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From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Temple Israel Congregants, Community members, and Friends,

Shalom, and Greetings!

So much to share, and very limited space - look for more details in emails to be sent soon to tell you all that is coming up!

Welcome back after the summer break! It was a very full and busy time.

You will certainly note the Sanctuary renovation – it looks great, and should be more friendly, welcoming, and easier for all to access. I am looking forward to the new sound system (both in the Sanctuary and the Chapel) and lighting. The plan is to rededicate the renovated Sanctuary at the Shabbat service on Sept. 6.

Also take note of the library – lots of work to make it more comfortable and inviting. It's now a browsing library, with many more items of current interest. The reference materials have been moved to the classroom wing.

You may not see it, but there have been many upgrades to our security system, including new procedures reflected in the house rules. Work in this area is ongoing and will continue throughout the year.

After Labor Day, we begin the month on Friday, Sept. 6 with a Shabbat service at 5:30 PM rededicating the Sanctuary, followed by a catered dinner honoring the birthday of Jace Goins. On Saturday morning at 10:30 will be "First Shabbat" service and Torah study, with the study dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Jim Cohn (the memorial service for him was held Sept. 7, 2018). Please see info about the newly established scholarship in Rabbi Cohn's memory on the back page.

The second Shabbat of the month, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14, will see the first of the Pulpit Exchanges for this year, with Rabbi Urecki delivering the Devar Torah at Temple on Friday, and me doing the same at Synagogue on Saturday.

There will be a Selichot (Penitential prayers) service at the Synagogue on Saturday evening, Sept. 21 at 5:30, to which we are invited. The B'nai Jacob 125th Anniversary Gala will be held the last weekend of September.

The 5780/2019 High Holy Days begin at the end of September and run into October.

Erev Rosh Hashanah service is Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 PM.

Rosh Hashanah Morning service is Monday, Sept. 30 at 10:30, immediately followed by Tashlikh (the service of "casting away our sins") by the river.

Looking ahead through the Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe), I am offering an OLLI Course on Wednesday, Oct. 2 for Yom Kippur titled "Day of Repentance, Day of Death."

The High Holy Days continue with Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei) at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

The schedule and order for Yom Kippur Day, Wednesday, Oct. 9, varies a bit from last year: please note the times of the services:

Morning service at 10:30. Afternoon service at 1. Torah Study at 4. Family Friendly service at 4:30. Yizkor (Memorial) service at 5. Concluding service at 5:30. Break-the-Fast at approximately 6:30. Havdalah at 7:40.

We will celebrate Sukkot on Sunday Oct. 13 with a Sukkah decorating and family fun event jointly with the Synagogue. Sukkah decoration at 5:30, music at 6, Pizza party at 6:30, and a service at

A second OLLI course will be offered on Oct. 16 for Sukkot, titled "Guests of Value: Ushpizin."

Simchat Torah will be celebrated on Monday evening, Oct. 21 at the Synagogue at 6.

Other classes and events (besides the two High Holiday related OLLI sessions in October) will begin in November. Look for more information on them soon.

I hope you will participate in many of our services and activities, and take advantage of whatever interests you from among all that is offered.

As we approach the High Holy Days, I want to take this opportunity to remind you that it is traditional to donate Tzedakah at this time of year. In addition to the worthy funds at Temple Israel, in our local community, and nationally, please consider supporting these Jewish charities: Mazon (Jewish response to Hunger), HIAS (refugee assistance), AJWS (disaster and crisis relief), FHBS (Women), Kavod v'Nichum (Jewish End-of-Life Continuum), JFNA (general Jewish causes), or any of the many others that do good work. If you are looking for ideas or information about making donations, please feel invited to contact me.

I look forward to celebrating the High Holy Days with you, and to a wonderful year of 5780. May this be a year full of blessings for health, prosperity, love, joy, healing, and peace for all of us, and for all humanity speedily.

B'virkat shalom,

Joe Rabbi Joe Blair

Schedule of Sept. & Oct. worship services

SEPTEMBER

Friday, Sept. 6 at 5:30 PM Refurbished Sanctuary re-dedication. Catered dinner provided by the Goldfarb family following the Shabbat service—no RSVP needed.

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:30 AM "First Shabbat" morning service and Torah study—dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Jim

Friday, Sept. 13 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

Friday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

Friday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 PM Rosh Hashanah Eve service, followed by a reception—everyone invited

Monday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Morning service. Tashlikh immediately follows.

OCTOBER

Friday, Oct. 4 at 5:30 PM Shabbat Shuvah evening service

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 PM Yom Kippur Eve service (Kol Nidrei)

Wednesday, Oct. 9 10:30 AM Yom Kippur Morning service

1:00 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon service

4:00 PM Torah study

4:30 PM Family-friendly holiday event 5:00 PM Memorial (*Yizkor*) service

5:30 PM Concluding (Ne'ilah) service

6:30 PM Break-the-Fast—everyone is invited

7:40 PM Havdalah (separation) service

Friday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

Sunday, Oct. 13 Erev Sukkot: sukkah-decorating and pizza party celebrated jointly with the Synagogue— everyone is invited, no RSVP needed — 5:30 decorating; 6:00 music; 6:30 dinner; 7:00 service.

Friday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

Monday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 PM Simchat Torah service at the Synagogue

Friday, Oct. 25 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

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.

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 email, text, and Facebook/Messenger are not seen during these periods.

Messages on the Temple office voicemail will be checked periodically, but irregularly: the best contact is the cell phone number shown above.

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.

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September & October yahrzeits

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

September Yahrzeits

September 6th

Raymond A. Cohen (7)
Marion Lehman (8)
Charles Cohen (9)
Suzanne Silverstein Rice (9)
Anna Rodgin (9)
Herman G. Wells (9)
Max M. Goldfarb (10)
Joseph Bloom (12)
Priscilla Herzbach (12)
Susan Ferrara Bostic (13)

September 13th

Nettie Weinstein Goldman (13)

Peter Godfrey (14)
Esther Price (14)
Fred Burka (16)
Gussie Kwass (16)
Carol Marks (16)
Joan F. Silverstein (16)
Sylvia M. Kohn Gold (17)
Hildegard Mellman (17)
James Pickus (18)
William R. Wood (18)
Jacob H. Stern (19)
Louis E. Walter (19)
Ruth Goldfarb (20)
Henrietta Kaufman (20)

September 20th

Margaret Short Lewis (21)
Naomi Ruth Pickus (21)
Philip Angel Sr. (23)
Robert Weinberger (23)
Nan Hertz (24)
Jean Jubelirer (24)
Abraham Greenberg (25)
Sam Joseph Toovy (25)
Rosa Levine (26)
Dr. Gordon F. Phillips (27)
Alfred H. Schaffner (27)

September 27th

Bernard Bergen (28)
Richard O. Katz (28)
Ellen Shapiro (28)
Judy Walder (28)
Edna P. Hofmayer (29)
Lawrence C. Kaufman Jr. (29)
Etta Ruda (29)
Faye Kantor (Oct. 1)
Nat Spigel (Oct. 2)
Helen Jacobs (Oct. 3)
Lucille Barrett (Oct. 4)

October Yahrzeits

October 4th

Irma Hallo (5) Betty Levine (5)

Geneva Mann Sessions (5)

Dottie Greenspon (6)

Bertha Sclove (6)

Frank B. Wotiz (6)

Jeanette Gotlieb (7)

Rebecca Blankstein (8)

Harold Freedman (8)

Amelia L. Hess (8)

Richard M. "Ricky" Pollack (8)

Alan Land Susman (8)

Freda Gordon Kopelman (9)

Bernice "Bea" Cohen (10)

Leona Spigel (11)

October 11th

Stella Hess Swarts (12) Bernard Sclove (13) Louis Hallam (14) Sam Kopelman (17)

October 18th

Jacob Nusbaum (20)
Bertha "Bertie" Feldman (21)
Grace Ratowsky (21)
Augusta Angel (22)
Kurt Feibelmann (23)
Howard Coleman (24)
Sidney Gattlieb (24)
Lucille Goldfarb (25)

October 25th

Karen Bramnik Syken (26) William L. Sloman (27) Lena Baker (29) Dorothy Rae Boiarsky (29) Ira Loeb (29) Dr. Myron I. Price (30) Simon Meyer (31) Alece Schwabe (Nov. 1)

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Sept.-Oct. at a glance

September

Friday, Sept. 6 at 5:30 PM – Refurbished Sanctuary re-dedication. Catered dinner to follow — no RSVP needed.

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:30 AM – "First Shabbat" morning service and Torah study—dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Jim Cohn

Monday, Sept. 9 – Sisterhood Schmooze 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 PM Temple board meeting

Friday, Sept. 13 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, Sept. 15 at 10 AM – Combined Sisterhood board and general membership meeting, brunch and program

Friday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Monday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 PM – Social Action Committee meeting

Friday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

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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 who have been included in recent Mi Sheberach lists at services, and wishes for continued good health for those on the mend or have returned to full health:

Rose Christian

Lois Coleman

Jonathan Freedman

Bud Goins

Pam Goldfarb

Margie Hutt

Rabbi Israel Koller

Peggy Koller

Gary Markham

Sept.-Oct. at a glance—cont'd

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Hashanah Eve service, followed
by a reception—everyone
invited

Monday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 AM – Rosh Hashanah Morning service. Tashlikh immediately follows.

October

Friday, Oct. 4 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat Shuvah evening service

Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10 AM – Sisterhood board meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 PM – Yom Kippur Eve service (Kol Nidrei)

Wednesday, Oct. 9 Yom Kippur Day

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Friday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 PM – Erev Sukkot: sukkah-decorating and pizza party jointly with Synagogue— everyone is invited, no RSVP needed — 5:30 decorating; 6:00 music; 6:30 dinner; 7:00 service.

Monday, Oct. 14 – Sisterhood Schmooze 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

Friday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Monday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 PM – Simchat Torah service at the Synagogue

Friday, Oct. 25 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

November

Friday, Nov. 1 – Covered dish dinner following 5:30 PM Shabbat service—no RSVP needed

Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10:30 AM – "First Shabbat" morning service and Torah study

Sunday, Nov. 3 – Social Action Committee Climate Change summit 2-5 PM

Friday, Nov. 8 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service for Kristallnacht

Saturday, Nov. 9 – Safam musical event, Time TBD

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

Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10 AM – Sisterhood board meeting

Sunday, Nov. 17 at 5 PM – Global Day of Jewish Learning event

Mazal Tov (Congratulations)

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

To those who reached milestones in the past few months, and to all who had any birthday or anniversary or other life event worth celebrating! Among those we know who are/were to be acknowledged we include:

Allan Tweddle, Ann Kushner, Betty & David Stern, Sara & Brett Radow, David Thalheimer, Harriet & Don Deutsch, Paul Ostand, Liz Weisberg, Louis Weisberg, Judy Lundy, Lynn Gattlieb, Max & Bridget Gottlieb, Dona Hall, Tiana Hall on her Birthright Israel trip, Doris & Jack Goldfarb, and Gary Winter.

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

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences)

Our congregation shares sympathy with the family of Lee and Tudi Forb on the recent death of Tudi's mother, Evelyn Hopper. May her memory serve as an enduring blessing.

Our congregation shares sympathy with the family of Lake and Evelyn Brown and Lauri Harwood on the recent death of Beth Brown Morgan. May her memory serve as an enduring blessing.

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

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Sisterhood Message

Special program featuring visitors returning from Israel at Sept. 15 meeting, plus brunch; projects with Ladies Auxiliary

The beginning of the new year brings new surroundings and new initiatives for Sisterhood. On Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Sisterhood combined board and general membership meeting, brunch and program, we welcome our guest speakers Tiana Hall and Holden Briant. Each traveled to Israel during the summer — Tiana on a Birthright trip and Holden, a participant in the Emma Kaufman sojourn. Each will share their experiences and answer questions at our first general meeting.

Plans are currently underway to collaborate with the Ladies Auxiliary of B'nai Jacob synagogue. We are working together on programs to be scheduled throughout 2019-2020. We are excited about the possibilities and look forward to "something a little different."

Gayle Twigger-Shaw President



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Sojourner's Shelter seeking household and personal care items

Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families continues to care for approximately 75 people a day. That's a lot of bath towels, pillows, sheets, blankets, coffee, cleaning products such as all-purpose cleaner, bleach, laundry detergent, window cleaner that are used and need to be replenished.

For kids' afternoon break they use juice, snacks. They serve

700 individuals (at least) annually. They can also use shampoo, soap, lotion and creme rinse from hotel stays.

Let us start our new year by caring for others! by sending the above supplies. Donations left at the temple will be delivered. We thank you for your continued support!

Caroline Ostand

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Temple library updated, expanded, refurbished, reorganized

The sanctuary renovation has reached the library, too! Along with the new carpet and some of the sanctuary chairs, we will have cleaned drapes and refreshed woodwork.

After consulting with experts, we cleared the shelves. Next, we will return our books newly organized and more appealing to the eye and hand.

We are also expanding our collection, so if you have any requests or suggestions for a "must have," please speak up. Better yet, join our active committee!

Mary Rich Maloy, Judy Lundy, Marsha Albert, Rabbi Earl Jordan and Rabbi Joe Blair.



Work in progress: the library was emptied out so the woodwork could be restored and new carpet laid—the installers were just about ready to do that at press time. After that, some of the new chairs for the Sanctuary will be placed in the library. Reference materials have been moved to the Sunday School wing.

Mary Rich Maloy



Cohn family establishes diversity scholarship in memory of Rabbi Jim

The family of Rabbi James D. "Jim" Cohn has established the Rabbi James D. Cohn Memorial Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship, to recognize students who demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Scholarships are available in two categories: need-based and non-need-based.

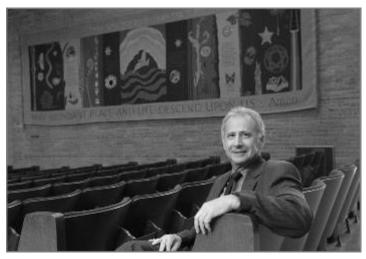
The scholarship is open to both nominations and applications. Those wishing to nominate a student, and those wishing to apply directly, should submit an essay of not more than one page, single-spaced, describing the following: (a) how the student has demonstrated a commitment to diversity and inclusion; (b) why the student believes diversity and inclusion are important; and (c) how the student would like to see society change for the better.

Donations to the scholarship fund may be made online at the YMCA Greenville's donations page https://www.ymcagreenville.org/give and selecting "YMCA Youth in Government" in the drop-down list for YMCA Location options, and typing "Rabbi Cohn Memorial Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship" in the gift designation box; or by sending a check to YMCA Greenville, 100 Adams Mill Road, Simpsonville SC 29681, with "Youth In Government - Rabbi Cohn Memorial Scholarship" in the memo line.

Rabbi Cohn's Legacy

Rabbi Jim Cohn was the rabbi at Temple of Israel in Greenville, S.C., from the early 1980s until 2009. While he had always advocated diversity and inclusion in his practice, he first publicly displayed his devotion to those ideals in 1996, when he was part of a group of seven clergy members who organized a response—called Pro Justice—to an anti-gay resolution passed by Greenville County Council. Pro Justice garnered unexpected support from hundreds of leaders in business, education, and the non-profit communities, and showed the community that Greenville had more potential than what its county council at the time suggested. He was also one of the first rabbis in the region to offer both interfaith and same-sex marriages.

In 2009, Rabbi Cohn moved to Charleston, W.Va., where he served at Temple Israel until his retirement in 2018.



Rabbi Jim Cohn, 2016. Photo courtesy Charleston Gazette-Mail.

Photographer: Chris Dorst.

Within the wider community, among other leadership positions, Rabbi Cohn was President of the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center in 2011-2012, a member of the OneKanawha Steering Committee (committed to pluralism and inclusiveness for all citizens and a part of the Not in Our Town network), and a member of West Virginia University's Diversity Visiting Committee.

In 2016, the governor of West Virginia awarded the Civil Rights Award to Rabbi Cohn in recognition for extraordinary service to the citizens of West Virginia in the battle for absolute equality and civil rights for all.

Rabbi Cohn received his B.A. in Humanities at New College of Sarasota, and his Master's Degree and Ordination at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, where he earned the Simon Lazarus Prize for highest academic achievement in the graduating class.

He was a graduate of the Diversity Leadership Academy and offered diversity training programs for congregations, schools, businesses and communities.

When asked not long before his death what gave him hope, Rabbi Cohn responded, "The basic sense of privacy and justice that can be called upon to unite liberals and conservatives in a shared vision." Rabbi Cohn died in August 2018, leaving a lifetime legacy blending faith, critical thinking, introspection, tolerance, diversity, and inclusion.

Our Thoughtful Contributors

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.

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Thanks for making services even more special



Flowers on the bimah September Shabbat and **High Holy Days**

Sept. 6 - given by Ann Kushner, in memory her husband Lenard, father of David, Noah and Adam

Sept. 27 – given by Marion Baer in memory her mother, Hildegard Mellman

Rosh Hashanah – given by Ronni and David Spudich, in memory of Ronni's parents Helen and Edward B. Cohen and her twin brother Ricky

Rosh Hashanah – In memory of Jane and Philip Silverstein, given by Leigh and Peggy

Yom Kippur – In loving memory of Marty Glasser and in appreciation for family and friends who continue to honor his legacy. Given by Cookie Glasser and the Brian, Lena, Michael, Jennifer, Jeff and Kristy Glasser-Schulman families.

Yom Kippur – In memory of Jane and Philip Silverstein, given by Leigh and Peggy

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

Thanks to all those who have already chosen to host an Oneg Shabbat reception this year. We need to fill the remaining dates for 2019-2020.

An Oneg provides a nice social time for the attendees of Shabbat services. Just provide some snacks for 15-20 (such as a dessert, fruit, crackers and cheese, etc.).

Want a committee member to shop for you? Just send a check in amount \$35 payable to Temple Israel, to the Temple office. We will shop!

Please choose your date or dates, before they are scooped up.

For an Oneg, call Judy Lundy. Please make check payable to Temple Israel.

For flowers, call Betty Stern. Please make check payable to Sisterhood.

Please help those in need this season by donating food for HHD Hunger Project

Temple Israel will again participate in the annual national High Holy Day Hunger Project. Grocery bag (s) filled with non-perishable food items will be collected on the stage in the Social Hall starting on Rosh Hashanah. If possible, bring your donation before the Yom Kippur break-the-fast, Wednesday, Oct. 9. The bags will be delivered to the Food Pantry after Sukkot.

Please shop for healthy foods. Especially needed at this time are cereal, pasta or rice, canned/dried milk, soups, spaghetti type canned foods, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned beans (not green beans) and meal starters. All food contributed will be given to the Covenant House Food Pantry to feed the hungry of the Charleston area.

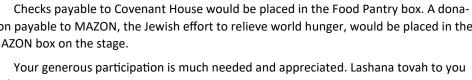
If you're clearing out food from your own pantry please note that the date must be current. The Food

Pantry is approved as a USDA food distribution site, which requires that out-of-date food must not be given to its customers.

tion payable to MAZON, the Jewish effort to relieve world hunger, would be placed in the MAZON box on the stage.

and yours.

Social Action Committee



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TEMPLE ISRAEL Yom Kippur Memorial Service

Please list the names of the person(s) you wish to have remembered during Temple Israel's Yom Kippur Yizkor-Memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019.

Only the names of deceased relatives and friends which you list on this form will be read at the service.

Please return this form to **Temple Israel, 2312 Kanawha Blvd., E., Charleston WV 25311,** <u>no later than</u> **Monday, Sept. 23, 2019** Please call Rabbi Blair at 304-989-4014 if you have any questions.

NAMES to be remembered at Yom Kippur Memorial Service:

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Submitted by

Name	
Address	
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