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BEDIKA – THE SEARCH

The Sanctuary

“A penny for your thoughts...” while you do the search, if you would do the search. I searched. I had a flashlight with me instead of the candle. And my thoughts would not stop. Searching and thinking-Bedika

I did the sanctuary first. It's the biggest....room. I thought about our efforts to maintain a traditional, teaching kind of service. What goes on in this room is our face to the Jewish and Gentile Frederick world. More important, it is the face to ourselves.

If I could, I would have each of our congregants walk through by him and herself. Walk through and walk around holding the flashlight, looking for the non-existent Chometz, but thinking all the while. I wonder what their thoughts would be. What would they wish? Change, or keep the same, or what's the difference, it's all the same.

Change? Being alone in the sanctuary, thinking to yourself in basic truth. Does change mean you will begin to incorporate services into your life-beat? Or is it the principle we're working on?

Here's what I have heard for a looong time. “If there was change, we would come....”

Bedika – alone - truth. Change and we'll come....

...Weinberg Chapel, Stairwell & Nursery Rooms

The beautiful Weinberg Chapel is now vibrant with Naomi's little ones. The Damanti TV stands. The Social Club meets here on Thursday. Fred Berney has shown his second film to the group. It has made for monthly excitement on Thursdays. There is a small Mah Jongg group which meets after the Social Club adjourns.

I see an extended library in this room in the future. A first floor library is more accessible.

The downstairs children's room across from the office has a Mezzuzah halfway down so the children will be eye-to-eye with the Shema as they walk in. The Shema prayer is in the Mezzuzah written on parchment.

The miniature bathrooms give the room the feeling of a dollhouse.

Walking up the hall steps there are pictures missing. I'll have to fill the vacant spots. There are some classic photographs which Binyomin Fryser gave us. One is about Tel Aviv. The other is a very classic print by Moritz Gottlieb.

Alice Haber gave us a painting her uncle had done. It is of a man blowing the Shofar.

Upstairs, there are three children's rooms. One is a playroom. The front room is wondrously full with a couple of low tables, several activity centers, and at least three lounge areas. The flashlight picked up the mysterious shapes which by day are colorful areas.

I flashlited Naomi's office area with the laminating machine. I remember when Naomi asked for a laminating machine. We are so fortunate in all that our community brings to us.



...Kindergarten Room

The Bedika was heavy in the Kindergarten room. There will not be a Kindergarten class next year. The public school is now offering full day Kindergarten. That cut into our future enrollment. There were four children who reserved places for next year. Unfortunately, that is not enough children to maintain a class.

We did have a “heyday” for a few years during the time of Jill Brenner. What the school put into the children is a treasure that will always be with them.

The Kindergarten area reminded me of the gate where travelers going to Israel stay until flight time. In New York, as soon as you enter the gate, you feel like you have entered Israel.

When you approach the Kindergarten area you already know what is there. Every space in the hall is taken up with pictures and names. Entering the room, the Mezzuzah is halfway down. The children are eye-to-eye with the Shema.

So much activity and learning here. The Shabbos lunches Friday and the whole school interacting with each other at holidays is inspiring. The Bedika was heavy here.

Early Childhood Center has full enrollment for next year. But, not the Kindergarten.

BEDIKA - THE SEARCH (Cont.)**...Library**

I know that we have a great library. Something is always greater when someone from the outside admires our library, the Andrew Nisenfeld and Blanche Nisenfeld Schwartz Memorial Library.

During the six weeks of the Frederick School of Religion, the work committee of the school hung out there. Several times one of them told me how much he enjoyed looking over our library. Adam Edelman, after a Shabbaton, also told me how much he likes our library contents.

There are new books published all the time. We need to expand our library collections, as well as the space allotted!

We need an expansion area and a budget line for library.



Bulletin Angels

In honor of
Fred & Hermine Bernstein
by Jack Aal, Real Estate Team

Cindi & Barry Diamondstone

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...Religious School Classrooms

Our director, Chaya Schneider, has made changes in the energy of the school. Alon Dek and Leslie Williamson transmit a Jewish seriousness.

I did a Bedika in the classrooms. Marion Zebovitz tutors the first hour of our school schedule; Alon Dek tutors the second hour after teaching a class. Tutor Marion Zebovitz sets the tone of gentility for our teachers. Like a metronome, swinging back and forth, steady. Each teacher is of that gentility and purpose. Our Sunday school teachers too, under Chaya's supervision, are part of the metronome – the rhythm of our school.

One of our classrooms becomes an Adult Hebrew class on Sunday mornings, thanks to Pauline. She thought about it, announced it and it came to be. These are serious students. Of course, I never knew any who were not.

We're grateful for another activity in our congregation and we're grateful to Pauline and her assistant, Don Lachman.

...My Classroom

In my classroom there is much to think about. There will be change next year, G-d willing. I'm looking forward to luxuriate in having longer periods of time with the students, albeit, one day less.

It will be a challenge to keep the 2-hour schedule at peak interest. The dinner in-between will be a big stimulus.

Singing Hebrew reading to a Carlebach tune works for most of the children. But as it reads in the Book of Esther, "Mordecai was honored by 'most' of his brethren." But Hebrew exercises we must do.

Chumash review by Janet's sheets is successful. There is text and then multiple-choice words to fill in the blanks.

The art projects are attention getters.

The first work upon room entry is to say hello to me. Then get binders and copy the verse and the wisdom from the board. The verse and the wisdom are important. As soon as the students enter, they get to work.

It was brought to my attention that some obscene language was written on a piece of paper during class. The paper was not given to anyone. It was found in the trash can.

I know that language has descended into levels not expected. I also know that the street culture, school culture and home influence struggle against each other. Which cultural influence overflowed into the classroom? Overflow is not an accurate term. It is amazing how one person can influence the image of the classroom.

In the reverse, it is amazing how much good one positive person can do for the group. In fact, probably, the good influence that one could do is the purpose of our being here in the world. Unfortunately, that strong influence works both ways.

Such is not the case in our class. One robin does not make a springtime. It was a momentary shock to realize the language which can float in and out.

Applications are due for our Madrichim program for 11th and 12th graders.

Next year, five 11th and 12th graders will have the opportunity to learn how to be teachers/teachers' assistants in religious school. They will then get hands-on learning experience in our religious school helping teachers and tutoring Hebrew. (Of course, there will be some compensation.) To apply, students should submit a resume with one recommendation to Chaya Schneider, either in person or by e-mail, **by May 13th**. There is no enrollment fee for students.



REMINDER: The cost of postage stamps is going up to 41 cents on May 14th! Mail (or bring) in your registration forms for the 2007-2008 religious school year before the postal rate hike!

Questions? Contact Chaya Schneider at 301.663.3437 or edinfred@hotmail.com

Being a Jew in Frederick Impressions from Hebrew School Students

Being different than the rest
It's hard to follow all the rules
But I try to do my best
I love to go to Hebrew school
and I love to learn about my religion
and being a better Jew.

What was that? Did you?
Oh you did! It's unfair!
Why is there anger? Why?
It's not always this bad,
but, when it is, well...
I'm not sure. I'm different.



Many people don't really know
who we are and what we do
We go to synagogue
We pray and sing
songs of happiness and mourning
I hope one day more will know about each other and
what it is like to be Jewish in Frederick.

I am different,
1 or 2,
in a life of 600.
I am seen differently
I have a thing unlike others.

Jewish is funny in Frederick
Everyone doesn't know I'm Jewish,
What is "kosher" everyone asks.
I'm always shocked that people don't know.
Shocked are the people I tell.
Hard on many holidays.



On April 22, 8th graders from Beth Sholom participated in J-Serve. According to its website, "J-Serve is the annual day of service for Jewish youth throughout the world. It is a day on which Jewish teens join their counterparts in other faith communities, other cities and other countries in giving of their time to serve the communities in which they live." Students went to Buckingham's Choice in Adamstown and helped residents plant flowers. Pictured: Sid Egly and Anna Hornstein help a resident with his plant.

The President's Corner

by Andy Carpel
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I missed April's Trustees' Meeting. If you want to know everything that transpired, call the office and ask for the minutes. They can send or email them to you. One discussion that did take place was Bingo....

Frederick's Beth Sholom has a lot going for it. A great building, a wonderful school, a world renown Rabbi, dedicated teachers, cute inquisitive children, open-minded members, inspiring sanctuary, plenty of parking, etc. All of the above cost money. Bingo allows members who cannot afford to make enormous donations or pay big dues, to contribute their time and a little *sechel*. It has become a very democratic way for not only our members to belong to our shul, but our shul to belong to our members.

The beauty of Bingo is that it provides so much funding for our building and activities. Without exaggeration, Bingo subsidizes everyone's dues by 50%. For example, I have a family membership. Indirectly Bingo reduces my yearly dues by approximately \$1000. I work at least one full evening of Bingo per month. It's about five hours. My wife Shurron used to work Bingo but for the past two years has taken a break. In my mind, each member should work a half evening a month...that's 2-1/2 hours. I do a whole evening to make up for my wife. Shurron is one of the members who is burned out on Bingo. For various reasons she grew tired of it. She does other things now, but not Bingo. The burden of working Bingo has fallen too long on about one quarter of our membership. It is time to share the wealth!

I have made some great friends working Bingo, Jews and Gentiles, workers and players. There is a kind of camaraderie with the other workers and shul members that you can only develop when you master a task together. Kind of like a crew. Like the movie *Starship Troopers*, each team member is a character. There's the smart one, the funny one, the pretty one, the boss, the bursar, the smart aleck, and so on. Once you have worked on a crew you have good friends.

The players are like an appreciative audience. They are there for the entertainment and thrill of playing Bingo. Most Bingo jobs involve selling tips and game cards to eager players. By bringing the tips and cards to them, they don't have to walk across the room and wait in line. They can play the games and bingo at the same time. They appreciate the service and they buy more. I always kibbutz with them, but I don't need to. They are just glad to get my attention so they can play.

I'll admit I used to probe the effects of gambling on society and how I didn't want to be part of it. But the players all appear to be bright, alert, mostly middle-aged, middle-income people looking for safe entertainment. Average losses for an evening rarely exceed \$100. And players tell us that Beth Sholom consistently pays out the largest jackpots, which means they like us. They also tell us we are fair, which I think is high praise. When I see players around town I am greeted like a long lost friend.

I will admit there are some players who complain. Most often the room is too hot or too cold, but some resent their losses. Sometimes a worker gets miffed at a fellow worker or player. People are people and nothing is perfect. That is what makes drama. Overall, however, it is nice to be a part of the "amusement" industry. I feel kind of like what they call a "cast member" at Disney World. If you were to visit our Bingo games you would see what a good time the players are having. But the best feature is that Beth Sholom is getting funding without having to tax, plead, demand, nickel and dime you to death. It is one of our best features and makes us almost unique among synagogues.

Here's what all this is leading to....Summer is coming, which means more time and less stress. It is the perfect time for everyone reading this to volunteer for at least 2.5 hours of working Beth Sholom Bingo. That is half a night. Please—we need you now! Fill out the form below and send it to Beth Sholom, 1011 North Market St. Frederick, MD 21701 or email bethsholomfrederick@yahoo.com

Bingo Fun Form...

_____ is willing to help at least one-half night of Bingo each month.

Here's my phone # and/or e-mail address_____

Circle one: First Sunday / Second Sunday / Third Sunday / Fourth Sunday
First Monday / Second Monday / Third Monday / Fourth Monday

Circle one: 5:30 to 8:00 PM / 7:30 to 10:00 PM

Many thanks, Andy Carpel



BEDIKA - THE SEARCH (Cont.)

...The Office

The office has tremendous responsibility. Pauline, Janet and Carol absorb all the incoming life-spirits and then dispense them into the proper category.

The office cannot do everything even though I expect it to. My expectations are such that when they do not materialize I'm not disappointed or discouraged or dismayed. Not in the least. Sometimes it lends fodder to more ideas.

I am grateful that the office staff is true to its role. In Hebrew, an expert is called an Uman, a craftsperson. Uman is from the words Amen and Aym (mother). Amen means I believe it and it is true. Mother is the person true to her role. Uman is the craftsperson and the artist. That is our staff, thank G-d.

...The Yummy Kitchen

Carol and I and the children took several trips across country in our 15-seat van. We each had a Shabbos suitcase and a weekday suitcase. Most of the time there were ten of us and sometimes eleven, not counting the dog. One year our cat abandoned us in Tennessee and never returned.

My point is that Carol fed all of us out of two brown paper bags, like we use at bingo. That is at least 30 meals a day out of two brown bags.

Our Sisterhood kitchen operates like the two brown bags in the front seat of our van. Through the hands of Eileen Marcus, Ellen Berkowitz and Stacey Springer, our kitchen rolls or roils. It swings. Of course, when Ellen is there, can Ken be far behind?

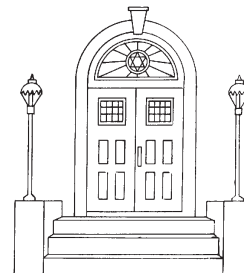
There is breakfast twice a week; there are weekly lunches with two cholents; cooking classes, Kiddush celebrations; Friday night dinners; Sunday school food celebrations; all the B'Mitzvah catering... the list goes on and on, like the two brown bags.

The kitchen Bedika takes place with full-hearted gratitude. We can't leave Sonia and Jose out of the gratitude picture.

Most of all: The temperament of all in this area is such that there is peace in the kitchen, thank G-d.

For teachers, parents, & therapists:

The Center for Jewish Education presents "when hearing and listening don't mean understanding" - practical strategies for teaching language and listening skills to children with auditory processing disorders. For more information or to register online, visit www.cjebaltimore.org or contact Yael Zelinger by phone at 410-735-5023, or by e-mail at yzellinger@cjebaltimore.org.



...2nd Street Shul

Bedika is simple. Three floors like a box. Lots of emotional musings. Someone suggested that our 2nd Street synagogue be opened as a museum a few days of each week.

There are two windows on the Bima that are concealed by the chairs. I'd like the windows to be in full view. Bedika is wondrous. ☆

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CORNERSTONE MEMORIES

It was a Friday night, not long after Nan Sarb died. There was a man at services whom I did not recognize. I went over to him. He introduced himself. "I am Nan Sarb's father."

That was an emotional surprise. Nan was a very active congregant when she was here, before they moved to the west coast. She died young. I guess any age is young.

Nan came to Frederick a year ago to visit. In her words, she came to say goodbye. She knew that she would not live long. She wanted to revisit the areas she loved. She asked me for time to talk.

I missed the death, funeral and Shiva experience. At some time one learns that it is not given to man to be everywhere at all times for all things, no matter how important it is to him. And probably more so to the family.

So, having all this in my psyche, and on a Friday night, introducing myself to a stranger who tells me, "I am Nan Sarb's father." I hugged him trying to embrace a father who lost a child. He continued. "I wanted to say Kaddish for her in the sanctuary she loved so much." ☆

REMINDER: All Bulletin submissions must be received in the office by the 15th of the preceding month!

IS THIS TRUE?

Red Sox General Manager, Theo Epstein, announced that the Boston Red Sox Home opener will be postponed to April 14th to avoid the ten days of Passover. He noted that because three of his starters were Jewish as well as many of his box seat holders, he was forced to make the change in scheduling.

Some in Boston were upset at Epstein's decision. Protests had been tendered to the commissioner of baseball. However, Bud Selig was not able to address the protests. He had a scheduling problem caused by the family Seders that he and Mrs. Selig would be occupied with.

Also unable to attend the opener was Al Gore. He will be attending Seder at his son-in-law's home. Also at home will be the former Mayor of NYC – Giuliani, whose wife will be busy preparing their Seder. ☆



TFILLIN

It is a well known verse in the Torah. We read it all the time. In fact, the Scripture is the piece of Torah we have in the Mezzuzah. It said it twice. "You shall bind it on your arm for a sign of being connected to G-d and wear it on your forehead."

The significance of the Bar Mitzvah is enhanced by a gift of Tfillin. It will be a lifetime gift. Lifetime!

I had a discussion with a parent. The parent refused to buy the child Tfillin. "I never had Tfillin. He will never use them."

I said, "You want your son to have the same Jewish experience you had, no matter what level it is? I would think that you would want only better for your son, more than you had. You are arranging for him to have a stunted vision of what Jewish is. Because you did not have it means for you that it does not exist. Tfillin does exist. For you and your son it does not exist. I'm sorry." ☆

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

This week will be my email number eleven for those who are on Janet's list or on my list. Janet and I will eventually coordinate so that you do not get two copies.

Each week I send out an email to my list and anyone who wants to hear from me, weekly. If you have email, and want to hear the weekly news, mostly my weekly news, then call Janet and tell her that you would like to receive the email. If you don't have email, call Janet and she will arrange for you to receive the letter by "real" mail.

The *Bulletin* is very important for our community. If you think that chances are less for you to read the *Bulletin* if it is on line, then please call Janet and tell her that you prefer a hard copy. ☆



EMAIL, SOME MORE, SOME LESS

This is my very favorite intro to an email: "The comments below are not to be re-printed, published, re-sent, attributed to me by name, or re-distributed to anyone. It is solely for Rabbi Kosman."

I felt a lot of love transmitted in that intro. ☆

ADULT CLASS IN WALKERSVILLE

In May we will be back to our second Tuesday of the month schedule, G-d willing. We met in April. Thank you for adjusting your schedule to mine. The Achsonya (hospitality) at Ellen and Fred's home was one-der-ful. Our knitting club and the students were ready for me to read.

We had calendars and reviewed some events which have already passed. We met the night of Rosh Chodesh, the 14th/15th of the Omer count.

We first reviewed the calendar for March and some of April. We talked about the four special readings. There are surface concepts in the readings. There are also deeper concepts which we reviewed. We had a prolonged discussion on the Red Heifer reading. This is the mysterious concept of purity and impurity. It is one of the six categories of subject matter in the Talmud. For each of the four weeks, we read from a second Torah. We could have read both readings from the same Torah but the congregation would have to wait while we roll the scrolls from Exodus to Numbers. The Halacha is that it is undignified for the congregation to wait while this is done. The readings must be set beforehand.

I read from the novel *Narcissus and Goldmund*. I think it is a translation from the German. Yet, the prose is haltingly beautiful. The story is of two men, students, in a monastery. One is older, a teacher; the other younger, a new entry.

The two men are opposites in appearance, and most important, opposite in character leanings. They are both striving but toward very different goals. Narcissus is dark and suggestive of the moon; Goldmund is lighthaired, golden and suggestive of openness and even wildness. I read to Chapter four.

The suspense in the class' listening that night reminded me of Herman Wouk's works on the Holocaust, *The Winds of War* and *War and Remembrance*. In these works, each chapter does not end. The words end but the mood of the chapter continues like the last sounds of music. This is after each chapter.

Then we read a story, No. 3, "Shimke," from Chaim Walder's storybook. He is a storyteller! At 9:00 P.M., it was dark, we could count another Omer day, "15" and proceeded home, full.

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Beth Sholom Congregation welcomes
new members

Michael & Helit Rose

BERNASCONI AERIAL GROUP

Jonathan Deull would often tell me about Sara Deull's fascination with being a sort of trapeze artist. I did not pay too much attention.



Now, after some years, here is what I read: "The featured solo of the evening, Swoop, is performed in an aerial net and choreographed/performed by Sara Deull. Deull portrays a mythological mermaid getting swooped out

from the ocean to represent much of our ocean's stock. What if this was the last mermaid caught in one fell swoop?"

The name of the performance is One Fell Swoop.

Sara is involved in environmental change, which inspired this work.

Sara's Haftorah, some years ago, mentions an angel who joins the fire of an offering. As the fire moves upward, the angel becomes one with it and ascends to heaven. Is there a connection between the Haftorah and Sara's desire to be in the air. The picture of Sara as the mermaid in the air is not easy to describe.

In Memoriam



*Beth Sholom Congregation
offers sincere condolences*

to

*Suzanne Markowitz & Family
on the passing of her father,*

Arthur Markowitz

and

*Barney Kandel & Family
on the passing of his sister,*

Cecelia Saiontz Friedman



LETTERS



Rabbi, Sholom.

Thank you for the opportunity to put on Tfillin. Thank you helping to reach this point in my life. I agree with Carl. Once you put on Tfillin you're never the same. Better. Onward and upward.

Rabbi,

The woman from Faith Ministries at Hood College called. She would like you to participate again.

Dear Rabbi, Amush

I am so sorry to hear about Luther. He was also part of my life. I've thought of him over the years. It's a gift from Hashem for the people he sends into our lives.

Rabbi,

I saw Nan Sarb's obituary in the paper yesterday. Very sad. I think she was younger than us. Beautiful wedding last night. Hashem gives us many opportunities to pray to him.

Rabbi,

I'm truly sorry to hear about Luther's passing. I was in awe as a small child that someone not Jewish would put time aside to make the lives of Jews easier.

Rabbi,

I forgot to tell you that the executive director at our Shul asked me to be Queen Esther in the parade. No, thanks. The policeman's uniform I wore was perfect.

Dear Rabbi,

I want to express the deep appreciation of all of us at Frederick School of Religion for the wonderful job Beth Sholom did in hosting us this school year. Thank you again for the substantial contribution you and Beth Sholom made toward that success. Have a blessed Passover.

Dear Rabbi,

I would love for my family to have a Shabbos experience. My dad loves Jewish culture, the food, the music but he's embarrassed to try to do anything. He has no formal training. I told him to just start with the candles. Love your emails.

Rabbi,

You're still delivering Shalach Monos? When we lived in Walkersville, a neighbor who was Chinese brought us two Kosher challoos just in time for Pesach. The intent was noble. ✨

BETH SHOLOM SOCIAL CLUB

MAY we interest you today
to join us on Thursdays... come what MAY.

We schmooze, smile, support each other,
while we discuss all topics with one another.

Religion, politics, art & music abound,
there is always laughter when we are around.

Why not welcome spring by joining us,
Social Club membership is always a plus.

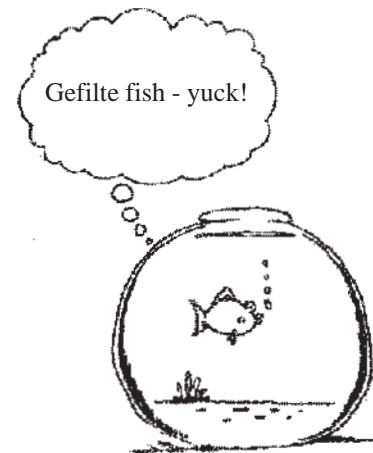
Thursdays mornings at 11:30

May Schedule:

Meetings - 5/10, 5/24, 5/31

Lunch out - 5/3, 5/17

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



I tell you and you forget. I show you and you remember. I involve you and you understand. - Eric Butterworth

The only people you should ever want to get "even" with are those who have helped you. - John Honeyfeld



National Council of Jewish Women
Frederick Section

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE
A BELIEF IN ACTION

by **Marianne Erlichman, Vice President**

National Council of Jewish Women-Frederick Section has been busy. We continue to be represented on the Interfaith Council by Sharon Kuebbing, which meets monthly. In March, Interfaith Council and our Frederick Section of NCJW co-sponsored The Virtues Workshop as part of the Seasons of Nonviolence. Our NCJW members provided the Jewish desserts and appetizers, which were delicious and very well received. The Interfaith Council is discussing having a monthly Interfaith Devotional as well as making plans for each member to discuss the basic tenets, values and history of their respective religions. This past month the Council sent a letter to the Frederick News Post condemning the recurrent vandalism to the Muslim Mosque and supporting freedom of religion and compassion and kindness to all. We believe our involvement and inclusion in Interfaith has been a very positive experience for NCJW and our face in the larger Frederick community.

NCJW-Frederick Section awarded the Ruth Tick Memorial Nursing Scholarship of \$500 to a deserving FCC nursing student.

NCJW and Beth Sholom jointly sponsored the Holocaust Program on Friday, April 20th. Our Keynote speaker was Miriam Klements talking about the Jewish-German Compassionate Listening Project for healing the wounds of WWII. Ms. Klements is a child of Holocaust survivors. Children from the Beth Sholom confirmation class participated in a candlelight ceremony about the Beth Sholom Holocaust Memorial. A reception was held after the program.

Activities for May: We continue to collect school supplies for a Frederick County school. Please bring your donated supplies to the NCJW box in the Beth Sholom lobby. We will be doing a bowling fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters on May 6th at Terrace Lanes. Call Paula Nathanson for more information. We are also doing a Bingo for the Montevue Home residents on June 3rd. Please call Margie Barber for more information.

We will be starting our Calendar and Directory Project this month. Look for your order form to purchase your calendar/directory and get your important dates listed on the calendar.

Our next meeting dates are Sunday, May 20th and June 10th at 10 AM. Please call for the location - Marianne Erlichman, 301-694-9217). ☆

Congratulations to



Nelson & Celia Zahler
on the birth of their grandson
Aaron Herman Zahler
February 8, 2007
Son of William & Gina Zahler

Sisterhood News

by **Sylvia Elfman & Denys Louderback**

Another school year comes to a close. Also, the Gift Shop will not be open during the summer. If you need anything from the shop, you can contact Denys Louderback at 301-845-7982 or Sylvia Elfman at 301-845-4424. We want to thank everyone who has supported the shop. It will reopen August 26th, two weeks before Rosh Hashanah.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who help in the kitchen for Bingo, B'nai Mitzvah and Onegs. We can't do it without you.

Sisterhood thanks the following people for sponsoring onegs or luncheons during the months of March and April: Richard & Sylvia Haber, Shirley Miller, David & Maria Vershel, Jim & Lisa Blagaich, Yom HaShoah sponsors, and Bruce Zavos & Eileen Ebert.

Our next meeting is May 3rd at 12 noon at the Community Center.

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

"Quit taking, start giving." - Russell Simmons, co-founder, Def Jam Records; founder Rush Communications

"Believe in something bigger than yourself." - Carlos M. Gutierrez, U.S. secretary of commerce; former chairman and CEO, Kellogg

Shavuos

May 22-24, 2007
(6 & 7 Sivan)

Shavuos is the second of the three major festivals (Passover and Succos are the others) and comes exactly 50 days after Passover. The Torah was given by G-d to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai over 3,300 ago on this day; every year we renew our acceptance of G-d's gift.

The word Shavuos means "weeks." It marks the completion of the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuos (the Omer period) during which the Jewish people prepared themselves for the giving of the Torah. During this time they cleansed themselves of the scars of slavery and became a holy nation ready to enter into an eternal covenant with G-d with the giving of the Torah.

Shavuos also means "oaths." With the giving of the Torah, the Jewish people and G-d exchanged oaths, forming an everlasting covenant, not to forsake one another.

Why wasn't the Torah given in Israel?

The Torah was given freely, in an ownerless public place. If it had been given in the land of Israel, the nations of the world would say that they have no portion in it. Anyone who wishes to properly accept it is welcome to do so.

Why was Mt. Sinai chosen to be the site for the giving of the Torah? The conventional answer is that the choice of Mt. Sinai was to teach us humility, since Mt. Sinai was the most humble of all mountains. If so, why was it not given in a low-lying valley? Surely that would have been a stronger lesson in humility.

Hence, we learn that a Jew must be able to distinguish between being proud and being arrogant. Arrogance is distasteful. Being proud of one's roots is a virtue. The Torah therefore, was given on a humble mountain.



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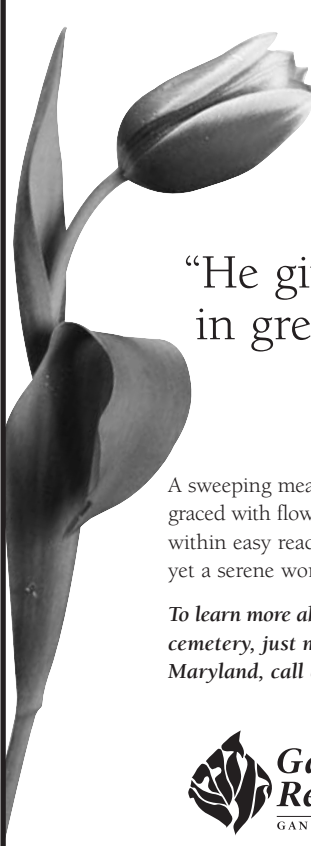
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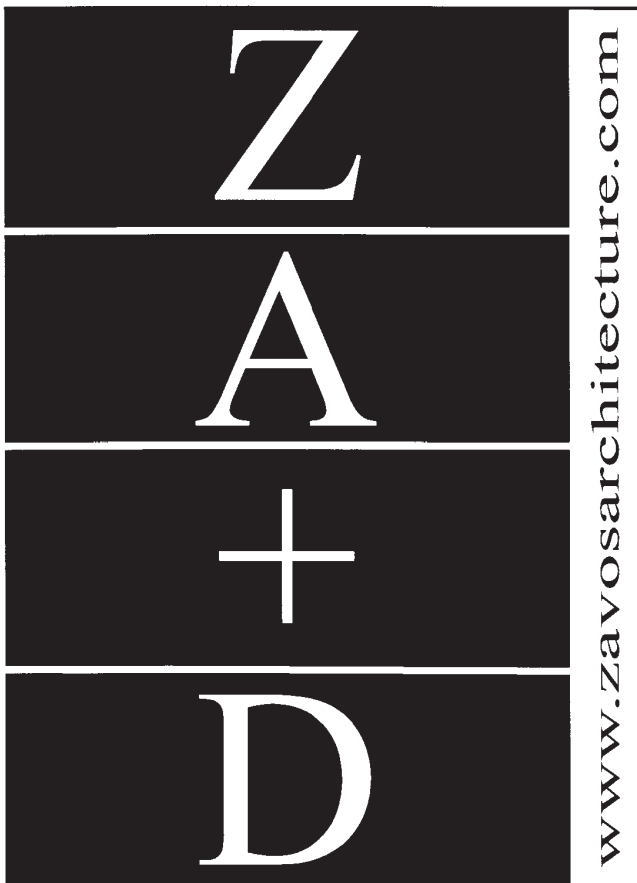
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6 18 IYAR ✧ Lag BaOmer 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School Adult Ed Bingo	7 19 IYAR Shoresh Bingo	8 20 IYAR 4:30 p Hebrew School	9 21 IYAR	10 22 IYAR 8 a Minyon 11:30 a Social Club 12 Sisterhood Meeting 4:30 p Hebrew School	11 23 IYAR 🕯️ 7:49 ECC Mother's Day Luncheon 6 p Services/Confirmation - CC Family Shabbos Dinner following services	12 24 IYAR 🕯️ Behar - Bechukosai 9:15 a Services - CC
13 25 IYAR 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School Adult Ed Bingo	14 26 IYAR Bingo	15 27 IYAR 4:30 p Hebrew School	16 28 IYAR ✧ Yom Yerushalayim	17 29 IYAR 8 a Minyon 11:30 Social Club 4:30 p Hebrew School	18 1 SIVAN ✧ Rosh Chodesh Sivan 🕯️ 7:56 8 p Services - CC Bas Mitzvah of Julia Reifman	19 2 SIVAN 🕯️ Bemidbar 9:15 a Services - CC Bas Mitzvah of Julia Reifman
20 3 SIVAN 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School - last day Adult Ed 11 a NCJW Program Bingo	21 4 SIVAN Shoresh Bingo	22 5 SIVAN 🕯️ 7:59 NO HEBREW SCHOOL	23 6 SIVAN ✧ Shavuot - Day 1 9:15 a Services - Syn Candlelighting 8:59 NO SCHOOL	24 7 SIVAN ✧ Shavuot - Day 2 9:15 a Services - Yiskor - Syn NO SCHOOL	25 8 SIVAN 🕯️ 8:02 8 p Services - CC Bas Mitzvah of Emily Brown	26 9 SIVAN 🕯️ Naso 9:15 a Services - CC Bas Mitzvah of Emily Brown
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