

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Friday night Shabbat service for the end of the secular year: New Year's Eve - December 31st, 2021 took place and was overall quite smooth.

Our continuing appreciation to David Stern and Bob Morris for enhancing our services musically – they add so much to our Shabbat observance!

Thanks to Judy Lundy for the blessing of the Shabbat candles.

Thanks to Gayle Twigger-Shaw for an upbeat set of announcements for the week.

Tonight, we again appreciated David Shapiro's service as our technical guru!

As usual, David McAfee was present for security and to control the doorways – thanks to him.

We had a very small turnout in person, and less than usual online – what a group of party animals! 😊

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

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

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15j4u_zhChupikWFoSjRjEVPa5DmGpEjE/view?usp=sharing

The board has voted that the building will be open for in-person attendance at worship services, as well as online. You are to be fully vaccinated and wearing a mask at all times in the building. Please also respect others wishes with regard to social distancing. This is now also true for other meetings and events, planned to start January 10th. The mechanism for online access to events in locations other than the sanctuary is still not established, but is in process.

There is still no food or drink being served (the kitchen is still a work in progress, and not ready to be used).

The situation continues to be monitored, and will be re-evaluated periodically, especially in light of any new variants. 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 don't neglect your flu shot - 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 – 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.

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

I will be sending a SUNDAY REMINDER LINKS EMAIL –that will cover events during the period of Monday-Thursday of the coming week. Another Thursday Reminder Links Email will be sent out on Thursday next week with information on events from Friday thru Sunday of the coming weekend.

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.

TZEDAKAH

There is a continuing and large need around the world – please consider giving Tzedakah to help. Critical needs exist locally and around the world that are worthy of support – please choose those that match your values and help as much as you can.

Wishing you a Shabbat shalom, and a Shavuah tov!
For anyone who celebrates it, Merry Christmas.
Stay safe and well.

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