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**From the
Rabbi's
Desk**

My dear fellow Valley Jews and Friends,
SHALOM!

Please be sure to read the monthly newsletter regularly to keep up with all that is going on and any changes that may be announced. And please take advantage of all that your congregation and Jewish community offer.

As always, if you have ideas for things that you would like to see tried, please feel free to let me know.

I am writing this in mid-October. The High Holidays for this year have just concluded, and we are entering into the cycle of the Shalosh Regalim (the three pilgrimage Festivals) with the first one now being celebrated, Sukkot. Our congregational year is in full flight. Look out below! ☺

THE RABBI'S DESK

It is truly Autumn! The temperatures have (finally!) fallen, the leaves are changing, and there is a nip in the air - I can even see my breath in the morning. What a glorious season! ☺ Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday October 29th - we Fall Back and lose an hour as we end Daylight Savings Time!

THE CALENDAR & HOLIDAYS

I think all of us remember that the evening of October 3rd and the day of October 4th was the first day of Rosh Hashanah! That means it was also Rosh Chodesh for the month of Tishrei, and the beginning of the year 5766 as counted on the Jewish calendar. Sukkot started the evening of October 17th, and ran until the 24th, when we reached, in order, Hoshanah Rabah (the Great Hosanna), Shemini Atzeret (the Eighth day of Gathering/Tarrying), and Simchat Torah (Rejoicing in the Torah). Our service for Sukkot was held on the 21st, and for Simchat Torah on the 28th. (The religious school celebrated Sukkot on the 16th and Simchat Torah on the 23rd.)

The month of Cheshvan begins on the evening of November 2nd and runs until December 1st (Rosh Chodesh - the new month start - for Cheshvan falls on November 2nd and 3rd). The month is often referred to as Mar-Cheshvan /bitter Cheshvan because there are no holidays in it, especially after Tishrei when the month is simply full of holidays.) The only holidays in Cheshvan are Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh, and Thanksgiving (Yum!). Of course, Thanksgiving was modeled after the Biblical holiday of Sukkot (our Harvest festival) by the Pilgrims, so we are just taking advantage of this additional secular opportunity to offer our thanks to G-d (and to have a great feast!).

JEWISH LIFECYCLE: BENTSCHING GOMEL, PIDYON HABEN/HABAT

I should start out with an acknowledgment that this can only be a brief overview of this topic, and overall, of the life cycle. It is impossible to cover everything that could be said in the confines of an article. Instead, I urge you to come to an adult education class, or contact me for more details. If I don't keep this article within reasonable bounds, the bulletin editor is likely to come after me with a two-by-four! ☺ [It's true. Ed.]

This month we look at Bentsching Gomel (praying the prayer, acknowledging and offering thanks for being spared), and Pidyon Haben/ Habat (Redemption of the child).
Gomel

Historically, childbirth was a very dangerous event. Infant mortality was extremely high, but just as terrifying was the fact that women often died in or just after childbirth. Given the lack of knowledge concerning microorganisms, and the dearth of resources such as antibiotics and sterile dressings, anything that went awry during a delivery could be deadly. Consequently, when a woman gave birth, and survived, it was seen as an event for which thanks should be offered to G-d, just as for someone who survived a physical attack, a serious illness, or a long (and dangerous) journey. The Gomel prayer is recited when one is called up to the Torah for an Aliyah (going up). At the end of the blessing after the reading of the Torah, Gomel is added. It is very short, and the text of the blessing and the response by the congregation read as follows:

Person having the Aliyah:

Baruch Atah adonay eloheynu melech ha'olam shegomel lechayavim tovot shegmalani kol tov.

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who bestows good to the living and who has dealt great goodness upon me.

Baruch atah adonay eloheynu melech ha'olam shehechyanu vikiyamanu vehigianu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

Congregational Response:

Mi shegmalcha kol tuv hu yigmalcha kol tov selah.

May the One who has been gracious (or shown kindness) to you continue to favor you with all that is good (show kindness to you) forever.

Traditionally, the husband or father of the woman would be the one called up and he would recite the blessing. Today, in our egalitarian approach to services, a woman is empowered to recite Gomel for herself. This is a lovely custom, a way of expressing gratitude on the part of the person reciting Gomel, and an acknowledgment of that person's experience by the congregation.

Pidyon HaBen or Habat (Redemption of the Child)

We should remember that G-d declared that all first borns belonged to G-d in the Torah when the firstborn of the Israelites were spared from the tenth plague, the death of the firstborn in Egypt (Bamidbar/Numbers 8:17). Later, the privilege of serving G-d was removed from the firstborn and given to the Levites, after the sin of the golden calf. Still, the firstborn "belong" to G-d, so it was necessary to 'redeem' them from this requirement of Temple service by purchasing their 'freedom' from it. According to the Torah, one was to pay five shekels of silver to redeem a child, by paying a Kohen (one of the priests, a descendant of Aaron, and therefore a Levite) to take the child's place. The ceremony usually was to take place on the thirty-first day of life (or later - a child is not a fully viable human being until after they live thirty days in Jewish tradition). The ritual is a formal declaration by the parent that they wish to redeem the child from service, and in place of the child offer the money stated in the Torah. The Kohen accepts the money and releases the child to the parent, then offers a blessing for the child. It is a very brief ceremony, but longer than can be included here in full. I think it can be a very moving ritual as the parent in effect acknowledges that this child, the first born, is a gift from G-d, and acts to acknowledge that gift, and seeks to take 'responsibility' for the child.

Traditionally, only a firstborn male was redeemed, and only if it was the first born child

to that mother. Today, some choose to redeem firstborn female children as well. Only a child that is born naturally is considered firstborn – one born by Caesarean section is not. Only the first child of that mother can qualify – later born children, even in the case of an earlier miscarriage or a stillbirth, are not considered firstborn.

Five silver dollars are generally considered the equivalent of the five silver shekels, though some use a five dollar bill or five one dollar bills, or other silver coins. If the parent does not redeem the firstborn, the firstborn child may choose to redeem him or her self when the child comes of age. Firstborn children of a Levite or Kohen mother or father are exempt from redemption – they are dedicated to service to G-d and are not allowed to 'buy' their way out.

Next month we will look at the topics of the Wimpel, Upscherenish, and some thoughts on Education of the Child.

TZEDAKAH (Righteous Action)

Given the magnitude of the natural disaster and consequent tragedies of the events on the Gulf Coast, in India & Pakistan, and in so many other places around the world, and the incredible needs of those involved, it is incumbent on each of us to do what we can to assist. You can donate funds that will be sure to be applied for those in need by going to www.jdc.org, www.ujc.org, www.mazon.org, or at www.urj.org. There are also opportunities to donate goods and even efforts in some cases. More information will be forthcoming about congregational initiatives. Be on the lookout for the SHORTY youth group effort to collect funds and items to send cleaning supplies to those affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Also, they will be seeking gently used or new children's books to be given to children in pediatrician's offices.

At the same time, I urge you to give not only to victims of these natural disasters, as needy and deserving as they are. Remember that there are others closer to home who also have real need. Please continue to support First Step, the Food Bank of the Blue Ridge, the Free clinic, and the many other worthwhile organizations that help those in need in our own area. Our tradition is that we must help those near at hand first, and then reach out to those at a distance. I am proud to say that the Jewish community has always stepped up to do what is necessary to support the less fortunate – I am sure that you will do so again now.

WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

You have the opportunity to register to vote in the elections for the World Zionist Organization. There are forms in the synagogue, or you can do so online at www.urj.org. This is EXTREMELY important. It only takes two minutes of your time and \$7.00 (\$5.00 for students). Please do so! If you have any questions, please ask me or your congregational officers.

JEWS ONLINE

A helpful website that I recommend to you is <http://www.bible.cc/>. This is a site that permits you to see eight different translations of any given biblical verse. Often they are similar, but at times there is a huge difference shown. Add this to your favorites!

JEWS HUMOR for the High Holidays

During Yom Kippur services in the very wealthy synagogue, the rabbi got carried away with religious fervor. Falling to his knees, forehead to the floor, he cried out in front of the open Ark, "Oh God, before thee I am nothing!"

The Cantor, not to be outdone, also got down, forehead to the floor, and cried, "Oh God, before thee I am nothing!"

Seeing this, Levy, a tailor sitting in the back row, left his seat, walked down the aisle, and fell to his knees with his forehead to the floor, and sobbed, "Oh God, before thee I am nothing!"

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The cantor elbowed the rabbi, and sniffed, “Look who thinks he’s nothing!”

JEWISH TRIVIA

October 10th was Columbus day. So was he Jewish?

The case for:

- ▶ Colon (Columbus) was a common name among Jews/Conversos
- ▶ His son said Columbus was ‘of the royal blood of Jerusalem’
- ▶ Funds for his voyage(s) were raised in large part by Jews/Conversos
- ▶ He sailed with at least seven Jews on his first voyage
- ▶ After sailing he opened his journal with a reference to the Edict of Expulsion
- ▶ Many of his friends and colleagues were Jews

The case against:

- ▶ He was a proselytizing Christian in the Caribbean
- ▶ His conduct was that of a Christian martyr after imprisonment in Spain

The Truth:

- ▶ Who knows? It is likely that Columbus came from parents or grandparents who were Conversos.

JEWISH HISTORY

Do we need Selichot? I think SO! Picture this:

The street in front of the Esmond Hotel: Front Street, Portland Oregon, October 1, 1890, 9:30 am.

The rabbi and president of the congregation did not see eye to eye over orthodox versus reform worship practices. So much so, in fact, that this disagreement spilled out onto the street and led to a gunfight! After many words were exchanged, Rabbi Moses May was pelted by Beth Israel president Abraham Waldman in front of the hotel, at which provocation the rabbi drew and fired his pistol twice at the president. Unfortunately for the rabbi, he was a terrible shot and missed, but at least he didn’t have to worry about asking for forgiveness from a dead man, and it was the season to repent!

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

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**Noteworthy
Congregational
News**

- TODAH RABAH (a huge thank you) to Rabbi Sue Elwell and Laura Mandeles for leading us in High Holy Day services once again this year. As Rabbi Sue mentioned at Yom Kippur, it was 1996 that Rabbi Lynne Landsberg asked her to fill in for only one year. Rabbi Lynne wanted to make sure that Rabbi Sue understood it was only a one year gig – that it was her congregation. That was 9 years ago! In those 9 years we celebrated Rabbi Lynne’s position with the Religious Action Center and then, beginning a year later, said the Mishaberach for Rabbi Lynne each week, watching her recovery from a devastating auto accident. At the same time we have welcomed and enjoyed the rabbinic leadership and friendship of both Rabbi Sue and her partner Nurit Shein. It has been a warm and fruitful relationship, enjoyed by all!

Noteworthy Congregational News

Rabbi Dan Fink was our Rabbi in 1990 and his father was the rabbi in Alexandria. We were in need of a cantorial soloist and Laura Mandeles was a member of the Alexandria congregation's choir.... That was 15 years ago! Laura first came with 3-year-old Samantha, before Harry existed. Since then Laura has been joined by her husband Mark and when baby Harry arrived, he came along, too. This year Harry joined Rich Young for a Tekiah Gedollah shofar duet and Sam was in Jerusalem!

- Thanks from the ritual committee (AJ Hartung, Rachel Jordan and Beth Young) to everyone who so willingly agreed to help with readings and aliyot during the high holidays. We did our best to include everyone who wanted to read during the various services they attended and apologize for any oversights.
- Thank you to Natasha Benenson, Ruth and Philip Chodrow and Ian Jordan for changing the prayer books following services at Yom Kippur from our red High Holiday books back to the daily blue books. It's the details that make the difference.
- Our **Community Awareness Shabbat will be held on Friday, November 4th**. This is your opportunity to invite all those friends and neighbors who might want to learn more about our faith and worship services. Services begin at 7:30 pm.
- The Women's Group will sponsor a **Fall Shabbat dinner on November 18th at 6:00** prior to regularly scheduled services at 7:30. We'll provide chicken, a vegetarian spinach casserole, Nancy Witt's famous sweet potato casserole, green vegetable and salad as well as challah, and drinks. Costs: \$8 /adults and \$5 /under b'nai mitzvah age children. RSVP to Beth Young 885-1481.
- There is a group of people in Waynesboro who are working on ways to host a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The group is close to being able to provide local housing and have possible jobs as well. If anyone in the temple community is interested in helping or has a family that needs housing, please contact Laura Jean Brand at 942-3656 or asherb@mac.com.
- In the past few months we've had problems with the temple left open after everyone has left. PLEASE, if you are the last one out, check to make sure that the front door is locked (you don't need a key to do this).
- Doug Degen and Paul Klein have agreed to serve as the nominating committee for the new slate of officers to be presented at the congregational meeting on December 4th. If you are interested in serving the temple on the Board, please let Doug or Paul know. We need volunteers!
- MARK YOU CALENDARS – the annual congregational meeting will be held at the temple on Sunday, Dec. 4th at 4 o'clock. It is important for all members to attend as we will be discussing changes to our constitution and by-laws. These changes will be mailed out later this month – please look them over before the meeting.
- The **next Temple Board meeting** will be held on **Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 in the social hall**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

News of our Community

- Our condolences to the Blair family on the death of Karen's father, Kenneth W. Lussen. He passed away October 3rd, erev Rosh Hashonah. Although the arrival of the holiday period terminated the official mourning, we know that he is sadly missed.
- Our best wishes for a continued smooth recovery to Rabbi Sue Elwell after her thyroid surgery to remove a malignant tumor.
- Rafael Brand is home from a brief hospital stay and we wish him good health!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mazel Tov to Elana Brody who was marvelous in the starring role of “Sweet Charity”, a production put on by Larry Vickers with ShenanArts at the Stage 4 Theater in Verona. Sara Brody also performed and did a wonderful job.
<p>News from the Women’s Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THANK YOU to Marsha Pillet and Sarah Grove-Humphries for coordinating the Temple’s special oneg following Rosh Hashonah Services and to Rosalie Waterman for chairing our Yom Kippur Break the Fast. Their efforts made our holiday celebrations flow seamlessly and we all appreciate the time, effort and energy it takes to coordinate everything. Thanks to everyone for contributing such wonderful food on both occasions. We do indeed have a special sense of community, particularly at this time of year! • Please come to our Fall Shabbat dinner on Nov. 18th just prior to services: We look forward to being joined that evening by a group from Charlottesville. Reservations can be made prior to Nov 9 with Beth Young at 885-1481. Beginning Nov 10, please respond to Sarah Grove-Humphries at 885-4223 so we’ll have enough chicken. Details are listed under “Noteworthy Congregational News” above. • <i>Happy Birthdays to be celebrated in November :</i> David Brody, celebrating his 88th birthday on November 3rd Tom Pereles, celebrating on November 4th Karen Blair on the 5th Jordan Kristoff on the 10th Leah Farmer on the 12th Paul Klein turns the big 7-0 on the 22nd David Young turns 18 on the 25th Asher Brand on the 26th Ian Jordan turns 15 on the 26th <i>Happy Anniversary to:</i> Diane and Paul Klein celebrating 43 years on the 12th Byron and Sarah Grove-Humphries celebrating 17 years on the 19th Janet and David Brody celebrating 55 years on the 26th
<p>Religious School</p>	<p>From the Rabbi: The Religious school has been using the new curricula, both Chai and Mitkadem, and from what I can see, this seems to have helped to focus and direct our energies and efforts more productively.</p> <p>I am instructing Daled and Gimel Hebrew, along with the teachers for those grades, Lisa Solod and Sarah Stein. I think that is working out well. I am impressed with the students and how fast they are absorbing what we are covering. Daled Judaics is working on Tanakh, looking at Prophets and studying some interesting things. Daled Hebrew is moving rapidly and steadily through the lower level of the self-paced workbooks, and I am planning to try to have them all move to the next level of materials in November. As part of Hebrew, we have been discussing grammatical and linguistic structures, including gendered languages, persons and plurals, the trilateral root system of Hebrew, the rudiments of the binyanim, and the use of roots with ranges of meaning to form concepts and words, and looking for those structures and words in the liturgy. I am planning to begin something similar but at an appropriate level in the Gimel class, now that I have established the framework with Daled. The assemblies I have been leading for Gimel and Daled have been a time to focus on running through parts of the liturgy, and to initiate some discussions about issues such as kashrut, specific holiday themes and rituals, and the calendar. For the younger classes, assemblies have been practicing parts of the liturgy, talking a little about holidays, and having stories and conversations about holidays and Jewish ideas. I have not empha-</p>

	<p>sized music or singing in the assemblies because the children are working in those areas with Roberta Stein instructing them in the music sessions, which is going very well.</p>
Tot Shabbat	<p>The next Tot Shabbat will be a on Saturday Nov. 19th at 10 AM at the synagogue. Families with children 6 and under are welcome to attend, joining in learning, singing and even a craft project. Contact Shelby at shelbyapple@yahoo.com or 943-6934 for further information.</p>
Film Series	<p>Because of conflicts, we've re-scheduled the showing of "Shanghai Ghetto" to Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 pm. While many countries closed their borders when the Nazis ascended to power, one unlikely door opened – the thriving city of Shanghai, China. In 1939 Shanghai was controlled by Japan and was diplomatically speaking “open”, meaning anyone could debark from a ship without a passport or visa. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan’s grip on China tightened considerably, but by then Shanghai was already filled with nearly 20,000 Jewish people. This film is one of culture shock and adjustment.</p>
Adult Education	<p><u>B'NAI MITZVAH</u> We have recently had our second Bar Mitzvah celebration for this year (September 30th and October 1st - Mazal tov, Justin!), and he even reprised his Torah reading for Yom Kippur morning! We are looking ahead to three adult B'not Mitzvah (Sherri Alt, Laura Jean Brand, and Riff Blair) and both a Bar and Bat Mitzvah (Devin Oberdorff and Grace Lambeth) in the course of this year. (If you would like to begin planning and studying for your own adult B'nai Mitzvah – either a first or a repeat – please talk to me!) I am working with each of the B'nai Mitzvah candidates individually to help them in preparation for their celebrations. If you are curious, you might ask Justin Goldberger how much work goes in to preparing – but also ask him if he thinks it is worth doing. I hope I know the answer he will give you! ☺</p> <p><u>ADULT INTRODUCTION TO HEBREW CLASS</u> A five session Introduction to Hebrew course will begin in November. The purpose of this course is to learn or brush up on the AlefBet in order to be able to sound out/read Hebrew. We will have classes at Beth El on November 6th, 13th and 20th, and on December 11th and 18th from 3 to 5 pm. We will have classes at THOI on November 14th, 21st, 28th, and on December 12th and 19th from 7 to 9 pm. There is no cost to members to take these classes. The goal is for those taking this short course to be able to enter an Intermediate Hebrew group, learning to read more fluently and gaining some vocabulary towards understanding the prayers.</p> <p><u>JEWISH LECTURE & DISCUSSION SERIES</u> On November 20th at 7 pm at Beth El, we will have the first in a three part series of workshops as part of the Jewish Lecture & Discussion Series. The topic is Planning Ahead: Jewish Thoughts on End of Life Preparations – Planning for One’s Own Death, Funeral, And Legacy. The first session will cover pre-planning and Jewish laws and customs around death and dying. Those attending will be given a checklist/form they can use to write directions to their loved ones for the type of funeral arrangements they wish to have followed.</p> <p>The second session will be on December 11th at Temple House of Israel 7 to 9 pm and will focus on End of Life issues and include such things as durable powers of attorney for medical issues and living wills, with the intent that those attending will be able to make choices and have the means to convey those choices to their loved ones.</p> <p>The third session will be at 7 to 9 pm at Beth El on January 15th, and will cover the</p>

<p>Adult Education</p>	<p>concept of Ethical Wills. We will discuss the sorts of things that might be included, and try to provide a format for those attending to use in writing their own ethical will.</p> <p><u>PARASHAT HASHAVUAH & LIMUD TORAH</u></p> <p>There is a weekly Parashat Hashavuah (weekly Torah portion) discussion at noon on Friday at THOI. All members of both congregations are invited to bring your lunch and join in. Approximately once a month at Beth El there is a Torah Limud (Torah learning) session at 6 pm prior to services. The first one took place September 16th and we talked about the ethics of speech; the next one is scheduled for November 11th (those silly High Holidays get in the way in October! ☺). Again, all members are invited to bring your dinner and join us.</p> <p><u>UPCOMING PLANNED CLASSES:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Intermediate Hebrew (To begin in January) ▶ (Re-)Introduction to Judaism (To begin in January) ▶ Jewish Lecture series (periodic, beginning in February): Possible topics: Liturgy and Lifecycle; Judaism and Christianity – Differences; The Radiance: A Dip into the Zohar ▶ Jewish Literature and films discussion (periodic) Possible topics: Specific Yiddish or Hebrew stories; Films with Jewish themes or content; Jews in Hollywood; Jews in theatre; Television Jews; Images of Jews in popular culture <p>I sincerely hope that you will find something of interest among these, or will help me to find a topic in which you would be interested.</p>
<p>Staunton Book Group</p>	<p>From A.J.: “Maybe we needed further contemplation as our current reading, <u>From a Sealed Room</u>, surely carries our thoughts to the need for forgiveness and empathy both of which were touched upon during our prior reading of <u>The Virgin Blue</u>, maybe not with such intensity yet they were felt by the group as our discussion showed. So if I managed to get the bulletin out in time to jog your collective memories please join us at the Jordan home on Wednesday (10-26) for what will be our last session for this year as we break for the holiday season.</p> <p>We will meet again in January, 2006 of the common era with a book given me by friends to enhance my convalescence, the beautifully rendered tragic-comedy I found deeply evocative and would like to share. Soooo join us in January for <u>Bel Canto</u> by Ann Patchett. The library system has several copies, and both CD and cassette recordings. Date and place will be in the next bulletin.”</p>
<p>Youth Group and Confirmation Class</p>	<p>The next SHORTY meeting is set for November 6th at 5-7:30 pm at Beth El in Harrisonburg. The Confirmation Discussion will be on Judaism and Christianity - Differences. Please bring some cash for a meal.</p> <p>The NFTY Fall Kallah is November 11-13. Only 200 people may attend so REGISTER EARLY! You can get the form online. Winter Kallah is December 26-30 at camp Harlam. If you wish to attend any of the Kallah, please be in touch with Sherri Alt. Information on other Kallah (Spring, TheVENT, Summer) will be forthcoming soon!</p> <p>* For those members who could not attend, and anyone eligible who wishes to join, please send \$21 for Shorty dues in cash or check to Sherri Alt c/o Beth El congregation as soon as possible.</p> <p>* <u>ALL Shorty members and parents: PLEASE BE SURE Sherri and the Rabbi have your current VALID email, street address, and phone number(s)!</u></p> <p>In general, Shorty and Confirmation information will be sent out by email. Activities we</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Youth Group and Confirmation Class</p>	<p>are planning include: visits/trips to a UVa Hillel service, visits to churches and their youth groups, our own shul-ins and Cosmic bowling (especially now that Sherri’s knee is healed!); shul-ins with other TYGs; Kallot (Fall, Winter at Harlam, TheVENT, Spring Kallah, Summer Kallah, and Camp); Services and spaghetti dinners (Fall at THOI and Spring at BE); Youth Service at THOI, Confirmation & Youth Shavuot Service at BE; Youth Group service at THOI; Ski Weekend at BE; volunteering to work with the Special Olympics; Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief, children’s books collection, and other Social Action efforts; a Hershey Park trip; a beach trip; and anything else we add to the list as the year progresses! Confirmation programs will include discussions of Jewish thought on various topics, beliefs, and practices, including the importance of ritual, the meaning of community, differences between Judaism and Christianity, differences between Judaism and Islam, interacting with those of other faiths, dealing with missionaries, Eco-Kashrut, Jewish views on the death penalty, a taste of Torah, a taste of Talmud, the Torah of money, business ethics, and any other topics that interest our members.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Judaica Shop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider <u>Sharing our Best</u>, The Women’s Group Cookbook, as a holiday gift! Only \$8. for all those wonderful recipes! And remember there are cards to suit all your holiday needs available in the Judaica Shop. 		
<p style="text-align: center;">Donations</p>	<p>Thank you to these generous people who have made contributions to the Temple during the previous month. We appreciate your donations!</p> <p>In memory of Benjamin Schwartz & Harriet Schwartz...Ken and Elizabeth Schwartz In memory of Earl Flint, Lillian Davidson & Phillip Davidson Vera Flint In memory of Jerome Seligmann.....Tony, Rachel and Ian Jordan In memory of Burton M. Blair, Clara Sebell & Samuel Sebell.....Rabbi Joe, Karen and Riff Blair In memory of Ada Kaufman, Bernard Goldsmith, Gloria Goldsmith.... Art Kaufman and Jan Goldsmith In memory of Marian and Melvin Lewis & Dr. Stanley and Francine Mandeles..... Mark and Laura Mandeles In memory of Abraham David Peretz, Shirley Peretz, Bertram Peretz...Rachel Peretz In memory of Pauline, Harold, Morris and Stephen Shapiro, Bernard Bresky, Samuel, Shirley, Howard Michael Goldenberg, Gussie, Israel, Helen, Gertrude and Abraham SchererAlan and Vicki Goldenberg</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Notes from the Editor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to those who have said “yes” to email. Anyone else interested in receiving your bulletin via email, let me know at templenews@ntelos.net . • Don Chodrow has graciously agreed to publish the December bulletin while I am out of town. Anything you’d like published in the December bulletin should be given to Don (dchodrow@verizon.net) by November 20th. Your suggestions are welcome! 		
<p style="text-align: center;">Yahrzeits for November</p>	<p>Jack Brodsky Fannie S. Cohen Betty Rattner Donenfeld Max Freeman Esther Ruth Goldberg Julius Goldberg Beryl Gutnick Harry Harris</p>	<p>Leah Kirmko Paul Lewis Ralph Lurie Bernice Raskin Joseph Henry Rosen Ralph Rosen Louis Rosenthal</p>	<p>Leopold Schorsch Ethel S. Shapiro Louis Shapiro Fannie Barth Strauss Fannie Cohen Switzer Julius Switzer Jacob Pecos Wilhelm</p>

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6 SHORTY and Confirmation meet 5-7:30 pm at BE	7	8	9	10	11 Torah study at noon	12
13	14 Adult Hebrew 7-9 pm	15	16	17 Temple Board Meeting at 7:00	18 Torah study at noon Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 Shabbat Services 7:30	19 Tot Shabbat at 10:00
20 Discussion: Planning Ahead 7:00 at BE Film: Shanghai Ghetto at 7:00	21 Adult Hebrew 7-9 pm	22	23	24	25 Torah study at noon	26
27	28 Adult Hebrew 7-9 pm	29	30			29

Nov 4	Weekly Torah Study at noon. Everyone is welcome! Community Awareness Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm – Marsha Pillet 249-4946 and Sara and Mike Cunningham 463-9433 oneg hosts
Nov 6	Youth Group and Confirmation Meetings at Beth El 5-7:30 pm
Nov 11	Weekly Torah Study at noon. Everyone is welcome!
Nov 14	Adult Hebrew 7-9 pm
Nov 17	Temple Board Meeting at 7:00 pm in the social hall
Nov 18	Weekly Torah Study at noon. Everyone is welcome! Women’s Group Shabbat dinner at 6:00 with Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm –Sam Witt 256-9488 and Rosalie and David Waterman 886-1713 oneg hosts
Nov 19	Tot Shabbat at 10:00 am
Nov 20	Jewish Discussion: Planning Ahead at Beth El at 7 pm In Staunton: Our Film Series - “Shanghai Ghetto” at 7:00 pm.
Nov 21	Adult Hebrew 7-9 pm
Nov 25	Weekly Torah Study at noon. Everyone is welcome!
Nov 28	Adult Hebrew 7-9 pm