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Shalom!

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

Please hold on to this email until the next reminder/bulletin is sent around May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **COVID-19 CONCERNS**

We continue to shelter in place, 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 do not come to the Temple.

Meantime, we are continuing to reach out to members by phone, email and text, and will offer opportunities for our community to gather virtually by phone and online, and to share Shabbat services. I will also be announcing some educational upcoming events online – I invite you to join me for those.

Please follow all the guidelines and exercise caution: 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 – in which case contact your physician, and follow their advice.

If you are having difficulties getting groceries or medicine, please call the Rabbi at 304-989-4014, or email [rabbijoeb@gmail.com](mailto:rabbijoeb@gmail.com).

If you are feeling any need or simply wish to talk, please know that the Rabbi is available, and will arrange a phone call or private zoom meeting with you if you let him know.

## **Short Message from the Rabbi**

At this point, we are all looking at the situation, and wondering when we are ever going to get back to 'normal.' This is a trying time, and a difficult situation; more so for some than others. Please know that you are not alone or forgotten, we care very much about you and want to know how you are doing. I will continue to offer the "Check In" telephone calls and zoom meetings weekly, and make myself available one-on-one for calls or video meetings, and continue to read and respond to emails and texts. You are welcome to be in touch in a way that works for you.

I want to express my appreciation to those who have spoken with me about supporting my efforts to reach out to those who have been or will be impacted indirectly by the Pandemic, not by the illness itself, but through consequences of the ripple effects of loss of employment or income, exacerbation of other unrelated illnesses, deterioration in living situations, and through a lack of - or increase in negative - social and familial relationships.

We are all looking forward to a return to "normal" – we hope very soon. Once that is announced, we will re-institute our regular calendar of events in the Temple building, but we will act with caution and prudently to avoid all unnecessary risks to our members and staff.

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

Warm regards and wishes for good health!

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There will be no May 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.

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### **TEMPLE EVENTS**

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Temple Office is closed for the Passover holiday (7<sup>th</sup> Day).

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Sisterhood Board & General meeting, with Election scheduled for 10 AM. Watch for information from Sisterhood about this.

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM, Online Observance of Yom HaSho'ah (Holocaust Memorial Day) by JCRC of Washington DC. I am attaching the invitation with this reminder for anyone who wishes to join this online observance in advance of Yom HaSho'ah.

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Temple Israel Conference Call Check In, 11:15 AM (for up to an hour; call will be ended when no one is on the call for 5 minutes). 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.

Monday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Yom HaSho'ah begins. May the memories of those lost be a blessing to those who live after them.

The Marlene Myerson JCC in Manhattan (and others) will host a Reading of Names from 8 PM on the 20<sup>th</sup> to 5 PM on the 21<sup>st</sup>, live, streamed on Facebook. The information about this event and the link to attend is [bit.ly/UWSYomHaShoah](http://bit.ly/UWSYomHaShoah).

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 11 AM (for up to one hour; meeting will be ended when no one is in the Zoom meeting for 5 minutes.). 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Yom HaSho'ah. May we never forget. [See the link to the live reading of names at the Myerson JCC under April 20<sup>th</sup>.]

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day. "...be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the

sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing ....”  
*Bereshit/Gen. 1:28-30*

Thursday, April 23<sup>th</sup>, Security Committee Meeting, 5:30, via Telephone conference call.

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

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Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:15 PM. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In.

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Social Action Committee, 5:30 Pm, via online meeting. Watch for information from the committee with information on this event.

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day).

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In.

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Yom Ha'Atzma'ut. Israel Independence Day.

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Hebrew Level II, 5-5:45 PM, via Zoom. Watch for an email with the link to connect.

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Two Rabbis discussion, 6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom. Email Rabbi Joe Blair or Rabbi Urecki, and then watch for an email with the link to connect.

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM via Zoom. A Bissel Torah. NEW. Join me on Zoom (via video or telephone) for a short class (an hour or less) when we will study 'uh bissel Toirah' – a little Torah. I will select something to teach about each week, and offer a short study session on that material. It might be the Parashat Hashavuah (weekly Torah reading), a snippet of Talmud, or something else that catches my eye for the week – no telling what it will be until you sign in! (I will send the Zoom meeting information in the email that also includes the two Check Ins for the week – watch for that message). This will alternate between Wednesdays and Thursdays from week to week, but be at 4 pm each time. I will also plan to record it, and include the link in the message that has the link to the Shabbat service for that week.

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Virtual Friday Shabbat service. This will include our Yom Ha'Atzma'ut commemoration (Israeli Independence day).

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**Tentative – Watch for the next Reminder Message to Confirm**

Because we are uncertain what the situation may be, this is a tentative outline of events based on the current status. Watch for emails that will discuss what is actually happening if changes come into play.

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In. 11:15 AM

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Temple Israel Zoom Check-In. 10 AM.

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, A Bissel Torah. 4 PM.

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

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Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mother's Day.

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>, Pesach Sheni Event (Second Passover). Depending on the situation, if it is deemed advisable, we will proceed with the planned brunch event. The event is not certain, and the date is not fixed; if we cannot gather at this time, we will announce that we need to reschedule or cancel, depending on the best advice available.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. La"g B'Omer.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In. 3:15 PM.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM. Temple Board Meeting. Via Zoom, unless otherwise announced.

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Temple Israel Zoom Check-In. 10 AM.

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM. Hebrew Level II. Offered by ZOOM.

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM, Two Rabbis Discussion. Offered by ZOOM. Please let one of the rabbis know you would like the connection information, then watch for an email from the rabbi with the topics and connection information we will use.

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM. A Bissel Torah.

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Virtual Friday Shabbat service

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Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2PM. Hebrew Poetry session 2.

Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM. Social Action Commiittee meeting. Watch for information from the committee about this.

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In. 4:15 PM.

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Temple Israel Zoom Check-In. 2 PM.

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Security Committee Meeting. 5:30 PM.

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

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Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In. 10:15 AM.

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Temple Israel Zoom Check-In. 9 AM.

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, A Bissel Torah. 4 PM.

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Erev Shavuot.

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Shavuot 1.

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Virtual Friday Shabbat service with Shavuot.

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Shavuot 2.

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Sunday,, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Hebrew Poetry, session 3. 2 PM.

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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.

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

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

*Baruch Dayan Haemet* (Condolences)

Temple Israel offers our condolences to Beth Steinberg Winter and her family on the recent loss of her sister-in-law, Josi Steinberg in California. May the One who comforts comfort them, and may the memory be a blessing.

Temple Israel offers our condolences to Alan Fleishchman and his family on the recent loss of his mother, Honey Fleischman who died in Florida. May the One who comforts comfort them, and may the memory be a blessing. Link to the obituary with the donation link here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-palm-beach-fl/honey-fleischmann-9111258>

Temple Israel offers our condolences to Bob Morris and his family on the recent loss of his mother. 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:

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

May: Lois Coleman, Sharon Jubelirer, Barbara Braun Tweddle, Ellen Kay Bastron, Lena Glasser, Shelly Winowich, Earl Jordan, Doris Goldfarb

June: Pam Goldfarb, Anne Kushner, Betty & David Stern, Sara & Bret Radow, Ditty & Gary Markham (50<sup>th</sup>!), 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 Announced)**

Please know that I am continuing the practice of sending out the letters announcing Yahrzeits in advance as reminders, but in the current situation, I am prevented from writing a personal note on them as I have in past. I regret this much, but because of social distancing and not entering the building (or office) unnecessarily, I can see no way to permit it. I made this choide because I am more focused on upholding the Jewish value of Pikuach Nefesh – protecting lives and health – and hope that you will understand and forgive me for the time being. I will return to this practice of a personal message as soon as possible.

Meantime, I am thinking of you, particularly as I include the name of your loved ones in the Yahrzeit list I am reading in each service I am leading. May the memory of your loved one(s) be for blessings to you. Stay well B'virkat Shalom.

April 3rd  
Eugene Drasnin (4)  
Harry N. Barton (5)  
Lylla Shinberg (6)  
Lee Harry Kay (7)

Joseph L. Galperin (12)  
Sam Hess (12)  
Maxwell Lopin (12)  
Josef Grossman (13)

April 10th  
Ellis C. Amburgey Jr. (11)  
Fanny C. Berman (11)  
Edith Goldstein Hallam (11)  
Bette Rascovar (11)  
Simon Barton (12)

April 10<sup>th</sup> Cont'd.  
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)

April 17th Cont'd.  
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)  
April 24th Cont'd.  
Herschel Shapero (29)  
Bernice Rosenthal Roche (30)  
Anne Mae Walter (May 1)

May 1st  
Sylvia Glasser (2)  
Julius Hess (2)  
Alvin Julius Lindenberg (2)  
Mary Lillian Dees (3)  
Harry Greenspon (3)  
Lois Silverstein Kaufman (3)  
Cecil R. Sessions (3)  
Henry Sloman (3)  
Suzanne Grinberg (4)  
Manuel Rotgin (4)  
Stanley E. Deutsch (7)  
Sara Samuel Silverstein (7)  
Paul Weintraub (7)  
David McHale (8)

May 8th

David Badner (11)  
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)  
May 8th Cont'd.  
Jerome Goldberg (14)  
Norman Lakin (14)  
Sherry Lovett (14)

May 15th  
Frieda L. Barton (16)  
Jerome Harold Deutsch (16)  
Jay M. Segall (16)  
Morton F. Hess (17)  
Herbert Mitchell Barrett (19)  
Marjorie "Petie" Kwass (19)  
Ben Goldfarb (20)  
Joseph Bernard Randall (20)  
May 15th Cont'd.  
Julia Shreve (21)  
Michael Zide (21)  
Dorothy Fishkin (22)  
Helen H. Hess (22)  
Fay Kulowski (22)  
Matthew H. Small (22)

May 22nd  
Tracy Auden Fretwell (23)  
Richard "Ricky" Cohen (24)  
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)

May 29th  
Florence Mann (30)  
Monica Montanaro (30)

Mark E. Grinberg (31)  
Ruth Silverstein Sherman (31)  
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)

Wishing you a good conclusion to Passover, and all the best in the coming weeks. Be well.

May 8th

Shalom,

*Joe*

Rabbi Joe Blair