

March 30, 2020/5 Nisan 5780

Shalom!

A reminder email of Temple news, updates, and what is going on in April to early-May to help keep us connected. There is a lot to tell you, so this is a relatively long message – apologies for the extent.

COVID-19 CONCERNS

As I write this, the best advice is to continue to maintain shelter in place procedures, which means that the Temple will remain closed for all events and activities until further notice to protect everyone; notice of any change will be communicated as soon as we know it. Please watch for these notices.

Meantime, we will continue to reach out to members by phone, email and text, and will offer opportunities for our community to gather virtually by phone or online, and to share Shabbat services.

We commend to your attention the current advice: shelter in place as much as possible, wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, limit physical contact (hugging, kissing, hand shaking), remain at a social distance (six feet) from others, cover your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze, wash clothing in the hottest water setting that they can tolerate, sanitize surfaces using cleaners that include disinfectants, and sanitize groceries or other items you bring into your home. If you are feeling ill, please remain at home and avoid others, unless it is severe and you need medical attention.

We are looking forward to a return to “normal” and the opportunity to gather again – we hope very soon. Once that is announced, we will re-institute our normal calendar of events in the Temple building.

Meantime, remember to wash your hands and avoid contact with anyone who may be ill. Stay healthy!

If you are having difficulties getting groceries or medicine, please call the Rabbi or email him.

There will be no April Bulletin. Instead, reminder emails will be sent out at the beginning and middle of each month until such time as we can again produce and mail a bulletin to you.

TEMPLE EVENTS

Tuesday, March 31st, 2:15-3:15 PM. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In. Join us by phone to have an opportunity to say hello, touch base, and share news with other congregants. Watch for an email that has the dial-in information.

Wednesday, April 1st 10-11 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In. Join us online (or with a phone) for a video meeting that allows us to see each other, share news, and check-in on how everyone is doing. Watch for an email with the connection information. We will be using the ZOOM platform for this; it allows video conferencing using a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. It is also possible to call in by telephone (but that does not allow you to see or be seen).

Friday, April 3rd, Virtual Friday Shabbat service. Look for an email with the link to download the recorded Shabbat service for this week. It will also be posted on the Temple Israel Facebook Page. Either way, join us as we form a virtual community welcoming the Sabbath!

Monday, April 6th, 12:15-1:15 PM. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In. Join us by phone to have an opportunity to say hello, touch base, and share news with other congregants. Watch for an email that has the dial-in information.

Tuesday, April 7th, 10-11 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In. Join us online (or with a phone) for a video meeting that allows us to see each other, share news, and check-in on how everyone is doing. Watch for an email with the connection information. We will be using the ZOOM platform for this; it allows video conferencing using a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. It is also possible to call in by telephone (but that does not allow you to see or be seen).

Wednesday, April 8th, Evening - First Night of Passover: Seder. Because of the current situation, we will be unable to hold the traditional Congregational Passover Seder. Instead, please watch for an email with resources and ideas for a home seder, possibly using Zoom or other online platforms to connect with scattered family/friends. I was told that there are some Passover products available at Ashton Place Kroger, at Sam's club, and a few other places (though it is a limited selection). We wish you and your loved ones a blessed, joyous, and healthy holiday!

Thursday, April 9th – 15th of Nisan. First day of Passover. In the evening we begin to count the Omer, marking the 49 days from Passover to Shavuot (Feast of Weeks).

Friday, April 10th, Virtual Friday Shabbat service. Look for an email with the link to download the recorded Shabbat service for this week. It will also be posted on the Temple Israel Facebook Page. Either way, join us as we form a virtual community welcoming the Sabbath!

Monday, April 13th, 12:15-1:15 PM. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In. Join us by phone to have an opportunity to say hello, touch base, and share news with other congregants. Watch for an email that has the dial-in information.

Tuesday, April 14th, 10-11 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In. Join us online (or with a phone) for a video meeting that allows us to see each other, share news, and check-in on how everyone is doing. Watch for an email with the connection information. We will be using the ZOOM platform for this; it allows video conferencing using a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. It is also possible to call in by telephone (but that does not allow you to see or be seen).

Tuesday, April 14th, 5:30 PM, Temple Board meeting - Online.

Wednesday, April 15th – 7th day of Passover. This marks the end of the holiday for many.

Thursday, April 16th – 8th day of Passover. The end of the holiday for those who observe eight days.

Friday, April 17th, Virtual Friday Shabbat service. Look for an email with the link to download the recorded Shabbat service for this week. It will also be posted on the Temple Israel Facebook Page. Either way, join us as we form a virtual community welcoming the Sabbath!

Note the ongoing Tzedakah opportunities: Manna Meal, Covenant House, Sojourner/YWCA, RCCR, Mazon, and all the other worthy causes in our congregation and community, and beyond. Please be generous – needs continue to run especially high in light of the Corona Virus effects.

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 who are on the mend or have returned to full health:

Lois Coleman
Jonathan Freedman
Margie Hutt
Rabbi Israel Koller
David Kushner
Gary Markham
Bob Steinberg
Josi Steinberg

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences)

Temple Israel offers our condolences to the family of Bob Marks who died in Colorado. May the One who comforts comfort them, and may the memory be a blessing. Contact the rabbi for information on donations in his memory and addresses.

Temple Israel offers our condolences to the family of Tina Sonis Holmes who died in Charleston. May the One who comforts comfort them, and may the memory be a blessing.

Mazal Tov (Congratulations):

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

To those who reached or will reach milestones in the past month or this one, 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:

Missed in March: Eugenia Feibelman, Bob Kimball (Sorry it is a bit late!)

April: Zel Lewis, Sharon Jubelirer, Emily Claire Swingle, Duke Bloom, Betsy & Roy Gooding, Lynn & Karl Gattlieb, and Karl Gattlieb

May: Lois Coleman, Barbara Braun Tweddle, Shelly Winowich, Earl Jordan, Doris Goldfarb

June: Pam Goldfarb, Anne Kushner, Betty & David Stern, Sara & Bret Radow, Ditty & Gary Markham (50th!), David Thalheimer, Harriet & Don Deutsch

If you have a milestone event of any kind, 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.

Yahrzeit List (by Week)

April 3rd

Eugene Drasnin (4)

Harry N. Barton (5)

Lylla Shinberg (6)

Lee Harry Kay (7)

April 10th

Ellis C. Amburgey Jr. (11)

Fanny C. Berman (11)

Edith Goldstein Hallam (11)

Bette Rascovar (11)

Simon Barton (12)

Joseph L. Galperin (12)

Sam Hess (12)

Maxwell Lopin (12)

Josef Grossman (13)

Alma Goldberg (14)

Beatrice Jurin (14)

Bea Dorzback (15)

Anna Schneider (15)

Alcine Allen (16)

Bertie Cohen (17)

Lillian Mendeloff Lakin (17)

Sara H. White (17)

April 17th

Louis Glasser (19)

Joseph Lopin (19)

Harry Pincus Jr. (19)

Adam Aaron (20)
Louis W. Cohen (20)
Robert Gordon Markham (21)
William F. Wood (21)
Norma Hess Builtman (22)
Bill Howley (23)
Rubin Sokolovsky (23)
Beatrice Hess (24)
Gerald Bernard Ostand (24)
Henita Gattlieb Picket (24)

April 24th
Settie Swarts (25)
Estelle Kasanof Gottlieb (26)
Dr. Morris I. Mendeloff Jr. (26)
Sabina Rosenberg (26)
Herschel Shapero (29)
Bernice Rosenthal Roche (30)
Anne Mae Walter (May 1)

Shalom,

Rabbi Joe Blair