

# Temple Israel Bulletin

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Covered Dish Dinner—Friday, Feb. 1st

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## From the rabbi's desk

Dear Temple Israel Congregants,  
Community members, and Friends,

Shalom, and Greetings!

As I write this we are bracing for a (another) possible winter storm – but all the earlier storms bypassed us. I care a little more about this one because if it hits, it will impact the Tu Bishvat Seder coming up this weekend – and Tu Bishvat is one of my favorite holidays - I am so looking forward to sharing it with you! Let's hope for the best,

Following the pattern so far, January was quite busy, in a good way. On our calendar, we had Friday services, a covered dish dinner, weekly Oneg Shabbatot, Torah readings, the First Shabbat morning service and Torah study, and a wonderful presentation by Robin Godfrey sharing the story of his great uncle who died in France in WWI, all (I thought) really uplifting, interesting, and fun to attend.

Lots of productive committee work and meetings I saw: Social Action, Congregational Enrichment and Adult Education, Security, Renovation, Sisterhood, House, Care Committee, and the Temple board all had good meetings – and others, but I was not in attendance

at all of them. Plans and preparations for the Tu Bishvat Seder, Passover, and Yom HaSho'ah were all entered into, and we are in progress on all of it.

For educational initiatives, the Bimah Etiquette course took place, and will be revised and repeated in March. The initiative in Conversational Hebrew began at the end of January, and it is planned to run for six weekly sessions. The Introduction to Hebrew continues, moving through the letters and vowels, with some vocabulary. The Introduction to Judaism course, taught by Rabbis Urecki and Blair, continues through May – feedback so far has been really positive; you can join in any session, so think about doing so. The current OLLI session began Jan.30, with the last class scheduled for Feb. 27. I am teaching a four-week course at Temple Israel called Text Encounters: Torah and Beyond on Jewish Texts focusing on the topics of Creation, Blessings, Prayer, and Gratitude. Also, part of the OLLI sessions, Carolyn Atkinson is teaching at B'nai Jacob on Common Threads — exploring a variety of religious faiths.

On the Interfaith relations front, Charleston Area Religious Leaders Association (CARLA) met and provided a venue for religious leaders to get to know each other and explore things they have

in common.

Again, I was honored to be permitted to serve as a pastoral presence to many of you.

Highlights for the next month are listed. I continue to strive to offer a variety of events, programs, classes, and services that will meet your needs and fulfill your wants. I hope you will let me know what you think. If I am missing anything, please tell me!

Praying for lots of snow in places where you can ski, sunshine for most days, and clear, safe roads at all times! May we all be blessed with health, wellbeing, prosperity, and joy.

Rabbi Joe Blair

IN THE EVENT OF  
SEVERE WEATHER  
Call the Temple at 304-  
342-5852 and follow the  
prompts to hear about  
any cancellations.

## Temple now has an official Facebook presence

If you use Facebook, please search for Temple Israel Charleston WV, and Like our page. The full link is

<https://www.facebook.com/Temple-Israel-Charleston-WV-2550469431660054/>

Anyone can view or Like the page, but only those approved may post on it. If you want access to post, please contact Rabbi Blair at RabbiJoeB@gmail.com or phone or text 304-989-4014. We



would be happy to have additional items uploaded. The Temple board decided that we have a need to have an online social media presence, and this is our start. Let's share it and have it widely viewed!

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# Schedule of February worship services

**Friday, Feb. 1 5:30 PM** *Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner*

**Saturday, Feb. 2 10:30 AM** *“First Shabbat” morning service followed by Torah study*

**Friday, Feb. 8 5:30 PM** *Shabbat service*

**Friday, Feb. 15 5:30 PM** *Shabbat service*

**Friday, Feb. 22 5:30 PM** *Shabbat service*

## Moving?

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

We need your current address to mail the Bulletin and have correct contact info for the Sisterhood yearbook. We can only get updates from you.

## Contacting the rabbi

Rabbi Joe Blair is available by appointment.

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

**PLEASE call this number to contact him for any reason.**

Messages on the Temple office voicemail

will be checked periodically, but the best contact is the cell phone number shown here.

Rabbi Blair may be reached by email at [RabbiJoeB@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiJoeB@gmail.com)

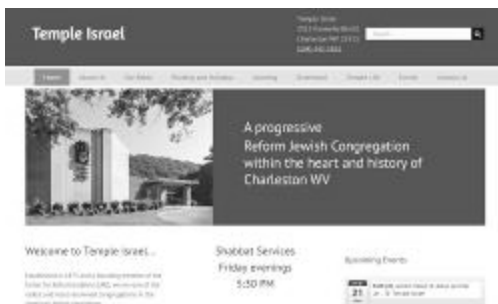
He reads email regularly through the day, except on Jewish holidays or Shabbat, when he does not use the computer or electronics that require typing. Please note that both Email and Facebook/Messenger are not seen during these

periods.

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.

The deadline for the March issue of the Bulletin is Friday, Feb. 15th.



## Temple website

The Temple website [www.templeisraelwv.org](http://www.templeisraelwv.org) is the easy way to stay current. Please let the Website Committee know if you have news or suggestions. Contact the Temple office for more info or if you have any trouble accessing links.

## February at a glance

Friday, Feb. 1 – Covered dish dinner following the 5:30 PM Shabbat service. No RSVP necessary and there is no charge.

Saturday, Feb. 2 – “First Shabbat” morning service and Torah study. Parashat hashavuah “Mishpatim” Ex. 21:1-24:18.

Sunday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 AM – Beginner’s Conversational Hebrew

Monday, Feb. 4 at 5:30 PM – Social

Action Committee regular meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 10-11 AM – OLLI short course. See p. 4.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 6:15-7:30 PM – Introduction to Judaism “Lifecycle” at the Temple

Friday, Feb. 8 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, Feb. 10 at 10 AM – Sisterhood board meeting

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## February yahrzeits

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

### February 1st

Mary Selinger (2)  
Herbert Frankenberger (3)  
Ben Marks (3)  
John A. Pianfetti (3)  
Esther Sloman (3)  
Leora Osgood May (4)  
Ruth Teichman (5)  
John Warren (5)  
Myron "Mike" Greenwald (6)  
Leonard Ingraham (6)  
Mary Weisberg (6)  
Nat Jurin (7)  
Doris Lewis (7)  
Harry Silverstein (7)  
Louise Herzog Sclove (8)  
Morris Siegler (8)  
Bernard L. Wasserman (8)  
Joseph Weisberg (8)

### February 8th

Barbara Reinfeld (10)  
Lorene Adler (11)  
Irving Badner (11)  
Helaine Rotgin (11)

Garald F. "Gary" Allen (13)  
Sylvia G. Goldman (13)  
Alan A. Greenspon (14)  
Roselind Case (15)  
Norma Cohn (15)  
Dr. Morris I. Mendeloff Sr. (15)  
Clara Warner Schwabe (15)

### February 15th

Jacob Kandel (16)  
Jerome Warner Schwabe (16)  
Clara Price (17)  
Isadore J. Berman (18)  
Doris Mack (18)  
Newton Margolis (18)  
Miriam Mayer (18)  
Aaron Cohen (19)  
Fannie Galperin (20)  
Philip Frankenberger (21)  
Howard Michael Levinson (21)  
Pauline Reinfeld (22)  
Irma Rose (22)

### February 22nd

Sylvia Berman (24)  
Sadie W. Levin (24)  
Hazel Westen (25)  
Annette Cohen Hark (26)  
Anne Shore Levinson (27)  
Rebecca Taub Godfrey (28)  
Laura Loeb Small (28)  
Marcus "Bill" Thalheimer (28)  
Frances Sokolovsky (March 1)

*Condolences are on p. 5.*

## February at a glance (cont'd)

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Sunday, Feb. 10 at 10:30 AM – Beginner's Conversational Hebrew

Sunday, Feb. 10 at Park Place Stadium Cinemas, WV Jewish Film Festival – films at 2 and 3:45 PM. See back page for details.

Monday, Feb. 11, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Sisterhood Schmooze

Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 5:30 PM – Temple board meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 10-11 AM – OLLI short course. See p. 4.

Friday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 15 & 16 – Pulpit Exchange. See p. 4 for details.

Sunday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 AM – Beginner's Conversational Hebrew

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 10-11 AM – OLLI short course. See p. 4.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 6 PM – Leora May Book Club at Aladdin Restaurant

Friday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, Feb. 24 at 10:30 AM – Beginner's Conversational Hebrew

Monday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 PM – Social Action Committee budget meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 10-11 AM – OLLI short course. See p. 4.

Wednesday, February 27, 6:15-7:30 PM – Introduction to Judaism "Calendar/Holidays" at the Synagogue

### Next month

Friday, March 1 – Covered dish dinner following the 5:30 PM Shabbat service. No RSVP necessary and there is no charge.

Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 AM – "First Shabbat" morning service and Torah study. Special Parashah for Shabbat Shekalim, Exodus 30:11-16.



## Rabbi Blair's programs February / March

*Focusing on the next month or so, here is the list of upcoming events and programs. I look forward to sharing them with you.*

### **OLLI Short Course**

I will be offering a four-session course through OLLI, again at the Temple, to be held in January and February. This course will take four concepts and look at selected Judaic and Rabbinic Texts related to them. The concepts are Creation, Prayer, Blessings & Gratitude. This is planned for 10-11 AM on Wednesdays, starting Jan. 30. Registration began Jan. 18 online at <https://www.olliatwvu.org/> and continues through the end of this course. The OLLI catalog is on the shelf outside the Sanctuary; you can also find it online. The course title is Text Encounters: Torah & Beyond. For members of Temple Israel: if the \$25 membership in OLLI is a deterrent, please speak to me about it. I hope you will join me for this class.

### **Friday Shabbat Service & Covered Dish Dinner**

Our next Shabbat service with a Covered Dish dinner is Feb. 1. Bring food – or just yourself – I can't imagine anyone will go away hungry!

### **First Shabbat**

The next "First Shabbat" falls on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 AM. We will have a short Shabbat morning service, followed at roughly 11:15 by a Torah/Text study, and a nosh. The parashat hashavuah (weekly reading) is Mishpatim, Exodus 21-24. Our focus will be on 23:20-24:18. 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. If you can't make it on Feb. 2, plan ahead to come on March 2, when we will be looking at a Special Parashah for Shabbat Shekalim, Exodus 30:11-16, which talks about the "tax" for the Temple, falling the week prior to Purim, immediately before the month of Adar II.

### **Introduction to Judaism**

This is a series of ten (10) one-hour stand-alone sessions on topics in Judaism. Rabbi Urecki and I will be offering this series

from now through May. These are scheduled on Wednesday evenings starting at ~6:15-7:30 PM (with an opportunity to attend the evening minyan proceeding each session, if you would like). The series is free and open to anyone interested, and it is "drop-in"; you don't need to attend all sessions. Come as often as you can. We would love to include you.

The scheduled topics remaining and the locations are:

- Lifecycle; February 6; Temple
- Calendar/Holidays (Major & Minor); February 27; Synagogue
- Jewish Literature; March 6; Temple
- Synagogue/Temple Life; April 3; Synagogue
- Jewish History; April 10; Temple
- Contemporary Topics; April 24; Temple
- Conversion; May 8; Synagogue
- Qs & Conclusion, May 22; Temple

### **Beginner's Conversational Hebrew**

I am delighted to confirm an exciting opportunity. We will have an informal beginner's "conversational Hebrew" course, led by Katriel Litvin. This is open to anyone. Our instructor is engaging, dynamic, and energetic and has lived in Israel. It will meet from Jan. 27 through March 3, Sunday mornings at 10:30 at Temple Israel. I am looking forward to this, and hope you will join me!

### **Introduction to Hebrew – CONTINUED**

The Introduction to Hebrew course will continue, meeting on selected Wednesdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, and March 13 at 6 PM. We have completed through p. 37; we will begin on p. 38 at our next session!

### **Pulpit Exchange**

The next "Pulpit Exchange," when Rabbis Urecki and Blair swap for a weekend and deliver the Devar Torah for the week from each other's pulpit, will take place on Feb. 15 and 16. Join us for this fun and interesting sharing of different

views and approaches. The Parashat Hashavuah will be Tetzaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10.

### **Havdalah and...**

I mentioned that I was planning to offer some Havdalah events. Havdalah is the very short ritual that marks the end of Shabbat, so these are on a Saturday evening. Our first Havdalah evening will be March 9, roughly 5:30 to 7:15-7:30. I anticipate some noshes, a movie/documentary and a discussion. And a SHORT Havdalah ritual to close. Watch for more details next month.

## In the congregation

[This includes only those who have approved having their name included.]

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

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

Linda Brogan  
Lois Coleman  
Will Darling  
Lynn Gattlieb  
Brian Hudnall  
Margie Hutt  
Steve Jubelirer  
Rabbi Israel Koller  
Peggy Koller  
Gary Markham  
Hedy Poppelsdorf  
Kevin Smith  
Gayle Twigger-Shaw

And those who are now on the mend, and whose names will no longer be on the Mi Sheberach list:

Jenny Cohn  
Jack Goldfarb  
Pam Goldfarb  
Brenda Goins  
Judy Lundy

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### **Mazal Tov (Congratulations):**

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

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 we know who are/were to be acknowledged at an Oneg we include:

Beth Steinberg Winter, Caroline Ostand, Elizabeth Kantor-Bright, Barrie & Tod Kaufman, Ronni Cohen Spudich, Margot Jogwick, David Kushner, Terrie Rosenfeld.

Brett Radow is happy to share that Brandon Radow, M.D. has accepted a fellowship in surgical critical care and acute care surgery at the University of Nevada Medical Center (UVMC) in Las Vegas. He moved there in August 2018 following his five-year general surgery residency at CAMC.

### **Lehitraot (Farewell for now, until we meet again)**

Hedy and Fedor Poppelsdorf, who have moved to North Carolina to be near family. We hope they will come back and visit us, and wish them good luck and good weather!

### **Condolences – Baruch Dayan Ha'emet**

We note with sorrow the death on January 18, 2019 of our long-time friend and fellow congregant Michael "Mike" Tice and share sympathies with his wife Penelope ("Penny") and their family. May the memory of Mike Tice serve as an enduring blessing.

Our congregation shares sympathies with the families of Charles Loeb and Julie Margolis on the recent death of Doris Margolis, who for many years made her home in California. May her memory serve as an enduring blessing.

Our congregation shares sympathies with the families of Lois Kaufman and Cookie Glasser on the death of Betty Lindenberg, formerly a member of the Temple and Sisterhood, who for many years made her

home in Florida. May her memory serve as an enduring blessing.

Our congregation shares sympathies with the family of Beth and Russell Emrick on the recent death of Russell's mother, Bonita "Bonnie" Susan Stein. May her memory serve as an enduring blessing.

Our congregation shares sympathies with the family of Lynn and Karl Gattlieb on the recent death of Lynn's aunt, Esther Darling Weingarden. May her memory serve as an enduring blessing.

## Additional info

### **Death Café**

What could be nicer? A cup of tea (or coffee), a little cake, a chance to talk about death....

It used to be that one would never speak in polite society about money, sex, religion or death. It seems that the last of the taboos today is death – but being taboo does not eliminate the need to discuss it.

Death Cafés are a venue where that taboo is left at the door and the topic of all conversations is death. Nothing is right or wrong, no view or opinion is censored or judged, those attending are welcomed and supported by others present, and there is no agenda. It is simply a supportive and comfortable setting to raise issues and discuss matters around death.

At a Death Cafe people drink tea, eat cake and discuss death. The aim is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Death Cafés are NOT Therapy, and they are NOT counseling. They are facilitated conversations, set and determined by the attendees. Nothing is sold or pitched, and no one is judged.

The Death Café is simply a venue in which practically any topic of conversation relating to death is welcome and permitted: whether it concerns your own feelings about death, an experience related to

the death of another, the process of advance- and pre-planning, practical/logistical issues around death, or any questions you want to ask. Death Cafés are not affiliated with any religion or product, they have no agenda, and there is no sales pitch or pressure.

Death Cafés have been going on worldwide since 2011, with over 7500 official cafés held (and others as well). You can read about the organization online: <https://deathcafe.com/>

Death cafés are often drop in – no reservations required for most of them (though this varies by location).

What we ask: we do ask for contact information from those attending so we can send notices (usually emails) of the next café, and many Death Cafés will accept free will donations to help offset the cost of the refreshments, but there is no obligation. Attend or not, donate or not, speak or not, as you wish – it is entirely up to you.

### **Charleston Death Cafés begin March 17**

Please consider attending a Charleston Death Café. They are scheduled for Sundays, March 17, April 28 and June 16 at Temple Israel. The time is 6-8 PM. Charleston Death Cafés are Free, and we invite anyone interested to come. The facilitator will be Rabbi Joe Blair. Rabbi Blair has facilitated Death Cafes since 2015.

### **Your assistance is requested**

Lynn Gattlieb passed along this request from her daughter, Shelly Gattlieb, a PhD candidate at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. If you are willing to participate in her research by taking a short survey, it would be a big help to Shelly. Anyone who is age 65 or younger and a citizen on the United States is eligible to participate. You can find more information on the home page of the Temple's website, or you can type this URL into your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T9HYG3>



## 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): checks should be made payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood, noting which fund on the memo line.
- 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.

## West Virginia Jewish Film Festival – Winter Edition

**Park Place Stadium Cinemas—Free and Open to the Public—Sunday, Feb. 10**

### 2:00 PM *Who Will Write Our History*

Documentary – USA (Yiddish, English, Polish); 95 minutes; 2018.

Nancy Spielberg, producer of this project and a friend who has also been a guest of the WVJFF, has arranged for a special Charleston showing of this landmark film.

In November 1940, days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders decided that they wanted their history to be written by them and not the Nazis.

Narrated by three-time Academy Award® nominee Joan Allen and Academy Award® winner Adrien Brody. Warning: This is an important film, but its detailed depiction of the Holocaust may not be for everyone.

### 3:45 PM *King Bibi: The Life and Performances of Benjamin Netanyahu*

Documentary – USA and Israel (Hebrew, English); 87 minutes; 2018.

Brilliantly assembled entirely of footage from countless TV appearances, this potent portrayal charts the ascent of Israel's media-savvy prime minister to reveal a controversial politician's instinct for seizing power through the art of communication. From one studio to another, "Bibi" evolved from Israel's great political hope into a controversial figure, whom some perceive as Israel's savior while others see him as a cynical politician who will stop at nothing to retain his power.

### 5:15 PM *Yidlife Crisis* episodes—Yiddish comedy from Montreal; 15 minutes.

The WVJFF is sponsored by the Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston.

See one feature or both...same price...free. If you don't like them, double your money back.

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

## Havdalah and...

Our first Havdalah evening will be March 9, beginning approximately at 5:30 PM, lasting till 7:15 or 7:30.

There will be a program and refreshments, followed by a short Havdalah ritual to close the evening. Watch for details in the March Bulletin.



The Sisterhood message will return soon.

**Sunday, Feb. 10 at 10 AM – Sisterhood board meeting**

**Monday, Feb. 11, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Sisterhood Schmooze**



**Temple Book Exchange**

Have you stopped in to the Book Exchange room (in the kindergarten) lately to see what's available?

Our selection has been growing with lots of good choices. Come in and browse the variety of items. Whether or not you're bringing in books, CDs and DVDs to donate, you're welcome to take one or more of what's on offer.

Anne Fishkin

## Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

### Oneg Shabbat receptions

Sharing food and drink at an Oneg Shabbat celebration strengthens relationships among our members and continues the joyous spiritual journey of Shabbat. There are four open dates to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat reception before June 1. To schedule your preferred date, please contact Judy Lundy, [Jlundy43@gmail.com](mailto:Jlundy43@gmail.com) or (304) 744-4932.

Dec. 28 – Given by Melissa Cadle and friends, in memory of her uncle, John David Stout

Jan. 4 – Given by Brett Radow, in memory of his father, Berle Radow

Jan. 11 – Given by Ann Kushner, in honor of son David Kushner's 50th birthday

Jan. 18 – Given by Cookie Glasser, in memory of and tribute to Helaine and Charlie Rotgin, whose love for and work on behalf of our environment is honored on this Sabbath preceding Sunday's Tu Bishvat Seder

Jan. 25 – Given by Anne Fishkin, in memory of her mother, Judith Pollack

### Flowers on the bimah

Jan. 4 – Given by Brett Radow, in memory of his father, Berle Radow

If you would like to sponsor Shabbat flowers, please get in touch with Betty Stern. The cost is \$35, your check payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood.

## Social Action Committee Report

# Presentations on criminal justice reform efforts and upcoming budget meeting

We started off the New Year with another record number of Social Action Committee members participating and are continuing to hear presentations, which began five months ago.

In January we heard from Rachel Dash, who provided enlightening information on criminal justice reforms in West Virginia. Programs and advocacy are focused on the current discriminatory cash bail system, significantly higher unemployment rates among formerly incarcerated individuals and WV Code 114 restrictive licensing laws, lifetime bans on those convicted of drug felonies from accessing food through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the majority of those leaving prison lacking official identification (e.g., state ID, birth certificate, Social Security card, etc.) We learned of efforts to provide solutions through enacting remedial legislation promoted by organizations such as ACLU-WV, American Friends Service Committee, Civil Rights Corps, Call to Action for Racial Equality, as well as bi-partisan groups of legislative policymakers, other organizations and stakeholders.

Rachel educated us on the West Virginia Criminal Justice Reform Coalition's Listening Project and the interviews she and others have been conducting of those affected by incarceration and their families. Coming out of this project, 14 interviewees have agreed to be part of a leadership team to use their strengths in raising consciousness and plan strategies with the 14 interviewees, and work as teams in speaking with legislators. Rachel also shared the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, which revealed risk factors of depression, suicide, alcoholism, drug abuse as well as heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes. The findings also showed that the

more ACE risk factors one had, the higher risk for chronic disease, mental illness, violence and being a victim of violence. Lastly, she asked for volunteers to take the Listening Project Survey to help identify the most important criminal justice reform issues to help guide advocacy, communications and education efforts statewide.

We also received updates from previous presenters on climate change initiatives and efforts to oppose the Senate 1, Boycott, Divestiture & Sanction (BDS) Act. The Committee was advised of the current status of the Temple board's actions on the Committee's previous requests to consider the feasibility of installing solar panels on the Temple. We later were advised it was tabled while the Board was focusing on other important issues.

Lastly, the Committee approved a proposed 2018-2019 budget to replace previous documents that were used to allocate \$3,000 for the Committee's work during the current fiscal year.

The Social Action Committee's next regular meeting is Monday, Feb. 4 at 5:30 PM, with Anne Fishkin presenting resolutions and current initiatives of the Religious Action Center (RAC). She also will be presenting an overview of the Temple's Social Action major projects during the past 15 years. There will be a special meeting on Monday, Feb. 25, solely for the purpose of discussing the committee's FY19-20 budget funding request.

*Cookie Glasser, Co-chair*

*Rachel Dash, Co-chair*

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