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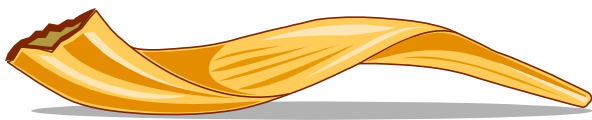
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## FOUR DAYS BEFORE ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah and Shofar are a combination of Torah and rabbinical commandments. Shofar is the Torah commandment. Counting the first day of the month and the first day of the year are Torah dictated. The prayers and the customs are rabbinical. The honey on the bread and new clothes are rabbinical suggestions to increase the awareness of a new year.

As it is written (not in the Torah) our ancient rabbis have reached into the bottom layer of our minds. They understand human nature. They know what will influence us and what will affect us. Their purpose is to keep us on track. The track: acknowledge the presence of G-d and our position regarding that presence. That is a constant. Pre-Days of Awe, there is an accounting – a different awareness. The rabbis keep us on track with their added Halachos (laws).

Before bringing an animal offering, the animal must be examined for four days. Therefore, penitential prayers (Slichos) begin at least four days before Rosh Hashanah. Our Cultural Enrichment Committee has planned a program before the 11:00 p.m. Saturday night Slichos prayers. September 8, G-d willing. (See page 9 for program information.) ☆



## The President's Corner

by Andy Carpel  
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August is the month of the volunteer. We snagged many for our important shul committees. The Education Committee will be well served by Sharon Edelstein. Education had its own board for many years. Last month we made it a committee reporting to the Board of Trustees. Sharon was the Chairman of the Education Board for three years so it is only natural that she remain as chair of that committee. To say that Sharon has administered a lot of change in the shul's schools is an understatement. Thanks for staying on Sharon.

We have a few more people remaining at their posts. Garry Cohen will still head the Nominating Committee, Andy Mekelburg stays with Budget and Finance, Jaques Reifman continues on Synagogue Investments and Andy Rosenfeld presses on with Fundraising. Speaking of fundraising, Andy is planning a spectacular art auction on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Original works of art will be going for bargain prices. We are all excited about this event. Ross Galleries of Philadelphia is one of the nation's most reputable art dealers. Even if they weren't, it's for such a good cause. Please circle the date and come, whether you plan to buy or not. Remember, man does not live by bread alone.

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## HIGH HOLIDAYS

Our Days of Awe began August 14, the first day of Elul. The Hebrew word Elul, in acrostic, is "I am for my beloved; and my beloved is for me." The "beloved" is Hashem.

There's a Mitzvah, a Commandment, to love Hashem. How do we command that we love G-d? A command: "Love G-d!" How do you command an emotion? Yet, it is a Mitzvah, a command.

In order to fulfill the command, there are steps to take. Last night my grandson proposed to his future bride. He brought her roses. Why the roses? He wants her to like him....more. There are steps we can take to create affection and love.

Just as you would bring gifts to a new neighbor; You say nice things to a new neighbor, your kindnesses bring you closer to the new neighbor. So do you do to and for Hashem. Hashem likes roses (He made over 200 species) but that's not what he wants from us. "I am for my beloved and my beloved is for me." The month before the High Holidays, Elul, declares our mission is to love Hashem. The more loving kindnesses we do for each other are the roses for him. Our gifts to Hashem are the loving kindnesses we do for each other. The goodness permeates. Soon we love Hashem because of our innate goodness to each other.

The easiest way to love Hashem is through his creations. That's a two step deal. I love the sunrise, the miracles of nature everywhere. When we mature, we understand that to love the Creations, one must love the Creator of the Creations.

This month Elul, "I am for my beloved and my beloved is for me." ☆

**President's Corner (Cont.)**

Conrad Adelman is moving to the Big Apple in October and recommended that Richard Haber take his place as chair of the Religious Affairs Committee, so we drafted him. Congratulations Richard. Benjamin Fryser has been asked to head the Library Committee. He has asked for guidelines from the Board regarding our Library. I plan to discuss it at the next meeting.

Bruce Zavos, noted architect and devil-may-care man-about-town will now honcho the House Committee. He's been on it long enough. Sherry Greenfield and Myra Trieber will handle the Public Relations Committee. Both are in the biz, so they know the buzz.

Ken Berkowitz has taken it upon himself to design an easy-to-assemble succah for our shul. He is donating all design and labor. Material will cost \$525. The beauty of his design is that it will be easy to build. Donna and Roger Strong have donated the funds for our past ten Succahs, costing that much each year. We are now looking for someone to donate Ken's materials cost. What a mitzvah. How I long for those outdoor kiddushes in the frosty autumn air. Pass me another ear of Indian corn. Did I tell you what P.T. Barnum said about Succahs? \*

Rosh Hashanah is coming up very early this year. The first night is September 12<sup>th</sup>. It seems to be catching everyone by surprise. I look forward to seeing the congregation all decked out and praying together in our beautiful sanctuary. It's a thrill to sit up on the bema, easily the best part about being the shul President. I've had a tumultuous year, but G-d got my family and me through it. Wait, I say that every year. It seems the things I worry about rarely become problems. What I don't worry about become problems. Maybe there's a connection. I'm getting a headache. I'd better lie down. See you in shul.

Andy Carpel

\* PT Barnum said, "There's a succah born every minute!"

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

Shari Ostrow-Scher  
Irene Feuer

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES**

Steve & Pat Brand  
Woody & Bobbi Price  
Herve & Cindy Kopciak

**ROSH HASHANAH EVE**

The evening service is the same as every evening. "Thank you G-d for nature; thank you G-d for Torah and commandments; Shema Yisroel – monotheistic declaration; a prayer for safe return home tonight; the Egypt reminder; one verse of Shofar just before the Kaddish, Kaddish is the reminder of the fire coming down to join the fire on the Altar.

The verse of Shofar changes the normative weekday prayer into a Rosh Hashanah prayer.

The music of the service changes the normative weekday prayer into a Rosh Hashanah prayer. The format of the service we use stems from the Men of the Great Assembly, 510 B.C.E. (approx) and the Geonim, 900 C.E.

The Torah tells us to treat the rabbinical laws as if they were Torah laws. ☆

**ROSH HASHANAH**

We need people at our dinner table. Don't forget honey on the bread at each meal until after Succos. Honey instead of salt, a positive symbol to express optimism. Have an early dinner so that you can attend services at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday night, G-d willing, is the only sermon during Rosh Hashanah. The next two days are busy with prayers, singing and Torah reading. Rosh Hashanah has different names. One is the "Day of Remembrance." There is much to be thankful for. We need to express our gratitude in good wishes and prayers for ourselves and our families. Man's goodness is overwhelming. We need to concentrate on our ability to do good. We need to remember. ☆

Beth Sholom Congregation welcomes  
new members

Gloria Hershkowitz  
Samuel & Rebecca Walton  
Michael & Odette Katz  
Paul & Anne Miller



## Education at Beth Sholom Religious School

We are so happy to be welcoming our students back to another exciting year of discovery at Beth Sholom Religious School. We'd like to take the opportunity to introduce some of our staff:

**Kindergarten:** **Nina Lazerow** is a native of Frederick County and has attended Beth Sholom Religious School since she, too, was in kindergarten. Says Nina, "I feel that I received an amazing education from Beth Sholom. As a matter of fact, when I attended Yeshivat Rambam in Baltimore in eighth and ninth grades, I was able to fit in very nicely and I was not too far behind my friends who had attended Day School their whole lives." A senior at Tuscorora High School, Nina plans to spend the year after graduation in Israel. She looks forward to following in her mother's footsteps (she taught kindergarten here as well) and looks forward to inspiring the children as she was inspired.

**1st/2nd grade:** **Susan Peltz** has been a member of Beth Sholom since 2002. She began working at Beth Sholom as a substitute teacher and soon after became the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday School Assistant. She has since co-taught and taught K/1 Sunday School, and is very excited about teaching 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday school at Beth Sholom this year. She looks forward to meeting new students as well as getting reacquainted with her friends from last year.

**3rd Grade:** **Stephanie Paffrath** is graduate of Beth Sholom Religious School. She is a college student majoring in secondary education. Stephanie previously taught Hebrew School at Kol Ami, and has been a counselor for Camp Shores for the past five years. She also traveled to Israel three times in recent years, and attended a seminary in Jerusalem.

**4th grade:** **Leslie Williamson** is married with 3 children. She has lived in Frederick and been a member of Beth Sholom for 13 years. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Mary's and a Master's from McDaniel College. Leslie teaches Middle School math for FCPS. She has taught all levels of Hebrew School (grades K-6) since 1988 in Montgomery County and Frederick County. Leslie enjoys watching her students in after-school events including sports, dance and anything else she gets invited to. She looks forward to a fun and fulfilling school year.

**Alef Hebrew:** **Lauren Epstein** resides in Buckesystown with her husband, Adam, along with her 4-year-old son Jonah. She has an extensive Hebrew teaching background that started back on Long Island, NY. Lauren was schooled at Hebrew Academy of Nassau County and began teaching in Hebrew school as soon as she turned 16. Since moving to Maryland 14 years ago, she has taught confirmation at Bnai Israel in Rockville; Kadima (youth group) for Har Shalom, Potomac; and has been on staff at Bnai Tzedek in Potomac as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor for the past 7 years. She has been volunteering and teaching Hebrew at Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center kindergarten for the past 2 years and is truly looking forward to being a part of the Hebrew School.

**6th/7th grade Hebrew:** **Richard Haber** is the Medical Director and Psychiatric consultant for the Frederick County Health Department Substance Abuse Treatment Services. He is married with two sons - one teenager, and one almost teenager. Richard is a newcomer to teaching, but loves Hebrew and is looking forward to transmitting that love to his students.

**7th grade:** **Michael Rose** has taught music in camps and Jewish schools at different times in the last 40 years. He has studied Jewish education and Hebrew through the Jewish Theological Seminary, and visits Israel often.

**High School/Teen Club:** **Andrew Potash** is a lifelong member of Beth Sholom and a Camp Shores alum. A 2002 graduate of the University of Maryland and hardcore Terrapin, Andrew is nearing completion of his Master's degree and licensure in Counseling Psychology. He is eagerly looking forward to his first year of teaching Hebrew school. ☆

### TORAH FOR TODDLERS



Beth Sholom Religious School is thrilled to announce *Torah for Toddlers*, a once-a-month program for 2-4 year olds. Teacher Sharon Nicholas, who also teaches in our Early Childhood Center, will tell stories, sing songs, and have fun with your toddlers from 10 to 11 a.m. one Sunday per month. The first *Torah for Toddlers* is scheduled for Sunday, September 23. There is no charge for this program. Please call the synagogue office to let us know your child will be there!

## TEN DAYS OF REPENTANCE

The two days of Rosh Hashanah are part of the Ten Days of Repentance. Rosh Hashanah is the day of review. We're optimistic about the future year coming. Now we are 5768. Eight is one more level above seven.

The mystique of number eight is in our favor. But, it won't happen by itself. Think about the areas that we can improve upon. The greatest task we have is with ourselves. "I'm O. K., You're Ok" is not the way to go. "I need help, you need help" to fill our spiritual needs, is the way to go during the opportunity of the Ten Days of Repentance.

There are inserts in the silent prayers we recite during these days. There are no extra services. The regular services continue; Sunday, Thursday, Friday evening and Shabbos morning. ☆

## YOM KIPPUR

A day of cleansing for us. The splendor of our community is before us on Friday night. The fact that it is also Shabbos makes it doubly sanctified. Our congregation sings. It is a beautiful spiritual time.

The day's services last as long as the day does. In the time of the Temple, there would be the morning offering; then the additional offering. Today, we replace the offering with the Silent Prayers. We repeat the Silent Prayer aloud.

There are the two Torah readings, the sermon, the Memorial Service, Yizkor and the completion of the afternoon service. We continue to 3:30. For me the day speeds by.

We continue the service at 4:30. We read the Torah followed by the reading of the Book of Jonah. The silent prayer of Mincha, its repetition, and then into the final service called, Ne'ela - the closing of the gates.

By this service, our sanctuary is full. It is almost like the previous night at Kol Nidre. Before we know it, it is time for the Shofar call. We then recite the weekday evening prayer.

Sisterhood provides orange juice and cookies in the social hall for everyone. Good year. ☆



## BINGO VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION



Please thank the following bingo volunteers when you see them; they are helping to keep your dues low!

### Sunday, July 29:

Marcia Newfeld  
Marty & Andy Potash  
Robert & Sherry Sanabria  
Andy Carpel  
Tim Cressman  
Len & Margaret McWilliams  
Shoshanna Staffone  
David Goldstein  
Brandon & Austin Goldstein  
Mike Eissenstat  
Cathy & Julia Reifman  
Conrad Adelman

### Sunday, August 5:

Milt & Joyce Gordon  
Richard Stern  
Judy & Earl Nelson  
Charlie & David Glick  
Cindy Eidel  
Len McWilliams  
Marty Standel  
Andy Carpel  
Isaak Zimmerman  
Carter Lavin

### Monday, August 6:

Ilene Liskza  
Ellen Berney  
John Egly  
Jeff & Susan Rossio  
Andy Carpel  
Rob & Max Radbill  
Irene Stephen  
Kay Brown  
Leslie Williamson  
Derek Sontz  
Norma Kelsey  
Alison Lynch  
Candy & Carroll Zentz  
Frank Patterson  
Anne Miller  
Isaak Zimmerman

### Monday, July 30:

Marion Zebovitz  
Irene Stephen  
Carl & Naomi Lazerow  
Andy Carpel  
Rob Radbill  
Michael Rose  
Amy & David Gross  
Elizabeth & Robert Gross  
Morrie Kelsey  
Eileen & Eric Marcus  
Sarah Marcus & Zach  
Bob Rosen  
Marty Potash  
Dan Pearlman  
Rabbi Kosman

### Sunday, August 12:

Shirley Miller  
Bessie Pollicove  
Cindi Diamondstone  
Shoshanna & Angela Staffone  
Sharon Botkin  
Carter Lavin  
Jennifer Diamond  
Eric Marcus  
Scott, Adam & Caleb Needle  
Isaak Zimmerman

### Monday, August 13:

Amy Gross  
Ken & Ellen Berkowitz  
Marty Potash  
Sharon Botkin  
Eric Marcus  
Rabbi Kosman  
Sylvia Elfman  
Cindy Warne

**THANK YOU, BINGO VOLUNTEERS (Cont.):**



**Sunday, August 19:**

Shoshanna & Angela Staffone  
 Don Lachman  
 David & Amy Gross  
 Sid & Michelle Kandel  
 David & Paula Nathanson  
 Richard Better  
 Mike Eissenstat  
 Kevin Eyler  
 Isaak Tzimmerman  
 Dan Alex

**Sunday, August 26:**

Ricky Hirschhorn  
 Bruce Buzdygon  
 Mike Eissenstat  
 Karen Ashwal  
 Alan & Sandy Winter  
 Cindi Diamondstone  
 Len & Margaret McWilliams  
 Jeff Rossio  
 Marty Potash  
 Bessie Pollicove  
 Isaak Tzimmerman  
 Andy Rosenfeld

**Monday, August 20:**

Ilene Liszka  
 Sid Kandel  
 Marty Potash  
 Rob Radbill  
 Sherry Greenfield  
 Alan & Sandy Winter  
 Karen Ashwal  
 Marion Zebovitz  
 Carl & Naomi Lazerow  
 Eileen Marcus  
 John Egly  
 Kevin Eyler  
 Anne Miller

**Monday, August 27:**

Morrie Kelsey  
 Sid Kandel  
 Michael Rose  
 Marion Zebovitz  
 Conrad Adelman  
 Irene Stephen  
 Chris Eissenstat  
 Garry Cohen  
 Shoshanna Staffone  
 Carl Lazerow  
 Dan Pearlman  
 Alison & Juliana Lynch  
 Sharon Botkin  
 Norma Kelsey



**THE SERIOUS TIME**

The Religious Affairs Committee met in August. Some of the members brought last year's notes. One of the new members asked, "How do you determine who is awarded the honors?" Our congregation is modest. Some like to have an honor but in most cases we persuade congregants to accept being honored. Very few members call to request an honor. When there is a request, we accommodate.

Over the years, congregants who are honored are those who are in the limelight during the year. It is our opportunity to say thank you. When you are able to view the span of our holidays, the picture should be a reflection of the activity during the year by those who are the activists.

We try. We make mistakes. We welcome corrections and suggestions.

There is a thought to give new members an honor. My experience is that they will say, "No, thank you." An honor means the congregant has to be there at a certain time. But in most cases, I think, the hesitancy is a modesty.

When I am with a great grand child who now can walk and speak, there is a shyness. My grandchild is saying to her and his child: "This is great Zeide. Shake hands with great Zeide. Gornisht.

I say, "That modesty is worth a million." Same with our congregants. It is usually, "No, thank you." ☆

**Webster's Third New International Dictionary**

Yeshivah; School of Rabbinical studies. Yiddishkeit; Judaism. Yizkor; memorial prayer. Yom Kippur; Day of Atonement. Gilgul; a sort of reincarnation. Golem; a type of Frankenstein figure. Kabbalah; a way of interpreting Torah and life. Kabbalist; one who adheres to the interpretations. Kibitz; Shmoozin; by some, wasting time. Kreplach; have to ask Carol. Lulav; date palm. Matzah; unleavened bread. Mazel Tov; Mazel is a Zodiac sign; wishing you have a good Zodiac sign or good luck. ☆

**WHERE DO WE BEGIN?**

At present there are two congregants seeking conversion to Judaism. The first question is "Where do we begin?" A slow study of the Torah (The Five Books of Moses), familiarity and knowledge of the prayer book and Halacha, the laws for participating in Judaism.

There are other things. The theology of Judaism. What do Jews believe? A study of the history of Judaism, a study of Jewish life in the different time zones; the study of Israel, the Land. The study of its literature after the Five Books of Moses.

The largest Jewish libraries in the world used to be housed in three countries: England, Germany and Russia. Today, Israel has now been declared first in its storehouse of Judaica. ☆

## MUSIK

I wonder if Janet Potash will mind my spelling musik with a “k.” I spelled ruff or tuff with two “f’s.” It just wasn’t rough or tough enuff the way it was normally “spelt.” Janet changed it.

The musik change at high holidays makes the normative evening service into a Rosh Hashanah service. The words are the same. The music does it. That tells us how significant music is to our being.

There is a Mitzvah in the Torah to make trumpets. These were used by the priests to call attention to present and future events.

Before each offering there were at least five instruments playing.

It brings to mind the music in some of the concentration camps. The Nazis had an orchestra of Jews playing before the prisoners went out for the day’s work; the orchestra played music when they returned from the day’s work, with many of inmates not surviving the day’s cruel labor. The music was twisted cynicism.

There was an orchestra playing as the new prisoners went to the gas chambers. The prisoners did not know where they were going. The musicians knew very well where the victims were going.

Is there some kind of connection between this music and the music before offerings to Hashem?

Music before each offering; music before the victims became an offering.

It is a bizarre connection, but it happened: music before an offering; music in some camps before Jews were offered.

In fact, victims all through the centuries were referred to as Korbonos – offerings. ✧

## New Year’s Greetings



Kay Brown

May all be inscribed for a happy year.

Milt & Joyce Gordon

Healthy, happy & peaceful year to everyone.

Harold & Shirley Neufeld

L’Shana Tovah to everyone.

Marty & Marianne Erlichman

Happy New Year from our family to yours.

Thomas & Linda Kincaid

Janis Sclar & Family

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year.

Marilyn D. Smith

Happy and healthy New Year.

Sylvia Sclar

Happy and healthy New Year to family and friends.

## LETTERS



Dear Rabbi,

Your description of “easy” Mitzvos deserves a monthly column. One could be for men to switch from razor blade to electric shaver. After that, not to shave on Shabbos. That’s very easy. You could go up the scale so to speak, and before you know it you’re getting to the harder ones but they won’t seem hard anymore.

Love Carlebach music. Always have. He was sort of my generation nusical Rabbi. He was very popular on the campuses and my guess is he visited them all.

In NJ there was a square dance with a caller to Klezmer music, no kidding.

Next meeting of NMSIC is on Sept. 19. The center will be open at 7 pm for us to do business. I believe we are supposed to reserach one stock and inform members about prospective buy. Yom Kippur does not begin until the 21st, so there is no conflict.

This is a letter to the editor of the *Baltimore Jewish Times*.

Editor:

I looked and listened for several days after the New York City rally for Israeli captives, but nowhere could I find any media coverage of it other than in the *Jewish Times*. My husband and I, along with the national board of Jewish National Fund, were amongst the five thousand who appeared outside the U.N. Building. My congratulations for giving this most important event some coverage. Without it, except for the busload of people from Baltimore, no one would be aware that these young Israeli men are still prisoners and that equal rights for Israelis are no different from equal rights for all. Toby Mower, Baltimore.

Dr. Morton and Mrs. Toby Mower are benefactors of Beth Sholom Congregation. Dr. Mower lived in Frederick many years ago. He went to school in Frederick. Dr. and Mrs. Mower dedicated our Early Childhood Center in memory of his parents. ✧

## Sisterhood News

by Sylvia Elfman & Denys  
Louderback

Sisterhood wishes everyone a happy, healthy New Year. Beginning on September 9, the gift shop will be open again on Sundays for all your Judaic needs--don't forget the honey pot for your Rosh Hashanah table!

Following Yom Kippur services, Sisterhood will serve cake, coffee, tea and juice.

Sisterhood thanks the following people for sponsoring onegs or luncheons for the months of July and August: Myra & Glenn Treiber, Susan & Ian Newman, Robert Rosen in memory of Elly Lyon, Michelle & Sid Kandel, Sherry & Robert Sanabria, Martha & Larry Herman, Carol & Tim Cressman, Janet & Marty Potash, Amy & Alan Krause, and Kelly & David Goldstein.

A nice way to honor an individual or event is to sponsor an oneg or luncheon. If interested, please contact Carol Kosman at 301-663-1497.

Once again, we are requesting volunteers to work in the bingo kitchen once a month. And here's good news for tired volunteers! The bingo kitchen now closes after the first break on both Sundays and Mondays, so you will get home much earlier. Don't feel fearful if you wish to help, as there is always a seasoned volunteer in the kitchen to show you the way.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings and any input or suggestions are appreciated. Feel free to contact Eileen Marcus at 301-695-8685 or Ellen Berkowitz at 301-845-0867.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 6 at 12 noon at the Community Center.

SUPPORT YOUR SISTERHOOD BECAUSE  
SISTERHOOD SUPPORTS YOU!

### 50 Years Ago In *The Forward*

"With tensions still high in the Middle East, Soviet-Arab radio continues to make threats against the State of Israel. Most recently, broadcasts have been made announcing the importance of Arab unity as the best method to ward off constant Israeli aggression. The broadcasts accused Israel of planning an attack against Syria, an attack that was foiled only by a unity pact made between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The broadcasts also attacked the United States, saying that Israel was part and parcel of the American imperialist plan." ☆



*I would like to say thank you to all those who provided me with prayer, well-wishes and visits. You all contributed towards my positive recovery. Beth Sholom is definitely like having a second family.*

*Fondly,  
Stacey Springer*

### War Remarks by Thomas L. Friedman

On July 12, 2006, Hezbollah fighters directed by Nasrallah abducted two Israeli soldiers and killed eight others in an unprovoked attack across the Lebanon-Israel border, on the pretext of seeking a prisoner exchange. This triggered a war that killed about 1,200 Lebanese and 160 Israelis. Nasrallah demonstrated a total failure to anticipate Israel's response to his raid.

Iran and Syria gave Hezbollah its rockets for their own deterrence. By launching all these rockets prematurely, without strategic purpose, Hezbollah has diminished its capability and Syria's and Iran's. There was not a strategic gain from Nasrallah's actions.

When the war started, Hezbollah's fighters were sitting right on the border with Israel, operating freely. As a result of the war, Hezbollah was pushed off the border by Israel and in its place, the U.N. inserted 10,000 troops, including a big European contingent, led by France and Italy. Hezbollah has lost its military infrastructure—a huge strategic loss for Hezbollah.

Hezbollah's attack exposed just how degraded Israel's army had become. As a result, Israel has embarked on a broad upgrade of its military.

Israel's response to Hezbollah's attack has resulted in billions of dollars of damage to Lebanese homes, factories and roads. All this resulted in zero benefit to Lebanon.

Lebanon has had to rely on Arab and Iranian charity to rebuild. Israel, by contrast, suffered relatively minor damage, and after the war, its economy enjoyed one of its greatest growth spurts ever, as foreigners invested a record amount in Israel's high-tech industry.

Today, less than a year after a war that Hezbollah called a "divine victory," Lebanon is weaker and Israel is stronger. ☆

## MOON SANCTIFICATION

We observed Kiddush Levonah as a group for the first time. Some prayer books do not have the text of the service. Michael Rose and Jim Lewin led the brief service. The service was brief but the singing and dancing was extended. Actually, the women danced; the men were at first stodgy. They warmed up soon enough.

It is customary to have a meal on Saturday night, as a farewell to the Shabbos Queen. The meal, or the Seudah, is called Melaveh Malkah (accompanying the Shabbos Queen's farewell).

The traditional song at this meal is Elijah the Prophet. Elijah the Prophet will announce the coming of the Messiah. On Shabbos the Messiah will not come. Now that Shabbos is over, we sing to Elijah to remind him that he is again on duty to announce the coming of Moshiach.

We hear questions about Kabbalah. What could be more Kabbalistic than what I just described?

The feeling of Kabbalah begins with the Havdalah ceremony. We actively draw a line in the sand: Shabbos is over. We recite the mystical words over a cup of wine, a flame and incense.

Wine: Every Jewish ceremony has wine with it, like an anchor. Rabbi Avigdor Miller says that wine helps us transcend from one level to a deeper level of spiritual experience. The intoxicating liquid helps us to transcend, intoxicatingly.

The flame: Hashem gave Adam and Eve the gift of fire the first Saturday night.

The spices: Following our Kabbalistic theme, the extra soul leaves us at the end of Shabbos. We are weakened, thus the spice is to revive us.

For me, the words Kabbalah and Mysticism can be exchanged.

There's a nice line in the text for Havdalah. It is taken from the Book of Esther. The reader recites the text until he gets to this line. Then everyone recites with him. "To the Jews, there was light, joy and preciousness."

Michael Rose did Havdalah for our group. We then went outside to look for the moon.

## CHANGE

One of the most incredible characteristics the Almighty has bestowed upon us as humans is the ability to change. Whether through personal, professional, spiritual, or religious maturation, we have the potential to grow in our daily lives. While such change can happen throughout the year, High Holidays is a unique time dedicated specifically toward repentance and growth. These days are especially attuned to healing and return. We reflect on the past year and pray for the well-being and happiness of our family and friends. We seek to become better people and make a difference in the world. We seek jewels of inspiration from our traditional sources. ✧

## LOOKING FOR THE MOON

What could be more Kabbalistic than a group gazing heavenward looking for the moon? No moon, no Kiddush Levonah ceremony. Don't forget the Chassidic Rebbe who engaged the service of a helicopter, so that the Rebbe could be lifted above the clouds to see the moon. Then he and his group (a Minyon needed) were able to recite the Kiddush Levonah, the sanctification of the moon.

Yes, the Rebbe could have waited until the next night. But what if it was also cloudy. You could only sanctify the moon through the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the new month. The Rebbe took no chances of losing the Mitzvah.

This fulfills my definition of a Chassid. A Chassid makes a "big deal" about the most ordinary of Mitzvos, if there is an ordinary Mitzvah. For example: A Chassid's Lulov and Esrog will be a classic two to three hundred dollars cost.

Our Lulovs and Esrogs cost \$75. For us that is expensive. Janet asked if we should charge more this year since our cost is more. I answered, "No." I appreciate anyone who does buy the Lulov and Esrog. We need to help them.

Next Kiddush Levonah ceremony on September 15<sup>th</sup>; time to be announced. Even the time is Kabbalistic, since it has to do with the time of the sunset and the moon arrival. ✧



## MORE HIDDEN

Jim Lewin told a story on the "moon" night. It might have been a Shlomo Carlebach story. It was about a Cardinal whose origin was Jewish. The Chassidic Rebbe knocked on his door, and reminded him of his origin. That saved the planned pogrom against the Jews.

Recently, in the news, it was reported a bishop had died. It stated that he was Jewish and among the memorial prayers offered was the Kaddish. Who knows what causes the Jewish bishop might have championed on behalf of Jews?

It reminded me of a request made by a Jewish person in Frederick. His will stated that I should officiate at the service, but no Hebrew should be recited. His Gentile niece insisted I do Hebrew at the service.

Then there was the bride who called our office to have me officiate at her ceremony but the name G-d should not be mentioned. She wanted no religion in the ceremony. "Then why are you asking for a rabbi." ✧

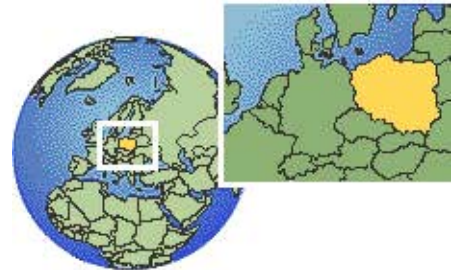
# Beth Sholom Cultural Enrichment: Coming Events

(All events at the Community Center unless otherwise noted)

## SEPTEMBER 2007

Saturday, September 8, 9:15 p.m., followed by refreshments,  
Havdala & Slichot service

*The Jews of Crakow: A Visual Journey.* Marshall Botkin, longtime synagogue member and professor of sociology, will treat us to a multi-media presentation of the riveting story of a once-thriving Jewish community in Crakow, Poland.



**Slichot at 11:00 p.m.:** Special prayers to prepare oneself for the High Holidays



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**Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.:** Attend this inaugural meeting and become a “charter member” of the Beth Sholom Photography Club!

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**Sunday, September 9, 11:30 a.m.:** Children’s Concert  
**Michael Rose:** guitar and vocals

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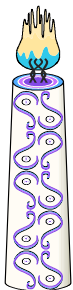


**Saturday, September 15, 8:30 p.m.:** Monthly Havdalah and Kiddush Levonah

Honor the end of the Sabbath day and sanctify the moon.

Sing! Dance! Listen to Carlebach songs and stories! If you attended the Carlebach concert last month, this will be a great informal gathering with many of the same songs. If you missed the concert, here’s another chance to be a part of it.

Special entertainment by our own Julius Isaac, violinist extraordinaire trained in Romania, will play Yiddish songs for the Jewish heart.



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**Saturday, September 29, 8:00 p.m.:** Concert

Playing piano, trumpet, flute and voice, **Andy Rosenfeld, Morrie & Norma Kelsey** will present music for Succot, other Hebrew and Yiddish songs, a few from Broadway, and lots of fun. Come and sing along! Come and find out about **BET HASHOEVA. What’s THAT????** (Hint: It has to do with Succot.)



## MEMBER PROFILES

This month, Beth Sholom begins a new tradition of featuring “new” and “old” members in the Bulletin. Rabbi Kosman has this to say about Don Lachman:



*Don in Israel*

“Featuring” is a good word for **Don Lachman**. He is always featuring a special treat at our weekday breakfast Minyons. One Sunday last month, Don was literally over the grill frying pancakes. We were out of syrup. Ellen Berkowitz was doing bingo prep in the kitchen. She called hubby, Ken Berkowitz, and he brought over two flavors of pancake syrup. Don is retired but busier than ever. He has belonged to Beth Sholom for eight years.

Don was in telecommunications. He and his wife, Sally, A.H., have been all over the world. Don has lived in Frederick for over 30 years, off and on, following his employment responsibilities. He is an EMT and very active in the Volunteer Fireman’s Association, at one time being President. He volunteers for the Keys. At the drop of a Yarmulke he will create a story for you and ask you to read it and critique it.

Don is president of our Writer’s Group and is a board member of Beth Sholom. I asked him, “Give me one line about Beth Sholom, Don.”

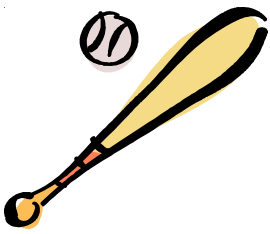
“It is invigorating,” he said, as he finished cleaning up the breakfast leftovers.

**Lauren and Adam Epstein** reside in Buckeystown, Md with their 4-year-old son, Jonah, & 2-year-old Old English Sheepdog named Max. Originally from Long Island, NY, the Epsteins moved to Maryland 14 year ago and have made Frederick County their home for the last 7 years. Jonah has attended the Early Childhood Center since he was 2, and is now in Mrs. Barber’s 4’s class. Adam is a General Property Adjuster for The Hartford Insurance Company, and Lauren is a stay-at-home mom who teaches Bar/Bat Mitzvah on Sundays in Potomac and will be teaching third grade in our Hebrew School this year.



*The Epsteins at home*

### Beth Sholom Athletes



David Hornstein was a silver medal winner at the Maccabi Games in Orange County, California. He was a member of the 16 and under baseball team from the Baltimore JCC. It was a 10-team competition.

Brandon & Austin Goldstein won a gold medal at the Houston, Texas Maccabi Games as members of the Greater Washington JCC's boys' soccer team. They beat Mexico 3 to 1 in the finals to win the gold.



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Frederick Section

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE  
A BELIEF IN ACTION

by Marianne Erlichman, Vice President

It was decided to delay the first meeting until September—we all needed a few more weeks of summer without meeting!

Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Sunday, September 16, at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. We'll be meeting in the library on the second floor. We look forward to seeing a lot of "old" and "new" faces.

Call me at 301-695-9217 for more information about NCJW. ☆

### Congratulations to

David & Paula Nathanson  
on the birth of their grandson  
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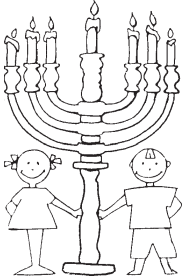
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## Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center

by Margie Barber, teacher  
Four-Year-Old Classes

On Saturday, August 11, four staff members of the Early Childhood Center—Naomi Lazerow, Carol Cressman, Sharon Nicholas and Margie Barber—along with many other early childhood educators from Frederick County, attended a workshop at Thomas Johnson High School sponsored by the Frederick County Board of Education. Dr. Jean Feldman, a workshop conductor, singer, author and former classroom teacher, wowed the audience for three hours by sharing countless songs, ideas, stories and tips.

Dr. Jean stressed that “great teachers are made, not born. We all learn from each other.” That’s why it’s so important for the ECC staff to regularly attend workshops such as these. We know that there is ALWAYS room for improvement and change, and that it is important for teachers to share ideas. Dr. Jean also emphasized that “children never forget how you make them feel. It’s the most important thing.” This is why it is crucial that teachers realize the huge impact they make on the lives of their students, and because of this, it is crucial that teachers establish a positive, loving bond with each one of their students.

We left the workshop feeling energized and pumped up for the current school year. We look forward to utilizing Dr. Jean’s ideas, and will strive to reach her level of enthusiasm and dedication.

If anyone is interested in learning more about Dr. Jean, visit her website: [drjean.org](http://drjean.org). You’ll be amazed at the wealth of information! ☆

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When we are presented with a challenge,  
may we be blessed to hear G-d’s voice.

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**Yahrzeits**  
**ELUL/TISHREI 5767/5768**  
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- September 7\*    Henry Fliss  
                       David Gordon  
                       Hilda Shapiro  
                       Rebecca Weinberg  
                       Rhea Gordon Neil  
                       Douglas Kahn  
                       Leah Lorraine Gellar
- September 14\*    Evan Abelow  
                       Sarah Lee Eycler  
                       Harry Kessler  
                       Trudy Radbill  
                       Otto Hecht  
                       William Rovin  
                       Leo Weinberg  
                       Betty Simbaliski  
                       Elizabeth Pukatch
- September 21\*    Ida Abraham  
                       S. Daniel Blum  
                       Rose Cohen  
                       Samuel Orenstein  
                       Alvin H. Greif  
                       Charlotte Marcus  
                       Mildred Unterberger  
                       Goldie Brandorff  
                       Minnie Gordon  
                       Ida Rovin  
                       Fela Mlavsky  
                       Bernard Brown  
                       Frances Brown  
                       Sam Siegel
- September 27\*    William Ehrlich  
                       Emanuel F. Miller  
                       Jamie Cohen  
                       Larry Levine  
                       Jacob Lichtman  
                       Stanley Sagel  
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*Lewis Gold & Family on the passing  
of his sister-in-law, Elise Galler Gold*

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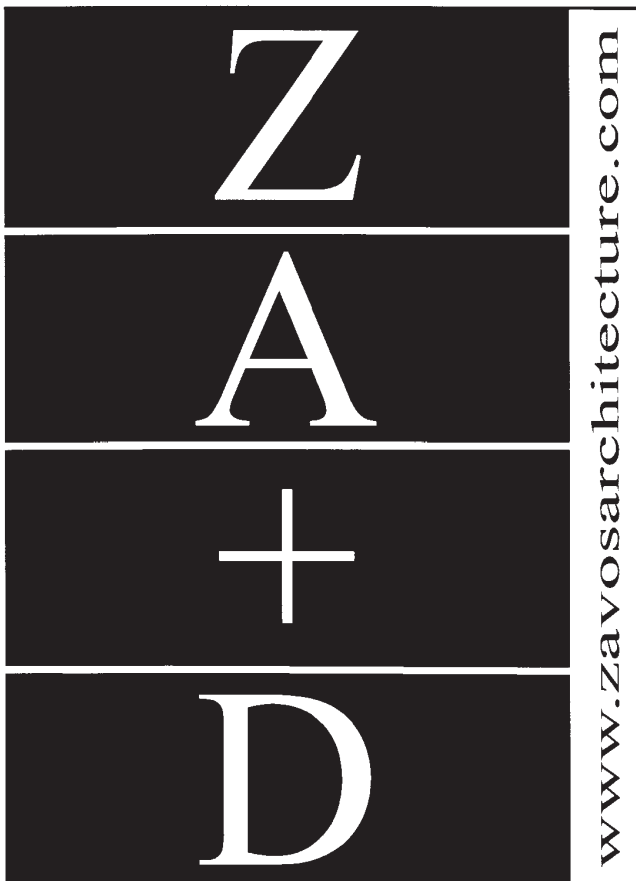


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2 19 ELUL 9 a Minyon NO SCHOOL Bingo	3 20 ELUL Labor Day NO SCHOOL Shoresh Bingo	4 21 ELUL	5 22 ELUL 4:15 p 1st day weekday Hebrew School 7 p Photography Club 7:30 p Board of Trustees Meeting	6 23 ELUL 8:00 a Minyon 11 a Social Club Noon - Sisterhood Meeting	7 24 ELUL 7:08 7 p Services - cc	8 25 ELUL Nitzavim - Vayelech 9:15 a Services - cc
9 26 ELUL Selichot Begin 9 a Minyon 10 a Religious School 11:30 a School Music Program Picnic 1 p Cemetery Service Bingo	10 27 ELUL Bingo	11 28 ELUL	12 29 ELUL Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:00 7:30 p Services No Hebrew School	13 1 TISHRE Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 No School 8:30 a Services 7:30 p Services Candlelighting 8:00	14 2 TISHRE Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 6:57 No School 8:30 a Services 8 p Services - cc	15 3 TISHRE Fast of Gedalyah Ha'azinu 9:15 a Services - cc 8:30 p Havdalah Kiddush Levanah
16 4 TISHRE 9 a Minyon 10 Religious School Prospective Member Meeting NCJW Meeting Bingo	17 5 TISHRE Shoresh Bingo	18 6 TISHRE	19 7 TISHRE 4:15 p Hebrew School	20 8 TISHRE 8 a Minyon 11 a Social Club	21 9 TISHRE Erev Yom Kippur 6:46 NO SCHOOL 6:30 p Services	22 10 TISHRE Yom Kippur 8:30 a Services 1 p (approx) Yiskor 7:45 p Breaking of the fast
23 11 TISHRE Bingo	24 12 TISHRE Bingo	25 13 TISHRE	26 14 TISHRE 6:38 No Hebrew School	27 15 TISHRE Succot - Day 1 9:15 a Services Candlelighting 7:38	28 16 TISHRE Succot - Day 2 6:34 No School 9:15 a Services 8 p Services	29 17 TISHRE Succot - First Intermediate Day 9:15 a Services - cc 8 p Succot Concert
30 18 TISHRE Succot - Second Intermediate Day Bingo						



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