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Excerpts from Rabbi Singerman's Sermon for Emor 5770: A Life of Independence



When we think of what it means to be "human," the word "independent" should immediately come to mind.

From infancy through old age, humans fight to be independent.

Infants enter this world vulnerable and totally dependent on their parents for physical and emotional sustenance. Until the age of two, infants perceive themselves as extensions of their parents, rather than separate individuals. But then comes those "Terrible Twos." Our cuddly, cute kiddies turn overnight into stubborn, volatile, unreasonable, dogmatic, and exasperating temper-tantrum defiant two-year old rebels. And this is what we should pray for, because if we want our infant to mature into a child, he or she needs to embark on the road to independence, establishing an independent personality.

So you survive the Terrible Twos and achieve a modicum of harmony in your house. Before you know it though, your darling child checks out and an adolescent moves in. And then our cuddly, cute kiddies turn overnight into stubborn, volatile, unreasonable, dogmatic, and exasperating cursing defiant teenage rebels. And this is what we should pray for, because if we want our child to mature into an adult, he or she needs to continue down the road to independence, establishing financial and emotional independence.

Independence is so important to us as humans that when we think about the winter of our lives, we fear loss of independence more than we fear death.

The importance of independence to us as humans explains why each individual must fulfill the Mitzvah of Sefirat HaOmer, the counting of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. The Torah tells us in this week's parasha that:

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The President's Corner

by Gayle Bromberg
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The two major happenings at Beth Sholom in May were the celebration of Shavuot and the Annual Congregational Meeting. The services for the evening of Shavuot were very beautiful and well attended. They were followed by a communal dairy dinner, complete with cheesecake, ice cream sundaes, and other desserts that were enjoyed to the max by young and old. The evening was topped off in the tradition of Torah study by a very interesting and thought-provoking discussion about a dispute between the two leading rabbis in Israel during the 1940s. The controversial issue was the question of whether women in Israel should be able to vote and hold office. The focus of our discussion: to what extent were the rabbis' opinions derived from the Torah?

Our annual meeting was relatively uneventful and less well attended as compared to the last few years. Most of the attendees were pleased with how things are going in the Congregation, and reported feeling that the atmosphere seems to be getting less contentious and more welcoming and lively. I hope that the lower attendance reflects a high level of satisfaction with the direction of the changes being made. I want to thank the following retiring members for their outstanding service on the Board: Karen Ashwal, Shoshanna Campbell, and Don Lachman. I also want to heartily welcome our new Board Members: Elissa Gross, Diana Schobel, and Howard Wetrogan. We were unable to complete consideration of changes to the bylaws due to a large number of errors in our printouts of the proposed changes, mostly related to problems in translation from one computer to another. Therefore, we are going to schedule a special meeting just to vote on the changes. You have probably already received notices requesting your input on bylaw changes and you will shortly be receiving notice of the special meeting. We need at least a quorum. I hope that everyone who is concerned about our bylaws and how we manage things at Beth Sholom will submit suggestions and attend.

Please read the rest of this Bulletin for information about other upcoming events. Have a great summer! ☆

Rabbi Singerman (cont.)

You shall count seven complete weeks from the day after [Pass-over], from the day of the bringing of the Omer sacrifice, the measure of barley. (Vayikra 23:15 - loose translation)

The Talmud teaches us that the words, “you shall count,” *Usfartem Lachem*, stated in the plural, mean that each individual has to count. (Menachot 65b). When it comes to *Sefirat HaOmer*, the role that the individual plays is so important, the Magen Avraham, R. Avraham Gumbiner, one of the classical authorities on the *Shulchan Aruch*, rules that, unlike other mitzvot such as *Kiddush* or *HaMotzei*, one person cannot fulfill the counting of the Omer for another. If you count for me, I have not fulfilled the mitzvah. If you make *Kiddush* for me, I have.

What is so unique about counting the Omer?

The counting of the Omer tracks a period of spiritual growth. Historically, when the Jews left Egypt they carried with them the impact of 210 years of Egyptian slavery — immorality, idolatry, and impurity. Yet, just forty-nine days after the Exodus, the Jews received the Torah. Our tradition teaches us during that month and a half, the Jewish people transformed themselves from defilement to holiness. They underwent a spiritual rebirth, compared even to angels.

Ever since that time, year after year, Jews count forty nine days, reenacting in their own lives the spiritual journey from defilement to holiness. Once each year, we travel from Exodus to Mt. Sinai. We recognize how we’ve become spiritually enslaved. We climb higher each of the forty-nine days, striving for greater purity and holiness. On *Shavuot*, we relive the majesty of God’s greatest gift, the Torah.

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We alone determine the state of our spirituality. We must be independent and decide where we want to end up between defilement and holiness.

The counting of the Omer must be done by each individual. No one can perform it for us, not the Jewish court, not another person. We cannot rely upon an institution, whether it be the Jewish High Court or the synagogue, we cannot rely upon another person, a friend, a family member, or a rabbi, to take a spiritual journey for us. Judaism teaches that to be mature individuals we must take ownership of our inner lives.

So what does it mean to establish “spiritual independence?” Ultimately it means to take responsibility for our inner lives, for our souls. We need to study enough Torah and amass enough knowledge to make critical choices. We need to build up a library of first-hand memories and experiences of Judaism to be able to define what Judaism is for us. We need to find the courage to experiment and step outside of our comfort zones to escape self-imposed limits.

No other person or institution can give you spiritual independence. The only one you can count on is yourself. ☆



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National Council of Jewish Women
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A FAITH IN THE FUTURE
A BELIEF IN ACTION

by Marcy Taylor, President

It's the time of year to look back at all of NCJW Frederick Section's accomplishments! How many of these did you attend or support?

Our Programming Committee produced several wonderful programs. This year, we learned about the Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, the Jewish roots of American music, and what it is like to cover national politics. We learned about the role of tea in Victorian England and participated in a discussion and activities focusing on building a community of peace.

We continue to have a presence in Frederick Interfaith. This year, during the Seasons for Non-Violence, we co-sponsored a panel discussion about "What Don't We See in Our Community." We also helped Frederick Interfaith at the Soup Kitchen and participated in a candlelight prayer walk in conjunction with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

NCJW is inspired by Jewish values. In addition to sponsoring the traditional Oneg at Beth Sholom, we participated in Kol Ami's Women's Shabbat, and co-sponsored this year's Holocaust Remembrance program with Kol Ami and Beth Sholom. We continue to visit the residents at Country Meadows twice a month, welcoming in the Sabbath with a parsha reading, and a taste of some challah and wine.

We are also out in the community. This year, in addition to adopting two families for the holidays, we collected for Children of Incarcerated Parents, the Cold Weather Shelter and the Kline Hospice House. We prepared and served dinner at the Soup Kitchen (our next date is June 27) and hosted a Bingo game for the residents of Montevue Home. We also participated in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk (raised over \$2000 this year) and the Bowling for Kids Sake fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

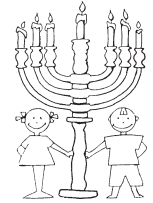
NCJW awarded a \$500 Ruth Tick Memorial Nursing Scholarship to a second-year nursing student at FCC and provided donations to local high school Safe and Sane programs. We were also able to support the Animal Welfare League, FMH Cancer Patient Assistance Program, Frederick Red Cross, Goodwill Industries, Heartly House, and Mission of Mercy.

Fundraisers such as the Calendar/Directory sales (taking orders now!), Annual Membership Drive, Holiday Photos, No Show Tea, and the "Night Out in the Mediterranean" with Hadassah, provides the means for NCJW's community support.

NCJW Frederick Section has something to offer everyone. Please help us reach our goal of 90 members this year (in conjunction with our 90th Anniversary) and join today! For more information on NCJW Frederick Section, please check out our web site www.ncjwfrederick.org or contact any NCJW Board Member. ☆

Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center

by Margie Barber, director and
teacher of 4-year-olds



Preschool is just about over. I am constantly hearing from the parents that they can't believe June is here. They say it seems like almost yesterday when they first took their children to school. On one hand, I agree with the parents. Time has flown. On the other hand, when I think back to activities we participated in back in the fall, and even in the winter, it does seem like a long time ago. Maybe because when I think back to the beginning of the year, I think of how different the children were as compared to now. All of them have grown considerably, in many different ways. Children who were initially shy, are now sometimes the life of the party. Children who refused to participate in Circle Time activities, now eagerly await their turn. Children who had a difficult time waiting their turn, are much more patient. Are they still a work in progress? Of course, because after all, they are three, four and five years old. But they definitely have acquired many new skills that help to make their preschool experience a positive one. It's a thrill to watch the growth of our students.

We say goodbye to our Bumblebee students, and wish them well in kindergarten. We will miss them, and hope they find opportunities to come back and visit. We have many students returning in the fall, and we look forward to another great year!
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*Beth Sholom extends sincere condolences
to*

*Ellie Kinland and family on the passing
of her father, Lawrence Blumenthal*

*Rabbi Murray Singerman and family
on the passing of his uncle
Martin Schwarzschild*





by Carol Blum
President

Thank you! Thank you! Help! Help!

What a whirlwind year this has been! To thank you all for your support, your financial contributions and your hard work, we are subsidizing Shabbat dinner on Friday, June 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Services, dinner and many “thank yous” to all who have worked so tirelessly. Please come and let us show you we care.

The Board has made some difficult changes to take place beginning July 1, 2010.

1. Oneg will be dips, vegetables and fruit.
2. Shabbat day will be a Kiddush – wine, snacks, sweets – unless a lunch is sponsored.

You are welcome to sponsor, for any reason, a regular Oneg or Shabbat luncheon. Just call Eileen Marcus (301-695-8685, Pauline (301-663-3437) or me (301-662-5021).

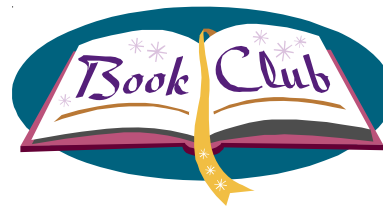
3. Bingo night will now serve only cold sandwiches, snacks, sweets and drinks, except for 2 grill nights a month for Holiday Bonanza nights.

We need help in the following places:

1. Gift Shop – two people to work with Sabrina Wesker
2. Kitchen – Thursday and Friday morning helpers. Don’t leave Eileen there alone.
3. Bingo Kitchen – Sunday 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday 5 to 8:30 p.m. Call Shoshanna Staffone at 301-663-4686.

Please call me at 301-662-5021 and let me know where and when you can help. I look forward to seeing you ALL on Friday, June 4, 2010. ☆

Rabbi Murray Singerman
speaks at the recent
Goodwill Annual Awards
Luncheon



Shalom all,

For our Sunday, June 27th gathering of the Book Club, *A Pigeon and a Boy* (winner of the National Jewish Book Award) has been selected. See a summary below. We’ll meet at 12:30 pm in the Beth Sholom Library.

In August, the date will likely be changed to the **fifth Sunday, Aug. 29 at 11 am** to coincide with a Beth Sholom presentation by the authors of *Safe Haven* , a discussion of Harry Truman’s involvement in the establishment of the State of Israel. Stay tuned for more information about this presentation.

Future selections: *Adjusting Sights* by Haim Sabato, translated by Hillel Halkin

Beautiful As The Moon; Radiant As The Stars, an anthology of Jewish women in Yiddish Stories edited by Sandra Bark

Questions? Contact Carolyn Snyder at csnyder239@comcast.net or 301-631-3991.

A Pigeon and a Boy

Meir Shalev

From the internationally acclaimed Israeli writer Meir Shalev comes a mesmerizing novel of two love stories, separated by half a century but connected by one enchanting act of devotion.

During the 1948 War of Independence—a time when pigeons are still used to deliver battlefield messages—a gifted young pigeon handler is mortally wounded. In the moments before his death, he dispatches one last pigeon. The bird is carrying his extraordinary gift to the girl he has loved since adolescence. Intertwined with this story is the contemporary tale of Yair Mendelsohn, who has his own legacy from the 1948 war. Yair is a tour guide specializing in bird-watching trips who, in middle age, falls in love again with a childhood girlfriend. His growing passion for her, along with a gift from his mother on her deathbed, becomes the key to a life he thought no longer possible.

Unforgettable in both its particulars and its sweep, *A Pigeon and A Boy* is a tale of lovers then and now—of how deeply we love, of what home is, and why we, like pigeons trained to fly in one direction only, must eventually return to it. In a voice that is at once playful, wise, and altogether beguiling, Meir Shalev tells a story as universal as war and as intimate as a winged declaration of love. ☆



DATES

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Meet, Greet, & Eat: Sunday, June 13, 2010
 FIRST SESSION: Wednesday, June 23 – Saturday night, July 24, 2010
 SECOND SESSION: Monday, July 26 – Saturday night, August 7, 2010
 Closing Ceremonies: Sunday, August 8, 2010 - 1:45-3:30
 NO CAMP: Tuesday, July 20 (Tisha B'Av)
 Friday, July 23 (Frederick Shabbaton)

special events

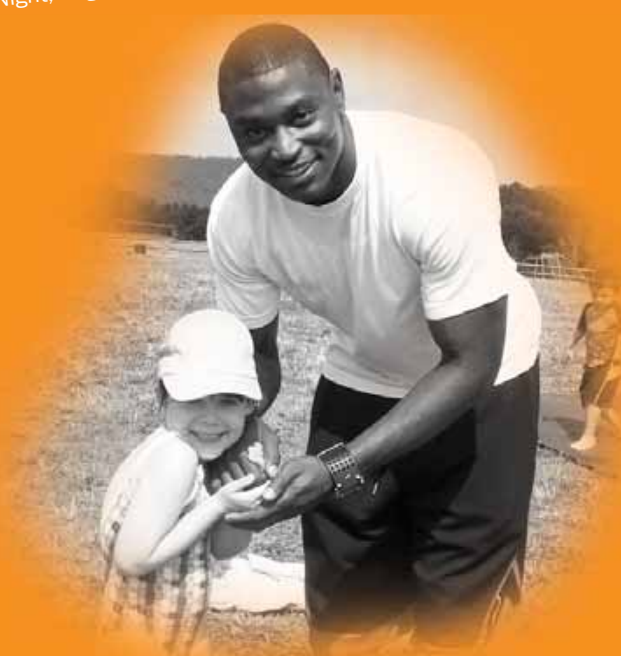
For Grades 2nd – 10th
 Thursday, June 24: Late Stay Concert
 Thursday, July 1: Hershey Park
 Thursday, July 8: Overnight
 Fri. Night-Sat. Night, July 23-24: Frederick Shabbaton
 Thursday, July 29: King's Dominion
 Thu. - Sat. Night, Aug. 5-7: Baltimore Shabbaton

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June 4*

Ernst David	Sanford Blum
Daniel Fromer	Lucille Land
Virginia Labeau	Anna Levine
Anne M. Rosen	Rita Spectre
Maurice Louis Sclar	Barbara Seres
Clara Pittleman	

June 11*

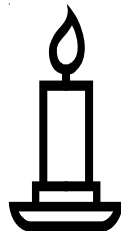
Irene Ruth Bluethenthal	Ethel Mogilewsky
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Jack Kaitksian	Leonard Wolfson
Irwin Wolberg	Elizabeth Ashwal
Herschel ben Meir	Ada Stempa
Jack Frankel	Manuel Weinberg
Elaine Hodges	Jack H. Jacobs

June 18*

Aaron Ashwal	Alice Reichel
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Larry Pollicove	David Feldman
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Golda Blum	Philip Weiss
Philip Freilich	Miriam Blum
Eleanor Kochonin	Harry Blatt
	Fannie Nasher

June 25*

Simon Pearlman
 Sheldon Haber
 Estelle Brandorff
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* indicates Friday on which name will be read from the Bima.

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Announcement Regarding Beth Sholom Bylaws

The suggested revisions to the Beth Sholom bylaws were not approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 11. It was decided to solicit input from congregation members and rework the revisions.

Please review your recently e-mailed copy of the Beth Sholom bylaws that include the suggested revisions. If you would like to recommend any changes, please submit them via e-mail or in writing to the office no later than Friday, June 11. Once the Committee has had the opportunity to review and implement your input, a special congregational meeting will be held to vote on the new revisions.

If you need another copy of the bylaws, please request that it be sent to you via e-mail, or you may pick up a hard copy in the office.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ^{19 SIVAN}	2 ^{20 SIVAN}	3 ^{21 SIVAN} 8 a Minyar 11 a Brunch Bunc	4 ^{22 SIVAN}  8:14 6:30 p Service Shabbat Dinner to hon Sisterhood follows	5 ^{23 SIVAN}  Shelach 9:30a Service 10:30 a Parent Shabbat
6 ^{24 SIVAN} 9:30a Minyar 10:30a Torah Alive Bingo	7 ^{25 SIVAN} Shoresh Bing	8 ^{26 SIVAN}	9 ^{27 SIVAN}	10 ^{28 SIVAN} 8 a Minyar 11 a Brunch Bunc	11 ^{29 SIVAN}  8:18 ECC Graduat 6:30p Service	12 ^{30 SIVAN}  Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day  Korach 9:30a Service
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