

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Friday night Shabbat service for September 17th, 2021 took place this evening as scheduled.

Thanks to Marsha Albert who participated in the service by reciting the blessing for the lighting of the candles.

As always, we appreciate and thank David Stern and Bob Morris for enhancing our services musically.

Thanks to Fran Thalheimer for ably delivering the announcements. There have been a lot lately! And thank you, too, to David Shapiro for offering us technical support in producing our service this evening.

If you want to have a role in our 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 part of or a complete 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/1Z3uAjTmCdgx3eYfJQx4x8ZW8CeuzhpMG/view?usp=sharing>

Tonight there was a technical glitch – for about 12 minutes of the service, the video is obscured by a dialogue box displayed on someone’s device and shared. There is nothing we can do to change this – apologies for the interrupted view.

The policy in response to the Pandemic was modified. Unless things get worse and force reconsideration, we are holding in-person services, but no meetings, social events, classes, or food. All entering the building are required to be fully vaccinated and wearing a mask. We suggest social distancing, and encourage you to take others concerns into consideration, and be kind. We continue to watch the numbers (hoping for them to come down and remain at or below the point at which our policy permits in person events beyond worship), and are constantly assessing the situation, carefully monitoring and evaluating conditions in light of the best advice of experts.

Please note that the situation is very fluid, and it could change.

If there is any change, we will send word as widely and in as many ways as we can. PLEASE continue to be careful and follow the guidelines. Please get vaccinated if you have not already done so; consider getting the booster when recommended, 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. 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 do ask your indulgence – during the High Holiday period I get overwhelmed, and may be slower to respond to calls or messages; I appreciate your patience with me during this time.

I sent the REMINDER LINKS Email with links and details about accessing the events coming up in the next week this morning (Friday) – please save it, or transfer the link information to your calendar. If you didn't get the LINKS Email, or any other, please contact me and I will re-send it to you.

Please note that this LINKS EMAIL message included the links for Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Information on the joint Simchat Torah service with B'nai Jacob Synagogue will be sent out next week.

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.

SIDDUR (PRAYER BOOK)

In light of the changing circumstances, the CCAR is providing free flipbooks for Mishkan T'fillah. To view the flipbooks as well as other resources, including discounts on print books and materials, visit https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/resources-repagnated/#dfliip-df_10112/1/.

If you borrowed a High Holiday Machzor (Prayer Book), please arrange to return it at your convenience. Call to let the office know you are bringing it by; we need to be sure someone is in at the time you come by. You can arrange to drop it on the bench in the front of the building (in the circle on the Kanawha Blvd street side).

Wishing you a Shabbat shalom, and a Shavuah tov! Stay safe and well.

Don't forget our Sukkot service on Monday, September 20th, and the Shabbat service with Simchat Torah and pulpit exchange on Friday, September 24th.

Looking forward to seeing you online (or in-person) in the next week!

Wishing you a Chag Zman Simchateinu Sameach!

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