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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.

OCTOBER 2010

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Good wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy New Year. It was wonderful to see everyone and spend the holidays together, I don't know if anyone else noticed, but they sure came and went! I want to thank everyone who participated in the holiday celebration, be it setting up in advance, participating during or helping afterward. I appreciate each and every one of you and all of the work you do for our congregation. Please continue to participate, as I said in my talk on Erev Rosh Hashanah, everyone needs to feel they are co-owners of the synagogue and not just a customer. Thanks so much for the bags filled with great items for First Step, the Shelter for Abused Women and Children. They are so appreciative of these items every year at this time and during the year as well. Remember, you can bring items all year and put them in the container outside of the Rabbi's office. Together as a congregation, we have already made a difference. Sukkot and Simchat Torah are coming, please join us for these celebrations. Shalom and remember to say YES!!!

Sherri Alt

My dear fellow Valley Jews and Friends,
Shalom.

The school year has begun. The High Holy Days have come and gone for this year. We are at the end (or just past) the Sukkot and Simchat Torah holidays. The weather has even given us some of those incomparable Fall days that make the world look wonderful, and the temperature is pleasant, especially in the evenings. In short, our year is underway by all measures. And with the end of the month of holidays (Tishrei), we come to a pause on the calendar, with no holidays, aside from Shabbat, until Chanukah. After the effort and energy that we poured into Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah, this is a welcome and needed respite, a chance to catch our breath, and to incorporate the lessons of the holidays.

Speaking of the holidays, I felt that things went quite smoothly, and well. Now that they are done, I want to offer a few words of thanks. So many people were involved, and did so much, and I would like to acknowledge all of you, but the limits of space to publish, and my poor memory for details, conspire to prevent me from listing all of you. Please know that I, and all of us, appreciate everything that was done to make our holidays special.

I feel compelled to single out a few folks for rising above and beyond – even though I know that so many more people were involved and I am bound to forget someone, or not know all that each of you did, so by making a list I am sure to leave someone out. If you are not listed here and should be, please do know that your efforts on behalf of the community were very much appreciated, and please do not take offense at my inadvertent failure to include your name here.

At Beth El, I note the members of the choir, Ron Ornstein, Cindy Baron, Chuck Slott, Margee Greenfield, Jennie Greenfield, Bekah Robles, Sheri Alt, and, of course, Don Smith; Judy Freudenthal; Andy Kohen; the men's club for ushering and break-the-fast; and Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell.

At THOI, I note Leah Farmer; Laura Mandeles; Samantha Mandeles; Michelle

Pinsky; Sarah Grove-Humphries; Ruth Chodrow; Beth Young; Marsha Pillet, Ellen Werther, and Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell.

As I have said, I am afraid I missed someone, and I apologize if so.

One more thing about High Holy Days: I want to thank all of you who offered me constructive criticism or compliments on the sermons that I delivered for these services. I will always listen and consider whatever you wish to tell me (though I make no promise to always agree): I truly do want to hear your thoughts and feelings on what I am offering in this way.

THE CALENDAR

TISHREI → CHESHVAN (OCTOBER)

Tishrei (a thirty day month), began September 9th, and will run until October 8th. Rosh Chodesh for Cheshvan is October 8th and 9th.

Cheshvan, (a thirty day month) begins on the 9th of October, and runs until the 7th of November. Rosh Chodesh for Kislev is November 7th and 8th.

If you did not pick up a Jewish calendar at High Holiday services, they are available in the building.

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

Cheshvan is sometimes referred to as Mar Cheshvan (mar as in maror, bitter herbs; it is known as Mar-Cheshvan because there are no holidays in it to 'sweeten' it. Not by me, though! Frankly, after almost a solid month of holidays, I am ready for a month without any!

TORAH PARASHIOT

The Torah parashiot (Torah portions) read for the month of October include the following:

Bereshit, Noach, Lech Lecha, Vayera, and Chayei Sarah, drawn from Bereshit (Gen.) 1.1-25:18, and Bamidbar (Num.) 28:9-15 for Rosh Chodesh.

Haftarot we will read in October include selections from 40-41, 42-43, 66, 1 Kings 1, 2 Kings 4, Isaiah 57-58, 61-63; 1 Samuel 1-2; 2 Samuel 22; Ezekiel 38-39; Jonah and Micah 7:18-20; and Joshua 1.

RABBI'S EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

The month of October is the start of several educational offerings. Please consider which are of interest and fit your schedule, and join me.

OPEN TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY

I am offering two courses through the **JMU LifeLong Learning Institute (LLI)**, both to be held at Beth El. Congregants from either congregation are welcome to take these courses at no charge; others must register and pay the fee with the JMU LLI.

The first is a course on selected stories in the Talmud, the second is a close reading of a biblical text through the lens of seven different Jewish commentators spanning a wide diversity of time and place. Each course is five sessions.

The first course began September 14th at 1 pm. You are welcome to join us for the last several sessions, if you wish.

The second course begins Thursday, October 21st at 1 pm. There is a textbook which can be acquired through any bookstore; contact me for information.

Starting October 5th at 7 pm at THOI, I will offer an eight session (roughly once a month) seminar course titled **Spiritual Autobiography: Write your own**. We will talk about what this is, and read some examples in the first two sessions. Starting with the third session, we will be reading each others' writings and discussing them. Here is the full description.

New Course Offering Held at Temple House of Israel

An eight-session seminar on spirituality is the newest offering in Jewish education in the Central Shenandoah Valley region. Held at Temple House of Israel, and entitled ***Spiritual Autobiography: Write Your Own***, the seminar will meet on selected Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, running from October through March, and comprise

assigned readings and participant writings, as well as sharing of those works.

The first two weeks of the course (Oct.5th and 26th) will entail reading and discussion of the selected texts and how to fulfill the course assignment; the next six sessions (Nov. 16, Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb 1, Feb. 22, and Mar 22) will encompass student work. An expectation is that each participant will write a minimum of ten pages during the length of the seminar which will be read and discussed by the other participants.

The readings which serve as texts include [An Interrupted Life & Letters from Westerbork](#) by Etty Hillesum, [The Life of Gluckel of Hameln](#) by Beth Zion Abrahams, and [Spiritual Journey Home: Eastern Mysticism to the Western Wall](#) by Nathan Katz. Students will then craft their own spiritual autobiography and share it with the class.

Participants do not have to be Jewish or even to participate in any standard religion; the goal of the course is simply to encourage those in the class to examine their spiritual past, present and future, and the path taken, by writing about their journey.

A minimum of six students and a maximum of twelve is required for the course to be given and those interested are encouraged to commit early (first come, first served). The course is free. Students will need to find the three texts themselves (they should be available from major booksellers or online).

To register, contact Rabbi Joe Blair by email at rabbijoe@hotmail.com.

FOR CONGREGANTS (AND SOME OTHERS)

The meetings to begin planning and provide information about the Israel Trip will

take place on Sunday October 3rd at THOI, and Thursday, October 7th at Beth El, each at 7 pm. The exact dates for the trip are not fixed yet, nor has the travel plan been selected, so even if you can't travel in February or March, if you think you might be interested in a Congregational Trip to Israel, please come to one of the meetings. We will be making some decisions about precise timing and items on the itinerary, based on what those attending have to say at these meetings.

FOR CONGREGANTS (BOTH CONGREGATIONS)

Book Discussion

The first meeting of the Book Discussion group will take place on October 10th at 6 pm at THOI. Please be in touch with Rabbi Joe to register. Those registered will be given the information on the book we will be reading and discussing.

Tanakh & Talmud Discussions

The first meeting in this monthly series of conversations will be held on October 17th at 2 pm at Beth El. We will continue with the topic of Women in the Tanakh as our opening.

Adult Education

The next showing of the video lectures by Professor AJ Levine will take place at Beth El on October 17th at 3:30 pm.

Rabbi's Courses

The second course Rabbi Joe is teaching through the JMU LLI program will begin on October 21st at 1-3 pm at Beth El. In this five session course, we will undertake a close reading of a biblical text with Jewish commentators. We will look at one verse in the Torah, as viewed through the eyes of several commentators through history. The textbook we will use is **God was in this place, and I, i did not know** by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner.

SHORTY

Shorty had their first meeting of the year on September 14th. They will next meet on October 10th at 3:30 pm at THOI. They have planned a very full year!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The **Religious School Consecration**

service will take place on October 1st at Beth El. You are invited to join us at that Shabbat service as we welcome the students new to our Religious school.

KINDERLACHEN

The first **Kinderlachen** meeting of this year will be on October 30th, at 10 am at THOI. This is the Jewish-themed pre-school play group, open to anyone in the community who wishes to participate. Come to meet and play with others, get a little messy, do some arts and crafts projects, enjoy a story, have a great snack, and have fun (and maybe even learn a little!). Please RSVP to Rabbi Joe if you plan to attend, so we know how many to expect.

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.

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 in taking a role in a service, please be in touch with (at THOI) Leah Farmer, Ellen Werther, Beth Young, or the rabbi, and (at Beth El) Margee Greenfield, Sherri Alt, Chuck Slott, or the rabbi. If you are interested in singing to beautify our services, please be in touch with Sarah Grove-Humphries at THOI or Ron Ornstein at Beth El.

OTHER RITUAL MATTERS

Celebrations: If you are interested in studying for and celebrating an adult B'nai Mitzvah, or in learning to leyn (read/chant) Torah and/or Haftarah, or to lead services, or serve as a gabbai, please be in touch with the rabbi.

Jewish Study: If you are interested in or wish to consider conversion, or you just want to learn more about Judaism (whether you are Jewish or not), please be in touch with the rabbi.

Caring Committee: This group has been doing wonderful things in helping and supporting those in our community who may have some needs for assistance or support. If you can volunteer at THOI, please speak with Rosalie Waterman, Lou Boden, or Beth Young. At Beth El, please speak with Esther Minskoff, Ron Ornstein, Dale Brothers, Gale Clemons, or Sherri Alt. As always, if you know of someone who is ill, or who might wish to be contacted, please tell Rabbi Joe.

Chevrah Kadishah: This group functions to prepare and dress a body for burial in accordance with the Halachic (Jewish legal) requirements, showing respect, care, and concern for the deceased. Members are not publicly acknowledged nor is it made public who has been involved in this mitzvah. Thank G-d, we have not had too many opportunities to respond, but we do need to be ready when the call comes. If you have any interest in participating in performing this mitzvah, please speak with Rabbi Joe.

CLOSING MESSAGE

I have been very proud that our small Jewish community can and does do so much. For the number of people in the two congregations, we have a greater positive impact in the larger community than we have any right to expect. Kol Hakavod to all of you who are active civically and socially. Of course, now that the year is fully underway, there is much to be done to continue this really wonderful engagement in our congregations and in the larger community. Our congregations always need willing hands to bring about our

plans. Won't you pitch in and (continue to) help out?

Rabbi Joe Blair October 2010

REACHING THE RABBI & THE RABBI'S AVAILABILITY

The rabbi is available by appointment. 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.

The rabbi may be contacted by telephone. To do so, please call the cell phone number listed here: 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 will respond as soon as possible.

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.

Rabbi Joe's Email:

RabbiJoeB@hotmail.com

Beth El Congregation

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540-886-4091

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434-981-3959

Y A H R Z E I T S

01	Carrye Kohen		Florine Ney's Mother
	Annette Biatch		Rabbi Jonathan Biatch's Mother
02	David Rubin	1972	Member
05	Jack Lichtenstein		Joan Funston's Father
06	Paige Nash	2003	Keith Nash's Mother
08	Leonard Raff		Betty Nemoytin's Brother
09	Samuel Metzger	1911	Member
12	Betty Nemoytin	1991	Member
13	Israel Smith		Member
	Harry Katzen	1981	Member
15	Hattie Hirsch	1927	Member
	Milton Trubitz	1991	Mark Trubitz' Father
	Sarah Lovinger	1996	Mitch & Valerie Lovinger's Daughter
16	Miriam Brooslin Cohen		
17	Rosa Wise	1931	Member
18	Harriet Gould	1991	Alan Gould's Mother
19	Rabbi Edward L. Israel		
	Mabel Rodbell	1994	Herb Rodbell's Wife
20	Barbara M Levin		
	Ruth Shwayder	1967	
22	Ida Zindler		Leo Zindler's Grandmother
	Dorothy D Kaiser		Paula Kaiser's Mother
25	Leon Hirsch		
	Helen Wise	1962	Member
	Sarah Lebin		Dave Merlin's Mother
26	Rosalie Amberg	1915	
27	Oscar Rodbell		
	Marilyn Goldenthal	2005	Member
29	Edith Bersson	2006	Bob Bersson's Mother
31	Amalie G Wise	1939	Member

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

L'Shanah Tovah from Religious School!

Religious school has begun with 33 bright, smiling faces of children eager to learn Hebrew and all about Judaism. We welcome 9 new students and 4 new families. We also welcome 3 new teachers on staff and 5 returning teachers, and of course, Rabbi Joe! Thanks to all of the staff, parents, and children for helping this year off to such a wonderful beginning.

And speaking of new beginnings – the High Holy days came early and we celebrated together – including during Yizkor services on September 12th. Our Alef and Bet students all had the opportunity to try to blow the shofar – and it was impressive how many great horn players we have! On Sunday, September 26th, we will enjoy a Sukkot celebration together and we hope to see you there.

Also, please join us all at Beth El for Simchat Torah services on Friday, 10/1/2010. What a joy it will be to celebrate the consecration of our 9 new students as well as the beginning of our torah with our community!

I would like to say a very special thank you to the many generous donations that the religious school has recently received in memory of John Stewart. Thank you to Ron & Michelle Ornstein, Bill & Marianne Garber, Sidney & Linda Bland, John Clem, Anna Hidreth, Catherine Hildreth, Simon & Regina Frances, Sylvia Moore, Barbara McCoy, Catherine Boyd, Nelson & Nancy Hess, Paul & Diana Cline, Ms. Mildred Helsley, Linda Kline, and Charles & Judith Warren.

If you have any questions about Religious School, please contact Dara Hall, principal, at 540-433-5596 or mddmhall@verizon.net.

L'shalom,
Dara

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Dinner Meeting, Wed. Oct 6, 6 PM at the Chinese Restaurant in Martin's Shopping Center (East Market St.) . MANY, MANY THANKS to everyone from Men's Club who helped with the High Holidays - Ushering, Break-The-Fast, First Step, Sukkah assembly, book/Torah cover switching, light bulb changing...

May the coming year be sweet with good health, good fortune and peace for each and every one.

Hope to see many of you on the 6th.

Ron

SISTERHOOD

Our Sisterhood wishes to thank all members of the Congregation for desserts and other contributions made toward the Rosh Hashanah oneg.

Our first meeting of the New Year went well. We would appreciate your emails with ideas or suggestions about how we can make Sisterhood more meaningful to you. We would like to schedule events, speakers and activities throughout the coming year. Please let us know what you are interested in. Due to a conflict of schedules, we held off having our installation. Be looking for details of our next dinner with installation of new officers.

Dale Brothers

Gale Clemons Sisterhood Co-Presidents

DONATIONS

Beth El Congregation is grateful for the following generous donations:

Gifts & Memorials

In honor of Ruth Cayman's 90th birthday
Judy Freudenthal

In honor of the birth of Wyatt Joseph, new grandson of Rabbi Joe Blair
Jerry & Esther Minskoff

In honor of Cathy's parents, Stuart & Judy Liss
Cathy Liss & Larry Swetlow

In memory of Erwin Helbraun
Judy Freudenthal
Beth El Mens Club
Arnie Kahn

In memory of John G. Stewart
John & Cindy Crim
Suzanne Brooks
Carolyn Snow
Jerry & Esther Minskoff
Alan & Kate Neckowitz
Richard & Pam Wilkins
Bill & Leslie Ney
Montzeree & Barbara Blakey
Charles Miller
Michael & Violet Allain
Gordon & Susan Nicholson
Mona Wolf

Beth El Mens Club
Arnie Kahn
Chuck Slott
Anthony & Noel Rackie

To the Beth El Religious School in memory of John Stewart

Ron & Michelle Ornstein
Bill & Marianne Garber
Sidney & Linda Bland
John Clem
Anna Hildreth
Catherine Hildreth
Simon & Regina Frances
Sylvia Moore
Barbara McCoy
Catherine Boyd
Nelson & Nancy Hess
Paul & Diana Cline
Ms. Mildred Helsley
Linda Kline
Charles & Judith Warren

To the Building Fund in memory of John Stewart

Eddie Ney & Frances Stewart
Joan Funston

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

Becky & Les Mintzer in memory of Bud Shapiro, Becky's father
Kate & Alan Neckowitz in memory of Belle Neckowitz
Leonard & Marilena Berman in honor of Julius Berman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Anne Mintzer and John Stewart
Louis & Carol Schrepp

High Holiday Memorials

Elliott & Thea Golub
Bill & Leslie Ney
Judy Freudenthal
Sheila Padoll
Becky & Les Mintzer
Mona Wolf
Evelyn & Larry Williams
Eddie Ney
Frances Stewart
Estelle & Joshua Robinson

Herbert Rodbell
Ruth Clayman
Marlene Brumbaugh & Sherri Alt
The Greenfield & Robles Families
Cindy Baron
Gale & Charles Clemons
Dale & Monty Brothers
Kate & Alan Neckowitz
Joyce Helbraun
Andy Kohen
Joan Funston
Lenore Price
The Ornstein Family
Marshall, Lynn, Jacob & Rachel Kohen
Jerry & Esther Minskoff
Arnie Kahn
Robert Lantz
Bev & Leo Zindler
Chuck Slott
Daniel Bly

High Holiday Visitors

Sulamith Schumacher
JMU Hillel
Josh Linder & Martha Bomar
Lisa White Gooden
Sophie P. Miller
Mallory Brooke Schwebel

Board Members

Joe Blair	Rabbi
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Congregation List

I will be getting the new congregation list assembled in the near future. Is your address and zip code on last year's list current and accurate? If not, let me know. Let me know if you have a new email address. With postage so expensive, if we can send notices and newsletters to you via email, we can help keep our budget balanced and expenses lower. We also list cell phone numbers. For many people, this is a better way to receive calls. 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 the temple newsletter via email or snail mail. Please let **Judy Freudenthal, 867-5648** or jfreudy@aol.com, know of any changes you wish to make. Thank you.

Fundraising

Volunteers Needed. People needed with fresh ideas, willing to put in a few hours of work, a few days of the year. This is YOUR Temple, if you won't volunteer, who will??

Judy Liss 540-289-9409

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OUR COMMUNITY PLACE

Our Community Place is a community center in Harrisonburg which provides 3 meals a day, 7 days a week to "anyone in the world". It also has programs to help folks find work, job skills, sobriety and mentorship. It is a safe place for those who have no where else to go. Most of the folks that stay in the HARTS shelters during the winter go to OCP when they have to leave the shelters early in the morning. OCP is organizing a fund-raising 10k walk on Saturday, October 30, 2010. If anyone is interested, you may go to the website OurCommunityPlace.org/Walk or for more information reply to rachelsarahblanton@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION

THE NEXT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2010. THE TWO LECTURES WILL BE ON: FROM KING SOLOMON TO PRECLASSICAL PROPHECY THE PROPHETS AND THE FALL OF THE NORTH.

Bema Basket Reminder

At many times throughout the year, congregation members choose to purchase flower arrangements to adorn the bema, in honor or memory of a loved one or an event. Instead of purchasing flowers, in the future, we encourage congregants to honor/remember a family member or friend, (or just support the food bank) by making a donation to the Sisterhood, in any amount, designated for feeding the hungry. Sisterhood will then donate the money, in your name, to The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The contribution will be recognized from the bema and in the Bridge. Donations can be sent/given to Kate Neckowitz, Sisterhood Treasurer, c/o Beth El. You will see a beautifully decorated food basket in the place where you often see flowers on the bema, indicating that a donation has been received. Remember that you can make sure that the basket is in place for ANY service.

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

Sisterhood is sponsoring a Silent Auction all year long entitled "Artwork of the Month". A piece is now on display in the tall wood with glass cabinet in the social hall. There is a notepad with a pen on the cabinet ledge. Please take a look and place your bid in the pad.. A new winner will be announced each month.

Gift Shop

For the Congregation's pleasure:
Your wonderful gift shop is opened for your buying needs all year round. Please get in touch with Marlene Brumbaugh if you need a gift any time of the year.

THIS WON'T COST YOU ANYTHING

After every trip and hotel stay, we usually come home with small toiletries - that we don't use, don't need, and are un-opened. Just bring these toiletries to the Temple and put them in the basket in the lobby. Sisterhood will collect and donate them to First Step, a haven for abused women.

October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Rabbi-Led Shabbat & Simchat Torah, Religious School Consecration Service	2
3 Religious School Simchat Torah & Bagel Bar <i>Israel Trip Information Meeting, 7 pm, THOI</i>	4	5 LLI Class 4 1 pm <i>Seminar Class 1, 7 pm @THOI</i>	6 Men's Club Dinner Meeting 6 PM	7 Israel Trip Information Meeting, 7 pm, Be El	8 Lay-led Service	9
10 Religious School & Bagel Bar <i>Shorty Meeting, 3:30 pm @ THOI</i>	11 <i>Columbus Day</i>	12 LLI Class 5 1 pm	13	14	15 Lay-led service <i>Torah Bites, Noon, @ THOI</i>	16
17 Religious School & Bagel Bar Adult Education	18	19 LLI Make up class 1 pm	20	21 LLI Session B Class 1	22 Lay-led Service	23 Rabbi-Led Shabbat @ 10 am
24 Religious School & Bagel Bar	25	26 <i>Seminar Class 2, 7 pm @ THOI</i>	27	28 LLI Class 2, 1 pm	29 Lay-led Service	30 <i>Kinderlachen, 10 am @ THOI</i> OCP 10k Walk
31 Religious School & Bagel Bar						

Congregation Beth El Calendar 5771 (August 2010-July 2011)

Items in Plain Font vary; **Items in Bold** are at **Beth El**; *Items in Italics* are at *THOI*; **Bold Italic items** are **Joint events**

AUGUST 2010

Aug 6 F Lay-led Service
Aug 6 F Pereles B/M THOI
Aug 7 Sa Pereles B/M THOI
Aug 13 F Lay-led Service
Aug 20 F Lay-led Service
Aug 27 F Rabbi-led Shabbat 1
 Aug 29 Su Religious School 1 &
 Bagel Bar, 1st day, 10 am,
 Parent Mtg

& Bagel Bar
Sep 19 Su Shorty Meeting, 1 pm
Sep 21 Tu LLI Class 2 1 pm
**Sep 24 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 3,
 Sukkot**
*Sep 25 Sa Rabbi-Led Shabbat,
 Sukkot, 10 am, THOI*
 Sep 26 Su Religious School 4,
 Sukkot & Bagel Bar
Sep 28 Tu LLI Class 3 1 pm

SEPTEMBER 2010

**Sep 1 W RS Teachers Mtg
 6 pm**
Sep 3 F Lay Service
**Sep 4 Sa Selichot service
 8:30 pm**
 Sep 5 Su NO Religious School
**Sep 8 W Erev Rosh Hashanah
 8 pm**
Sep 9 Th Rosh Hashanah 10 am
**Sep 9 Th Tashlikh (immediately
 follows Rosh HaShanah
 service)**
Sep 10 F Rabbi-led Shabbat 2
 Sep 12 Su Religious School 2
 & Bagel Bar
**Sep 12 Su Yizkor Service,
 Beth El Cemetery, 11:30
 am**
**Sep 14 Tu LLI Session A
 Class 1 pm**
**Sep 17 F Erev Kol Nidre
 8 pm**
Sep 18 Sa Yom Kippur 10 am
Sep 18 Sa Yom Kippur 3 pm
Sep 18 Sa Yizkor ~4:15 pm
Sep 18 Sa Neilah 5:15 pm
Sep 18 Sa Break Fast ~6:15
 Sep 19 Su Religious School 3

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**Oct 1 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 4 &
 Simchat Torah, Religious
 School Consecration Service**
 Oct 3 Su Religious School 5 Simchat
 Torah & Bagel Bar
*Oct 3 Su Israel Trip Information
 Meeting, 7 pm, THOI*
Oct 5 Tu LLI Class 4 1 pm
*Oct 5 Tu Seminar Class 1,
 7 pm THOI*
**Oct 7 Th Israel Trip Information
 Meeting, 7 pm, Beth El**
Oct 8 F Lay-led Service
 Oct 10 Su Religious School 6
 & Bagel Bar
*Oct 10 Su Shorty Meeting, 3:30 pm
 @ THOI*
Oct 12 Tu LLI Class 5 1 pm
*Oct 15 F Torah Bites, Noon,
 @ THOI*
Oct 15 F Lay-led service
 Oct 17 Su Religious School 7
 & Bagel Bar
 Oct 19 Tu LLI Make up class 1 pm
**Oct 21 Th LLI Session B Class 1
 1 pm**
Oct 22 F Lay-led Service
**Oct 23 Sa Rabbi-Led Shabbat 5
 @ 10 am**

Oct 24 Su Religious School 8
& Bagel Bar
**Oct 26 Tu Seminar Class 2,
7 pm THOI**
Oct 28 Th LLI Class 2, 1 pm
Oct 29 F Lay-led Service
*Oct 30 Sa Kinderlachen, 10 am
@ THOI*
 Oct 31 Su Religious School 9
& Bagel Bar

NOVEMBER 2010

*Nov 1 M Intro Hebrew, Class 1,
6 pm @THOI*
Nov 4 Th LLI Class 3, 1 pm
**Nov 4 Th Intro Hebrew,
Class 1, 6 pm**
**Nov 5 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat,
Community Awareness
Shabbat @ BE 6**
*Nov 7 Su End of DST
Clocks Fall Back 1 Hr*
*Nov 7 Su Religious School 10
& Bagel Bar*
**Nov 12 F Torah Bites, Noon,
@ THOI**
Nov 12 F Lay-led Service
*Nov 14 Su Religious School 11
& Bagel Bar*
Nov 14 Su Shorty Meeting, 2:30
**Nov 14 Su Book Discussion,
6 pm, @THOI**
*Nov 15 M Intro Hebrew, Class 2,
6 pm, @THOI*
**Nov 16 Tu Lions Club Dinner &
Mens Club**
*Nov 16 Tu Seminar Class 3,
7 pm @ THOI*
Nov 18 Th LLI Class 4, 1 pm
**Nov 18 Th Intro Hebrew,
Class 2, 6 pm**
**Nov 19 F Torah Bites, Noon,
@ THOI**
Nov 19 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 7
*Nov 20 Sa Kinderlachen at THOI,
10 AM*
 Nov 21 Su Religious School 12: Family
Education: Gemilut Chasidim
& Bagel Bar (No JMU)

*Nov 22 M Intro Hebrew, Class 3, 6 pm,
@THOI*
Nov 25-28 THANKSGIVING BREAK
Nov 26 F Lay-led Service
 Nov 28 Su No Religious School
*Nov 29 M Intro Hebrew, Class 4, 6 pm,
@THOI*

DECEMBER 2010

Dec 2 Th LLI Class 5, 1 pm
Dec 2 Th Intro Hebrew, Class 3, 6 pm
Dec 3 F Lay-led Service
*Dec 5 Su Religious School 13, Chanukah
& Bagel Bar.*
Dec 5 Su Chanukah Dinner, 5 pm
*Dec 6 M Intro Hebrew, Class 5, 6 pm,
@THOI*
Dec 7 Tu Seminar Class 4, 7 pm THOI
Dec 9 Th LLI Makeup class, 1 pm
**Dec 9 Th Intro Hebrew, Class 4,
@ 6 pm**
Dec 10 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 8
*Dec 11 Sa Rabbi-Led Shabbat 10 am
@THOI*
*Dec 12 Su Religious School 14 & Bagel
Bar*
Dec 12 Su Shorty Meeting 3:30 pm THOI
Dec 12 Su Book Discussion, 6 pm THOI
Dec 16 Th Intro Hebrew, Class 5, 6 pm
Dec 17 F Torah Bites, Noon, @THOI
Dec 17 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 9
Dec 18 Sa Kinderlachen, 10 am @THOI
**Dec 18 Sa Religious School 15, Havdalah
5 pm**
Dec 19 Su NO Religious School
Dec 24 F Lay-led Service
Dec 31 F Lay-led Service

JANUARY 2011

*Jan 7 F Shorty Fundraising Dinner
6 pm @ THOI*
**Jan 7 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat, Shorty
Service 7:30 pm @THOI**
Jan 7 F Lay-led Service
**Jan 8 Sa Rabbi-Led Shabbat 10
@ 10 am**
*Jan 9 Su Religious School 16 &
Bagel Bar.*
Jan 9 Su Shorty Meeting, 1 pm

Jan 9 Su Book Discussion 6 pm @ THOI
Jan 11 Tu Seminar Class 5, 7 pm THOI
Jan 14 F Torah Bites, Noon, THOI
Jan 14 F Lay-led service
 Jan 16 Su Religious School 17 & Bagel Bar
Jan 16 Su Tu Be'Shevat Seder @THOI 5pm
Jan 18 Tu Lions Club Dinner & Men's Club
 Jan 21 F Shorty dinner by Men's Club
Jan 21 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 11 & Shorty Ski Weekend
Jan 22 Sa Shorty Ski Weekend
Jan 22 Sa Shorty dinner by Sisterhood
 Jan 23 Su Religious School 18 (Model Tu Be'Shevat Seder) & Bagel Bar
Jan 23 Su Ski Weekend ends
Jan 23 Su Book Discussion, 6 pm @THOI
Jan 28 F Lay-led Service
 Jan 29 Sa Kinderlachen, 10 am @THOI
 Jan 30 Su Religious School 19 & Bagel Bar
FEBRUARY 2011
Feb 1 Tu Seminar Class 6, 7 pm THOI
Feb 4 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 12
 Feb 5 Sa SJFF
 Feb 6-18 (Tentative) Israel Trip
 Feb 6 Su Religious School 20 & Bagel Bar.
 Feb 6 Su SJFF
Feb 11 F Men's Club Shabbat Service
 Feb 12 Sa Rabbi-Led Shabbat 10 am @THOI; Religious School Shabbat
 Feb 13 Su Religious School 21 & Bagel Bar
 Feb 13 Su Shorty Meeting, 3:30 THOI
Feb 13 Su Book Discussion 6 pm @THOI
Feb 18 F Torah Bites, Noon, THOI
Feb 18 F Rabbi-led Shabbat 13
 Feb 19 Sa Rabbi-led Shabbat, 10 am @THOI
 Feb 20 Su Religious School 22 & Bagel Bar
Feb 20 Su Adult Educ.: Kulanu 4 pm
Feb 22 Tu Seminar Class 7, 7pm THOI

Feb 25 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 14
 Feb 26 Sa Kinderlachen, 10 am THOI
 Feb 27 Su Religious School 23 Shabbat Practice [No JMU] & Bagel Bar
 Feb 27 Su Book Discussion, 6 pm THOI

MARCH 2011

Mar 1 Tu Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner (by Men's Club) 5 pm
Mar 4 F Lay-led Service
Mar 5 Sa Rabbi-Led Shabbat 15, 10 am
 Mar 6-18 (Tentative) Israel Trip
 Mar 6 Su Religious School 24 (Shabbat practice) & Bagel Bar.[No JMU]
Mar 11 F Lay-led Service
Mar 12 Sa Religious School Shabbat Service, THOI, 10 am Saturday morning
 Mar 13 Su No Religious School
 Mar 13 Su Shorty Meeting, 3:30 pm THOI
Mar 13 Su Book Discussion, 6 pm THOI
Mar 18 F Torah Bites, Noon, THOI
Mar 18 F Lay-led Service
 Mar 19 Sa Kinderlachen, 10 am THOI
 Mar 20 Su Religious School 25 PURIM & Bagel Bar
Mar 20 Su Purim Carnival
Mar 22 Tu Seminar Class 8, 7 pm THOI
Mar 25 F Lay-led Service

APRIL 2011

Apr 1 F Rabbi-Led Shabbat 16
 Apr 2 Sa Rabbi-Led Shabbat, 10 am @THOI
 Apr 3 Su No Religious School (Spring Break/Passover [Make up day])
Apr 3 Su Book discussion, 6 pm THOI
Apr 8 F Lay-led Service
 Apr 10 Su Religious School 27 & Bagel Bar
Apr 15 F Torah Bites, Noon, THOI
Apr 15 F Rabbi-led Shabbat 17
 Apr 16 Sa Kinderlachen, 10 am THOI
 Apr 17 Su Religious School 28 Model Passover Seder & Bagel Bar
Apr 18 M Seder 1, THOI 6 pm
Apr 19 Tu Seder 2, Beth El 6 pm
 Apr 24 Su NO Religious School

Apr 24Su **Shorty Meeting, 1 pm**
Apr 24 Su **Book Discussion, 6 pm THOI**
Apr 29F **Lay-led service**

JULY 2011
Jul 1 F **Lay-led Service**

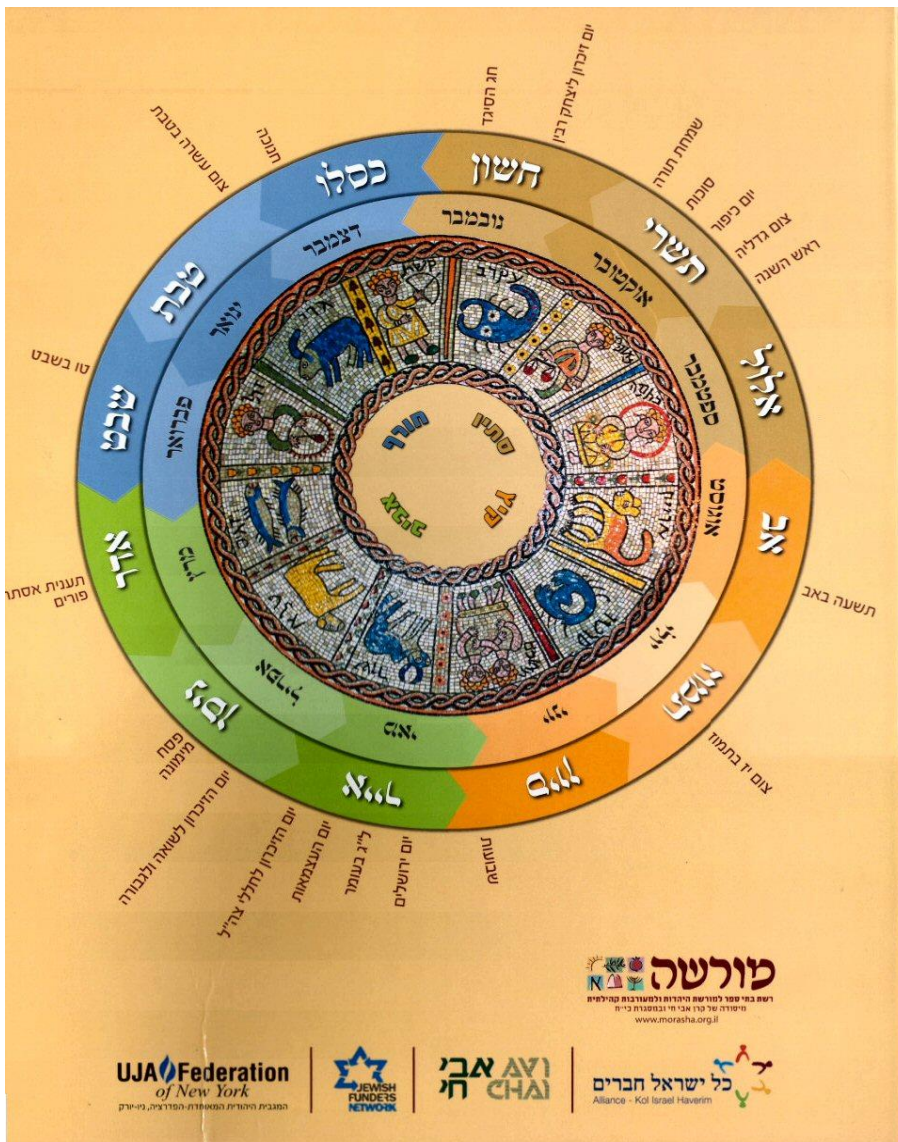
MAY 2011
May 1 Su Religious School 29, Yom
 HaShoah & Bagel Bar
May 5 Th Interfaith Association, Noon
May 6 F **Shorty Fundraising dinner**
6 pm
May 6 F **Rabbi-Led Shabbat 18**
May 7 Sa *Kinderlachen at THOI 10 AM*
May 8 Su No Religious School
 (Mothers' Day)
May 8 Su *Shorty Meeting, 3:30 pm THOI*
May 8 Su *Book discussion, 6 pm THOI*
May 10 Tu **Beth El Congregational**
Meeting 7 pm
May 13 F **Sisterhood Shabbat Service**
May 15 Su Religious School 30 Israel Day
 & Bagel Bar [No JMU]
May 15Su Daled Class trip to US
 Holocaust Memorial Museum
May 20 F *Torah Bites, Noon, THOI*
May 20 F **Rabbi-led Shabbat 19,**
Lovinger B/M
May 21 Sa **Rabbi-led Shabbat 20,**
Lovinger B/M
May 22 Su Last Day Religious School 31
 Lag Be'Omer, Maccabiah Games,
 Picnic, & Bagel Bar {No JMU}
May 22 Su *Book discussion 6 pm THOI*
May 27 F **Lay-led Service**

Jul 8 F **Rabbi-led Shabbat 23**
Jul 15 F *Torah Bites, Noon, THOI*
Jul 15 F **Lay-led Service**
Jul 16 F *Rabbi-led Shabbat, 10 am*
@ THOI, Picnic Kiddush.
Jul 22 F **Lay-led Service**
Jul 29 F **Lay-led Service**

JUNE 2011
Jun 3 F *Rabbi-Led Shabbat, Shorty*
Confirmation @THOI,
Shavuot
Jun 3 F **Lay-led Shabbat**
Jun 3-5 Shorty Weekend Trip .
Jun 5 Su **Yard Sale**
Jun 10 F **Lay-led Service**
Jun 11 Sa **Rabbi-Led Shabbat 21**
10 am
Jun 11 Sa **Beth El Congregational**
Picnic/Kiddush 12:30 pm
Jun 17 F *Torah Bites, Noon, THOI*
Jun 17 F **Lay-led Service**
Jun 19 Su *Book discussion, 6 pm, THOI*
Jun 24 F **Rabbi-led Shabbat 22**

FROM GARY STEIN

About a year ago, I got an e-mail from Haya Paz Cohen, Coordinator of Educational Programs & Teaching Aides Production at the Morasha Schools Network for Jewish Heritage in Jerusalem. She asked me to send her a picture of the Beit Alfa mosaic in our foyer to use on their new Jewish studies portfolio. She promised to send me one of the portfolios when it was completed, and I finally received it earlier this month. I will be sending it on to the Board, but I wanted to take this opportunity to share it with the entire Beth El Congregation:



In her letter that accompanied the portfolio, Ms Cohen wrote: “Last autumn, when I was working on the portfolio for our students I could not find the right illustration picture to depict the spirit and atmosphere of the Jewish calendar. One of my colleagues suggested that we use the Beit Alfa mosaic, but its images were all colorless and not sufficiently appealing for young children. When I found the pictures of your community mosaic, I was so happy: I had found exactly what I was looking for!”

The folder is used by various grades, and teachers choose “to highlight different aspects, in keeping with Morasha’s professional approach whereby we prepare tools as vessels for each teacher to fill with contents and emphases of his or her choice.” The teachers collect the portfolios at the end of the year for use in future years.

Ms. Cohen wished me a *שנה טובה* and I wanted to wish the entire Beth El Congregation the same!

Gary Stein