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Rabbi's message

Rabbi Cohn's "Basic Judaism" Class Schedule 2017-18

All sessions are open to the public; they will take place at 6 p.m. at

Temple Israel, except for the Nov. 15 event, which will be held at B'nai Jacob Synagogue at 6 p.m. For recommended book links and specific readings associated with each session, go to www.rabbijamescohn.com and click on the "Confirmation" tab.

Nov. 8: The Sabbath (The Two Rabbis)

Nov. 15: The Kosher laws (The Two Rabbis)
AT B'NAI JACOB SYNAGOGUE

Nov. 29: Jewish history overview

Dec. 6: Jewish sacred texts

Jan. 3: Jewish movements
("denominations")



Jan. 10: Tikkun Olam: mystics and reformers

Jan. 24: The holiday cycle

Jan. 31: Life-cycle events and their observances

Feb. 7: Beliefs: God, Torah, and Israel (and "Who is a Jew?")

Feb 21: Jewish views of Jesus and the Jewish Messiah

March 7 : The Holocaust and Israel

March 14: The future of Judaism & its institutions (The Two Rabbis)

Rabbi Jim Cohn

Congregational Enrichment: Two lectures by Sara Shafer, Oct. 3 & 8

The Congregational Enrichment Committee is pleased to announce two lectures by Sara Chava Shafer in October.

Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. –
"Holy War, Talmud, and Yom Kippur: Why Austrian and German Jews supported their countries' engagement in World War I"

Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. –
"Salt in Seawater: The Shame-faced Lankey and Kafka's Jewish Heritage?"



Franz Kafka

Sara Chava Teresa Shafer is an eastern-Kentucky-born freelance writer and strength coach who currently lives and studies in Germany. Sara's current doctoral research investigates the use of propaganda by German-speaking Jews to support fighting in World War I.



Baruch Spinoza

You are invited to Rabbi Cohn's Spinoza program at WVU Charleston Nov. 7

Rabbi Cohn will teach a one-session program about the pantheism of Spinoza at WVU's Lifelong Learning Institute in Charleston's City Center East on Tuesday morning, Nov. 7, from 10 to 11:30. You must register for the program at <http://www.olliatwvu.org/> Click "Available Courses" and then click "Locations" and choose "Charleston."

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at West Virginia University, known as OLLI@WVU, provides programs and educational opportunities designed for adults 50 and over.

Following is Rabbi Cohn's description of the course: In the 17th century the Jewish philosopher Spinoza argued that the words "God" and "nature" were synonyms. Though accused by some of being an atheist, he has also been described as "God-intoxicated." Both his opponents and his supporters agreed that he pursued the truth relentlessly and that he accepted the consequences of the path on which it took him. Find out more about this fascinating man and contribute your own thoughts during the discussion.

Schedule of October services

Friday, Oct. 6	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service (followed by covered-dish dinner)</i>
Saturday, Oct. 7	10:30 a.m.	<i>Simkhat Torah observance at "First Shabbat"</i>
Friday, Oct. 13	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, Oct. 20	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, Oct. 27	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>

Simkhat Torah at October's "First Shabbat"

"All beginnings are difficult (and so are endings)"

Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m.

The Simkhat Torah service will be blended with Torah study in this month's "First Shabbat" program. "First Shabbat" is a participatory Torah study session facilitated by Rabbi Cohn on the first Saturday of each month. Simkhat Torah, Hebrew for "rejoicing in the Torah," celebrates the completion, and the new beginning, of our weekly readings of the Torah. During the service, the concluding section of Deuteronomy (Devarim) will be read, and immediately following, the opening section of Genesis (B'reisheet) will be read.

There will be a nosh!

Any news?

Do you have news to share about births, weddings, or bereavements in your family? Please email Rabbi Cohn and we will include it in our print bulletin and our email announcements.

Note that we only accept information directly from family members and never from third parties, in keeping with considerations of privacy, accuracy and the Jewish customs of Ethical Speech.

Temple website

The Temple website is undergoing renovation and will be back online soon.

Please check your email for news about specific events, and keep your Bulletin handy.

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at 304-342-5852
and follow the
prompts to hear
about any
cancellations.

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October yahrzeits

Names are read the Friday evening prior to the yahrzeit date, which is in parenthesis.

October 6th

Jeanette Gotlieb (7)
Rebecca Blankstein (8)
Harold Freedman (8)
Amelia L. Hess (8)
Alan Land Susman (8)
Freda Gordon Kopelman (9)
Leona Spigel (11)
Stella Hess Swarts (12)
Bernard Sclove (13)

October 13th

Kurt Feibelman (14)
Sam Kopelman (17)
Jacob Nusbaum (20)

October 20th

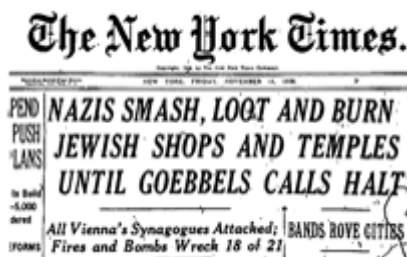
Bertha "Bertie" Feldman (21)
Grace Ratowsky (21)
Augusta Angel (22)
Howard Coleman (24)
Sidney Gattlieb (24)
Lucille Goldfarb (25)
Karen Bramnik Syken (26)
William L. Sloman (27)

October 27th

Lena Baker (29)
Dorothy Rae Boiarsky (29)
Ira Loeb (29)
Madeline Erlich (30)
Dr. Myron I. Price (30)
Simon Meyer (31)
Alece Schwabe (Nov. 1)
Max Frankenberger (Nov. 2)
Robert Herzbach (Nov. 2)
Celia Jurin (Nov. 2)

Kristallnacht observance on Friday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

On Nov. 9–10, 1938, the Nazis staged vicious pogroms—state sanctioned, anti-Jewish riots—against the Jewish community of Germany. These came to be known as Kristallnacht (now commonly translated as “Night of Broken Glass”), a reference to the untold numbers of broken windows of syna-



gogues, Jewish-owned stores, community centers, and homes plundered and destroyed during the pogroms. Encouraged by the Nazi regime, the rioters burned or destroyed 267 synagogues, vandalized or looted 7,500 Jewish businesses, and killed at least 91 Jewish

people. They also damaged many Jewish cemeteries, hospitals, schools, and homes as police and fire brigades stood aside. Kristallnacht was a turning point in history. The pogroms marked an intensification of Nazi anti-Jewish policy that would culminate in the Holocaust—the systematic, state-sponsored murder of Jews.

—This article is quoted from the website of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, www.ushmm.org

October at a glance

Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. — Sara Shafer lecture (see p. 1)
Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. — Sukkah decorating and pizza party
Thursday, Oct. 5 — Temple office closed in observance of first day of Sukkot
Friday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 p.m. — Shabbat service, followed by a covered-dish dinner (see p. 5)
Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m. — Simkhat Torah observance at “First Shabbat” (see p. 2)

Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. — Sara Shafer lecture (see p. 1)
Monday, Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m. — Sisterhood Schmooze time (see p. 5)
Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. — Temple board meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 11 — Temple office closed in observance of seventh day of Sukkot
Friday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 p.m. — Shabbat service
Sunday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. — Sisterhood combined board and general membership meeting with lunch and program (see p. 5)

Friday, Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m. — Shabbat service
Friday, Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. — Shabbat service

Next month

Friday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. — Shabbat service and observance of Kristallnacht, followed by a covered-dish dinner (see article this page)

Deadline for the November Bulletin is Oct. 13th.

Oneg Shabbat reception sponsorships still available—reserve your date today!

A big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat reception this year. Slots are filling up but a few are still available. An Oneg is a special way to honor or remember a birthday, yahrzeit or to celebrate any other occasion.

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg, as of press time only 10 dates were still open. December 1, 22 and 29; January 12 and 19; February 9 and 16, March 9 and 16, and April 6 and 13.

To reserve your date, please call one of the Oneg Committee members: Judy Lundy, Anne Fishkin or Beth Winter.

Once you have a date, you have two options to host your Oneg that can serve 15-20 people:

Option 1. Prepare or purchase your favorite baked item, fruit, and cheese and crackers. Supplementary items might include nuts, a dip with chips or veggies, or other creative choices. Remember, an

Oneg is only a nosh! Bring items to the Temple by Friday morning, at the latest. Your work is done!

Option 2. Sponsor the Oneg and a member of the Oneg Committee will do



the shopping. If so, write a check for \$35 payable to Temple Israel and write "Oneg" and your date on memo line.

Oneg Shabbat Committee

Shabbat flowers on the bimah—remember a loved one or celebrate a simcha

If you would like to sponsor Shabbat flowers on the bimah, please contact Betty Stern. The cost is \$35; please make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood.



Thanks for making Shabbat & the Holidays even more special

Oneg Shabbat receptions

Sept. 8 – Anne Fishkin, in memory of her father, Harry Pollack

Sept. 15 – Margot Jogwick

Sept. 22 – Rick Lehman, in memory of his mother, Marion Lehman

High Holy Days receptions

Rosh Hashanah reception – Sisterhood Board and Temple board, chaired by Mary Rich Maloy

Yom Kippur break-the-fast – Sisterhood, chaired by Ronni Cohen Spudich

Shabbat Flowers

Sept. 8 – Ann Kushner, in memory of her husband, Lenard Kushner, father of David, Noah and Adam

Sept. 15 – Marion Baer, in memory of Hildegard Melman

Sept. 22 – Lois Kaufman, in memory of Lois and Larry's anniversary

High Holy Days flowers

Rosh Hashanah – Patricia Klapper, in memory of Dr. Howard Klapper; Lois Phillips Coleman, in memory of Dr. Gordon Phillips.

Yom Kippur – Ronni and David Spudich, in memory of Ronni's parents, Helen and Edward Cohen, and her brother Richard "Ricky" Cohen; Cookie Glasser, in loving memory of Marty Glasser.

Sisterhood message

Sukkah-decorating party Oct. 4; covered-dish dinner Oct. 6; Schmooze Oct. 9; combined board and general membership meeting Oct. 15—many thanks to many volunteers

Our first October event will be the decorating of the sukkah on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. and we will have the decorations ready to hang. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend! Following the decorating the blessings will be said at the sukkah as the lulav is being held. Everyone who wants to hold the lulav and shake it are encouraged to do so. The etrog will be passed around. We will finish the evening with a pizza and salad dinner. There is no charge and no reservations are required.

Sisterhood is selling coupon books for Elder-Beerman's "Community Days." Each book earns Sisterhood \$5 and can save you more than the cost of the book when you shop Nov. 8-11. Stay tuned for details.

Our next Covered Dish Dinner will be held Friday, Oct. 6. Bring your dish to the kitchen before the 5:30 p.m. service.

Let Mary know if it needs to be kept warm.

October's Schmooze time will be held Monday, Oct. 9 in the Sisterhood Lounge. Bring a lunch, come any time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Enjoy the conversation. And, leave

when you must.

Plan to join us on Sunday, Oct. 15 for our first general membership meeting with a

luncheon and program. Cookie Glasser and friends will be preparing the lunch. The program will feature Sisterhood members Hedy Poppelsdorf, Margot Jogwick and Marion Baer, talking about their experience of living in Germany.

Thank yous this month go to Francine Thalheimer for organizing three covered dish dinners over the summer, Mary Rich Maloy for chairing the Rosh Hashanah reception, Betty Stern for shopping for the Rosh Hashanah reception and Ronni Cohen Spudich and her committee for the break-the-fast meal after Yom Kippur.

And, thank you to Judy Lundy for graciously agreeing to chair the Holland Bulb Sale. I am glad this project will continue under good leadership.

Thank you, Judy! The bulb orders from this past year should be arriving the week of October 15. You will receive a phone call or email when they are ready for pick-up.

In November, Sisterhood will participate in Elder-Beerman's Community Days Sale of coupon booklets as a fund raiser. When you buy your booklet through Sisterhood we make \$5 per book. The coupons need to be used Wednesday, Nov. 8 through Saturday, Nov. 11. You will be able to save more than the cost of the coupon book. Please keep an eye out for info on this event - more later!

May this new year be a good and healthy year for you and your family.

Sue Eisinger, President

A progressive Reform Jewish congregation within the heart and history of West Virginia

About Temple Israel...Who We Are

A community committed to the religious beliefs and practices of Reform Judaism. We invite our members to celebrate their individuality, determining what Judaism means to them and how it should best be reflected in their lives and through their contributions.

A community committed to strengthening our Jewish identity and advancing our Jewish beliefs through an abiding commitment to education and enrichment in Jewish lore and legacy, applying the principles of progress, pluralism and democracy to the core Jewish values of study, worship, and good deeds.

A community of active people who are working tirelessly to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of those around us.



Sukkot 2010

A welcoming and giving community, always reaching out to help our Jewish and non-Jewish friends, neighbors and colleagues.

A community that treasures its diversity in all its forms – age, marital or partnership status, gender identity, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity – and practices every day its commitment to honor these differences as strengths that enrich our congregational life.

—From templeisraelwv.org which will be back up soon.

Sukkot observance: Sisterhood sukkah-decorating and pizza party Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m.



Sukkot 2013

"Sukkot" is a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts." The holiday of Sukkot originated with the fall harvest festival, and later came to symbolize the temporary shelters of the Israelites during the Exodus. Join in observing this holiday that our ancestors considered important enough to call "Hekhag," "The Festival."

The decorating of the sukkah and the Sisterhood-sponsored pizza party will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4. There is no cost and no reservations are required.

You're invited

Covered-dish dinner on Friday, Oct. 6 following the Shabbat service

No RSVP required

KPCC to hold 24th annual Dent Dinner Oct. 17 in Charleston

The Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center (KPCC) will hold its 24th annual Dent Dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston, with nationally-known comedian John Crist. KPCC believes laughter has lots of mental health benefits and has always made humor a centerpiece of this event.

The dinner, named in honor of the late *Charleston Gazette* columnist James Dent – renowned for his wry and witty observations – is KPCC's only fundraiser, helping it provide uncompensated care and fee subsidies to clients who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford counseling. KPCC conducts more than 350 workshops and trainings, and serves more than 1200 clients each year.

Proceeds from the event also help KPCC implement *Beyond Addiction* support groups for struggling families throughout West Virginia. More information is available at www.kpcc.com

Mazel tov

"This summer I had the opportunity and pleasure of working as a governor's intern in the Archives and History section of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History in Charleston. I was given the task of researching, creating, and presenting both a physical and an online exhibit, which was titled, "Together We Won the Great War."

The exhibit is about West Virginians' direct involvement in World War I, as well as life on the home front and how the war shaped the state, with the building of the boom town, Nitro. In the Archives Library, located in the Culture Center, the exhibit features items including soldiers' letters, photos, propaganda posters, comics, victory medals and audio-visual materials."

Tiana Hall

URJ info

You can find Torah study materials on the Union for Reform Judaism website at <http://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study>

Reform Judaism magazine was the official voice of the Union for Reform Judaism, linking the institutions and affiliates of Reform Judaism with every Reform Jew. It ceased publication in 2014. Previous content is available online at <http://reformjudaismmag.org/>

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If you would like to make a donation to a Temple or Sisterhood fund, please mail your check to Temple Israel and tell us to whom you would like a card to be sent.

Donations to a Sisterhood fund (Care Committee, Floral Fund or Y.E.S. Fund), should be made payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood with a note on the memo line telling us which fund the donation is for.

Donations to the Temple Israel Social Action Fund should be made payable to that fund.

Donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund should be made payable to that fund. If you wish your donation to go toward relief for those with financial hardships, please write this on the memo

line on your check: "To help those in need."

Unrestricted donations or those to the Library should be made payable to Temple Israel.

Donations received after the Bulletin deadline will be acknowledged in the next issue.

Social Action news

WVIRM refugee resettlement status report; RCCR annual meeting & dinner invitations; Covenant House food pantry needs; Manna Meal "Empty Bowls"

Refugee resettlement donations program on hold due to U.S. State Department decision

In early September, a statement was released from the West Virginia Interfaith Refugee Ministry (WVIRM), saying that "we are saddened to report that the State Department [informed us of their decision] to not resettle refugees in our area next year." Consequently, the WVIRM is no longer seeking donations of furniture and household items.

"WVIRM is now beginning conversations to move forward in new ways to fulfill our mission of 'Striving to improve the lives of refugees.' Our network of supporters continues to grow, and fills us with confidence that [more] West Virginians will realize that supporting refugee resettlement is not only an American tradition; it is the right thing to do. [We invite everyone] to support our work of educating and advocating, through proper channels and venues, so [as to] remove the stigma and fear that our society has shown towards the world's most vulnerable."

If you are interested in helping to support WVIRM's educational and advocacy work to help change attitudes toward refugees, contact Executive Director of WVIRM, Antigona Mehani at amehani@wvirm.com or president of WVIRM, Lynn Clarke at lclarke60@gmail.com

Anne Fishkin

RCCR Annual meeting Oct. 26— you're invited

RCCR, the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, will hold its annual

meeting Oct. 26 at its headquarters at 1516 Washington Street East in Charleston. A reception will be held starting at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting commences at six o'clock. Please RSVP by calling 304-346-6398 no later than Oct. 16. Clients will share their stories of how RCCR has assisted them in recovering from homelessness, and staff will report on the organization's progress during this past year.

RCCR will host its 21st annual Beans, Cornbread and More Dinner, in support of Samaritan Inn, on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m., at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Charleston. This year's honoree is Buz McCormick, former director of Samaritan Inn, and there will be a silent auction. Tickets are available online at www.rccr.org



Covenant House food pantry needs all items

Covenant House food pantry is in need of all non-perishable food items, but especially cereal, peanut butter and one-pound packages of spaghetti. You can still bring donations to the Temple for the High Holy Days food drive.

Please also consider making a monetary donation: make checks payable to Covenant House and write "food pantry" on the memo line, and leave them with the Temple office.

Manna Meal's 5th annual "Empty Bowls" to be Oct. 13

Manna Meal, Inc. Charleston's seven-day-a-week soup kitchen, announces its fifth annual Empty Bowls fundraiser to help raise funds and awareness of hunger in Charleston.

The event will be Friday, Oct. 13 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1105 Quarrier St. in downtown Charleston. No reservations or tickets are necessary. To-go orders are available by calling 304-345-7121 the day of the event.

For a donation of \$25, enjoy a dinner of unlimited homemade soup, garden salad and bread from Charleston Bread. After you eat, you are invited to choose your own one-of-a-kind handmade bowl to take home. There will be a bake sale for dessert.

Manna Meal would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Hores and his pottery students from Taylor Books Annex Gallery, and Michael & Karen Garnes and their students from Capitol Clay Arts Company. They have spent many hours crafting over 250 one of a kind ceramic bowls which they have donated to Manna Meal for this event. Not only did these organizations donate their time but all the materials as well.

Manna Meal is a non-profit organization founded in 1976 and housed in St. John's Episcopal Church. Its mission is to serve anyone who is hungry, no questions asked. The program is operated by a small paid staff, but depends on volunteers to assist in all aspects of its operations. Manna Meal is not government funded and is entirely dependent on the generosity of individuals, religious communities, corporations and businesses in Charleston.

Please contact Manna Meal if you have any questions about services or the upcoming event, at 304-345-7121 or kay@mannaMeal.org