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Sisterhood Holland Bulb Sale now thru May 17th

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From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Temple Israel Congregants, Community members, and Friends,

Shalom, and Greetings!

The holiday of spring, redemption, matzah, and liberation is now (largely) behind us. It was a pleasure to spend Passover with so many of you. The Passover Seder was fun, and it was a joy to see so many here at the Temple for the event.

I want to thank all those involved with the Seder. There are too many to do so by name, but you know who you are, and please know that I appreciate your work making our celebration successful and joyous. It would not have happened without you.

At this point in the year we have accomplished the bi-annual directional shift: moving from being in the period leading up to Passover into the period leading up to the High Holidays. These are the two gravitational wells in our orbit, pulling and balancing us as we move between them. Now that Passover is behind us, Yamim Nora'im (the days of awe) are not that far off!

Which is not to say that there are no

other events coming up before then! On Wednesday, May 1 at 6 PM there will be the Service of Remembrance at B'nai Jacob Synagogue this year, for Yom Ha'Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The following day, Thursday, May 2, is annual "Unto Every Person There is a Name" at Charleston Town Center Mall, 10 AM – 3:30 PM.

The Introduction to Hebrew class will meet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM. We are planning a second "Havdalah and..." program set for Saturday, May 11 at 6:30 PM.

On Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 AM we will hold our Pesach Sheni matzah brie brunch! Please let me know if you plan to

attend. Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Urecki and me will meet on May 22 and 29, both dates beginning at 6:15 PM with an evening minyan. Lag BaOmer begins the evening of May 22. We will continue the Bimah Choreography, Objects and Etiquette (BCOE) class (part II) – stay tuned for more info.

At the Shabbat service on June 7, Dona and Tiana Hall will share their experience at the Consultation on Conscience, and at the covered dish

dinner following the service, members of the Social Action Committee will sit at each table to share what they've been working on and solicit input from you. The Committee will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat that evening and provide salads for the dinner.

The holiday of Shavuot begins the

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Check your mail for
order forms and
brochures. Contact
Judy Lundy for more info.

Think Spring!

Think Bulbs!



*Sisterhood's 65th
Annual Holland Bulb
Sale is here*



Friday and Saturday, we have our "First Shabbat" events: a covered dish dinner on Friday, May 3 after the Shabbat service (5:30 PM) and a Saturday, May 4 morning service (10:30 AM) followed by Torah study. Mid-week are Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day).

Schedule of May worship services

Friday, May 3	5:30 PM	<i>Shabbat service, followed by a covered dish dinner</i>
Saturday, May 4	10:30 AM	<i>"First Shabbat" morning service followed by Torah study</i>
Friday, May 10	5:30 PM	<i>Shabbat service and Installation of Sisterhood officers</i>
Friday, May 17	5:30 PM	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, May 24	5:30 PM	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, May 31	5:30 PM	<i>Shabbat service</i>

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.

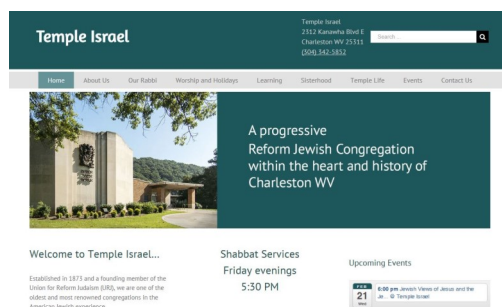
Rabbi Blair may be reached by email at RabbiJoeB@gmail.com

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 Temple website

www.templeisraelwv.org

Is the easy way to stay current.

Please contact the Website Committee or the Temple office if you have news or suggestions.

May at a glance

Wednesday, May 1 at 6 PM at B'nai Jacob – Yom HaSho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) service

Thursday, May 2 at Charleston Town Center Mall, 10 AM – 3:30 PM – "Unto Every Person There is a Name" worldwide commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust

Friday, May 3 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service followed by a covered dish dinner. No RSVP necessary and there is no charge.

Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 AM – "First Shabbat" morning service and Torah study. Parashah Acharei Mot and Shabbat Machar Chodesh (Lev. 16:1 -18:30).

Monday, May 6 at 5:30 PM – Social Action Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM – Introduction to Hebrew

Friday, May 10 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service including Sisterhood

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The deadline for the June/Summer issue of the Bulletin is Wednesday, May 15th.

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May yahrzeits

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

May 3rd

Manuel Rotgin (4)
Gerald Bernard Ostand (5)
Stanley E. Deutsch (7)
Sara Samuel Silverstein (7)
Paul Weintraub (7)
David McHale (8)

May 10th

Dr. Philip David Maimon (11)
Harry Mellman (11)
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)
Suzanne Grinberg (15)
Frieda L. Barton (16)

Jerome Harold Deutsch (16)
Morton F. Hess (17)

May 17th

Herbert Mitchell Barrett (19)
Marjorie "Petie" Kwass (19)
Ben Goldfarb (20)
Joseph Bernard Randall (20)
Julia Shreve (21)
Michael Zide (21)
David Badner (22)
Dorothy Fishkin (22)
Helen H. Hess (22)
Fay Kulowski (22)
Matthew H. Small (22)
Sayde Cohen (23)
Tracy Auden Fretwell (23)
Richard "Ricky" Cohen (24)

May 24th

Patrick J. Gleason (25)
Nathaniel Rose (25)
Robert W. Garner II (26)

Samuel Mendelsohn (26)
Emily Marks (27)
Robert Silverstein (27)
Samuel Dash (29)
Jane Mayer Silverstein (29)
Florence Mann (30)
Monica Montanaro (30)
Ruth Silverstein Sherman (31)

May 31st

Lester J. Mann (June 1)
Marion Smith Cohen (June 3)
Sylvia I. Garner (June 3)
Joseph Sloman (June 3)
Sarah Meilman (June 4)
Esther Markham Stowers (June 4)
Melvin Marks (June 5)
Alfreda Ruvel (June 5)
Alfredo Montanaro (June 6)
Miriam E. Rogin (June 6)
Herbert J. Shapiro (June 6)
David Hess Swarts (June 7)

May at a glance (cont'd)

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Installation of Officers
Saturday, May 11 at 6:30 PM – "Havdalah and..." program
Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day
Monday, May 13 – Sisterhood Schmooze
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 PM – Temple board meeting (please note: this meeting was not on the original schedule).
Friday, May 17 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service
Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 AM – Pesach
Sheni Matzah Brie Brunch – there is

no charge but please let Rabbi Blair know if you plan to attend.

Sunday, May 19, 2 – 4 PM – "Runaway Inequality" workshop hosted by the Social Action Committee

Wednesday, May 22 at 6:15 PM at the Temple – Introduction to Judaism
"Temple/Synagogue Life"

Friday, May 24 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day
(observed) Temple office closed

Wednesday, May 29 at 6:15 PM at B'nai Jacob Synagogue – Introduction to Judaism "Contemporary Topics & Conversion"

Friday, May 31 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Next month

Friday, June 7 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service followed by a covered dish dinner. No RSVP is required and there is no charge.

Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 AM – "First Shabbat" morning service followed by Torah study. Parashah Bemidbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20, Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22. Main focus will be on Numbers 3:14-4:20).

Sunday, June 9 at 10 AM – Sisterhood Planning Retreat, location TBA

Monday, June 10 – Sisterhood Schmooze
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Wednesday, June 12 – Annual Meeting of the Congregation – time and other details TBA



Rabbi Blair's programs and other events in May & June

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



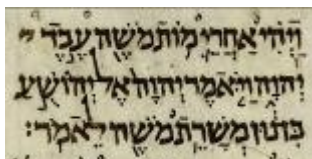
Friday Shabbat Service followed by the Covered Dish Dinner

Our next Shabbat service with a Covered Dish dinner is Friday, May 3, following the Shabbat service, which begins at 5:30 PM. Bring food – or if you can't (or forget), just come anyway – I can't imagine anyone will go away hungry! And remember that the next one is June 7 – see "From the Rabbi's Desk on p. 1 for details.

"First Shabbat"

Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 AM. A short Shabbat morning service followed by a Torah/Text study and a nosh. The parashat hashavuah (weekly reading) is Acharei Mot and Shabbat Machar Chodesh - Lev. 16:1-18:30, 1 Samuel 20:18-42. We will focus on Lev. 16:1-34.

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 this month, we will meet again on June 8, and explore Parashah Bemidbar (Number 1:1-4:20, Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22). Our main focus will be on Numbers 3:14-4:20.



Introduction to Hebrew (Continuing)

The Introduction to Hebrew course will meet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM.

Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Urecki and I will continue to offer this series as schedules permit, on selected Wednesday evenings 6:15-7:30 PM (with an opportunity to attend the evening minyan preceding each session). The series is free and open to anyone interested in "dropping in" – you don't need to attend all sessions – and we would love to include you in the conversation. We have talked about Lifecycle for two sessions – we will be guided by your interest. If no one has any preferences, the schedule is:

May 22 at Temple Israel – Temple/
Synagogue Life

May 29 at B'nai Jacob Synagogue –
Contemporary Topics & Conversion



"Havdalah and..."

Our first Havdalah evening was March 9 – we enjoyed a nosh, viewed a wonderful documentary film, and concluded with a short Havdalah ritual. Our second "Havdalah and..." program is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 6:30 PM.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12. Temple members will receive more information in the U.S. Mail. Please stay tuned for time and other details.

WV Jewish Film Festival

The Summer edition of the WV Jewish Film Festival, sponsored by Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston, will be June 30 at 6 PM at the Clay Center, part of FestivALL,

and free and open to the public. More info to come.



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, those attending are welcomed and supported, and there is no agenda. It is meant to be a comfortable setting to raise issues and discuss matters around death.

At a Death Cafe people have refreshments and discuss death, the aim being to increase awareness 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.

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-planning, practical or 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.

Charleston Death Café

Please consider attending a Charleston Death Café and bring a friend or loved one along. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, June 16 at Temple Israel, 6 - 8 PM.

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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
Jonathan Freedman
Brian Hudnall
Margie Hutt
Rabbi Israel Koller
Peggy Koller
Gary Markham
Kevin Smith
Craig Phillip Snyder

We also wish continued recovery and wellness to those who are no longer on the Mi Sheberach list: Duke Bloom.

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 we include:

Zel Lewis, Pam Pushkin, Sharon Jubelirer, Duke Bloom, Karl Gattlieb, Lynn and Karl Gattlieb, Rabbi Earl Jordan, Barbara Braun, and Doris Goldfarb.

Millie Snyder on the grand opening of the new location of her Shape Shop.

If you have a milestone, or any birthday or anniversary or life event that is worthy of celebration, please let us acknowledge and celebrate it with you! Tell Rabbi Joe about it.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Havdalah#/media/File:Havdal.jpg>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_language#/media/File:Aleppo_Codex_Joshua_1_1.jpg

Sisterhood Message

Sisterhood officer installation May 10 — Think spring! Think bulbs!

At the combined Sisterhood board and general membership meeting held April 14, Sisterhood elected its slate of officers for 2019-2020:

President - Gayle Twigger-Shaw

Vice President - Millie Snyder

Secretary - Ronnie Cohen Spudich

Treasurer - Betty Stern

Financial Secretary - Judy Lundy

Installation of officers will be held at the Shabbat service on Friday, May 10 at 5:30 PM.

The next Sisterhood Schmooze will be Monday, May 13, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

The Sisterhood planning retreat will be held Sunday, June 9 at 10 AM, at a location to be determined.

Please check your mail for the Sisterhood Holland Bulb Sale brochures and order forms,

which went out in late April. If you're not on our mailing list but would like to order genuine Holland bulbs for your garden, please contact Judy Lundy or get in touch with the Temple office. The annual Holland bulb sale is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser and supports many initiatives and programs – a beautiful investment in the future.

Gayle Twigger-Shaw
President



Order your genuine Holland bulbs by May 17 for planting this fall.

From the Rabbi's desk—continued

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evening of June 8. The third Charleston Death Café is scheduled for June 16, 6-8 PM. FestivALL is mid-June to the end of the month and capping it off on June 30 is the Jewish Film FestivALL, with showings at the Clay Center. More details to come.

The last month has felt as though I was running full out. I hope that what I am doing is working well for you; if you feel it would be valuable, please do speak to me at your convenience. I am open to hearing how I might do things better. As always, I thank you for the honor of being permitted to serve as a pastoral presence.

Please enjoy the lovely weather we

are beginning to experience. May we each be blessed with health, wellbeing, prosperity and joy.

Joe
Rabbi Joe Blair

Charleston Death Café—continued

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Charleston Death Cafés are free and we invite anyone interested to come. Call Rabbi Blair at 304-989-4014 for more information.



Our Thoughtful Contributors

Donations received after the Bulletin deadline will be acknowledged in the next issue.

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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.

Important reminder to Temple members

The Temple's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12. Time and other details TBA.

Members will receive a notice in the U.S. Mail in late May. Please plan to attend June 12.

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

"Unto Every Person There Is a Name"
2019 Worldwide
Commemoration of
Victims of the Holocaust



**Wednesday, May 1
at 6 PM**

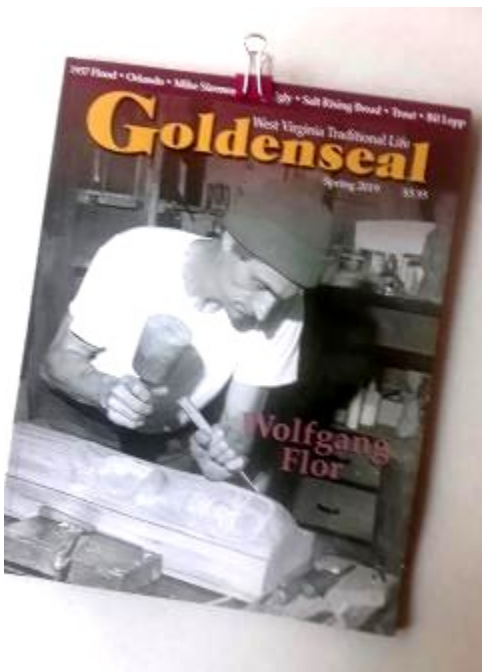
*Service of Remembrance
at B'nai Jacob Synagogue*

**Thursday, May 2
10 AM to 3:30 PM**

**25th Annual "Unto Every Person There Is a Name"
Holocaust Memorial
Program**

at the Charleston Town
Center Mall, Clendenin
Street entrance,
formerly Macy's Court

Check out the Temple library — your input is welcome



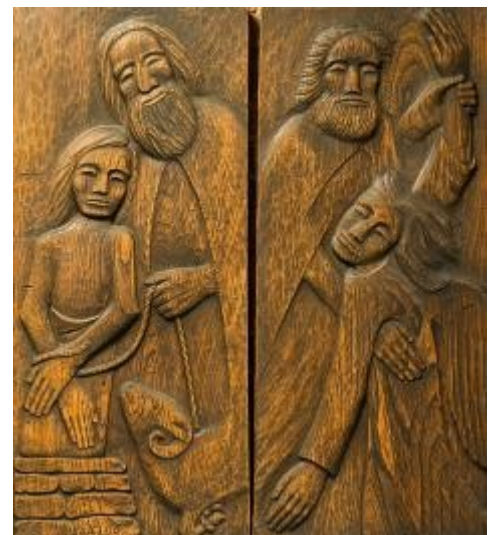
A copy of the Spring 2019 edition of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History's magazine of West Virginia traditional life, *Goldenseal*, is in the Temple library. It features an article about one of the state's best-known sculptors, the late Wolfgang Flor, who in the early 1970s carved the two wood panels that hang over the Book of Remembrance in the main lobby of the Temple. Take a look at both next time you're here!

If there is a book that you think our library should have on hand, please advise me.

<http://www.wvculture.org/goldenseal/>

Mary Rich Maloy

Photo by Michael Keller



Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

Oneg Shabbat receptions

April 5 – Marsha Albert, in
thankfulness

April 12 – Ditty and Gary Markham,
in memory and respect of Gary's
mother, Esther Markham
Stowers

April 26 – Cookie Glasser, in memory
of Marty's birthday and for the
yahrzeits of parents Sylvia and
Louis Glasser



Flowers on the bimah

April 19 – Kim and Bob Aaron, in
memory of their son, Adam
Hunter Aaron, on the third
anniversary of his passing

April 26 – Cookie Glasser, in memory
of Marty's birthday and for the
yahrzeits of parents Sylvia and
Louis Glasser

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.

*If you would like to share your
birthday or anniversary date,
please contact the Temple office.*

Social Action Committee Corner

Reporting on Consultation on Conscience, getting input from the congregation

Our April meeting was well attended
and focused on initiatives for the current
fiscal year and the next.

We will report to the congregation at
the Shabbat service on June 7 about
attendance by several members at the re-
cent Consultation on Conscience. At the
covered dish dinner following the service,
committee members will sit down at tables
to seek input on issues important to con-
gregants. Please contact Melissa Cadle,
Anne Fishkin, Cookie Glasser or Rabbi Blair
about this program.

We are planning a community-wide
interfaith Issues of Conscience climate
change forum that will be held at the Tem-
ple this fall or next spring. We plan to invite
local faith communities as well as the un-
affiliated, non-religious, and youth groups
to learn about and discuss climate change:
facts and faith perspectives on protecting
the environment and ways we as individu-
als and communities can mitigate its
effects. Experts in the field will be invited to
speak. Please contact Allan Tweddle, Ra-
chel Dash, Lynn Gattlieb or Robin Godfrey
about this initiative.

There continues to be anti-choice pick-
eting and harassment of patients, volun-
teers and staff at the Women's Health Cen-
ter on days that abortions are performed.
There is a need for volunteer escorts.
Please call the Center at 304-344-9834 if

you are available.

Gail Bellamy and Dan Kurland are
hosting a Cinco de Mayo fundraising and
informational house party for the Center
on May 5. Please contact Rachel Dash if
you are interested in attending.

The Social Action Committee will host
"Runaway Inequality," a free workshop
sponsored by Rise Up WV and other com-
munity groups at the Temple on Sunday,
May 19 from 2 to 4 PM. Based on a book of
the same name by Les Leopold, who facili-
tates the workshops, the concept has been
successful in helping people from across
the political spectrum find common ground
in organizing for greater economic fairness.
Each attendee will receive a free copy of
the book. Co-sponsors are: American
Friends Service Committee, WV Working
Families, WV Center for Budget and Policy,
WV Citizen Action Group, Communication
Workers of America and the Healthy Kids,
Healthy Families Coalition.

The next Social Action Committee
meeting will be on Monday, May 6 at 5:30
PM.

Cookie Glasser, Co-chair

Rachel Dash, Co-chair



*Helping adult men
recover from
homelessness*

30th Anniversary Celebration of RCCR's Samaritan Inn

Thursday, May 16

Dinner served at 6:30 PM

Christ Church United Methodist

Donation \$15

For more information and reservations,
call RCCR at 304-346-6398.

