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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).

JULY 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Board Meeting 6/21/2021

Welcome, Rabbi K-L! We are so excited to have Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner as our permanent rabbi! I have had the pleasure of getting to know him over the past few months and can't wait for all of you to do the same. I think you'll agree with me that he's wonderful. :-

At our June board meeting, we voted to move forward with installing solar panels. We have already had so many generous donations from members and friends that we agreed we have enough funds to get the ball rolling on the project. But we still need more money... and a new roof! So please consider donating. And look for some fun fundraising events coming up this year

Speaking of which, please mark your calendars for an outdoor movie night to benefit our fundraising campaign on Saturday, July 24th at 8:00 pm. Details to come.

I know many of you don't know me (I still feel like a newbie.), but I look forward to spending time with you all, hopefully in person, but at least virtually, in the coming months. And please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns, or comments.

Happy Summer!

Amanda

RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

I cannot express enough how delighted I am to be joining Beth El as your new rabbi. As many of you know, I have been on medical leave since August 2019. Returning to my career in YOUR congregation is giving me such great pleasure. Since my very first interview with your search committee, I felt the warmth you have as a community for each other and the respect you have for the importance of maintaining your traditions and heritage. Having served in smaller congregations in the past I know how each of you values the importance of supporting the community. You all know that if you do not support your community no one else will. From the leadership of your congregation, to the committees all the way to the students who teach in your religious school—you clearly have a great deal of passion and commitment to ensuring the success of Beth El Congregation. And from my conversations with my good friend Rabbi Grumbacher I know that serving your congregation is a rabbi's dream.

I really look forward to getting to know you. As you are aware, for now my position is entirely virtual. Recovering from transplant surgery, the medications I must take also compromise my immune system and there is currently insufficient data to guarantee the efficacy of the Covid 19 vaccine in patients on the medications I am taking. I am fully vaccinated but my physician has instructed me to act as if I am not. So for now my participation with you will have to remain virtual.

However, as we have learned during the pandemic there are so many ways to maximize the opportunities for virtual communication to enhance connection. Since last August I have been a volunteer rabbinic educator, teaching adult education at synagogues throughout North America. It has been a pleasure to connect with all of those smiling faces several times a week with the communities with which I have been participating.

Please keep an eye out for details on how we will get to know each other. Even though I will not be in the office I will make myself available to our members. Keep an eye out for opportunities. Check your email or get in touch with me! You can reach me at:

rabbijkl@bethel-harrisonburg.org or 540-908-4488. If I don't answer, please leave me a message.

I look forward to an exciting beginning for us. And I hope you all enjoy the summer!

Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner, July 2021

Leadership

Rabbi: Jeff Kurtz-Lendner
President: Amanda Friss
Vice President: Roni Goldberg
Treasurer: Ron Rubin
Recording Secretary: Phil Renick
Corresponding Secretary: Gale Clemons
At Large Member: Josh Shulruf
At Large Member Andy Kohen
Trustee: Les Mintzer
Trustee: Ron Ornstein
Trustee: Eric Rynar
Men's Club: Les Mintzer
Sisterhood : Sherri Alt
Past President Michelle Ornstein

BRIDGE EDITOR

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YAHREZEITS

03 Joseph Brooslin	1966	Ruth Clayman's Father
Ralph Miller	Member	
Shirley Borodkin		
04 Jerry Minskoff	2017	Member
05 Jessie Masnikoff		
06 Theresa Loewner	1937	
Edgar Wise	1882	
09 William Robinson	1949	Josh Robinson's Uncle
Carol S Ney	2004	Bill Ney's Mother
10 Nellie E Robinson	2009	Saul Robinson's Wife
Blanche Spitz Slott	2016	Chuck Slott's Mother
11 Regina Ney	1930	Bill Ney's, Eddie Ney's & Leo Zindler's Great Grandmother
12 Florine Ney	1995	Member
Max Wolf Landsman	2015	Lenore Stallard's father
13 Max Helbraun		Erwin Helbraun's Father
William Schechter	2017	Marlene Brumbaugh's Brother & Sherri Alt's Uncle
14 Vincent Elkind	1995	Member
16 Siegfried Meyers	1975	Member

Bernard Rubin		Dave Rubin's Father
Adrian Sonn	1995 Member	Responsible for the building of the new Temple
17 Molly Hirsch	1904 Member	
Mary N Loewner		
Gail Gorlitz	2017	Sara Trantum's step mom
19 Jack Neckowitz	1978	Alan Neckowitz' Father
21 Dorothy Fox		Marian Frankel's Mother
22 William Wender	1932	
24 Harry Lewin	1993	
25 George Becker	1986	
26 Samuel Klingstein	1912 Member	
Ronnetta(Ronnie) Kahn	2001 Member	
27 Henry Ney	1946 Member	
Emanuel Loewner	1980 Member	
28 Theresa Sissman		
29 Alvin Ney	1945 Member	
31 Leon Wise		
Louis Isaacs	1909 Member	
Maude Snyder		Gladys Ney's Sister

DONATIONS

Bo & Sandi Ros – Yahrzeit – William Piper

Valerie & Guy Stephens – Yahrzeits

Roger Nemoynton – Thanks to Beth El

Catherine Rodgers – Rabbi Discretionary Funds – Thank you to Rabbi Peter Grumbacher

Charles & Gale Clemons – Yahrzeit – Arnold Abriss

Arnold Kahn & Ellen Swecker – Yahrzeit – Greg H. Kahn

Eddie Ney & Margee Greenfield-Ney – Yahrzeit – Mildred Ney

Dorothy B. Yellin – General Donation and Thanks to Beth El

Leo Zindler – Yahrzeit – Pauline Zindler

George Harris – General Donation and Thanks to Beth El

Valerie Stephens – General Fund

Thank you to the following people who have donated to our Raise the Roof and Harness the Sun fundraising campaign.

Sondra J. & Steve Goad

Ron & Michelle Ornstein

Kent Palmer

Steven & Karen Sodikof

Suzanne Z. Paul

Elliott & Thea Golub

Joan Wachstein

Arnold Kahn & Ellen Swecker

Keith Nash

Ruth & Bary Berger

Mr. & Mrs. Hal Simonet

Catherine Rogers

Bob & Cathy Brookshire

Alan & Kate Neckowitz

Nancy D. Stewart

Daniel Bly

Bill & Leslie Ney

Edward Ney & Margee Greenfield-Ney

Don & Ethel Parsons

R.M. & Dale Brothers

Janice C. Swanson

Michael & Maureen Goldberger

Dorothy Yellin

Paula Max-Wright

Ronald Ney

Frances Flannery

Joan E. Strauss

Ron Rubin

Deanna Frankel

Eric & Jayne Rynar

Lois P. Poster

Gale Clemons

Fran Etner

Joan Funston and David Nahm

Ellen and Les Cohen

Phillip and Pamela Ungar


Phil Renick

Rosalyn L. Lieberman

Esther & Sandra Minskoff

Valerie & Guy Stephens

SOCIAL ACTION

<div data-bbox="159 401 467 541">  </div> <p>FirstStep Peaceful Families • Safe Communities</p> <p>**New items only</p> <p>please *** SAULT RESPONSE & SAFETY ITEMS:</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.

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				Rabbi K-L starts today!	7:30pm Shabbat Service	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Independence Day	Independence Day observed				7:30pm Shabbat Service	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					7:30pm Shabbat Service	Tisha B'Av Eve
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Tisha B'Av	6:30pm Board Meeting				7:30pm Shabbat Service	8pm Outdoor Movie Night
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					7:30pm Shabbat Service	