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View of sunset
from Mallory
Square,
Key West.
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J. Cohn



Rabbi's message

My teachers, my friends, my comforters

Nearly a hundred bulletin messages over these years with you, and none harder to write than this final one.

My thought when I sat down to compose this message was to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to be your rabbi, to thank you for all the ways it has rewarded me and warmed me. Instead, I want to reverse the direction of the arrow and thank you for being my rabbis, each and all of you.

You have been my teachers, in matters related to Torah, to Judaism generally, and to life itself. I have learned so much from you.

You have been my friends, sharing your love and your support freely. I have enjoyed such good company with you.

You have been my comforters, holding

my hand when crisis has beset me and my family. I have navigated the perils of life with an awareness of your nearness that has smoothed my journey.



At the 2016 Blessing of the Pets, Rabbi Cohn and "Bagel." Photo by Kenny Kemp, Charleston Gazette-Mail.

Know that I return your love in full measure, that I am grateful beyond all describing, and that when I think of the fun we've had along the way, it brings a smile to my lips and a lift to my heart.

With love always,

Rabbi Jim Cohn

Please RSVP by Friday, June 15 to attend the "Happy Trails" brunch for Rabbi Cohn, to be held on Sunday, June 24 at 11 a.m.

Schedule of June worship services

Friday, June 1	5:30 p.m.	Joint Shabbat service at Temple Israel, led by Rabbi Cohn and Rabbi Urecki
Saturday, June 2	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat service, followed by "First Shabbat" Torah study
Friday, June 8	5:30 p.m.	Shabbat service
Friday, June 15	5:30 p.m.	Shabbat service with Sisterhood Installation of Officers
Friday, June 22	5:30 p.m.	Shabbat service
Friday, June 29	5:30 p.m.	Shabbat service



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.

June's "First Shabbat" Torah topic

"Moses is ready for retirement – maybe past ready"

Saturday, June 2 following the 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

Torah Portion: B'haalot'cha, Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

For the text and commentary, check out

<https://www.sefaria.org/Numbers.11?lang=bi&aliyot=0>

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

Or read the Women's Torah Commentary in the Sisterhood Lounge, starting on p. 843.

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



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 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this shared celebration of Shabbat with our Conservative cousins.



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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Summer yahrzeits

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

June 1st

Marion Smith Cohen (3)
Sylvia I. Garner (3)
Joseph Sloman (3)
Sarah Meilman (4)
Esther Markham Stowers (4)
Melvin Marks (5)
Alfreda Ruvel (5)
Alfredo Montanaro (6)
Miriam E. Rogin (6)
Herbert J. Shapiro (6)
David Hess Swarts (7)
Ed Hindman (8)
Dr. Herman K. Polan (8)

June 8th

Mae Gordon Kopelman (10)
Joan Galperin Kurtz (10)
Bernard Siegel (10)
Irene Wells (10)
William Binderman (11)
Herbert Osgood (11)
Louis Israel Sclove (12)
Solon Levine (13)
Mary Margolis (13)
Phyllis Shapero (13)
Henry Angel (14)
William Drasnin (14)
Jerry Lindenberg (15)
Michael Rossin (15)

June 15th

Judith Kaufman Moses (16)
Si Galperin, Jr. (17)
Harry Polan (18)
Anna Lovett (19)
Max Rosenfeld (19)
Leon Jacob Engel (20)
Goldie M. Galperin (20)
William F. Hoss Jr. (21)
Betty Edelman Barrack (22)
Helen Cohen (22)
Celia Drasnin (22)
Carl A. Lehman (22)
Bertha Silverstein Schaul (22)
Lottie Wells (22)

June 22nd

Ted Lewis (23)
Charles W. Loeb, Sr. (23)

David Mack (24)
Etta Abrams (25)
Flo Sloman (25)
Morris Warhoftig (26)
Dr. Philip Rubin (27)
Beatrice Eisinger (29)
Sylvia Miller Kaufman (29)
Bill Thalheimer (29)

June 29th

Henry Hager (30)
Virgil Hindman (30)
Ruth Osgood Loeb (30)
Rose Levy Siegel (30)
Ben Baker (July 2)
Donald Deutsch, Jr. (July 2)
Nuita Feibelman (July 2)
Toby Israel (July 2)
Edward Lee Ruben (July 2)
Leo M. Spigel (July 3)
Kenneth Godfrey (July 4)
Nathan P. Goldfarb (July 4)
Ernestine "Stinie" Goldman (July 4)
James Leon Wells (July 4)
Lake A. Brown, Sr. (July 5)
Morris Freedman (July 5)
Bernard A. "Bud" Burka (July 6)
John Henry Joseph Hoss (July 6)
Florence Kay Simms (July 6)

July 6th

Joe L. Silverstein (7)
Frank A. Baer, II (8)
Gertrude Warren (8)
Tommy Kaplan (9)
Stanley Loewenstein (9)
Nathan Kurtz (10)
Ruth Cohen Wasserman (10)
M. S. "Mel" Burka (12)
Sadie Nusbaum (12)
Sallee Deutsch (13)

July 13th

Dorothy Hohenberg (14)
Shirley Shapiro (14)
Helen Silverstein (14)
Hyman Artz (16)
Sarah Badner (16)
Isaak Dumer (17)
Roslyn Bloomberg (18)

Condolences

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.

Dolly Margolis (18)
Henry Rossin (18)
Joseph Segall (18)
Harry Goldstein (19)
Nancy Engel DiTullo (20)
Rose Miriam Rosenfeld (20)
Maria Szczepaniak (20)

July 20th

Philip Angel (22)
Mayme Lasky (22)
Paul L. Lambert (23)
Ehaskel Bernashefsky (26)
Kenneth H. Fretwell (26)
Albert Israel (26)
Sarah Rosenfeld Zakin (26)
Clara Kraus Kaufman (27)

July 27th

Anna Schumann Deutsch (29)
Troy David Fretwell (29)
Andy Hudnall (29)
Estelle Gussie Hager (30)
Lee Small (30)
Jay L. Margolis Sr. (31)
Florette Angel (Aug. 3)
Beatrice Kleeman (Aug. 3)
Ben Swarts (Aug. 3)

August 3rd

Carol Behr (4)
Ike Rosenberg (4)
Dan Barrack (6)
Rose Bloom (6)
Meta Bornheim (6)
Bee Gattlieb (6)
David Gottlieb (7)
Charles M. Rotgin, Sr. (7)
Henry Steinberg (7)
Stan Weinberg (8)
Esther Basman (10)
Lillian Caroline Isis (10)

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Summer yahrzeits

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August 10th

Charles Forman (11)
Grover Cleveland Kaufman (11)
Elizabeth Pierce Randall (11)
Gideon Feibelman (12)
Philip Jordan Silverstein (12)
Eddie Warner Casto (13)
Jay Margolis, Jr. (13)
Saul Ostand (13)
Kay Polan (14)
Milton Wyner (15)
Marty Glasser (16)
Evelyn Broh Polan (16)
Ben Baer (17)
Harry Pollack (17)

August 17th

Bernise Weiner Saval (18)
Samuel Sloman (18)
Phyllis Irene Skeens (20)
Selwyn Robert Jurin (21)
Helen Warhoftig (21)
Ruth Mendelsohn Brown (22)
Henry L. Kohn (22)
Joseph Bloom (23)

Lawrence C. Kaufman, Sr. (23)
Pauline Rubio (23)
Marcus Smith (23)
Austin Moore (24)

August 24th

Ida Eckmann (25)
Lenard Kushner (25)
Marvyn Cohen (26)
Harriet Oppen (26)
Maurice Plotkin (27)
Norma Webster (27)
Peggy F. Greenspon (28)
Clara Spiegler (28)
Isaac J. Hofmayer (29)

August 31st

Gertrude Artz (Sept. 1)
Louis Rotgin (Sept. 1)
Robert Sidney Aaron (Sept. 3)
Beatrice Cohen Binderman (Sept. 3)
Deidre Eisinger (Sept. 3)
Mina G. Greenspon (Sept. 3)
Simon H. Galperin, Sr. (Sept. 5)
Stanley Silverstein (Sept. 5)
Lena T. Burka (Sept. 6)
Raymond A. Cohen (Sept. 7)

Social Action Report

JAMS food pantry planning looks at needs of students and their families

Social Action Committee and Sisterhood have been in a learning and planning mode, as we work on establishing the John Adams Middle School (JAMS) food pantry, since late 2017. Meetings have been held and trips taken to define our participation.

This past April, we toured Riverside High School with Bill Denham, teacher and “proprietor” of that school’s pantry. We took videos and photos to share in our upcoming meeting with Melissa Case and Fran Thalheimer at JAMS.

We have learned this project is more complicated than it would seem. For example, do we plan for food on the weekends and during holidays? And what about summer? And what about the families of the students?

We are striving to create a simple mission, given our capabilities. The summer will give us ample time to be in forward gear this fall, after school starts.

All other Social Action activities are running smoothly.

Gayle Twigger-Shaw, Chair

This is the last Bulletin of the season, till the September/High Holy Days issue. The deadline for the September issue is Aug. 15th.

June at a glance

Friday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat joint service at Temple Israel with B’nai Jacob, led by Rabbi Jim Cohn and Rabbi Victor Urecki

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

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

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

Friday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service and Sisterhood Installation of Officers

Sunday, June 17 – Father’s Day

Sunday, June 17 – Sisterhood Retreat (time and location to be determined)

Sunday, June 17 – West Virginia Jewish Film Festival: Nosh starts at 6 p.m., films start at 7 o’clock. See p. 7.

Wednesday, June 20 – West Virginia Day

Thursday, June 21 – First day of summer

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

Sunday, June 24 at 11 a.m. – Fond Farewell to Rabbi Jim Cohn on his retirement (RSVP by Friday, June 15). See back page.

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

Sisterhood message**Serving the Congregation and one another in a surprising number of ways makes Sisterhood the heart of the Temple**

Since May 20 of this year, I have been honored to serve Temple Israel Sisterhood as its new president.

My membership in Sisterhood has been an enlightening journey. We serve our congregation and each other in ways that I never realized. In fact, I have pictured us without Sisterhood, and come up with a pretty bleak picture.

Think: no Care Committee,

no College Youth Committee, no community programs, no Shabbat dinners, no special outreach to Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families and the many other social justice organizations to which Sisterhood members provide assistance.

Since 1913, in response to Mr. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman of the Union of American



Sisterhood's Installation of Officers will be held during the Shabbat service, which begins at 5:30 p.m., on Friday, June 15.

The Sisterhood Retreat will be held Sunday, June 17 at a time and location to be determined. Members will be notified by email.

Hebrew Congregations, and his invitation to establish women's synagogue auxiliaries, Sisterhoods have evolved and grown in outreach to the present day. Sisterhood is the heartbeat of our Temple Israel.

I am humbled by the wom-

en who have gone before and I will do my best to sustain the tradition of service, outreach, education and fun. Thank you, Sisters, for this opportunity.

Gayle Twigger-Shaw,
President

Sisterhood seeking summer donations for Sojourner's Shelter

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

Please remember that, like everyone else, those who are homeless have additional needs over the summer. When school is out, children's summer activities can mean more laundry (more detergent is used) and kids don't have access to school meals (more healthy snacks are needed).

Sisterhood is hoping to supply additional needs for the Sojourner's Shelter this summer. Special requests include: breakfast cereal, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, coffee, creamer, 8-ounce hot drink cups, 33-gallon trash bags, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners and newly-purchased twin sheet-sets that include pillow cases.



You can drop off your donations at the Temple and we will take care of getting them to Sojourner's. Thanks!

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 recidivism rate of about five percent — 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.

The Sojourner's cafeteria is open 24/7 and offers free USDA food to residents.

Sojourner's also operates the YWCA Sojourner's Job Education/Readiness Center to provide education and job-readiness training for any and all homeless adults, regardless of their place of refuge.



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, noting which fund on the memo line of your check.

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.

Photos and graphics

View of sunset – photo by J. Cohn

Rabbi Cohn and “Bagel” – photo by Kenny Kemp, courtesy the Charleston Gazette-Mail.

Photos of Rabbi Cohn and Rabbi Urecki – courtesy Rabbi Cohn

Photos of Rabbi Cohn and colleagues – courtesy Rabbi Cohn

Hot drink cup
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Moving
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Alex Pickering Transfer Company, early moving truck, Salt Lake City 1911. Commercial photo for advertisement, published circa 1911. “Image shows two men standing with their classic Pickering Transfer Company truck, outside the Temple Square wall on West Temple.” This media file is in the public domain in the United States. This applies to U.S. works where the copyright has expired, often because its first publication occurred prior to January 1, 1923.

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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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Mazel tov

Congratulations to Tessa Wyner on her graduation in May from George Washington High School. Tessa is the daughter of Larry and Louida Wyner; she plans to attend Virginia Tech starting in the fall.

Congratulations to Sophia Marion Kaufman, on her graduation from Harvard College in May, with an A.B. degree in Anthropology, with Global Health and Health Policy her secondary field. Sophia is the daughter of Barrie and Tod Kaufman, and granddaughter of Marion Baer, and of her late grandparents of blessed memory, Paul and Rose Jean Kaufman and Frank A. Baer II, with all grandparents and both parents confirmed at Temple Israel or the Virginia Street Temple.

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

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

Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

Oneg Shabbat receptions

Sharing food and drink at an Oneg celebration strengthens relationships among our members and continues the joyous spiritual journey of Shabbat. The Oneg Shabbat Committee thanks everyone who sponsored receptions in May – and, looking forward to the coming year, asks you to please “put your thinking caps on” for a date you might want to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat reception in honor of an event or in memory of a loved one.

May 4 – Sue and Ron Eisinger, in memory of Sue’s father, Cecil R. Sessions

May 11 – Ina Angel and Gayle Twigger-Shaw, in memory of Sherry Lovett

May 18 – Confirmation Class of 2018

May 25 – Richard Hess and Robert Hess, in memory of their parents, Helen H. Hess and Morton F. Hess

Flowers on the bimah

If you would like to sponsor flowers on the bimah, please contact Betty Stern. We don’t usually have flowers at summer services, but need sponsors during the rest of the year. Thanks to everyone who gave the gift of flowers during May.

May 4 – Ditty and Gary Markham, in memory of Gary’s sister, Joan Markham Siebert

May 11 – Richard Hess and Robert Hess, in memory of their parents, Helen H. Hess and Morton F. Hess

May 18 – Confirmation Class of 2018

May 25 – Ina Angel, in memory of the birthday of Philip Angel Jr.

WV Jewish Film Festival Sunday, June 17 at the Clay Center Caperton Planetarium

Nosh

6-7 p.m. – Bagels and lox spread in the Clay Center lobby

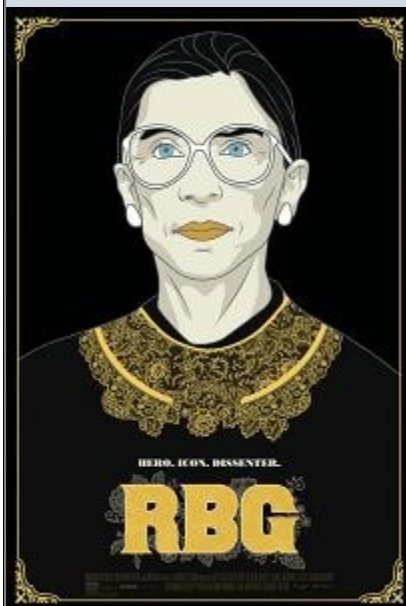
Films

7-8:30 p.m. *The Last Suit (El ultimo traje)*, Spanish, 92 minutes, 2018

An 88-year-old Jewish tailor named Abraham embarks on a long journey from Argentina to Poland to find the man who saved him from certain death during the Holocaust. Best Film award at Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 2018. The Klezmer soundtrack excels.

8:30-10 p.m. *RBG*, English, 98 minutes, 2018

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, has developed a breathtaking legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon.



Born to Russian Jewish immigrants in Brooklyn, N.Y., she has gone on to become one of the most influential women in America. A hit at this year’s Sundance Film Festival!

This program is all about octogenarians – if you are one or plan to become one, this one’s for you!

The event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Jewish Federated Charities of Charleston. In association with FestivALL.



The Congregation bids a fond farewell to Rabbi Jim Cohn as he heads off into retirement: Happy Trails!

Rabbi Jim Cohn, after nine years of service to the congregation, will retire on June 30. We want to bid him a fond farewell, a “happy trails!” from all of us, so the Temple is hosting a brunch in his honor on Sunday, June 24 at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited and there is no cost.

Please call or email the Temple office with your reservation no later than Friday, June 15. The event will be catered, so we need to get a good count of how many will be in attendance to make sure we have plenty of food and drink on hand.



Clockwise from top left: Rabbi Jim Cohn with fellow members of CARLA, the Charleston Area Religious Leaders Association; on Civil Rights Day 2016 receiving the medal — given on behalf of Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin by West Virginia Human Rights Commission Executive Director The Rev. Marykaye Jacquet — in

recognition for extraordinary service to the citizens of our state in the battle for absolute equality and civil rights for all; preparing to read from the Torah at a Shabbat service.

Below: Rabbi Cohn, photo by Chris Dorst, courtesy Charleston Gazette-Mail.



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.