

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Friday night Shabbat service for July 23rd, 2021 took place this evening as scheduled. It was a Union Prayer Book Themed service – I hope you enjoyed the change of pace.

Next week, we will be back to Mishkan T'fillah, and David Shapiro is scheduled to lead our service. I will be away for a minor medical procedure – as a clue, I hope to see you better when I return!

Thanks to Gayle Twigger-Shaw, who participated in the service by reciting the blessing for the lighting of the candles.

Thanks to Fran Thalheimer for sharing the announcements for this week.

As always, appreciation and thanks to David Stern and Bob Morris for enhancing our services musically.

Thanks to Rich Katz for technical support in sharing our service.

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, read Torah, or lead a service, please contact me.

The service tonight was livestreamed to the Temple Facebook page.

You should be able to view the recorded service from tonight on the Temple Facebook – Scroll down to find this service recording on the Temple page here: <https://www.facebook.com/2550469431660054/>

The recording of the Zoom service is found here - you should be able to download this version if you wish.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12PxRgjT43gf6Ejs1f3L3bO1GeXQRNfSE/view?usp=sharing>

The policy remains in effect that we are still having no in-person meetings, events, or services in our building, but we are diligently working on the changes needed in the facility, and watching the numbers (hoping for them to come down and remain at or below the point at which our policy permits in person events). As you heard in the service tonight, the work on the Ark is in progress, partly complete, and will be completed soon. The few technical issues remaining are being addressed – we are simply awaiting the arrival of parts and for the vendors to install them. As events unfold, we are carefully monitoring and evaluating the situation, in light of the best advice of experts. The Board is meeting next week to evaluate the situation, based on the

current recommendation of the Security committee. G-d willing, it won't be too long until we can return to the building!!!

It is not over – the Delta Variant is here in Kanawha County. Please get vaccinated and be cautious. Covid-19 Vaccines - signups for appointment reservations and walk in appointments are available. The website for a reservation is <https://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. Please get vaccinated, and 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 sent the REMINDER LINKS Email with links and details about accessing all events coming up in the next week Thursday evening – please save it, or transfer the link information to your calendar. No other LINKS email will be sent out for these events. If you didn't get the LINKS Email, or any other, please contact me and I will re-send it to you.

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 in the next week, and in person soon!

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