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*Sisterhood Holland Bulb Sale —
Check your mail soon!*

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Rabbi's message

"In praise of the Second Seder"

I've always looked askance at the idea of a Second Seder. It has seemed to me like a vestige of the past that has no reason for observance in the present. The origin of the practice of holding a complete Seder on the second night of Passover had to do with the difficulty of calculating the New Moon. This problem has been resolved by modern astronomy.



So why do it? The anticlimax of a Second Seder with the same text seems like having a second night of the Super Bowl, and I don't mean a second game: it would be more like watching a video of the exact recorded game from the night before, featuring the same appetizers you prepared for the evening — maybe literally: like the shank bone

that's frozen and then defrosted from year to year, imagine the spinach-artichoke dip being treated that way.

Not so fast, Jim! The same argument could be made about any repeated event: weekly Shabbat services, or even the annual ritual of the Seder itself. I've never been one of those people who say, "No, I don't want pizza again tonight, I had it last night." If pizza is good once, it's good over and over. Pizza for breakfast!

Right? Of course, right. Ritual has value in part precisely because of its repetition; and, also, because nothing is ever exactly repeated: you can't step in the "same" river twice, and the "same" Haggadah is different with every experience of it. If that were not true, we wouldn't bother reading the "same old" Torah portions.

Guess I'm not too old to learn after all. Second Seder, I salute you!

Rabbi Jim Cohn



Social Action Committee

Food pantry for JAMS students in the works

The Social Action Committee has chosen to work with John Adams Middle School (JAMS) as we begin our food pantry concept.

We met in February with JAMS teacher Melissa Case to brainstorm. Out of a student enrollment of over 800, we discovered nearly one-third are living in poverty and coming to school hungry.

In one instance, we were told of a student who came to the pantry for food to take home. When she was given, among other things, a mac-and-cheese cup, she reported that she would be unable to prepare it because her home had no running water. She was also given a bottle of water. There are dozens of other stories like this

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Thursday, April 12
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Holocaust Memorial
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"Reading of the
Names" at
Charleston Town
Center Mall

Schedule of April worship services

Friday, April 6 5:30 p.m. Shabbat service

Saturday, April 7 10:30 a.m. Shabbat service, followed by "First Shabbat" Torah study

Wednesday, April 11 6:00 p.m. Holocaust Remembrance Service at the Temple

Friday, April 13 5:30 p.m. Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner

Friday, April 20 5:30 p.m. Shabbat service

Friday, April 27 5:30 p.m. Shabbat service

Holocaust Remembrance Service at the Temple on April 11

Rabbi Cohn and his colleague Rabbi Victor Urecki will lead a memorial service for victims of the *Sho'ah*, the Holocaust, in a joint service at Temple Israel on Wednesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to this service of mourning, and of hope.

April's "First Shabbat" Torah topic

(in honor of Passover, this portion from last month will not be passed over)

"I swear to God it wasn't my fault!"

Saturday, April 7, 2018, following the 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
Torah Portion: Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11 – 34:35

For the text and commentary, check out

<https://www.sefaria.org/Exodus.30.11-34.35?lang=bi>

<https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study/ki-tisa>

Or read the Women's Torah Commentary in the Sisterhood Lounge, starting on p. 495

"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

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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April yahrzeits

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

April 6th

Lee Harry Kay (7)
Sam Hess (9)
Ellis C. Amburgey Jr. (11)
Fanny C. Berman (11)
Bette Rascovar (11)
Simon Barton (12)
Joseph L. Galperin (12)
Maxwell Lopin (12)
Josef Grossman (13)

April 13th

Alma Goldberg (14)
Beatrice Jurin (14)
Bea Dorzback (15)
Anna Schneider (15)
Alcine Allen (16)
Bertie Cohen (17)
Lillian Mendeloff Lakin (17)
Sara H. White (17)
Louis Glasser (19)
Joseph Lopin (19)
Adam Aaron (20)
Louis W. Cohen (20)

April 20th

Robert Gordon Markham (21)
William F. Wood (21)
Norma Hess Builtman (22)
Bill Howley (23)
Rubin Sokolovsky (23)
Beatrice Hess (24)
Henita Gattlieb Picket (24)
Settie Swarts (25)
Estelle Kasanof Gottlieb (26)
Dr. Morris I. Mendeloff, Jr. (26)
Gerald Bernard Ostand (26)
Sabina Rosenberg (26)

April 27th

Herschel Shapero (29)
Bernice Rosenthal Roche (30)
Anne Mae Walter (May 1)
David Badner (May 2)
Sylvia Glasser (May 2)
Julius Hess (May 2)
Alvin Julius Lindenberg (May 2)
Mary Lillian Dees (May 3)
Harry Greenspon (May 3)
Cecil R. Sessions (May 3)
Henry Sloman (May 3)
Manuel Rotgin (May 4)



April at a glance

Friday, April 6 – Temple office closed in observance of the seventh day of Passover

Friday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. – “First Shabbat” morning service followed by Torah study, see p. 2

Tuesday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. – Temple board meeting

Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m. – Joint Temple/Synagogue Yom HaSho’ah Holocaust Remembrance Service at Temple Israel, see p. 2

Thursday, April 12 at Charleston Town Center Mall, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – To Every Person There is a Name, see p. 5

Friday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner

Sunday, April 15 at 10:15 a.m. – Sisterhood general membership meeting, see p. 5

Friday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Friday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. – Friends of The Library Foundation “A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket” silent auction in support of Kanawha County Public Library, held at Temple Israel

Next month

May 9 – Annual meeting and Congregational Dinner

May 18 – Confirmation and Shavu’ot service

Deadline for the May Bulletin is April 13th.



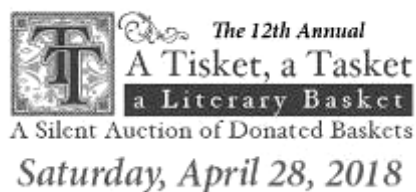


KCPL Library Foundation 12th annual "A Tisket, A Tasket" silent auction at the Temple April 28

The Friends of The Library Foundation will hold its 12th annual "A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket," a silent auction of donated gift baskets, at Temple Israel on Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. Catering will be provided by Bridge Road Bistro.

The basket auction helps support the Kanawha County Public Library and its many programs.

Attendees can bid on one or more baskets themed around a book, DVD or other item that can be borrowed from the library.



Tickets cost \$30 in advance (\$35 at the door) and are available from the Library. Additional donations are welcome. Call (304) 343-4646 ext. 1283 for more information.

The Friends are seeking sponsorships as well as donations of baskets and items for baskets from local businesses, organizations and individuals. To donate or sponsor, please contact Terry Wooten at terry.wooten@kanawhalibrary.org or 304-343-4646 ext. 1287.

Last year's event raised over \$39,000, which went toward funding the summer reading program and the West Virginia Book Festival.

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.

Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

Oneg Shabbat receptions

Oneg receptions are an integral part of Shabbat here at Temple Israel. The Oneg Shabbat Committee gives a big "thanks" to the following for hosting in March:

March 2 – Beth and Gary Winter, given in memory of "Mamala" Frances Sokolovsky

March 9 – Terrie and Bill Rosenfeld, given in memory of Terrie's mother, Emily Szczepaniak

March 16 – Judy Lundy and Nathan Jurin, given in memory of Chuck Lundy and his love of dessert, husband of Judy and grandfather of Nathan

March 23 – Sue and Ron Eisinger, given in memory of Ron's father, Morris Eisinger



Flowers on the bimah

March 16 – Judy Lundy and Nathan Jurin, given in memory of Chuck Lundy, husband of Judy and grandfather of Nathan

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

Holland bulb sale starts this month; thanks to volunteers; covered dish dinner April 13; general membership meeting April 15; tzedaka box contributions to go to Rabbi's Fund

As I write this message, winter lingers. Our neighborhood and gardens are covered in snow! Hopefully, spring will have arrived by the time you read this Bulletin.

Thank yous

- Caroline Ostand who organized a cooking committee to prepare a meal for Sojourner's Shelter and for providing us information regarding their needs.
- Fran Thalheimer who organized our Shabbat covered dish dinners. We had two in March!
- Ann Kushner for mailing Passover greetings and gift cards to our college students.
- Lynn Gattlieb and Lois Coleman, who have provided us with excellent programs.
- Jill Epstein and Caroline Ostand for getting us started with the Elder-Beerman coupon book fund raiser.
- Betty Stern for providing Uniongrams to recognize special birthdays and anniversaries of Sisterhood and Temple members, and also for giving us information from Manna Meal.
- Beth Winter for continuing the Sisterhood Schmooze Time. Unfortunately, weather prevented some of us from coming March 12th. Hopefully, April 10 will be weather-friendly.
- Judy Lundy for taking over the Holland Bulb sale fund raiser. I hope that every-



one will continue to support this fund raiser for Sisterhood! Thank you, Judy!

This year, the money collected from the tzedaka box will be given to the Rabbi's Fund. He will use the money for

the need of Temple Israel members. Thank you, Beth for taking care of the tzedaka box.

We continue to explore the possibility of donating food to a food bank in a school that has a need to help feed their students.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to provide food for an Oneg Shabbat.

Our next General Membership meeting will be Sunday, April 15th. Please come at 10:15 a.m. Alan Englebert, Director of the Kanawha County Public Library will speak about the plans that are being made for the library. Our business meeting with the voting on the slate of officers for the 2018-19 year will be the first order of business. We also have a budget to approve. I hope to see you then!

Sue Eisinger, President

"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



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.



REMINDER:
Uniongram list
due by April 10.
If you need a
list, contact
Betty Stern at 304-343-
7375

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



Covered Dish
Dinner following
the Shabbat
service on Friday,
April 13



New handrails on the Temple's front porch were installed in March to give more secure support to those needing to enter the Temple through the front doors. There are now handrails on both sides of the ramp and there's also a new rail on the step. Building and Grounds Committee acting chairman Jerry Goldberg consulted architect Aric Margolis to determine the most accessible railings and then arranged to have the fabrication and installation done by a local contractor who specializes in this type of work.

Photos and graphics

Donated canned goods

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Saturday, April 28 to be a busy day (and night) for supporters of KCPL, Kanawha Valley Interfaith Council and Manna Meal

Saturday, April 28 will be a busy day in the Kanawha Valley for those involved with Manna Meal, the Kanawha Valley Interfaith Council and the Kanawha County Public Library.

That evening, the Friends of the Library Foundation will host its 12th annual "A Tisket, A Tasket" silent auction at Temple Israel to raise money for the Kanawha County Public Library – please see the article on p. 4 of this Bulletin.

Earlier on Saturday afternoon, the Kanawha Valley Interfaith Council's 68th annual gathering, "Understanding Our Neighbors" will be held at the Islamic Association of West Virginia, 1 Valley Drive, South Charleston WV 25303.

KVIC's project this year is "Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley." Registration begins at 2 p.m. A movie, *The Sultan and the Saint*, will be shown 2:30 – 3:30. A high tea will be served at 3:45. KVIC will be honoring Jeanette Corey for her many years of service promoting interfaith dialogue.

Tickets to the KVIC annual gathering cost \$15 (cash or check) and are available April 2 – 23 in person at The Pilgrim's Progress, 522 D Street, South Charleston WV 25303, or you can send a check payable to "KVIC Luncheon" along

with a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to Pilgrim's to purchase tickets, which will be mailed to you in the SASE.

On Saturday evening, the India Center will host "Bollywood Night" at the Charleston Civic Center, a gala event to benefit Manna Meal and West Virginia Health Right. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The night will be filled with music,

dancing, amazing food, fun and laughter. The music and dances will be a multicultural approach with contributions from different areas of the globe.

Tickets cost \$100 (private sponsorships allow for 85% of the ticket price to be tax-deductible, subject to individual tax situations) and are on sale now at www.bollywoodwv.org

RCCR's Samaritan Inn seeking donations of household furnishings and supplies

The Religious Coalition for Community Renewal (RCCR) operates Samaritan Inn, a transitional residential living facility with supportive services for up to nine homeless adult men at a time. Men may stay for up to 14 months.

Since 1989, Samaritan Inn has helped over 650 men transition from homelessness to independent living.

The Inn provides a safe environment to recover from homelessness and addiction, offers services that permanently change the lives of men who have been homeless, and its graduates are counted among the productive, independent citizens of our community.

Please assist in this important work by

making a donation to RCCR of one or more of these items:

- Twin-size bed-in-a-bag sets (sheet set, pillow case and comforter) in masculine or geometric prints
- Towels sets (wash cloth, bath towel and hand towel)
- Vacuum cleaner
- Laundry detergent, fabric softener and bleach
- All-purpose household cleaners (Spic and Span, Pine-sol, etc.)
- Floor mops for hardwood floors
- Plastic food storage bags (all sizes)

Donations can be dropped off at the RCCR Administrative Office, 1516 Washington St. E., Charleston WV 25311.

Welcome

Welcome new Temple members Gail and Thomas Bachman, who reside in Norfolk, Virginia, and have joined to honor the memory of Gail's grandparents, Reba and Charles Cohen, and her mother, Ruth Wasserman, who were members of the congregation.

Food pantry in the works for JAMS students

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Currently the JAMS pantry is a freestanding metal cabinet. This is not even beginning to supply the need there.

Our goal is to expand the JAMS program and to recruit food and dollars to feed additional children. This means a commitment of time and physical resources.

We will reach out to the B'nai Jacob Ladies Auxiliary at the Synagogue to partner with us as soon as we have clarified our program. We are also still in

communication with Tom Bloom in Morgantown, who spearheaded the now-flourishing Pantry Plus More, Inc. in that city. We hope to visit that site and Riverside High School as well, to gather ideas for our own program.

Many, many details are yet to be worked out, but our resolve is strong.

No child should come to school hungry!

Gayle Twigger-Shaw, Social Action Committee chair



Think Spring! Think Bulbs!

Sisterhood's 64th Annual Holland Bulb Sale is here

Look for your order packet in the mail soon. If you don't get one, please let us know.

If you are not planting bulbs in your garden, please consider our indoor bulbs:

Amaryllis and
Paperwhites.

Thank you,

Judy Lundy,

Bulb Sale Chair



From left:

William the
Silent
daffodil;
Berry Parfait
hyacinths;
Cool Crystal
tulip.



Photos courtesy Doornbosch

Many thanks to Alan Fleischmann and his crew, Rabbi Cohn, the House Committee and Temple housekeeper Mary Hart and her helpers for another lovely congregational Passover Seder.

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/>

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.