

Shabbat Shalom!

After a gut-wrenching week, I hope you have been able to unwind a little, and find some Shabbat Menuchah. My hope is that things are starting to look up. May we all find strength, courage, and endurance within, and be able to reflect the light of the good and godly in the world around us.

Our Friday night Shabbat service for January 8th, 2021 took place earlier this evening. As always, many thanks to David Stern and Bob Morris for enhancing our services musically, and thanks again to Rich Katz for the tech support and skills.

Much appreciation to all who participated in our services this week, as always! If you want to do so, please be in touch with Ronni Spudich about lighting candles, or Betty Stern about an Aliyah.

The service was recorded to the Facebook page. You can view it from there.
To access any service or event on the Temple Israel Facebook page, here are the links.

To watch the recording on the Temple Israel Facebook page as a livestream recording, click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Temple-Israel-Charleston-WV-2550469431660054/LIVE>

or to access our page click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Temple-Israel-Charleston-WV-2550469431660054>

The Shabbat service was also recorded to a Zoom recording; anyone who wishes can view it using these links.

Video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dupkz3BKu3jOYmk3JIQPUSDPJxmVjavid/view?usp=sharing>

Audio only:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I3FW03QVBzQoKHC8ys4HWkkYSiYZHeVm/view?usp=sharing>

If you wish to borrow a copy of the Mishkan T'fillah siddur for Shabbat services, please do so: contact us and arrange to pick it up from the bench in front of the Temple (on the Kanawha Blvd side, with the circular drive).

If you prefer, you can access the words in our Siddur (prayer book) via this link to a flip book online version of the Mishkan T'fillah for Shabbat

<https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-shabbat/>

We continue to urge that you be safe and careful. The policy remains in effect that we are having no in-person meetings, events, or services in our building.

Kanawha County Health Department will have more vaccinations by appointment for those 80 and older. Call 304-348-8080 to make an appointment in advance. If we hear of any news in this regard, we will send it along as soon as possible.

As always, I would love to hear from you. If you want to chat for a few minutes, please let me know. We have many options available - on the phone, in a zoom meeting, or by text or email. Whatever works best for you. It can be during one of the check ins, or you can just let me know when you want to talk and we can arrange a time, or tell me when you are free and I can get in touch with you.

I am open to any suggestions you have, so if you have any comments, criticisms, or suggestions about the services, events, activities, or classes, please let me know, or if it is more comfortable to do so, share your thoughts with Josh Barrett, or any of the other board members, or the members of the rabbi liaison committee. Your comments are both sought and valued, and I sincerely appreciate hearing what you think. My goal is always to do the best I can to serve the needs of this community.

Please know that we continue to work hard to offer meaningful and uplifting services and events, and your input is valued, and most helpful in allowing us to craft them.

On Sunday, I will send the LINKS Email with links and details about accessing events coming up. If you don't get that LINKS Email, or any other, please contact me and I will re-send it. If someone wishes to be added to our email list, we can arrange that – just ask them to let me know (by email or text), so we are sure not to 'spam' anyone.

Wishing you a Shabbat shalom, a Shavuah tov, and a very happy and healthy secular new year. Stay safe and well. Looking forward to seeing you online soon!

Joe

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