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The purpose of this congregation shall be to worship God in accordance with the faith of Judaism; to cultivate a love and understanding of the Jewish heritage; to strengthen the ties within the Jewish community; to strengthen the bonds of loyalty with the Jewish people everywhere; to bring nearer the Dominion of God on earth through an emphasis on the principles of righteousness and harmony in society at large, and to engage in social action projects in pursuit of social justice and Tikkun Olam (repair of both the human and nonhuman components of the world).

AUGUST 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi everyone!

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. Or what's left of it. I can't believe school will be starting again in less than a month!

And not too long after that will be the High Holy Days. We have begun our preparations and as I have been making my way down the handy checklist (Thank you, Ornsteins!) I'm realizing just how many people it takes to get everything ready and running smoothly. So much happens behind the scenes to ensure that we all have a meaningful holiday and I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who is helping, whether it be assigning readers, taking donations to 1st Step, sending out our Shana Tovah booklet, contributing to the Erev Rosh Hashanah oneg, Break-the-Fast, or coordinating the choir. We are all volunteers and it's pretty amazing what we can do when we all pitch in.

Services for the High Holy Days will be both in-person and live-streamed. We want to make sure that those who choose to stay at home have everything they need, so we will be asking for everyone to let us know, so we can distribute at-home holiday packets. Please keep an eye out for more details about that as you make your plans.

Also, we have an updated COVID policy for those attending in-person. We expect that everyone attending in-person who is over the age of 13 will have been vaccinated. Those under 13 are also welcome to attend in-person, but are expected to wear a mask. The updated policy is us erring on the side of caution. Thank you for understanding.

Stay cool out there!

Amanda

RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner, August 2021

"The holidays are early this year." Haven't we heard that before? "Is Hanukkah early or late?"

Well, actually, no, the holidays are NOT early this year. They are on the first of Tishrei, just like every other year. And Hanukkah is ALWAYS on the 25th —the 25th of Kislev. When I'm in the mood for a tongue-in-cheek comment, when people ask me if Hanukkah is early or late, I'll say,

“it’s the same as always – the 25th of Kislev. But there’s another holiday that others celebrate involving a tree and a man with a beard – sometimes that holiday comes around the 25th of Kislev but sometimes it happens well into the month of Tevet. How can anyone keep track of when it is?”

Having said all of that, this year Rosh Hashanah begins on Labor Day – the evening of Monday, September 6. For most of us that does indeed seem early. And, in fact, for a rabbi who has to prepare sermons, it DEFINITELY seems early.

Last year celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, like everything else last year, was completely out of the ordinary. This year is still abnormal, although we are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Depending on the specific circumstances of Covid at the time of Rosh Hashanah, in all likelihood there will be some return to services in person. I placed a caveat on this only because there is still uncertainty in regards to the variant and we don’t know for certain what conditions will be like in September. Assuming that we are at least partially back in person we will continue to have the streaming option and, as you know, I will be participating on the large screen from my home in Pittsburgh. I think that the option of virtual services will remain with us a long time. Congregations nationwide have been able to engage members virtually who previously experienced limitations on attending in person.

On another note, if by chance you missed the email announcements, I want to let you know of the various adult education classes being offered. There are several weekly class offerings. If you are still interested in joining any of them, please let me know so I can send you a link and you will be welcome to join at any time.

Let us hope and pray that the summer continues to progress well and that the beginnings of the return to normalcy also continue. And let the time be near when the reality of Covid is nothing more than a memory.

Leadership

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YAHREZEITS

- 01 Jord Poster 2012
- 04 Eugene Berney 1976
Robert W Rudd
- 09 W.C. Ward 1997 Michelle Ornstein's Father
- 11 Valaria Ney 1981 Member
Chuck Slott 2018 Member
- 12 Blanche Goldman
Betty O'Callaghan Maureen Goldberger's Mother
- 13 David Aaron Kraus
Lena Raff 1982 Irma Nemoytin's Mother
- 14 Jessie Frankel Dave Frankel's Mother
- 15 Moses Rosenbloom Sarah Loewner's Father
Alexander Auerbach 1975 Suzi Trubitz' Grandfather
- 16 Robert Hirsch
Ali David Good Estelle Robinson's Father
- 17 Carrie Ney Scheuer 1954 Member
- 18 Albert Ash Eddie Ney's Grandfather
Adele Bilsker Moses 1968
Louis Slott Chuck Slott's Father
- 19 Suzanne Glazer John Stewart's Sister
- 20 Arlette Lewin 1999
- 21 Irving Ney 1966 Eddie Ney's Father
- 23 Rubin Peck Beverly Zindler's Father
Shirley Weiner 2019 Rachelle Dorne's Cousin
- 24 David Robinson 1968 Member Josh Robinson's Brother
Raymond Hoffman Rabbi Dan Fink's Grandfather
- 27 John Stewart 2010 Member
- 29 Rose Poster Carr 2005 Alan Poster's Mother
- 30 Joseph Mintzer 1967 Member
(Erwin Helbraun's & Anne Mintzer's Uncle)
Marvin Poster 1976 Member
Abraham Goodman 1976 Suzi Trubitz' Father

DONATIONS

6/21 – 7/24

Steve Stein – General Donation and Thank you

Esther Minskoff – Yahrzeit – Jerry Minskoff

Bill & Leslie Ney – Yahrzeit – Carol Ney

Sara & Michael Trantum – Donation

Lenore Price – Yahrzeit for Max Wolf Landsman

Bruce & Sherri Alt – Yahrzeit – William Schechter

Nancy Stewart - Yahrzeit for husband John Stewart.

SISTERHOOD

We are trying to regroup and starting a planning session for this year. It sure has been a tough past year, I am so glad we were able to stay somewhat in touch with several zoom get togethers to see each other and catch up on how everyone including families were doing. The board met on July 20 to put together some ideas to bring to our women. We did decide to make a donation to the roof/solar fund as we certainly want to continue supporting our synagogue.

Working with the Temple board, we are going to try and have sisterhood host one oneg per month for now. As services are now open to in person participation, for safety reasons we are going to slowly try an oneg monthly. The first sponsored oneg will be Friday August 6, Margee and Judy Freudenthal will host.

We are also scheduling an in person sisterhood meeting Thursday, August 19 at the temple at 7:00 pm, we will serve coffee and dessert. We really want to have input for the year certainly based on the

safety of our congregation. Please feel free to join us if you are comfortable, the social is a large room with lots of space, we would also expect our women to be vaccinated for the safety of others if you plan on joining us. am really looking forward to seeing everyone finally!

I would also like to thank Leslie Ney, Mary Handley and Valerie Stephens for the awesome curtains in the kitchen! They are very bright and cheerful, thank you so much ladies!


We will begin collecting dues again for the coming year of 36.00. These dues from last year helped us to make the donations to First Step, Blue Ridge Food Bank and Social Services to support foster children during the holidays. If you did not pay dues last year and feel inclined to catch up, that would be awesome as we still are hoping to continue our social action and mitzvah projects.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions, we would really love to see all of our women join us in our continued support of the temple and spend "Jewish time" with each other.

Fondly,

Sherri Alt and Bekah Greenfield, Sisterhood CO-Presidents

SOCIAL ACTION

<div data-bbox="159 401 467 541">  </div> <p>FirstStep Peaceful Families • Safe Communities</p> <p><i>**New items only</i></p> <p><i>please *** SAULT RESPONSE & SAFETY ITEMS:</i></p> <p>New Prepaid 30 Minute Phones Cell Phones</p> <p>(Wiped/Deleted/With Chargers) Jogging/Sweatpants</p> <p>(M,L,XL, 2X,3X)</p> <p>Sweatshirts (M,L,XL,2X,3X)</p> <p>T-Shirts (M,L,XL,2X,3X)</p> <p>Women's Underwear (6,7,8,9)</p> <p><u>BABY ITEMS:</u></p> <p>Diapers (Sizes 4,5,6)</p> <p>Baby Wipes</p> <p>Double/Triple Strollers</p> <p>Diaper Rash Ointment</p> <p>Swim Diapers</p> <p>Baby Bottles</p> <p>Sippy Cups</p> <p>Pack & Plays</p> <p>Baby Bath Tubs</p> <p>Baby Toys</p> <p>Breast Pumps</p> <p><u>BEDROOM ITEMS:</u></p>	<p><u>BATHROOM SUPPLIES:</u></p> <p>Bath Mats</p> <p>Shower Curtains</p> <p>Shower Liners and Hooks</p> <p>Bath Towels</p> <p>Hand Towels</p> <p>Liquid Hand Soap</p> <p>Wash Cloths</p> <p><u>PAPER PRODUCTS:</u></p> <p>Kleenex</p> <p>Toilet Paper</p> <p>Paper Towel</p> <p>Plastic Cups</p> <p>Zip Lock Bags</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:</u></p> <p>Laundry Soap</p> <p>Laundry Baskets</p> <p>Beach Towels</p> <p>Sunscreen</p> <p>Planners</p> <p>Headphones</p> <p>Prayer Mats</p> <p>USB Flash Drives</p>	<p><u>KITCHEN SUPPLIES:</u></p> <p>Plastic Forks</p> <p>Plastic Spoons</p> <p>Paper Cups/Bowls</p> <p>Cups for Hot Beverages</p> <p>Plastic Dishes/Cups/Bowls</p> <p>Pots, Pans, Skillets</p> <p>Baking Pan/Cookie Sheet</p> <p>Garbage Bags</p> <p>Food Storage Containers with Lids</p> <p>Aluminum Foil</p> <p>Plastic Wrap</p> <p>Dish Towels</p> <p>Dish Sponges/Scrub Brushes</p> <p>Coffee Filters</p> <p><u>PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:</u></p> <p>Shampoo & Conditioner</p> <p>Body Wash</p> <p>Hand & Body Lotion</p> <p>Deodorant</p> <p>Feminine Hygiene Products</p> <p>Hand Sanitizer</p> <p>Wide Tooth Combs</p>
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Twin Sheet Sets	Shoes (New)	Hair Brushes Dental Floss
Pillows	Clothing (New All Sizes & Genders)	Shaving Cream
Twin Comforters	<u>FOOD & DRINK:</u>	Razors
Blankets	Cold Cereals	
<u>CLEANING SUPPLIES:</u>	Canned Goods (Soup, Vegetables, etc.)	<u>HAIR CARE PRODUCTS FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR:</u> Hair Grease (Olive Oil, Coconut Butter, Etc.)
Brooms and Dustpans	Juice	Hair Lotion
Buckets and Mops	Coffee	Satin Scarves/Bonnets Hair Moisteners
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Tea	Curl Restorer/Definer Detangling Spray
Disinfectant Wipes	Dry Coffee Creamer	Detangling Conditioners
Glass Cleaner Bleach	Sugar	Rubber Bands
Lysol Spray Dish Soap Pine-Sol	Individual Packaged Children's	
	Snacks	
	Hot Chocolate	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner is available to our members.

Please feel free to contact him directly at:

rabbijkl@bethel-harrisonburg.org or 540-908-4488

This is his direct number and if he does not answer please feel free to leave him a detailed message.

Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner will also be readily available to have a conversation with you over Zoom.

Notice from the Beth El Congregation Board:

We are gradually opening up the building for worship services and some meetings.

Access to the building is restricted to persons over age 13 that have been fully vaccinated (for at least two weeks) and to children 13 and younger if they wear a face mask.

We will continue to observe other health protocols.

While many persons aged 16 and older have been vaccinated, our younger children will still be at risk until a vaccine has been approved for them.

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			12pmAdult Education		7:30pmShabbat Service (Sisterhood Oneg)	10:30amTorah Study
			7pmAdult Education			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			12pmAdult Education		7:30pmShabbat Service	10:30amTorah Study
			7pmAdult Education			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	6:30pmBoard Meeting		12pmAdult Education	Sisterhood Meeting	Opening Genizah	10:30amTorah Study
			7pmAdult Education		7:30pmShabbat Service	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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			7pmAdult Education			10:30amTorah Study
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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			7pmAdult Education			