

# Temple Israel Bulletin

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## Rabbi's Message

Shalom & greetings!

What a month March has proven to be. Between the vicious and unjustified invasion of Ukraine with the terrible human tragedies it has brought into the world, the economic and material pain and disruption that has resulted, and the uncertainty and political unrest and instability in so many spheres that have arisen, it is hard to find a safe-haven and a source of tranquility and calm in the world. I can only hope that you can find a little respite from and a sense of peace in the face of all that is happening in the world at large and in your own corner of it here at Temple Israel and in our Jewish community. I know that I find comfort and calm from all of you in those times when we join together to worship and share the joy of Shabbat, as well as when we engage in study together. May we continue to be blessed by each other in community.

March has certainly lived up to its reputation for changeable and varied weather - everything from almost summer to snowstorms! I have to admit that I am looking forward to enjoying more spring-like weather soon, along with the beauty that will be evident all around us as nature awakes and brings new signs of life and renewal around us.

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Aside from weather, the big news is that the Temple board of trustees voted at its March meeting to re-open the Temple for services and related activities. The status is that all who enter should be fully vaccinated, respect the comfort level and wishes of other people with regard to social distancing, and make their own choice with regard to masks (masks are encouraged, but not required). The building re-opened March 18 for in-person services, as well as for Onegs, and we are planning to hold the Congregational Passover Seder on April 15.

A note about the Haggadah chosen by the Ritual Committee: it is *Telling the Story*, adapted by Barry Louis Polisar. Copies are for sale online for \$7.95, or you can download a free PDF by visiting [www.barrylou.com](http://www.barrylou.com) and navigating to the "Books for adults" section.

Attendance at worship services is open to anyone. The Seder is open to members of the Jewish Community and their families, and pre-paid RSVPs must be received in the Temple Office by April 7. A reservation form was mailed to all Temple and Sisterhood members March 16.

We are not quite ready to offer hybrid events – that is to say, events that can be attended in-person or online – in rooms in the building other than the Sanctuary. Work continues to acquire the necessary equipment to enable us to Zoom from other areas. We anticipate this will be

accomplished soon, but it has been delayed due to circumstances. Stay tuned!

As always in regard to the Pandemic, things could change if there is a new variant, or the situation otherwise warrants that. The Temple board will continue to monitor and evaluate risks, and will chart the best course possible, keeping in mind the health and safety of everyone.

More happy news in March as well: virtually all of the work to refurbish important spaces in the Temple building has been completed, with only a few smaller projects left to accomplish. All of the equipment necessary to making services available online is now fully in place, the refurbishment of the kitchen is complete, several HVAC systems have been replaced, the Torah scrolls have been repaired and cleaned, the Ark's curtains and other fabrics have been updated, and health and safety items are located at the entrances. It has been a busy time (our thanks to the various committees and individuals who have made this so), and now we are ready for you to come and enjoy it all!

### Notes on Recent Events

During March, all scheduled events were held. These included religious

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## Congregational Passover Seder April 15 at 6 PM

Temple Israel will hold a congregational Passover Seder on Friday, April 15 at 6 PM. There won't be a Shabbat service on the 15th.

Pre-paid RSVPs are due in the Temple office no later than April 7.

Your check is your reservation. A reservation form was mailed to Temple members and Sisterhood members in mid-March. Please mail your check and RSVP form to the Temple to confirm your reservation as soon as possible. No reservations can be made without a check.

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## April worship services & Torah study

*Shabbat services can be attended online or in-person. 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. A pre-service Shabbat online social begins at 5 PM.*

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

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

Friday, April 8 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service, *Shabbat Hagadol*

Friday, April 15 at 6 PM Congregational Passover Seder. **In-person only. Pre-paid RSVP required by April 7th. No** Shabbat service tonight.

Friday, April 22 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

Wednesday, April 27 at 5:30 PM Yom HaShoah service (**online-only**)

Friday, April 29 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

### **Next month**

Friday, May 6 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service. Parashah Kedoshim.

Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 AM Torah Study, Lev. 19:1-20:27

## 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](mailto: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:

George Castelle  
Jonathan Freedman  
Cookie Glasser

Ed Goldberg  
Richard Holicker  
Hunter Hutt  
Margie Hutt  
Mel Hutt  
Rabbi Earl Jordan  
Dorothy Kurland  
Ann Kushner  
Laura Malloy  
Gary Markham  
Hedy Poppelsdorf  
Mary Ellen Reilly  
Linda Rubin

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*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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**Visit the Temple website for updates and links to online resources**

# April yahrzeits

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

## April 1st

Benjamin Brown (2)  
Murray Lewis (2)  
Clara Schwartz Stern (2)  
Joseph Garner (3)  
Henry Kleeman (3)  
Tilly Lapatinsky Walker (3)  
Eugene Drasnin (4)  
Harry N. Barton (5)  
Blanche E. Jacobson (5)  
Josi Steinberg (5)  
Lylla Shinberg (6)  
Lee Harry Kay (7)

## April 8th

Ellis C. Amburgey Jr. (10)  
Fanny C. Berman (11)  
Bette Rascovar (11)  
Simon Barton (12)  
Honey Fleischmann (12)  
Joseph L. Galperin (12)  
Sam Hess (12)  
Maxwell Lopin (12)  
Josef Grossman (13)  
Alma Goldberg (14)  
Beatrice Rebecca Jurin (14)

Bea Dorzback (15)  
Anna Schneider (15)

## April 15th

Alcine Allen (16)  
Bertie Cohen (17)  
Lillian Mendeloff Lakin (17)  
Sara H. White (17)  
John Albert Amburgey (18)  
Edith Goldstein Hallam (18)  
Louis Glasser (19)  
Joseph Lopin (19)  
Harry Pincus Jr. (19)  
Adam Aaron (20)  
Louis W. Cohen (20)  
Robert Gordon Markham (21)  
William F. Wood (21)  
Norma Hess Builtman (22)

## April 22nd

Bill Howley (23)  
Rubin Sokolovsky (23)  
Beatrice Hess (24)  
Henita Gattlieb Pickett (24)  
Martin Blackman (25)  
Settie Swarts (25)



Photo by Greg Proctor

Estelle Kasanof Gottlieb (26)  
Dr. Morris I. Mendeloff Jr. (26)  
Sabina Rosenberg (26)  
Herschel Shapero (29)

## April 29th

Bernice Rosenthal Roche (30)  
Gerald Bernard Ostand (May 1)  
Anne Mae Walter (May 1)  
Sylvia Glasser (May 2)  
Julius Hess (May 2)  
Alvin Julius Lindenberg (May 2)  
Mary Lillian Dees (May 3)  
Harry Greenspon (May 3)  
Lois Silverstein Kaufman (May 3)  
Cecil R. Sessions (May 3)  
Henry Sloman (May 3)  
Manuel Rotgin (May 4)  
Rebecca Grace Roueche (May 6)

## April at a Glance

At press time, *Shabbat services can be attended in-person or online, as you prefer. Everything else – meetings, classes, programs, and events – are available online-only, via Zoom, until further notice, unless otherwise \*noted. If you aren't receiving emails from Rabbi Blair with links to online events, please let him know.*

Friday, April 1 at 12 PM – \*CEIC Unity service at St Marks UMC, in-person ONLY, outdoors

Friday, April 1 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service with Torah Parashah Tazria & Shabbat HaChodesh

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

Monday, April 4 at 10 AM – Zoom Check-in

Tuesday, April 5 at 10 AM – Torah Class

Thursday, April 7 at 10 AM – Talmud Class

Thursday, April 7 at 4 PM – A Bissell Torah

Friday, April 8 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service, Shabbat Hagadol

Sunday, April 10 at 3 PM – Jewish Literature

Monday, April 11 at 10 AM – Zoom Check-in

Tuesday, April 12 at 10 AM – Torah Class

Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel board of trustees meeting

Thursday, April 14 at 10 AM – Talmud Class

Thursday, April 14 at 4 PM – A Bissell Torah

Friday, April 15 at 6 PM – \*Congregational Passover Seder, pre-paid RSVP required, in-person ONLY

Monday, April 18 at 10 AM – Zoom Check-in

Tuesday, April 19 at 10 AM – Torah Class

Wednesday, April 20 – Leora May Book Club – time and meeting-type TBA

Thursday, April 21 at 10 AM – Talmud Class

Thursday, April 21 at 4 PM – A Bissell Torah

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## ***In the Congregation & Community, continued***

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Hal Selinger  
Barbara Braun Tweddle  
Delores Weinberg  
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:

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: Bob Bastress, Robin Peck, Zel  
Lewis, Ditty Markham, Kelly Schwartz,  
Bob Morgenstern, Carolyn Alpert, Fran  
Thalheimer, Rick Katzeff, Stephanie  
Winston, Hank Yunis, Scott Max, Barbie  
Sadolf, Bill Druckman, Becka Pushkin,  
Sheila Wilson, Karl Gattlieb, Susan May,  
Lynn & Karl Gattlieb, Eric Persily, Kathie  
Whitt, Michael Hyman, Larry Kopelman,  
Oliver Ho, Harriet Deutsch (MILESTONE),  
Pam Pushkin, Joseph Cohen, Bernice  
Eisen, Jane Rabinovitz, Rachel Ruben,  
Greg Silverman

May: Monty Preiser, Bobby Peck, Deidre  
Doria, Elaine Max, Francie Freeman, Lynn  
Clark, Sharon Jubelirer, Barbara Braun, Sara  
Preiser, Randi Neurman, Ellen Kay Bastron,  
Duke Bloom, Lena Glasser, Shelly Winowich,  
Trish & Dylan Erwin, Natalie & Nick  
Winowich, Rabbi Earl Jordan, Doris  
Goldfarb, Stewart Bloom, Joan Weisberg

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 Habah (Welcome):***

The following are new or returning  
members of Temple Israel; the Temple  
board of trustees voted them in at recent  
meetings. We are delighted they have  
joined us, and are looking forward to seeing  
them at our various events!

*Please extend a warm welcome to*

From the Charleston area: Ed and Ellyn  
Goldberg, Stephen and Lynn Meyer,  
Andrew Schneider (returning)

From Morgantown: Harry M. "Moe"  
Rubenstein

From Nashville, Tenn.: Susan & Jeff Zager  
(Susan is the daughter of Albert Z"L and  
Barbara Reinfeld, Z"L)

From the Parkersburg area: Mina  
Applebaum, Evelyn Bryant, Lori Fahn,  
Caitlin Karelit, Linda Korn, Kim Kramer,  
Doug Kreinik, Myla Kreinik, Noah  
Lauderman, Roger Pitasky, Esther  
Salem, Judith Segall (returning), Jeffrey  
Silver, Adam Soffian, Ellen Soffian, and  
Stuart Soffian.

## ***April at a Glance, continued***

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Thursday, April 21 at 6 PM – Two  
Charleston Rabbis

Friday, April 22 at Noon – WV Council of  
Churches Interfaith Program  
Unit event on Earth Day & Tu  
B'Shevat

Friday, April 22 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat  
service

Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 AM – \*Temple  
Israel Sisterhood board and  
general membership meeting  
with election of officers and  
program – in-person ONLY, at  
the Temple

Sunday, April 24 at 3 PM – Jewish  
Literature

Sunday, April 24 at 7:30 PM – Charleston  
Death Café

Monday, April 25 at 10 AM – Zoom Check  
-in

Tuesday, April 26 at 10 AM – Torah Class

Wednesday, April 27 at 7 PM – Yom  
HaShoah service (online-ONLY)

Thursday, April 28 at 10 AM – Talmud  
Class

Thursday, April 28 at 4 PM – A Bissell  
Torah

Friday, April 29 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat  
service

### ***May***

Monday, May 2 at 10 AM – Zoom Check-  
in

Tuesday, May 3 at 10 AM – Torah Class

Thursday, May 5 at 10 AM – Talmud  
Class

Thursday, May 5 at 4 PM – A Bissell  
Torah

Friday, May 6 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat  
service with Torah Parashah  
Kedoshim

Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 AM – Temple  
Israel Torah Study: Lev. 19:1-  
20:27

## ***Rabbi's Message, continued***

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services, online classes (Torah class, Talmud class, A Bissell Torah, Jewish Literature, WVU OLLI Midrash course), online events (Two Charleston Rabbis, Leora May Book Group, Charleston Death Café, Zoom Check-in, Torah Study), and meetings of the Temple board and the Sisterhood board.

Other activities included special-service events (Refugee Shabbat, a Pulpit Exchange, Shabbat Zachor, Shabbat Parah, B'nai Jacob Purim service, Temple Israel Purim service, and a lay-led service). It was an active month.

On a personal note: my thanks to Judy Lundy and appreciation to the Ritual Committee for leading the service on March 25. I was out of town that week, attending an event at the combined Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association Conference and Reconstructing Judaism Convention, during which I was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree, marking my completion of 25 years of serving in the rabbinate after graduating from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and receiving ordination from that institution. This was a meaningful milestone to me, and I was very pleased to be able to acknowledge and celebrate it.

### ***Calendar Highlights for April***

Looking ahead, April will be similarly busy. Again, all our usual and ongoing events are planned, as well as a Passover Seder, observance of Yom HaShoah, several special Shabbatot (Shabbat HaChodesh, Shabbat Hagadol, and two Shabbatot in the week of Passover). For a full listing of all the events, please see the "April at a Glance", and check the "Upcoming Events" Calendar online at [www.templeisraelwv.org](http://www.templeisraelwv.org) for the most up-to-date information.

Rosh Chodesh (the new moon) for Nisan is April 2.

Shabbat Hachodesh (The Month) and Parashah Tazria fall on April 2, along

with Rosh Chodesh Nisan (start of the new month of Nisan).

We will hold a Torah Study on April 2.

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).

In the Christian world, Palm Sunday is April 10, April 15 is Good Friday, and Easter Sunday is April 17.

The counting of the Omer begins the evening of April 16, with the first day of the Omer on April 17, and continuing for 49 days till Shavuot.

The deadline for filing income tax returns is April 18.

Yom HaShoah is the evening of April 27 through sundown April 28. Watch the Reminder Links Emails for events info.

Faith Climate Action week is April 22 to May 1.

Rosh Chodesh (the new moon) for Iyar is on the evening of April 30 and the days of May 1 till sundown May 2.

Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) is May 4.

Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day) is May 5. We will acknowledge it in the Shabbat service on May 6.

We will hold a Torah study on May 7.

### ***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 by clicking the link on the Temple's website, [www.templeisraelwv.org](http://www.templeisraelwv.org)

### ***Services: Opening the Zoom session***

The online Zoom session of services will continue to be opened for online social time 30 minutes prior to the Shabbat service start-time. Therefore, for a regular

Shabbat service, the online Zoom session will open at 5 PM for a social time, then the service will commence at 5:30.

Please note: For in-person attendance at services, the doors to the building will be unlocked 15 minutes prior to the service start-time, and will be locked 15 minutes after the service start-time. Entry at any other time requires that you press the "Intercom" button on the security system at the front or back door, and wait.

For information on how to access online events, please see the twice weekly Reminder Links Emails (sent Sundays and Thursdays) for how to connect via Zoom on computer, tablet, laptop, or smartphone. You may also call in using a standard telephone for audio-only participation.

### ***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***

In this unsettled and unsettling time, I wish that you may find comfort, peace, and a sense of uplift. May it be so that our congregation and the Jewish community will be a source of uplift and spiritual nourishment for all of us. May the blessing of peace descend on our world, and all those who are fearful, despairing, hungry, homeless, ill, or otherwise suffering find a refuge and be given all that they need to heal and be whole. May acceptance and tolerance be universal, and all of the world's inhabitants be imbued at a minimum with the ability to fulfill the teaching that we should not do to another what is hateful to oneself, and perhaps even love for one another. May all of this come to pass speedily, in our days, and for the good. Let us say, Amen.

B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace),

*Joe*

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## 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. Needs are extreme now, both domestically in the United States and overseas.

Please 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, and offer whatever support you are able.

My continuing 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*

## Sisterhood's Annual Holland Bulb Sale



A big THANK YOU to each of you who responded to last year's Sisterhood Holland Bulb Sale. We look forward to this our 68th year as being one of our best.

Sisterhood is grateful for your support, which allows Sisterhood to continue assistance in the local community.

*Judy Lundy, Bulb Sale Chair*



## Congregational Passover Seder, cont'd

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All payments must be received prior to the Seder. There won't be a way to pay at the door.

Cost of the meal: Adults: \$15; Students (all ages): \$5; Pre-Kindergarten: \$2. Please make checks payable to Temple Israel and mail to Temple Israel, 2312 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston WV 25311.

The Seder is open to members of the Jewish Community and their families. If

you wish to bring someone other than a family member, please talk with Rabbi Blair before sending in your reservation check.

Note: With the exception of the brisket and chicken, all other dishes are meatless. Almost everything is gluten-free, no sugar added, and reduced-fat and reduced-sodium. The matzoh ball soup broth is chicken, but we will prepare a separate batch of vegetarian/gluten free Matzoh ball soup. We will also have gluten-free matzoh available

upon request.

If you desire or require the vegetarian/gluten-free matzoh OR matzoh ball soup, please let us know when you make your reservations. Also, please include any seating requests with your reservation.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on April 15.

*Alan Fleischmann, Seder chairman*

*Francine Thalheimer, Temple president*

**Sisterhood Message****Astonishing heroism to marvel at and good reasons to smile**

Dear member of Temple Israel Sisterhood,

Over the past 18 to 22 months many of the articles that I've shared with you have related to the many people who exhibited unbelievable heroism in conquering the death sentence from the Nazis. Among the lessons that we have learned is the promise of NEVER AGAIN!

It is happening again but it's happening differently and in Ukraine with an unprovoked war being waged on the Ukrainians and their entire country. The difference according to what I am paying close attention to with the newscasts, newspaper, internet, etc. is that the Ukrainians are fighting back. While we don't know that they will prevail and win they are staging a courageous effort that is unlike anything that we have seen in modern times.

Back in the 1930s and early 1940s there was no opportunity to fight back. Then it was strictly a matter of hiding until you got caught, and then in so many cases it was a guarantee of death. I feel proud to be watching while also feeling great anguish and sorrow for the thousands of families that have been separated and children that have been put at great risk. I know each of you join me in the wish that the Ukrainians will prevail and President Zelensky will remain strong, hoping one of these days that I awaken to the news that peace talks are underway.

As you read this bulletin in April 2022, from my personal perspective it will be the next to the last message that I will share with you as president of Sisterhood. I hope that next month, in May, I will be the bearer of better news, while I know absolutely that each one of you join me in that wish.

On a lighter side with lots of happiness attached, Temple Israel is re-opening and I am looking forward to being able to attend services in the Sanctuary and not on Zoom. As we return to Temple Israel in general there is a brand-new kitchen, and as someone who loves to cook and write recipes and help people be as healthy as possible, I

am very excited about all those new tools that will be at our disposal.

We are going to see some new members coming from some areas in West Virginia due to changing lifestyles as some people have had to give up their places of worship, both in Parkersburg and Bluefield, and some of those people are finding their way to Temple Israel.

We, here in Charleston, West Virginia, have reasons to smile and be excited for some good things that are happening in a good and grand way. Please continue to watch everything that is available about the unprovoked war in Ukraine and let us pray for the millions of people that have been forced to become refugees while

being grateful that so many countries in Eastern Europe have been able to open their borders and welcome them in to their country.

On a separate note, I'm still exerting some caution regarding Covid by wearing a face mask where it is requested and always being conscious of social distancing myself. Smiling from behind my face mask when it is appropriate,

*Millie Snyder,*

*Sisterhood President*

*Photo by N. David Stern*

***"Kitchen 101"  
at Sisterhood  
meeting,  
brunch &  
program at the  
Temple April 24***



- **What:** Sisterhood Board and General Membership meeting, with election of officers, program and light brunch
- **When:** Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 AM
- **Program:** "Temple Israel's Kitchen 101" – A tour and introduction to our newly updated and refurbished kitchen will be conducted for Sisterhood attendees (all Temple members are welcome to attend the program).

The Election of Officers and a light brunch will precede the program.

*Marsha Albert, Vice President, Temple Israel Sisterhood*

***Sisterhood accepting sponsorships for  
Shabbat bimah flowers***

The Temple is now open for in-person Shabbat services. Sisterhood will resume displaying fresh flowers on the bimah. Anyone wishing to sponsor flowers (special birthday, anniversary, or in memory), please contact Betty Stern: (304) 543-7376.

