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From the Rabbi's Desk

My dear fellow Valley Jews and Friends,
 Shalom!

The High Holidays have come and gone and we have entered into a new year. We celebrated Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah together, and I was honored by the formal installation ceremony that recently took place. Religious School is progressing, the Youth Group is active, adult education classes are starting. We are looking at a busy and active time ahead. It is fall, the leaves are turning colors, the scent of the Etrog is still fresh in our memories, and we are looking forward to Thanksgiving and Chanukah! It doesn't get much better than this! This is the season in which it is easiest to feel good and to realize how overflowing and bounteous our lives are. It is the season in which we should especially be offering thanks for all the blessings that we have and share. May your cup overflow with love and bounty, and may this be a season of great joy for you.

COME ON BY!

Please feel free to call, email, make an appointment, or drop in to see me to discuss anything that is on your mind, to ask about something you want to know, for pastoral counseling, or just to chat. One of my great pleasures is to get to know each of you better.

B'virkat shalom (with Blessings of Peace),
 Rabbi Joe Blair

Rabbi's Office Hours, Hospital Visits and Chaplaincy Calls

Rabbi Blair's office days are for now fixed as Mondays and Thursdays.

Drop In times, when the Rabbi is in the office and available without an appointment,

are listed in the calendar below. Other times are available by appointment. Call the temple at 886 - 4091 or email: rabbijoeb@hotmail.com.

Monday, Nov 3 Drop-in 1-3 pm.	Thursday, Nov 6 Drop-in 2-4 pm.	Monday, Nov 10 Drop-in 1-3 pm.	Thursday, Nov 13 Drop-in 2-4 pm.
Monday, Nov 17 Drop-in 1-3 pm.	Thursday, Nov 20 Drop-in 2-4 pm.	Monday, Nov 24 Drop-in 1-3 pm.	Thursday, Nov 24 Drop-in 2-4 pm.

If you should hear or know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized or who might otherwise wish a visit or call, please be sure to let Rabbi Joe know as soon as you can. Otherwise, he will have almost no way of finding out!

Special Event

- **Our Community Awareness Shabbat will be held Friday, November 21st at 7:30 pm.** We invite you to include any friends, neighbors, teachers,

	colleagues or interested people to attend our worship service.
President's Column	<p>By the time this column has been published, Rabbi Blair will have been officially installed. As president I can say that he has brought a sense of passion for his work and a sense of compassion, warmth, willingness and openness to the congregation. I would encourage all of you to participate at whatever level you can in the Temple. For example, I hear that his noon Torah study sessions regarding discussion of the particular weekly Torah portion are very insightful. That is not a good time for my schedule, but perhaps if Friday night doesn't work for you, maybe a morning will. There are many others ways to participate and contribute.</p> <p>In December elections for the board will be held. There will be some slots to be filled so if you are interested, please let your friendly, local nominating committee know (me or Debby Bishop). Shalom, Doug Degen</p>
Noteworthy Congregational Fun	<p>Come join us for our first (of the year?) Film Festival</p> <p>Showing on Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 pm is "The Quarrel", a moving film about two best friends who end their friendship just before World War II. Then, years later in Canada, they discover each other and continue arguing over the same issues: faith in God and in religion. One has remained Chasidic and the other has left the fold.</p> <p>Our second show, "Late Marriage" shows on Wednesday., November 5th at 7:30. This film explores the conflict between following one's heart and following the demands of tradition. In a Soviet Georgian émigré community of Tel Aviv the film depicts a bizarre bargaining ritual of two families scrutinizing the qualities of the son of one and the daughter of the other. Georgian with English subtitles.</p> <p>"Kadosh" was the first Israeli film to be accepted to the Cannes film festival in 25 years and will be shown on Sunday, November 9th at 3:00 pm. This portrait of the Hasidic Jews who live in the ultra orthodox enclave in Mea Shearim in Jerusalem explores the complicated nuances of a community and the social contradictions in their lives bound by religious tradition. Hebrew and Yiddish with English subtitles.</p>
News of our Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our condolences to Bill Cohen and his family on the death of Bill's wife, Betty. The Cohens, from Charlottesville, have been friends of our congregation for many years and we enjoyed seeing them both at High Holiday Services each year. It was nice to see Bill in his front row seat this year and we missed Betty at his side. • Richard Young blew his shofar for Sam Brown's class at Emanuel Pre-School in October. The children were fascinated! Each opportunity we have to share our Jewish heritage is an adult education experience as well, as Mom Bonnie noted when she had two Moms thank her following the class.
New Members	<p>We're delighted to officially welcome two new families to our congregation. Please introduce yourselves when you see new faces at services.</p> <p>Rachel and Tony Jordan with their 13-year-old son Ian have joined us from their home in Crozet. Ian is studying with Rabbi Joe for his Bar Mitzvah.</p> <p>Tara and Jason Krupp and their sons, 3-1/2 -year-old Brandon and 2-year-old Sam have recently moved to Waynesboro and have also joined us. Jason has joined Dr.</p>

Degen's group as the new internal medicine man at Staunton Medical Associates.

Adult Education

- Rabbi Joe will be conducting the Read Hebrew America course, a five week class that brings participants from complete Hebrew illiteracy to the ability to decode (sound out, and recognize specific words) any Hebrew writings. This class will begin November 17th, Monday, at 7:00 pm. It is free for members and students, and \$10 for non-members. You can register by calling and leaving a message at the office with your name and phone number or simply showing up at the first meeting. If there is sufficient interest after the completion of this course, we can offer the follow-up courses that are available.
- The Rabbi will continue offering a Torah discussion for the Parashat HaShavuah (weekly portion) during office hours now on Thursdays from noon to 1. This discussion is open to anyone who wishes to come - there is no prerequisite. Simply come to the shul and join in! Don't forget to bring your opinions! If you wish, also bring your lunch and eat while we talk and learn. (Editor's note: For any of you who can spare the hour, this is one hour well worth your while.)
- The Introduction to Judaism will begin in mid-November. This course has the dual purpose of enhancing the Judaic knowledge of Jewish participants, and of serving as a first step for anyone who is curious about Judaism or may be considering conversion to Judaism. This will be twenty-week session. My thought is to offer it on Sunday afternoons or evenings. It will be open to anyone who wished to attend and there will be a fee for each person to cover costs for books, copying and materials. Please let the Rabbi know if you are interested. Depending on who expresses interest I will determine precisely when and where it will be offered this year. Call the office to sign up.

Sisterhood News

- Todah Rabah (thank you very much) to AJ Hartung and Iris Rubin for an incredible break-the-fast. Wow! Simply put, we had a delicious feast. And thanks to all who made and contributed such delicious food.
- PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES (break-the-fast, Shabbat and the Sisterhood dinner all count) to Ruth Chodrow at rchodrow@cfw.com or 811 Selma Blvd., Staunton 24401 or 886-2252 for our new cookbook!
- Our Shabbat dinner on October 17th was delicious as usual. Thanks to Shirley Brand for the spinach kugel, Kroger for the rotisserie chicken, Ruth Chodrow for the green salad, Lynne Hewitt for the veges, Nancy Witt for the sweet potato casserole and Debby Bishop and Ellen Schorsch for the desserts.
- We'd like to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the known November birthdays:
Karen Blair celebrating on the 5th
Jordan Kristoff becomes 13 on the 10th
Leah Farmer who will be partying on the 12th – among other days
David Young will be "Sweet" 16 on the 25th
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Sarah and Byron Grove-Humphries on the 19th.
Won't you share your dates so we can celebrate with you?

Judaica Shop	Shop at our Judaica Shop for cards, mezuzahs, menorahs and Chanukah candles. We now also have the Gates of Song songbooks available for \$15. Please let Dianne Mason know of any other items that you would like stocked in the Judaica Shop. Dianne can be reached at 885-6254. The shop is normally open during Friday night services. Feel free to call Beryl Gutnick at 886-8958 if you would like to meet at another mutually agreeable time.																														
Notes from the Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would really, really appreciate notice of any address and/or email address changes and updates for our files. Please send them on to me. Thanks! • If you would prefer to receive this bulletin via e-mail, please let me know and I'll be happy to send it on in that format. Thanks to those who have responded! • I am always open to any suggestions you may have for new items, changes, additions or deletions to our bulletin. I look forward to hearing from you at templenews@ntelos.net. 																														
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Nov 9	Film Festival: "Kadosh" at 3:00 pm
Nov 17	Beginning of 5-week Read Hebrew America program, Mondays at 7:00 pm
Nov 17	Temple Board Meeting at 6:30 PM
Nov 21	Community Awareness Shabbat Services at 7:30 PM - Gordon and Linda Bowen and Don and Ruth Chodrow hosts