

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Friday night Shabbat service for February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 took place 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. Many thanks to all who participated in the service tonight.

The memorial service for Betsy Gooding took place earlier today. It, too, is recorded and available on the Temple Facebook page, linked below.

If you want to have a role in services, please be in touch with Ronni Spudich about lighting candles, or Betty Stern about an Aliyah. If you want to lead a reading, please contact me.

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

You can also watch the service live as it occurs on the Temple Israel Facebook page as a livestream recording. To do so, click here:

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

or to access our Facebook page click here:

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As before, 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/>

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The policy remains in effect that we are having no in-person meetings, events, or services in our building.

Covid-19 Vaccines - signups for appointment reservations at the Kanawha County Health Department and other locations for those 65 and over. Information on how to sign up on the website and the various phone numbers were offered in the Shabbat service Reminder email

earlier today. Again, if you need assistance registering, please contact me and we can work out a way to make it work for you.

As vaccines are being administered, PLEASE continue to be careful and follow the guidelines for wearing a mask, washing your hands, and maintaining social distancing. The vaccine is reportedly not fully effective until some days or even weeks after the second dose is received, and it is thought that those who receive the vaccine may still infect others who have not been vaccinated or achieved the full rate of immunity. Please be safe, be kind, and be well.

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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.

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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.

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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 directly (by email or text), so we are sure not to 'spam' anyone.

Wishing you a Shabbat shalom and a Shavuah tov. Stay safe and well. Looking forward to seeing you online soon!

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Rabbi Joe Blair