

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Friday night Shabbat service for April 2nd, 2021 took place this evening. As always, many thanks to David Stern and Bob Morris for enhancing our services musically. Many thanks also to those who participated in the service tonight.

Huge thanks to David Shapiro for the tech support and wrestling with the technical issues. You probably noticed that we had a software issue, and could not access the cameras, so this was an audio-only recording, and it did not load to Facebook, so it is not on the livestream page this week. The link to listen to it is 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.

This is the audio only recording of the service from tonight: this is a downloadable version:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FC-Plb8tjC0fC86uQo1Lt5b0aVaiGQDd/view?usp=sharing>

As always, 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/>

The policy remains in effect that we are having no in-person meetings, events, or services in our building. As events unfold, we are carefully monitoring and evaluating the situation, in light of the best advice of experts. We are also making plans to accommodate changes needed to support hybrid (mixed in person and remote) services so that we will be ready and able to offer both options, as appropriate.

Covid-19 Vaccines - signups for appointment reservations are available. Sign up on the website vaccinate.wv.gov. Again, if you need assistance registering, please contact me and we can work out a way to make it work for you. PLEASE continue to be careful and follow the guidelines for wearing a mask, washing your hands, and maintaining social distancing. Please be safe, be kind, and be well.

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 all 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 Chag Pesach Sameach. Stay safe and well. Looking forward to seeing you online soon!

Joe

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