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The President's Corner

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Let me be the *last* to wish you a Happy Chanukah. Hope you attended one of the many parties affiliated with Beth Sholom. Chaya threw a party for the Religious School students and parents. There was a lovely latke party at the shul Saturday night. Shoresh had one their "raves" in our Community Center for Beth Sholom's youth. Two days later, Shoresh was hosting another Chanukah party, this time for parents and friends at a member's home in Frederick. The next day, Naomi hosted a party for nursery school kids and *their* parents. And finally the Social Club was sent off the holiday with a party of food, fun and fellowship. And if those aren't enough, the Cultural Enrichment Committee hosted a Chinese-style kosher dinner and Jewish movie on December 24, again in the Community Center. Maybe I'll see you in the heartburn aisle at the CVS. It's so hard to be Jewish nowadays.

Many things were discussed at our Board of Trustees meeting. We've called for a Budget Committee meeting on Thursday, December 28 at 7 p.m. All interested members are invited. Bring a sharp pencil. Marty Erlichman reported that the inter-faith co-operative party of Beth Sholom, Kol Ami and the Islamic Society of Frederick was a positive event. Some Trustees felt that they should have had the opportunity to approve shul participation in advance. They will have it next time. I would like us to be part of another get-together with the ISF in the near future.

The Long Range Planning Committee, which is addressing suggestions from all those "coffee klatches" last year, had a second meeting in early December. The focus has been narrowed to four pressing issues...succession planning, possible affiliation, increasing membership, and real estate. No elaboration was made except they plan to meet again soon.

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SONIA AND THE RED BUTTON

T'was the Shabbos before Chanukah and all through the house, meaning the 2nd Street Sanctuary, there was no heat. It was cold outside, I think 22 degrees.

Sid Kandel knows the furnace on W. 2nd Street. He has told me for years that the furnace needs to be continually checked to see if it needs water. He told me that he does it when he comes. It was never clear to me exactly what it needs.

When services are on W. 2nd Street some of our congregants cannot manage the steps. That limits attendance by those. We are thinking of a ramp to the back door.

Sometimes it is cold, but sometimes the cold has a bite. This was a biting cold. I knew that Sid Kandel would not be there. I told Sonia, "Look for the red button. That might turn the heat on." She did and the heat went on. However, then it went off, and then on and then off.

It seems that there were two red buttons. Sonia used both of them but the furnace went on and off steadily. There were four children on the Bimah singing and reading in leading the service. The cold did not challenge them.

Sonia even put water in the furnace. But it did not help.

The next morning Sid was there. I felt confident that the furnace would behave. One congregant offered me her fur coat. The Kid-ish Kids did not seem to mind the temperature.

To the credit of our congregation, the Parsha was such that their focus on the text was undisturbed.

I left as soon as I finished the Torah reading to walk to the Community Center to speak to the Shoresh group. When I returned to 2nd Street the door was locked, so I assumed there was lunch, songs, prayers and hopefully heat. ☆



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Barry & Cindi Diamondstone

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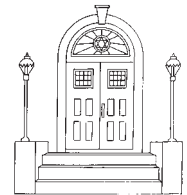
SHORESH SHABBATON

What a boon Shoresh is to our community, K.A.H. Walking to be at the Shabbaton this past Shabbos, I could not help but think about all the blessings we have had because of Shoresh. It is a camp which has been g'nit and g'picked (knitted and braided) together with our community. On this Shabbos there are two engaged (not to each other) people from our congregation, Rebecca Levy and Joshua Radbill. These are children who grew up in Beth Sholom and grew up in Shoresh, eventually becoming counselors.

I am so grateful for the presence of Shoresh in our midst. Two years ago there were two buses in Israel bearing Frederick Kudos. There was a bus for children and a bus for adults. There will be a similar trip in 2007.

Shoresh has taught so many of our congregants and is teaching now, as we speak. Imagine the extended staff that I have helping me touch people Jewishly. It is amazing that not everyone has been part of Shoresh.

My Rebbie, Eliyohu Maer Bloch, Zatzal, used to say: "Outside your own town you're a prophet in the eyes of some; in your own town, you're a gornisht (a big nothing). ☆



ADMIT IT ADMIT IT ADMIT IT

It is special returning to the 2nd Street Sanctuary, thank G-d. "It fits like a glove" is the expression. There were some congregants who can feel the emotional tie to the building. It has been in their lives at very sensitive times. In most cases I have been there.

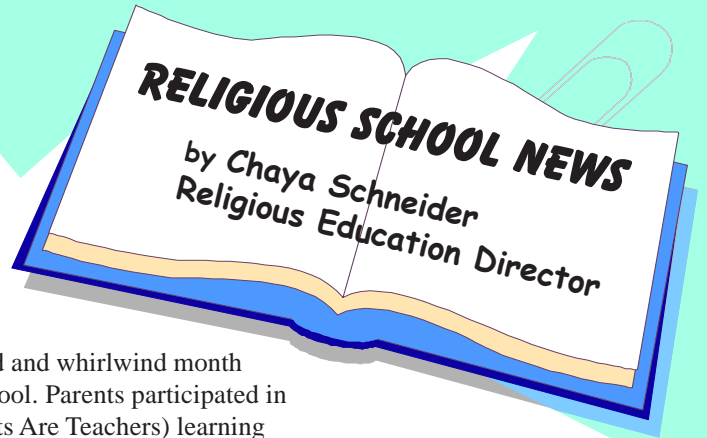
When I am in the sanctuary alone, facing the Ark, I hear footsteps behind me. I still look to see if anyone is there. I know that no one is there, allegedly.

On Friday, Janet placed a Torah in the Ark. Her children were Bar and Bas Mitzvah in the sanctuary. She was alone in the sanctuary. I know that there were memories with her. I know what she experienced the few moments that she was there. I have not asked her. I don't have to. The 2nd Street Sanctuary is loaded with memories and feelings.

On the no-heat Shabbos, Beth Sholom archivist, Steve Bernstein, came into the sanctuary. It was his first time. If no one were there, the room would have made more sense. It has a museum-like feeling. But there were people sitting, listening to what was coming from the Bimah.

The bright sunlight coming through the amber stained glass was just the right look from viewers in the back.

We are so fortunate. There was a verse in the reading which I made sure everyone repeated. Jacob wants to give his brother a gift. His brother says: "I have everything." ☆



December was a fun-filled and whirlwind month here at the Religious School. Parents participated in our second P.A.T. (Parents Are Teachers) learning opportunity about Hannukah, we had a Hannukah Pottery Painting Party, our teens participated in a discussion about missionary activity, our kindergarten through fifth grade students did Hannukah plays, and we had a Hannukah fest. Oh, and did I mention we were in the Frederick News Post? We have been busy! I want to thank all our teachers for doing a great job with all of these activities, and a very special thank-you to our parent volunteers who have made all of these things possible.

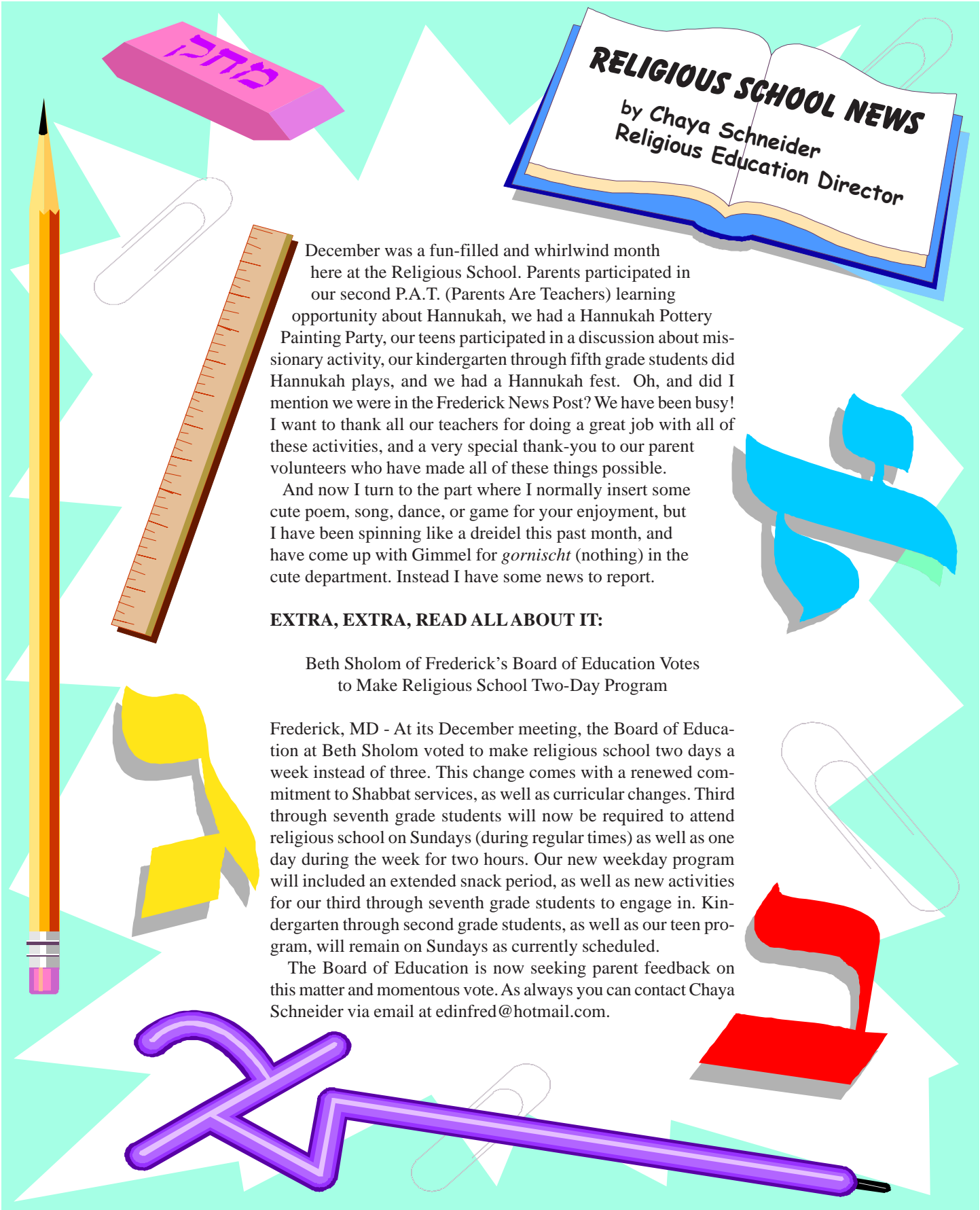
And now I turn to the part where I normally insert some cute poem, song, dance, or game for your enjoyment, but I have been spinning like a dreidel this past month, and have come up with Gimmel for *gornischt* (nothing) in the cute department. Instead I have some news to report.

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT:

Beth Sholom of Frederick's Board of Education Votes to Make Religious School Two-Day Program

Frederick, MD - At its December meeting, the Board of Education at Beth Sholom voted to make religious school two days a week instead of three. This change comes with a renewed commitment to Shabbat services, as well as curricular changes. Third through seventh grade students will now be required to attend religious school on Sundays (during regular times) as well as one day during the week for two hours. Our new weekday program will included an extended snack period, as well as new activities for our third through seventh grade students to engage in. Kindergarten through second grade students, as well as our teen program, will remain on Sundays as currently scheduled.

The Board of Education is now seeking parent feedback on this matter and momentous vote. As always you can contact Chaya Schneider via email at edinfred@hotmail.com.



President's Report (cont.)

This next announcement is *big*...next year the religious school will meet only two days per week—one week-day afternoon and Sunday morning. The weekday sessions will be two hours instead of one, and food will be served. In addition to their Jewish studies, the students will practice bentsching. The Board of Education sees bentsching as the ultimate integration of socializing and prayer. Students and their families will be expected to attend services periodically. This is a much heralded step toward accommodating the busy schedules of modern families.

Next, the Board heard a presentation on financial issues by member Adam Trieber and two representatives from the accounting firm of Boyle and Company.

Andy Rosenfeld is investigating pre-fabricated fund raising events such as art auctions and casino nights. Both events are put together by professionals and are proven to attract contributions. Plus, the attendees have fun. Andy also lamented the lack of members to work with him on his committee. He needs help. Please, take pity and call him to offer your time and ideas.

Our annual awards dinner on December 2nd was a hit. The recipients displayed a combination of hubris and humility not often seen in public. The awardees were inspirations to us all. Eileen Marcus prepared what was possibly the best food ever to be served at the Community Center. We ate butternut squash soup, salmon gefilte fish, Swedish meat balls, chicken extraordinaire, salad incomparable, and individual crusted tarts and mousses (mice?) for dessert. Entertainment was provided by Erlichman and Carpello, who did their famous "Who's on First" routine. You can tell how good a party is by how late people stay. Well, some of them are still sitting there!

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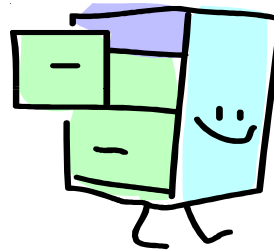
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Charlotte Glick, who has done volunteer work not only for Beth Sholom, but all of Frederick County, shared an insight with us. She said when you give of yourself; you get back much *more* in return. We help G-d by helping each other. Meanwhile our petty day-to-day challenges somehow take care of themselves. When I have a challenge or problem that solves itself, I see it as a kind of reward. It's a payback for doing the right thing.

Shalom and Happy New Year! ☆



THE FILE DRAWER

Everyone has an orderly file drawer in their memory. Mention a word, an event and out comes the drawer file with information which has not been reviewed in decades.

Furnace on 2nd Street?

Long before I came to Frederick, an incident took place. I only heard about it.

A congregant in the oil business gave a gift of a furnace to the Shul. The "powers" at that time did not like the gift. The furnace was removed and another one installed. I don't have to be told that such an insult did not go down easy. It probably smarted painfully.

I think there were 25 families in Frederick at that time. The first contributor swore that he would never enter the synagogue again. He almost kept his word until there was a tragic accident in Brunswick. A couple, his friends, died in a car accident. The funeral was held in the 20 W. 2nd Street Sanctuary. He and his wife attended. He told me that it was the first time in many years that he had entered the synagogue. And, "NO!" He would not be back.

The man retired to Florida. He received the Bulletin. He would tell me that the Bulletin was getting more and more Orthodox. In his will he left the synagogue 25 thousand dollars and then 375 thousand dollars. The money he left was used to pay off the mortgages on the four properties our synagogue owns. We dedicated a classroom to the couple. They had no children but loved children.

I guess, once he lived in Florida, the Frederick issues that were so mind boggling at the time and at the moment, kept losing their intensity as the years went by. I know that we were the only Jewish experience he had. And that was a vicarious experience through reading the Bulletin. ☆

SHORT STORY WRITER'S GROUP

I have two congregants who show me what they have written in short story form. Besides these, Bob Sanabria has had a book published and is working on his second book. Arlene Corby has a published work. So have Paul & Rita Gordon.

I think it would be encouragement for writers to meet every three months. Someone would read a story they have written. Or, we could give an assignment to our group about which they would have to write a story.

My two writers said, "No." As I would expect true dyed-in-the-wool writers would say.

Then I asked them if we should limit the stories to Jewish topics. One writer said, "No." The other congregant said that every topic would be Jewish because it would be a humanistic story about humans. By such a generic content, the story could be called Jewish.

I told them that it should be on a Jewish topic. Otherwise, what's the point? It needs to be Jewish expression of a sort. Among our congregants who are not Jewish, they would be the best-abled writers to write about Jewish experiences from their point of view.

I invited the sixth graders to join our writer's group. One student wrote a story by the time I finished telling the children about the purpose of the writer's group.

If interested, let me know. It's either that or square dancing. ☆

Golda's Balcony

If you missed Sharon Kuebbing's half-hour dramatic reading (during Rosh Hashanah services) from the play "Golda's Balcony" by William Gibson, you have a second chance. Sharon will reprise her performance on Sunday, February 4, at 11:50 a.m. at the Community Center. The older Religious School students will be present, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The Frederick Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will sponsor refreshments afterwards. Please come – you won't be disappointed!



NCJW SM A FAITH IN THE FUTURE.
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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 also try to provide for other needs. During the months of January and February, NCJW will be collecting items to help them. This year we are collecting:

- **Men's and Women's Hats and Scarves**
- **WHITE Socks: Large Men and Large Women Adult**
- **Men's T-shirts: M, L, XL, XX, XXX**
- **Men's Briefs: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40**
- **Ladies' Underwear: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12**
- **Regular size WHITE Bath Towels and WHITE Wash Clothes**

For more information on the Cold Weather Shelter, check out www.thereligiouscoalition.org/getinvolved.html

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



ADULT CLASSES HELP ME

In our adult classes we read from some wonderful classics. From class to class, I go to classic to classic. Thursday afternoons, one hour, we read a biography of Rabbi Leo Baeck. He is known as the Thereisenstat Rabbi. He was there and gave lectures to hundreds of gathered listeners each night. He transferred them from the despised to the highest heights of mankind while still in camp. Before the camp, he was known at the "Pope" of Berlin. He refused many offers from American universities, choosing to remain with the imprisoned Jewry.

This class is deeply ensconced in Hebrew translation. One student was translating a paragraph from the silent prayer for Shabbos. My students copy the Hebrew and then look to the English to place the right word with the Hebrew word.

On a recent Thursday, I read the Hebrew and checked the English for a student. "G-d has given a holy day of tranquility, love, generosity, truthful tranquility and faith, complete tranquility, peace, quiet and secure...."

I said to the student, "I can't imagine anyone not keeping Shabbos. It is opening a door and entering a room that is closed off to all intrusions. When one enters Shabbos it is like the day of your child's wedding. Imagine! Getting a phone call on the day of the wedding. We can't take time to answer the phone. We don't want anything to intrude on our focus of the wedding. They will call back later.

The day is replete with every possible physical and spiritual need. When I enter Shabbos, everything around me changes in appearance. When I leave Shabbos, Friday seems like a month ago. I can't remember where the car is. Imagine! This is every week.

My student wanted to rationalize why people do not wish to try to enter into such an existence. "When you never experience it then it is foreign and distant from you. Even threatening." ☆

**Beth Sholom Congregation welcomes
new members**

**Michal & Chad Rowse
JoAnn & Paul Nivasabutr
Brittany & Jorge Moral
Steven Bernstein
Phyllis & Bennett Hutt
Steven Woodnick
Lori & John Larsen
Jean Canetti
Jamie & Howard Wetrogan**

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

G-d's Search for Us in Our Search for Knowledge

Immigration in Biblical and Historical Perspective

The Early Years of the Christian Enterprise

Science and Religion

More about Psalms, Singing and Proverbs (A&B)

(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 are available at Beth Sholom 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. ☆

LANCASTER CALENDAR

In our adult classes, we always review the calendar, the highlights of the month. My grandson, Rabbi Elazer Green, granted me two requests in revising the calendar he issues. I use his calendar in all my classes as well as at Hebrew school.

My two requests are as follows. There are hundreds of thousands of Jews who study Talmud, a page a day. You've heard of "Are we on the same page?" That means the same page of the Talmud we study. One day a month the calendar prints the page and the volume of the Talmud that is being studied. When the first of November states, Beitzah, page 27, then the first of December will state the page that is 30 pages later, 30 days later. The knowledge of the study taking place is a teaching tool for me in addressing students.

The second addition is the time limits for reciting the Shema. It says "when you get up," therefore the morning time is limited. I thought that it was 4 hours from dawn. A student asked at class, 4 hours from dawn would mean it was still dark! I have to find out about that.

Reading the Shema after the prescribed time does not fulfill the Mitzvah of the morning Shema.

The recital is good; it fulfills the Mitzvah of learning but it does not fulfill the obligation of saying the Shema in the morning. ☆

THE FILE DRAWER....AGAIN

One of the works we considered in our class was a work by Rabbi Harold Kushner. We read the first episode which the group enjoyed. With the name Rabbi Kushner, a file drawer opened.

Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote several books which were on the best seller's list. One was *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People.*"

The file drawer reminded me that I shared in a wedding with Rabbi Kushner many years ago. The groom was from Frederick, Joseph Solomon. His mother-in-law always called him Joseph with his formal name. Her name was Ethel Chait, A.H. She loved our Bulletin.

At this wedding there was a little glitch about the procession. I need not go into details but at the moment it was a crisis point. The tension was pretty thick. We, of course, worked it out. I think back now how unimportant was that "glitch." At the moment it was an issue that was "hot to trot." Now?

When we choose our issues how can we tell which are real while others lose their power-grip. Meanwhile, we have eclipsed ourselves from real benefits.

The statement I hear after the fact is so listless:

"Looking back, I wish our kids went to Shores. I wish we had brought the children to services more. I wish I had been more active. I wish I had learned more so I could be comfortable in services. I wish I could read Hebrew. I wish I could know more instead of feeling so inadequate to my friends and neighbors. I wish I were closer to the Rabbi. I wish I had made a contribution to memorialize the most important person in my life. I wish, I wish and I wish.

Listlessness.

All the above can be remedied. In fact, in Judaism there is very little that is not fixable, remedied and a return. It needs an energy, but all is possible. Some writer wrote that "hell" is regrets. But let's move on, as we speak. ☆

LETTERS



Dear Rabbi Summers,

We are most honored to be hosting Rabbi Avrohom Kosman over the January 19-20 Shabbos. He will be the Scholar in Residence. Please confirm the availability of Rabbi Kosman to speak one hour before the Mincha-afternoon service. We're planning to have an Oneg at our home.

Rabbi,

The Source is an historical novel by James Michener about a tel in Israel from ancient times. I wonder how many people will write to you about this.

Dear Rabbi,

Can you suggest where I might take my Mezuzahs to be checked?

Rabbi,

O.K. I will try bingo. Tell me what I need to do.

Rabbi,

My mother, Jeanette Weiner, passed away November 24, 2006. We were member of Beth Sholom in the 80's. Mother was a Sunday school teacher - our daughter Marcy was B'Mitzvahed in May of 1985. So many of our happy memories revolve around Frederick and Beth Sholom. A number of family members have Memorial Plaques there and it is where mother would want to be, with her husband, parents and other relatives.

I looked thru some Bulletins on-line, but only found a 2005 reference to the price of Memorial Plaques. If you would let me know the current price and procedure to order one for my mother it would be appreciated. Thank you. ☆

January 5 *

Sarah Davis
William Simbaliski
Alec Meyer
Harriet Goldstein
Anna Isaac
Marion Kandel
Adele Filderman
Leib Aryeh Frisher
Elbert Parker
Sam Trachtenberg

January 12*

Sadie Fleisher
Bernice Markowitz
Fannie Piasetzky
Charles Pearlman
Goldie Stein
Bess Wolfson
Lois Moss
Blanche Salod
Minnie Stern

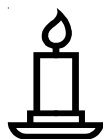
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H. Michael Blum
Samuel Solomon Brown
Michael Halper
Samuel Chado
Bettye Freehof
Anna Lazerowitz
Melvin Shochet
Solon Diamondstone
Toba Teri Reitman
Henry Goldberg
Danielle Lynn Weinstein
Dylan Scott Weinstein

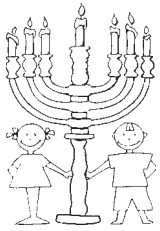
January 26*

Alice Horowitz
Jules Shapiro
Gary Dwoskin
Armin Mohr
Robert Pargament
Daniel Ruck
James Feeney
Jacob Simon
Jacob Vogel
Reuben Sclar
Libby Shukoff

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



Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center

by Margie Barber, teacher
Four-Year-Old Classes

The four-year-old Bumblebee classes are having a blast this year. We started off the year learning about the Sun, Moon and Stars, and this unit corresponded with learning about Rosh Hashanah. We moved on to the Farm unit, which corresponded with learning about Succos. In November, we studied Native Americans, and tied this unit in with the Thanksgiving holiday. In December, we began our Anatomy unit. You'd be surprised at how many bones the Bumblebees can identify!

Hanukkah is always a fun-filled and educational time. We made a number of different menorahs, and had a lot of fun playing dreidel. Not only did the Bumblebees memorize the song "Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah"...we learned to both sing the song, and do a dance at the same time. No small feat for four-year-olds!

Each week we learn a new letter, and are now about halfway through the alphabet. We incorporate a lot of little "mini units" to correspond with each letter. We engage the children in a multitude of activities (rhyming, singing, reading, games, etc.) to help them remember the letters and their corresponding sounds.

A LOT of learning takes place, and not just academically. Socially, the Bumblebees are building and strengthening their friendships and personal interactions. As time goes on, it gets easier for each student to wait for his or her turn, to share, to use good manners, and to be kind to classmates. It's not easy for people of any age to consistently do these things, let alone four-year-olds. We are immensely pleased with their progress thus far!

We hope our second half of the school year will be as fun and exciting as the first half has been!

Wanted

your Chanukah cards - don't throw them out!
The Early Childhood Center can use them for crafts.
Give to Margie - mailbox in office. Thanks.

JANUARY "SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS"

Jill Brenner
Harriet Fishman
Regina Kaiktsian
Ellie Kinland
Bill Zentz

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 SOCIAL CLUB

January is here, so let us cheer

As we welcome 2007, let us resolve
to make new friends, reach out, and
be involved.

Come join us for a meeting or two
And see what positive differences we
can make for you.

Books, art, religion and more,
Music movies, laughter galore.

Thursdays mornings at 11:30

December Schedule:

Meetings - 1/11*, 1/25
Lunch out - 1/4, 1/18

***January 11th meeting - Jewish film -
everyone welcome!!**

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

Congratulations to

John & Halee Helmer
on the birth of their
daughter, **Hannah Isabel**
November 11, 2006



Sisterhood News

by Sylvia Elfman & Denys Louderback

Sisterhood has started its Annual Dues Drive. Please send in your check for \$18 for annual membership, or \$180 for a lifetime membership, to:

Beth Sholom Sisterhood
c/o Dawn Stein
307 Rockwell Terrace
Frederick, Md 21701

Thank you for your participation and support. Remember all monies Sisterhood receives returns to support various adult and children's programs, the building fund, onegs and kiddush luncheons, the gift shop, etc.

We need a volunteer to pick up our recycled soda cans each week and take them to Reliable Recycling. This could be divided between more than 1 volunteer.

Sisterhood thanks the following people for sponsoring onegs or luncheons during December: Shabbat dinner group, sisterhood, Betsy Nicholas & Paul Kessler, Joe & Karen Ashwal, Shoshanna & Matt Campbell, Steve & Shelley Cohen, Rabbi & Carol Kosman, Lee & Monica Krantz.

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National Council of Jewish Women
Frederick Section

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE
A BELIEF IN ACTION

by **Anastasia Rosen-Jones**
President

It is with great joy and admiration for my sisters of NCJW Frederick Section that I, as NCJW President, bring our 2006 year to a close and begin 2007.

We covered this initial leg of our journey together through some very choppy waters. Having only recently come to NCJW (and Beth Sholom), I could barely make heads or tails of where we were heading. Or, how I could captain this particular ship. I had almost no knowledge of NCJW – Frederick Section or otherwise; its projects or programs.

Then there was the Frederick County “Jewish-Muslim Controversy” which many did not acknowledge. But amidst controversy, conflict and challenges, we made it through. Now, we are heading into the horizon aglow, as befits our esteemed heritage. And, with victories almost too many to enumerate at one time.

Our goal of forty active members for our NCJW calendar year was already surpassed by November. We heartily welcome our new members!

Our community service projects—the Alzheimer’s Walk, the C.R.I.B. project, Soup Kitchen, Adopt-A-Family (Snowflakes and Dreidels) and Chanukah Photo fundraiser—were enormous successes. Not only did our organizers, Marcy Taylor and Margie Barber, guide and direct these projects to winning acclaim, but also participants and contributors from NCJW and Beth Sholom gave most generously of their time, talent and treasures to bring us to victory. Thank you all.

We are set to reach even greater heights in 2007!

Our intense Jewish, Muslim pressure of recent past months is waning significantly. For this, I must credit new member, Terri Valentine, for serving as NCJW’s original delegate to both the Interfaith Council and the planning committee for the Season For Non-Violence. (*And my hero, Andy Carpel!*) Terri’s attendance and participation at these programs gave NCJW a personal face that warranted inspiration in Frederick County when it was much needed during the heights of the “controversy.” Now, Sharon Kuebbing and Marianne Erlichman have taken over for Terri and are blending the riches of that for which NCJW stands with the inspiring projects of other groups in Frederick County through these two efforts. You will be hearing more on these in coming months.

The Cold Weather Shelter and School Supplies projects are coming up in the New Year, as well as the NCJW sponsored Oneg Shabbat and Family Bingo. So, get on board! We are sailing onward to wondrous destinations, old and new. We want all eligible sisters to make our journey ahead with us.

I thank all my NCJW sisters from the bottom of my heart, especially recent past president, Irene Stephen, for helping me through this inordinately challenging first few months.

Happy 2007! ☆

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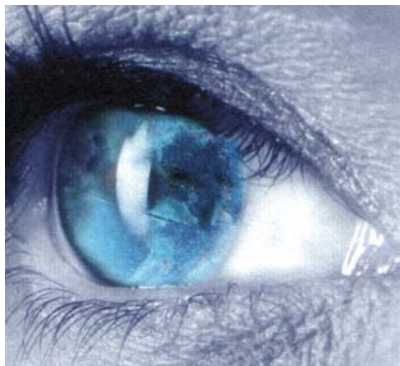
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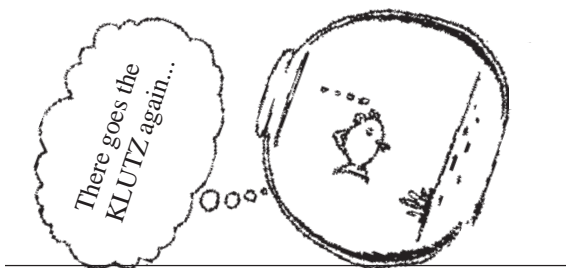
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