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Service for Shavuot
Saturday, June 8th
10:30 AM

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From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Temple Israel Congregants, Community members, and Friends,

Shalom, and Greetings! I have to pack a lot into this message, and keep it in bounds – a real challenge!

The month of May was full: Yom HaSho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) events, the funeral for Lois Kaufman, Introduction to Hebrew (concluding class for level 1 – watch for information on level 2 in the fall), a service where we celebrated Sisterhood and installed its officers, commemorated Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Independence day), our second "Havdalah &" event (including a documentary about five groundbreaking Jewish women comics), Pesach Sheni ("Second Passover," a brunch featuring matzah brei and other treats), Introduction to Judaism (the last two classes of this series for this year), and an unveiling. On top of this, there have been meetings of the board and its committees, numerous events with community and interfaith groups, as well as our weekly Shabbat services, monthly Shabbat dinner, and monthly Shabbat morning service and Torah study.

Summer kicks off with a Social Action-themed Shabbat on Friday, June 7 at 5:30 PM, featuring a presentation during the service from attendees at the recent Issues of Conscience conference. It will be followed by a dinner hosted by the Committee, where members will share information on what they have been working on, and gather ideas from the congregation about its priorities.

The annual Congregational meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, starting with a social at 5:15 PM, the meeting to begin at 5:45. The board encourages all Temple



Ruth in Boaz's Field. 1828, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld. The National Gallery.

members to attend.

The third Charleston Death Café will be Sunday, June 16 at 6 PM – open to all, and not morbid or scary at all; come see for yourself!

The hands-on follow-up to the bimah choreography class will be Sunday, June 23 at 5 PM.

Charleston's FestivALL will be June 15 – 30, and includes the summer West Virginia Jewish Film Festival on Sunday, June 30 at 5:45 PM, at the Clay Center.

If all goes as planned, the renovations to Sanctuary will begin the second week of June, and should be completed by September. Similarly, the security system enhancements should be in place by fall, though that is subject to the congregation's consideration of the project at the annual meeting.

July and August are a relatively quiet time. Our calendar is less full, but it is a time for gathering our strength for the High Holy Days, which begin the evening of Sept. 29.

Forgive me if I now venture into a bit of reflection: The end of June will mark the completion of my first year here at Temple Israel. It seems appropriate to look back. I have tried to serve the congregation and the community to the best of my ability. I made some mistakes (as a human being, it is inevitable), and there is room for improvement. I would be happy to have a conversation with anyone who wishes to make suggestions for how to achieve that.

I have felt warmly welcomed and invited to be part of the congregation and

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Schedule of June worship services

Friday, June 7	5:30 PM	<i>Social Action Shabbat service, followed by a special dinner. See back page.</i>
Saturday, June 8	10:30 AM	<i>Morning service for Shabbat & Shavuot, followed by Torah study</i>
Friday, June 14	5:30 PM	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, June 21	5:30 PM	<i>Shabbat service</i>
Friday, June 28	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 have correct contact info for the Sisterhood yearbook. We can only get updates from you.

June at a glance

Please note: The Temple board meeting originally scheduled for June will not be held. A meeting was instead held in May.

Friday, June 7 at 5:30 PM – Social Action Shabbat service followed by a special dinner hosted by the Committee. No RSVP is required and there is no charge. *See p. 6.*

Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 AM – “First Shabbat” morning service followed by Torah study. Rather than the previously announced Parashah Bemidbar for the regular cycle, we will look instead into Exodus 19:1-20:23 and Numbers 28:26-31, with Haftarah Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12, the readings for Shavuot.

Sunday, June 9 at 10 AM – Sisterhood Planning Retreat, at the Temple. Attended by both outgoing and incoming boards. Brunch provided.

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

Wednesday, June 12 at 5:15 PM – Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Begins with a social, with refreshments, followed by the meeting at 5:45 PM. Temple members will be mailed a meeting packet in the US Mail.

Friday, June 14 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day

Sunday, June 16 at 6 PM – Charleston Death Café at Temple Israel. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, June 19 at 6 PM – Leora May Book Club at Aladdin Restaurant. *See p. 6.*

Friday, June 21 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, June 23 at 5 PM – Bimah Choreography follow-up class

Friday, June 28 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, June 30 at 5:45 PM – Summer Jewish Film Festival at the Clay Center, part of FestivALL. Free and open to the public. *See p. 5.*

Next month

Thursday, July 4 – Temple office and kitchen closed

Important reminder to Temple members

The Temple’s Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12. There will be a social 5:15–5:45 PM with refreshments, then the meeting to follow. No RSVP required.

Members will receive a meeting packet in the U.S. Mail. Please bring the packet with you to the meeting. Please recycle.

The next Bulletin will be published at the end of the summer. Deadline is August 15th.

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June/July/August yahrzeits

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

June 7th

Ed Hindman (8)
Dr. Herman K. Polan (8)
Mae Gordon Kopelman (10)
Joan Galperin Kurtz (10)
Bernard Siegel (10)
Irene Wells (10)
William Binderman (11)
Mark E. Grinberg (11)
Herbert Osgood (11)
Louis Israel Sclove (12)
Solon Levine (13)
Mary Margolis (13)
Phyllis Shapero (13)
Henry Angel (14)
William Drasnin (14)

June 14th

Jerry Lindenberg (15)
Michael Rossin (15)
Judith Kaufman Moses (16)
Si Galperin Jr. (17)
Harry Polan (18)
Anna Lovett (19)
Leon Jacob Engel (20)
Goldie M. Galperin (20)
William F. Hoss Jr. (21)

June 21st

Betty Edelman Barrack (22)
Helen Cohen (22)
Celia Drasnin (22)
Carl A. Lehman (22)
Bertha Silverstein Schaul (22)
Lottie Wells (22)
Charles W. Loeb Sr. (23)
David Mack (24)
Etta Abrams (25)
Flo Sloman (25)
Morris Warhoftig (26)
Dr. Philip Rubin (27)

June 28th

Beatrice Eisinger (29)
Sylvia Miller Kaufman (29)
Bill Thalheimer (29)
Virgil Hindman (30)
Ruth Osgood Loeb (30)
Rose Levy Siegel (30)
Ben Baker (July 2)
Donald Deutsch Jr. (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)

July 5th

Bernard A. "Bud" Burka (6)
John Henry Joseph Hoss (6)
Florence Kay Simms (6)
Joe L. Silverstein (7)
Frank A. Baer, II (8)
Gertrude Warren (8)
Tommy Kaplan (9)
Stanley Loewenstein (9)
Max Rosenfeld (9)
Nathan Kurtz (10)
Ruth Cohen Wasserman (10)
M. S. "Mel" Burka (12)
Sadie Nusbaum (12)

July 12th

Sallee Deutsch (13)
Ted Lewis (13)
Dorothy Hohenberg (14)
Shirley Shapiro (14)
Helen Silverstein (14)
Hyman Artz (16)
Sarah Badner (16)
Isaak Dumer (17)
Roslyn Bloomberg (18)
Dolly Margolis (18)
Joseph Segall (18)

July 19th

Nancy Engel DiTullo (20)
Henry Hager (20)
Maria Szczepaniak (20)
Philip Angel (22)
Nuita Feibelman (22)
Mayme Lasky (22)
Paul L. Lambert (23)
Ehaskel Bernashefsky (26)
Annilee Hallam Bloom (26)
Kenneth H. Fretwell (26)
Albert Israel (26)

July 26th

Clara Kraus Kaufman (27)
Anna Schumann Deutsch (29)
Troy David Fretwell (29)
Andy Hudnall (29)
Lee Small (30)
Jay L. Margolis Sr. (31)

August 2nd

Florette Angel (3)
Beatrice Kleeman (3)
Ben Swarts (3)
Carol Behr (4)
Ike Rosenberg (4)
Jack Tweddle (5)
Dan Barrack (6)
Meta Bornheim (6)
Bee Gattlieb (6)
David Gottlieb (7)
Henry Rossin (7)
Charles M. Rotgin Sr. (7)
Henry Steinberg (7)
Harry Goldstein (8)
Stan Weinberg (8)
Rose Miriam Rosenfeld (9)

August 9th

Esther Basman (10)
Lillian Caroline Isis (10)
Charles Forman (11)
Grover Cleveland Kaufman (11)
Elizabeth Pierce Randall (11)
Philip Jordan Silverstein (12)
Eddie Warner Casto (13)
Jay Margolis Jr. (13)
Kay Polan (14)
Milton Wyner (15)
Sarah Rosenfeld Zakin (15)
Marty Glasser (16)
Evelyn Broh Polan (16)

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Yahrzeits *continued*

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August 16th

Ben Baer (17)
Bernise Weiner Saval (18)
Samuel Sloman (18)
Estelle Gussie Hager (19)
Phyllis Irene Skeens (20)
Selwyn Robert Jurin (21)
Helen Warhoftig (21)
Ruth Mendelsohn Brown (22)
Henry L. Kohn (22)
Lawrence C. Kaufman Sr. (23)
Pauline Rubio (23)
Marcus Smith (23)

August 23rd

Austin Moore (24)
Bernard Bloom (25)
Ida Eckmann (25)
Lenard Kushner (25)
Jane P. Silverstein (25)
Rose Bloom (26)
Marvyn Cohen (26)
Harriet Oppen (26)
Rabbi James D. Cohn (27)
Isaac J. Hofmayer (27)
Saul Ostand (27)
Maurice Plotkin (27)
Norma Webster (27)
Peggy F. Greenspon (28)
Clara Spiegler (28)

August 30th

Gertrude Artz (Sept. 1)
Gideon Feibelmann (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)
Harry Pollack (Sept. 6)

Rabbi Blair's programs

Looking ahead, here is the list of upcoming events and programs. I look forward to sharing them with you.

Friday Social Action Shabbat Service and Dinner – Friday, June 7 at 5:30 PM

At the service, Dona Hall and Tiana Hall will discuss attending the Consultation on Conscience, and at the dinner to follow, members of the Social Action Committee will briefly explain what they have been working on, and seek your input on priorities. The Committee will provide the food. We anticipate the return of the Covered Dish Dinner on Sept. 6.

Shabbat Morning service & Torah Study – Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 AM

We will include commemoration of Shavuot, which begins the evening of June 8. Rather than Parashah Bemidbar for the regular cycle, we will look instead into Exodus 19:1-20:23 and Numbers 28:26-31, with Haftarah Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12, the readings for Shavuot. Please let me know if you are interested in continuing "First Shabbat" over the summer. If enough people plan to attend, we will meet July 6 and Aug. 3. If not, we will go on hiatus till Sept. 7.

Charleston Death Café – Sunday, June 16 at 6 PM

Come for coffee or tea, cake or cookies, and a chance to talk about death. No agenda, just a safe space for this conversation. Free, open to all.

Bimah Choreography Follow-up – Sunday, June 23 at 5 PM

The "hands-on" follow-up to the recent Bimah Choreography session.

In the congregation

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

Refuah Shelemah / Mi Sheberach (Healing and Wholeness Blessings) to those included in the recent Mi Sheberach lists at services:

Linda Brogan
Rose Christian
Lois Coleman
Jonathan Freedman
Bud Goins
Margie Hutt
Rabbi Israel Koller
Peggy Koller
Gary Markham
Kevin Smith

Mazal Tov (Congratulations):

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

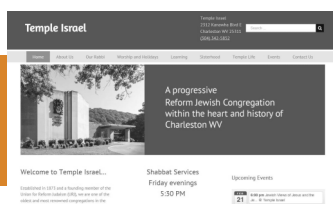
To those who reached milestones in the past month and to all who had any birthday or anniversary or other event worth celebrating! Among those we know to be acknowledged we include:

Barbara Braun Tweddle, Rabbi Earl Jordan and Doris Goldfarb. We acknowledge the Sisterhood officers: those rotating off the board and newly elected; and Temple board members, both those rotating off and newly elected.

If you have a milestone, or any birthday or anniversary or life event that is worthy of celebration, please tell the Rabbi about it, so we can celebrate with you!

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences)

We note with sorrow the death on May 3, 2019 of our long-time friend and fellow congregant Lois Silverstein Kaufman, and share sympathies with her family. May the memory of Lois Silverstein Kaufman serve as an enduring blessing, and mourners be comforted from Heaven.



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Death Café June 16 at 6 PM

Sisterhood Message**Planning retreat at the Temple June 9,
Schmooze June 10; thanks to bulb buyers**

Installation of officers was held at the Shabbat service on May 10. Officers for the upcoming year are:

President - Gayle Twigger-Shaw
Vice President - Millie Snyder
Secretary - Ronni Spudich
Treasurer - Betty Stern
Financial Secretary - Judy Lundy

Thanks to everyone who ordered genuine Holland Bulbs during our recent sale. Your purchases are a beautiful investment in the future.

The Sisterhood planning retreat will be at the Temple on Sunday, June 9 at 10 AM, both the outgoing and incoming boards attending. Brunch will be provided.

The next Sisterhood Schmooze will be on Monday, June 10, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Show up when you can, leave when you must.

Gayle Twigger-Shaw
President

Temple housekeeper Mary Hart and administrative assistant Greg Proctor would like to thank Sisterhood for the kind and generous cash gifts we received recently. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

*We would like to remember you
on your special days.*

*To do so, we need your dates:
Birthday ▪ Anniversary*

*Contact the Temple office:
templeisraelwv@gmail.com
Or (304) 342-5852 with your
information.*

**WV Jewish Film
Festival June 30 at
the Clay Center**

The summer edition of the WV Jewish Film Festival, sponsored by Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston, will be Sunday, June 30 at 5:45 PM at the Clay Center, part of FestivALL. Free and open to the public.

Enjoy a double feature of the newest releases on the subjects of Jewish culture and history.

Bagel & lox spread at 5:45, films start at 6:30.

Watch your email and the Temple website for details.

**From the Rabbi's desk—
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the community. I have felt supported, and my efforts have been noted and appreciated – something I don't take for granted and for which I am grateful.

My goal is to make the coming year even better, and I look forward to it with pleasure and anticipation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your rabbi.

I wish you well as we enter summer. May it be a time of rest, relaxation and refreshment, and may the congregation and our community continue to be blessed with health, wellbeing, prosperity and joy.

B'virkat shalom,

Joe
Rabbi Joe Blair

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.



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.

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

Social Action Corner

Special Shabbat Dinner following Consultation report at June 7 service

May was another busy month of sub-committee and full committee meetings focusing on two major initiatives – a report to be given to the congregation on the Consultation on Conscience and special Shabbat Dinner

on June 7, and the Climate Change Conference (details TBA) that we are planning for this fall. We continue to work with and support other area organizations on issues of mutual concern.

At press time, Dona Hall, Tiana Hall and Cookie Glasser were attending, as Temple representatives, the Consultation on Conscience in Washington, DC, sponsored by the Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism, May 18-22. They plan to bring everything they learn back home and share it with you.



Baba ganoush and other Middle Eastern fare are on the menu at the Shabbat dinner following the Friday evening service. Hear what we learned at the conference and share your ideas about social justice.

If you haven't already, please plan to attend the Friday, June 7 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM. The "sermon" will be conducted by Rabbi Blair, with Dona Hall and Tiana Hall reporting on the Consultation. After the service, at a special dinner hosted by the Social Action Committee, we will share what we've accomplished this past year.

The Committee invites you to participate by sharing your thoughts and

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What's new in the Temple library and Leora May Book Club

New in the temple library: Browse, sit, read, borrow, and please let us know what you think!

***Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*, by Dani Shapiro**

This New York Times Bestseller has its beginnings when, on a whim, its Jewish author takes a DNA test. The results stun her and lead to a search that members of the Leora May Book Club term a "page-turner" as the story unfolded: family secrets and dynamics, medical technology, medical ethics and, especially, the nature of identity. A hardback copy was donated to the Temple library by a generous member of the Book Club.

***The Dream Stitcher*, by Deborah Gaal**

We're happily anticipating dipping into this recent novel, a finalist for the 2018 National Jewish Book Award, winner of the Goldberg Prize for Debut Fiction, and a Hadassah Magazine recommendation. The story moves between early-2000s America and the German occupation of Poland during World War II, centering on the relationship between the main character and her estranged mother, whose secrets are contained in a needlepoint recreation of an iconic 11th Century Bayeux Tapestry – including the identity of a Jewish freedom fighter in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising – and fuel a

quest for the truth about family and the possibilities of love.

Mary Rich Maloy

Leora May Book Club to meet June 19

Wednesday, June 19 at 6 PM –
Leora May Book Club at Aladdin
Restaurant. The book is
Panchinko, by Min Jin Lee.

Amy Shapiro

Thanks for making Shabbat even more special



Oneg Shabbat receptions

- May 3 – Marion Baer, in memory of her husband, Frank Baer
- May 10 – Ina Angel and Gayle Twigger-Shaw, just because
- May 17 – Richard Hess and Robert Hess, in memory of their parents, Helen H. Hess and Morton F. Hess
- May 24 – Friends honoring the 85th birthday of Rabbi Earl Jordan
- May 31 – The Marks family, in memory of Emily Marks



Flowers on the bimah

- May 3 – Marion Baer, in memory of her husband, Frank Baer
- May 10 – Ditty and Gary Markham, in memory of Joan Markham Siebert
- May 17 – Richard Hess and Robert Hess, in memory of their parents, Helen H. Hess and Morton F. Hess

Reserve your dates now to sponsor bimah flowers and Oneg Shabbat receptions

As we open a new calendar year for sponsoring flowers on the bimah and Oneg Shabbat receptions, you might want to ask yourself...have I reserved my dates?

Your generous gift of sponsorship sustains our community's vitality and makes Shabbat services all the more special. You can brighten the bimah with flowers or sponsor an Oneg Shabbat reception following the service. Either can be in celebration of a happy occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Please contact Betty Stern to schedule a date for sponsoring flowers. Get in touch with Judy Lundy if you would like to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat reception. Please check with them to make sure your date is available. Signing up early ensures that you get the date you prefer.

The cost of each sponsorship is \$35. Sisterhood takes care of ordering the flowers. If you don't want to prepare the food

for your Oneg, the Oneg team will shop for everything – just let Judy know whether you will be doing the shopping and baking or if you need the team to do it for you. You only have to pay the \$35 for the Oneg if we do the shopping.

To sponsor flowers, make your check payable to Sisterhood. If you are sponsoring an Oneg and would like us to shop for you, make your check payable to the Temple.

Remember to reserve your dates as soon as possible.

For flowers, contact Betty Stern .

For an Oneg, contact Judy Lundy.

Please note: You need to write separate checks for flowers and Onegs. The payments are deposited into and paid out of separate accounts.

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interests that will help us find new ideas to promote social justice. Rather than the traditional First Friday covered dish dinner, the Committee will provide the food, which in addition to chicken, will include vegetarian Israeli vegetable rice stew, home-made whole wheat and plain herbed pita breads, baba ganoush, hummus, Israeli salads, babka chocolate and cinnamon desserts and ice crèmes. Wine will be served.

But most importantly, the Committee has worked hard this year to understand many diverse issues, and in order to best serve the congregation, we hope this gathering will be a way for us to learn from you,



so we can improve and focus our energies on healing our world. We hope you can attend on June 7 and thank you for your continued support.

Cookie Glasser, Co-chair

Rachel Dash, Co-chair



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