

May 1, 2020/7 Iyar 5780

Shalom!

There will be no May bulletin for Temple Israel. This reminder email serves as the substitute for the bulletin. Another reminder email will be sent out mid-month with any updated information.

This email includes Temple news, updates, and what is going on to help keep us connected. Lots to share.

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### **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.

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

We are looking forward to a return to “normal” and the opportunity to gather again – we hope very soon, but we will proceed with caution and mindful of the health and wellbeing of all who may enter our building.

Once it is determined by experts that it is prudent and safe, we will re-institute our normal calendar of events in the Temple building.

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).

Please stay safe and remain healthy.

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### **TEMPLE EVENTS**

Friday, May 1<sup>st</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! This week we are including our observance of Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israeli Independence Day.

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Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM. Social Action Committee meeting via Zoom. The focus of the meeting will be Voting Rights. Contact Cookie Glasser or Rachel Dash for more information.

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 AM. 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, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 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, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM. A Bissel Torah, online via Zoom. Join us for the second in our series of eclectic topics. Again, watch for the email with the Zoom link.

Friday, May 8<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, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mother's Day.

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. 2 PM. Hebrew Poetry: The works of Yehudah Amichai, Israeli poet laureate in Hebrew and Translation. Join us for three sessions in May to explore some of the poet's works.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM. Temple Board meeting via Zoom.

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 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, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM, Introduction to Hebrew Level II via Zoom.

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Two Rabbis via Zoom. We will continue our conversation about life in and after the Pandemic.

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 4 PM. A Bissell Torah via Zoom.

Friday, May 15<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, May 17<sup>th</sup>. 2 PM. Hebrew Poetry: The works of Yehudah Amichai, Israeli poet laureate in Hebrew and Translation. Join us for three sessions in May to explore some of the poet's works.

Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM. Social Action Committee Meeting via Zoom. The focus of the meeting will be Immigration. Contact Cookie Glasser or Rachel Dash for more information.

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 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, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM. A Bissell Torah, online via Zoom. Join us for the second in our series of eclectic topics. Again, watch for the email with the Zoom link.

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:15 PM. 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, May 22<sup>nd</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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Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 AM, 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.

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 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).

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM. A Bissel Torah, online via Zoom. Join us for the second in our series of eclectic topics. Again, watch for the email with the Zoom link.

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

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

Friday, May 29<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!

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

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Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 PM. Hebrew Poetry: The works of Yehudah Amichai, Israeli poet laureate in Hebrew and Translation. Join us for three sessions in May to explore some of the poet's works

Friday, June 5<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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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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Other Notices

#### **BULB ORDERS**

During this trying time schedules are a bit lopsided... do remember to mail in your bulb orders. Questions? Contact Judy Lundy, [jlundy43@gmail.com](mailto:jlundy43@gmail.com).

#### **SCAMMERS**

Once again, scammers are looking for easy money by sending emails claiming to be clergy and asking for a favor, or a donation. If you receive any email that claims to be from me asking for a favor or a donation, IGNORE and DELETE it. I will never ask you to do any such thing.  
Rabbi Joe Blair

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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 Alan Fleischmann and family on the death of Alan's mother Honey in Florida. May the One who comforts comfort them, and may the memory be a blessing.

Temple Israel offers our condolences to the family of Beth Steinberg on the death of Josi Steinberg who died in California. May the One who comforts comfort them, and may the memory be a blessing.

Temple Israel expresses our condolences to Bob Morris whose mother died recently in Charleston.

Temple Israel offers our condolences to Judy Lundy and her family on the death of her brother John Albert Amburgey in Charleston.

*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, Sharon Jubelirer, Emily Claire Swingle, Betsy & Roy Gooding, Lynn & Karl Gattlieb, and Karl Gattlieb

May: Lois Coleman, Sharon Jubelirer, Barbara Braun Tweddle, Ellen Kay Bastron, Duke Bloom, 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)**

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)  
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)  
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)

Shalom,

*Joe*

Rabbi Joe Blair