



World AIDS Day December 1st



Living AIDS Memorial Garden

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Rabbi's message

"I have two-and-a-half questions for you..."

What's the difference between the Torah and the Talmud?

What's the difference between Orthodox Judaism and Reform Judaism, and how does Conservative Judaism fit into the mix?

These are not new questions, but my answers to them continue to evolve, thanks in no small measure to my interaction with you. Whenever I explore old topics with you, they become new to me as I view them through your eyes and, of course, through your questions.

This month my Basic Judaism class continues with an examination of our sacred literature and our various Jewish approaches to it, past and present. There is only one session because, well, because it's December. Next month we'll continue with a full brace of four sessions, the first of which will explore the different Jewish movements.

Remember that these sessions can be taken as "drop-in" stand-alone programs, so feel free to come as dictated by your schedule and your interest level in the topic. The public is invited, so you're always welcome to bring a friend, Jewish or not.

For more information and a link to all the programs for the year, see the "Basic Judaism" article on p. 2.

Rabbi Jim Cohn

**First night of Hanukkah
is Tuesday, Dec. 12**



סֵדֵר הַדְּלָקַת נֵרוֹת הַחֲנֻכָּה

CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'sivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-atah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu
b'ayanim baheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

HANEROT HALALU — הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ

הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מִדְּלִיקָתָם עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמַּלְחָמוֹת שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה. וְכָל שְׂמוֹנֵת יָמֵי חֲנֻכַּת הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הַסֵּם. וְאִין לָנוּ רְשׁוֹת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֲלֵא לְרְאוֹתָם בְּלִבָּד. כִּי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל-נִסְיֶיךָ וְעַל-נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל-יְשׁוּעָתֶךָ.

WE KINDLE THESE LIGHTS because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

<p>Hanukkah Dinner Saturday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. RSVP to the Temple office by Friday, Dec. 8. Pay at the door.</p>	<p>Adults: \$10 Students (any age): \$4 Pre-kindergarten: Free.</p>	<p>You are welcome to bring a menorah from home and candles to fit it for the 5th night of Hanukkah display. See back page.</p>
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Schedule of December services

Friday, Dec. 1 5:30 p.m. *Shabbat service, followed by covered-dish dinner*

Saturday, Dec. 2 10:30 a.m. *“First Shabbat” morning service followed by Torah study*

Friday, Dec. 8 5:30 p.m. *Shabbat service*

Friday, Dec. 15 5:30 p.m. *Shabbat service*

Friday, Dec. 22 5:30 p.m. *Shabbat service*

Friday, Dec. 29 5:30 p.m. *Shabbat service*

December’s “First Shabbat” Torah topic:

“Was she raped?” – The Torah, Sex, and Society

Saturday, Dec. 2 at 11:15 a.m.

(Morning Shabbat service will take place at 10:30)

Torah Portion: Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4 – 36:43

For the text and commentary, check out

<https://www.sefaria.org/Genesis.32.4-36.43?lang=bi>
<https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study/vayishlach>

Or read the Women’s Torah Commentary in the Sisterhood Lounge, starting on p. 183.

“First Shabbat” is a participatory Torah study session facilitated by Rabbi Cohn on the first Saturday of each month. 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.

The Temple office email is

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Rabbi Cohn's email is

rabbi.mailbox@gmail.com

Moving?

Please let the Temple office know if you are moving or if you’re changing your email address or telephone number. That way, you won’t miss any news about what’s going on at Temple Israel.

We also want to make sure we have your current contact info for the Sisterhood yearbook. If you’d like to change anything in your listing, please let the [office](#) know. Thanks.

[Visit rabbijamescohn.com](http://www.rabbijamescohn.com)

Rabbi Cohn’s “Basic Judaism” Class

Jewish sacred texts: The Torah, the Tanakh, the Talmud, and more

Wednesday, December 6 at 6 p.m.

Rabbi Cohn’s Basic Judaism class continues this month with an exploration of the body of Jewish sacred writings, including an examination of classical and modern approaches. The public is invited. For recommended book links and specific readings associated with this and all other sessions, go to www.rabbijamescohn.com and click on the “Confirmation” tab.

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER:

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

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December yahrzeits

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

December 1st

Mary Beth Chadwick (4)
 Fran Fahey (4)
 Frances B. Kay (4)
 Edward B. Cohen (5)
 Dr. Leonard M. Eckmann (5)
 Goldie Mendelsohn (5)
 Lavalie Bixby Hoss (6)
 Howard J. Klapper (6)
 Frederick Barkus (7)
 Marcus Lopin (7)
 Albert Thalheimer Jr. (7)
 Selma Widman (7)
 Frederic J. Glazer (8)

December 8th

Jean Loewenstein Lazarus (9)
 Cecile Rossin (9)
 Hershel R. Hark (10)
 Emma Rae Jones (10)
 Jo Marshuetz (10)
 Maxwell Lewis Broverman (11)
 Jess Cohn (11)
 Patricia Logan (13)
 Evelyn Forman (15)
 Severna "Cissie" Herman (15)
 Larry Zakin (15)

December 15th

Hugh M. Jones Jr. (16)
 Sara Goldhirsh Dash (17)
 Teresa Roberts Davis (17)
 Manuel Pickus (17)
 Avraham Angel (18)
 Helen Baer (18)
 Robert Silverstein, Sr. (19)
 Esther "Mickey" Baer (20)
 Samuel Rosen (21)
 Goldie Cohen (22)

December 22nd

Naomi Jean Bright (24)
 Rudolph Grinberg (24)
 Zelda Plotkin (24)
 David Selinger (25)
 Kaethe Wells (25)
 Beatrice H. Kleeman (26)
 Edward Doernberg (28)
 Paul Joseph Kaufman (28)
 Rose Jean Kaufman (28)
 Steven Miles Kaufman (28)
 Eva Waisburd (28)
 Nathan Forb (29)

December 29th

Dorothy Allen (30)
 George Badner (30)
 Suzie Greenwald Chaskin (30)
 Sydney Joseph Kaufman (31)
 Otto Spiegler (31)
 Charles H. Levine (Jan. 1)
 Irma Lowenthal Swarts (Jan. 2)
 Coleman Jacobs (Jan. 4)
 Sidney Marks (Jan. 4)
 Dorothy Loeb (Jan. 5)

Condolences

We note with sorrow the recent death of our friend and fellow congregant Eleanor "Ellie" Burka. May the memory of Ellie Burka serve as an enduring blessing.

December at a glance

Friday, Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner, see p. 5

Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. – "First Shabbat" morning service, followed by Torah study, see p. 2

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. – combined Sisterhood board and general membership meeting followed by brunch and program, see p. 5

Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. – Rabbi's Basic Judaism class: Jewish sacred texts, see p. 2

Friday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Monday, Dec. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Sisterhood Schmooze Time, see p. 5

Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. – Temple board meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 12 – First candle of Hanukkah

Friday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Saturday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. – Hanukkah Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Edgewood Summit — Leora May Book Club, see p. 6

Friday, Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Monday, Dec. 25 – Temple office closed

Friday, Dec. 29 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Next month

Jan. 1 – Temple office closed

Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. – Rabbi's Basic Judaism class: Jewish movements ("denominations")

Jan. 5 Covered Dish Dinner, following the Shabbat service

Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. – "First Shabbat" morning service, followed by Torah study

**Deadline for the
 January Bulletin is
 Dec. 15th.**

Books – Books – Books

Share the joy of reading with the Sisterhood book exchange

Do you have a book or number of books you have finished reading and would be open to exchanging them for new reading?

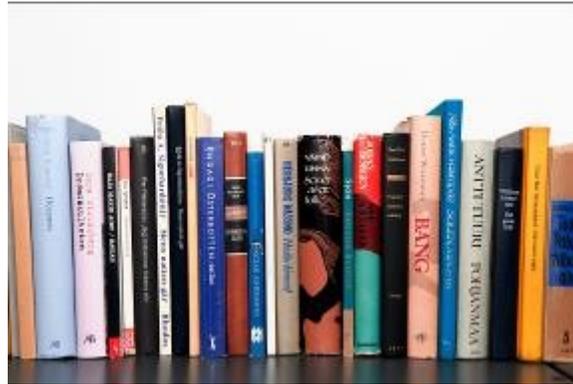
Sisterhood has set up at the Temple an opportunity for the sharing by exchanging.

How does it work?

Bring in the books you have in your library that you know you will not be reading again – exchange them for another book of interest from those on the table.

No book to exchange? No problem. Come check out the available books there for your reading pleasure. The exchange table is located in the former kindergarten room, the first door on the left down the Religious School hallway.

It is always open when the building is open – so browse at your leisure.



Judy Lundy

Temple garden update

Courtyard garden

Bushes have been pruned, plants updated and spring bulbs planted. The holly tree was removed to give more light to the far corner of the garden. Several specimen plants have been relocated. A much-needed water faucet was installed (a big thank you to Frank Cochran).

One of the large boulders in the garden is disintegrating. It was placed there in memory of Reba and Alvin Lindenberg, apparently when the garden was built. If anyone knows the history of this memorial, please contact Ellie Schaul.

Granite sign planting

Work will soon begin around the granite sign. The boxwood shrubs will be relocated to frame the sign. The tall grasses will be removed and sod planted. Background shrubs will be planted in the early spring.

Ellie Schaul



Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

Yes, an Oneg sponsorship helps in many ways. Your remembrance of a loved one brings a smile to your heart. The recipient being honored is thankful for your thoughtfulness.

Dates still available for sponsorship: Dec. 22, Jan. 19, March 9, March 16, April 6, and April 13.

Please contact a member of the Oneg Committee to reserve your date: Anne Fishkin, Judy Lundy or Beth Winter.

Oneg Shabbat receptions

- Nov. 3 – In memory of his father, Carl Lehman, given by Rick Lehman
- Nov. 10 – The committee assisted with the cost of Oneg for the combined service held at B’nai Jacob Synagogue.
- Nov. 17 – Celebrating and honoring the 90th birthday of Natalie Winowich, given by Lynn Mendeloff Hicks and Phil Hicks
- Nov. 24 – In honor of Thanksgiving, given by Judy Lundy and Nathan Jurin

Flowers on the bimah

- Nov. 3 – In memory of Carl Lehman, given by Lois Kaufman
- Nov 17 – In honor of the birthday of Natalie Winowich, given by Alan and Lola Mendeloff; in memory of Lauren Armistead, given by Ditty and Gary Markham.
- Nov. 24 – In honor of the birthday of Jane Silverstein, given by Lois Kaufman

If you would like to sponsor Shabbat flowers, please contact Betty Stern. Please make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Sisterhood message

Covered Dish Dinner Friday, Dec. 1 after the Shabbat service; general membership meeting Sunday, Dec. 3 with brunch to follow; Schmooze Dec. 11; Hanukkah Dinner Saturday, Dec. 16

Sisterhood starts December with a covered dish dinner on Friday, Dec. 1! Bring a dish to share with 10 to 12 people. No RSVP is necessary. Come and join our Temple family dinner. Bring your dish to share to the kitchen and Mary Hart will keep it warm (or cold) and have it ready for the meal after the 5:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the dinner.

Covered Dish Dinner on Friday, Dec.1 — bring a dish to share. No time to cook? No problem! Just bring yourself— we always have plenty.

Our combined board and general membership meeting

will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3. Come at 10 a.m. for the meeting with a brunch following the meeting. Fran Thalheimer will be making the brunch. Our program will be given by a Charleston Police Department officer talking about the homeless situation in Charleston and ways to deal with it. Men are invited to the 11:30 a.m. brunch and the 12 p.m. program. Cost of the meal is \$10.

Monday, Dec. 11 will find Sisterhood members “schmoozing” in the Sisterhood Lounge for our monthly “Schmooze Time.” Bring a lunch, come any time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and join us.

Dec. 11 will be our monthly “Schmooze Time.” Bring a lunch anytime 11:30 a.m.— 1:30 p.m. Come when you can, leave when you must.

The first night of Hanukkah this year is Tuesday, Dec. 12. The Temple Hanukkah dinner will be Saturday, Dec. 16. Please RSVP to the Temple office by Dec. 8. Bring your Hanukkah menorah and candles to fit it for the fifth night and enjoy the glow of all of the candles lit! If you need

candles, you can purchase a box – standard size only – in the Temple office for \$2.

Our fund raiser of selling Elder-Beerman coupon books went well, as did our Holland bulb and iris sale. All the orders have been picked up or delivered. A big thank you to Judy Lundy who helped with the distribution of the orders.

May your winter be not too cold nor too snowy! And may we have a few warm days!

Sue Eisinger, President

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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Temple website
Screenshot of the Temple Israel website showing navigation, a welcome message, and a calendar of events including Shabbat Services and Combined Sabbath Service at B'nai Jacob.



Standard-size Hanukkah candles available in the Temple office for \$2 per box.

Our Thoughtful Contributors

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. Donations are used to help Temple members in financial distress.

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

Please write separate checks when making contributions to more than one fund or when paying membership dues.

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

Temple Israel's annual congregational Hanukkah Dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to the Temple office by Friday, Dec. 8. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring from home a menorah and candles to fit it for the fifth night of Hanukkah display. See p. 1 for details.

World AIDS Day memorial service and candlelight procession Dec. 1

[World AIDS Day](#) will be observed Friday, Dec. 1 by the [Living AIDS Memorial Garden](#), which will host a memorial service and present its 2017 Red Ribbon Award.

Events begin at 6 p.m. with the service at Asbury United Methodist Church, 501 Elizabeth Street in Charleston, and continue with a candlelight procession to the Living AIDS Memorial Garden at the corner of Washington Street East and Syd-

ney Avenue, where there will be a reading of the names of those who have died over the years. Wayne Grey Owl, chief of Appalachian American Indians of West Virginia will preside over the events at the Garden.



A large red ribbon hangs between columns in the north portico of the White House for World AIDS Day, Nov. 30, 2007

The choral group Rainbow Voices of West Virginia will perform at the church and the garden, and refreshments will be served at the garden.

This year's Red Ribbon Award, which is being given to the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, will be accepted on behalf of the Department by its Executive Director/Health Officer, Dr. Michael Brumage.

Leora May Book Club meeting Dec. 20 at Edgewood Summit

The book discussion originally scheduled for November will take place at the meeting Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Edgewood Summit. The book is *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Klein.

Amy Shapiro

Social Action news**Manna Meal gets new executive director; please remember those in need by donating non-perishables; WV tax credits available by contributing to RCCR and Covenant House**

The Social Action Committee collects donations of non-perishable groceries for both the Covenant House Food Pantry and Manna Meal. You can drop off groceries at the Temple – in a basket outside the Chapel – and they will be delivered to those organizations.

Covenant House Food Pantry. Please donate whenever you can, especially canned tuna, breakfast cereal and canned soup. Many other items are also welcome – please contact Anne Fishkin for details.

Manna Meal. Needs include canned and powdered milk, peanut butter and jelly, canned soup; canned meats: chicken, tuna, sausages, Spam and Treet; macaroni and cheese mixes, canned spaghetti, tomato sauce with meat, spaghetti noodles. **Easy-open/pop-top cans are especially welcome.** Please see the inset on this page, an excerpt from a recent Manna Meal letter to the congregation.

In addition to Covenant House and Manna Meal, the Temple is also a founding member of RCCR, the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, which provides low-income housing, recovery from homelessness, and services for first-time home-buyers. All three organizations help make a better life for many Kanawha Valley residents and provide assistance to individuals as well as community solutions to homelessness and poverty.

The Temple makes an annual financial contribution to these organizations, and members are welcome to make individual donations as well. For more information or to make a donation:

- Covenant House, 600 Shrewsbury Street, Charleston WV 25301

<https://wvcovenanthouse.org/>

- Manna Meal, Inc., 1105 Quarrier Street, Charleston WV 25301
<https://www.mannameal.org/>
- Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, 1516 Washington Street East, Charleston WV 25311
<https://www.rccr.org/>

West Virginia tax credits available by contributing to RCCR or Covenant House by Dec. 31

Both RCCR and Covenant House are participating in the West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP). Donors may obtain this state tax credit by giving a minimum donation of \$500 to a NIP-qualified organization such as RCCR or Covenant House.

For example, when you contribute \$500 between now and Dec. 31, 2017, to either RCCR or Covenant House, you will receive a \$250 tax credit, reducing your state tax bill by \$250. This means your \$500 donation will really only cost \$250, and so on.

Businesses and individuals that contribute to a NIP-qualified organization are eligible to receive 50 percent of the contributed amount in the form of state tax credits. Donors may use the credits to reduce liability for the Corporate Net Income Tax, the Business Franchise Tax or the Personal Income Tax.

Please contact [RCCR](#) or [Covenant House](#) for details about NIP state tax credits.

At press time, credits were still available from both organizations.

**Excerpt from letter to Temple Israel**

Nov. 15, 2017

Dear Friends of Manna Meal:

On behalf of the Manna Meal board of directors, it is my pleasure to introduce you to our new executive director, Tara Martinez, MBA. In addition to her exceptional professional experience, Tara is a dedicated community leader working tirelessly to serve those in need. She brings a wealth of knowledge, as well as the passion and commitment to serve our community and our clients. We are thrilled to have her on our team and know that she will provide excellent leadership for Manna Meal....

Your contribution and commitment allow us to serve two nutritious meals a day to anyone who walks through our door; we operate an emergency food pantry to provide one day's worth of food to support those who cannot get to one of the area's food pantries.

Individuals, families and yes, children, depend up on your contributions to simply eat every day. We depend on your generosity to make sure that our doors stay open....

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to updating you on our progress.

Warmly,

Augusta Kosowicz, Manna Meal board president