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Rabbi's message

The utility of freedom

"Once we were in bondage; now we are free." In these nine words one finds the encapsulated essence of the holiday we celebrate at the end of this month, Passover.

Although the holiday originates in a legend of literal liberation from slavery, it serves as a metaphor for liberation from the less tangible things that shackle us mentally and spiritually. Among these is our enslavement to the past. In other words, the force of habit.

In Jewish communities around the world, our past has been distinguished by a powerful tendency to organize ourselves into groups of like-minded Jews who live separate existences from other Jewish groups just a few miles, or a few streets, away. Many of us grew up in Reform households that were hostile to Conservative Judaism and Conservative Jews. Others of us grew up in Conservative households that were hostile to Reform Judaism and Reform Jews. We lived in self-isolated Jewish silos. The price we paid for this counterpoint snobbery is self-evident.



Recent decades have witnessed a liberation from this bondage to the past. Nowhere is this more evident than here in Charleston. My esteem and affection for my colleague, Rabbi Victor Urecki, is matched by a growing esteem and affection of each of our congregations for the other. The practical effect of this change has been profoundly enriching for all of us.

In the coming weeks we will continue and expand our shared experiences. On Wednesday, March 14, at 6 p.m., the Temple will host another program featuring The Two Rabbis. The topic is "The Future of Judaism and its Institutions." On Wednesday, April 11, at 6 p.m., Rabbi Urecki and I will lead a service at the Temple in observance of Yom HaSho'ah. And our friends at B'nai Jacob will join us for a shared Shabbat service at the Temple on Friday, June 1, at 5:30 p.m.

All at the Temple? Yes. But note that we scheduled a number of joint events recently at B'nai Jacob: the celebration of Purim, a Shabbat Service and dinner, a "Two Rabbis" conversation, and last year's observance of Yom HaSho'ah. As these events have rotated, there have been clusters of events at one location or the other; but Rabbi Urecki and I are making sure that both our congregational houses are equally active as hosts in the course of any given year.

We are creating new habits. It's a good thing.

Rabbi Jim Cohn

Rabbi Cohn's "Basic Judaism" Class concludes this month

Rabbi Cohn's Basic Judaism class concludes this month with the exploration of two essential Jewish topics. The location is Temple Israel. The public is invited. Here is this month's schedule:

Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. –
The Holocaust and Israel

Wednesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. –
The Two Rabbis: "The Future
of Judaism and its
Institutions" at Temple Israel
(see Rabbi's Message this
page).

**The Temple's
congregational Passover
Seder will be held on
Friday, March 30
at 6 PM. It's open to
members of the Jewish
community and their
families. RSVP by March
23. See back page for
details.**

Schedule of March services

Friday, March 2	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner</i>
Friday, March 9	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, March 16	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, March 23	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, March 30	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service followed by the congregational Passover Seder at 6 o'clock—to RSVP for the meal, see back page</i>

“Unto Every Person There Is a Name” Worldwide Commemoration of Victims of the Holocaust 2018

Wednesday, April 11 at 6 PM
Remembrance Service at Temple Israel

Thursday, April 12, 10 AM — 4 PM
Holocaust Memorial Program “Reading of the
Names” at Charleston Town Center Mall



In remembering those who were murdered and to educate the public about the horrible consequences of intolerance, the Charleston Jewish Community asks you to please join us on Wednesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. for a service of remembrance at Temple Israel, conducted by Rabbis James Cohn and Victor Urecki.

On Thursday, April 12 we invite you to participate in the 24th Annual “Unto Every Person There Is a Name” Holocaust Memorial Program at Charleston Town Center Mall. This event will be held between the 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., inside at Macy’s Court, first level.

Please join with families, friends, and neighbors to read names of those murdered. Call the Temple office to schedule a preferred time to read. Reservations need to be made over the phone, not by email. **Please note:** the office will be closed on Friday, April 6, in observance of the seventh day of Passover.

Jackie Artz, Co-chair; Cookie Glasser, Co-chair

*Committee members: Mary Ellen O’Farrell & Robin Godfrey, Lynn Meyer,
Terry Pickett, Marc & Ellen Slotnick, Beth & Gary Winter*

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
templeisraelwv@gmail.com

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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.

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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March yahrzeits

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

March 2nd

Frank A. Baer, Sr. (3)
Benjamin Machanoff (3)
Erwin Mayer (3)
Adele Lehman Metzel (3)
Esther Pincus (4)
Lee Silverstein (6)
Marjorie Freedman (7)
Helen Margolis Kahn (7)
Ben Joseph (8)
Nathan Deutsch (9)
Lillian Ostand (9)
Bertha Weisberg (9)

March 9th

Ruth Segall (11)
Ivor Franklin Boiarsky (12)
Ruth Lieberman Cohen (12)
Harry Rosen (12)
Eva Wills (13)
Marcus Berman (15)
Albert Irwin Mendeloff (15)
Samuel Abraham Schneider (15)
Charlotte R. Polan (16)
Minnie Rotgin (16)
Nathan Stabins (16)
Emily Szczepaniak (16)

March 16th

Sarah Fine Machanoff (17)
Louis Ruda (17)
Barbara Boiarsky (18)
Jennie Cohen Lewis (18)
Morris Eisinger (19)
A. Joseph Garner (19)
Melvin Hammer (19)
Blanche E. Jacobson (20)
Trixie Shifflette (20)
Arnold Treibis (20)
Michael Case (22)
Sanford Lewis (22)
Chuck Lundy (22)
Tressa Silverstein Moskowitz (22)
Leo Gordon Kopelman (23)

March 23rd

Sam Silverstein Jr. (26)
Jeanette Adler (28)
Richard Thalheimer (28)
Frances L. Angel (29)
George Greenwald (29)
Helen Foster Thalheimer (29)
Sara Baker (30)
Estelle Darling (30)
Florence Treibis (30)

March 30th

Harvey Jurin (31)
Alvin Lindenberg (31)
Dorothy Kandel (April 1)
Sam Silverstein, Sr. (April 1)
Benjamin Brown (April 2)
Edith Goldstein Hallam (April 2)
Murray Lewis (April 2)
Clara Schwartz Stern (April 2)
Joseph Garner (April 3)
Henry Kleeman (April 3)
Tilly Lapatinsky Walker (April 3)
Eugene Drasnin (April 4)
Harry N. Barton (April 5)
Lylla Shinberg (April 6)

Condolences

Our congregation shares sympathies with Sue and Ron Eisinger and their family on the recent death of Sue's uncle, Garald F. "Gary" Allen. May his memory serve as an enduring blessing.

March at a glance

Friday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner

Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. – Rabbi Cohn's Basic Judaism class: The Holocaust and Israel

Friday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. – Sisterhood cooking at the Temple for Sojourner's meal, see p. 5

Monday, March 12 – Sisterhood Schmooze Time 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. – Temple board meeting

Wednesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. – The Two Rabbis: "The Future of Judaism and its Institutions" at Temple Israel

Friday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Sunday, March 18 (time TBD) – Sisterhood board meeting

Friday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Friday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service, followed by the congregational Seder at 6 p.m. (first night of Passover) – pre-paid reservations for the Seder are due March 23 – see back cover

Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 11th

Deadline for the
April Bulletin is March 15th.



KCPL Library Foundation annual “Tisket” auction at the Temple on April 28

Kanawha County Public Library’s Friends of the Library Foundation will hold its 12th annual “A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket” silent auction at Temple Israel on Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m.



They’re seeking sponsorships as well as donations of baskets and basket items from businesses, organizations and individuals. To donate, please contact Terry Wooten at terry.wooten@kanawhalibrary.org or 304-343-4646 x1287.

Last year, the Basket Auction raised more than \$39,000 for the library.

The Friends of the Library Foundation provide financial support for numerous library events and classes, including summer reading programs for children, teens and adults. The group also sponsored the 2017 West Virginia Book Festival.

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/>



Temple website

The Temple website www.templeisraelwv.org is now back online. Please let a Website Committee member know if you have news or suggestions. Contact the Temple office for more info.

Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

Oneg Shabbat receptions

We have two open dates for hosting an Oneg Shabbat reception remaining this year: March 9 and 16. Please contact Ann Fishkin at 304-744-3114 to schedule one of these dates. Thank you in advance for hosting an Oneg!



Oneg receptions are an integral part of Shabbat at Temple Israel. Hosting is not designed to be a difficult process, and we have created these guidelines so that you know exactly what to expect, and you can participate in an easy way:

Home-baked goods are always a treat, but you’re welcome to buy items to be served at the Oneg. Cheeses, dips, baked goods, fruits – whatever you would like to share with 15-20 people. We plan this “nosh” as a way to celebrate Shabbat. As always, we need to have all Oneg foods delivered by noon on Friday to Temple housekeeper Mary Hart.

If you prefer not to bake and shop yourself but want to sponsor an Oneg, you can write a check for \$35 to Temple Israel, with “Oneg” on memo line and your date, and the shopping will be done for you.

For sponsoring Onegs in February the committee thanks:

- Feb. 2 – Cookie Rotgin Glasser, in memory of her parents, Helaine and Charlie Rotgin and their never-ending commitment to social action, and the Social Action Committee, in celebration of Tu Bishvat
- Feb. 9 – Ronni and David Spudich
- Feb. 16 – Betty and David Stern
- Feb. 23 – Anne Fishkin and Bill Kroesser, in memory Bill’s parents, Helen and Fidel Kroesser

Flowers on the bimah

- Feb. 2 – Judy Lundy and Nathan Jurin, in memory of Nathan’s great-grandfather, Nat Jurin
- Feb. 9 – Sue and Ron Eisinger, in memory of Ron’s mother, Beatrice Eisinger
- Feb. 16 – Marsha Albert, in memory of her parents, Eleanor and Alex Diznoff

If you would like to sponsor Shabbat flowers, please contact Betty Stern. Cost is \$35. Please make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Sisterhood message

College youth, Care Committee, Shabbat covered dish dinners—thanks to all our volunteers; cooking for Sojourner's March 11, Schmooze March 12, Passover Seder March 30

By the time this Bulletin is mailed, the East End Family Resource Center's "Heart and Soul Dip Dinner" will have been held. It's a fundraiser for the Center's programs. Our Sisterhood prepares a chicken dish. Tickets are sold and used to purchase food or as a donation to the Center. Roberta Lee Levine chairs this project. Thank you, Roberta!

Ann Kushner chairs the College Youth mailings and will be mailing a Passover card and gift card soon to our college students. Thank you, Ann!

Betty Stern and Mary Rich Maloy are chairing the Helen F. Thalheimer Care Committee. If you know someone who would appreciate being contacted by the Care Committee, please let Betty or Mary Rich know. Thank you, Betty and Mary Rich!

Fran Thalheimer continues to chair the Shabbat Covered Dish Dinners. What a great way to gather with friends. Thank you, Fran!

Lois Coleman and Lynn Gattlieb have provided excellent programming this year. At our last meeting we had a speaker talk about the YWCA RESOLVE program. It is a program to help abused women get out of an abusive situation at home. (We had a situation like this in our neighborhood many years ago. And, Ron and I invited a student into our home for several weeks in Illinois when Ron was a student there to help her through this situation.) Thank you, Lynn and Lois!

The Sisterhood is working with the Temple's Social Action Committee to provide food to food pantries in some of our

schools. We will start with one school and add others if we have the resources to do so.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 2 – Covered Dish Dinner. Bring a dish to share to the kitchen prior to the 5:30 p.m. Friday evening service. Dinner will start at the end of the service. The Oneg Shabbat reception will be available then and after the dinner.

Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. – Sisterhood will be preparing a meal for Sojourner's Shelter. Helpers needed! Call Caroline Ostand if you would like to

purchase food for the meal or assist in preparing it.

Monday, March 12 – Sisterhood Schmooze Time, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Come when you can and join the conversation, leave when you must.

Sunday, March 18 – Sisterhood board meeting, time to be determined.

Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m. – Congregational Passover Seder following a short Shabbat service that begins at 5:30. Pre-paid reservations for the Seder are necessary – please see back

cover.

Saturday, April 28 – The Kanawha Valley Interfaith Council will hold its annual educational program featuring one of its member faiths, this year about Islam. Though it's usually held at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, this year the event will be at the Islamic Association of WV in South Charleston. We will learn more about the faith through a movie and a speaker.

May the rain stop and spring come soon!

Sue Eisinger, President

Sisterhood seeking donations for Sojourner's

Sisterhood has helped Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families for many years, and they continue to need our ongoing support. Sojourner's, operated by the Charleston YWCA, provides a home for individual women and families who are homeless.

At this time, Sojourner's especially needs plastic tote containers – both large and shoe box size – as well as paper plates and eight-ounce paper cups, laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, all-purpose household cleaning supplies, and newly-purchased bed pillows. All of these items can be left at the Temple in the Sojourner's basket in the front entryway. (You might try shopping for bargains at the St. Albans Kmart, which is scheduled to close in April and has great discounts, particularly on plastic bins.)

Sisterhood is also cooking a meal to relieve the Sojourner's staff on Sunday, March 11, starting at 10 a.m. in the Temple kitchen. Helpers are appreciated! Please step up to the plate

and aid this important service in our community. Contact Caroline Ostand at 304-984-2889 to volunteer.

Sojourner's provides emergency shelter and supportive services around the clock, every day of the year for homeless single women, women with children, men with custody of their children and intact families.

This 75-bed facility offers a secure, healthy environment with crisis intervention, case management and counseling to help individuals achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Sojourner's maintains a successful recidivism rate of about five percent annually, well below the national average of individuals returning to shelters.

Children's programs include computer and art classes, tutoring, drug-free education, supportive counseling and field trips.

Recovering from and preventing future homelessness is the goal for all who take shelter with Sojourner's.



Our Thoughtful Contributors

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

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.

Temple's congregational Passover Seder to be held March 30 — RSVP by March 23

Temple Israel's congregational Passover Seder will be held Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m.

Due to the expense of the food we must purchase and having to order table linens in time for the event, we ask that Seder reservations, along with pre-payment, be received in the Temple office no later than Friday, March 23.

Your check is your reservation.

Cost of the meal:

- Adults: \$15
- Students (all ages): \$5
- Pre-kindergarten: \$2



Please notify us of any special dietary needs well in advance of the event. Let us know if you will need a high chair or booster seat. Let us know of any seating preference, which will be accommodated as much as possible. The most we can seat at one table is 12 people.

The Seder is open to members of the Jewish community and their families. If you wish to bring guests other than your family, please check with Rabbi Cohn before inviting them.

Please make checks payable to Temple Israel and mail to Temple Israel, 2312 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston WV 25311.

Passenger drop-off and accessible parking in semi-circular driveway

The semi-circular driveway at the Temple's front entrance on Kanawha Boulevard can be used as a passenger drop-off area and as accessible parking, for people



with disabilities that make it difficult or impossible to climb steps.

If a driver is a person with disabilities and needs to park in front of the building, we ask you to pull as close to the edge of the driveway as possible. This will allow other cars to drop off passengers and pass through on their way to park in one of the Temple's lots or on the street.

When parking in the semi-circle, please *don't* block the ramp that leads to the front doors.

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Seder plate

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Mazel tov

Congratulations to Natalie and Nick Winowich on the recent birth of their great-granddaughter, Emily Ellen Radtke, to Nick's grandson Nick Radtke and his wife, Emily. Nick Radtke is the son of Nick Winowich's daughter Nancy Radtke and her husband Bill.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Kantor-Bright and Jeff Bright on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Jane, to their daughter Mikaela Bright Torbert and her husband Alex Torbert.