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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 2019***

## ***A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, report from the board 5/20/19***

Although summer is approaching, we remain busy at Beth El. Please know a separate summer calendar is in the works and will be available soon. Summer Shabbat potlucks organized by Mary Handley will resume on Friday, June 7 @ 6:30.

Beth El was well represented at the recent *Many Voices of Harrisonburg* event, including Dara, Danielle, & Madeline Hall as the Jewish contingency for Peace Camp. (Please contact Dara if you want more information about Peace Camp.)

The 2019-2020 budget was passed. We endorsed a one-time security surcharge to address additional security expenses. The trustees have met to formulate specific plans and additions to our existing systems, some of which will require a change in our awareness and approach. We will continue to update the congregation as plans are enacted. We recognize that security is a complex endeavor and that we have a range of perspectives regarding security within the Beth El Community. With this in mind, we are taking the advice of trained law enforcement individuals such as Sgt. Grubbs of the Harrisonburg Police Department who recently led our safety workshop. The roof has been fixed. Thank you to Stu Liss for your diligence.

The social action committee spoke about about HIAS, a Jewish non-profit with a long history of helping refugees. A link to the organization should be on our website. Ron motioned that we make a \$36 donation to the organization of Linda Kohen's choice in honor of Linda's service on the board. Andy Kohen reported that Faith in Action continues to with their agenda, in particular, they are trying to reform the local criminal justice system. The board voted to support a Kalunu speaker this year. Eric Kramer has volunteered to coordinate the event.

Men's Club Les reports that they cooked spaghetti for the Friendship Church Ministries recently with a great turnout of volunteers from Beth El. We will have another opportunity to do this again in the Fall. The corned beef sales went well. The next Men's Club meeting will be on June 19. The current leadership will continue for the Men's Club for an additional year. Sisterhood purchased children's toys with a swimming/ beach theme as a donation to First Step, and Becky Mintzer delivered the items.

Religious School celebrated its last day with a picnic and Lag B'Omer games at Oakdale Park.

We will continue with transitions this year as we say goodbye to Rabbi Ben and welcome to Rabbi Grumbacher. Please know that there are many opportunities to get involved, share your expertise, or simply just help out. I will be posting specific areas of needed help throughout the year:

One need that has recently emerged is that we need a volunteer to work with the archive committee to transition our archive materials to the Cloud. Please contact one of the committee members (Andy Kohen, Bill Ney, or Dan Bly) or me if you are able to do this. Thanks!

Michelle Ornstein, board president

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

Dear Members and Friends of Beth El Congregation,

Thank you all so much for the opportunity to work with you over the last 9+ months. I learned a tremendous amount about what it means to be a rabbi. I hope you learned at least half as much from me as I learned from all of you - that would mean that my time with you all was a great success!

Thanks again, and best wishes,  
Rabbinic Intern Dyme

***Leadership***

Rabbinic Intern: Ben Dyme

President: Michelle Ornstein

Vice President: Joshua 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: Amanda Friss

At large member: Ron Rubin

At large member: Linda Kohn

Sisterhood Presidents: Sherri Alt + Rebekah Greenfield

Men's Club President: Lester Mintzer

Religious School Principals: Dara Hall + Liz Webb

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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
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***

### *To the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund*

Eric & Jayne Rynar in memory of Jayne's Father (Sam Schneider).  
 Charlie & Gale Clemons in memory of Gale's Father (Arnold Abrisss).  
 Alan & Kate Neckowitz in memoory of Alan's Sister (Bobbie Bloom).  
 Esther Minskoff in memory of Esther's Son (Robert Minskoff).

### *To the General Fund*

Penny Williams

## ***RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/SHORTY***

Religious School may be small, but they can make a big impact! Thanks to Mary Handley on April 28th we helped to pull weeds and spread mulch at Beth El as a service project. More hands meant more help and we had a bunch of fun as we performed g'milut chasadim.

The 2018-19 school year is over now, but we made sure to have a bunch of fun before it ended! On Sunday May 19th we celebrated our last day of school with Lag Be'Omer field games in Oakdale Park in Bridgewater. Thanks so much to our SHORTYites for facilitating all the fun! It was hot outside but we ended with some water balloon fun and a wonderful potluck with our families.

Information about the 2019-20 school year will be emailed to families in August. If you have any students you wish to enroll or have any questions about religious school, please contact Liz Webb at [liz.matusow@gmail.com](mailto:liz.matusow@gmail.com) or Dara Hall at [halldm@jmu.edu](mailto:halldm@jmu.edu).

Have a wonderful summer!!

### **SHORTY**

SHORTY fun has just begun! On May 19th we led all the fun and games for the Lag Be'Omer field day for religious school.

Now we are getting ready to say good bye to Jessica Mintzer as we celebrate her Confirmation Service on May 31st. We hope you will join us for services that evening!!

More fun is on the way... so if you are interested in joining SHORTY or have any questions, please contact Becky Mintzer at [rem82398@gmail.com](mailto:rem82398@gmail.com) or Dara Hall at [halldm@jmu.edu](mailto:halldm@jmu.edu).



**Field Day May 19,2019**

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS/PHOTOS***

### **A note on recycling:**

First, thank you to everyone who has been recycling at the Temple!

A special thanks to everyone who rinses or washes plastic , glass & cans.

A couple of tweaks:

- 1) The city is taking just #1 & #2 plastics at this time.
- 2) Please do not put paper in the bins in the kitchen.

(Cardboard can be stacked between the containers.)

Please let Michelle Ornstein know if you would like to take a turn taking recyclables to the City of Harrisonburg Recycling Convenience Center or one of the other available locations.

This would be a great family project.





# 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  
borox  
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](https://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](https://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!



# JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Memorial Day				7:30pm SHORTY Confirmation service	7pm Havdallah and Farewell to Rabbi Dyme
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SHORTY Meeting Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day)					6:30 Summer Shabbat Pot Luck 7:30pm Lay service	Erev Shavuot
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Shavuot (Pentecost)	Interfaith Peace Camp					
					7:30 Lay Service	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day	6:30pm Board Meeting					
					7:30 Lay Service	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					7:30-Lay Service	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Independence Day		