

Temple Israel Bulletin

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Schedule of November religious services

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November at a glance

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Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time ends

Sunday, Nov. 4 – “Global Day of Jewish Learning” – Rabbi Blair will offer a class at the Temple 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Jewish Learning: Extraordinary Passages. (Rabbi Urecki will offer a class at B’nai Jacob 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

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Sunday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. – Combined Sisterhood board and general membership meeting, brunch and program

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

Thursday, Nov. 15 – An outside (non-Temple) group will be holding a fundraiser for their organization at the Temple. More details were unavailable at press time.

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

Thursday, Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving. Temple office closed today and Friday, Nov. 23.

Friday, Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat service [Lay-led]

Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. – “Introduction to Judaism,” with an evening minyan preceding the class. This first session will be held at the Temple. Subsequent sessions will alternate between the Temple and B’nai Jacob.

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Sunday, Dec. 2 – First candle of Hanukkah

Sunday, Dec. 9 – Eighth candle of Hanukkah. Congregational Hanukkah Dinner at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 30. Pay at the door.

FROM THE RABBI’S DESK

Dear Temple Israel Congregants, Community members, and Friends,

Shalom, Greetings!

The major season of Jewish religious holidays has concluded, and we are moving into the time of winter holidays, along with seasonal weather! Halloween is just in front of us as I write this, quickly followed by Thanksgiving, shortly after which we reach Hanukkah at the beginning of December, followed soon by the Christmas/New Year’s events. The calendar year is moving quickly! We even finally got some seasonal chilly weather!

Looking back, a lot has happened in the last month. After the High Holidays, we had the first covered dish dinner for the year, the first “First Shabbat” morning service and Torah study took place, the OLLI course on “Bible Babes” started, the Introduction to Hebrew class began, the first of several pulpit exchanges was held – during which we acknowledged National Refugee Shabbat and the work of HIAS*, the FestivALL Klezmer concert and FOOTMAD dance event rocked the house, the Sisterhood Tea and Art Tour event brought guests in to see the Temple and the art works there, and a Challah baking workshop was offered to the community at the Synagogue as part of a nationwide initiative. During the same time, the regular rhythm of Temple life continued with Board meetings, Sisterhood meetings and schmoozes, committee meetings and work, our regular Shabbat services, Onegs, and more.

You can see what is planned in the next month by reading through the bulletin. There is again a great deal planned – I am hopeful that we are able to offer something for everyone.

On a more personal note, I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk to so many in the congregation and community. I hope and plan to have the chance to do so with more of you, continuing to enjoying further conversations. If we have not yet spoken, forgive me; I am slowly working through the list in the yearbook, and will try to reach you soon – but if you wish, please feel free to initiate a conversation. And if you feel a need to meet with me, please do be in touch. I would welcome your call, text, or email, and would be happy to speak with you by phone, or to set a meeting in person.

I have enjoyed meeting and learning about those with whom I have had conversations, and I have gathered a great amount of valuable information both on the history of the congregation and on what people want to see happen. I thank all of those who have been willing to speak with me and share your thoughts and suggestions, including constructive criticism. I look forward to getting to know you better.

I am also very encouraged and happy at the participation we are having. Attendance at services has been quite good (though it varies from week to week); thirty-four people registered for the OLLI course, and fifteen were present at the first Introduction to Hebrew class session. We had over sixty at the Sukkah decorating event, and High Holiday attendance was quite good. I was delighted with the excellent turnout and response to the Klezmer concert and dance event on the 18th, and the attendance at the Tea and Art Tour on the 21st was less than it might have been, but it was very well received. The Challah Bake event on the 25th was also lots of fun and had a full house. I hope you are feeling as good about what we are seeing as I do.

I want to briefly mention the Memorial services held in conjunction with B'nai Jacob to acknowledge and mourn the tragic events in Tree of Life Synagogue on the morning of Shabbat, October 27th. It was extremely important and meaningful to provide our Jewish community an opportunity to gather together to mourn the losses, and to acknowledge the awful feelings so many of us were carrying. The service is done, but the process of healing is yet ahead of us. We must rebuild our sense of hope, and use all the emotions generated for positive and useful purposes; healing the world, reaching out to others with love, and generally bringing into the world and spreading the opposite of the hate and bigotry that the perpetrator embodied. More to come on this in the weeks and months ahead.

Let me close this bulletin for now by wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving celebration.

Joe

Rabbi Joe Blair

* If you wish more information, or to donate to HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, please visit this web page: <https://www.hias.org/mission-and-values>.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

If there is something you think I need to know, or even MIGHT need to know, PLEASE tell me, and don't assume someone else has! This is especially true for information related to anyone

who is in the hospital (hospitals no longer give out information to clergy), anyone who is ill, anyone who might appreciate a call, visit, or a time to talk for any reason, and any significant changes or major events in someone's life (birth, death, milestone or lifecycle event, education or job-related news, etc.). When in doubt, please share the information with me!

A RESOURCE

Thanks to Lynn Gattlieb who provided information on a useful APP you can install on your phone or tablet. It is called WVHELP. It provides county by county, state, and federal information on how to contact legislators, courts, agencies, organizations, emergency responders, and many more useful pieces of information, all organized in an easy to use single place! If you have any interest in accessing this data, then this free APP is recommended. WVHELP.

CHOIR INQUIRY

At the last ritual committee meeting, the question was raised about whether there is interest in forming a small choir group to sing at some of our services. The options were floated that this group might prepare to sing for the Afternoon service on Yom Kippur, and/or to sing Shabbat mornings. There was also some thought that the group would join with Bob Morris to sing on specific Friday Shabbatot. This is simply a straw poll to determine if there is interest in participating in this group. If so, please be in touch with me, Josh Barrett, or Ronni Spudich, and let us know of your interest and which of the options is included in what you would like to undertake. If there is interest, we can explore how to implement this.

Rabbi's Programs –October-November 5779/ 2018

Focusing on the immediate future, here is the list of events and programs that are now upcoming. I look forward to sharing them with you.

"First Shabbat"

The next "First Shabbat" falls on Saturday November 3rd at 10:30 am. We will have a short Shabbat morning service, followed by a Torah or Text study, and a nosh. The parashat hashavuah (weekly reading) is Chayei Sarah, the life of Sarah, which opens with her death! We will take a look at that and perhaps speculate on how it came to be.

No prior knowledge is required. You only need to have interest, curiosity, and be able to read English! Join us for an uplifting service and a fun conversation.

"Global Day of Jewish Learning"

Please join Rabbi Urecki and me on November 4th. We will be participating in an international celebration of Jewish learning called the Global Day of Jewish Learning. Communities around the world will all be focusing on the same theme – Extraordinary Passages: Texts & Travels. We will each offer a teaching around the theme.

Rabbi Urecki and I will each look at journeys in our tradition. Rabbi Urecki will examine how the experience of exile/galut molded the Jewish people using various texts and commentaries. I will

be focusing through the lens of the story of Jonah on what journeys may mean. We hope you will join both of us for an interesting couple of hours.

The Sunday school will focus on this theme as well that day. I will offer a class at Temple on November 4th at 10:30-11:30 am. Rabbi Urecki will offer a class at the Synagogue at 11:30-12:30 pm.

“Secular and Other Observances”

Halloween is Wednesday, October 31st. All Saints Day falls on the 1st, and All Souls Day on the 2nd.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 4th – we ‘Fall Back’, gaining an hour.

The anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, the ‘night of broken glass,’ is commemorated on November 9th. We will note and recall it during the Friday Shabbat service that evening.

Veterans Day is Sunday, November 11th, observed on the 12th.

Thanksgiving Day (U.S.) is celebrated on Thursday, November 22nd. Friday the 23rd is noted as ‘Black Friday’.

“Introduction to Judaism”

A series of ten one-hour stand-alone sessions on topics in Judaism. Rabbi Urecki and I will be offering this series starting at the Temple **NOVEMBER 28th**, alternating the location between the Synagogue and the Temple – and we may decide to move to other venues for some sessions. These are scheduled on Wednesday evenings at ~6 pm (with an evening service minyan proceeding each session, if you would like to attend it). The series is free and open to anyone interested, and it is ‘drop-in’; you do not need to attend all sessions. We hope that the material will be of interest to everyone, no matter the level of knowledge with which they start. For anyone who is new to, or considering Judaism, this should be an excellent starting place; it will serve as the first part of a Jewish studies curriculum. All others are welcome as well; it is our hope that everyone will learn something new, no matter their background or knowledge. The topics are:

1. Introduction & Background; November 28; Temple
2. G-d; December 12; Synagogue
3. Torah; January 2, 2019; Temple
4. Israel; January 16; Synagogue
5. Lifecycle; February 6; Temple
6. Calendar/Holidays; (Major & Minor) February 20; Synagogue
7. Jewish Literature; March 6; Temple
8. Synagogue/Temple Life; March 20; Synagogue
9. Jewish History; April 10; Temple
10. Contemporary Topics; April 24; Temple
11. Conversion; May 1; Synagogue

“Bimah Choreography”

I am planning a short session class on Sunday December 16th at 10:30 am. In this hour, I hope to go over the logistics, etiquette, and choreography of the formal Torah service – how to negotiate taking the Torah out, undressing it, moving it to the reading stand, calling people up for honors, the blessings, lifting it, dressing it, and putting it away. I also want to tie this to the flow of the liturgy/service that is followed during the Torah service. If you have any interest or curiosity about this, please join me for this short class.

CONTACTING THE RABBI

Rabbi Joe Blair is available by appointment.

His all-hours cell phone number is **304-989-4014**.

PLEASE call this number in case of an emergency.

This cell phone number is the best way to reach the Rabbi at all times.

He may be reached by email at RabbiJoeB@gmail.com.

He reads email regularly through the day, **except** on Jewish Holidays or Shabbat, when he does not use the computer or electronics that require typing. Please note that both **Email and Facebook/Messenger are not seen during these periods.**

Messages on the Temple office voicemail will be checked periodically, but not nearly as frequently or regularly as the listed cell phone number.

Please let the Rabbi know if you or anyone you know is ill or would want a call or visit for any reason.

You are invited to contact the Rabbi to arrange an appointment to meet. The rabbi will be happy to set a mutually convenient time to meet or speak with you, so that he can offer you his full, undivided attention.

IN THE CONGREGATION

Refuah Shelemah/Mi Sheberach (Healing & Wholeness/Blessings):

To those included in the recent Mi Sheberach lists at services:

Kim Aaron

Bob Aaron

Lois Coleman

Margie Hutt

Rabbi Israel Koller

Peggy Koller

Gary Markham

And those who are now on the mend:

Karl Gattlieb

Richard Holicker

Fedor Poppelsdorf

Mazal Tov (Congratulations):

[Please tell us about these events so we can acknowledge you as appropriate.]

Daniel Cohn on his new position. We are sorry that Jenny, Daniel, and the family will be moving, but wish them all the best in Charlotte.

Jill Epstein on her new position.

Proud grandparents Elizabeth Kantor-Bright and Jeff Bright share the good news: Cantor Naomi and Adam Lerman announce the arrival of their second child, a girl, Lenna Faye. She was born September 15, 2018.

To those who reached milestones in the past month, and to all who had any birthday or anniversary or other event worth celebrating! Among those acknowledged this month at services or at an Oneg were Ina Zide Angel, Gary Winter, Alan Fleischmann, and Millie Snyder.

Baruch Dayan Ha'emet (Bless the Judge of Truth):

[Traditional phrase said when we hear bad news, such as a serious illness or a death.]

Anne Fishkin and Bill Kroesser on the death of Anne's brother last month.

Greg Proctor on the extensive damage and loss sustained as a result of his house fire. Baruch Hashem, there were no injuries; Greg is busily engaged in the process of salvaging what he can, and determining his next steps.

November 2018 Yahrzeit List

November 2nd

Harry Fleischmann (3)
William F. Hoss (4)
Seymour Kantor (4)
Joseph Klee (4)
Louis Goldfarb (5)
Charles McHale (6)
Floy M. Sessions (6)
Eleanor "Ellie" Burka (7)
Carl H. Lehman (7)
Michael M. "Mike" Margolis (7)
Edwin Stabins (7)

November 9th

Joseph Gotlieb (10)
Florine Marks Isaac (10)
Susan Jubelirer Nesi (10)
Sam Badner (11)
Louis Cohen (11)
Louis Jordan (11)
Lilla Wolf (11)
Barbara Brooks (12)
Albert Schwabe (12)
Ellis C. Amburgey Sr. (14)
Bernard Gottlieb (14)
Jean Merz Klee (14)
Sydney M. Kleeman (15)

November 16th

Anna Barton (19)
H. H. Wills (20)
Esther Mendeloff (21)
Edith Hartley Aaron (22)
Frances W. Freedman (22)
Nina Poppelsdorf (22)

Sadie Shane (22)

November 23rd

Edith Burnett (24)
Bernard Weinstein (25)
Minnie Hess (26)
Morton A. Lewis (26)
Harriet B. "Cissy" Abrams (27)
Jearoll Casto (27)
Doris Kleeman Leopold (27)
Reba Markstein Lindenberg (27)
Jane Glaser (28)
Bernard H. Jacobson (28)
Carol Katz (28)
Robert Albert (29)
Reba Blustein Cohen (29)
Cecile Rossin (29)
Bob Baer (30)
Maxine Stabins (30)

November 30th

Joanne Mendeloff Misaqi (Dec. 1)
Mary Beth Chadwick (Dec. 4) Fran
Fahey (Dec. 4)
Frances B. Kay (Dec. 4)
Edward B. Cohen (Dec. 5)
Dr. Leonard M. Eckmann (Dec. 5)
Goldie Mendelsohn (Dec. 5)
Lavalie Bixby Hoss (Dec. 6)
Howard J. Klapper (Dec. 6)
Frederick Barkus (Dec. 7)
Marcus Lopin (Dec. 7)
Albert Thalheimer, Jr. (Dec. 7)
Selma Widman (Dec. 7)

Covenant House Adopt a Family 2018

Adopt-a-Family: Temple Israel’s Adopt-a-Family for the 2018 holiday season consists of mom, Dominique, and her three children: son Malec, age 16, and two younger children, Kmanjnae, age 4, and Anthony, age 2. The children’s clothing sizes and “special request” gifts are listed in the chart below. Please note that Dominique did not request any clothing items for herself; she’s only asking for help for her children and her household.

Thank you in advance for donating to the Covenant House Adopt-a-Family program. We invite you to contribute to Temple Israel’s 2018 family. If you wish to give a check, the committee will use the funds raised to purchase clothing, special request gifts, or gift cards for shoes or food. You may write your check as a charitable donation, payable to Temple Israel, with “Adopt-a-Family” on the memo line. Please give any check (or gift card or Kroger card) to Greg **no later than Wednesday, November 28.**

If you prefer to buy a special gift for a family member, please bring your **unwrapped* gift** to Temple and place it in the appropriate box on the stage on or before Wednesday, November 28.

For the past few years, Temple members have generously contributed to the Adopt-a-Family program. If we again receive ample donations, we ask your permission to use some of the donated funds to help others in need. If so, we would: 1) Write a check to Covenant House for their social worker to purchase items for families who receive little or nothing, and/or 2) We would purchase socks, gloves and/or hats for Manna Meal to give to people needing such items. (Temple is a founding member of three organizations: Covenant House, Manna Meal and RCCR.) If you prefer that we use your donation only for the family we will adopt, please give that instruction to Greg along with your check.

Again, thanks! - Anne Fishkin

Name	Age	Sex	Coat	Sweater or Shirt	Pants	Shoes	Special Request
Dominique	30	F					Dishes, Pots & Pans, Towels and Wash cloths (Not picky on color)
Malec	16	M	M	M	32x34	10 men’s	Twin bed set – Kansas City theme
Kmanjnae	4	F	6T	6T	6T	1 Juniors	Black doll; Minnie Mouse Twin bed set
Anthony	2	M	2T	2T	2T	8 kids	Trucks, cars; Ninja Turtles; Twin bed set

Covenant House asks that **all gifts for the children be left unwrapped. The committee will wrap Dominique's gifts and provide wrapping paper and tape so she may wrap her children's gifts. We will deliver the gifts to Covenant House on December 10.*

New pajamas, socks, and underwear are often appreciated. The gift items in the chart are meant as suggestions. Please note that Covenant House says that groups that "adopt" families are not expected to fill all of the items on their family's list; the gift list is intended as a guide to the family's needs. **Please ask the store to print a gift receipt and pin it to your item** so the family can exchange an item more easily. Covenant House encourages us to include a **gift receipt** with any clothing or shoe items.

Gently used warm clothing or new underwear and socks (any size) can be donated to the Clothing Closet (now located at the Opp Shop at St. John's Episcopal Church). That box is also on the stage.

Our Thoughtful Contributors

Helen F. Thalheimer Care Committee of Temple Israel Sisterhood

In memory of Jane P. Silverstein, given by Roberta Lee Levine and Richard Hess

In honor of the birthdays of Betsy and Roy Gooding, given by Roberta Lee Levine and Richard Hess

A thoughtful contribution thanking Sisterhood for the break-fast, given by Roberta Lee Levine and Richard Hess

A thoughtful contribution from Richard Hess, with thanks to all who sent him birthday greetings

Temple Israel Sisterhood Floral Fund

In memory of Dr. Richard M. "Ricky" Pollack, brother of Anne Fishkin, given by David and Betty Stern

Temple Israel Sisterhood

In thanks for the Uniongram Book celebrating Amy and Peter's wedding, given by David and Amy Shapiro

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A thoughtful donation, given by Penelope and Mike Tice (Sept. 26)

In memory of Jane P. Silverstein, given by Robert P. and Alise Reicin Boiarsky

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Unrestricted Fund

In memory of Jane P. Silverstein, given by Dee and Rick Carduner

In memory of Jane P. Silverstein, given by Betty Silverstein Spear

In memory of Bertie Feldman, given by Betty Silverstein Spear

Sisterhood thanks everyone who participated in our Holland Bulb Sale this year

We want to offer a big Thank You to each of you who responded to this year's Sisterhood Holland Bulb Sale. I'm sure you look forward to the beauty the plants will provide next spring.

Sisterhood is grateful for your support allowing us to continue local assistance in the community. We look forward to your continued support next year. Enjoy those blossoms!

Judy Lundy, Sisterhood Bulb Sale Chairman

(If you haven't picked up your order, please give Judy a call at 304-744-4932.)

Thanks for Making Shabbat Even More Special

Oneg Shabbat receptions

Sharing food and drink at an Oneg celebration strengthens relationships among our members and guests and continues the joyous spiritual journey of Shabbat. Many thanks for those sharing a nosh in October:

Oct. 5 – Sue Eisinger, in memory of her mother, Geneva Mann Sessions

Oct. 12 – Beth Winter, in honor Gary's birthday

Oct. 19 – Millie Snyder, in honor of "another birthday"

October 26 – Lois Coleman, in memory of the birthday of Mary Beth Chadwick and for Lois's love for her family

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat reception, please contact Judy Lundy, (304) 744-4932 or jlundy43@gmail.com

Flowers on the bimah

Oct. 19 – Given by Millie Snyder, celebrating her birthday

Oct. 26 – In memory of the Armistead Family: Lauren, Patty, Ray, and Kristin, given by Ditty and Gary Markham

If you would like to sponsor Shabbat flowers, please contact Betty Stern.

Thank you

The Temple received this card recently:

Thank you for the generous donation you made to our Food Pantry in Rabbi Jim Cohn's name.

Rev. Dominikus Baok, SVD
Immaculate Conception Parish
Montgomery, W. Va.