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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).*

**MARCH 2019**

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

President's report from the board 2/18/19:

- Michelle was contacted by Betty Shenk from Community Mennonite Church (the group who attended our Interfaith Dinner) about a community potluck meal with music and dance from 4:00 until 7:00PM on March 3 (snow date, March 10). The location is 70 South High Street, Harrisonburg. All are invited.
- Josh Linder reported that he met with Hillel. Josh will coordinate a listing of ideas about how Beth El could engage Hillel students. Contact Josh or a board member if you have ideas.
- The refrigerator handles were replaced. Thank you, Bill Ney and Clarence for assisting.
- We had new donations to the library. The committee continues to sort and organize materials. Two silver books (Siddur and Tanach) were placed in the showcase.
- The Rabbi search committee reports that we have two applicants at this point. We also will fill out the paperwork for a student rabbi as a back up plan.
- Linda Kohn stated the importance of our representation in both Faith in Action and the Interfaith Association. Linda will send details regarding social action to Amanda Friss who maintains our Facebook page. In addition, Michelle suggested making social action an adult education event so congregants may become more familiar with the ways we engage in social action. If you are interested in doing more, contact Linda directly.
- Les Mintzer has requested congregational support in the next corned beef sandwich event. More information to follow.
- SHORTY has two trips planned, one to Durham, NC, and another to visit Rabbi Joe in WV. Ski Weekend went very well.
- The new date for Avoid/Deny/ Defend and Stop the Bleed is April 6. An interpreter will be available for this event. Thank you, Thea Golub, for facilitating this.
- Mark your calendars for April 13<sup>th</sup> From 10AM until 2PM, JMU students will be at Beth El as part of The Big Event, a JMU service day. Congregants are encouraged to come as well. The focus this year will be the outside gardens and organizing Religious School materials. There are a couple of other things we could do as well.
- Most important, plan to attend PIZZA Bingo starting @ 5:00PM. Amanda Friss will provide additional information soon.
- Our nominating committee for board elections this year are Cindy Baron, Dan Bly, & Dara Hall. If you are interested in running for the board, please let one of them know.

Michelle

***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

01 Ivan Lantz		Bob Lantz' Father
Anne Mintzer	2010 Member	
02 Evan Poster	2009	Alan Poster's Son
03 Julius Wise	1954 Member	
Mary Frank Loewner	1945	
04 Joshua Rabinowitz		
05 Bertha Ney	1943 Member	
Lilly Schwartz	Member	
Shirley Dobin	1982	Gale Clemons Mother
Rosalie Hirsch	1988	
06 Joseph Berney	Member	
Hetty Marrick	1972	
07 Maurice Scheuer	1935 Member	
08 Sadie Derechensky		Max's Wife
09 Rae Slater	1950 Member	
10 Baruch Ney	1915 Member	The Original B. Ney
Merwin Kalman		Brian Kalman's Father
Phyllis Rodbell		Herb Rodbell's Wife
12 Joe Kimmel	1974 Member	
14 Nathan Minskoff		Jerry Minskoff's Father
Anna Rodbell	1959	Herb Rodbell's Mother
Lenore White		Mike White's Mother
15 Jonathan Freudenthal		Judy Freudenthal's Brother
Mary Blatt	1994	Frank Blatt's Mother
16 Louis Amber	1903	
18 Rose Solomon	1903	
19 Joseph Huffman		Mildred Rubin's Father
Louise Perlman	1997	Milton Perlman's Wife
20 Augusta Loewner	1883 Member	
Rabbi Bernard Bloom		Rabbi at Beth El
21 Morton Nusbaum	Member	
Flossie Hollander	1888	Child
22 Sigmund Wise	1909 Member	
Esther Clayman	1981	Harry Clayman's Mother
Abraham Bersson		Bob Bersson's Father
23 William Friddle	1958 Member	
Michael Mintzer	1976	Anne Mintzer's Husband
Aaron Sissman		
Cornelia Oestreicher	1918 Member	
24 Esther Miller	1951 Member	
25 Charles Schwalb	1995	Steve Schwalb's Father
Lilly Schwartz	1983 Member	

26 Phillip Feig	
27 Beatrice Schwalb	1992
29 Fanny Spivak	
Max Sissman	
30 Herb Rodbell	2018
31 Rabbi David Fazon	
Margot Stein	
George Goldberg	2005

Betty Nemoytin's Father  
Steve Schwalb's Mother

Dave Frankel's Grandfather  
Gary Stein's Mother  
Dave Merlin's Friend

## ***DONATIONS***

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

Charles & Gale Clemons in memory of Gale's mother (Shirley Doben)

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

Penny Williams

Thea & Elliott Golub in honor of the life of Harry Altscher

## ***SISTERHOOD***

Sisterhood: we had a little quiet downtime, my apologies as I took care of various family members who were ill. Let's regroup and meet, look at the next few months and do some planning. Meeting on Monday, March 4th at 6:00 pm at the Temple. Dinner will be served. Hope to see all of you!

Please mark ahead March 30 and March 31, our Sisterhood is hosting our district board meeting, we are very excited about this. We will be talking about this at our meeting.

Sherri Alt and Rebekah Greenfield  
Sisterhood Co Presidents

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

Please join our students on March 2<sup>nd</sup> as they lead Saturday morning services beginning at 10:00am. A consecration service will be held for our newest Alef students during the Torah service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow. Your support by attending will be very meaningful to our students, their families, and our teachers. We hope to see you there!

Daled is about to embark on an exciting adventure – the Immigrant in Each of Us program is being held at Olam Tikvah in Fairfax on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and we will join a bunch of other Jewish 6<sup>th</sup> graders in this program.

Mark your calendars to join us for a celebration of Purim on March 17<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!

Mazel tov to our multi-talented teachers in their musical performances in February:

Morah Danielle – James & The Giant Peach at Turner Ashby HS  
Moreh Owen – Li'l Mermaid at East Rockingham HS  
Morah Grace – Legally Blonde at Harrisonburg HS  
Moreh Ben – Aladdin at Elkton MS  
Morah Erin – Les Miserables at Spotswood HS

L'shalom,  
Dara & Liz

## SHORTY

Ski weekend was a great success as we delved into the decades and joined with youth groups from the Richmond and Newport News areas for some great fun learning, skiing, and socializing. Our SHORTY-ites did a fabulous job leading services on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you so much to the Men's club for providing Pizza for dinner on Friday night, for Valerie Lovinger for the delicious Oneg, and to Gale Clemons, Leslie Harris, and Bekah Greenfield for the best baked potato bar ever for dinner on Saturday!

We have a big month of travel coming up in March – many SHORTY members will be attending NFTY-MAR's The VENT – located in Durham, NC on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Then we are all hitting the road on March 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> to visit Rabbi Joe in his synagogue in West Virginia. Lots of fun on the horizon!

Dara Hall, Ph.D.

## 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.





# 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](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!

Beth El's first annual...

## **PIZZA BINGO!**

(a fabulous, fun-filled evening featuring  
BINGO, prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and pizza)

*April 13th @ 5:00 pm*

Mark your calendars!

# MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
		6pmLion's Club dinner, sponsored by Beth El Men's Club			7:30pmServices by Rabbi Dyme	Religious School Shabbat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SHORTY Meeting	6 PM Sisterhood Meeting					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time starts					6:30pmBeth El Board Meeting	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day 9:30amReligious School Purim	6:30pmBoard Meeting		Erev Purim		7:30pmLay services	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No Religious School					SHORTY visits Rabbi Joe →	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
						1pmAvoid/Deny/Defend and Stop the Bleed programs