

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Friday night Shabbat service for October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 took place this evening as scheduled.

Thanks to Anne Fishkin who led us in the blessings for the lighting of the candles.

Our appreciation to David Stern and Bob Morris for enhancing our services musically.

Thanks to Fran Thalheimer for returning this week to smoothly deliver the announcements. Mazal tov on her presentation to the WRJ group last week – it was well received from all reports!

And thank you, again, to Rich Katz for offering us technical support in producing our service this evening.

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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.

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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/109-B0rjWLVi9\\_arYSWw2iBoTOfSUAXEJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/109-B0rjWLVi9_arYSWw2iBoTOfSUAXEJ/view?usp=sharing)

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The policy in response to the Pandemic was modified by the Board: at this time, there is no entry to the building for any service, meetings, social events, classes, or programs, and no food or drink is being served. Entry is restricted to essential personnel: all entering the building are required to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask.

The situation is being monitored, and will be re-evaluated at the October 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting, and continually after that as necessary. Please note that the situation is very fluid, and it could change very quickly.

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 (and don't forget the flu and the pneumonia vaccines); consider getting a Covid-19 booster if/when recommended, and 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. 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 – at times I get overwhelmed, and may be slower to respond to calls or messages; I appreciate your patience with me during those times. It is never that I don't want to talk to you; please accept that as a given.

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

Please note that I will send another Reminder Links Email on Sunday which will contain the information about events Monday through Thursday. I will also send a Reminder Links Email on Thursday with information about events on Friday through Sunday. This will be the new pattern, going forward.

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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.

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#### 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-repaginated/#dflip-df\\_10112/1/](https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/resources-repaginated/#dflip-df_10112/1/).

You can also arrange to borrow a Siddur (Prayer Book) for Shabbat, Festivals, and Weekdays by contacting me (the rabbi), or the office (Greg), and arranging a time to pick one up.

By the same token, if you borrowed and still have a High Holiday Machzor (Prayer Book) [have not yet returned it], please arrange to do so at your convenience. Call to let me or 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) so you don't even need to enter the building!

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#### REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING COMMENTS

In the bulletin, and in the Reminder Links Email, I asked for your feedback in regard to which offerings you would like to see, when, and how often. If you could please respond to me (the rabbi) by Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, that would be a huge help! I am trying to plan for activities, and need to know what you would value having. Thanks!

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#### TZEDAKAH

Please note the extensive needs that exist, and consider making not just your usual gift, but additional funds to help those in need. I ask for you to consider a special donation at this time, as well as consider if there is any way you can help in other ways.

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

*Joe*

Rabbi Joe Blair