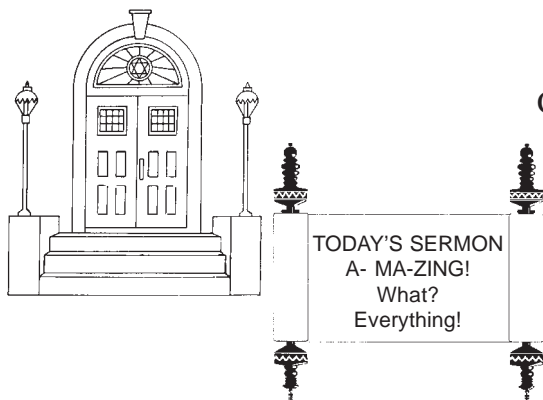


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THE BIG PUSH FOR FIFTEEN SCHOLARSHIPS

We don't hear much about the upcoming first grade, G-d willing. This is our fourth year of all-day kindergarten. In previous years, there were parents who wanted the class to continue and were strongly behind a movement for a first grade. It did not happen.

I wonder if scholarship money would make a difference. I don't know, but I want to offer it. Therefore, I'm looking for 15 three thousand dollar scholarships which will pay half of the tuition.

Andy Carpel asked Fred Berney if he could produce enough Beth Sholom "Then & Now" disks to mail to our membership for a fund-raiser. I don't remember if I told Andy to ask Fred, but when I saw Fred he asked me why I did not come straight to him and ask for the disks.

I had a reason for not going straight to Fred if, indeed, I did send Andy. (You get more done when you don't take credit for it.) It would be much easier for Fred to say "No" to Andy than to say "No" to me. I'm not for putting congregants in the position of having to say "no" to me.

Back to scholarship money. I know that there are congregants who look for worthy things to put some money into. I cannot ask you even though I know that there is a 90% chance that you will say "yes." You'll have to come forward yourself. Fifteen scholarships promised by our readers in case we have a first grade. Let's see if the money is an issue. - RMK

Anyone interested in serving on the committee to plan the Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) service, scheduled for April, is advised to contact Marty Erlichman at 301-694-9271 or erlichman@verizon.net



"When we can't see G-d everywhere, then, we can't see him anywhere, G-d forbid." Kotzker Rav

NORTH MARKET STREET INVESTMENT CLUB

You may have forgotten, but Beth Sholom has an investment club. Its purpose is to learn about stock investment. Our purpose in promoting it is to have another viable group meeting at Beth Sholom. Members can join any time and be part of the group. Right now, as of November, the group's portfolio stands at \$29,154. Cash available for purchasing is \$4432, G-d willing. Maybe someone can tell us how many years the club has functioned. I think four years.

When you join, your share is pro-rated. Be part of our investment club. The more members we have, the more money there will be to invest. The cost is \$25 a month and now the portfolio will be \$34,000 (when we spend the \$4400). I am a member since I like to support all Beth Sholom groups. That is why I am part of the Yoga group.

My son-in-law, Rabbi Shya Sackett in Lancaster, Pa., also has an investment club in his Shul. They started a little after we did. Their payments are \$50 a month, twelve or so members and their portfolio is worth \$50,000.

That group wants to expand its interest and as a group are thinking about buying property in and around Lancaster. In Lancaster you can still buy a property for under a \$100,000. Or you can buy a larger house for under \$300,000. The Lancaster group is thinking of asking for initial investments of \$5,000 each.

At present, Frederick has nothing going that would teach youngsters about money values and investments. We did have an investment group for youths led by Brian Abraham. He took his group to visit one of the brokerage offices. The monthly amount for children was less, perhaps \$10 a month. The group was successful. Are there any financial people who might like to lead our children in an investment club? - RMK

The President's Corner

by Andy Carpel
acarpel@aol.com

Shalom everyone...

This month's Board of Trustees Meeting started off with a bang. Rita Gordon is a long-time member of Beth Sholom, a former president, author of several books about Frederick history, including *Jews Among the Clustered Spires*. I have known her and husband Paul Gordon for twenty years. I have always known Rita to speak her mind, and she spoke it eloquently at this month's meeting. She gave us the history of our congregation here in Frederick and then plainly told us where we were going wrong. According to Rita the Board botched many decisions. She warned us not to take the easy out. In fact, there were so many issues she took *issue* with, I tabled discussion until we have had time to look over her remarks. If any of you, dear members, want to examine her views for yourselves, call or e-mail the Beth Sholom office and have a copy of her statement e-mailed to you. While criticism can sting, it was enlightening to hear an interested member's point of view.

The Board voted to allow Bet Midrash to hold Sunday School classes at our 2nd St. shul with physical restrictions and financial stipulations. Beth Sholom does not sponsor the school. Since Bet Midrash *is*, however, charged with educating Jewish children, we will accommodate them. To us on the BOT, there can be no nobler cause.

The Board of Education is circulating an ad for a part time Education Director. We have received six resumes.

In other news, the head of the Religious Affairs Committee met with the new leader of the Survey Committee. Religious Affairs is working on an alternative service. We have received over \$1000 from the DVD mailing so far and those funds will be applied as seed money for the additions to the Tree of Life. Sid Kandel is designing those now. The Library committee got a brand new computer, compliments of the Prenskys, and a new chairman, compliments of Benjamin Fryser. The Gala didn't make much money but was a lot of fun. The Parlor meetings hosted by BOT members will be starting soon. Most will be held at the Frederick Coffee Company at East and Church Streets, on Sunday evenings. They will be small get-togethers where you give us your views on Beth Sholom. Like I said, criticism can sting but we want to hear it anyway. Watch for your invitation.

Individuals on the Board of Trustees are "adopting" new members. We will meet with the newcomers at a shul function and introduce them to other members, show them the facility, and answer any questions they may have. We all think it's a good idea.

Bingo has provided me with a great human-interest story. You have all heard of the Baltimore Jewish Times. Without exaggerating, it is probably the most widely read and respected Jewish periodical in the US. I know this because it is very thick, printed on glossy paper, and there are many ads. Some are even in color. It's like the Jewish Daily Planet. Phil Jacobs is the editor. Phil has been recruited as a bingo worker and has come up here several times to sell holders, etc. He wrote a little blurb about us in the last issue of the Times. He comes for the egg salad and the friendly faces. In any case, if you meet the editor at Bingo, for Pete's sakes *don't call him chief... Olsen!*

To honor bingo workers, my wife Shurron and I are throwing a party at our home at 7:30 on the evening of February 25. I realize it's not Studio 54, but it's a lot closer and more "hamishe." We will provide all food and soft drinks. **If you worked bingo in 2005 or are seriously considering working bingo in 2006**, you will be welcome. A visit to my house will be unforgettable as I have many strange and ethereal artifacts. On display will be ... the baby teeth of my children; a "Jackson 5" lunch pail; real cats' paws; frozen food from 1985; blueprints of the Starship Enterprise, twelve un-used power tools, a luminescent painting of Elvis Presley on black velvet; my collection of preserved Oriental Dung Beetles; kosher beef jerky; and a pair of Jerry Orbach's tweezers. My Fortress of Solitude will finally be open to all...BINGO VOLUNTEERS!!!

An Open Letter to the President of Beth Sholom Congregation

President;
Beth Sholom Congregation

As you will remember, at the congregational board meeting on 1/12/2006, I presented comments to the board. Those comments, carefully researched, represented my feelings about things happening in my congregation with which I had concerns.

As I was leaving the building, before the meeting was over, you approached me at the front door to ask if I would be at the next board meeting, when the board would discuss my comments. I said I would.

Now, my comments were just that, my comments, and not meant to be analyzed or discussed, unless they were to be thoughtfully addressed. As I now understand it, my comments were discussed without my presence and several board members attempted to characterize them as incorrect. I can assure all of you, the statements I made were for their edification and to help this congregation address its future.

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Additionally, after listening to my statements, particularly concerning closed meetings, for which there is no authority to call, you closed a board meeting in violation of this congregation's bylaws. The bylaws are clear that "A member in good standing is entitled to a voice at all Board of Trustee meetings." And although for parliamentary procedure, Roberts Rules of Order is the guide, those rules are specific, they do not overrule the bylaws. Thus there can be no closed meeting of the Board of Trustees, and it would be helpful, if the agenda for the Board of Trustee meetings be published in the bulletin so that members of the congregation will have pre-notification, if they desire to speak on any issue before the Board.

By having a closed meeting as occurred, the board acted beyond the authority granted by the bylaws. Any discussion which occurred during this meeting, I presume, will be included in the minutes for members of this congregation to review, if they desire to do so.

What I said as a past president of this congregation, was an effort to address the future of Beth Sholom Congregation in an honest manner and to assure all of the congregants yet to come that this congregation could and would openly allow and encourage their participation.

Rita Simon Gordon

President's Response

Dear Ms. Gordon:

The so called "closed" meetings you referred to are allowed in the bylaws as "special" meetings. I only call "special" meetings for personnel matters. I will admit that it sounds sinister, but the privacy of the individual employee needs to be protected under Maryland law. Recent events have compelled us to seek legal advice and our attorney, Ray Speciale, assures us our bylaws allow for closed meetings and state laws require them.

I do agree that your thoughts were stimulating and I thank you for sharing them with us in person.

Sincerely, Andy Carpel, Pres.

"I have travelled the length and breadth of this country, and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

"And You Shall Teach your Children..."

Educational Director

Beth Sholom of Frederick is seeking an experienced professional (Jewish/Ed. degree preferred) to fulfill the growing needs of the congregation. Candidate will have experience in all facets of the day-to-day school operations, including but not limited to training, recruiting, reviewing and developing Hebrew and Judaic curriculum from pre-school through confirmation, family education programming, etc. An inclusive and enthusiastic attitude is necessary. Please forward your resume and references to: Beth Sholom, 1011 N. Market Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701, or e-mail to bethsholomfrederick@yahoo.org. No phone calls please.

NOTES FROM A CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT'S CONVENTION

At the convention there were two separate Minyonim. The dual prayer services may symbolize a movement in crisis, split by divergent opinions on key issues. Some issues are the role of women and the status of non-Jewish family members in synagogue life. The Conservative movement has lost its pre-eminent position on the American Jewish scene. The loss of membership is cited as the most serious. However, instead of breast-beating, there was serious introspection and confidence.

Movement leaders unveiled a detailed plan for Kiruv (out-reach) to intermarried families and new converts.

In the keynote speech address, Rabbi Gilman of the Jewish Theology Seminary proposed that Conservative Judaism "abandon its claim that we are an Halachic movement" which he called "irrelevant to the vast majority of lay people." He proposed that we define the movement as living with ambiguity. "The hallmarks of our belief are relativity, uncertainty and tension."

Marcia Newfeld would spend a week at the Jewish Theological Seminary each year. The last two years of her week at the Seminary she returned disturbed rather than strengthened. She was witnessing the change within the movement. In classes and lectures it was obvious that there was a move away from the Torah being the instrument of authority.

Rabbi Phillip Scheim of Toronto said that "without Halacha we are lost. If we want to be sustained by ambiguity, we have no future. There is no doubt," Rabbi Scheim said, "the closer embrace of liberal values will cost the movement congregations. The loss of members, the loss of congregations, will again splinter the movement as did the ordination of women rabbis." - RMK

THE OLD SHAATNEZ TRICK

I am grateful that you know about Shaatnez - the forbidden combination of wool and linen. Here is an article entitled "Nobel Prize Laureate Beats Shaatnez Problem," courtesy of Dr. R. Edelman and our son, Chaim:

Hebrew University Professor Robert J. Aumann, the co-winner of this year's Nobel Prize in economics, brushed up on his acceptance speech for the awards ceremony. The Orthodox immigrant from the United States had other things in mind. He planned to bring his entire immediate family of 35 people - his children, their spouses, plus grandchildren and great grandchildren to Stockholm, in addition to other relations and members of his science family.

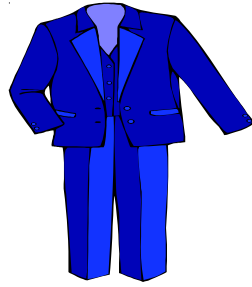
Among the special preparations that have gone into getting ready for his trip, there were provisions needed for Shabbos and Kosher food in Stockholm. Besides these, Aumann has encountered the problem of assuring that the formal white tie-and-tails outfit required to be worn by all male attendees at the event is free of Shaatnez.

When a sample suit was flown to Israel and tested in a laboratory, the result showed that the outfit did indeed include Shaatnez - linen in a wool suit. (The more expensive the jacket the more likelihood it is that there is linen in the collar lining.) Fortunately, a source was found in Stockholm to remove the Shaatnez in time, Aumann told reporters last week. - RMK

BETH SHOLOM ADAGE

Our congregation, by now, knows that our goal is to be educated in Halacha (Law), Custom and Tradition. Whether we practice it or not is our choice. That we should know about it is one of our goals. Last month, Mr. Fleischman came to us for a Minyon and he was a Shaatnez expert. I wrote about it because I wanted you to know about the Law. Everyone knows about ham, crabs and oysters, but wearing wool and linen together is a lesser-known law. It is a Torah commandment. We need to know the laws, customs and traditions as Jews and Gentiles. Gentiles who are connected to us, whose children are being educated in our system, need to know the Halacha, Custom and Tradition. You are part of us. Your children are being reared Jewish; they need your support and your knowledge. Beth Sholom is the easiest place to find out about Judaism.

Incidentally, a congregant looked at the ingredients in her vitamin C and read that it had oyster shells in it. There is a Kosher vitamin C available. My question is whether or not oyster shells are part of the prohibition not to eat the oyster. Is the shell included in the prohibition? Someone will give me the answer, G-d willing. - RMK



SUNDAY & THURSDAY MINYONS

We know that you're coming. The last two holidays were on Sunday and the Minyon group came. There are always walk-ins. Martin Luther King Sunday I yelled out, softly, to Don Lachman, "Put more bagels in the oven and cut up another tomato." Who was it that could not spell potato? Don Lachman is overwhelmed when he has a group eating his scrambled eggs (with peppers and onions).

On Martin Luther King morning we had more than a quorum. When we began the prayer for after eating, I could not believe there were ten of us. I kept saying, "No, there are nine." The voices kept asking, "Did you count yourself?" At the service itself we had twelve men (and almost Sharon Botkin).

For the prayers after eating, when you have ten men, you can insert "Our G-d" in the intro-format. Therefore, at breakfast we were able to insert "Our G-d" after the group convinced me that there were ten of us. - RMK

INTERMARRIAGE

There was a young lady who came to live in Frederick. She joined the congregation. When there was a singles group she joined that. She diligently sought Jewish singles groups and events so that she would meet someone Jewish. It did not happen. I knew that when living in Frederick, the chances to meet someone Jewish are slim. There are Jewish singles, thank G-d, but to match them up is beyond our ken. We try.

When we send our children to out-of-town schools we have to include in the equation that there will be intermarriage among our children. Growing up in Frederick our high school friends are mostly Gentiles. There is very little glitz in our small town high schools. Our children are not accustomed to much sophistication or showiness.

Growing up in a small town with important small town values has shaped the quality of our children's characters. When meeting Jewish boys and girls from large cities, the cultural differences are strong. Some of our children prefer the value-oriented girl or boy regardless of religious affiliation. Some children from small towns are more comfortable with other children from small towns.

The young lady I mentioned (remember fantasy and reality are the same for me) became engaged. She talked to me about her discomfort with it but it was going to happen. My reply was that she would have to be the Jewish influence in the home. She now had to consider observance of Customs, Halacha and Traditions that she would not have thought about had she married Jewish. She is now the rabbi in that household. She is the one that must be charged with Jewish participation. Thank G-d, her husband is supportive and willing to be part of the Shul activities. - RMK

*Beth Sholom offers
sincere
condolences*

to



*Marvin Elfman & family on
the passing of his brother, Joseph Elfman*

*Kevin Eyler & family on the passing of
his father, Walter Eyler*

*Terri Weinstein & family on the passing
of her grandmother, Adele Filderman*

*Gayle Bromberg & family on the passing
of her aunt, Nancy Worth*

"Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction."
- Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872

NEW YEAR'S MORNING MINYON

I told Don Lachman that there would be Sunday morning walk-ins. Our weekly Minyons have a very steady clientele. Two consecutive Sundays were holiday Sundays. Both days, services were held, breakfast was enjoyed and the prayers after the food were sung. On one of these Sundays, the Bentching (prayers after eating) was the longest possible rendition because of the special inserts. It was Rosh Chodesh (the first of a new month) and it was Chanukah.

The breakfast kitchen crew can always use steady help. If you like food preparation, become part of the Don Lachman team. Sunday and Thursday mornings early a.m.

On New Year's Day, Don Lachman was the English reader for his first time. Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Eileen Marcus and Ellen Berkowitz were doing the bingo prep work for that evening.

I am grateful for the number of congregants working on behalf of Beth Sholom. - RMK

AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE

President Andy Carpel mentioned an additional (alternative) January service at the last board meeting. I told him that plans had to be made and then presented to the Religious Affairs Committee for approval. The service has to be worked out. There has been no definitive service suggested.

During a bingo intermission, I spoke to two friends who had come to the board meeting about the additional service. The service might be fun to create with readings and poetry. Their question to me was, "Will you help us?"

There are themes in the traditional service. The participants will need to choose what it is they wish to express.

For instance: In the Friday evening service the Rabbis chose six Psalms to represent the days of the week. This theme might be a source for selecting readings or thoughts which represent the six days of the week which bring us to Shabbos. In the traditional prayers there are references to nature, monotheism, Torah, Commandments, life-appreciation and ethics. There are readings for our country and patriotic songs. The possibilities are open to the tastes of those who will be participating. A service that will express the needs of some congregants is valuable. We're not looking for a different direction; we're interested in fulfilling a need when we can.

I suggested that they visit an egalitarian service and see if there is something in it that we can use. Arlene Corby wrote me that she had been to a service, not necessarily egalitarian. The rabbi walked up and down the aisle with a guitar encouraging song-participation.

A congregant wrote me an e-mail and in the e-mail was this question. "Why don't you just say you don't want an egalitarian service?" My answer is - how many ways can I say "I love you," in other words, how many ways can I say I do not want another group to begin a service on a regular basis other than what we have now. I know that it is divisive. It does not consolidate. It is even competitive. We are setting up a vehicle for discord, maybe. I don't know. Will this be another group to cross our eyes? I don't know. - RMK

Beth Sholom Congregation welcomes
new members:



Janel & Gary Yablon
Lauren & Adam Epstein
Samantha & Michael Lieberman
Lisa & Kevin Graditor

BANQUET

I will help set up the service.

Is that a paradox? I am hesitant about which action I should take. What's pushing me one way is the desire of some congregants. On the other hand, we have been one group for a long time. One message comes forth from the pulpit. Congregants who come know that there is a message which is consistent. I don't want two services, one in which the message may be different or absent.

I know that synagogues of any size invariably have more than one service. There are reasons. There is a time element; there is a convenience element; there is a faster service; a slower service. But that means some congregants go to one service and other congregants go to another. I would like to think that we have time before that happens.

Our Shul has an Halachic (legal) path in regards to the roles of men and women. The women's role is the home and transmitting religion to the children; the man's role is in the synagogue. Anyone can step into the man's role in the synagogue, but only the mother can transmit Judaism to her children. Those are the roles. It's not black and white - there is sharing in rearing children - but the role belongs to the mother. Can a woman do both roles? Home and synagogue? Some may be able to do both, but Halachic rules are for the general populace. The mother transmits the religion to the children.

When we interviewed Rabbi Wiesenberg three years ago, I remember someone asking, "Would you lead an egalitarian service?" Those seeds of discontent have been around a long time. I cannot disperse, satisfy or change them.

All these years our congregation and I have been at a banquet. Our good fortune is recognized by our visitors and especially by those who have moved away. We are at a banquet. However, the fact that there are no pickles to be had at the banquet, has ruined the banquet for some. I am still at a banquet.

I cannot breach Halacha where the synagogue is concerned. I cannot ignore the constitution by which the elders set up the bylaws in 1922. I cannot even let the appearance of a breach in Halacha occur.

I will help create a meaningful service which will occur once a month, only because some congregants want it. I will not approach the service in a manner that will indicate that this is for the women. Leading the service will be either men or women. We will do nothing that will breach Halacha.

As I've said before, now is not the time. - RMK

Commentary on the Jews

The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire, and has illumined with it the entire world. He is the religious source, spring and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their religions." - Leo Tolstoy

I WANTED TO CRY

This is a "moving" congregation, meaning there are many congregant changes taking place over the years. After five years, a whole new congregation is before us. I showed President Andy Carpel the membership list from 2004. The number stated is 265 members which included the outreach members. That means 245 members living in Frederick and the surrounding vicinity; 20 outreach members. Today the membership is 229 and an additional 31 outreach members which brings us to 260 members. More members have joined since this count. I bring you the count to emphasize how the change in congregants is a prevalent ingredient of what makes up our community. Yet, we are the same number, a number which does not know who Ken Jacobson is and was.

Fifteen years ago, Ken Jacobson was the bingo czar. Ken worked for Wolf Furniture, probably their best salesman. He was easygoing, helpful to everyone and a charmer of a bingo czar. Ken never came to Shul for services. Never. But he was at every bingo game. He worked very closely with Marcia Newfeld. The operation was smooth, as bingo has been for more than 20 years, because of each succeeding bingo czar. There is always a czar, thank G-d.

On a Friday night, I was sleeping at the Center. Family members of Ken roused me to inform me that Ken had died; forty-four years of age. This was in May 1996. His wife Debbie and two children were the survivors.

For a while Debbie came to work bingo. The children were in Hebrew school. A daughter had been B'Mitzvah before Ken's death. There was a supreme effort, but as time wore on, the reality was too stark. The family could not go on as before. The children left Hebrew school. The family met the challenge head on with no frills. I called from time to time. It was clear that the family had to move on.

Ken's death happened in May. Debbie hung on to the congregation at least another six months. The same year, in September on a Slichos night, I was at the door to the sanctuary wishing all a good year. Two policemen appeared. They were trying to reach me. Phyllis Cotliar, 36 years old, six children, had died in New York where the family lived. The funeral was the next morning. Phyllis had traveled to Baltimore daily with my children to Bais Yaakov, I think from 6th grade through high school graduation.

I had to wake my children. It was after 12:00 a.m. I told them. We all went to the funeral. We left at dawn, returned in the afternoon.

Then, I went to the Center that evening to help at bingo. When I walked in the door the first one I ran into was Debbie Jacobson. Just coming from Phyllis' funeral and then meeting Debbie, a very young widow, I simply broke down. That combination of the two deaths, not related, overwhelmed me. There is never an amount of time sufficient to mourn for events in the lives of our congregation. It accumulated. I broke down.

Now, ten years later, I walked into bingo. Someone told me that Debbie Jacobson was here with her daughter, playing bingo. The daughter is married and has a little boy. Debbie is married. I went over to Debbie. "I'm going to cry," I said. - RMK

UGH! THOSE TREACHEROUS DATES!

The Talmud is Full of Surprises

No, this isn't the usual story we hear nowadays of the guys who sound so good on the phone but never turn up even to their first date. In fact, it's not meeting of boys and girls; it's the fruit. But before we hear the story, we need an introduction.

When you mention the word "Talmud," most people conjure up a picture of volume upon volume of dry, old text detailing all the Jewish legal and religious laws. While that's its main purpose, this ancient Jewish publication, written roughly between 300 and 500 C.E. (over 1,500 years ago) also contains an amazing collection of witticisms, lively anecdotes, sensible advice, philosophical debates, scientific discussions well in advance of the times, and agricultural know-how; all occasionally mixed together with amusing stories and tall tales!

At my Talmud class after lunch after *Shabbos* (Saturday) morning services, we study the tractate (volume) called *Ta'anis*. It deals mainly with the agricultural rainy season in Israel. Like in California, Israel enjoys hot, dry summers. Rains fall only in winter. But, as in California, the rainy seasons are never reliable. Some years are blessed with plenty of rain, while others are cursed with next to none. Unfortunately, too little rain means the crops won't grow well. Too few crops lead to high food prices and a famine—not just for a few months but a whole year. A tragedy!

What should one do in the early winter when the rains haven't yet showed up? One should pray to the Almighty. Are our deeds lacking in something? How can we improve ourselves? The Rabbis believed that lack of rain was a message from Gd.

If necessary, the people would hold communal fasts to inspire themselves, as we do today on *Yom Kippur*. Hence the name of the tractate, *Ta'anis*, meaning "a day of fasting."



Where Does Rain Come From?

The rabbis of the Talmud loved digressing into a side discussion. You never know what might turn up! While on the subject of rain and our prayers for it during our daily services (during the winter only, naturally; heavy summer rains are no blessing but a curse), let's investigate where rain comes from. What's the scientific explanation?

Years ahead of his time, one rabbi accurately worked out the cycle of evaporation. Rain falls onto the mountains and land, the water collects into streams, the streams join into rivers and the rivers flow into the sea. From there water turns into vapor, rises to the sky, condenses into clouds—and falls again as rain.

However, another rabbi imagined that the water vapor formed only the "skin" of the clouds into which poured tons of water suspended high in the skies above! In an age when there was no air or space travel and people had no clue what was in the mysterious skies, it was not unreasonable to imagine the blue sky contained an enormous reservoir of water. After all, big bodies of water like lakes and seas look blue. So why shouldn't the sky also be watery?

How Much Food Should One Eat on a Long Journey?

A good question! The advice is just as relevant for today as then: eat sparingly. Huge, generous portions are out! Why? Two good reasons:

1. You might catch a stomach bug. That's bad enough when you're at home. But when you're on the road, it can be torture! The less you eat, the less chance of picking up something.
2. You might run out of food. You can never predict unexpected delays. Traffic jams, breakdowns, bad weather, etc. Who knows?

Those Treacherous Dates!

Ulla was a scholar who lived in Israel. One year he visited the large, prosperous Jewish community in Babylonia. He noticed ripe dates selling very cheaply in the market place.

"Just one *zuz* for a basket of dates!" he said in wonder. They tasted delicious. He couldn't resist teasing his Babylonian colleagues. "Isn't it amazing," he continued, "that food in this place is so cheap. Obviously, the Babylonian Jews don't need to work many hours in order to feed themselves. So how is it they don't spend [much] time studying Torah [like they ought!]"



That evening *Ulla* had a terrible stomach upset. He doubled up in pain. The dates felt like sharp knives inside him. There was no way he could study Torah in that condition!

Soon he changed his mind about his fellow Babylonian Jews. "A basketful of *knives* sells for just one *zuz* here [and everyone's eating them]," he mused with a mixture of admiration and newfound respect. "I'm amazed how much time the people manage to study the Torah nonetheless!" - Rabbi David Wiesenber

**Beth Sholom Sisterhood
and
NCJW - Frederick Section
present...**

Family Bingo Night



Saturday, February 2, 2006*
7:00 p.m.

Beth Sholom Community Center

**\$2 per person
or \$10 per family**

RSVP by February 8

**Make checks payable to NCJW-
Frederick Section and mail to:**

**Marcy Taylor
608 Bushytail Drive
Frederick, MD 21703**

*Snow date February 25

JEWISH GEOGRAPHY

My sister's granddaughter, Victoria, was married in Hawaii. My sister and brother-in-law, A.H., doted on this child. Victoria is now an attorney living in Los Angeles. Since the families were planning to vacation in Hawaii, and Victoria and her fiance wanted to get married in there, her mother arranged all the details as well as making sure that I would be there. I wanted to be there for the benefit of my sister and brother-in-law, who are no longer with us. My sister, Jennie and her husband, Sidney, came to every Simcha event we had no matter how far floygen they were. In Hawaii, as it turned out, I was the only one from that side of the family. There were a lot of speeches. My sister's granddaughter thanked me publicly, saying that it was like having her Bubbie and Zadie at her wedding. (I looked at the wedding with my sister and brother-in-law's eyes.)

Groom Eitan Geft's uncle and aunt were there from Toronto. The aunt knows Jolie Parker Bernstein very well and was excited to be able to give her regards from me. Our Parker Interpreter's Fund is on behalf of Jolie's parents. Jolie and her sister Esther (Jamie) were born in Frederick.

Eitan Geft has three brothers. One of them attends the University of Maryland and is good friends with Alan Lazarow. Had time permitted I'm sure I would have found some more guests with connections to Frederick. The closest I could get was the rabbi's wife's cousin, Susan Teitelbaum, who used to be in our car pool going to Bais Yaakov. The rabbi's wife was in classes with our daughter Risyl. Jewish geography lives in this huge world. It is not a small world. Hashem puts us together as He sees fit. - RMK

TAX CONSIDERATIONS

I am not sure what the guidelines are for deductible contributions. I think the deadline was January 15. If it is too late for this year, then it is not too late to plan for next year. There are opportunities to dedicate some chunk of Beth Sholom so that your names and special event are recorded for precious reminders. I personally like to see your names wherever I turn. It reminds me of the emotional event that we shared.

Congregants have different spiritual hiatuses. A congregant began attending services recently after an absence of some time. Her family had dedicated an area. I hope that she passed by it and read the names of the dedication. It made me feel good to know that she benefits, many years later, from the gift originally given when the building was first dedicated.

Hopefully, more and more, congregants will appreciate a dedication of their own choosing. It is there for them to see as well as for their children to see. Each time their family enters the Beth Sholom halls, it will be reminded of its gift. - RMK

MORE ON INTERMARRIAGE

When our children intermarry, what is our position? I am not advising, I'm asking. Do we minimize our own Jewishness so as not to exclude our new family member? With the new family member, whom we will love, comes his and her family. Do we wish to minimize Jewishness so that we indicate that we are not much different than they? So that we will be closer in our relationships? Or, do we maximize our Jewishness so that we reaffirm Jewish commitment in the eyes of our children.

Our children have strong Jewish identification because of their parents and Beth Sholom Jewish education. They look to us for support in the new situation. How do we treat the new situation?

Our children who have intermarried may be looking to us to fortify their Jewishness. We are not good at subterfuge. Should we begin attending services regularly to strengthen our children? Should we buy more Kosher food than usual? Or, should we do nothing. No response. I'm sure that there is more than one answer.

The question: Do we maximize our Jewish participation? Do we minimize our Jewish participation? Or, do we do nothing, no change in our own lives if or when our children intermarry.

We could use some advice. Maybe some of our congregants who have experienced this can write to me. We have congregants themselves, who have had to work through just such a situation. Now they have grandchildren graduating high school. How did you do it? Did it work for you? Since you are reading the *Bulletin* and are connected, let me know your experience so that we can help others.

Of course, I'm always for increased Jewish participation from wherever it comes. Should there be a sudden spurt of Jewish activism on our part, maybe our intermarried children will resent it. I know that everyone has a story regarding their own experiences. Write me. Let us learn from it. Mkosman@aol.com

We never publish names in our e-mail. - RMK

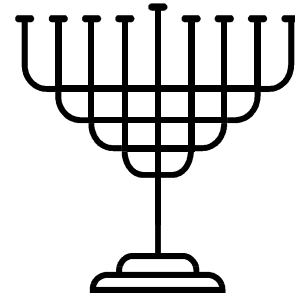
BENTCHING – GRACE AFTER MEALS

When bread is part of the meal, there are prayers afterward. There is always a blessing after a person snacks, but bread is serious. There are five or six small pages of prayer when bread is part of the meal.

Prayers after eating is a Torah commandment. It says "You shall eat, be satisfied and bless." The word "bless" in the Torah inspired Moses A.H., Joshua A.H. and King David A.H. to write the first half of the after-meal prayers, the "Bentching" prayers. At Beth Sholom we sing the Bentching prayers. The word "Bentch" is a Yiddish word which means "Bless." A Yiddish expression is "Zol Zein Ge Bentched" meaning, "May you be blessed." The booklet in which the prayers are written is called a "Bentcher."

Conservative Jews and Orthodox Jews observe prayers after meals. In every Haggadah there are the traditional prayers after meals. The format is slightly different in Conservative "Bentchers" and in Lubavich Bentchers. Conservative Bentchers are more closely in tune with Lubavich Bentchers.

At Beth Sholom Shabbos lunches we adopted a custom which I had begun at home many years ago. It is called the Kos Shel Brocha - the cup of blessing. The person who leads the prayers holds a cup of wine through Moses' paragraph; through Joshua's paragraph and through King David's paragraph. Then he puts the wine cup down. The Rabbis' additional prayers follow. Our Shul custom is to do the wine thing when there is a quorum who are saying the prayers. Charles Glick sets up the wine and the 15 or so small wine cups. After the Bentching prayers, the blessing for wine is recited and then each one present receives a cup from the Big Cup, the Blessing cup. Thus, each of us partakes of the wine from the Blessing Cup, the Kos shel brocha. - RMK



THE COHEN CHANUKAH MENORAH

Weeks before Chanukah, I brought out the beautiful silver Menorah at assembly. Garry and Micki Cohen had contributed the Menorah some years ago. The Menorah sets the tone of "Hidur Mitzvah", beautifying a Mitzvah. The children appreciate the large silver Menorah. It speaks volumes for them. On the sixth night of Chanukah we were at the Community Center. The Menorah was there on Friday and Shabbos morning for "Hidur Mitzvah," beautifying the Chanukah Mitzvah.

At assembly and in my classes I encourage children to have and light their own Menorah. The family can light the family Menorah and then each child light his and her Menorah.

I also encourage the girls to light their own Shabbos candle. One candle is enough. The girls can begin to have their own candle as young as age 3. Mother does the lighting and makes it clear to the 3 year old: "This is yours." By the time the daughters are seven, they will be Shabbos-candle veterans. I also explain to the children that not every home is set for this Mitzvah.

Hidur Mitzvah means to beautify a Mitzvah in a special way. I am grateful that we can appreciate the Cohen Chanukah Menorah. - RMK

LETTERS



Hi Rabbi,

It is good to hear from you. We will all be going to New York. 60 of us. We've asked, though, that shopping be put on the itinerary. As for your grandson who wants to be a real estate appraiser, there are actually many classes around to get licensed in. The community colleges usually have the appraiser course. It is a good profession and well worth the time of the class.

Hello Rabbi,

I hope this e-mail finds you in good health. It was wonderful seeing you at bingo a week ago. I need your guidance. I am having a problem with my dovening (praying). I am finding it very repetitive, day in and day out....the same words. I am not dovening with as much concentration as I used to when it was new and when it was a novelty for me. How have you kept your focus-excitement after all these years.

Rabbi,

We would be delighted if you and Carol would join us Saturday night at 7:30 P.M. for our "Big Apple" party. We will have "New York deli" food. I was busy with a fundraiser for the school earlier this week and the time for invitations got away from me. Hope to see you soon.

Hi,

Wish you could be here Shabbos when my husband chants his Bar Mitzvah haftorah, probably for the first time ever! Here is the weekly e-mail message from Rabbi Hertzfeld. "This Friday night services will be at 4:30 P.M. with a Carlebach service led by Josh Milner. Shabbat morning services will be at 9:15 A.M. During services I will teach a mini-class titled, "The Violation of Dina: A Literary Analysis of Genesis 34." Haftorah by Tom Sacks, followed by a free lunch sponsored by Gail Shulman in honor of Dan's new job. Extra Schnitzel will be served. ✧

Bulletin Angels



Ann & Fred Abeles
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. ✧

MITZVAH CLUB

by Stacey Springer



The Mitzvah Club remains committed to our community. Club members united and participated in our annual Parents Day Out program at the Arc of Frederick County. This community service project enables parents of special needs children to have some respite time. The program also provides opportunity for the special needs siblings to attend as well. Our Mitzvah Club was very creative with a variety of activities, including touch football outside. Crafts and reading along with high energy running around gave the kids a special day of fun and laughter.

The Mitzvah Club has been successful because of committed parents. As role models, they demonstrate the importance of giving rather than taking. This is an important value that should and has been learned by our kids at a younger age in comparison to their peers who do not participate. Thank you to Eileen Ebert, Sara Levine, Cindy Kopciak, and Susan Dwyer for their assistance during Parents Day Out.

We are scheduled to go to the Frederick Soup Kitchen on Easter Sunday. This activity is for kids 12 and older. If there are other projects that you are interested in, please contact Stacey Springer. ✧

Sisterhood News

by Sylvia Elfman & Denys Louderback

2006 is upon us! The best that Sisterhood could hope for this New Year is to see more volunteers in the kitchen on Sundays and Mondays and a larger group at our monthly meetings. We are a friendly bunch – come and see!

We are working on our new schedule of events. Please join us at our next meeting or call Beate Frankel, Sisterhood President (301-898-7699), and give us any input, suggestions or comments that you think would be helpful. We would love to hear from you.

Sisterhood would like to thank the following people for sponsoring Onegs for the month of January: Beth Sholom Pre-School, Eileen Ebert and Bruce Zavos, Judith Poiley-Nelson and Earl Nelson, and the Family Shabbat. Special thanks go to Susan Dwyer for volunteering to bake delicious goodies for our Friday night Onegs.

Our next meeting will be at the Community Center on Feb. 2nd at 12 noon.

SUPPORT YOUR SISTERHOOD

BECAUSE SISTERHOOD SUPPORTS YOU! ✧



Chesed Committee is up and running

by Sherry Greenfield

For several months now, the new Chesed Committee has been busy reaching out and making a difference in the lives of many Beth Sholom members. Based on my experience as a staff writer for The Gazette Newspapers, I've been asked to write a monthly column reporting the activities of the committee. As the group grows, members will be sending me information on the congregants they visited, meals delivered and gifts sent.

I also have firsthand experience of how quickly the Chesed Committee responds to a needy congregant. In September, I had heart surgery and the day following my procedure, delicious meals were delivered to my home by committee members. I can't express in words how much that meant to me and my family. Since I have boys who love nothing more than a good meal, Chesed's illness committee made my recovery period much easier.

Heading up the illness committee is Beth Sholom's Susan Dwyer. According to Susan, her committee has stayed very busy the last several months making phone calls and delivering meals to members who have suffered an accident or illness. "Thank you to those members who moved so quickly to meet the need," Susan said.

To expand and continue their good work, Susan is asking her committee to prepare and freeze a dairy casserole, so when the call comes that someone needs a meal they will be ready. A bag of salad and a simple dessert can be added. Susan is also asking that those congregants who wish to help out on her committee e-mail her at susandwyer@gmail.com or call 301-662-2628.

Teenagers are also needed to volunteer their time to call a member who is sick and offer a friendly voice.

To thrive, the Chesed Committee also needs help in the form of monetary donations to pay for costly items such as Shiva platters, Passover food for members alone during the holiday, and gifts honoring a special simcha. It's a great way to make a difference in someone's life. Through their generosity and thoughtfulness, it is the committee's hope that Beth Sholom members will feel like they are part of a community that cares.

Chesed Committee members can reach me at SherryGreenfield@msn.com or call 301-845-4579. For more information on the committee, check out the Beth Sholom website at www.bethsholomfrederick.org. ✨

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Fun, friendship
 Entertainment galore
 Books
 Religion
 Understanding to be sure
 A host of new friends for you to know
 Ready to welcome you as you help our club grow
 You may bring a dairy lunch, we supply dessert,
 hot coffee and tea, as well as laughter,
 smiles and comraderie

Thursday mornings at 11 a.m.

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

February schedule: Meetings 2/2, 2/9, 2/23
 Lunch out 2/16

Social Club Pix:



Seated in foreground, left to right: Hal Neufeld, Judy Katz, Marilyn & Norman Sandler



Left to right: Bessie Pollicove, Norman Sandler, Sandy Goldberg, Regina Kaiktsian, Marilyn Sandler, Judy Katz, Henry Kaplan, Charlotte & Charlie Glick

Religious School Families with Children
in Grades K/1 – 5:

Come to the Beth Sholom Religious School

SHABBATINI
(Mini Shabbaton)

Sunday, February 26, 2006



At 10:00 a.m.

Travel through an entire Shabbat in one hour.
Enjoy the ritual, the music, the camaraderie.
Feel the spirit, the sweet taste,
and the glow of Shabbat with your child(ren).

What Do You Think? – This is What We Think

We are writing in response to Rabbi Kosman's article "What do You Think?" in the January newsletter. The article raised some questions in regards to a Torah we had donated to the synagogue. We wanted it to be clear that we donated the Torah to Beth Sholom Congregation without any stipulations or conditions for its use. Beth Sholom may make use of it in any service held under the auspices of Beth Sholom. It was given freely to Beth Sholom Congregation.

Sincerely,
Sharon & Dan Kuebbing

Thank You

Special thanks to Stacey Springer,
Angela Staffone, Shoshanna Staffone,
Conrad Adelman, Max Peltz, Andy Carpel,
and Harry for "jumping in" to help with our
recent "water emergency."

Congratulations
to

Sharon & James Nicholas
on the birth of their granddaughter
Elisheva Nicholas
daughter of Philip & Racheli Nicholas
December 20, 2005



and

Steven & Shelley Cohen
on the engagement of their daughter,
Elise Rachelle Cohen
to Kenneth Joel Saks



BINGO WORKERS' PARTY!!



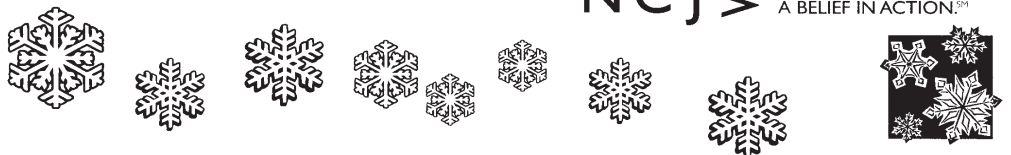
Saturday, February 25
7:30 p.m.
at the home of
Andy & Shurron Cappel
8205 Glen Heather Dr., Frederick

If you worked bingo in 2005 or are seriously considering working bingo in 2006, please join us for an evening of "no strings attached" fun!

Directions: Rosemont Ave. toward the mountains.
Four miles to a right on Christopher's Crossing.
Two blocks to a left on Glen Heather Drive
301-695-5393

RSVP to the Beth Sholom office so we'll know how many to expect. Thanks, and we hope to see you on the 25th. For more info, see the last paragraph of my report on page 2. - Andy

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A BELIEF IN ACTION.SM



The holidays are over, the gifts have been opened, and the guests have returned home. We have so much to be thankful for. However, some of our fellow Fredericktonians can't say the same thing - each day is a struggle to find enough to eat, to keep warm and to have a bed to sleep in.

Fortunately for those in need, the Cold Weather Shelter can offer some help. In addition to shelter, they try to provide for other needs, including giving each person a cup of soup and hot chocolate each night. By mid-December, the Cold Weather Shelter was providing help to over 60 people. Needless to say, they really need support from our community.

During the months of January and February, NCJW will be collecting items to help them. This year we are requesting donations of the following:

- Hot Chocolate (single serving instant packages)
- Cup-A-Soup (individual cups)

Please drop off your donations in the collection box in the Beth Sholom Community Center. Sometimes we all need a helping hand.



Beth Sholom Early Childhood Spring Yard Sale

Friday, March 24, 7 a.m. 'til 12 noon

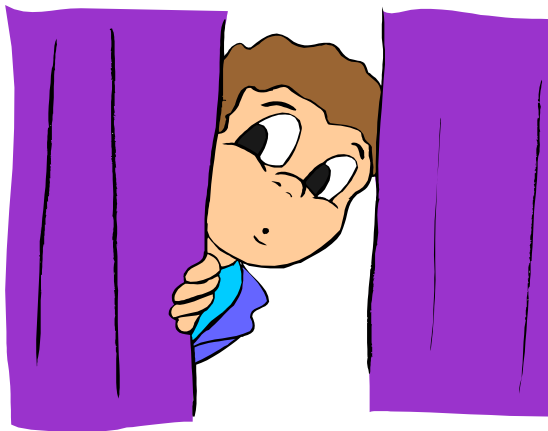


Please bring in your usable items on Tuesday, March 21st and Wednesday, March 22nd - all day; Thursday, March 23rd until noon.

Remember - if you haven't worn it or used it in the past year or two - you won't!



NCJW Presents the 2nd Annual **NOT JUST DESSERTS and TALENT SHOWCASE**



Come and enjoy dessert as we wow you with displays of local talent...

Singing, music, monologues and more! Family fun for all ages!

When: Saturday March 4

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Beth Sholom Community Center

Cost: \$4.00 per person, \$10.00 per family

Please RSVP by February 27 to:

Marcy Taylor, 608 Bushytail Drive, Frederick MD 21703

or via e-mail (mta2003604@aol.com)

Checks payable to NCJW

Questions? Call Marcy at (301)694-8212 or Margie at (301)696-8679

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Number attending: _____

___ I/we would love to showcase our talent. I/we will _____

___ I/we just want to enjoy the desserts and show.

Please make checks payable to NCJW

Beth Sholom Religious School
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Registrations received after April 1 will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Child's Hebrew Name _____ B/Mitzvah Date _____

Grade in school as of **August, 2006** (Please circle one): K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent's complete name(s) and address(es) _____

E-mail address(es) _____

Person(s) other than parent authorized to pick up child:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Person to notify in case of emergency:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

If we are unable to reach you, do we have permission to authorize emergency medical treatment for your child? ___ Yes ___ No

Do we have permission to provide your child's classmates with a list containing your name, address & phone no? ___ Yes ___ No

Parent Authorization _____

Does your child have any medical/psychological conditions that may affect his/her school work? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, does your child have an IEP in school? ___ Yes ___ No Is your child taking any medications? ___ Yes ___ No

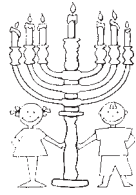
In order to better assist your child, please provide us with a copy of your child's IEP.

Does your child have any special needs considerations/accommodations? _____

School calendar appears in the student handbook.

Questions should be directed to Jill Brenner, Religious School Director: 301-663-3437

Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center



Kindergarten News

In mid-December the kindergarten began to study one of Jewish children's favorite holidays—Hanukkah! Even at this young age, the prospect of praying to idols and not being able to worship in a synagogue is appalling to the children. They always love to hear the stories about brave Judah Maccabee defeating the mean King Antiochus and his Syrian army.

We concluded our studies with a wonderful Hanukkah party coordinated by Karen Blank and assisted by Rose Ann Shapiro, Debbie Sagel and NUMEROUS other parents. There were games, crafts and latkes!

In our secular studies, we just finished a unit called, "Castles and Characters." All of our thematic units are either social studies or science-based, but lend themselves to providing related reading, writing and math opportunities. For instance, during the Castles and Characters unit, we read aloud many fairy tales. We then used story sequencing and retelling exercises to strengthen the students' reading comprehension. These stories then prompted the children to write fairy tales in the writing center. One day, after we had read *Jack and the Beanstalk*, we used beans during math to practice addition facts.

To complete our unit of study, we had a Medieval Feast. The children came to school dressed as princes, princesses and knights. Some of the children made parts of their costumes at school in the art center. They were all very creative. The children feasted medieval-style (without utensils) on pieces of bread and cheese, fruits and vegetables. During the feast, everyone had a turn entertaining the other guests with musical instruments and dancing. It was very festive and lots of fun!

"Alas! All music jars when the soul's out of tune." - Cervantes

**The Early Childhood Center is
currently registering
2-year-olds through kindergarten
for the 2006/2007 school year!**

(registration forms are available in the office)

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National Council of Jewish Women
Frederick Section

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE
A BELIEF IN ACTION

by Irene Stephen

NCJW is back: back to the Community Center and back to Sunday mornings. About two years ago, we were told that our regular meeting time and space would not be available, so I sent out a survey listing our options. Sunday mornings at the Second Street synagogue was the clear choice. The second runner up was a weekday evening at the community center. Well, we tried both and realized that the best combination of time and place is Sunday mornings at the Community Center. It turns out that the library is available between ten and noon, so we took it. I am pleased to report that we have rescheduled the rest of our meetings to take advantage of this. The dates for the rest of the year are as follows: February 6th, March 19th, April 9th, and May 7th. If parking had been a problem (as it was when we were downtown) or if evenings were difficult to schedule, we hope that now you'll be able to join us.

Besides changing our meeting schedule, we have a lot going on in the next couple of months. Once again we are collecting for the Frederick Cold Weather Shelter. Please drop off your "Cup of Soup" donations in the collection bin in the lobby of the Community Center through the end of February. Saturday, February 11th (snow date: February 25th) is Family Bingo night in the social hall. NCJW and Sisterhood are once again teaming up to sponsor this event. March 7th is the date for our Second Annual "Not Just Desserts and Talent Show" – so dust off those tap shoes and tune up your instruments. The food will be great and the entertainment better. Even if you don't have any performing abilities, come join us for a great evening out.

Every other year, NCJW hosts a No-Show-Tea in memory of Ruth Tick. The money collected from this event is dedicated to the Ruth Tick Memorial Nursing Scholarship. If you would like an invitation for the tea or know someone you think would be interested, please send me an e-mail at marbleridge@earthlink.net. Thanks to your donations, we have been able to increase the value of this scholarship to \$500.00 for a nursing student who attends FCC. This is a really great event that truly becomes what ever you would like it to be! Sounds pretty intriguing if I don't say so myself....

If you would like to learn more about us, NCJW will be hosting the Oneg on March 17th. Hope you can join us. ✨

"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." - Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929

Yahrzeits
SHEVAT 5766
FEBRUARY 2006



February 3*	Toba Teri Reitman Danielle Lynn Weinstein Dylan Scott Weinstein Henry Goldberg Solon Diamondstone Armin Mohr Robert Pargament Daniel Ruck Alice Horowitz
February 10*	Jules Shapiro Jacob Simon Reuben Sclar Libby Shukoff R. Ernest Judah Wiesenberg Sally Lachman Esther Finkelstein Jacob Hirschhorn Rosa Meller Jack Sklar Samuel Spielman Sidney Gershman Albert Nisenfeld Fannie Feuer Helen Rubinstein
February 17*	Stanley Spectre Irving Tepper Emma Blank Rebecca Stern Frederick Goetz Bluma Tepper Arnold Zweig
February 24*	Harry Kotlicky James Micheaux Rosa Ruck Zeke Pittleman Dora Stark Ellis Stein Bertha Goldblatt Marie Simons Passales Fannie Ulitsky Meyer Ulitsky Pauline Diamondstone Hamaline Peltz Dorothy Sager

DONATIONS

Building Fund

Shana Potash for the Yahrzeit of Samuel Potash
 Marcia & Peter Newfeld in honor of Regina Kaiktsian's birthday
 Marcia & Peter Newfeld in honor of the birth of Elisheva Nicholas
 Marcia & Peter Newfeld in honor of the birth of Shira Bracha Mitnick
 Marcia & Peter Newfeld in honor of Carol Kosman's birthday
 Richard Stern
 Janis Sclar
 Shana Potash for the Yahrzeit of Alec Meyer
 Ricki & Denny Deragisch for the Yahrzeit of Alec Meyer
 Shirley Block in honor of Charles Dunnell's birthday

Chesed Fund

Steven & Shelley Cohen in honor of the engagement of Elise Cohen and Kenneth Saks
 Steven & Shelley Cohen in honor of the birth of Zachary Benjamin Strong
 Richard Stern for the Yahrzeit of Lenore Stern

Community Foundation Educational Endowment Fund

Vicki & David Ginsburg for the Yahrzeit of Egon Gartenberg
 Geraldine Stern for the Yahrzeit of Edward Stern

Cultural Enrichment

Norma & Morrie Kelsey for the Yahrzeit of Bess Wolfson

Early Childhood Center

Sylvia Sclar in memory of Florence Blumenstein
 Marlene Sclar in memory of Florence Blumenstein
 George & Carolyn Needle for the Yahrzeit of Sam Needle
 Alan & Sandy Winter in honor of Law Norman's second birthday

Education Fund

Alice & Lewis Gold in memory of Bessie D. Satlof and Edna Schlee
 Frances Sperling for the Yahrzeit of Jacob Horowitz
 Donna Sack in honor of Sydney & Ryan Walton
 Ilene & Joe Liszka in honor of Marty & Marianne Erlichman's 35th anniversary
 Ilene & Joe Liszka for the Yahrzeit of Melvin Shochet
 Bonnie Swanson for the Yahrzeit of Sandy Lichter
 Angelene Halper-Rinta for the Yahrzeit of Michael Halper
 Marty & Marianne Erlichman for the Yahrzeit of Morris Mandelowitz

General Fund

Bobbi & Woody Price for the Yahrzeit of Sam Kalb
 Barney & Rebecca Kandel for the Yahrzeit of Marvin Kandel
 Bruce, Annette & Marcia Blum for the Yahrzeit of H. Michael Blum

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

(General Fund Cont.)

Wallace Alvin Lusk, Jr.
 Marty & Janet Potash for the Yahrzeits of Alec Meyer and Albert Potash
 Marty & Janet Potash in honor of Irene Stephen getting her Virginia contractor's license
 Marion & Gene Zebovitz for the Yahrzeit of Charles Mogilewsky
 Don & Diane Taylor
 Leslie & Jeff Williamson in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Bailey
 Leslie & Jeff Williamson in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Peithman
 Brian & Erica Parker for the Yahrzeit of Elbert Parker
 Donna Shannon for the Yahrzeit of H. Michael Blum
 Cindi & Barry Diamondstone for the Yahrzeit of Solon Diamondstone
 Benjamin Fryser for the Yahrzeit of Leib Aryeh Frisher
 Dr. & Mrs. Ira Weinstein
 Sanford & Carol Blum
 Ed & Debbie Sagel in memory of Eva Shirley Losover and Stanley Sagel

Rose & Jules Shapiro G'Mach Society

Candy & Bill Zentz & family for the Yahrzeits of William Simbaliski and Jules Shapiro
 Ida Ruck for the speedy recovery and good health of Bruce Blum
 Steve Shapiro for the Yahrzeit of Jules Shapiro
 Jane & Gary Shapiro for the Yahrzeit of Jules Shapiro
 Jane & Gary Shapiro in honor of the marriage of Peter Shapiro & Kelly Herrity
 Ida Ruck for the Yahrzeit of Daniel Ruck
 Ida Ruck for the Yahrzeit of Sarah Davis
 Lewis Shapiro in memory of Genevieve Welsh
 Lewis Shapiro in memory of Elizabeth Lombardo
 Lewis Shapiro for the Yahrzeit of Jules Shapiro

Kid-ish Kids

Joan & Michael Elkon in memory of Selma David and Geta Elkon
 Michael Elkon for Aliyahs

Paul & Rita Gordon Music Education Fund

Janis Sclar in memory of Florence Blumenstein

Prayer Book Fund

Bill & Iulia Goldberg for the Yahrzeits of Manny Saperro and Sam Wolkoff
 Alvin Simon for the Yahrzeit of Goldie Stein
 Julius & Betty Isaac for the Yahrzeit of Anna Isaac
 Doris Stoothoff

Rabbis' Discretionary Funds

Barry & Ellen Koitz for the Yahrzeit of Freda Koitz
 Suzanne Markowitz and Richard Diaz in honor of Nathan's Aliyah

Marion & Gene Zebovitz for the speedy recovery of Gershon Zebovitz
 Richard & Sylvia Haber for the speedy recovery of Martin Carp
 Eric & Patty Towler
 Janis Light for the Yahrzeit of Lois Moss
 Daniel Blank for the Yahrzeit of Robert Pargament

Torah Fund

Howard & Ibbly Levine for the Yahrzeits of Jacob Levine and August Hruska
 Sabrina & Lawrence Wesker for the Yahrzeit of Claymus Francis Harlowe

Youth Fund

Alice Haber for the speedy recovery of Martin Carp ☆

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Commentary on the Jews

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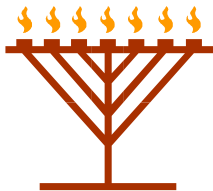
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