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Purim will be observed at the Shabbat service on Friday, March 18th

Rabbi's Message

Shalom & greetings!

February was not only a cold month, but filled with lots of news that was not fun to receive. We had a rash of breakthrough Covid-19 cases in the community, had to delay returning to in-person services, and watched as things went further awry in politics, legal matters, and social welfare. Many had other events in their lives and personal situations that were distressing. In short, it was not a great month in lots of ways for many of us.

And yet, despite all that, we continued to be blessed as a community, and in many cases as families and individuals. There were very few serious illnesses or deaths among us, and as hard as it felt, we were able to not only survive the circumstances, but also find some positives and joy along the way, and some of us were even able to thrive. We found ways to see and seek the positive, to find the beauty of the wildflowers nestled among the thistles and thorns. We were able to support each other, and to be reminded that we could depend on our community to be there for us. We shared concerns, care, connection, and compassion – and if that is not what a loving and supportive community does, I guess I have no idea what it would be. I feel grateful and truly blessed to be a member of this congregation and community. Thank you all!

At their February meeting, the Temple board decided it was in the best interests of our community to continue the policy keeping the building closed to all but essential personnel due to the rapidly increasing caseload locally from Covid-19. They will re-visit the issue at the next board meeting on March 8. Meantime,

there is still no entry to the building, other than for essential personnel, until further notice.

As a balance to that news – and to keep you informed of progress in other directions – I am happy to (unofficially) report that the Ritual Committee selected a Haggadah and acquired fifty copies, in anticipation that we might be able to hold an in-person Passover Seder this year. This will depend on the board's determination of the safety of re-opening, but we are doing what we can to be prepared if that option is realized!

Further: we should soon take delivery of the custom-built console to contain the streaming equipment in the Sanctuary. This will not change its functionality, but will allow us to replace the white plastic tables with a much more attractive piece of furniture designed to complement the décor. It will store the equipment securely and out of sight.

More good news: the bulk of the work on the kitchen renovation has been completed, and we should be able to use the kitchen to prepare a Seder (or Onegs!), when that option becomes available. Please see the article on p. 8 by Gayle Twigger-Shaw about the improvements, along with

photos by N. David Stern.

Much of the building improvements are finished, (remaining projects will not hamper our use of it, as I understand), so we are ready for the return of congregants when it is safe to re-open. May it be soon! At the same time, please note that we plan to continue to offer the streaming (Zoom and/or Facebook) option for services and other events once we re-open, so it will be your choice how you participate! We need you, and want you to be with us, whether in-person or online!

Notes on Recent Events

On Jan. 28, we observed Reproductive Rights Shabbat. Members of the Sisterhood and Social Action Committee led us with readings for the Devar Torah that evening, and offered thoughtful and thought-provoking materials.

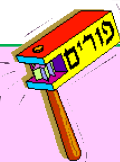
Rabbi Urecki and I co-taught a four-session course on Midrash through the WVU OLLI program. This was a lot of fun, and I think participants enjoyed it and learned a lot about this amazing, creative, vibrant, and rich Jewish genre

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We're invited

*B'nai Jacob
will have a formal reading of the
Megillat Ester (Scroll of Esther)
on Purim, Wednesday, March 16
at 5:30 PM, and we are
welcome to join that event.*

*The Temple will observe
Purim at our Shabbat service on
Friday, March 18 at 5:30 PM.*



First chapter of a hand-written scroll of the Book of Esther, with reader's pointer. All graphics this page from Wikimedia Commons



March worship services & Torah study

Services are online only. Saturday morning Torah study is Zoom-only. If you aren't receiving emails from Rabbi Blair about Zoom sessions, please let him know. Shabbat services are scheduled every Friday at 5:30 PM. Pre-service Shabbat online social begins at 5 PM.

At press time, the Temple board was scheduled, on March 8, to revisit in-person services. The congregation will be notified of the board's decision via email. Please review guidelines for reopening at www.templeisraelwv.org

Friday, March 4 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service with Torah. Parashah Pekudei. HIAS Refugee Shabbat.

Saturday, March 5 at 10:30 AM Torah study, Ex. 38:21-40:38

Friday, March 11 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service with Pulpit Exchange

Saturday, March 12 at 10 AM **At B'nai Jacob:** Shabbat service with Pulpit Exchange

Saturday, March 12 at 7 PM Havdalah service

Wednesday, March 16 at 5:30 PM **At B'nai Jacob:** Service for Purim with Megillah reading

Friday, March 18 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service with Purim observance

Friday, March 25 at 5:30 Shabbat service (lay-led)

Next month

Friday, April 1 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service. Torah Parashah Tazria

Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 AM Torah study, Lev. 12:1-13:59; Num. 28:9-15; Ex. 12:1-20

Contacting the Rabbi

If you feel you would like to talk, have any pastoral concerns, know of someone who needs pastoral support, have a suggestion to improve or a concern about our community, or just want to chat, please feel free to call me (the rabbi) at (304) 989-4014, or email me at

RabbiJoeB@gmail.com

I am available Sunday through Thursday most of the day, and Friday until 3 PM. I am in the building for at least part of most days and I read email and texts quite regularly (Shabbat and holidays excepted, when I try to avoid using devices that require me to type). In an emergency, please phone me, and if you leave a message, please express the urgent nature of the call.

Rabbi Blair

In the Congregation & Community

Refuah Shelemah/Mi Sheberach

[This includes only those who have approved having their name included.]

Refuah Shelemah/Mi Sheberach (Healing & Wholeness/Blessings) to those who have been included in recent Mi Sheberach lists at services, and wishes for continued good health for those who are on the mend or have returned to full health. This list includes those on our list from the end of November to the time of writing this article:

Josh Barrett
Melissa Cadle
George Castelle

Patricia Cohen Coniglio
Jonathan Freedman
Cookie Glasser & Family
Ed Goldberg
Lynn Gottlieb & Family
Richard Holicker
Hunter Hutt
Margie Hutt
Mel Hutt
Dorothy Kurland
Ann Kushner
David Kushner
Laura Malloy

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Visit the Temple website for updates and links to online resources

If you move, change your email address or change your phone number, please let the Temple office know about it, so that we are always able to stay in touch. Thank you.

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March yahrzeits

Names are read the Friday evening prior to the yahrzeit date, which is in parentheses.

March 4th

Margaret "Peggy" Koller (5)
 Rachel Cassidy (6)
 Lee Silverstein (6)
 Marjorie Freedman (7)
 Helen Margolis Kahn (7)
 Nettie Golden (8)
 Ben Joseph (8)
 Nathan Deutsch (9)
 Ida Schwartz Preiser (9)
 Joseph Bernard Randall Jr. (9)
 Bertha Weisberg (9)
 Ruth Segall (11)

March 11th

Ivor Franklin Boiarsky (12)
 Ruth Lieberman Cohen (12)
 Harry Rosen (12)
 Eva Wills (13)
 Marcus Berman (15)
 Albert Irwin Mendeloff (15)
 Samuel Abraham Schneider (15)
 Anthony Thompson (15)
 Charlotte R. Polan (16)
 Minnie Rotgin (16)
 Nathan Stabins (16)

Emily Szczepaniak (16)
 Sarah Fine Machanoff (17)
 Louis Ruda (17)
 Barbara Boiarsky (18)
 Jennie Cohen Lewis (18)
 George Harry Meyer (18)

March 18th

Morris Eisinger (19)
 A. Joseph Garner (19)
 Melvin Hammer (19)
 Lillian Ostand (19)
 Tina Holmes (20)
 Trixie Shifflette (20)
 Arnold Treibis (20)
 Bruce "Bob" Marks (21)
 Michael Case (22)
 Sanford Lewis (22)
 Chuck Lundy (22)
 Tressa Silverstein Moskowitz (22)
 Leo Gordon Kopelman (23)

March 25th

Jane Gleason (26)
 Sam Silverstein Jr. (26)
 Jeanette Adler (28)



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Robert W. Garner (28)
 Richard Thalheimer (28)
 Frances L. Angel (29)
 Don Garvin (29)
 George Greenwald (29)
 Helen Foster Thalheimer (29)
 Sara Baker (30)
 Estelle Darling (30)
 Harvey Jurin (30)
 Florence Treibis (30)
 Alvin Lindenberg (31)
 Dorothy Kandel (April 1)
 Sam Silverstein Sr. (April 1)

Photo by Greg Proctor

March at a Glance

Services are virtual, unless/until the Temple board changes the policy. All meetings, classes, programs, and events are virtual unless otherwise noted, via Zoom until further notice. If you aren't receiving emails from Rabbi Blair about these sessions, please let him know.*

Tuesday, March 1 at 10 AM – Torah Class
 Thursday, March 3 at 10 AM – Talmud Class
 Thursday, March 3 at 4 PM – A Bissell Torah
 Friday, March 4 at 12 PM – *CEIC Unity Service, St Marks UMC, outdoors
 Friday, March 4 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service (online) with Torah

Parashah Pekudei
 Saturday, March 5 at 10:30 AM – Temple Israel Torah Study Ex. 38:21-40:38
 Monday, March 7 at 10 AM – Zoom Check In
 Tuesday, March 8 at 10 AM – Torah Class
 Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel board of trustees meeting
 Thursday, March 10 at 10 AM – Talmud Class
 Thursday, March 10 at 4 PM – A Bissell Torah
 Friday, March 11 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service with Pulpit Exchange (online; in-person status TBA)
 Saturday, March 12 at 10 AM – **At B'nai Jacob:** Shabbat Service with Pulpit

Exchange (online and in-person)
 Saturday, March 12 at 7 PM – Havdalah service
 Sunday, March 13 at 2 AM – Daylight Saving Time begins (*spring ahead, lose one hour*)
 Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 AM – Temple Israel Sisterhood board meeting
 Sunday, March 13 at 3 PM – Jewish Literature
 Monday, March 14 at 10 AM – Zoom Check In
 Tuesday, March 15 at 10 AM – Torah Class
 Wednesday, March 16 at 5:30 PM – **At B'nai Jacob:** Megillah reading for Purim – Temple congregants are

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In the Congregation & Community, continued

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Gary Markham
Caroline Ostand & Family
Hedy Poppelsdorf
Mary Ellen Reilly
Linda Rubin
Hal Selinger
Ellie Schaul
Barbara Braun Tweddle
Sean Weinberg
Delores Weingarden
Natalie Winowich
Nick Winowich
Beth Steinberg Winter

All who are impacted by the Pandemic
or other illnesses

All affected by natural or man-made
disasters or violence

All others in need of prayers for healing
and wholeness

Mazal Tov (Congratulations):

[Please tell us about these events so
we can acknowledge them as
appropriate.]

To those who reached or will reach
milestones in the past month or this
one, and to all who had any birthday or
anniversary or other life event worth
celebrating! Among those we know who
are/were to be acknowledged we
include:

February: Shirley M. Hoodin, Steve
Kravitz, Lita Bender, Barrie & Tod
Kaufman, Phyllis Preiser Sherman, Ronni
Cohen Spudich, Harriet Craig, Mike
Pushkin, Carole Bloom, Julie Adams &
Josh Barrett (MILESTONE), Judy Isacoff,
Evelyn Ettleman, N. David Stern
(MILESTONE), Ariela Alpert, Bob Aaron
(MILESTONE), Sandy Edison, Gail Carter,
Randy Selbe, Harold Newman, Ray Max,
Susie Muck, Justin Cohen, Janie

Stutzman, Louis Lashinsky, Harold
Blumenthal, Richard Masinter, Deena
Grablow, Hal Selinger, Margot Jogwick, Elliot
Urecki, Barrie Baer Kaufman, Jim Doria,
Mindy Landau

March: Rachel Dash, Amy & David
Shapiro, Marsha Albert, Art Rubin, Dinah
Lovitch, Shelly & David Winowich, Wendy
Rubin, Gary Markham, Henry Nearman, Bob
Kimball, Bob Rubenstein, Eugenia & David
Feibelman, Glenn Goldfarb, Valarie Bloom

April: Robin Peck, Zel Lewis, Ditty
Markham, Bob Morgenstern, Barbie Sadolf,
Karl Gattlieb, Susan May, Lynn & Karl
Gattlieb, Harriet Deutsch (MILESTONE), Pam
Pushkin, Joseph Cohen, Rachel Ruben, Greg
Silverman

Mazal tov to Ellie Schaul on her 60-Year
Retrospective Exhibition at the Clay Center's
Juliet Art Museum.

Mazal tov to Mike Pushkin on his new
home.

If you have a milestone event of any
kind, or any birthday, anniversary, or life
event that is worthy of celebration, please
let us acknowledge and celebrate it with
you! Tell the Rabbi about it.

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences):

Temple Israel extends condolences to
Cookie Glasser and family on the recent
death of Milton Carp, cousin of Marty
Glasser. The funeral took place Feb. 4 in
Sarasota, Fla. May the memory be a
blessing, and those who mourn be
comforted from heaven

Temple Israel extends condolences to
the family of Paul Nusbaum, a former
member of the Temple, on his recent death.
His funeral was held Feb. 18 and officiated
by Rabbi Victor Urecki, with burial at the
B'nai Jacob cemetery. May the memory be a
blessing, and those who mourn be
comforted from heaven.

March at a Glance, continued

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invited
Wednesday, March 16 – Leora May Book
Club – time & place TBA
Thursday, March 17 at 10 AM – Talmud
Class
Thursday, March 17 at 4 PM – A Bissell
Torah
Thursday, March 17 at 6 PM – Two
Charleston Rabbis
Friday, March 18 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat
service with Purim (online; in-
person status TBA)
Sunday, March 20 at 7:30 PM –
Charleston Death Café
Monday, March 21 at 10 AM – NO Zoom
Check-in
Tuesday, March 22 at 10 AM – Torah
Class
Thursday, March 24 at 10 AM – Talmud
Class
Thursday, March 24 at 4 PM – NO Bissell
Torah
Friday, March 25 at 5:30 PM - Shabbat
service (lay-led) online; in-
person status TBA
Sunday, March 27 at 3 PM – Jewish
Literature
Monday, March 28 at 10 AM – Zoom
Check-in
Tuesday, March 29 at 10 AM – Torah
Class
Thursday, March 31 at 10 AM – Talmud
Class
Thursday, March 31 at 4 PM – A Bissell
Torah

Next Month

Friday, April 1 at 12 PM – *CEIC Unity
Service, St. Marks UMC,
outdoors
Friday, April 1 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat
service with Torah Parashah
Tazria online; in-person status
TBA
Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 AM – Temple
Israel Torah Study Lev. 12:1-
13:59; Num. 28:9-15; Ex. 12:1-
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Rabbi's Message, continued

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of literature and way of thinking about and engaging with the text. I can imagine continuing this course in future – we barely scratched the surface of all that there is in Midrash.

I introduced a Talmudic sugya as the focus for A Bissell Torah, and we engaged with it for six weeks. The discussion was interesting and lively. We may try this again in future, but will return to our more limited topic-hopping approach for a bit!

The February Two Charleston Rabbis discussion focused on the impact of the shrinking Jewish community on rabbis and the possible effects looking forward. It was a lively discussion.

Feb. 27 was the re-scheduled WV Jewish Film Festival, with an offering of three films. All three were highly recommended, and I hope you were able to view them, if you felt comfortable being in a theater.

Calendar Highlights for March

March will feature many of our regular events. See "At a Glance" for a full listing of events.

With March, we are jumping in to a very packed time on our calendar. This is a short list of the major items.

Rosh Chodesh (the new moon) for Adar-II (the leap month inserted into this year) is March 3-4.

The 7th of Adar (Shevah b'Adar) falls on March 9-10; this is the date ascribed as being the Yahrzeit for Moses Rabbenu (Moses, our teacher), often observed as a day of celebration for the Chevrah Kadisha, the holy society that prepares Jewish bodies for burial. It also happens to fall on Shabbat Parashah Vayikra, the opening of the book of Leviticus, which is Shabbat Zachor, the Sabbath of remembrance of Amalek, the week prior to Purim.

We will hold a Havdalah service Saturday, March 12 at 7 PM.

The fast of Esther (Ta'anit Ester) is on March 16, leading into Erev Purim. Purim begins at sundown on March 16 and continues till sundown on the 17th. B'nai Jacob will have a formal reading of the Megillat Ester (Scroll of Esther) on Purim, and we are welcome to join that event. We will observe Purim in the Shabbat service on March 18. As a matter of interest, Purim is also St. Patrick's Day, so you can probably expect green bagels, green cream cheese, and green Hamentaschen! Shushan Purim is March 18, marking the observation of Purim in walled cities, the day following Purim itself.

Shabbat Zachor is the first of several special Shabbatot. On Shabbat Parah we read about the Parah Adumah (Red Heifer) along with Parashah Shemini, on March 26.

Shabbat Hachodesh (The Month) and Parashah Tazria fall on April 2, along with Rosh Chodesh Nisan (start of the new month of Nisan).

Shabbat Hagadol (The Great Shabbat) and Parashah Metzora fall on April 9, the Shabbat prior to the start of Passover.

The fast of the first born (Ta'anit Bechorot) is on Friday, April 15, and the first Passover Seder is the evening of Friday April 15. Passover is April 16-22 (or the 23rd if you observe eight days).

A special event of note in our local community: Feb. 26 was the opening reception for "Ellie Schaul: Reimagining the Familiar, A Sixty-Year Retrospective Exhibition." The exhibit will be on display at the Juliet Art Museum at the Clay Center through June 5. More info is available online at <https://www.theclaycenter.org/museum-of-art/exhibits/>

Prayerbooks

Please note: you are able to borrow prayer books for our regular Shabbat services, if you wish. Contact the rabbi or Greg, and arrange to pick one up. The Siddur for Sabbath and Holidays is also available as a flip book for free from the CCAR through the Temple website, www.templeisraelwv.org

Services: Opening the Zoom session

The online Zoom session of services will continue to be opened for social time 30 minutes prior to services starting. For a regular Shabbat or special evening service, the online Zoom session will open at 5 pm for a social time, and the service will commence at 5:30 pm.

For information on how to access online events, please see the twice weekly Reminder Links Email (sent Sunday and Thursday) for how to connect via Zoom.

Support

As always, we want to serve you in as many ways and as well as it is possible. Please be in touch with me (the rabbi), the office (Greg), the house coordinator (David McAfee), members of the board, or committee members if you have any needs, suggestions, concerns, or questions. We are here for you.

Blessings and salutations

As February winds to a close, my sense is that we are moving closer to the joy of the time of spring, with hopes and prayers that things will be better in every way, as the world enters into a period of renewal and regrowth for all. I pray that all of us will remain safe, healthy, and sustained, and that everyone affected adversely for any reason will be speedily assisted and restored to well-being.

At this time, I am thinking particularly about health and safety – grateful for my own and that of those I love and care about, including each of you. May all of us be—or become—well, and remain so. May each of us be conscious of and celebrate the many manifold blessings in our lives.

Ken yehi ratzon (may it be God's will)!

I look forward to seeing you.

B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace),

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Sisterhood Message**One person's power through love and commitment**

Read the story I'm sharing with you here, which will help us understand how powerful someone can be through their love and commitment.

Remember this lady?

Irena Sendler. Died May 12, 2008 (aged 98), Warsaw, Poland.

During World War II, Irena, got permission to work in the Warsaw ghetto as a plumbing/sewer specialist. She had an ulterior motive.

Irena smuggled Jewish babies and young children out in the bottom of her pushcart covered in a burlap sack and in some cases, she used a small wooden box in which to hide small infants.

Irena kept a dog in the back that she trained to bark every time she was leaving the ghetto and the reason for the dog barking was the Nazi soldiers would not be able to hear the sounds of the infants that she was smuggling out or the young children who were making noises. The soldiers wanted nothing to do with little children. During her time of doing this she managed to save 2500 kids/infants.

Ultimately, she was caught, however, and the Nazis beat her and punished her severely. They broke both of her arms and legs and of course beat her in ways that is even hard to describe.

Irena kept a record of the names of all the children that she saved buried under a tree in her backyard in a glass jar. After the war she tried to locate family members in an effort to reunite the families affected. Most of the family members had been gassed and of all the children that she was able to help survive she made great efforts to help them become adopted by other people so that saving those lives had not been a wasted effort.

In 2007 Irena was up for a Nobel Peace Prize, but sadly she was not selected. Al Gore won, for a slideshow that was created to show examples of what was happening with global warming.

Later another politician, Barack Obama, won for his immense contributions to Acorn.

Irena Sandler went above and beyond the call of duty and what she did is really beyond words.

Often times people say, you know, I've read so much about the Holocaust, but every now and then there are some stories that surface that we need to take a little bit of time to remember and if not remember maybe for the first time to learn about. So many acts of bravery and so many lives that were saved at the risk of losing her own life.

It is now more than 75 years since the end of the Second World War and we have to think about how many millions of Russian Christians and Catholics were massacred in addition to the over six million Jews who perished. Now more than ever with so many saying that the Holocaust didn't happen, that it was a "myth," it's imperative to make sure that the world is reminded through stories like Irena Sandler that what happened will never happen again.

Antisemitism is on the rise and not just in our own country but around the world. One of the things that we often hear is "Never Again," and as I share that with you in this memo, we have to ask what can we do?

We can be informed and hope that others are also informed. As I come to the conclusion of this column, I am feeling ever hopeful with regard to the fact that

COVID-19 numbers are beginning to go down and the variant is pretty well under control. With that being said we mustn't let down our guard and we must stay informed about the various pieces of taking care of ourselves having lived through this pandemic.

In our own West Virginia, a little over 6000 lives were lost and the numbers are even more staggering when you think in terms of our country at large. Not to mention the world.

As new guidelines are created and places begin to open and life at some level begins to return to what is best referred to as a 'new normal' I think it is incumbent on all of us to follow whatever guidelines come out so we can continue to move forward being informed and being able to take care of ourselves and sharing it with other people.

Smiling from behind my face mask (still using it),

Millie Snyder,

Sisterhood President

**Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 AM —
Sisterhood board meeting.**

Local food pantry items needed

Pasta Sauce w/Meat
Spaghetti Noodles
Canned Vegetable/ fruit (can opener or buy pop tops)
Spices: Salt & Pepper, others
Tea Bags
Coffee
Sugar
Flour, Dry or canned milk
Fresh Meat, can meat/ tuna
Tuna and Crackers
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Sandwich Bread
Butter/ Margarine (check with pantry)
Eggs, milk (check with pantry)

Cake Mix and
Frosting for
Birthday
Cake!
Stove Top
Stuffing
Dish Detergent
Bottled oil
Feminine Hygiene Products
Fresh Produce
Seeds in Spring and Summer



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Caroline Ostand

At long last, we have a beautiful new kitchen!

It was a long time coming.

In spite of Covid, demolition, supply-chain issues, deliveries, installations, and a few kinks...we have a NEW KITCHEN!

Thanks to the hard work of David McAfee, who was project manager and provided much of the labor and expertise, with Fran Thalheimer, David Winowich, and Jill Epstein on back-up – no, wait...as consultants – the kitchen is complete and beautiful and very functional.

N. David Stern's photos speak a thousand words about these upgrades, from the replacement stainless steel counter tops (cleverly fitted to cover the existing butcher block), which

were designed by David McAfee and fabricated locally by Harris Brothers Roofing and Mechanical Contractors, and the replacements

for the original equipment with restaurant-standard appliances: ten-burner range with two ovens below, a two-unit set of convection ovens, a double-door freezer, and a dishwasher capable of sterilizing the dishes. Added were a stand-alone food service icemaker and deep-fat fryer, along with a hand-washing sink with its own dedicated water heater.

David McAfee also substantially reorganized the kitchen practices and food and utensil storage, bringing our kitchen into com-



pliance with industry safety standards for food-handling and the safety of those preparing the meals. These in-

clude a professional-grade first-aid kit and eye-washing station, along with clear and easy-to-read instructions posted throughout the kitchen for keeping food safe and wholesome through proper cooking and storage temperatures

and procedures.

Gary Werkman, president of Modern Equipment Co., worked with us to bring his expertise and his Charleston company's 70-year history to the

"table." We can now look forward to making new memories with new meals from our kitchen, as we move past the Pandemic and into reopening, in the sharing of food and fellowship.

Thanks to all who participated in

this project! Coffee, anyone?

Gayle Twigger-Shaw
Photos by N. David Stern



Our Thoughtful Contributors

Donations received after the Bulletin deadline will be acknowledged in the next issue.

If you would like to make a donation to a Temple or Sisterhood fund, please mail your check to Temple Israel and tell us to whom you would like a card to be sent.

Donations to any Sisterhood fund, including Floral Fund donations, should

be made payable to Sisterhood.

Donations to Temple funds—Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Unrestricted Fund, Library Fund, Garden Fund— should be made payable to Temple Israel.

Please write separate checks when making contributions to more than one fund or when paying membership dues.

Tzedakah

Please be generous – needs locally, nationally, and around the world continue to run especially high in light of the Corona Virus Pandemic effects, natural and man-made disasters, and the effects of war, oppression and violence. Note the many Tzedakah opportunities that we have supported over the years: Manna Meal, Covenant House, Sojourner's, RCCR, Mazon, AJWS, HIAS, Charleston Federated, JNF, and all the other worthy causes in our community and beyond, new and old.

My appreciation to all who have donated to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Thanks to your generosity and care, I have had the opportunity to offer assistance to those who have expressed needs among our congregants and community members. I am grateful for your trust in me, and your support of those in need. I have felt so grateful that I was in a position to fulfill the specific needs of those who contacted me, and it is entirely due to your kindness and generosity.

Rabbi Blair



Havdalah

Our next
Havdalah
evening will
be Saturday,
March 12th
at 7 PM.

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Havdalah

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Purim mask

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First chapter of a hand-written scroll of the Book of Esther, with reader's pointer

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Purim gragger

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Volunteers assist food bank

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BALTIMORE - Donated canned goods roll down a conveyer belt to be sorted by volunteers from the Coast Guard at the Maryland Food Bank in Halethorpe, Md., Feb. 2, 2011. The volunteers packed more than 34,000 pounds of food that will be distributed to Maryland families living under the poverty line. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert Brazzell.