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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).

JANUARY 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our new website manager is Lindsey Noble. (Thanks to Ronn Daniel for his years of service.)

Please continue to send updates to the president at this time of transition.

The Adult Ed. held on December 1, was very informative. Rabbi Dyme will be compiling his notes which will be available to the congregation.

The Building Committee's initial survey to the board identified the outdoor sculpture on the front of the building as a priority. The committee would like to target three needs for a fund raising drive: the sculpture, the playground, and general maintenance of the building.

Anyone making a donation can specify the need they would like to support. More information will be available soon.

The Library Committee will send out an update of books recently donated by the family of Chuck Slott. As the library reaches capacity, books will be evaluated periodically and, if pulled, will be available to the congregation before being donated to another source.

The Rabbi Search Committee continues to move forward.

Men's Club reported that the Interfaith dinner will be with Community Mennonite Church on January 19th.

Please respond to Les Mintzer.

Sisterhood reported that they bought, wrapped, and donated gifts for 8 children through Harrisonburg-Rockingham social services for foster children. Both the chili cook-off and the Chanukah dinner were successes.

Thank you to Ron Rubin for his assistance with wrapping premade meals which are now available when needed.

Open Doors is on schedule. Both Men's Club and Sisterhood are preparing food.

Please mark your calendars for our safety training on January 12 @ 1:30. Sgt. Grubbs of the HPD will lead the training. A separate email will be sent out. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Welcome to Rachelle Dorne, our newest member!

Liz Webb reached out to the board, and therefore the congregation for a personal request to encourage bone marrow registration for her friend's daughter who was recently diagnosed with Falcon Anemia. While some current members are already registered, we understand that some, including extended family and friends may not be registered. We will send out details once Liz has the contact & procedures information.

Michelle

Leadership

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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

YAHREZEITS

01 Bertha Hammer		Member
Margaret Stein		John Stewart's Mother
Isadore Pfeffer		
Dora Brill	1966	
Sadye Goldberger	2007	Mike Goldberger's Mother
02 Bertha Wise	1887	Original Member
Samuel Clayman	1980	Harry Clayman's Father
Eleanor Stoloff,		Marjorie Huisinga's Mother
03 Samuel Ney	1902	Infant Child
Lester Kahn		Arnie Kahn's Father
Karen Vanderhoof	2009	Dale Brothers' Sister
04 Mary Helbraun		Erwin Helbraun's Mother
05 Emma Hirsch Isaacs	1962	Member
06 Leopold Wise	1885	Founding Member
Max Hirsch	1955	Made donation for new temple
Elsie K Cohn		
Richard Banker		Roberta Stein's Father
08 Leonard Hirsch	1909	
Rosa Isaacs		
Lillian Hamburg		
09 Baby Spiro	1917	

	Helen Rotkin Levenson	1965		Judy Liss' Mother
	Shirley Baron			Cindy Baron's Mother
10	Paul Miller	1944	Member	
	Anna Weiss			
	Dee Goldstein	2007		Lisa Giovanetti's Mother
11	Pearl Loewner Gravely		Member	
	Isadore Iseman	1948		
	Verne Slater	1934	Member	
12	Baby Klingstein	1887		
	Elaine Schreiber			Eugene Schreiber's Wife, Gina Jarmin's Mother
13	Bruno Stein			
	Gerald Greenfield			Margee Greenfield's Father
14	Rose Levine	1992		Janet Kohen's Mother
15	Hulda Ney Iseman	1960	Member	
	Sam Weiss			
16	Sadye Robinson	1941	Member	
17	Beatrice Winoker			
	Marjorie Lichtenstein			Joan Funston's Mother
19	Harry Weiss			
20	Sophia Wurtzberger	1943	Member	
23	Beulah (Bootie) Klingstein		Member	
24	Fannie Wise	1877	Member	
	Nathan Gelman			
25	Harry Clayman	2007	Member	
26	Leroy Loewner	1953	Member	
27	Henry Robinson	1978	Member	Josh Robinson's Father
28	Abe B Zindler Sr			Leo Zindler's Grandfather
	Jay Funston	1997	Member	Joan Funston's Husband
29	William Stein			John Stewart's Father
	Minnie Zindler Finger			Leo Zindler's Aunt
30	Vera Levine	1998		Joyce Helbraun's Sister
31	Lessie Hirsch Baum	1942		
	Shirley Goodman Saletan			Suzi Trubitz' Mother

DONATIONS

To the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

Mona Wolf In Memory of her Mother (Sophie Miller)

Ruth A. Strauss In Memory of her Father (Mark Strauss)

To the Building Improvement Fund

Bill & Leslie Ney

To the General Fund

Penny Williams

SISTERHOOD

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare our awesome Hanukkah meal! And thank you to everyone who came and ate our awesome meal! It was a lovely evening being together on the first night of Hanukkah and lighting our candles, saying the blessings together as a congregation with family and friends. Congratulations to Ronni for winning the 50-50 raffle.

Our annual chili cook off fell on a perfect day for chili as it snowed all day! Thank you so much to all who prepared delicious chili and those who were able to be there for a while with the snow! The football game was as bad as the weather but the food was great and company as well. Here's to next year and all the chili makers are expected to enter the cook off next year!!

Sisterhood bought, wrapped and delivered presents to 8 children under foster care with Harrisonburg/Rockingham Social Services . We were delighted to be able to make these children happy for their Christmas holiday. Thank you Gale Clemons for making this happen, thank you to the shoppers, myself, Marlene Brumbaugh, Leslie Ney and Jessica Levine. It was a lovely mitzvah!

We will be having our next meeting on Monday, January 7 at 6 pm at Marlene Brumbaugh's home, more information to follow.

Any questions, please call Sherri, 820-3962!

Sherri Alt, Rebekah Greenfield

Sisterhood Co-presidents

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/SHORTY

Happy New Year! Religious School and Preschool had a very short instructional month with winter break in December... but we sure had some fun! Our Chanukkah celebration was great - our students regaled us with their singing. We had so much fun with wonderful crafts including painting canvases, dreidels, and hand print menorahs, making latkes, eating donuts and watching the snow fall! Thank you to the Anderson-Brannon family, the Goldberg family, and the Linder family for their help in making this a special event!

Religious School will resume on Sunday, January 6th. Please mark your calendars for our Tu Be'Shevat Seder on January 20th. We look forward to having you join us at 11:00.



Pictures of Alef and Bet students singing during our Chanukkah celebration.



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.

Mazal Tov

On the arrival of Ezra Shulruff to Josh Shulruff and Jaime Lee, and now big sister, Ana ! Welcome to the extended Beth El Family!!!



Mona and Zissel wrapping Christmas gifts at Barnes and Noble. An annual Sisterhood Fundraising event!



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
 sunscreen & 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!

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
No Religious School	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day			7:30pm Service by Rabbi Dyme	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SHORTY Meeting	6 pm Sisterhood Meeting				7:30pm Lay services	1:30pm Security safety training: Avoid, deny, defend
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					7:30pm Services by Rabbi Dyme	5:30pm Interfaith dinner with Community Mennonite Church @Beth El
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Religious School Tu Be'Shevat	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6:30pm Board Meeting					
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		6pm Lion's Club dinner, sponsored by Beth El Men's Club				