

Shalom!

There will be no bulletin produced for Temple Israel during this Pandemic and the closure of the Temple. This reminder email serves as a partial substitute for the bulletin. It covers the period from mid-month going forward. Another reminder email will be sent out for the start of the coming month with updated information.

This email includes current Temple news, updates, and what is going on to help keep us connected and informed. Please be in touch with the rabbi if you have any questions or need to include anything in an upcoming reminder.

COVID-19 CONCERNS

No change at this time.

The best advice is to continue to maintain social distancing and shelter in place procedures with limited exposure for those vulnerable. The board discussed the situation at the meeting in May, and concluded that the Temple will remain closed for all events and activities to protect our members and visitors. The board also decided to delay the date for the annual congregational meeting until it is possible to hold it safely.

Meantime, I will continue to reach out and offer opportunities for our community to gather virtually by phone or online, and to share Shabbat services, and I will be introducing additional classes and activities online (see below) to provide as many of our usual events as possible.

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

Again, if you are having difficulties getting groceries or medicine, or feel a need to talk to someone, please call the Rabbi at 304-989-4014, or email rabbijoeb@gmail.com.

Stay safe and remain healthy.

TEMPLE EVENTS

Thursday, May 14th, 4 pm, A Bissell Torah. A look at LAG B'Omer. Via Zoom.

Thursday, May 14th, 8 pm, Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) with the Consulate General of Israel online program (together with B'nai Jacob Synagogue. [Yom Ha-Atzmaut](#)).

Friday, May 15th, 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!

Sunday, May 17th, 2 pm, Hebrew Poetry in Translation. Join us as we look at more poems by Israel's foremost modern poet, Yehuda Amichai and others. We will read in translation, but look for any hidden nuggets nestled in the Hebrew (think 'lost in translation'). Hebrew ability not required.

Monday, May 18th, 6 PM. Social Action Committee meeting via Zoom. The focus of the meeting will be Immigration. Rabbi Urecki will speak on his trip to Guatemala, and Roger Forman will talk about his trips, and Anne Fishkin and Dona Hall will offer an update on the situation. All are invited to join us for this meeting. Contact Cookie Glasser or Rachel Dash for more information. The Zoom link information will be sent out separately.

Tuesday, May 19th, 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 20th, 4 PM. A Bissel Torah, online via Zoom. Join us for the next in our series of eclectic topics – this time on the Mah Tov. Again, watch for the email with the Zoom link.

Wednesday, May 21st, 2 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 22nd, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

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

Thursday, May 28th, 9 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In.

Thursday, May 28th 4 PM. A Bissell Torah via Zoom. Shavuot – the Tikkun Leil.

Thursday, May 28th, Erev Shavuot (Sundown).

Friday, May 29th, Virtual Friday Shabbat service and Shavuot observance.

Saturday, May 30th, Second day of Shavuot.

Sunday, May 31st. 2 PM. Hebrew Poetry in Translation. Join us as we look at more poems by Israel's foremost modern poet, Yehuda Amichai and others. We will read in translation, but look for any hidden nuggets nestled in the Hebrew (think 'lost in translation'). Hebrew ability not required.

Monday, June 1st, 10 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In.

Wednesday, June 3rd, 10:15 AM. Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In.

Wednesday, June 3rd, 4 PM. A Bissell Torah, online via Zoom. Original sin, or not?

Friday, June 5th, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

Saturday, June 6th, 10:30 AM, Torah Study. Parashat Nasso, Bam. (num) 421-7:89, Judges 13:2-25.

Tuesday, June 9th, 10:15 AM, Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In.

Tuesday, June 9th, 5:30 PM, Temple Board Meeting via Zoom.

Wednesday, June 10th, 10 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In.

Friday, June 12th, 4 PM. A Bissel Torah, online via Zoom. Topic TBA.

Friday, June 12th, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

Sunday, June 14th, 2 PM. Hebrew Poetry in Translation. Join us as we look at more poems by Israel's foremost modern poet, Yehuda Amichai and others. We will read in translation, but look for any hidden nuggets nestled in the Hebrew (think 'lost in translation'). Hebrew ability not required.

Sunday, June 14th, 7 PM, Charleston (Online) Death Café. Trying this in the Zoom setting. Give it a try with us – bring your own cake!

Monday, June 15th, 10 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In.

Tuesday, June 16th, 10:15 AM, Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In.

Wednesday, June 17th, 4 PM, A Bissell Torah, online via Zoom. The story of Lilith.

Wednesday, June 17th, 6:30 PM, Two Rabbis Discussion. Topic TBA.

Friday, June 19th, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

Monday, June 22nd, 5:30 PM, Social Action Committee meeting via Zoom. The focus of the meeting is TBA. All are invited to join for this meeting. Contact Cookie Glasser or Rachel Dash for more information and to receive the Zoom meeting invitation details.

Monday, June 24th, 10 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In.

Tuesday, June 25th, 10:15 AM, Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In.

Thursday, June 25th, 4 PM, A Bissell Torah, online via Zoom. The Three Weeks.

Friday, June 26th, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

Sunday, June 28th, 2 PM, Hebrew Poetry in Translation. Join us as we look at more poems by Israel's foremost modern poet, Yehuda Amichai and others. We will read in translation, but look for any hidden nuggets nestled in the Hebrew (think 'lost in translation'). Hebrew ability not required.

Monday, June 29th, 10 AM. Temple Israel Zoom Check-In.

Tuesday, June 30th, 10:15 AM, Temple Israel Telephone Conference Call Check-In.

Wednesday, July 1st, 4 PM, A Bissell Torah, online via Zoom. Adam & Eve

Friday, July 3rd, Virtual Friday Shabbat service.

Saturday, July 4th, Torah Study, 10:30 AM.

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

Other Notices

JEWISH LITERATURE

Watch for notice about a new offering coming in the next few weeks/months: Readings in Jewish & Yiddish Literature - Short Stories. We will choose one (or several shorter) story(ies) to read and discuss in each meeting. These will be available in advance to download and read at your leisure, and are drawn from both Yiddish and Jewish classics and more contemporary Jewish writings. Open to anyone interested. Be in touch to let us know you want to participate.

BULB ORDERS

During this trying time schedules are a bit lopsided... do remember to mail in your bulb orders. They are still being processed. You can send them to Judy at home or at the Temple. Questions? Contact Judy Lundy, jlundy43@gmail.com.

SCAMMERS

Yet again, scammers are active and 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 (or Rabi Urecki) asking for a favor or a donation, IGNORE and DELETE it. We will never ask you to do any such thing by email. Please be alert to these schemes!
Rabbi Joe Blair

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 Judy Lundy and her family on the death of her cousin Rebecca Rouche 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, Steve Artz, Jack Goldfarb, Anne Kushner, Betty & David Stern, Sara & Bret Radow, Ditty & Gary Markham (Milestone), David Thalheimer, Harriet & Don Deutsch

Tiana Hall on her recognition and new position at work!

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 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

Gerald Allen Amburgey (23)
Sayde Cohen (23)
Tracy Auden Fretwell (23)
Richard "Ricky" Cohen (24)

Shalom,

Joe

Rabbi Joe Blair

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)