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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).*

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

## ***A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT***

From the Beth El Board meeting:

As we organize for the year, consider joining a committee. There are spots available: Building & Grounds, Youth Activities (post Religious School), Legal Committee, Fund Raising Committee, and Adult Education Committee.

Work on the building and grounds continues. Thank you Stu Liss for spearheading the installation of the new lights in the parking lot. Donations to the Building Fund are always appreciated. Thank you to Ben Harris for his Bar Mitzvah project benefiting the Building Fund.

Welcome to new member families Abe and Roni Goldberg and children Leo (8) and Hazel (5) and Josh Shulruff and Jaime Lee and daughter Ana (4). We also wish Dr. Heidi Rafferty well and she heads off to new adventures. If you know of anyone potentially interested in membership, please let me or anyone on the membership committee know. Updated brochures about the Temple are available thanks to Ron Rubin.

The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be Sunday, September 16th @ 6PM.

As a point of information, the board decided to have a series of adult education sessions this year on the topic of how to respond to hate groups.

We recognize that we are not immune to the state, national and international rise in white supremacy propaganda and mindset.

Rabbi Dyme is looking forward to finally getting to the Valley. High Holy Days preparation is underway. Please respond to the ritual committee ASAP.

Once Leslie, Amanda, & Margee have collected information, they will send out confirmations regarding High Holy Day honors and readings.

We will collect food for First Step for our annual food drive. Take an empty bag home on Rosh Hashanah and bring it back full on Yom Kippur.

More information about babysitting will follow in a separate email.

Security for the High Holy Days will be provided.

If you are willing to lead a lay service, please contact me the next few weeks. We are creating a list of lay leaders and are setting up a schedule for the year. Thanks!

Calendar:

August 24: Rabbi Dyme

August 26: First day of Religious School

August 26 @ 2:00 Chuck Slott's Memorial service

August 31: Family Shabbat starting at 6:30 (No potluck)

September 7 : Potluck @ 6:30 Lay services @ 7:30

September 9: Erev Rosh Hashanah @ 8:00

September 10: Rosh Hashanah @ 10:00 / Tashlich

September 14: Rabbi Dyme

September 16: Yizkor service

September 17: Board meeting @ 6:30

September 18: Kol Neidre @ 8:00

September 19: Yom Kippur 10:00-1:00 / Resume @ 3:00

September 21: Potluck @6:30 Lay services @ 7:30

September 23: Religious School Sukkoth

September 28: Pizza in the Hut /Lay services

September 30: Religious School Simchat Torah

***FROM THE RABBI'S DESK***

Dear Beth El Congregation,

Wishing you all a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, a good and sweet year.

Rabbinic Intern Ben Dyme

***Leadership***

Student Rabbi: Ben Dyme

President: Michelle Ornstein

Vice President: Josh Linder

Treasurer: Bill Ney

Secretary: Phil Renick

Corresponding Secretary: Gale Clemons

Trustee: Lester Mintzer

Trustee: Bill Ney

Trustee: Ron Ornstein

Past President: Andy Kohen

At large member: Ron Rubin

At large member: Linda Kohn

At large member Amanda Friss

Sisterhood President: Sherri Alt + Rebekah Greenfield

Men's Club President: Lester Mintzer

Religious School Principals: Dara Hall + Liz Webb

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## YAHREZEITS

02 Lena Paul Miller	Member	
03 Beverly Zindler	2011 Member	
05 Rose Minskoff	1942	Jerry Minskoff's Mother
Edythe Sanders	1959	Bill Ney's & Leo Zindler's Great Aunt
James Handley	2015	Mary Handley's father
06 Arthur H Hirsch	1940 Member	
Thomas Blatt	1956 Member	Franklin Blatt's Uncle
Dr. Alfred Agrin	2004	Cathy Brookshire's Father
08 Rabbi Stephen Levinsohn		Student Rabbi at Beth El
Norman Kaiser		Paula Kaiser's Father
10 Lee G Loewner	1936 Member	
11 Alfred Raff	1981	Irma Nemoytin's Father
Gilbert Litvin	1969	Herb Rodbell's Cousin
12 Sidra Nemoytin Dubell	1993 Member	
16 Fannie Myerberg		
Harry Blatt	1959 Member	Frank Blatt's Father
Bertha B Kaye		Ruth Clayman's Sister
Barbara Clayman Callihan	1990	Harry & Ruth Clayman's Daughter
Beth A Ney	2000 Member	Eddie Ney's Mother
18 Roslyn Loewner	1940 Member	
Solomon Loewner	1927 Member	
Gladys Wise	1919 Member	
Joseph Ney	1988	Bill Ney's Father
19 John "Bud" Shapiro	2008	Becky Mintzer's Father
20 Simon Marrick	1972	
Samuel R. Nebelkopf	1961	Shirley Merlin's Father
21 Kattie Ney	1877 Member	
23 Kalman Meyer	1964	Joyce Helbraun's Father
25 Berdie F Ney	1942 Member	
Kattie Iseman	1909	
Nettie Berney		
Theodore Weiss	1952 Member	
Ben Handler	1973	Lenny Handler's Father
Sara Loewner	1982 Member (Sissy)	
27 Samuel Fisher	1968	
Alexander Nemoytin	1967	Gene Nemoytin's Father
29 Belle Neckowitz		Alan Neckowitz's Mother
Julius Berman		Lenny Berman's Father
Charles Rodbell	1968	Herb Rodbell's Father

## ***DONATIONS***

### ***To the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund***

In Memory of Joyce Helbraun

Nancy Stewart in memory of John Stewart (Her husband)

Sheri Alt in memory of William Schechter.

Lois Poster in memory of Jord Poster (Her Son) and Marvin Poster (Her Husband)

Eddie Ney & Margee Greenfield Ney in memory of Irving Ney (Eddie's Father)

Allen Poster in memory of Rose Carr (His Mother)

In Memory of Chuck Slott

Bill & Leslie Ney

Esther Minskoff

Ron Rubin Donation of new Beth El Brochures

Esther Minskoff in honor of the unveiling of Jerry Minskoff's Headstone.

Michael & Nancy Clayman in memory of Jerry Minskoff & Joyce Helbraun

### ***To the General Fund***

Penny Williams

George Harris

## ***SISTERHOOD***

Sisterhood: As many of you know, I recently had total knee replacement surgery. I am recovering slowly . We just wanted to reach out and let you know that sisterhood board is working quietly right now to get things started for us. A sign up will be coming out soon for you to choose an oneg to host. We are working on Rosh Hashanah as well, think ahead of either bringing something to share for this special oneg or making a donation to help offset costs. Please follow as more information will be coming.

I would like to thank our wonderful community, everyone who has provided meals and visits and rides to physical therapy, phone calls to check on me. You have helped my entire family more than you will know. Pop is also still going to physical therapy for his shoulder, we are a bit of a mess right now but moving forward. Thank you all so very much.

Sherri

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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.

### 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
- 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
- boxed meals (i.e. hamburger helper)
- 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



### First Step

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# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:30am <b>First day of religious school. Parent meeting at 9:30am</b>					7pm <b>Children's prelude ~ Lay services at 7:30pm</b>	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<b>Labor Day</b>					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Erev Rosh Hashana</b>	<b>Rosh Hashana (New Year)</b>	<b>Rosh Hashana II (New Year day 2)</b>				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>12:30pmSHORTY MEETING</b>	<b>6:30pmBoard Meeting</b>	<b>Erev Yom Kippur</b>	<b>Yom Kippur</b>			
<b>NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet @ 6PM.</b>						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>Erev Sukkot</b>	<b>Sukkot I</b>	<b>Sukkot II</b>	<b>Sukkot III</b>	<b>Sukkot IV</b>	<b>Sukkot V Pizza in the Hut</b>	<b>Sukkot VI</b>
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Sukkot VII/Hoshanah Rabah</b>	<b>Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah</b>					

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