

# Temple Israel Bulletin

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*Sisterhood Holland Bulb Sale—place  
your order by May 15th*

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**Sweet memories: Confirmation Class of 2010.** Bottom row: Frank A. Baer II, Marion Baer, Helen F. Thalheimer, Betsy Gooding, David Thalheimer. Middle: Susan Fretwell, Anne Fishkin, Joy Kleeman. Back: Nick Winowich, Steve Logan, Natalie Winowich, Cookie Glasser, Rabbi Jim Cohn, Ina Angel, Phil Angel, Michael Tice. Not pictured: Sue Eisinger, Ron Eisinger.

## Joint Shabbat Service at Temple Israel on June 1

Rabbi Cohn and his colleague Rabbi Victor Urecki will lead a joint Shabbat service at Temple Israel on Friday, June 1 at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this shared celebration of Shabbat with our Conservative cousins.



*Photo by Chris Dorst, Charleston Gazette-Mail*

### Rabbi's message

## Confirmation at May 18 Shabbat/Shavu'ot service

In the nineteenth century, Reform Judaism brought into the Jewish world the ritual of Confirmation, borrowed from the Christian world and adapted to Jewish needs and contexts. Originally this Reform ritual of Confirmation replaced Bar Mitzvah for thirteen-year-old boys. Later, it was revised to be a year of specialized curriculum for sixteen-year-old boys and girls.

Eight years ago, I introduced the idea of "Adult Confirmation." Our Confirmation Class of 2010, pictured above, consisted of a group of students who "confirmed," as an end-product of a process of careful study and exacting exploration, a commitment to Judaism and to Jewish life.

At our Shabbat service at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18, the

Confirmation Class of 2018 will lead us in worship and read the Torah portion (the Ten Commandments) from one of our scrolls, in culmination of their group study over the past year. We celebrate Confirmation along with the observance of Shavu'ot because the festival of Shavu'ot is associated with the legend of the giving of Torah, and therefore with the broader value of all Jewish learning.

Please join our Temple on May 18 in celebrating Shavu'ot with this year's Confirmands: Margot Jogwick, Judy Lundy, David Shapiro, Fran Thalheimer, and Gayle Twigger-Shaw.

*Rabbi Jim Cohn*



## Schedule of May worship services

Friday, May 4	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner</i>
Saturday, May 5	10:30 a.m.	<i>Shabbat service, followed by "First Shabbat" Torah study</i>
Friday, May 11	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, May 18	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service of Confirmation and Shavu'ot</i>
Friday, May 25	5:30 p.m.	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, June 1	5:30 p.m.	<i>Joint Shabbat service at the Temple</i>

### May's "First Shabbat" Torah topic

"I have to marry a virgin; I can't stand criticism." (Bror Blixen in *Out of Africa*)

Saturday, May 5, following the 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

**Torah Portion: Emor, Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23**

*For the text and commentary, check out*

<https://www.sefaria.org/Leviticus.21.1-24.23?lang=bi&aliyot=0>

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

Or read the Women's Torah Commentary in the Sisterhood Lounge, starting on p. 723.

"First Shabbat" is a participatory Torah study session facilitated by Rabbi Cohn on the first Saturday of each month. There will be a nosh!!

### Passenger drop-off and accessible parking in the 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.

If you need to park in front of



the building, please pull as close to the edge of the driveway as possible. Other cars need to drop off passengers and get past to park elsewhere.

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

## Annual Meeting & Congregational Dinner to be held May 9

Temple Israel's annual congregational meeting and dinner will be held Wednesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. A special mailing is being sent to Temple members in late April.

In addition to matters normally taken up at our annual meeting, the Congregation will consider amending the Temple's Constitution to reduce the size of our Board from 12 to 9 Trustees. We will also have a guest speaker, Mr. Mark Levin, an architect from Levin/Brown Associates of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Levin will speak on the process of the renovation of sanctuaries and related spaces, which is a subject being explored by the recently appointed Sanctuary Renovation Committee.

Following the annual meeting will be the congregational dinner, which is free for Temple members. So that we have enough food prepared and seating arranged, please RSVP for the dinner to the Temple office no later than Wednesday, May 2.

You don't need to make a reservation to attend the meeting.

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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# May yahrzeits

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

## May 4th

Suzanne Grinberg (6)  
Stanley E. Deutsch (7)  
Sara Samuel Silverstein (7)  
Paul Weintraub (7)  
David McHale (8)  
Dr. Philip David Maimon (11)  
Harry Mellman (11)

## May 11th

James Edward Amburgey (12)  
Dr. Jack Basman (12)  
Esther Galperin (12)  
Gordon Mae Hendrick (12)  
Joan Markham Siebert (12)  
Craig Fillmon (13)  
Tracie Christian Rose (13)  
Jerome Goldberg (14)  
Norman Lakin (14)  
Sherry Lovett (14)  
Frieda L. Barton (16)  
Jerome Harold Deutsch (16)  
Morton F. Hess (17)

## May 18th

Herbert Mitchell Barrett (19)  
Marjorie "Petie" Kwass (19)  
Ben Goldfarb (20)  
Joseph Bernard Randall (20)  
Julia Shreve (21)  
Michael Zide (21)  
Dorothy Fishkin (22)  
Mark E. Grinberg (22)  
Helen H. Hess (22)  
Fay Kulowski (22)  
Matthew H. Small (22)  
Sayde Cohen (23)  
Tracy Auden Fretwell (23)  
Richard "Ricky" Cohen (24)  
Patrick J. Gleason (25)  
Nathaniel Rose (25)

## May 25th

Robert W. Garner, II (26)  
Samuel Mendelsohn (26)  
Robert Silverstein (27)  
Samuel Dash (29)  
Jane Mayer Silverstein (29)  
Florence Mann (30)  
Monica Montanaro (30)  
Ruth Silverstein Sherman (31)  
Lester J. Mann (June 1)

## Condolences

We note with sorrow the death on March 28, 2018, of our friend and fellow congregant Robert William Garner, and share sympathies with his wife Dottie Baer Garner and the Garner and Baer families. A funeral service was held on March 29 at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, 1515 S. Osprey Avenue, Suite B4, Sarasota FL 34239.

May the memory of Robert Garner serve as an enduring blessing.

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We share sympathies with our friend and fellow congregant Jane Silverstein and her family on the recent death of Jane's brother, Harry Pincus Jr. May the memory of Harry Pincus Jr. serve as an enduring blessing.

## May at a glance

Friday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner

Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m. – "First Shabbat" morning service and Torah study

Wednesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. – Annual Meeting and Congregational Dinner, please see p. 2

Friday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day



Monday, May 14 – Sisterhood Schmooze Time 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service of Confirmation and Shavu'ot

Friday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Monday, May 28 – Temple office closed in observance of Memorial Day

## Next month

Friday, June 1 – Joint Shabbat service at the Temple

**Deadline for the June/Summer Bulletin is May 15th — this will be the last Bulletin of the season, till the September/High Holy Days issue.**





## Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

### Oneg Shabbat receptions

April 6 – Joy Kleeman and Millie Snyder

April 13 – Ann Kushner, just wanting to share

April 20 – Kim and Bob Aaron, in memory of their son, Adam Hunter Aaron

April 27 – Cookie Rotgin Glasser, in memory of Marty Glasser's birthday and in memory of Sylvia and Louis Gasser

### Flowers on the bimah

April 6 – Beth and Gary Winter, in memory of Tilly Lapatinsky Walker and Lylla Schilberg

April 20 – Kim and Bob Aaron, in memory of their son, Adam Hunter Aaron

April 27—Lois Kaufman

If you would like to sponsor Shabbat flowers on the bimah, please contact Betty Stern. There are flowers on the bimah from September through the end of May.

## Looking ahead to Oneg Shabbat receptions in the new year

As we come to the end of our Oneg season at the end of May, we hope you will get your date(s) in line for our next season, which begins in September.

Oneg receptions are an integral part of Shabbat here at Temple Israel.

Hosting is easy, enjoyable and pleasant:

Options – after you pick a date:

- 1) You shop and bake as you desire, or
- 2) You write a check in amount \$35 and the committee will shop for your Oneg.

It's your choice how you wish to share!



*Thanks for a job well done to everyone who made the congregational Passover Seder so uplifting, enjoyable and delicious!*



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



**Sisterhood message****Friday night covered dish dinner May 4; Schmooze Time May 14; big thank you to volunteers; Holland Bulb sale: try daffodils if you have deer problems! Remember tzedakah box**

This will be my last Bulletin message as President of Temple Israel Sisterhood. I could not have asked for a better board and committee chairs that helped the Sisterhood do all that we have done:

Friday night Covered Dish Dinners with a variety of food. No one went away hungry! Our

next dinner will be Friday, May 4. It is always fun to see what is on the menu the night of the dinners! Thank you, Fran Thalheimer!

Schmooze Time in the Sisterhood lounge continued and continues on! Our next

Schmooze Time will be Monday, May 14, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. These gatherings provide the opportunity to talk with

others and share what we have been up to. Thank you, Beth Winter!

The setting of tables prior to meals - thank you Betty Stern! and to those who have helped you.

A big thank you to Judy Lundy who stepped up to chair the Holland Bulb fundraiser when I stepped down. My one suggestion when ordering: If you have deer that think your yard is their yard, order daffodils! They will not eat the daffo-



dils! And, the bright yellow daffodils add a bit of sunshine to the first nice days of spring.

We are still investigating the possibility of starting a food pantry in a school that needs the food for some of its students. Hopefully we will have everything in place by the start of the next school year.

Please remember our tzedakah box that is located in the

information center as you enter the Sanctuary. The money given this year will go into the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to help congregants in need.

Thank you to ALL who have chosen a date or dates and provided food for the Oneg Shabbat that night or nights.

Best wishes for a good May!

*Sue Eisinger, President*

**Mazel tov**

Tiana Hall, daughter of Dona Hall, will graduate this spring from WVU. Tiana is completing her degree with a major in History and a minor in Political Science. She has achieved a GPA that has resulted in her receiving the honor of Magna Cum Laude. At the end of her junior year, through membership of the Phi Alpha Theta History Club and Honorary Fraternity, and due to her 4.0 GPA, Tiana received the Nancy G. McGreevy History Scholarship. She is taking a gap year to gain experience and is studying for the LSAT and hoping to begin law school in the fall of 2019.

**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.

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# Think Spring! Think Bulbs!

*Sisterhood's 64th  
Annual Holland  
Bulb Sale – order  
by May 17.*

*If you need an order packet,  
please let us know.*

## 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.**

### 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/>

### Photos and graphics

Anna Jarvis

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Donated canned goods

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### Moving?

Please let the Temple office know if you are moving or changing your email address or telephone number.

We need current addresses to mail the Bulletin and want to make sure we have members' correct contact info for the Sisterhood yearbook.

The deadline for updates to the Sisterhood yearbook is August 1.

# Manna Meal Community Garden: growing fresh veggies to feed those in need—volunteers are always welcome

From [www.mannameal.org](http://www.mannameal.org)

In 2009, Manna Meal volunteer Myra Dolan suggested the idea of a community garden where we could raise food for our soup kitchen and to give away in our food pantry.

She said “Food pantries seem to only have canned processed food, wouldn’t it be nice to give people quality produce.”

Now eight years later we are still growing food with lots of help from our community.

The Manna Meal Community Garden is located at

Rock Lake Presbyterian Life Center  
801 Lincoln Drive  
South Charleston WV 25309



## Volunteers are welcome

- What do I need to participate?
- To volunteer, just show up in closed toe shoes.
- The work days are every Tuesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Cooler months we start at 9.
- The Manna Meal Community Garden is in memory of Tari Crouse, Judy Lewis, and Eva Brabbin dedicated gardeners.

## Garden rules

- We always work as a group, never by ourselves. We are on private property and we respect the owner’s privacy.
- It is not necessary to let anyone know whether you are able to work or not. So no need to email or call anyone, just show up at the garden.
- No flip flops, please wear closed toe shoes.
- Bring your own water and snacks.
- If you can, supply your own work gloves. We have extras if that is a problem.
- We supply tools unless you have your favorite.
- If you need a gardening pad for your knees, please bring your own.



## Please remember those in need over the summer – hunger never goes on vacation

For those in need, and the organizations that help them, summer can be a difficult time. Donations—both of non-perishable food and monetary—tend to dwindle during the warmer months. Please do what you can to help out.

Covenant House Food Pantry. Please donate non-perishables whenever you can, especially canned tuna, breakfast cereal and canned soup. You can bring donations to the Temple and we’ll see to it that they get to the right place.

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. Contact Manna Meal for more info: 304-345-7121.

