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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).

DECEMBER 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

From the Board...

We received much support from the community following the Tree of Life shooting. The sanctuary was full on the first Sabbath following the shooting and 3/4th full on the next Sabbath. We will have an Adult ed. on December 1 to gather our thoughts about anti-Semitism in the valley. Rabbi Dyme, Frances Flannery, & Michelle Ornstein will lead.

The Building & Grounds committee met and created a list of Beth El needs and wants. Once needs are identified we will prioritize projects. The Membership committee met to assure that a mechanism is in place to welcome new members and to make sure contact information is relayed consistently to email lists. The Library committee is continuing to catalog a recent donation from Chuck Slott's family.

Men's Club and Sisterhood have both been busy. (See calendar.) Men's club will donate books to Staunton High School. Sisterhood will provide Christmas gifts for several children in need. Both will both provide meals for Open Doors, December 26 & 27. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The board approved a motion to schedule two programs relating to security and preparedness: Avoid/Deny/Defend (HPD, Community Resource Unit) and Stop the Bleed (Leslie Ney). We will also contact Hawk Security for signage and additional options.

The board supported the continuation of the Bagel bar, and applauded the playground initiative. While this item will be included in the overall list of the needs and wants for Beth El, we understand that funds raised specifically for the playground will not be used for other purposes.

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Leadership

Student Rabbi: Ben Dyme

President: Michelle Ornstein

Vice President: Josh Linder

Treasurer: Bill Ney

Secretary: Phil Renick

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At large member: Linda Kohn

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Sisterhood President: Sherri Alt + Rebekah Greenfield

Men's Club President: Lester Mintzer

Religious School Principals: Dara Hall + Liz Webb

YAHREZEITS

01 Sadye Spiro 1953 Member

03 Alfred Ney 1954 Member Bill Ney's & Leo Zindler's Grandfather

05 Anna Bloom 1932

Elizabeth Levey

06 Sebastian Goldsmith 1929 Member

Albert Klingstein 1957

08 Mollie Katzen 1986 Member

09 Max Frankel 1980 Member

Elaine Trubitz 1983 Mark Trubitz' Mother

12 Rabbi Jacob Schvanenfeld

Barnett Nelson

Molly Feig Betty Nemoytin's Mother

13 Bertha Schvanenfeld 1948 Rabbi's Wife

Roselea Kohen 1998 Andy Kohen's Mother

Shirley Merlin 2014 Member

14 Simon Wender 1976 Member

16 Agnes Moore		Cleda Frankel's Mother
William A Loewner	1980 Member (Austin)	
Simon Oestreicher	1918 Member	
17 Carl Ney	1967 Member	
18 Louis Hamburg		
Rhoda Mintzer		
21 Esther Derechinsky		Max's Mother
22 Sarah Rabinowitz		Josh Robinson's Grandmother
Gladys Ney	1984 Member	
Rabbi Burton Padoll	2004 Life Member	Sheila Padoll's Husband
23 Albert H Ash	1946	Eddie Ney's Grandfather
24 Nace Cohen		
25 Theresa Hirsch	1952 Member	
26 Amelia L Figgatt	1980 Member (Mimi)	
Mal Mintzer		
Joshua Rader Stein		Roberta Stein's Son
27 Anna Robinson	1949 Member	Josh Robinson's Aunt
28 Josephine Merzger	1928 Member	
29 Pearl Rachel Katzen		
30 Eddie Ney	1940 Member	Eddie Ney's Grandfather
Doris Kalman		Brian Kalman's Mother
Bertha Hammer	1957 Member	
31 Lenora Myerberg	1997 Member	
Sarah Miller	1989 Membe	

DONATIONS

To the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

Norman Renick In memory of his wife (Linda Renick).

Michael & Nancy Clayman In memory of Michael's mother (Ruth Clayman)

Eddie & Margee Greenfield-Ney In memory of Frances Stewart

Allan Poster In memory of his father (Edward Poster)

To the General Fund

Andy Kohen in memory of Virginia Blatt

Penny Williams

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is busy!!!

We had a lovely meeting on November 5th at Valerie Stephens home, thank you Valerie for hosting and for all the wonderful ideas and participation. Here is our busy news!

Sisterhood was very excited to work with social services this year to sponsor 8 children under foster care for Christmas. We received lovely cards for each child with first name, age, child's wish for gifts and sizes for clothes. We shopped and were so excited to be able to honor each child's wish for something fun and also bought clothing items for each. We were so thrilled to be able to do this wonderful mitzvah, it was really with heartfelt joy that we shopped, wrapped the gifts and know how happy we will make several children for the holiday. Thank you to Gale for helping us make this happen.

We are doing our shopping and preparing to cook for our annual Hanukkah fundraiser dinner Sunday 12/2/18 at 5:00pm. We are getting ready to have our building smell like brisket and fried potato

latkes , yummm!! Please make sure you join us. Bring your menorah so we can light the first night together. Our gift shop is open and we will be doing our 50/50 raffle. See you there.

Right around the Hanukkah dinner corner on Sunday Dec. 9 is our annual chili cook off! Please let us know if you plan on entering your wonderful chili--we would love to have your chili. Sisterhood will be supplying the rest of the meal with hot dogs, corn bread and dessert. Come vote for your favorite chili, eat lunch, play games, schmooze and watch Washington hopefully win this football game. We look forward to a fun time together.

Sisterhood will be hosting dinner for Open Doors on Dec. 27th at the Mosque, look for more information.

We are collecting sisterhood dues of \$36.00 for this year, even if you are not interested in attending meetings, we need your support to help with district and national dues as well as to continue being able to do wonderful things as sponsoring the foster children, dinner for Open Doors, support for First Step and many other wonderful social action activities. You don't have to attend meeting to support us financially, and we really would love to have you participate in any activities that interest you. Please send dues to the Temple to Beth El Sisterhood or to Leslie Ney, our treasurer. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be January 7, 2019 at Marlene Brumbaugh's home, we are not meeting in December as we will be together a lot!!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/SHORTY

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

November 11th was an exciting opportunity for our preschool and religious school families to come together for a Global Day of Jewish Education. Together we learned about “Extraordinary Passages: Texts and Travels” along with congregations across the world - <https://www.theglobalday.org/>. Specifically, we explored the stories behind our secular and Hebrew names and of the journeys that brought each of our families to the Shenandoah Valley. We had lots of fun and engaging discussions. Everyone enjoyed the crafts and activities so much! Thanks so much to Valerie Kramer for our snack!

If you haven't already taken advantage – thanks so much to Sara Trantum and Jessica Levine for bringing back bagel bar to Sunday mornings. It is a wonderful opportunity to schmooze and connect our community and all the proceeds are going to a great cause – a new play set for the kids. Bagel bar opens around 8:45 each morning. Please make sure any religious school students have finished their food before 9:30. Remember – no food is permitted in the classroom, only water bottles and students should be ready to learn in their classrooms by 9:30 each Sunday!

All families are invited to join us on Sunday, December 9th for our Hanukkah celebration! There will be fun crafts and the students will be singing.

May the miracles of this holiday season be yours! Wishing you a very Happy Hanukkah!

L'shalom,

Dara & Liz

Co-principals



FAITH IN ACTION STATEMENT OF ISSUE FOR 2018

We have a dream of having our local jail become a model "greenhouse" for the rehabilitation and treatment of individuals awaiting their trial or completing their sentences. We believe jail budgets and programs should reflect such priorities and that families of inmates not be burdened with costs associated with the care of their loved ones.

We have a dream of reducing incarceration in our community by utilizing evidence-based alternative sanctions for low-risk offenders. We believe costly extended jail stays actually increase recidivism and reduce public safety as inmates lose positive connections to jobs and family while being exposed to a criminal environment that encourages anti-social behavior.

We have a dream of seeing our criminal justice system trend toward restorative rather than punitive responses to offenders. We believe the needs of victims should be a first priority, and that those causing others harm should be directly involved in repairing those harms and making appropriate restitution.

Therefore, we are committed to work with relevant policy makers and stakeholders to achieve the following in 2018:

1. Eliminate the financial burden of the \$1 per day fee currently paid by family members of inmates at our local jail and the \$3 charged for local inmates transferred to Middle River Regional Jail (as permitted, but not mandated, by VA Code Section 53.1-131.3). This is one of numerous high priority concerns expressed by family members of inmates that needs to be addressed.

2. Engage in a careful and open selection process for the hiring of a well qualified Community Justice Planner. This person would evaluate all criminal

justice programs and practices, make strategic recommendations for the best allocation of resources, and coordinate the legally mandated biennial update to the Community Criminal Justice Board's Community Corrections Plan (as stated in VA Code Section 9.1-175).

3. Establish protocols for all juvenile justice cases to be screened for a restorative justice process (see VA Code Section 16.1-278-.8). We will support transparent and community based steps in implementing restorative justice alternatives for adults and juveniles alike.

New Congregation List

A new congregation list will be readied soon. Is your address on last year's list accurate? Let me know if you have a new email address. We also list cell phone numbers. All this information is only used for temple communication. If you have a college age student, I can send them the temple newsletter via email or snail mail. We can also list the email address of young people. To keep expenses down, if you have been receiving the newsletter by mail but can now receive it via email, please let me know. Judy Freudenthal, 867-5648 or jfreudy@aol.com. Thank you.

Open Doors

We will be hosting Open Doors with the Islamic Center December 24- 31. Help is needed with scheduling, cooking, serving, smoke breaks, staying overnight (26, 27), and set up @ 7 am on 12/24. We will be serving dinner on 26th and 27th, breakfast on 27th and 28th. Please contact Gale Clemons at clemonsga@combats.net if you can help in any capacity.

Personal and hygiene items for Residents (adult women and children of all ages)

- shampoo/conditioner (full size)
- body wash/lotion (full size)
- diapers/pull ups (size 3,4,5,6)
- diaper rash cream/baby wipes
- shaving cream
- baby shampoo/oil/lotion/bath soap
- night clothes (all sizes)
- first aid supplies kits
- tweezers
- brushes/combs
- rubber mattress covers
- children's coloring books
- winter or rain boots (all sizes)
- handmade blankets/quilts
- winter hats/gloves (adults)
- eye masks
- deodorant
- bras (all sizes)
- manicure sets
- antibiotic ointment, alcohol, peroxide)
- flip flop/slippers (all sizes)
- maxi pads/tampons
- underwear (all sizes)
- sunglasses (children and adults)
- sunscreen
- adult coloring books
- journals
- 2016 calendars
- alarm clocks
- umbrellas

First Step 2016 Wish List



Shelter Supplies

- 13 Gallon and 30 gallon trash Bags
- bleach/no chlorine bleach
- dish detergent
- liquid hand soap
- towels/bath rugs
- shower curtains/liners
- twin size quilts, comforters and sheet sets
- sponges/Mr. Clean Erasers
- fabric softener
- wheeled storage bins with drawers
- bathroom/toilet cleaners
- disposable gloves
- coffee makers
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- hand sanitizer
- laundry stain remover
- under bed plastic storage containers
- laundry detergent (HE) sensitive skin
- toilet paper/paper towels
- new bed pillows
- wet and dry swiffers
- laundry baskets/bags

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Food

- shelf stable milk
- cereal
- crackers
- mayonnaise
- jelly
- canned fruit
- sugar/artificial sweetener
- boxed meals (i.e. hamburger helper)
- canned chicken/tuna/other meats
- cookies/graham crackers/granola bars
- spaghetti sauce
- juice (bottles, packets, and boxes)
- raisins/dried fruits
- cool aide/crystal light drink packets
- coffee (ground)
- bottles of water/Gatorade
- flour and spices
- baking powder/baking soda
- powdered creamer
- coffee filters (cylinder)
- hot chocolate mix
- Fresh fruit (oranges/apples)
- cooking oil
- canned soup/canned pasta
- tea bags
- cake/brownie mixes, icing
- pudding and Jello-cups
- packaged snack crackers

Gift Cards

At times First Step residents need things that First Step does not have (examples: perishable food, specific clothing and shoes for a job, gas to get to work or appointments, etc.) . Gift cards are used when there are no other community resources to provide the items.

- Dollar General
- Food Lion
- Roses
- Wal-Mart
- Ross
- Gas Stations
- Hair Salons
- Shoe Stores

House Warming Items

Small household items for residents moving into new apartments/homes.

- Electric pump air mattresses
- sheets and towels
- measuring cups/spoons
- dishes/cups/mugs/utensils
- can openers/spatulas
- pots/pans/bowls
- small appliances
- shower curtains/rings
- strollers/pack-in-plays

Office Supplies

- batteries (AAA,AA,C and D)
- lined pads of paper/journals/ notepads/notebooks
- business envelopes/stamps
- permanent markers



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GIFT WRAPPING

Sisterhood sponsored 8 foster children under the care of social services for Christmas gifts this year. These are some of the pictures of after shopping and wrapping gifts for these children ranging in ages from 1-15. What a wonderful mitzvah this was, it filled our hearts with joy to be able to help make this a little happier holiday for several children!

DECEMBER 2018

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 1
	6:30pm Beth El board meeting				6:30pm Family Shabbat activities	2pm Adult education - response to anti-Semitism in the Valley
					7:30pm Service by Rabbi Dyme	4:45pm Torah study
						5:45pm Havdallah
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SHORTY Meeting 5pm Chanukah dinner / First night of Chanukah	Hanukkah I (Holiday of lights)	Hanukkah II	Hanukkah III	Hanukkah IV	Hanukkah V	Hanukkah VI/Rosh Chodesh Tevet
					7:30pm Lay services	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Chili Cookoff	Hanukkah VIII				7:30pm Lay services	
Hanukkah VII						
9:30am Religious school at 9:30 / Chanukah activity at 11am						
1pm Chili cook-off						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30am Religious school	6:30pm Board Meeting				7:30pm Services by Rabbi Dyme	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
No religious school	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Meals for Open Doors (United Way of Harrisonburg)		7:30pm Lay services	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
No Religious School	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day				