following for sponsoring onegs and luncheons for the month of November: Friends of the Marcus family, Jonathan Deull and Sheryl Sturges, Mark and Beate Frankel, and Steve and Beverly Chado.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 1st at 12 noon.

If you have any comments or ideas you wish to express, please come to our next meeting or call Beate Frankel, President of Sisterhood. We would like to hear from you.

**SUPPORT YOUR SISTERHOOD
BECAUSE SISTERHOOD SUPPORTS YOU!**

IT'S NOT JUST THE MONEY

By Milt Gordon, Bingo Captain

It all happened on Sunday, September 4, when I tried to open the safe to bring out the seed money to start the evening's bingo proceedings. Try as I might, the safe could not be opened. I made phone calls: to Janet, to Richard, to Pauline (in Cleveland), to Rabbi K. to Carl, to Sidney. No one was home on the holiday weekend. Joyce called Rabbi W. and Andy; both were home but unable to provide the answer to "cracking" the safe.

Players were coming in, so I announced that those with the exact amount in cash could check in. Hearing this, 2 couples came forward to offer seed money—Pam and Harold with \$335; Ann & Mike with \$700 (after he first went to the ATM). The line of players continued to grow to unmanageable proportions. Along came Ann & Pam offering to process part of the crowd by hand. They worked fast and tirelessly, and finally, at 7:15 p.m., the games began (only 15 minutes late). A credit to everyone in the line: no grumbling or complaints at any time due to the waiting.

Pam approached Joyce about an hour later with a great idea: why don't you call Marcia? Joyce left a "cry for help" on her answering machine, and when Marcia came home and got the message, she hopped right over to the Community Center. Marcia found the key to Pauline's office where the safe key was located, and, finally, the safe was opened.

It was agreed without any hesitation that a show of appreciation was due to Ann and Pam and their husbands. Since they had already eaten, they were given a "rain check" for their next meal at Bingo. Congregant and bingo worker Shoshanna Staffone was the first to suggest that an article be written for the Bulletin noting that bingo, besides raising money, has created a lot of goodwill in the community.

An evening that started off on a bad footing ended on a high note. We had 180 players and did pretty well.

P.S. We need more workers to make it easier for each member of the bingo team.



It's Chanukah in Frederick!

Forty-four merchants in downtown Frederick are participating in this exciting program, whereby a percentage of our purchases between December 1 and January 2 will be donated back to Beth Sholom. *Watch for a description of each store and complete details on how the program will work in a separate mailing.*

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149 N. Market St.
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238 N. Market St.
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The Candy Kitchen

52 N. Market St.
Gourmet chocolate & much more

Chiffon

101 East Patrick St.
Bath & body, bedding, clothing, etc.

CineGraphic Studios

10 N. Market St.
Movie transfer, postcards, gifts

Colonial Jewelers

1 S. Market St.
Beautiful jewelry

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12 N. Market St.
Creative toys and games

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145 N. Market St.
Apparel and accessories for men & women

DOLlectable Collectables, Inc.

216 N. Market St.
Dolls, dollhouses, accessories

Ec'lectibles

13 E. Patrick St.
Modern-day general gift store

Edgeworks Knife & Supply Co., Inc.

200 N. Market St.
Cutlery, games, gourmet items, etc.

Eleganza Yarns

132 N. East St.
Everything for the distinguished hand knitter

En Masse

141 N. Market St.
Flowers, jewelry, handbags

Evangeline – The Colors of Provence

115 E. Patrick St.
Home décor and gifts

Flights of Fancy

20 N. East St.
Toys, gifts, Judaica

Flowers by Jim

244 E. Patrick St.
Flowers & home accessories

The Frederick Basket Company

12 N. East St.
Gourmet items, cards & baskets

Frederick Fudge & Ice Cream

253 E. Church St.
Also chocolate, nuts, Chanukah gelt

Gallery Wear

116 E. Patrick St.
American handcrafted items

The Grapevine

117 E. Patrick St.
Home & garden accessories

Great Stuff by Paul

257 E. 6th St. or 10 N. Carroll
Decorative accessories & furniture

Hunting Creek Outfitters

29 N. Market St.
Outdoor clothing & gear

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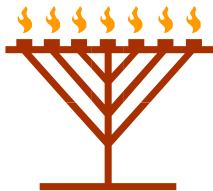


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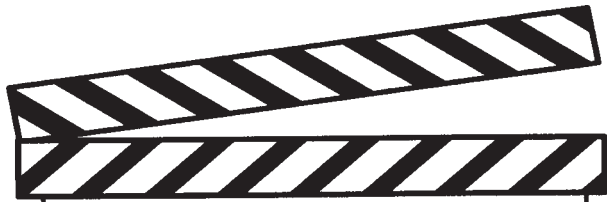
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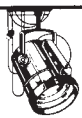
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4 3 KISLEV 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School 10 a Shoresh Adult Speaker Bingo	5 4 KISLEV Shoresh Bingo	6 5 KISLEV 4:30 p Hebrew School 7 p - NCJW Program Jewish Genetic Diseases	7 6 KISLEV Early Childhood Bingo	8 7 KISLEV 8 a Minyon 11 a Social Club 4:30 p Hebrew School 6:30 p Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p Board of Trustees Meeting	9 8 KISLEV 4:28 8 p Services - CC	10 9 KISLEV Vayetze 9:15 a Services - CC
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25 24 KISLEV Christmas Day 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon NO SCHOOL Cultural Enrichment Dinner NO BINGO	26 25 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 1 NO SCHOOL Bingo	27 26 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 2 NO SCHOOL	28 27 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 3 NO SCHOOL	29 28 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 4 8 a Minyon 11 a Social Club NO SCHOOL	30 29 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 5 4:37 8 p Services - Syn NO SCHOOL	31 30 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 1 Miketz 9:15 a Services - Syn



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