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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).

FEBRUARY 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The president's report from the board (1/21/19)

Josh Linder reported that he had a good conversation with the new president of Hillel.

We will continue to create ways to rebuild our connection with Hillel.

In an effort to improve our security at Beth El, a new doorbell has been installed.

The board approved a motion that the front door be locked during Religious School hours

once classes have begun. The board approved additional security measures

recommended by Hawk Security. More information to follow. The new date for Avoid/ Deny/

Defend and Stop the Bleed is April 6 starting @ 1:00. Thank you to Leslie Ney and the

Sisterhood for providing the Bleeding Control Kit located atop the AED.

The Rabbi Search committee has submitted our ad which will be listed in several sources

on a monthly basis. This is listed as either a full or part time position. The committee will

monitor and report responses as they emerge.

Social action continues to provide opportunities for community involvement. Linda Kohen

provided information from Faith in Action outlining a number of issues on tap at the General

Assembly. The link on our website should provide specifics.

We acknowledged the number of events in the Harrisonburg area to commemorate the life of

Dr. Martin Luther King.

Les Mintzer thanked Bill Ney and others for helping with our recent Interfaith Dinner. It was a

very successful event led by Rabbi Dyme and Pastor Jennifer Sensenig from Community

Mennonite Church. Men's Club Shabbat is February 8. Sisterhood continues to be busy and

supportive of needs of the Temple at large. Their next meeting is February 4. In addition, the

WRJ District Board spring meeting that will be held at Beth El on March 31. (Margee Greenfield

currently sits on this board.)

In a follow up discussion of Open Doors this year, we endorsed our current commitment, but

acknowledged our responsibility to provide for overnight coverage (male) for two nights. The prospective dates for next year are December 23 through December 29. Thank you, Gale Clemmons, for your leadership.

Any information that goes to the website should be sent through one of our three representatives: Men's Club rep, Sisterhood rep, and Andy Kohen (Social Action, Youth Group, Religious School and other.) Contact Michelle Ornstein if you have additional questions.

The Membership list is ready and will be updated twice a year. Additionally, the board will be apprised of changes as they occur. Judy Freudenthal is the manger of this list. In order to keep our information as accurate as possible, please notify Judy if you have changes throughout the year.

Amanda Friss presented a new idea in place of the bazaar this year: Pizza Bingo! More information forthcoming as soon as the date and details are firm.

Please check out the bulletin board for regular updates. Michelle

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Dear All,

I hope that your January and February/ Sh'vat and Adar are going well. I'll be with you in the Valley again February 1-3, and 15-17. Please join me for Friday Night Services and Saturday evening Torah study and Havdallah. On Friday February 1, SHORTY will lead services, and I'll read from the Torah.

To recap, in Parshat Beshalakh, which I read from on Friday, January 18, the Israelites sang the Song of the Sea, a song of praise to God for allowing them to cross the Red Sea, and then preventing the Egyptians from catching them. In my sermon, I discussed what it meant that God the warrior redeemed us, and for our joy to come at the expense of others' suffering. Then on Saturday, January 19, we had our Interfaith Dinner with the Community Mennonite Church. We read over the Song of the Sea, and then used other texts to focus our gaze upon the Torah portion and spark discussion.

Looking ahead, in Mishpatim, the portion which I'll read from on February 1, Moses outlines some of God's laws on kashrut and holiday observance. On Friday February 15, I'll read from the Torah portion Tetzaveh, in which God instructs Moses on how the priests should prepare themselves so that God will accept their sacrifices on behalf of the people.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again in February, and hope all is well in the meantime.

Best wishes,

Rabbinic Intern 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	Emmanuel Loewner	1894 Member	
	Harry Weiss		
	Morris Myers		
04	Helen Margulis Simon		Fred Simon's Mother
	Saul Perlman	2010	Milton's Brother
05	Fannie Wise	1877 Member	
	Pauline Peck		Beverly Zindler's Mother
06	Rae Trubitz		Mark Trubitz' Mother
09	Fannie Goldsmith	1933 Member	
	Hortense Wise		
	Harry Moodnick	1982	Ann Mintzer's Brother
10	Jennie Auerbach	1987	Suzi Trubitz' Grandmother
	Ada Robinson	1975 Member	Josh Robinson's Mother
12	Abel Miller	1945 Member	
	Hannah Nusbaum	1937	
13	James Moneyhun	2003	Hillary Krohn's Son
14	A J Goldenthal Member		
	Rosella Wender	2003 Member	
15	Fannie Loewner Ney	1946 Member	Eddie Ney's Grandmother
17	Gloria Simon	2011	Dale Brothers' Mother
19	Ruth Frankel	1975	Dave Frankel's Mother
20	Lillie Hirsch	1956 Member	
	Anna Rodbell		Herb Rodbell's Mother
	A J Goldenthal		Marilyn Goldenthal's Husband
21	Adolph Wise	1928 Member	
22	Emanuel Klingstein	1971 Member (Cap)	
24	Charles Moore		Cleda Frankel's Father
	Milton Mitchell		Jerry Minskoff's Brother
25	Julia Hirsch Canning	1945	
	Samuel Loewner	1894 Founding Member	Made the Ten Commandment Tablets above the Torahs
	Herman Heller		
	Sydney Nathanson		
	Joseph Strauss	1983	Mark Strauss' Father
26	Ida Fielder	2002	Arnie Kahn's Mother-In -Law
	Rabbi Lynne Landsberg	2018	
28	Sam Lane	2007	Stuart Liss' Uncle

DONATIONS

To the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

The Trubitz Family Trusts in memory of many loved ones

Arnie Kahn in memory of his father (Lester Kahn).

Mike & Mo Goldberger in memory of Mike's mother (Sadye Goldberger).

Stu & Judy Liss in memory of Judy's mother (Helen Rotkin Levenson).

Estelle Robinson in memory of her husband (Josh Robinson).

To the General Fund

The Gorlitz Foundation Ltd.

Penny Williams

Bill & Leslie Ney in memory of Irma Nemoytin

Josh Shulruff & Jamie Lee in celebration of the birth of their son Ezra with special gratitude to Phil Renick, Bary Berger, & Rabbi Intern Ben Dyme for the help with the Brit Milah.

The Irma Nemoytin Trust

To the Janet Kohen Memorial Music Fund

Arthur (Mark) Zawatsky

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will be hosting the Lions Club on Tuesday January 29th with our dinner and meeting to follow. The Men's Club will be leading Shabbat Service on Friday February 8th. All men are encouraged to participate. Contact Les Mintzer at les330@aol.com

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/SHORTY

SHORTY Update

SHORTY enjoyed a fun Chanukkah celebration with 16 of us at dinner at Sakura and then a fun 'Hanukkah Harry' gift exchange. Then a small group of us got together to bake cookies and muffins for Open Doors. Now we are preparing for our ski weekend on February 1st and 2nd. We hope everyone will come out to join us on February 1st for SHORTY's ski weekend service at 7:30pm!

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy, and peaceful 2019!



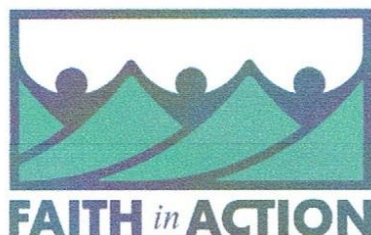
SHORTYites baking for Open Doors

Religious & Preschool Update

Our religious and preschool children and families returned from winter break with enthusiasm on January 6th, only to be thwarted on Sunday, January 13th by the snowy weather, and then reinvigorated the following week by a celebration of Tu Be'Shevat – the New Year of the Trees. We enjoyed a delicious seder of fruits and nuts (and some brownies too)! Thank you so much to our parents who helped prepare and bring food – Paula Max-Wright, Amanda Friss and her mom, and Valerie Kramer. It was a lovely celebration!

Please join us on Saturday, March 2nd for the Religious School Shabbat Service at 10:00am!

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.

Bleeding Control Kit in Social Hall

There is now a Bleeding Control Kit in a red bag that sits on top of the AED in the Social Hall.

In it are tourniquets, gauze rolls, gloves and trauma scissors.

Buildings where groups of people meet are advised to not only have an AED but also bleeding control supplies nearby in the event of an emergency.

Beth El Congregation proudly now has both with the health and welfare of the congregation a priority.





First Step Wish List

SHELTER SUPPLIES

eraser sponges (Mr. Clean Magic Erasers)
clorox or lysol wipes
wet & dry swiffer refills
bleach & no chlorine bleach
bathroom/toilet cleaners
borax
hand sanitizer
dish detergent
liquid hand soap
disposable gloves
trash bags (13 & 30 gallon)
toilet paper
paper towels
laundry detergent (HE & sensitive skin)
fabric softener
laundry stain remover
laundry baskets
wheeled storage bins with drawers
under bed plastic storage containers
towels
bath rugs
hotel grade shower curtains
heavy duty shower liners
new bed pillows
twin size bedding & linen sets
rubber mattress covers
coffee makers

PERSONAL ITEMS

shampoo, conditioner, & body wash (full size)
African American hair products
sunscreens & body lotion (full size)
vaseline
shaving cream & razors
deodorant
maxi pads & tampons
baby shampoo, oil, lotion, & bath soap
diaper rash cream
baby wipes
diapers & pull ups (size 3, 4, 5, 6)
first aid supplies
antibiotic ointment, alcohol, & peroxide
tweezers & baby nail clippers
manicure sets & eye masks
hair brushes & combs
pajamas, bras, & underwear
sneakers, rain boots, & croc style shoes
flip flops & slippers
sunglasses
purple draw string bags
alarm clocks
umbrellas
purse sized flashlights
journals
adult coloring books
infant & toddler toys

Don't have time to go out to the store? Shop and order through smile.amazon.com and choose "First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence" as the designated charity! A portion of your purchase will be donated to First Step at NO EXTRA CHARGE TO YOU! Have items delivered to:

First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence at 129 Franklin St. Harrisonburg, VA 22801

FOOD

crackers & packaged snacks
saltine crackers
cereal & oatmeal
cookies & graham crackers
granola bars
flour, baking powder, & baking soda
instant noodles, pasta, & soup
spaghetti sauce

cooking oil
pudding & jell-o cups
cake & brownie mixes, icing
raisins & dried fruit
fresh fruit (oranges/apples)
water bottles
sports drinks
juice (bottles, packets, & boxes)
drink mixes (kool-aid, crystal light, etc.)
shelf stable milk (liquid & powdered)

ground coffee
tea bags
powdered & individual creamers
coffee filters (cylinders)
sugar & artificial sweeteners
condiments & spices
peanut butter & jelly
canned chicken, tuna, & other meat

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Small household items for residents moving into new apartments or homes! #housewarming

electric pump air mattresses
sheets & towels
measuring cups & spoons
dish sets, cups, mugs, & utensils
can openers & spatulas
pots/pans/bowls
small appliances
shower curtains & rings
strollers
pack-n-plays

Specific items can be found on our wish lists at Wal-Mart and Target. Just add those items to your cart, check out, & ship to First Step or drop them off! If you have any questions, give us a call at (540) 434-0295.

GIFT CARDS

At times, First Step residents need items that First Step does not have (i.e. perishable food, job specific clothing & shoes, gas for vehicle, 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
Barber shops
Clothing & shoe stores

TARGET WISH LIST

tgt.gifts/FirstStep-129

OFFICE SUPPLIES

batteries (AAA, AA, C, & D)
accordion folders
lined notepads & journals
notebooks
business envelopes
stamps
permanent markers
highlighters
binders
dividers
loose leaf paper
scissors
pencil pouches & boxes
pencil sharpeners

WAL-MART REGISTRY

go to:
<https://www.walmart.com/cp/3774807>
and search:
"First Step"
we're the first & only ones!

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		6pmLion's Club dinner, sponsored by Beth El Men's Club			7:30pmServices by Rabbi Dyme	Ski Weekend
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ski Weekend SHORTY Meeting					7:30pmMen's Club Shabbat	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Valentine's Day	7:30pmServices by Rabbi Dyme	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Presidents' Day (regional holiday) 6:30pmBoard Meeting				7:30pmLay services	
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
		6pmLion's Club dinner, sponsored by Beth El Men's Club				Religious School Shabbat