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April 2009

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Where has the year gone? It's April already, and the first night of Passover is April 8! We've left a very busy March to see an equally hectic April. Not only will we celebrate Passover, but we have a Bar Mitzvah (Max Kohn) and a Bat Mitzvah (Sarah Berger) this month.

I encourage everyone to participate fully in the month's activities. Please plan to come to our Beth El Community Seder on April 9. Come and worship with the B'nai Mitzvot. Take advantage of our Adult Education opportunities. You will enjoy every moment of all of these.

Also in April, you will have the opportunity to vote for next year's Beth El Board of Directors. The nominating committee I appointed has developed an excellent slate of candidates, but they need to know that they have the congregation behind them. So please vote when you receive your ballots, and plan to come to our annual congregational meeting on Wednesday, May 13, to hear about how the year has gone and what our plans are for the future.

We are enjoined to celebrate Passover as if each and every one of us was freed from slavery in Egypt, so I thought this reading from the *Mishkan T'filah* would be appropriate for this season:

We are a people in whom the past endures, in whom the present is inconceivable without moments gone by. The Exodus lasted a moment, a moment enduring forever. What happened once upon a time happens all the time.

Gary

IT'S *STILL* OFFICIAL!!

THE ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD DINNER

March 29, 6:30 pm

Our church guests this year come from the United Methodist Church of Elkton. Their congregants are relatively rural, but not all. Of special interest is that some of them are descendants of families that lived in Shenandoah National park and were evicted and/or burned out of their homes to make room for progress and expansion of modern facilities in the park. These events occurred decades ago. However, some have retained burial rights in the Park. AS ALWAYS, this should be an interesting and informative evening for both congregations.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

Dinner - \$10 per person

GO TO YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER NOW and RSVP TO:

Jerry Minskoff – 540-434-6973 - minskojg@jmu.edu

Or

Ron Ornstein – 540 – 434- 8605 - ornfam@comcast.net

By March 19, 2009

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

My dear Shenandoah Valley Jews and Friends,

Shalom!

I write this as it is rainy, damp and cold, but we have already had several lovely days that promise spring is almost here.

The frolics of Purim have passed, and Passover is just ahead. Our world is moving towards renewal, spring, rebirth, and redemption.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

I have been feeling a bit like the white rabbit, recently. I feel that I am constantly in a rush to get places and do things, and always behind. We are having so many events, activities, and programs, that I have been finding it hard to keep track of it all!

In addition to all the regularly scheduled services, holiday events, religious school activities, Shorty programs, Men's Club and Sisterhood events, Tzedakah

(righteous behavior) and Gemilut Chasidim (deeds of loving kindness) efforts, meetings, tutoring sessions and classes, we have been immersed in the Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project. Let me tell you, as shouldn't, we have made a big splash with this!

In addition, there has been a lot of time and effort invested in the Staunton Jewish Film Festival, which will take place on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Both of these events are aimed at the larger community, with the intent of building bridges, increasing connections, encouraging relationships, and offering education, all to foster greater understanding, acceptance, and cooperation among the varied groups, and their members, in our region.

THE STAUNTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL (SJFF)

I hope that you will not only attend, but also help out with the film festival. This will be the second annual event. Last year was a modest success, and I am anticipating that we will see even more of a success this year, with the hope that the SJFF will continue and grow even more successful for many years to come. It is a fantastic opportunity for our tiny Jewish community to connect with many others in the region, to raise our profile and present ourselves in a positive light, and to share some wonderful cultural and social resources with others. This is truly, as this year's theme states, the process of 'Bridging Gaps.' We certainly need to make a strong showing in attendance (so I urge everyone to buy a Festival pass), but there is also at least as much of a need for help with the opening reception; preparing and serving food, welcoming people into the synagogue and showing a friendly face, extending ourselves and making new friends in the community, letting others know that we are here and a contributing part of the larger community. Please be in touch with Laurie and Beth to volunteer, and get your tickets early! Check out the website for full details at

<http://www.thoi.org/stauntonjewishfilmfest/index.html>.

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROJECT (SVHEP)

The SVHEP is another project that has as its' goal an impact in the larger community. The vision and purpose of this effort is to present the lessons of the Holocaust to those living in our region, and to encourage people to apply them to the world today. The focus is not to teach about the Holocaust for its' own sake; rather, it is to teach about the Holocaust in order to learn the lessons that we should have drawn from it, and which we should be acting on today, in order to prevent such things from happening.

Collectively, we believe that we can help those we reach with these programs to learn from the horrors and mistakes of the past, in order to avoid them in the present or future. Through education, we faithfully believe that all may grow in understanding of each other, and accept our similarities, differences, and diversity without fear, hate, or prejudice. In this way, we can each fight intolerance, bigotry, and indifference in our community and in the world, and work to support the goal that 'never again' will such a horrific event come to pass without an outcry and the efforts of many good people to prevent it. We hope that this learning will help shape the world, and lead to actions that will bring to bear the energies and efforts of many good people.

The Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project (SVHEP) is the result of the combined efforts of a consortium of congregations, private and public schools (elementary, middle, & secondary), colleges and universities, organizations, associations, foundations, agencies, and individuals, together bringing into existence the Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project, under the umbrella of the Foundation for Holocaust Education Projects (Email:

HolocaustEducationProjects@gmail.com;

officers: Founding Director & Creative Executive Director Katharine Gorsuch, 817-781-9229; Avi Mizrachi, Executive Director, Holocaust Memorial, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, 1933-1945 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33139 305-538-1663; Rabbi Joe Blair, Temple House of Israel, 15 N. Market Street, Staunton, VA 24401 540-886-4091).

As part of the SVHEP, we have had speakers, plays, museum visits, films, lectures, teacher trainings, and many other events. Although the starting point for many of the stories and events that are presented is terrible and tragic, we are striving to show the triumph of the human spirit, the power of good, and the human ability to seek and find hope and possibility in even the most horrific of conditions.

We are not seeking to relive the past: we are trying to bring forward events, programs, and presentations that begin with the events of the Holocaust as a starting place, but that use these to go on to deal with many other situations, peoples, events, and stories, and that apply to all humanity. We view the Holocaust as not only a Jewish tragedy, but as a human tragedy, something that affects everyone. The lessons to be learned are universal.

The SVHEP has not only brought programs to the general public. In addition, we are working with schools and teachers to offer students an opportunity to make the curriculum they study relating to the Holocaust real. Using technology now available, we have facilitated direct interactions between students and survivors, allowing the students to ask questions and develop a much more personal connection to the lessons that they are studying as part of the curriculum. Hearing a story told firsthand by someone who lived it is far more impactful than reading an account in a textbook. We have been able to bring some of the survivors to the area, letting the students meet them in person. The teachers in the schools have been wonderfully creative and used these opportunities to enhance what they are doing in the classroom, making the

learning exciting and fun, and bringing it home to the students by showing ties to bullying and other experiences with which they can easily relate. It has been inspiring and truly wonderful to see these students ‘get it’ and to become passionate about what they are studying, understanding their relevance to the world right now, with direct applicability to the situations in the Sudan, Chad, Rwanda, Tibet, Chechnya, Kurdistan, and many other places.

We started the SVHEP two years ago with one program in March, and one in November. Last year we had nine events (most of them open to the public) over the course of a week, and three sponsoring organizations. This year, we have more than twenty events open to the public, and almost as many in various schools and colleges that are by invitation only, spanning the period from late-February to the end of May, including seventeen sponsors at last count. In the first year, we had a total attendance of approximately 230 persons. This year, we anticipate over 1200 at various events. Clearly, this project is drawing attention and interest, and is understood to be relevant by many in our community.

There are many events still to come. You can find information about them online at <http://thoi.org/svhep/>.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN THE CONGREGATION

A few recent and upcoming highlights:

February 28th, was the Beth El Hank’s Fundraising dinner.

March 8th was the Religious School Purim celebration.

Also on March 8th there was a performance of the play, “Who Returned My Soul,” based on the actual stories as told to the author by several Holocaust Survivor’s, presented at Beth El Congregation at 2 pm. The author of the play, Kelly Brock, attended and spoke to the audience following the performance. This play was also performed that evening at 7 pm at a Church in Weyers Cave to a capacity crowd.

We had the Purim service at Temple House of Israel on March 9th.

March 10th, Tuesday, in Harrisonburg, there was the first in a series of Adult Education programs through Beth El Congregation, viewing the video series on the Bible by Professor AJ (Amy Jill) Levine of Vanderbilt University. It was decided to continue the series, with showings of the videos every two weeks. The facilitator for this series is Bill Ney. If you are interested, please be in touch with him.

There was a Torah Limud (study) on Friday, March 13th at Beth El, followed by a rabbi-led Shabbat evening service.

There was a Shabbat morning service at 10 am on Saturday, March 14th at Temple House of Israel.

Saturday evening, March 14th, there was a combined Dinner & Havdalah put on by the Beth El Sisterhood, with some assistance from Shorty (the youth group). The Havdalah service was followed by a Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project (SVHEP) presentation. The film The Power of Good was shown, with a discussion following. This documentary was a wonderful, uplifting and hopeful film about the good that came from the efforts of one man to help save children in Czechoslovakia during the lead up to the Holocaust.

March 16th, Monday, there was a board meeting at Temple House of Israel.

Tuesday, March 17th, there was a Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project presentation held at Temple House of Israel at 7 pm. Mr. Leon Bass, an African-American man who suffered under the laws and practices of segregation in the United States, chose to answer the call of his country and enlist in the US military. He was sent to Europe as part of the US army. There, by chance, he became one of the liberators of the concentration camp known as Buchenwald, and he was a witness to the conditions in that camp. All of his experiences inform the message that he shared about the need to overcome hate and bigotry and prejudice. He was a powerful speaker, a first-hand witness

to what hate can do and why we need to combat it, and an amazing human being. We had a near capacity crowd. We are seeking to make his presentation available on DVD, if that is possible.

There was a board meeting at Beth El on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 pm.

NFTY's TheVent was March 20-22nd. We were happy that so many of our SHORTY members, together with Sherri Alt (and perhaps Joel Ornstein), were able to attend and participate.

Sunday, March 22nd, at Temple House of Israel, another event in the Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project was held. A showing of the film entitled "Displaced: Miracle at St. Otilien", was shown. This documentary was about the efforts to save Jewish DPs from certain death by starvation in the DP camps after they had been liberated from the concentration camps. It focused on the work of two men, both American soldiers, and told the story of how they were able to help so many people. We followed up by showing the documentary Creating Harmony, about the orchestra formed from the ranks of the displaced musicians. This group played all over the world for close to a decade and made a significant mark. It is a lovely continuation of the story of the displaced persons.

In Progress:

There will be a rabbi-led Shabbat evening service on March 27th at Temple House of Israel at 7:30 pm.

The second session of the THOI Kinderlachen program for preschool age children and their families will be held on March 28th, Saturday morning, at 10 am. We invite all pre-schoolers (and slightly older siblings) and families to join us for an hour of Jewish culture and fun. We will use Passover as the theme for this session, focusing our activities, story, and other events on that theme. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Joe.

Yet to Come:

On April 3rd and 4th we will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Max Kohn at Beth El. We wish him and his family Mazal Tov.

Looking ahead, don't forget that on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th is the Staunton Jewish Film Festival. The opening reception will be at THOI on Friday. All screenings of the films will be at the Visulite Theaters in Staunton VA. There are two films to be shown on Friday, and four each on Saturday and Sunday. There will be two opportunities to see each film during the weekend. There will be a speaker or presenter at one of the two showings of each of the films. Watch for more information on the schedule, tickets, and other details to be forthcoming, and hold the dates! Brochures and posters with more details are already going out, and announcements are being sent. Tickets are available at the Visulite Cinemas. The cost is \$10 for a single film, \$45 for a Festival Pass. There is also a group rate discount for purchases of more than ten Festival Passes.

As part of the Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project we have arranged a teacher training workshop on teaching the Holocaust in connection with cultural diversity, addressing intolerance, prejudice, and genocide in historical and contemporary contexts. We hope to present this ADL designed and led three hour workshop on two occasions, and to be able to offer continuing education credits through Mary Baldwin to those attending. The session will take place on April 4th at 10 am to 2:15 pm, and offer continuing education credits for teachers. The program is free. For more information please contact Katharine Gorsuch at 817-781-9229. To learn more about the offering, please contact D. Goldberg at her office at the ADL at 202-296-8310, or Steve Grande at the Spencer Center for Civic Engagement at Mary Baldwin College.

On April 8th at 6 pm at Temple House of Israel, we will have the community seder for Passover (first night). Information on reservations should be in your hands, and is

due back to make reservations shortly (if not already).

There will a second night community Passover seder on April 9th at 6 pm at Beth El. Again, reservations for the seder should be returned very shortly. Please don't delay!

On April 17th and 18th we will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Berger at Beth El. We wish her and her family Mazal Tov.

April 19th at 2 pm at Beth El we will have the next session in the Women in the Bible discussion series.

Rabbi-led Shabbat services at THOI will be April 10th and 24th at 7:30 pm.

For the service on the 24th at THOI, the following announcement/invitation has been issued: Belle Carson Neckowitz, daughter of Aaron and Rachael, and granddaughter of Alan and Kate, will be named during the Friday service on April 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Temple House of Israel in Staunton. All are welcome to share in our celebration. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. --- The Neckowitz's

May 2nd there will be a MAC Region small congregations Kallah for the day in Richmond at Congregation Or Ami. Speak to Andy Kohen or Rabbi Joe about details on how to sign up.

Sometime in May, if we can find a day on the calendar and arrange a time, we hope to schedule a trip to the Richmond Holocaust Museum as another event in the Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project. If we do, we can tour the museum with a docent, and also arrange a meeting with one of the founders of that museum who is a Holocaust Survivor, and who will share his story with us. This would be a day trip, probably caravanning. Let Rabbi Joe know if you would be interested, and we can see about possible dates.

Of course, our regular and usual events, such as Religious school, will continue throughout this period.

When making plans, be sure to look at the updated calendar in the bulletin. This

calendar generally has the most up-to-date official information.

REFUAH SHELEMAH BIMHEYRAH

(Speedy & Complete Health and Wholeness)

We extend continuing wishes for healing and shalem (wholeness) to: Miriam Banker; Candy Blatt; Franklin Blatt; Ruth Clayman; Charlie and Gale Clemons (for Charlie's parent); Thea Golub; Erwin Helbraun; Joyce Helbraun; Hilary Gerson Krohn; Lynne Landsberg; Anne Mintzer; Shirley Merlin; Maureen O'Callaghan; Milton Perlman; Gerry Price; Lenore Price; Heidi Rafferty; Gregg Rafferty; Herb Rodbell; Saul Robinson; Roberta Stein; John Stewart; Mark Strauss; Allan Tischler; and anyone else who should be included in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

MAZAL TOV to Milton Perlman on the occasion of his 90th birthday! Ad Me'ah ve'esrim (until 120)!

MAZAL TOV to the Kohns on Max's impending Bar Mitzvah!

MAZAL TOV to the Bergers on Sarah's impending Bat Mitzvah!

TODAH RABAH to all who have worked so hard on the events of the SVHEP, the SJFF, our Religious Services, music, social events, adult education, and so many other things in our community. Your efforts are noted and very much appreciated, and truly make a difference in our small community!

THE CALENDAR & HOLIDAYS

NISAN → IYAR (APRIL)

Adar began February 25th and ran until March 25th. The 26th of March was Rosh Chodesh for Nisan, which runs from March 26th until the 24th of April, with the 26th of March being Rosh Chodesh (head of the month) for Nisan, and April 24th and 25th being Rosh Chodesh for Iyar.

In the month of Nisan, the major holiday is Pesach (Passover) which falls on

the 8th to the 16th of April, from 15 Nisan to 22 Nisan.

In addition, there are several days that surround Pesach that have customs that are observed.

The day of the 8th of April is Nisan 14, Erev Pesach (the eve of Passover), and a very busy day. Not only are we deeply immersed in preparations for the seder: that is the day on which falls the Fast of the Firstborn. This is in commemoration of the 10th plague, the death of the firstborn males. It is a sunup to sundown fast. This is somewhat convenient, as one is not supposed to eat leavened materials after about 10 am, and one is also not supposed to eat Matzah until they taste it as part of the Seder meal. There is another custom that supercedes this; if someone completes a major study of Torah, they are obligated to engage in a Seudah – a festive meal. This is a commandment, which makes it a higher obligation than the custom of fasting in commemoration of the death of the firstborn. Thus, it has become the custom that anyone who is involved at the completion of the study is included in this meal. Consequently, many firstborn men will gather and participate in a study session in the morning as one of them completes the major study; that obliges all of those present to eat as part of the Seudat Mitzvah (festive meal in honor of a Mitzvah or commandment). Once one has eaten, it cannot be a fast day, so the obligation to fast is eliminated for those present at the study session.

That same day is also the day when one is to complete the cleaning of their home and possessions, removing and disposing of any chametz (leavened material). There is a lovely custom of searching the night before, and again on that morning, for any chametz, using a candle to look in 'dark corners,' a feather to sweep up 'crumbs,' and a wooden spoon to carry the crumbs or pieces found. After the whole house has been searched and all chametz removed, the crumbs and bits found are to be burned as a symbol for all chametz, as the prayer renouncing ownership

of chametz is recited. It has become common to leave some chametz to be found, so the search is not fruitless. This custom is spiritually quite beautiful, because one can see the chametz not only as the leavened food stuff in their pantry or on their shelves, but as symbolizing and representing those parts of our behaviors and habits that we wish to eliminate, to rid from ourselves. In this way, we tie Pesach with Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, when we have the ceremony of Tashlich (casting), in which we toss bread crumbs into the water, symbolizing the removal and disposal of actions and behaviors (sins and transgressions) that we do not wish to repeat. So at the beginning and in the middle of the year, we return to the theme of examining and cleansing ourselves and correcting our behaviors. This sense of the cycle of the year, and the themes that repeat throughout, adds a deeper meaning and a more powerful connection to the various events and rituals that we are commemorating and performing.

I am sure it will come as no surprise that one is to neither eat, own, nor benefit from any chametz during Passover. That means matzah, the bread of our affliction, is the staple. Chametz can be made of any of the five grains: wheat, barley, rye, oats, or spelt. Jews of Ashkenazic descent traditionally will not eat any of the families of legumes, soy, rice, beans, corn, or any derivatives of them (corn syrup, corn starch, soy protein, etc.). This restriction may not be observed by Jews of Sephardic descent, or those living in Israel.

A major mitzvah is to tell the story of the Exodus. This is done in a stylized ritual, called a Seder (order). During the Seder, the story is told using several symbolic foods as part of the telling. Among these symbols we have matzah, bitter herbs, greens herbs, a roasted egg, a roasted bone, salt water, and charoset (the mixture that is to remind us of mortar used to build the store cities). The seder is constructed from a combination of the elements of a religious Temple service, a ritualized festive meal modeled on a Roman

banquet, and a Shabbat home observance, overlaid with the symbols and storytelling aspects, and the devices for keeping the attention of children that we have come to know.

April 21st is Iyar 27, known as Yom HaShao'ah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. A modern insertion in the calendar, there is no particular liturgy or standardized pattern

4th is known as Shabbat Hagadol, the Great Sabbath, the one that precedes Pesach. April 11th is the special Shabbat in the midst of the holiday of Passover. April 18th is Bircat Hachodesh, the Sabbath when we announce the arrival of the new month in the coming week (Iyar will begin on the 25th, with Rosh Chodesh on the 24th and 25th). April 25th is Rosh Chodesh, the head of the month, or the beginning of the new month.

Haftarot (selections from the Prophets) read on Shabbatot (Sabbaths) in this month include selections from Malachi 3; Joshua 3, 5-6; 2 Samuel 6-7; and Isaiah 66.

OTHER NOTES

If you feel a conversation with the rabbi on any topic would be of benefit to you, please be in touch to make an appointment. You can call or email Rabbi Joe.

Please know that we always seek congregant and guest participation in services throughout the year. If you are interested in taking a role in a service, please be in touch with Rabbi Joe, Beth Young, Don Chodrow, Leah Farmer, or Lisa Warren. Roles include: reading Torah (Hebrew or English), reading Haftarah (Hebrew or English), delivering a Devar Torah, serving as Gabbai (the "MC" for the Torah service), or being offered an honor in the service. The Honors we usually confer in our services include being called up for an Aliyah (saying the blessings for the Torah or the Haftarah reading in Hebrew or English), serving as Hagbah (lift, hold, and/or carry the Torah), Gelilah (undressing and dressing the Torah), or Petichah Usegurah (opening and closing the Ark).

Of course, if you are interested in studying for and celebrating a B'nai Mitzvah, or in learning to leyn (read/chant) Torah and/or Haftarah, or to lead services, or to be a Gabbai, please be in touch with the rabbi. Both youngsters and adults can celebrate a B'nai Mitzvah.

CLOSING MESSAGE

May the improving weather, the budding trees, and the blooms of spring be harbingers of joy for all of us. May we each be gladdened by the renewal that we see around us. May we find the courage and the wisdom to live as our highest selves. May the joy of our celebration of holidays and lifecycle events be multiplied, and our sorrows be made less by those around us who share them. May we be blessed, and granted the privilege to live in health and in joy, with love. May our prayers be answered. Amen.

Rabbi Joe Blair
April 2009

REACHING THE RABBI & THE RABBI'S AVAILABILITY

The rabbi is available to meet by appointment. If you wish to meet or speak with the rabbi, please email or call to set an appointment.

The office is not staffed and the building is generally closed when the rabbi is not in. Messages are checked by the rabbi at both congregations, and email is frequently read during the week. Please understand that the rabbi will not be available or reply on Shabbat or on Jewish holidays unless it is an emergency that cannot wait.

In the event of an urgent need the rabbi may be contacted by telephone. In that case, please call the cell phone number listed, leaving a detailed message, and be sure to express the need for an immediate response.

If you wish to make an appointment to see the rabbi please feel free to call (434-2744) or email (rabbijoeb@hotmail.com). To minimize driving, he is grouping appointments in Staunton on Mondays and Fridays, and in Harrisonburg on Sundays and Thursdays. Other days may be possible – contact him to ask.

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APRIL YAHRZEITS

01	Fred Rudd		Member
	Ada Wise	1882	Child
02	Jacob Katzen		Harry Katzen's Father
04	Fanny Sissman		
05	Lorraine Sonn	1972	Member Eddie Ney's Aunt
	Mitchel Zindler		Leo Zindler's Uncle
06	Joseph Hirsch	1964	Member
	Joseph Ney	1916	Member Bill Ney's, Eddie Ney's, & Leo

07	Eva Friddle	1967	Zindler's great Grandfather Member
	Allan Rose		Bo Rose's Father
	Judith Levine Schweitzer		Thea Golub's Mother
09	Joseph Fineberg		
	Ida Clayman		Harry Clayman's Aunt
11	David Miller	1954	
	Grover Cleveland Ney		
	Roslyn Freudenthal	1995	Judy Freudenthal's Mother
14	Charles Loewner	1938	Member
16	Rosie Mayer		
17	Martin Borodkin		
19	Henia Schikman		Mike Schikman's Mother
	Arthur Printz		
	Leah Perlman	2007	Milton Perlman's Sisterin- law
21	Hana Shaw		Elizabeth Shaw's Mother
22	Philip Miller	1936	Member
23	Dorothy Funston		Jay Funston's Mother
	Herman Wise	1924	Member
25	Benjamin Kohen	1986	Andy Kohen's Father
26	Sara Slain		
	Harry Robinson	1905	Member
29	Herman Miller	1905	Member
	Minnie Wise	1921	Member
30	Vera Nemoytin	1977	Gene Nemoytin's Mother
	Theodore Blatt	2001	Franklin Blatt's Cousin

DONATIONS

General Fund

Gifts & Memorials

In honor of the birth of Belle Carson Neckowitz daughter of Rachael & Aaron Neckowitz and granddaughter of Alan and Kate Neckowitz:

Eddie Ney & Frances Stewart

Chuck Slott

Bill & Leslie Ney

Sandi & Bo Rose

The Ornsteins

In memory of Karen Vanderhoof

Bill & Leslie Ney

The Clemons Family

In memory of Evan Poster

Andy Kohen

Jerry and Esther Minskoff wish Milton Perlman a Happy Birthday as he celebrates 90 Years.

Yahrzeit Fund

Shirley Merlin, in memory of George Goldberg, friend of Dave Merlin

Max Derechinsky, in memory of Sadie Derechinsky

Bob & Carolyn Lantz, in memory of Ivan Lantz, Bob's father

Milton Perlman, in memory of Louise Perlman

The Clemons Family, in honor of Shirley Dobin, Gale's mother

Adult Education

The Adult Ed. group is meeting every other Tuesday night at Beth El. In April we will meet on April 7 and April 21. Please come and join us. On April 7 we will watch lectures on *Issac* and *The Jacob Saga*. There will 30 minute video lectures followed by discussion. On April 21 the lectures will be *Folklore Analysis and Type Scenes* and *Moses and Exodus*. We have all the lectures on a CD, so if you missed one they are available. Contact me if you have any questions.

Bill Ney
434-5163 Home

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Board Members

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CALENDAR

April 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Rabbi Service (16) Max Kohn Bar Mitzvah	4 Rabbi Service (16) Max Kohn Bar Mitzvah Parashat Tzav
5 No Religious School (Spring Break/Passover) SHORTY meeting 5:00	6	7 Adult Ed. 7:00	8 Ta'anit Bechorot Erev Pesach	9 Beth El Pesach Seder 6:00 Pesach I	10 Lay Service	11 Volunteer Farm 8 A.M.-Noon
12 No Religious School (Spring Break/Passover)	13	14	15	16 Board Meeting Pesach VIII	17 Rabbi Service (17) Sarah Berger Bat Mitzvah	18 Rabbi Service Sarah Berger Bat Mitzvah Parashat Shmini
19 Religious School Bagel Bar	20	21 Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial Day Adult Ed. 7:00	22	23	24 Lay Service Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	25 Parashat Tazria-Metzora Rosh Chodesh Iyyar
26 Religious School Yom HaShoah Bagel Bar	27	28 Yom HaZikaron Israeli Memorial Day	29 Yom HaAtzma'ut Israeli Independence Day	30		

Other Events – 2009 Staunton Jewish Film Festival. Screenings at the Visulite Cinemas in Staunton, April 3, 4, 5