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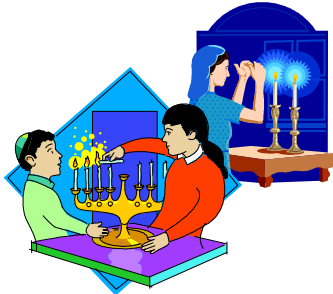
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CANDLELIGHTING

The first word in the Torah is *Bereishis*, In the Beginning. When the letters are scrambled then "In the Beginning" has in it the word Tishrei, which is the first month of the Jewish New Year. The mystics say that the month Tishrei, which has in it the word Genesis, includes all the months of the year. This is not easily understood. However, this year we perceive a shadow of its meaning.

Rosh Hashanah was on Shabbos, therefore the first day of Chanukah is on Shabbos. In fact, there are two Shabbosim in this year's Chanukah. I'm not sure of its significance....yet. What we do understand is that Rosh Hashanah Shabbos influences the two Shabbosim on Chanukah.

I recently heard at a Bris that the reason why the Torah says to circumcise on the eighth day is so that there would be at least one Shabbos before the infant is welcomed into the Covenant of Abraham, our father. The importance of Shabbos' presence surrounds us.

There are two lightings to be done, Shabbos and Chanukah. Which lighting is first?

Shabbos is Torah directed; Chanukah is a rabbinical law. Shabbos laws were publicly declared in the year 1230 B.C.E. when the Torah was given at Sinai.

The event of Chanukah occurred in the year 165 B.C.E., a thousand years after the Torah was given.

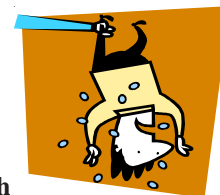
Which lighting is first? Once we light Shabbos candles then we have brought Shabbos into the home. Once Shabbos surrounds us we would not light Chanukah candles. Therefore, light Chanukah candles first; then declare Shabbos by lighting candles for Shabbos. ✨

The President's Corner

by Andy Carpel
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By now you have heard the surprising news. I visited Imam Hendi, leader of Frederick's Islam community, at his Mosque on Thursday, November 16. Anastasia Rosen-Jones of New Horizons Zones of Peace Project; Miriam Klements, a mutual friend; and Martha Hull of the National Council of Jewish Women accompanied me. I went because it felt like the right thing to do. Of course I read the dreaded News-Post article from August several times. I saw all the letters on the editorial pages written in subsequent days. Although I tried, I could *not* avoid the many congregants who zeroed in on me to discuss

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The Tax Man Cometh

As you think about making your year-end tax-deductible donations, please don't forget your synagogue.

Consider these opportunities:

- Make a prepayment toward your membership dues for next year. Pre-paid dues are tax-deductible in the year they are given but will be credited towards next year's dues obligation.
- Give Beth Sholom a Chanukah gift.

For those of you with balances remaining, please review your December statement. If everyone keeps up with their membership dues and Religious School tuition payments, Beth Sholom is then able to keep up with our financial obligations. Your generous support and timely payments are greatly appreciated.

Andy Carpel, President

FYI - Your mileage to and from your volunteer activity is tax deductible!

Alternative Service - Friday, December 15, 8pm



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 LIGHTS

The Mitzvah is to light the Chanukah lights. By our lighting, the history is recalled. The struggle between the darkness of self-importance is banished by the light of service to the Creator. The Greeks believed that man is the star and the crown of Creation. The ego rules. Judaism declares that G-d is the Ruler Supreme. Man is the subject.

The struggle between light and darkness continues. We light our Menorah with a myriad of intention. We pray for our families. We pray for the men in our armed forces. We pray for our brethren in Israel. May we bring light to the world. ✧

Chanukah Candlelighting Schedule

	Fri., Dec. 15, before Shabbat candlelighting, Blessings 1, 2 & 3
	Sat., Dec. 16, after Shabbat Blessings 1 & 2
	Sun., Dec. 17, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2
	Mon., Dec. 18, after nightfall, Blessings 1 & 2
	Tues., Dec. 19, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2.
	Wed., Dec. 20, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2
	Thurs., Dec. 21, after nightfall Blessings 1 & 2
	Fri., Dec. 22, before Shabbat candlelighting, Blessings 1 & 2

Candlelighting Blessings

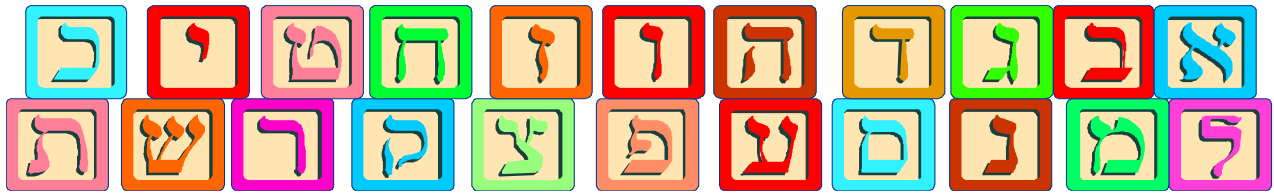
Before kindling the menorah lights, recite:

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.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Chaya Schneider
Religious Education Director

To the tune of "I had a little dreidel"

In the past month
We've really had a ball
The teens learned about mezuzahs
And that was not all

Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I had fun all three days
Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
The parent brunches were buffets!

We learned about our alefs
And about our bets
We've come so far this past month
We'll breeze right through the rest

Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I had fun all three days
Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I wish I could go today

We had fun in November
And now we must move on
To the month of December
Oh the fun has begun!

Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I had fun all three days
Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I even played with clay

Soon we will have painting
And then we'll take a spin
Through our Channukah Carnival
I just hope I win

Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I had fun all three days
Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I had music on Sunday!

We also have our learning
For parents not for kids
Come learn about the holiday
And drink coffee, yay!

Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I had fun all three days
Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
We've been practicing our play

The bazaar is also coming
To the Social Hall
Come meet us here on the third
A good time will be had by all

Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I had fun all three days
Oh Beth Sholom, Beth Sholom,
Beth Sholom
I must go, and not delay



President's Report (cont.)

their opinions, both pro and con. In the end I felt that the Imam wanted to open a connection with us, and I agreed.

We met at the Mosque on Key Parkway. I've lived in Frederick 27 years and have never even seen this building. It is located on some raised land guarded by tall trees behind the Golden Mile. It looks like a large sprawling single story home but with a formal oriental style portico. I recall ivory stucco with blue trim. The Imam met us outside and walked in with us.

What we saw of the mosque was beautiful. The entrance floors were marble tiles. At chair rail height was a repeated phrase written in Arabic alluding to the oneness of G-d. Above it was framed artwork of more calligraphy. I didn't have the presence of mind to ask him what they said. He opened the door to a large thickly carpeted auditorium *empty* of chairs, with a wall of windows on the other side. Shoes were verboten in this room, not for religious reasons, but because Islamic congregants pray kneeling and touch their foreheads to the floor. I'll never complain about standing in shul again.

He led us to their library, which was very neat and uncluttered. By now I was thinking that this building reminded me of a smaller version of our community center. After introducing ourselves, he apologized for the newspaper article. He said his goal was to establish communication, not to issue a challenge.

I had decided before going that I was not going start conversations about religion or politics. It would have been impolite, plus I am not well versed in either subject. Miriam spoke of the

hard feelings that many of our congregants would have to overcome. Imam Hendi said he is no stranger to the anger over the issue and has suffered personally. But he ultimately believes in the open mindedness of Jews specifically, and mankind in general. I quoted his article and pressed for something Jews and Moslems in Frederick could do to get to know each other. Anastasia and Martha said that whatever we do, there had to be food and music. Remembering all the *traife* food I ignorantly picked up and brought to shul, I told them you can't bring food to the Community Center. He said Muslims only eat kosher food anyway. I told him still no food, and we all laughed. He understands. So we all agreed that further contact would be made between Miriam and Rachel, who plans all social activities for the Mosque, to plan a party in December.

If I know my Beth Sholom-ers, half of you are thinking, "Good for him!" and the other half are gasping, "How dare he!" Well, it's a free country and only I have to answer to G-d, the law, and my wife, who incidentally hasn't been speaking to me since last Thursday. In any case, I am hoping to build a relationship with the Islamic community of Frederick.

And now for something completely different....Bingo is in a crisis. It's the kind of problem we wish for in business....too busy. We cannot sell holders fast enough. The games are so successful that players get frustrated because the few congregants that man the games are overwhelmed. In business we can hire more workers. State law forbids us from hiring Bingo workers. The current dedicated crop of Bingo workers is getting too old and tired to continue the pace. (Their words, not mine....but I was thinkin' it!) Like Dracula, Bingo needs fresh blood. Unlike Dracula, it won't hurt. The players are friendly regulars who have been with us for years. They have become our friends. It's a great way to meet other congregants, too.

The reality is the Board is talking about doing away with Bingo if we cannot man it. We would have to almost *double your dues* if we cut out Bingo. That would put us in line with other shuls. Frederick is a small family town. In D.C. and Baltimore, the shuls have relentless charity drives and rich benefactors. Neither Rabbi Kosman nor I intend to hound members for money. But we won't be around forever. Bingo is a very democratic way to raise funds from all members, rich and poor. You just need to devote a little time from your hectic schedule. Even three hours a month from most adult members would save Beth Sholom. Please put down the Bulletin, pick up your PDA, and mark off 3 hours on your calendar for a Sunday or Monday evening. Now is the time to come to the aid of your shul!

Shalom, Andy

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A LITTLE GLITCH

When I write *Bulletin* on the laptop I often forget to save what I have written. That means what I have written is gone. There are some Mavens who can pull it back. I wrote an article about the meaningful service we had on Kristallnacht. We are grateful to Sharon Kuebbing who did the reading from a woman who writes what it was like to experience it as a 12 year old.

In the process of gathering material, I came across an important work by Aaron Applefield. There were three lectures and an interview by Phillip Roth in this work. In this book, Mr. Applefield quotes from a letter that Franz Kafka sent to his father. He calls it the famous letter that everyone knows about. I never heard of the existence of the letter.

The letter is a strong critique of his father's Judaic participation. The critique is based on Kafka's father's non-interest in year-round Judaism, yet his father expects Franz Kafka to be a Shul-goer and a practicing Jew. The book is important. ☆

NOT FOUND IN HALACHA SEFORIM (BOOKS)

Halacha means a way of "walking", the rules.

Question: I can't get home before Shabbos; should I light candles even though Shabbos has begun?

Non-answer: If you say "don't light candles when it is already Shabbos," then you most likely will forget lighting candles even when it is light outside. That means your household is likely not to have the spiritual significance of Shabbos candles all year. That means you have given up hope of this person ever receiving "motivation" to prioritize life schedules.

Rabbi Hutner, Zatzal, who had the stature of deciding such questions, posed the following:

In a small village at Succos time, there was only one *esrog* (citron) which the town would share. The *esrog* fell to the ground and the *pitom* (stem) broke off. That meant that the *esrog* was unusable, like *trafe*. The question was whether or not to recite a blessing on it even though it was not Kosher. Reciting Hashem's name in a blessing that is not appropriate is in violation of using G-d's name in vain.

Rabbi Hutner declared that the town should recite the blessing lest the commandment be forgotten in coming years. ☆

Did you know in the last 10 years Sisterhood has...

Donated \$10,000 to start the Israel Fund

Contributed \$21,000 to the Building Fund

Spent \$59,000 for Kitchen Salaries

Staffed the kitchen for Bingo with volunteers

Contributed towards kitchen repairs and supplies

Provided catering for special events and children's parties Maintained and ran the gift shop

and much more...

If time does not permit you to participate, your dues or donation will help to support our activities. Thank you!

Yes, I would like to join Sisterhood. \$18 / year \$180 / lifetime Other donation

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e:mail _____

Please make checks payable to Beth Sholom Sisterhood and mail to: Dawn Stein, 307 Rockwell Terrace, Frederick, MD 21701-4911



**THE 20TH ANNUAL
CANDLELIGHT WALKING TOUR
OF HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

in historic downtown Frederick will take place on Tuesday, December 26, from 4 to 9 p.m. We always get a very large turnout and Marty Erlichman and Al Goetzl could use some help. If you can donate one hour or more that night, please contact Marty at 301-694-9217 or erlichman@verizon.net If you have never done the tour, you should - it's a terrific night!

MINIMIZE VIOLATIONS

Many of us grew up in a culture in which Shabbos was the time to catch up on the week's errands and household chores. The yard, the garage, the basement, and of course, the laundry, had to be done on Shabbos. Shabbos is the time for buying lottery tickets. There is no time during the week. We grew up in a time when Shabbos was Saturday.

When we go back two generations to Ellis Island, Shabbos was a day on which we either had to work or lose employment and food and rent for the family. Anti-Jewish energy made its great effort to prevent Jews from observing Shabbos.

Two generations later, like now, the anti-Jewish energy swings in and makes us, forces us, to catch up on the week's responsibilities on Shabbos, our Saturday. The negative energy has big-time power now. We have forgotten the holiness of the special day or we never knew it to forget it.

The task is to squeeze Shabbos into a tiny corner of our lives. The challenge is to convince and persuade that there is holiness to the seventh day. It is a special time for the Jewish people.

There are ways to become more aware of the Sabbath, if you would like to. ☆

BLESSING AND HOLINESS

A newlywed begins lighting two candles each Friday night. Some say it is for the two characteristics of Shabbos: Blessing (Brocho) and Holiness (Kedusha). The seventh day comprises these two attributes. However, the seventh day is as a non-entity unless we set the specialness of the day in our minds and in our schedules.

Our regimens are set up. We have family obligations. However, the need to wait at spectator sports can be an advantage. Take a prayer book with you or another reminder that it is Shabbos. Even reading the *Bulletin* might help.

I know how efficient we can be. We put a load of laundry in, and go out the door. We return and put it in the dryer, and again we're on our way. Nischt. Not on Shabbos. The machines also need a rest. Shopping, chores, can wait. These should be held off until Sunday. We can do it. We are masterful. We just need to set our minds to it.

No sewing and no knitting on Shabbos. These are part of the 39 major works that were used to build the Tabernacle. For the hangings and curtain we weaved and sewed. Therefore we do not do these.

Wear nicer clothes. Carry on with errands you have to do but dress like it is a special day. It will be a special day as you take steps to make it different.

Going to Shul is an event, thank G-d. When we come at 11:00 a.m. and stay for lunch and *Bentching*, prayers and singing, the time is 2:30 p.m. before we know it. Naptime. We can have Shabbos and eat our cake too.

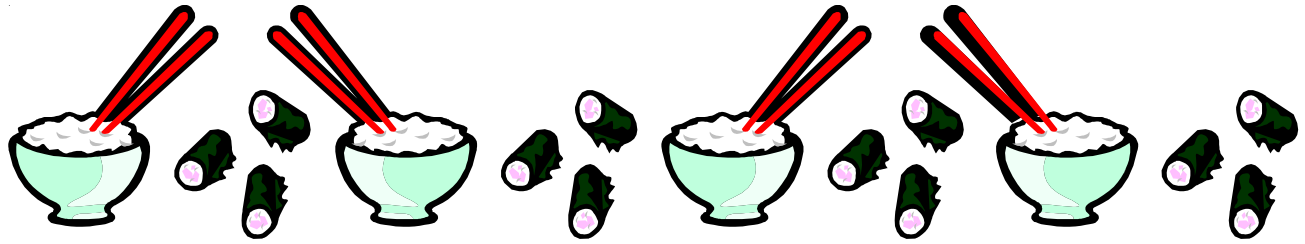
When that much time to devote is not possible, we can make our own private Shabbos by being aware for ourselves. Keeping Shabbos in the most private way is fulfilling the covenant between ourselves and G-d. Some even say just saying "Good Shabbos" is fulfilling the wine ceremony. This is for those who have asked me about increasing spirituality and awareness. ☆

**THE NORTH MARKET STREET
INVESTMENT CLUB**



The value of the investment club (open to all) is \$34,824.70. Our cash resources for buying is \$7,346.11. At the last meeting the members reviewed the stock in its portfolio. Our stocks are on the buy or hold list of advisors. The members will decide whether to add to the stocks already held or to hold, sell or buy. We began with zero. Join our investment club. Did you see the cartoon of a couple using metal detectors in a field? The caption was, "We've decided to change our investment strategy." The Investment Club is an opportunity to gradually become acquainted with the stock market.

I am looking for someone who wishes to teach a youngster's group about the market. ☆



Another Jewish Tradition

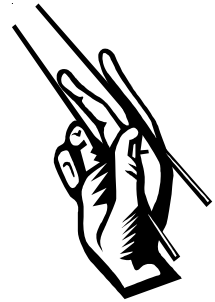
Kosher Chinese Food

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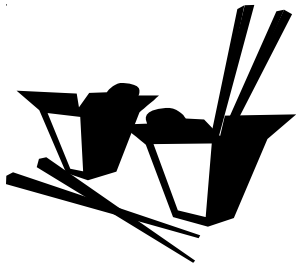
David Chu's of Baltimore

at

*Beth Sholom Community Center
1011 North Market Street*



*Sunday, December 24, 2006
6:30 P.M.*



*\$18 per person
Please come and join us!!*

Return the form below by December 17th with your check, payable to Beth Sholom Congregation, to 1011 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701.

Yes, I (we) would love to join you for Chinese food on December 24th.

Name(s) _____

Number of people attending _____ Phone number _____

Amount enclosed _____

ADULT CLASS

The class at the Ebert-Zavos home went “lickingly” well. Will, the dog, greeted everyone after the family greeted us first. We discussed the goals of each class member, including my own.

We always begin with calendar. Don Lachman will be surprised to learn that there is someone else who would rather skip calendar and get to the meat. Thank G-d, our classes have a reputation for being long-running events. Meeting with me for years and then not knowing what the synagogue does on what days would mean that my teaching is lacking. Information is what we're interested in. And we need to be inspired by the information.

The class has decided to use *The Ethical Teachings of the Rosh*, a twelfth-century important commentary. We're each buying our own book. One of our students suggested we review some happenings in the Middle East for better understanding.

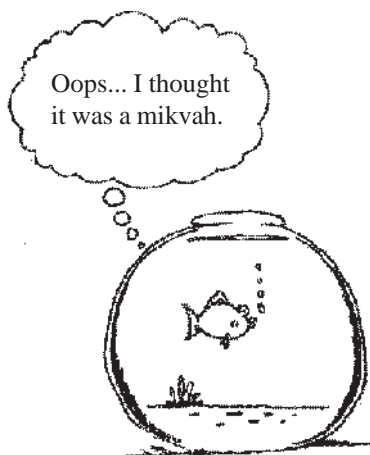
We are also studying the *Five Books of Moses*. We began Genesis.

We welcome all to join us on the 17th. ☆

USHPIZIN

The first movie of our season is a movie that won many prizes. Of course, I never saw a movie that didn't.

I'm not sure what the main message of the movie was. It was highly emotional, yet, nothing too serious. Ushpizin - traditional Succah guests - are Avrohom, Yitzchok, Yaakov, Yosef, Moshe, Aaron and David. They visit every Succah. The movie had guests in the Succah who were two escaped convicts. They stayed in the Succah. Through a series of emotional coincidences (miracles) the movie ends happily. I think the movie is about forgiveness. ☆



HUMOR

Our goldfish prisoner in the fish bowl is Jefferson. He is very allergic to Matzah meal, but that is all he is allowed to eat during Pesach. We invite anyone to submit a caption for Jefferson, locked in his fishbowl. ☆

LETTERS



Dear Rabbi,

If you've been wondering why I've been Missing In Action (MIA) it's because recently my wife totally surprised me by proposing to move to Baltimore. Although the process will probably take a couple of years, I've been scouting out the Jewish territory there by attending various minyonim. Today, I attended Rabbi Hopfer's minyon at Shearith Israel. The dovening was great. The Rabbi's sheur was very interesting - what I understood of it. I have a lot of remedial study to do like, like learning Rashi script. I've ordered a copy of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to The Talmud" by Rabbi Aaron Parry. BTW, a lot of folks seem to know Frederick.

Dad,

A woman called the library asking for "The Source." We pulled out all kinds of references and I googled it, but all we came up with was "adapted from the Talmud or "The Talmud." So I was wondering if you had heard it before (we never had) and if you knew where it is from?

Hi,

Our library does not have "What Do You Mean You Can't Eat At My House?" Would you like me to request they order it - which could take a month or so - or do you want to go through Shabsi?

Hi,

My fiancé and I are looking for a Rabbi for a wedding at Ceresville Mansion on Sunday, June 24, 2007. Can you send me information? You are recommended.

Rabbi,

I have confirmed your Kosher meals on the Atlanta-Tel Aviv flight. Have a great trip.

Good Morning Rabbi,

Writing an article for a newsletter and wondering how your shul's *Bulletin* is always so meaningful. Would you like to be on our newsletter list?

Dear Rabbi,

I dreamed that I was back at your Shabbos table. I saw all of the dear faces. I saw Rose and Becky....How I miss them all. Simchat Torah has never been the same again. I'm still looking, but I can't find what I had in Frederick. I found a shul here, Conservative and attended a service, but rabbi, I can't afford \$1800 a year. ☆

Trip to Baltimore

Sunday, December 10, 2006

“Dollar Day” at the Jewish Museum of Maryland



Two exhibits: (Learn more at the Museum website - www.jhsm.org)

- *The Other Promised Land: Vacationing, Identity, and the Jewish American Dream*
- *Cabin Fever! Jewish Camping and Jewish Commitment*

In addition, if you have never been to the old Synagogues that are connected to the Museum, we will be happy to arrange a tour of them for you.

All this for \$1.00 per person!

We plan to car-pool to Baltimore. We will leave the Community Center parking lot at 1011 N. Market St., at 1:00 p.m., and enter the Museum at 2:00 p.m. We expect to stay there until 4:15, and then return to Frederick by 5:15.

If you are interested in attending this event, please **detach the form below and return it** to Beth Sholom’s office, 1011 N. Market St., Frederick, MD, 21701, **no later than Sunday, December 3rd. Please arrive at the Community Center no later than 12:50 P.M. on the 10th.**

Please call Norma Kelsey if you need more information: 301-874-2187.

BALTIMORE TRIP

Name(s) _____

of persons attending _____ Phone Number _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Check One:

- _____ I would like to drive and can take # _____ other persons.
- _____ I will drive myself and cannot take others.
- _____ I (We) will definitely need a ride.

CHANUKAH BAZAAR!

Beth Sholom Community Center
1011 North Market Street
Frederick, MD

Sunday December 3 11:30 AM – 1 PM
&
Monday December 4, 11 AM – 1 PM

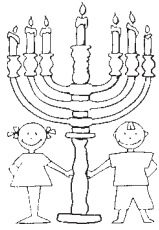
**Come to the Beth Sholom's
2nd annual Chanukah Bazaar!
Proceeds benefit Beth
Sholom's Early Childhood
Center and Religious School.**

Featuring:

- Tastefully Simple — Kosher food products
- Pampered Chef — Kitchen tools and more
- Partylight — Candles and accessories
- Discovery Toys — Toys and games for all ages
- Silpada Jewelry — Beautiful silver jewelry
- Junk-to-Jewels — Fun and unique ecological jewelry
- Usborne Books — Fun & educational children's books
- Beijo Handbags—Designer handbags
- Frederick County Artwork by Barry Richardson
- Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Local jewelry

And more ...

Most items are in stock. Delivery for items that need to be ordered will be arranged with the consultant.



Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center

THE THREES

From Ellen

The Teddy Bears have been learning about Nursery Rhymes and rhyming words. We talked about the words that rhyme in the Nursery Rhymes, and other rhyming words. The ability to rhyme is a precursor to reading, and such a fun thing to do. The most fun was when we made rhyming words for our names (Hannah/banana, Grace/face, Sophie/trophy, Jonah/telephone, etc.

Now, we are discussing the mitzvah, *Hochnasat Or'chim*, Hospitality, and how it relates to the guests we will be having on Thanksgiving. Have a great holiday!

From Naomi

As Ellen mentioned, rhyming words is one of the strategies used to become a good reader. It's not too early to begin pre-reading activities with the three-year-olds. Another strategy we use is to have the child make predictions about the story based on the title and the front cover. We ask if their predictions were correct when reviewing the story. And, we always look for new words in the story and try to use them throughout the day. We are always looking ahead to help our young children become the best readers they can be. ☆



David Spitzer

"Helen, I've decided to become master of my own destiny...if that's okay with you, of course!"

BETH SHOLOM SOCIAL CLUB

Don't despair
 Everything is fine
 Come on down for an
 Exceptionally good time
 Meet the members, expand your mind
 Books, musicals, speakers divine
 Eat a dairy lunch that you will bring
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- Lunch out - 12/07, 12/28
- Chanukah Party - 12 noon on 12/21

For more information, call president Bessie Pollicove at 301-845-6682.



Join the Long-Range Planning Committee Be a part of our Future

The Long-Range Planning Committee has been formed in response to the coffee klatch parlor meetings held over the last few months, and the question asked repeatedly was, "What are you going to do with this information?" Here's the answer: we want to stimulate thoughtful conversation among as diverse a group as possible to explore the present and longer-term needs of the Beth Sholom Congregation. The first meeting was held on October 31, 2006, and more members, especially new and young members with varying religious leanings and interests, are being sought to round out the Committee. Are you interested in having a voice in the future strategic planning of Beth Sholom? For more information, call Carl Lazerow, 301-695-8494, or leave your name at the office. ☆

Overheard

Here is a sampling of what our campers are saying about their summer at Camp Shoresh...



Maya Goldstein, Age 9,

Potomac, MD:

"I love camp because everyone has a lot of spirit."



Brooke Meshel, Age 13,

Olney, MD:

"I really love the people here. I also love sports and the outdoors. My favorite sport is definitely soccer."



Katrina Eyler, Age 15,

Frederick, MD:

"I have been going to Camp Shoresh since I was 3 years old. This is my family and it is really nice to be part of such a big Jewish family."



Chaviva Nicholas, Age 4,

Frederick, MD:

"My favorite part of camp is going on the horses. My favorite horse is Pumpkin."



Sasha Zharichenko, Age 15,

Etters, PA:

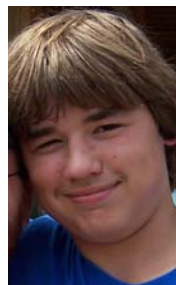
"I went to a Hebrew Day School till 8th grade. Now, I go to public school and I wait until summer to go to Camp Shoresh because it is somewhere where I feel like I belong."



Sarah Rubin, Age 9,

Potomac, MD:

"At Camp Shoresh we have fun and at the same time we learn about Judaism. When I come here, my friends understand me because we come from similar backgrounds."



William Treiber, Age 15,

Frederick, MD:

"I fit in here and it is an unbelievable feeling... to be surrounded by people who understand me."



Jonah Hornum, Age 7,

Columbia, MD:

"I like camp because we have snowballs and my favorite flavor is cotton candy."



Mira Tash, Age 8,

Gaithersburg, MD:

"I love coming to camp here because I get to learn a lot about Judaism and it is really fun!!"



Marc Senatore, Age 11,

Stamford, CT:

"I love camp because we do so many fun activities including: woodworking, volleyball, newcomb, football, baseball, and game room. It is hard to find that at other camps. This is the greatest camp!"



Tehila Ben-Gershom, Age 10,

Kihei Hawaii:

"My favorite part of camp is davening because I like all the songs and tunes."

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Greg Milhiser, Age 11,

Montgomery Village, MD:

"The fact that I get to meet more Jewish kids my age instead of just my sister's age makes camp so much fun! If I say something in Hebrew they all understand me. I also love to talk to them about Judaism."



Avi Kozlowski, Age 11,

Silver Spring, MD:

"The counselors are awesome because they act like kids and still do what they have to."



SHORESH FAMILY SHABBATON

Friday - Sunday, January 26-28, 2007

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*The 8th annual Shores Family Shabbaton is sponsored by
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Schedule

Friday, January 26th

Registration begins at 3:30 P.M.

Candlelighting time: 5:00 P.M.

Friday Night Services, Dinner, Sessions, & Oneg

Saturday, January 27th

Breakfast, Morning Services and Torah Reading, Lunch, Sessions, Afternoon Services, Shalosh Seudos, Evening Services, Saturday Night activity,

Melave Malka, & Kumsitz

Sunday, January 28th

Morning Services and closing Breakfast

Program ends at approximately 12 P.M.

**IMPORTANT: There are a limited number of hotel rooms.
Reservations will be on a first come basis and must be
paid in full with the registration form. Call 301-874-8150 to get a form.**

HELP OTHERS HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

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

Our families for this year.....

The Dreidel family lives in Baltimore. This single mother has 9 children between the ages of 3 and 17. They have requested:

3yr old little girl - play shopping cart with food & Jewish books

5yr old boy - legos

9yr old girl - arts and crafts

10yr old boy - computer games & math puzzle books

12 & 14 yr old girls - Jewish music CDs especially Shweky

(can be purchased at: www.mostlymusic.com/yaakov-shwekey-m-1434.html)

The older kids have requested gift cards to Target, Walmart or Kmart

The family has a very old computer; a PC would be very much appreciated. (Used is fine.)

Mom needs household items and gift cards to Giant, Safeway or Seven Mile Market and a gift card to Perns (a Jewish book store in the Colonial Villages section of Baltimore).



The Snowflake family is a local Frederick family - a single mom with one 9 year old boy.

The mom has requested clothes petite size 7-8.

The son has requested: boys size 14 shirt; boys size 12 pants; boys size 5 ½ shoes; sheets for a single bed (sports theme); s'mores maker; PJ's, basketball; Power Ranger figures; roller blades; Operation game; non-violent video games



In order to distribute the gifts fairly and reduce duplication, this year we will have "snowflakes" and "dreidels" each with a requested gift written on it. The "snowflakes" and "dreidels" will be available in the Community Center lobby starting on November 10.

Please take as many as you want, but PLEASE make sure to purchase those items.

If you can't make it to the Community Center to pick up a snowflake or dreidel, please call the Community Center and one can be reserved for you.

Of course, please feel free to donate something that is not on the list that you feel is appropriate.



Please bring your gifts to the Community Center Lobby Between Nov 10 and Dec 10.

We will also welcome help sorting and wrapping the gifts at 10 AM on Dec 10.

If you would prefer to make a donation (and we will buy gifts), make checks payable to NCJW and mail to: Marcy Taylor, 608 Bushytail Drive, Frederick, MD 21703. Please indicate to which family you would like the money to go. For questions, call Diane at 301-831-8880 or Margie at 301-696-8679.

Sisterhood News

by Sylvia Elfman & Denys Louderback

Chanukah starts the eve of December 15th. The Gift Shop is carrying items for Chanukah--gelt, dreidels, fancy and plain Chanukah candles, menorahs, home decorations, art prints, CDs, etc. Please stop in and check us out. Our hours for the upcoming holiday will be as follows:

December 3 & 10: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

December 5, 7, 12 & 14: 4 - 6 p.m.

If you need anything when the shop is closed, please call Denys Louderback at 301-845-7982 or Sylvia Elfman at 301-845-4424.

Sisterhood wants to thank the following people for sponsoring Onegs or luncheons during the month of November: Martin & Martha Zweig, Andrew & Linda Mekelburg, Tim & Carol Cressman, Harold & Shirley Neufeld, Marty & Janet Potash, Joe & Susie Cohen.

Once again, we are requesting volunteers to work in the kitchen Sundays and Mondays once a month. It is only for 3 hours, and there is a seasoned volunteer in the kitchen to work with, so don't be fearful.

Our next meeting will be December 7th at the Community Center at 12 noon. ☆

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Bulletin Angels

Regina Kaiktsian in honor of Rebecca Levy's engagement

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

FREDERICK SCHOOL OF RELIGION AT BETH SHOLOM

We are privileged to host the Frederick School of Religion this coming year. Courses will be offered on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings from February 19 - March 27. The courses are very diversified and there are so many interesting classes it will be difficult to choose. The instructors are highly qualified academicians and experts in the courses they will teach. Courses being offered are:

The Dead Sea Scrolls

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Immigration in Biblical and Historical Perspective
The Early Years of the Christian Enterprise
Science and Religion

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(by our own Rabbi Kosman)

Where Angels Fear to Tread? Ethics in the Marketplace
Soul, Psyche and the Bible: A Psychological Interpretation of Scripture

Music, Message and Meaning: Experiencing Brahms' "German Requiem"

The cost for each course is only \$22! Brochures will be available at Beth Sholom in December and at www.frederickschoolofreligion.org. If you have any questions, please call Joseph Ward at 301-668-0761, or Phyllis Schwartz at 301-696-2826. ☆

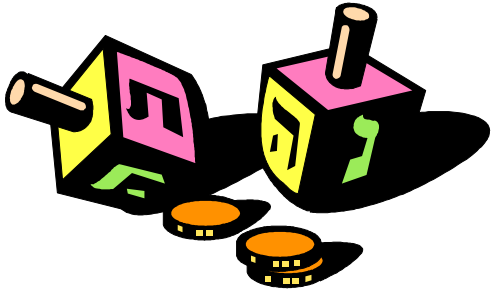


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NEW CLASS FORMING: BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWNUPS

For 6 weeks beginning January 7, join us on Sunday mornings from 11:30 – 12:30 as we examine Biblical characters and their relationships with G-d and with each other. There is no charge for this class. Please call Pauline at the synagogue office to register.





Beth Sholom Gift Shop

Chanukah is just around the corner
December 15th!

We have many new items that make great Chanukah gifts.
We also have CDs, books, jewelry, candles and decorations for the home.

Please stop by. Our hours are:

Sunday, Dec. 3 & 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and

Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 5, 7, 12, & 14 from 4 to 6 p.m.

If you need anything when the shop is not open, please call Denys Louderback at 301-845-7982
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Come join us
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November 11, 2006



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on the marriage of their daughter,
Hannah, to Matthew Feldman
November 11, 2006

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Barney Kandel
Marcia Newfeld
JoAnn Nivasabutr
Norman Perkins**

**Yahrzeits
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Abby Jo Selsky
Beverly Bondy Rose
Justin Aal
Jacob Pittleman
Max Shapiro
Max Wolberg
Herman Blank | Clara Blatt
Saul Kochonin
Eric Pickert
George Rosen
Martin Rude
Martin Miller
Louis J. Prensky
Samuel Potash |
| December 8* | Beatrice Miller
Louis Kosman
Deane Levine
Minnie Pollicove
Bess Pincus
Elizabeth Reitman
Doris Goldstein
Eva Chernoff Buchenbaum | Bernard Zavos
Joseph Elfman
Saul Miller
Israel Ruck
David Blatt
Victor Levy |
| December 15* | Channah Miller
Peshe Leah Miller
Rachel Pia Miller
Andrew Nisenfeld
Stanley Brandorff
Alexander B. Lazerowitz
Charles Mogilewsky
Harry Warendorf, Jr. | Lenore Stern
Louise Zweig
Bernard Mlavsky
Ida Aal
Isadore Brandt
Geta Elkon
Neil Fromer |
| December 22* | Jacob Horowitz
Karl Jacobson
Samuel Kalb
William D. Martin
Celia Pearl Smith
Bessie D. Satlof
John Warren | |
| December 29* | Claymus Francis Harlowe
Morris Mandelowitz
Egon Gartenberg
Nicholas Joseph
Celeste Warendorf | |

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

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Beth Sholom offers sincere condolences to

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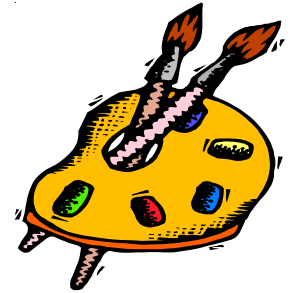
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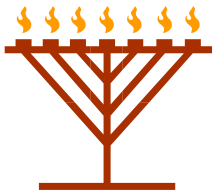
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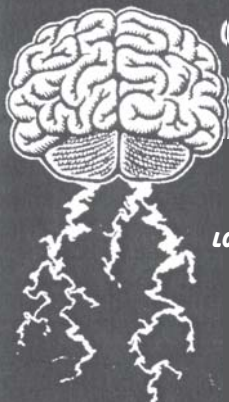
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 12 KISLEV 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School 11:30 a BOE Chanukah Sale 12:30 p RS Painting Party Bingo	4 13 KISLEV Shoresh Bingo	5 14 KISLEV 4:30 p Hebrew School	6 15 KISLEV	7 16 KISLEV 8 a Minyon 12 Sisterhood Meeting 4:30 p Hebrew School	8 17 KISLEV 4:30 8 p Services - Syn Shoresh Shabbaton - CC	9 18 KISLEV Vayishlach 9:15 a Services - Syn Shoresh Shabbaton - CC
10 19 KISLEV 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School PAT Program Men's Brunch NCJW Gift Wrapping 1 p Cultural Arts Jewish Museum Trip Bingo	11 20 KISLEV Bingo	12 21 KISLEV 4:30 p Hebrew School	13 22 KISLEV	14 23 KISLEV 8 a Minyon 11:30 a Social Club 4:30 p Hebrew School 7:30 p Board of Trustees Meeting	15 24 KISLEV 4:31 8 p Services - CC 8 p Alternative Service - CC	16 25 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 1 Vayeshev 9:15 a Services - CC
17 26 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 2 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School Religious School/Shoresh Chanukah Party Bingo	18 27 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 3 Shoresh Bingo	19 28 KISLEV 4:30 p Hebrew School	20 29 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 5	21 30 KISLEV Chanukah - Day 6 Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 1 8 a Minyon 11:30 Social Club 4:30 p Hebrew School	22 1 TEVET Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 2 4:34 8 p Services - TBD	23 2 TEVET Chanukah - Day 8 Miketz 9:15 a Services - TBD
24 3 TEVET 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:30 p Chinese Dinner NO BINGO	25 4 TEVET Christmas Day NO SCHOOL NO BINGO	26 5 TEVET NO SCHOOL	27 6 TEVET NO SCHOOL	28 7 TEVET 8 a Minyon 11:30 a Social Club NO SCHOOL	29 8 TEVET 4:39 NO SCHOOL 8 p Services - TBD	30 9 TEVET Vayigash 9:15 a Services - TBD
31 10 TEVET Tenth of Tevet 8:30 a Prayer Class 9 a Minyon NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO BINGO						