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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.

September, 2009

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fellow Beth El Congregants:

Well, it has again been an all-too-short summer, and the High Holidays are coming even faster this year. Erev Rosh Hashanah is Friday September 18. As in the past, we are fortunate that Rabbi Sue Elwell will be alternating with Rabbi Joe for High Holiday services this year.

Last year I said that I think we also have a lot to do as a congregation. It has certainly been an awesome year. I think that we can do more. In April, I attended a seminar for congregation presidents, and I know that we are doing better than a lot of larger congregations out there. I'll have some ideas that I'll share with you during the High Holiday Services. In general, I think that we can continue to grow the congregation, both in membership and in member participation. I look forward to talking with each of you to find out what you are passionate about in terms of congregation activities. As we face a new year, we must never lose faith in what we can accomplish together. Then we can be sure that the coming year will be a sweet, peaceful, and happy one for all of us.

Gary

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

My dear fellow Valley Jews and Friends,
Shalom. I hope you have had a good summer season. Summer has almost run its course as I write this - the time has flown far too fast. At the same time, I am looking forward to getting back to work with all of you.

THE RABBI'S MESSAGE

During this slower summer time I have had a chance to step back and reflect a bit on several fronts.

I have once again been reminded of the good things about our congregation and community, how special and how supportive and important it can be in the lives of so many. It reinforces some of the convictions I have held about what we are and what we mean to each other. As a result, I am more convinced than ever that the vision I have held for our community - to become a vibrant Jewish center which expresses and practices Jewish values; is recognized throughout the region; serves our members, the Jewish community as a whole, and the larger community; and acts as extended family for all of us - is both right and achievable, with your help and support. I am moved to increase my efforts, and I invite you to join me to bring that vision closer to full fruition.

In the past year I have been deeply gratified to see that our community has risen to the challenges that we have encountered. The leadership of the congregation has tried to steer a course that was financially and fiscally prudent, took into account the requirements of the physical plant, and also supported our members and the larger community. Our members have expressed their Jewish values through Tzedakah (righteous behavior), Gemilut Chasidim (deeds of loving kindness), and Tikkun Olam (repair or the world) in a variety of ways, with more efforts in the past year to support the needy through the Volunteer Farm work,

donations to several food banks and shelters, by donations to worthy groups and causes, and through participation in different community efforts. I see all of that continuing as we enter the new year, and I anticipate that we will increase our efforts and participation again.

Given all that has been done, I feel motivated to begin some of the projects and initiatives that have been on hold in our congregation and community, and to renew efforts on those that have already begun. I see the year ahead as an opportunity to make even greater progress towards the goals and the vision that support them. Working together with many of you, focusing our attention and energies, I know we can achieve wonderful things. All it will take is working together, giving of ourselves and our resources, taking one step at a time.

May our efforts this year help to bring good news and support better times for all.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Not everyone had a quiet and peaceful spring and summer, or year. There were a number of events in our community that were of a turbulent and even painful nature. (Based on what I know - there may be others as well, in which case I have not included them, and apologize for the unintentional oversight.)

The Alts, Miriam Banker, The Brumbaughs, Frances Flannery, Judy Freudenthal, The Goldbergers, The Golubs, Alan Gould, Margee Greenfield, The Helbrauns, The Kohns, Andy Kohen, The Krohns, Lynne Landsberg, Joe Landson, Shirley Merlin, the Minskoffs, Anne Mintzer, The Mintzers, Eddie Ney, The Neys, Milton Perlman, The Raffertys, Herb Rodbell, The Steins, The Stewarts, Mark Strauss, Alan Tischler, and Mona Wolf, each, or in their extended families, have experienced a difficult or unpleasant event in the recent

past. The Alts, The Aycocks, Miriam Banker, Franklin Blatt, Dale Brothers, the Brumbaughs, the Clemons, the Helbrauns, the Mintzers, Lenore Price, the Robinsons, and the Steins, all had a recent loss in their families.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them. May our community members who have been troubled or who have suffered loss find comfort, healing, and wholeness, and may the coming months and years be a time full of joy for them, and for all of us.

THE CALENDAR

ELUL → TISHREI (SEPTEMBER)

Elul runs from August 21st to September 18th, and the 18th and 19th of September are Rosh Chodesh for the month of Tishrei. Tishrei will run from the 19th of September through October 18th, with the 18th and 19th of October being Rosh Chodesh for Cheshvan. Of course, the 1st of Tishrei is also Rosh Hashanah, the start of the new year, and the 10th of Tishrei is Yom Kippur, the day of atonement.

THE HOLIDAYS

This is a month with a surplus of holidays and observances. ☺

We begin the annual cycle on Saturday evening, September 12th, when we will hold a Selichot service at 8 pm at THOI for both congregations.

Traditionally during this period, as part of the Cheshbon Nefesh (accounting of the soul), special selichot (penitential) prayers are recited starting with the month of Elul, until Yom Kippur, except on Shabbat and Holidays, for a total of forty days. This is to give us a ‘wakeup call’ and an opportunity to work on those aspects of ourselves we wish to improve. A less stringent tradition is to recite selichot prayers on ten days during the time from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, not including Shabbat or the holidays themselves. Some people have recently developed the custom of holding a single public selichot service following the Shabbat

just prior to Rosh Hashanah, often after midnight. This is the custom we have followed in the recent past (except for the time).

The special power of these selichot prayers is in their recitation during this period, serving as a motivation and focus for self-examination and engagement in the process of Teshuvah (repentance, return, and turning). When entered into with the correct kavannah (intention and direction), this Cheshbon Nefesh can be a powerful and transformative experience. It is difficult and uncomfortable to engage in this kind of scrutiny of oneself, but the results are almost always worthwhile.

There is really little choice about it: avoidance of this process doesn’t simply leave us where we have been: it creates a movement away from the direction we should be taking, which is towards G-d and godliness. There are so many faults and flaws to avoid, and we are each likely to have engaged in many of them in the course of a year. All of us have room to improve, to grow, to increase in godliness and kedushah (holiness), to be better people and more like the person we want to become and were meant to be, closer to G-d. Some of these errors are acts we commit. For example, one of the most pervasive, but most damaging is lashon hara (gossip, evil speech), said to injure three people (the speaker, the listener(s), and the one(s) spoken about). I know personally that these acts are present in our community. Lashon Hara is understood to also include dismissing or belittling another person, or denigrating their ideas or efforts, and discouraging and disheartening them from trying, giving reasons such as ‘I tried that, it won’t work here’. Another example of an act we commit is Sinat Chinam (baseless hatred), whether personally directed, or in the form of bigotry against a group. It is said to have been the reason for the decree concerning the destruction of the Temple. And another type of act we see: egotism and self-importance, said to be the base causes for murder and the wanton

destruction of others when taken to the extremes. When we act on these motivations, we injure others, offend G-d, and damage our own soul. Some errors are passive: refusing or failing to act when we should. A few examples of these kinds of things are failure to assist another person in their time of need, or choosing to hide or withhold information that would allow others to succeed. Sometimes, we act or withhold intentionally, other times inadvertently. In either case, we still injure other people, and we diminish our own soul in that process. Reviewing all the events of the past year and the times we may have missed the mark and acted in such a way, or failed to act when we should have, is painful and difficult, but the pathway to growth must traverse the thorny and difficult trail of self-knowledge.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

On the evening of Friday, September 18th we come to Erev Rosh HaShanah (evening of Rosh HaShanah). Our service will begin at 8 pm. Rosh HaShanah continues on Saturday, September 19th, with the service at 10 am, and for those who celebrate two days, on Sunday, September 20th.

We will observe Tashlikh on the 19th at 1 pm. For those at Beth El, Tashlikh will be at Purcell Park on the bridge; while those at THOI will gather at Gypsy Hill Park at the duck pond.

Sunday, September 27th in the evening and Monday, September 28th are the 10th day of the month of Tishrei, also known as Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). Our services will be on the 27th at 8 pm at Beth El and 7 pm at THOI, and will continue on the 28th at 10 am at both locations, then continue after a break at 4 pm,

Looking a few days ahead, Sukkot begins the evening of the 2nd of October and runs through October 10th, immediately followed on the 11th by Simchat Torah. More on that in next month's article.

NO SHOFAR

A special note: because this year Rosh Hashanah is on Shabbat (Saturday) it is customary neither to recite the Avinu Malkeynu prayer (asking G-d to do certain things for us), nor to blow the Shofar. If you would like to hear the Shofar blown this year, please know that you are invited, and plan to come on Sunday during the Religious school assembly service, at 11:30-12:30, when we will have a school wide assembly and abbreviated observance of Rosh Hashanah, including the sounding of the Shofar.

TZEDAKAH

In the spirit of Tzedakah and at the time of our High Holiday celebration, we ask that those attending our services donate monies or items to help those in need. We will once again have grocery bags at the synagogue that you can take and fill at home, then return. On these bags will also be attached envelopes from Mazon, the Jewish response to Hunger, for donations.

You are invited to bring items (or monetary donations) to the synagogue, year around, but particularly during the High Holiday period, and we will arrange for delivery to appropriate locations/organizations, including Mazon, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, First Step, Valley Mission, the Volunteer Farm, and other local and national organizations that help those in need. Please keep in mind the requirements for non-perishable foodstuff, (items such as tuna, peanut butter, canned meats, soups, fruits, vegetables, and milk, boxed pasta, cereal, cake mixes, juices, baby formula and baby food, and spices/seasonings), household items (such as laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, cleaning supplies), and personal care items (such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, diapers, and mouthwash). Be as generous as you are able.

A BIT MORE ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS

Rosh HaShanah (the head of the year, or new year) is the start of the Jewish calendar year for many purposes. It begins the Yamim Nora'im (days of awe), the ten days starting with Rosh HaShanah, running through the end of Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). This period is one of focus on teshuvah (return and repentance). It follows the 30 days of the month of Elul during which we are directed to conduct a cheshbon hanefesh (accounting of the soul), a self-examination and introspection that leads us to identify our faults and transgressions, and to work to repair them, to seek forgiveness, and to repent and strive not to repeat them.

Because Rosh HaShanah is considered the anniversary of Creation, we see G-d as the supreme Creator, the sovereign over all, and therefore also the supreme judge. We are encouraged to think of this period as the time when G-d judges us (leading to the image of the book of life). That is the reason it is so often felt as a time of seriousness, of sober reflection, and sincere repentance – leading to the term, Yamim Nora'im. At the same time, it is also a time of joy, because we are rejoicing in and celebrating G-d's creation, though this is often felt to be muted by the more somber thoughts dealing with judgment.

The Yamim Nora'im (days of awe) are seen as a time given us to finish the work of doing Teshuvah and making amends with others in advance of Yom Kippur, a period when we are given an opportunity to amend our ways, seek forgiveness, and prepare ourselves to be ready and fit to turn and return to G-d, and to acting in a godly way. The Yamim Nora'im are seen as a time we can 'plead our case' and support our plea by teshuvah (repentance), giving tzedakah (righteous action – often gifts to those in need), and doing gemilut Chasidim (deeds of lovingkindness/piety).

Yom Kippur is a time of solemnity, and also of joy. We know we are being judged, but we are secure in the merciful and compassionate nature of G-d. If we sincerely

and truly seek to be a better person, G-d will view us in that light.

This holiday is a call and a spur to attend to our inner selves – that is why we fast and avoid physical pleasures and comforts. In those final moments of Yom Kippur, we understand at a deep level the metaphor that our chance to make amends is now drawing to a close, the gates of prayer are closing, the time of judgement is ending, our last opportunity to seek a merciful judgement is drawing to a close, and we are approaching the moment of the sealing of the book of life for the coming year with the decree of judgement contained for us therein. It is truly a serious time of awe for anyone who has genuinely examined their deeds and past failings, and of hope for those who have done the hard work of Teshuvah.

TORAH PARASHIOT

Torah parashiot (Torah portions) read for the period covered by this newsletter include the following in September: Ki Tavo, Nitzavim-Vayelech, Haazinu, drawn from Devarim (Deuteronomy) 26:1-32:52, as well as the reading of Bereshit (Genesis) 22:1-19 at Rosh HaShanah, and Devarim (Deuteronomy) 29:9-14, 30:11-20 Yom Kippur morning, and Vayikra (Leviticus) 19:1-4, 9-18, and 32-37 in the afternoon.

Haftarot read on Shabbatot (Sabbaths) in September include selections from Isaiah 60-61, and Hosea 14, Jeremiah 31 Rosh Hashanah morning, Isaiah 58 Yom Kippur morning, and the Book of Jonah in the afternoon.

CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

As we start this new year, I want to announce plans for another trip to Israel to take place in February or March of 2011. This should give everyone time to put it on their calendars and save up for this fantastic opportunity. If you think this sounds interesting, please speak to me, or to any of

those congregants who went on the last trip. It will be a different itinerary, but just as educational, enjoyable, exciting, and meaningful as the last time! I will be mentioning this again periodically, so look for more information to be forthcoming soon.

ITEMS OF NOTE THIS MONTH

- ◊ See elsewhere in this newsletter for the service times for the High Holidays, including Tashlikh information.
- ◊ The first rabbi-led service after the summer hiatus will be on August 28th at THOI, and September 4th at Beth El. There will be rabbi-led Shabbat services in September at THOI on the 11th and 25th. Due to the way that the High Holidays fall out this year, the next regular rabbi-led Shabbat service at Beth El will be on October 2nd, celebrating Sukkot.
- ◊ The Yizkor (Memorial) service will take place on Sunday, September 27th at the cemetery, weather permitting (if inclement, we will hold the service in the Sanctuary). Those who wish to walk to the cemetery will leave Beth El at 11:20 am. We will conduct the service there at the Beth El Cemetery on arrival, planning for 11:30 am. A similar service will be conducted starting at 1:30 pm at the THOI Cemetery.
- ◊ Religious School and Pre-School will commence on Sunday, August 30th, and generally meet weekly through May 23rd, unless otherwise noted. There is no Religious School scheduled on September 6th due to the Labor Day weekend. Teachers and staff will be meeting on August 26th or 27th to plan for the coming year.
- ◊ The first Family Shabbat will take place on September 4th at Beth El at 6 pm. This is a more family-friendly (and shorter) service, geared to younger members. No meal is planned for this service, so expect to feed your

youngsters either before or after. A regular rabbi-led service will follow at 7:30.

- ◊ The first Kinderlachen program will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 10-11 am at THOI. This is open to anyone in the community (members or not, Jewish or not) who wishes to bring their child to a Jewish-themed “play group” including some activities, music, arts and crafts, stories, snacks, a few blessings and a chance to socialize. The theme for this month will be the New Year and Birthday of the World. Please invite anyone who may be interested to join us.

- ◊ Saturday evening, September 12th there will be a Havdalah and Selichot Service at 8 pm at THOI.

- ◊ Sunday, September 13th at 2 pm at Beth El will be the first of the more or less monthly Women in the Bible sessions. All are welcome to come and discuss the story. No experience or prior knowledge required. This is a series of classes, which follow the stories of women in the Tanakh, but each one is stand alone. We will view the Tanakh in some detail, and especially at the doings of the women included in various sections, and tease out a bit of their stories, as well as look at the historical and contextual world in which those stories are unfolding, how we view it today, and what this says to us as Jews and as modern people. The setting for this class is akin to a seminar in which we would look at the story of one woman in each class, and read the text (in English), talk about the background, and discuss the story. It is scheduled on Sunday afternoons from 2-3 pm, approximately monthly. We will meet at Beth El in Harrisonburg. In the course of the past year we were able to get through the stories of Genesis. We will begin with Exodus, looking at

Yocheved, Miriam, and Pharoah's daughter in the first session, then move on to Tziporah and the other women that appear in the Tanakh in subsequent meetings.



Plan ahead – there will be a five session Introduction to Hebrew course beginning October 19th at THOI, and October 22nd at Beth El. These will be five two and a half or three-hour classes, from 6 to 8:30 or 9 pm, with the course ending by mid-December. This is intended to be a very focused approach, requiring attention and concentration in class, as well as home practice during the week. By investing these five weeks, you will master the Alefbet, gain a skill for life, and be able to decode Hebrew! Best of all, there is no charge for this course or the materials. ☺ This course is designed for anyone who wishes to learn the Hebrew alefbet and vowels, in order to be able to follow along in services, begin to know how to read from the liturgy, and sound out any Hebrew you may encounter. This is especially suggested as helpful if you don't know Hebrew, and will have a child in religious school or preparing for B'nai Mitzvah!

OTHER PROGRAMS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

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 as shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please know that we always 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 Rabbi Joe, Sherri Alt, or Margee Greenfield. Roles include: reading Torah (English or Hebrew), reading Haftarah (English or Hebrew), delivering a Devar

Torah, serving as Gabbai (the “MC” for the Torah service), reading an English reading, or having an honor. 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 – there are some restrictions on who may have this particular honor), serving as Hagbah (lift, hold, and carry the Torah), Gelilah (undressing and dressing the Torah), Petichah Usegurah (opening and closing the Ark), and candle lighting with blessings.

And if you are interested in singing for our services, please be in touch with Ron Ornstein who is coordinating the activities of the choir.

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.

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. The Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course is not scheduled for this year, but may be offered if there is sufficient interest to justify it.

CLOSING MESSAGE

As we approach the High Holy Days, the Yamim Nora'im (days of awe), I ask forgiveness for any injuries I may have done to anyone, and I freely offer forgiveness to those who have caused me injuries.

May this year be for all of us a year of blessing, a year of love, a year of health, a year of prosperity, a year of healing, and a year of success. May you and your loved ones know peace, prosperity, and joy in the coming year, and receive even more and better than you deserve. Ken Yehi Ratzon (so may it be G-d's will).

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and hearing about all the exciting and fun things you did over the summer.

Rabbi Joe Blair
September 2009

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 does not read or respond to email or phone messages on Shabbat or holidays.

In the event of an emergency, the rabbi may be contacted by telephone. In that case, please call the cell phone number listed:

if you reach voicemail, please leave a message speaking clearly with your name, telephone numbers, the specific topic, and be sure to express the need for an urgent response. The rabbi will respond as soon as possible.

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Yahrzeits

02	Lena Paul Miller		Member
05	Rose Minskoff	1942	Jerry Minskoff's Mother
	Edythe Sanders	1959	Bill Ney's & Leo Zindler's Great Aunt
06	Arthur H. Hirsch	1940	Member
	Thomas Blatt	1956	Member Franklin Blatt's Uncle
	Dr. Alfred Agrin	2004	Cathy Brookshire's Father
08	Rabbi Stephen Levinsohn		Student Rabbi at Beth El
	Norman Kaiser		Paula Kaiser's Father
10	Lee G Loewner	1936	Member

11	Alfred Raff	1981	Irma Nemoytin's Father
	Gilbert Litvin	1969	Herb Rodbell's Cousin
12	Sidra Nemoytin Dubell	1993	Member
16	Fannie Myerberg		
	Harry Blatt	1959	Member Frank Blatt's Father
	Bertha B. Kaye		Ruth Clayman's Sister
	Barbara Clayman Callihan	1990	Harry & Ruth Clayman's Daughter
	Beth A. Ney	2000	Member Eddy Ney's Mother
18	Roslyn Loewner	1940	Member
	Solomon Loewner	1927	Member
	Gladys Wise	1919	Member
	Joseph Ney	1988	Bill Ney's Father
19	John "Bud" Shapiro	2008	Becky Mintzer's Father
20	Simon Marrick	1972	
	Samuel R. Nebelkopf	1961	Shirley Merlin's Father
21	Kattie Ney	1877	Member
23	Kalman Meyer	1964	Joyce Helbraun's Father
25	Berdie F. Ney	1942	Member
	Kattie Iseman	1909	
	Nettie Berney		
	Theodore Weiss	1952	Member
	Ben Handler	1973	Lenny Handler's Father

	Sara Loewner	1982	Member (Sissy)
27	Samuel Fisher	1968	
	Alexander Nemoytin	1967	Gene Nemoytin's Father
29	Belle Neckowitz		Alan Neckowitz' Mother
	Julius Berman		Lenny Berman's Father
	Charles Rodbell	1968	Herb Rodbell's Father

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education

The next Adult Education lecture will on Tuesday September 15 at 7:00PM at the temple. It will be about the Book of Joshua. Please come and enjoy the DVD lectures by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. For information contact Bill Ney.

Attention Beth El Men

I have reserved Shelter #12 at Hillandale Park (it's the one with the attached bathrooms near the far end of the park) for Wednesday Sept. 2nd for our beginning of the year Men's Club picnic and meeting to plan for the year. Let's try and get there around 6 PM - I believe usually the Men's Club provides burgers/hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks and utensils, and we each bring a side dish or dessert to complement. If anyone is available to help start up the coals and begin grilling, let me know and we can meet around 5ish. Please let those with no internet know of the plan and I hope to see many of you then. If you cannot attend the meal/meeting, please let me know if you'd be willing to help with ushering for the High Holidays, or to help with the Yom Kippur Break the Fast. - Thanks.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood's first meeting--we will meet on wed Sept 9th at 6pm at the Temple. Please join us for our first meeting and a special dinner to welcome everyone back! Please call or email Sherri Alt, Sisterhood President to tell me you will be there! 249-5463 or sherishops@aol.

Family Shabbat

In order to be more helpful to families with children, the once a month “Tot Shabbat” is now a once a month Family Shabbat for all of the families in the Temple. We will be using a child’s siddur and plan to have special activities and lots of music. The services will be once a month starting on September 4 at 6:00. There will be a service suited for children followed by a family oneg. Regular Shabbat Services will be at 7:30, following the Family Shabbat service. I cannot over stress the importance of family attendance at services. Please join us in welcoming the Sabbath Bride and sharing the “Shekhinah” of Shabbat. (In classic [Jewish thought](#), the Shekhinah refers to a dwelling or settling in a special

sense, a dwelling or settling of [divine presence](#), to the effect that, while in proximity to the Shekhinah, the connection to God is more readily perceivable.)

The Family Services for this year are:

Sept. 4, 2009

October 2, 2009 (Pizza in the hut for Sukkot. Details to follow)

December 25, 2009

January 8, 2010

February 5, 2010

March 5, 2010

April 23, 2010 (Family Shabbat, Religious School Shabbat)

For any questions or comments call: Roberta Stein 540-432-1381 or email robertastein52@aol.com

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Beth El Congregation is grateful for the following generous donations:

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Bill & Leslie Ney in honor of Judy Freudenthal & Dan Bly for the birth of their grandson, Lucas Bruno Bly

Mona Wolf in memory of Gerry Price

Ruth Clayman in memory of Candy Blatt

Andrew Kohen in memory of Sherri Kaufman

Chuck Slott in memory of Erwin’s brother

Eddie Ney & Frances Stewart in memory of Erwin’s brother

Yahrzeit Fund donations

Mona Wolf in memory of Albert Miller, Dad

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Bill & Leslie Ney in memory of Carol Ney, Bill’s mother

Arnold Kahn in memory of Ronni Kahn

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Chuck Slott in memory of Louis Slott, father Lois P. Poster

Eddie Ney in memory of Albert Ash & Irving Ney

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Men's Club Picnic 6:00	3	4 Family Shabbat 6:00 Rabbi Service 7:30	5 Parashat Ki Tavo
6 No Religious School	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Lay Service	12 Slichot at THOI 8:00 PM Parashat Nitzavim- Vayelech
13 Religious School (2) Bagel Bar	14	15	16	17	18 29th of Elul, 5769 Erev Rosh Hashanah Rabbi Joe 8:00	19 1st of Tishrei, 5770 Rosh Hashanah 5770 Rabbi Sue 10:00 Tashlich at 1 at Purcell Park
20 Religious School Rosh Hashanah (3) Bagel Bar	21 Tzom Gedaliah	22	23	24	25 Lay Service	26 Kinderlachen at THOI 10 AM Parashat Ha'Azinu Shabbat Shuva
27 Religious School Yom Kippur (4) Bagel Bar Yizkor at cemetery 11:30 9th of Tishrei, 5770 Erev Yom Kippur Rabbi Sue 8:00	28 10th of Tishrei, 5770 Yom Kippur Rabbi Joe	29	30			