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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).

JUNE 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Board Meeting 5/17/21

FROM THE BOARD

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our annual meeting.

As evidenced by reports C-T, Beth El Congregation has had a very busy year.

To update, Rabbi Grumbacher will be joining Jewish Family Services in Wilmington next year, focusing on counseling in a pandemic world. (And less driving.)

Rabbi Grumbacher's last scheduled service on site in Harrisonburg is June 11 at 7:30PM.

The board welcomed Josh Shulruff as an at large member and thanked Rachelle Dorne for her active role as Technology Committee chair as she moves off the board.

We have adjusted our protocols to reflect recent guidelines from the CDC: If you have not been vaccinated, please be considerate of others by wearing a mask and practicing safety protocols.

Please continue to check our website calendar for information throughout the summer.

Next year marks a new phase for Beth El Congregation. Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner will start as our first full time rabbi, beginning July 1. We will have opportunities to connect again and to extend our friendships within our Beth El community which has expanded. This summer we will have an outdoor movie fundraising event on July 24, 2021, with a rain date of July 31.

I hope to see you there!

Michelle Ornstein

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi! For those of you who don't know me, I'd just like to introduce myself. My name is Amanda and my husband, Evan, and I have lived in Harrisonburg for 9 years with our two boys, Miles (age 9) and Quincy (age 6). Our boys attend the religious school and I've been on the board now for a while, first as a Member-At-Large and then as Vice President this past year.

Honestly, I'm a little nervous about being President, but I promise to do my best and keep everyone's best interests at heart.

I want to thank those members of the board who are staying on for their (sometimes MANY MANY) years of service and welcome to Josh Shulruff for joining us. (And a special thanks to Roni Goldberg for agreeing to be VP.) Also, thank you, thank you, thank you, to Michelle Ornstein for valiantly leading the ship and for all the help she's given me and I know will continue to give me.

One more thanks to Rabbi Grumbacher, who was here when we needed him, even if it couldn't be HERE here.

Just two more things....

Please consider donating to help us get a new roof and install solar panels. Both are important (and expensive) projects. There will be an outdoor movie night July 24th to help raise money. More info on that soon!

July 1st we will welcome Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner (Rabbi K-L) as our full-time rabbi. He is fantastic and excited to be our rabbi. I hope you will all enjoy getting to know him in the months (and years!) ahead.

Okay, make that three more...

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or anyone else on the board with questions, comments, or just to say hello! We are a small (but mighty!) community in a small town and it's important for us all to stay connected. Board meetings for June, July and August will be the third Monday of the month at 6:30, on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please get in touch and we will share the Zoom link with you.

Thanks!

Amanda

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

"June is busting out all over," a song from Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Carousel*, emphasizes the excitement of the month. Summer is welcomed in June, and of course, Father's Day is as well. But "busting out all over" is not how I would define my reaction to June inasmuch as this is the last month I'll be with you. I couldn't imagine that I'd be back in "the Burg" a half-century since I served as student-rabbi, but I'm sure glad I accepted the invitation. And this is why...I was impressed by the quality of your lay leadership. I was pleasantly surprised about your religious school, specifically the students' knowledge of the Hebrew required for Bat/Bar Mitzvah. I was shocked by your children's commitment to their congregation and their own Jewishness. "Shocked"? Yes, when I asked the B'nai Mitzvah what they were looking forward to as they approached their rite-of-passage, I was expecting to hear, "gifts," or "the party." But I heard, "Then we can teach in our school." Wow!

I was moved by the kindness shown by congregants, in word and deed. I was so glad that you were open to change brought about by the pandemic but also by my unique way of doing things, especially worship. I was happy that our adult education programs were well-received, especially our joint programs with Staunton's Temple House of Israel. Attendance by more than the "usual suspects" would have warmed my heart a bit more, but, hey, it's quality over quantity, right? I was relieved that, for the most part, you remained healthy during this difficult time. Stay that way! I appreciated the responses I received from my "My Word!" and "My (Occasional) Word!" articles as well as those I wrote for *The Bridge*. And above all, I was delighted beyond words that I wasn't booted out of Beth El because of my jokes and my other quirky inanities. My philosophy has always been, "In this profession

you need a sense of humor to survive!"Well, Baruch Ha-Shem, Praise the Eternal!" that for forty-nine years it's worked...for better or worse Be good to Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner as you were to me. You'll grow in so many ways with him as your spiritual leader. Not shalom , "Goodbye," rather l'hitraot, "See you soon, I hope!" It took me a half-century the last time, hopefully not that long this time (and that was my final joke!!).

* ...but I'll keep writing my (occasional) My Word! Articles 'til the bitter end!

Leadership

Rabbi: Peter Grumbacher
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

01 Dora Brill		Molly Katzen's Mother
02 Setta Scheuer	1894	
Marie A Good	1980	Estelle Robinson's Mother
William Piper		Sandi Rose's Father
Samuel Horn	1924 Member	
Marvin V Mondres	2006 Member	
Lila Hyman	2006	Joyce Helbraun's Sister
05 Bernard Ney	1961 Member	
F Rita Kaslow	2001 Member	
06 Pauline Zindler	2002 Member	Leo Zindler's Mother
Leopold Wise	1885 Member	
07 Baby Samuel	1912	
08 Manuel Levine	1987	Janet Kohen's Father
09 Barbara Prudoff	2016	Sara Trantum's mom
10 Leo Zindler Sr.	1968 Member	Leo Zindler's Father
Margene Ward	2008	Michelle Ornstein's Mother
11 Anna Meyers		
Estelle Handler		Lenny Handler's Mother
12 Joseph Funston		Jay Funston's Father

Gertrude Davidson

14 Fred Bersson	2005	Bob Bersson's Brother
Dave Merlin	2007 Member	
15 Miriam Hirsch	Member	
17 Elon Brand		Rafael & Shirley Brand's Son (THOI)
19 Herbert Kaslow	1986 Member	
21 Emma Ney	1876	First Person Buried in Beth El Cemetery
David Blatt	1980	Franklin Blatt's Uncle
22 Hyman Golub		Elliott Golub's Father
23 Anna Klingstein	1922 Member	
24 Albert F Miller	2000	Mona Wolf's Father
25 Joseph Fox		
Elisa Tomaszeski	2004	Anne Mintzer's Granddaughter
26 Steven Nemoytin		Gene & Irma Nemoytin's Son
27 Lawrence Meyers		
28 Herbert Gould		Alan Gould's Father
Stanley Figgatt	1943 Member	
Morris Spiro	1940 Member	
29 William Obersig	1913	

DONATIONS

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

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

Charles and Gale Clemons – Yahrzeit – Arnold Abriss

'Raise the Roof and Harness the Sun

We started the Fundraising Appeal for the New Roof and Solar project. The levels of donations: General, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond.

Our heartfelt thanks to Beth El's Friends and Family who have made such generous donations.

Diamond

Mrs. Marvin Poster

Platinum

Kent Palmer

Silver

Deanna Frankel

Nancy Stewart

Phil & Pam Unger

Bronze

Bob & Cathy Brookshire

Ellen & Les Cohen

Steve & Sondra Goad

David Nahm

Ron & Sue Ney

Don & Ethel Parsons

Joan Strauss

Joan Wachstein

Other

Fran Etner

Mrs. Rosalyn Selber Lieberman

Keith Nash


Suzanne Paul

Harold & Barbara Simonetti

Janice Swanson

Dorothy Yellin

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	

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Memorial Day				7:30pm SHORTY Shabbat Service	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12pm SHORTY Meeting					7:30pm Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Grumbacher	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					7:30pm Shabbat Lay Service	Juneteenth
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day	6:30pm Board Meeting				7:30pm Shabbat Lay Service	
12pm Shorty Meeting						
27	28	29	30	1	2	3