

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	4. Issuer Name AND Ticker or Trading Symbol (Check all applicable)
FRITSKY (Last)	SAMUEL (First)	(Middle)	January 1, 2001	DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC. ("DCOM")
209 HAVEMEYER STREET (Street)			3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
BROOKLYN (City)	NY (State)	11211 (Zip)		Senior Vice President - Marketing
			6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)(Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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None.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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TABLE II DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED (e.g., puts, calls warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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NONE.

Date	Expira- tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001
and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/SAMUEL FRITSKY

January 30, 2001

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

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