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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 of the principles of righteousness and harmony in society at large.

NOVEMBER 2011

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Shalom everyone!

Hope everyone's new year has started off on the right foot. We have sure been busy all over again. I want to thank the families who were able to come and decorate the sukkah. We had our traditional pizza in the hut but ate most of it inside due to the extreme cold and wind. It was wonderful to shake the lulav and etrog, , thank you to Kevin Giovanetti and Men's Club for providing us year after year with our sukkah which we make warm and cozy and colorful!

As I stated in my speech over the holidays, I am continuing to encourage you all to look at ways this coming year to join in just a little more, perhaps, than last year or the year before. We have so many opportunities to participate. Classes are starting, there is still time to join one. I am attending Rabbi Joe's class on Ethical Wills, it is fascinating so far and what a great discussion we have. Social action projects are being put together and you will be hearing about opportunities to join very soon. I am listing in this bridge, committees we presently have in place. Please look at them and find something that you would be willing to work on. If you have questions about any of the committees, please give me a call. When you decide on which committee you would like to help with, please give me a call!

Let's get things going this year. I am looking forward to working with everyone as always.

Sherri Alt

BethEl Committees

1. Building and Grounds-----planning and decision making for keeping our inside and outside in top shape, inviting and operating
2. Archives-----keeping care of our items that are part of our history
3. House---keeping our building with supplies needed to operate including kitchen and cleaning

4. Membership---being in contact with perspective members, emails, letters, phone calls, working toward increasing our membership
5. Music---working with our organist and music director for music needs related to Shabbat services and holidays
6. Website----working with our website to keep it updated and user friendly
7. Ritual/Religious Practices---working with the Rabbi for holiday issues, life cycle events , issues that may come up that need to be addressed
8. Legal--- issues that may affect our Temple community, We are fortunate to have Franklin Blatt agree to be our legal advisor and representative.
9. Library--coordinate and organize our library
10. Religious School Advisory--coordinate religious school issues, work with principal and Rabbi
11. Adult Education-- plan and organize programs of interest for the congregation, presentations, speakers, etc.
12. Social Action-- plan and organize programs, projects for Tikkun Olam, helping to make our world a better place
13. Fundraising-- planning and organizing fundraising ideas, ideas that will bring in funds from pockets outside of our congregants!

Please consider helping, we really need hands to get great ideas and then put them into action!

Call or email Sherri Alt with your committee of choice, the phone is already ringing!!!!

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

My dear fellow Valley Jews and Friends,
 Shalom! Our period of intense holidays is behind us for this year, we are deeply engaged in our ongoing activities, and we are busy! Just take a look at the events and activities listed in this bulletin to see all that is in progress. I hope that you are taking advantage of those things that interest you. If you have ideas for other things we should think about doing, please step forward and let me or a board member know about them.

THE CALENDAR

CHESHVAN → KISLEV (NOVEMBER 2011)

Rosh Chodesh for Cheshvan (a twenty-nine day month) was on October 28th and 29th. Cheshvan runs from October 29th to November

26th, with Rosh Chodesh for Kislev (a thirty day month) on November 27th. Kislev will run from November 27th until December 26th, with Rosh Chodesh for Tevet (a twenty-nine day month) on December 26th and 27th.

HOLIDAYS & SERVICES

This may come to you too late for this event, but Sukkot runs through Thursday evening October 21st at sundown, leading immediately into Simchat Torah, which begins at sundown and runs until sundown October 22nd. We will be holding our Shabbat & Simchat Torah celebration service on Friday evening, the 22nd, at THOI, beginning at **7 pm (NOT THE USUAL TIME)**. This is also the Religious School Consecration service, and **all Religious school students are expected to attend**. This is in lieu of Religious school on Sunday the 23rd –

so there is **no Religious school or bagel bar on October 23rd**.

November contains three secular events of note: on the 8th it is Election day (be sure to vote if you are eligible!). November 11th is Veterans Day (Remembrance day in Canada). And a favorite of many, November 24th is Thanksgiving day in the US.

Aside from Rosh Chodesh and Shabbatot, there are NO Jewish holidays in November! That is why this month is sometimes called Mar-Cheshvan (bitter Cheshvan), but after almost a full month of Holidays just past, this time with no special events on the calendar seems a chance to catch our breath and find a pause in all the events of the year.

It is hard to imagine, but we are only a month from talking about Chanukah!

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Introduction to Hebrew classes (5 sessions, 6-9:30 pm) begin on Monday, 10/31 at THOI, and Thursday, 11/3 at Beth El. These classes are free and open to anyone who wishes to study Hebrew to learn or improve their skills in the Hebrew alphabet and vowels, pick up a little vocabulary, and work on decoding (sounding out) any Hebrew. Simply come to the first class to register.

There will be an initial meeting to assess interest for the Introduction to Judaism course on Tuesday, November 1st at 7 pm at THOI. The course will only take place if there are a minimum of eight interested persons who can commit to attending most of the twenty sessions. If you are interested in this course, please join me that evening.

Wednesday, November 9th, at 7 pm, there will be a program commemorating Krystallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, at THOI. This will be a musical program and performance, featuring original compositions performed by Barbara Martin. This is in the series, "Meet the Composer" sponsored by Met Life. Light refreshments to follow.

Sunday, November 13th as part of the Religious School, but open to all, there is a Family and Community Education program. This is part of the Global Day of Jewish

Learning. The theme for this year is the Shema. There will be a variety of activities and events, suitable for all ages and interests. This is running simultaneously with many other congregations worldwide, coordinated by the Aleph Institute, the umbrella organization headed by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the noted Talmudist.

Sunday, November 13th, 4:30-6 pm, Shorty Meeting at Beth El.

Friday, November 18th, at Beth El at 7:30 pm. Community Awareness Shabbat. Invite friends, colleagues, students, teachers, neighbors, and anyone else who may be curious and want to know more about our Worship services.

RABBI-LED SERVICES

As determined by the Calendar Committee and the two Boards, after changes and updates, the scheduled Rabbi-led Shabbat Services for this period are:

- Friday, October 21st, 7 pm, THOI [Simchat Torah, Rel. School Consecration]
- Friday, October 28th, 7:30 pm, Beth El
- Friday, November 11th, 7:30 pm, THOI (Community Awareness Shabbat)
- Friday, November 18th, 7:30 pm, Beth El (Community Awareness Shabbat)
- Saturday, November 19th, 6 pm, Havdalah, & Dinner Honoring Long-time Members
- Friday, December 2nd, 7:30 pm, THOI
- Saturday, December 3rd, 10 am, Beth El

TORAH PARASHIOT

In November, the Torah Parashiot read will be Lech Lecha, Vayera, Chaye Sarah, and Toledot from Bereshit (Gen.) 12-1-28:9. We begin our cycle of Torah readings for this year on Friday, October 21st at the Simchat Torah celebration with a reading from Vezot Habrachah (Devarim/Deut. 34) immediately followed by a reading from Bereshit (Bereshit/Gen. 1). We will be entering the second year of our Triennial cycle.

Haftarot (Haftarah readings selected from the prophets) to be read include segments

from Isaiah 40-41; 2 Kings 4; 1 Kings 1; and 1 Samuel 20.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

In November, times to light Shabbat candles are:

4 th	5:57 pm
11 th	4:50 pm (Daylight Savings time ends 11/6; we 'Fall back')
18 th	4:45 pm
25 th	4:41 pm
Havdalah times are:	
5 th	6:56 pm
12 th	5:49 pm
19 th	5:44 pm
26 th	5:40 pm

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

This month will showcase the following educational offerings.

- Course: Introduction to Hebrew. This five session course will take participants from absolutely no knowledge of Hebrew to the ability to decode any text, including prayer book materials. Excellent for complete non-Hebrew readers, and a very good refresher course for those who wish to improve their reading ability. This class is Free, and open to anyone who wishes to study Hebrew. It will be taught in two sections: one will be on Monday evenings at THOI, from 6-9:30 pm, starting October 31st, and the other will be on Thursday evenings at Beth El, from 6-9:30 pm, starting November 3rd. Both sections will continue into December, and will not meet every week.
- Course: Introduction to Judaism. This is a twenty session course which will span the year, running on various evenings (to be announced – and once again, the days, time, and location will be determined by where the majority of students are from - if

Harrisonburg, it will be at Beth El; if Staunton, it will be at THOI, if both it will alternate).

The first session will be on November 1st at THOI. This course is excellent for anyone who wishes to learn (more) about Judaism, and is a required prerequisite for anyone considering conversion to Judaism. It will include sessions and information on the Jewish calendar and holidays, lifecycle events, liturgy, prayer, history, customs, theology, language, literature, and culture, among other things, and offer opportunities for discussion of any questions and concerns participants may have. The URJ suggests that there be a fee for this course; our community has chosen to subvent the cost, so that those taking this class will only be required to purchase the necessary textbooks and materials, and pay for their own attendance at any events which have a fee associated with them (this is a real bargain!). There will be several 'field trips' offered or suggested outside of class. **The course will only be offered if there is sufficient interest by at least eight persons who can commit to attendance at a majority of the sessions.**

PASTORAL CARE

If you feel a conversation or meeting 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 as listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, if you are ill, or know someone who may be, and might like a visit or call, please let Rabbi Joe know so he can be in touch, or see you when he is in town and has a chance.

SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Please know that we seek congregant and guest participation in services throughout the year. If you are interested in leading a lay

service, or a part of a service, or in taking another role in a service, please be in touch with Margee Greenfield, Chuck Slott, Ron Ornstein, or speak to the rabbi.

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

We rejoice in the simchaot (joys) and brachot (blessings) that have taken or soon will take place in our community and for our community members. At the same time, we are aware that several of our families and members have suffered losses or illness, and we pray for comfort for them. Many among us continue to need our prayers for refuah shelemah bimheyrah (complete and speedy recovery, or wholeness in whatever form that may take). We keep them in our thoughts and prayers. We pray for parnassah (work and wages) and hatzlachah (success) for those in need of it. Above all, we pray for peace, even as we work for it; for our community, for our nation, for Israel, and for all the world.

CLOSING MESSAGE

My hopes and prayers are that the just-completed High Holy Day season was meaningful, spiritually fulfilling, and uplifting, providing each of us the renewed hope and courage to enter this year with high expectations for ourself, and with compassion and the patience to accept others as they are when we encounter them. May we strive to fulfill our highest ideals, and find success in those efforts; find the strength and will to overcome old habits and behaviors that we wish to change; and see and honor the spark of the divine contained in each other as we meet and interact. May the godly within us be elevated, and may our presence and actions be a blessing to those around us.

Rabbi Joe Blair
November 2011

REACHING THE RABBI & THE RABBI'S AVAILABILITY

- The rabbi is available by appointment throughout the year. If you wish to meet or speak with the rabbi, please email or call to set an appointment time. In that way, the rabbi will be able to respond and give you his full attention, as you deserve.
- **Please note: the rabbi does not read or respond to email on Shabbat or holidays, and asks to receive only emergency phone calls on those days.** He will reply to your email or non-emergency call after the Sabbath or Holiday has ended.
- The rabbi may be contacted by telephone. To do so, please call the cell phone number listed below.
- If you reach voicemail, please leave a message, speaking clearly, with your name, telephone numbers, the topic, and if an emergency, please be sure to express the need for an urgent response. The rabbi checks voicemail regularly, and will respond as soon as possible.
- The rabbi does not check for phone messages at his home number and no one is likely to answer the phone or receive the message in a timely fashion; please call his cell phone (not his home number) if you want to be sure of getting a response.

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Temple House of Israel

540-886-4091

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925-272-8563 [925-2-RAV-JOE]

(Please be sure to call this cell # for emergencies)

Y A H R Z E I T S

01	Selma Miller Sadie Spiro Fredrick Nessen Samuel Freed	1954	Member
02	Selina Ney Bruno Freudenthal Lawrence Loewner Jack Stein	1945 1955 2004	Member Judy Freudenthal's Father Member Mayor of Harrisonburg Gary Stein's Father
03	Louis Perlman		Milton Perlman's Brother
04	Albert Lubman	1968	Member
05	Gussie Myers Sam Hirsch Louis Wides	 1962	Joyce Helbraun's Mother
07	Eva Brooslin	1956	Ruth Clayman's Mother
09	Annie Ney	1979	Member Bill Ney's & Leo Zindler's Grandmother
10	Nathan Ratner Barbara Rotondo	1989 1994	Laurie Schwalb's Father
12	Irene Nusbaum		Member
15	Minna Mintzer		Member

	Ada Krim		
	Dr. Henry Helbraun		Erwin Helbraun's Brother
17	Rose Hirsch	1913	Member
	Charles Schweitzer		Thea Golub's Father
19	Baby Ney	1920	
	Sybil Rose	2002	Member Bo Rose's Mother
20	Caroline Ash	1965	
	Sophia Wuzburger	1943	
21	Ida Miller	1939	Member
	Monroe Nussbaum	1986	
22	Kattie Ney	1980	
23	Albert Wise	1904	Member
	David Myerberg	1986	Member
	Dave Levy	1931	Member
	Doris Freed	1969	
25	Isaac Ney	1941	Member
26	Sam Fishman		
28	Sam Blatt	1965	Franklin Blatt's Grandfather
	Zvi Hirsch Derechinsky		Max's Father
29	Edward Poster	1955	Alan Poster's Father
30	Sylvan Ney	1977	Member

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

What joy it is to be surrounded by our religious school students! We have had a wonderful time bringing in the New Year together. Our teachers have been working well with the new curriculum and have been thoroughly engaging our students in lots of great learning experiences.

Our Sukkot celebration was lots of fun! Students attempted to make not just the biggest paper chain, but based on the idea of our teacher, Sarah Berger, they created the longest mitzvah chain. Each student wrote a mitzvah that they will do this coming year on each link that they included. We also made a wonderful banner with each student's hand print and many other wonderful crafts to decorate our sukkah. Thanks so much to the Brand and Little families for their help with the celebration and with the delicious goodies that they brought for us to enjoy in the sukkah.

Our Simchat Torah service on October 21st is also a celebration of the consecration of our newest religious school students – Rose Gutterman, Benjamin Harris, and Owen Harris. Mazel tov to our new students as we welcome them into the study of Torah at Beth El – Temple House of Israel Religious School!

Please join us on November 13th for a family education experience that will be happening around the world – Global Day of Jewish Learning. We will be celebrating this education experience at Sunday School and everyone is **welcome** to join us!!

If you ever have any questions about Religious School, please contact, Dara Hall, Principal at mddmhall@verizon.net.

MEN'S CLUB

Mark your calendar...

Our 1st of the season serve the Lions spaghetti dinner - Tuesday, November 15.

Help needed late afternoon through early evening.

We'll have a short meeting after we feed the lions and eat.

RSVP to Eddie Ney or Ron Ornstein

A good time will be had by all !

DONATIONS

Beth El Congregation is grateful for the following generous donations:

Gifts & Memorial

Ron & Michelle Ornstein in memory of Cindy's father

Frances Flannery

Jerry & Esther Minskoff in memory of Cindy Baron's father & uncle

Judy Freudenthal in memory of Cindy Baron's father

Chuck Slott in memory of Cindy Baron's father

The Building Fund

Eddie Ney & Frances Stewart in honor of the marriage of Arnie Kahn & Ellie Swecker

Eddie Ney & Frances Stewart wishing a belated get well to Cindy Baron

Eddie Ney & Frances Stewart in memory of Cindy's father

Additional Gifts

Stu & Judy Liss for the Beth El Congregation building plaque

Steve & Lori Schwalb for the front sign restoration

Mona Wolf & Sophie Miller toward to Peace Pole bench

Yahrzeit

Billl & Leslie Ney in memory of Joseph Ney, Bill's father

Shirley Merlin in memory of Sarah Lebin

High Holidays visitors

Meaghan Karanasios

Sharon Isralow

Judith Ellen Brussell

Marshall & Lynn Kohen

Howard Lubert

Scott & Lori Kizner

Dianne & Ami Daniel

Lisa & Paul Gooden

Joshua & MaryBeth Neckowitz

High Holiday Memorials (Yizkor)

The Trubitz Family

Sheila Padoll

Sulamith Schumacher

Rhea Diamond

Sharon Isralow

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Diana London
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Congregation List

I will be assembling the new congregation list in the near future. Is your address on last year's list, current and accurate? Let me know if you have a new email address. We also list cell phone numbers on the newsletter list. If you wish to receive cell phone calls, please send me your number. All this information is only used for temple communication. If you have college age student, I can send them the temple newsletter via email or snail mail. Remember the Board decided this past year to have young people, up to the age of 26 remain on the newsletter. So if your young person should be on the newsletter, but is not listed, please let me know. We will also list the email addresses of the young people. To keep expenses down, if you have been receiving the newsletter by mail but can now receive it via email, please let me know. Let Judy Freudenthal, 867-5648 or jfreudy@aol.com, know of any changes you wish to make. Thank you.

Congregation Beth Israel in Charlottesville is a Gold Sponsor of the Virginia Film Festival!

The Films: The lineup for the film screenings for this year's Film Festival was announced on October 5, and CBI's sponsorship was acknowledged by the Director. These will be shown in various films in Charlottesville. The following films are the selections that we are sponsoring:

RESTORATION, IN DARKNESS, LA RAFLE, DAVID, INFILTRATION, THE KLEZMATICS, 2 NIGHT, and THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Four of the 8 films are Israeli films and the others will be of particular interest for our community. Check the Film Festival website for times and locations of all screenings. A limited number of tickets for films will be available through the CBI office.

The Party: We will be celebrating our participation in the Film Festival at a gala event on Saturday evening, November 5. Our guests will be Stephanie Levy, who is the producer of DAVID and Joel Fendelman who is the Director. It is likely that Galit Baram, a representative of the Israeli Embassy will also be attending. There will be great food, drinks, music and some special surprises, so make plans to attend. Tickets will be \$50 per person, and the CBI office will be taking reservations. Remember that this is not only a celebration, but a fund raiser for our congregation.

Details about the film festival are available on the website: www.virginiafilmfestival.org/

See you at the movies in Charlottesville!

Congregation Beth Israel 301 East Jefferson Street

P.O. Box 320

Charlottesville, VA 22902 Phone: (434) 295-6382

Questions about this event may be sent to Ellen Teplitzky at eteplit@gmail.com

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Sherri Alt

We would like to welcome Eric and Jayne Rynar as new members to BethEI!

We regret to report that long standing members Tom and Clare Aycock have left the area, moving to Alabama, which is Clare's home country. We will miss their warm friendship at congregational gatherings.

Shirley Merlin

Even though Shirley is now residing in Northern Virginia, she is still in our thoughts. Correspondence, notes and cards may be sent to Shirley at the following address:

1291 Browns Mill Court
Herndon, VA 20170

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THE 24TH ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL Israeli/Jewish Voices



RESTORATION

Friday, November 4, 2:30 p.m.
Regal 4 Downtown Mall
Yeakov Fidelman (Sasson Gabai, *The Band's Visit*) hangs on with all his might to the antique restoration workshop which has been his life's work. He takes on a young apprentice, Anton, who falls in love with his son's pregnant wife, spurring the two young men to compete not only over a father, but also over a woman and the baby she carries. An official selection of the Toronto International Film Festival, this fascinating drama has been nominated for 11 Israeli Academy Awards.

Supported by the Embassy of Israel.



THE KLEZMATIC: ON HOLY GROUND

Sunday, November 6, 4:00 p.m.
Regal 3 Downtown Mall
This elegantly informed, feature-length documentary follows the Grammy-winning Klezmer band, *The Klezmatics* over four years on an international journey. The film shows the band's relentless quest to redefine themselves.

Discussion with band member Frank London and Joel Rubin (U.Va.).

Frank London residency co-sponsored by McIntire Department of Music and the UVA Jewish Studies Program.



DAVID

Sunday, November 6, 11:15 a.m.
Culbreth Theatre
David, an 11-year-old Muslim is inadvertently befriended by Yoav, a Jewish boy in his neighborhood, and his comrades. Given the name David by his new friends, the boy hides the truth from his conservative father, unable to resist a camaraderie he has never known before. The film captures the agony and humor of growing up in a world that is unable to be shared with one's parents.

Discussion with director Joel Fendelman and producer Stephanie Levy.



LA RAFLE

Thursday, November 3, 7:00 p.m.
Vinegar Hill
This retelling of the Vel d'Hiv police raid of 1942 asks difficult questions about the tension between loyalty to one's family and country. Parisians are betrayed by their Vichy government under Nazi occupation, but the integrity of a few heroes offers hope. With stars Jean Reno (*The Da Vinci Code*) and Mélanie Laurent (*Inglourious Basterds*), the film was a box office hit in France and has received twelve Audience Awards from film festivals around the United States. Introduction by Gabriel Finder (U.Va.).



INFILTRATION

Sunday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.
Regal 3 Downtown Mall
This military drama, an adaptation of Yehoshua Kenaz's celebrated novel, takes place in 1950s Israel, just a few years after the War of Independence and the establishment of the State. The story, chronicling one platoon's tribulations at training camp, becomes a microcosm of the religious and ethnic tensions throughout Israel.

Introduction by Alon Confino (U.Va.).
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IN DARKNESS

Saturday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.
Regal 3 Downtown Mall
Leopold Socha, a sewer worker and petty thief in Nazi-occupied Poland, one day encounters a group of Jews trying to escape the ghetto. He hides them, for a profit, in the labyrinth of sewers beneath the bustling city. What starts out as a cynical business arrangement turns into an unlikely alliance between Socha and the Jews as the enterprise seeps deeper into Socha's conscience. This film is Poland's entry for the 2012 Academy Awards®.



THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Thursday, November 3, 4:45 p.m.
Regal 4 Downtown Mall
Graveyards and bakeries, Israeli morgues and Russian tugboats: this film weaves all these into an intricate web of the hilariously grotesque. Winner of three Israeli Academy Awards, Director Eran Riklis portrays one man's bleak journey across continents with the hopes of redeeming himself. The landscapes are gorgeous, but serve only as backdrop for what matters: every individual.

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2 NIGHT

Thursday, November 3, 9:30 p.m.
Regal 4 Downtown Mall
From Israeli director Roi Werner comes this atypical love story of a couple that forms a relationship in the midst of their search for one of the most sought after, fleeting elements of modern life: a parking space. The unpredictable journey gives the couple a chance to get to know one another further, as they flirt, argue, make-up and make-out.

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ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

ONLINE	October 7 - November 6 www.virginiafilmfestival.org	
PHONE	October 7 - November 4 (434) 924-3376	
IN PERSON	October 7 - November 6 U.Va. Arts Box Office 109 Culbreth Road	October 25 - November 6 The Festival Headquarters (Main Street Arena)

Volunteers Needed for HARTS

Beth El will be a partner congregation for the HARTS program (Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter) with the Islamic Center again this year. Volunteers have a chance to help those of us who are less fortunate and have no place to sleep or get a hot meal during the cold weather months. HARTS operates from mid November through mid April. The shelter moves to a different congregation each week. It is anticipated that as many as 40 people may need a place each night.

This year our partnership with the Islamic Center will be Tuesday, December 20 and Thursday, December 22. We will also participate with the Islamic Center two days next April. We will prepare and serve dinner each evening and breakfast the following mornings. There are other needs that you will learn of when you volunteer. Everyone seems to have found participation in the past to be a rewarding experience. A Mitzvah. You will receive training and a chance to evaluate the program.

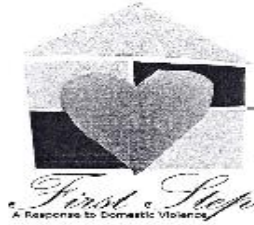
If you cannot take an active role, here are some other ways to help:

1. Make a donation directly to HARTS. The address is:
Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter, Inc.
176 W. Market Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Your donation is tax deductible. HARTS is a 501c3 corp
2. Donate a book of bus tickets
3. Donate Wal Mart gift cards directly to HARTS to help pay for guest's prescriptions. Please note them as being from Beth EL
4. Any ideas are welcome

If you would like to take part or have any questions, please contact Chuck Slott: 433-8436, home /246-9282 cell or c.slott@comcast.net

As part of Beth El's effort to assist the women and children at First Step, the Board suggests that those congregant families that shop at Martins could save their accumulated "points" and use them to acquire a turkey, which could then be donated to First Step. We realize that this would mean foregoing use of the points to save a few cents/gallon on gasoline, but please refer to the letter we received from First Step that appears elsewhere in this issue of the Bridge about how dire is their need for food.

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Sherri Alt



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October 17, 2011

Beth El Congregation
P.O. Box 845
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Dear Beth El Congregation,

On behalf of First Step I would like to thank your congregation for the very large donation of food. Prior to receiving your gift of food our food pantry was almost empty. I am happy to report that your donation filled the shelves and that the women and children living in the shelter now have a variety of foods to eat. Thank you for your wonderful generosity and your continued support of our program.

Sincerely,

Candy Phillips
Executive Director

November 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 <i>Initial meeting Introduction to Judaism 7 pm @ THOI.</i>	2	3	4	5	6 [REL SCH]
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 [REL SCH] Family Education Day - Global Day of Jewish Learning. SHORTY 4:30 PM
14	15 Men's Club Lions Spaghetti Dinner	16	17	18 Shabbat BETH EL & Community Awareness	19	20 [REL SCH] Sisterhood Bagel Breakfast 11:30 am
21	22	23 Holiday Thanksgiving	24	25	26	27 [NO REL SCH]
28	29	30				