

# Temple Israel Bulletin



**Memorial Day  
Is May 30th**

## Rabbi's Message

Shalom & greetings!

As I write this article for the May edition of the Bulletin, we are about to celebrate Passover, with the congregational Seder tonight. We are looking at approximately 70 people gathering in the Temple to celebrate this holiday together. I anticipate this will be a lovely and joyous event, and I hope others feel that way once it has taken place.

It has been more than two years since the last Seder we held together due to the pandemic. Although I still worry a bit about the currently circulating variants, I am looking forward to a chance to celebrate one of my favorite holidays as a community. If you are going to be at the congregational Seder, I look forward to seeing you. If you have other plans, please know that I wish you and your loved ones a very happy, sweet, and joyous Passover.

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, or you can download a PDF of it, without cost, from <https://barrylou.com/>

Again, as I write this, we are still working to find the best solution to the issue of hybrid meetings outside the

Sanctuary. There are options, but none ideal. We are working to make the best choice without investing immense amounts of time, effort, or money. I hope we will have this in hand and ready to go by the time I write the Bulletin article for the June/Summer edition. The people who are working on this think it can be resolved shortly.

## Notes on Recent Events

During April, we held many planned activities, including services, online classes (Torah, Talmud, A Bissell Torah, Jewish Literature); online events (Leora May Book Club, Zoom Check-ins, Charleston Death Café); meetings (Temple board and the Sisterhood board and general membership meeting). Special events in April included the Passover Seder; the Yom HaSho'ah service on April 27; the WV Council of Churches Interfaith Program Unit Event on Earth Day: the Jewish Holiday of Tu B'Shevat, and the WVU OLLI course on selected Jewish Poetry on April 26. On a personal note, in April I completed the eight-week FBI Citizens Academy training and have "graduated." I found this program informative, interesting, and helpful in regard to better understanding security issues and options for our congregation and community.

## Calendar Highlights for May

Looking ahead, the month of May will be active. We have all our ongoing events, as well as Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, a Pulpit Exchange on Friday and Saturday, May 13 & 14 (Rabbi Urecki will be at Temple on Friday, and I will be at B'nai Jacob on Saturday), the observance of Pesach Sheni (2nd Passover), tentatively, with a brunch on May 15, and the Sisterhood Shabbat on May 20 with the Installation of Officers. For a full listing of all the events, please see the Month at a Glance section, and for the most up-to-date info, check the "Upcoming Events" calendar on the Temple's website <https://templeisraelwv.org/>

## Rabbi's Notes for May

Calendar Items and Highlights

Counting of the Omer continues through June 4, Erev Shavuot, a total of 49 days.

Rosh Chodesh (the new moon) for Iyar is on May 1 & 2.

Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) is Wednesday, May 4.

Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day) is Thursday, May 5.

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## Mizrach Omer Calendar

*Mizrach Omer Calendar\**, by Moses H. Henry, Cincinnati, 1850.  
Ink on paper. Courtesy of the HUC Skirball Cultural Center Museum Collection, Los Angeles.

A mizrach serves as a symbolic orientation towards Jerusalem, the direction towards which prayer is oriented. This highly complex mizrach illustrates Moses Henry's patriotism with the motif of the American eagle astride a shield and bunting of the Stars and

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## May worship services & June Torah study

*Shabbat services can be attended online or in-person. **Saturday morning Torah study is online-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.*

**The Torah study for the month of May, which was publicized in the April Bulletin, has been canceled. The next Torah study session will be held on June 4.**

Friday, May 6 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service, with Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, lay-led

Friday, May 13 at 5:30 PM Shabbat Torah service, Parashah Emor, Pulpit Exchange—Rabbi Urecki will be at the Temple

Saturday, May 14 at 10 AM Shabbat Saturday morning service **at B'nai Jacob**, Pulpit Exchange—Rabbi Blair will be at the Synagogue

Friday, May 20 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service—Sisterhood Installation of Officers

Friday, May 27 at 5:30 PM Shabbat service

### Next month

Friday, June 3 at 5:30 Shabbat Torah service, Parashah Bamidbar; Shavuot observed

Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 AM Torah study: Numbers 1:1-4:20 (online only)

## 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 during the time since the last bulletin article:

Jonathan Freedman  
Harav Yisrael Gadai ben Batya  
Lynn Gattlieb & family  
Cookie Glasser  
June Goldhammer  
Richard Holicker

Margie Hutt  
Mel Hutt  
Rabbi Earl Jordan  
Dorothy Kurland  
Ann Kushner  
Laura Malloy  
Gary Markham  
Sallie Milam  
Hedy Poppelsdorf  
Mary Ellen Reilly  
Linda Rubin  
Hal Selinger  
Barbara Braun Tweddle  
Delores Weinberg  
Natalie Winowich

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## 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



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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.*

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# May yahrzeits

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

## May 6th

Stanley E. Deutsch (7)  
Sara Samuel Silverstein (7)  
Paul Weintraub (7)  
David McHale (8)  
James Edward Amburgey (11)  
Suzanne Grinberg (11)  
Dr. Philip David Maimon (11)  
Harry Mellman (11)  
Dr. Jack Basman (12)  
Esther Galperin (12)  
Gordon Mae Hendrick (12)  
Joan Markham Siebert (12)  
Craig Fillmon (13)  
Tracie Christian Rose (13)

## May 13th

Jerome Goldberg (14)  
Norman Lakin (14)  
Sherry Lovett (14)  
Frieda L. Barton (16)  
Jerome Harold Deutsch (16)  
Rae Tagress Rosenberg (16)  
Jay M. Segall (16)  
Morton F. Hess (17)  
David Badner (18)

Herbert Mitchell Barrett (19)  
Marjorie "Petie" Kwass (19)  
Ben Goldfarb (20)  
Joseph Bernard Randall (20)

## May 20th

Julia Shreve (21)  
Michael Zide (21)  
Dorothy Fishkin (22)  
Helen H. Hess (22)  
Fay Kulowski (22)  
Matthew H. Small (22)  
Gerald Allen Amburgey (23)  
Sayde Cohen (23)  
Tracy Auden Fretwell (23)  
Richard "Ricky" Cohen (24)  
Patrick J. Gleason (25)  
Nathaniel Rose (25)  
Robert W. Garner II (26)  
Samuel Mendelsohn (26)  
Emily Marks (27)  
Robert Silverstein (27)



Photo by Greg Proctor

## May 27th

Samuel Dash (29)  
Jane Mayer Silverstein (29)  
Florence Mann (30)  
Monica Montanaro (30)  
Ruth Silverstein Sherman (31)  
Lester J. Mann (June 1)  
Marion Smith Cohen (June 3)  
Sylvia I. Garner (June 3)  
Joseph Sloman (June 3)

*Condolences are on p. 4*

## May 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.*

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 Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, Lay-led

Sunday, May 8 at 4 PM – Jewish Literature  
Monday, May 9 at 10 AM – Zoom Check-in  
Tuesday, May 10 at 10 AM – Torah Class  
Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel board of trustees Meeting  
Thursday, May 12 at 10 AM – Talmud Class  
Thursday, May 12 at 4 PM – A Bissell Torah  
Friday, May 13 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service with Torah Parashah Emor, Pulpit Exchange  
Saturday, May 14 at 10 AM – B'nai Jacob Shabbat morning service with Pulpit Exchange

Sunday, May 15 at 10:30-12:30 PM – \*Pesach Sheni (2nd Passover) Brunch  
Sunday, May 15 at 7:30 PM – Charleston Death Café  
Monday, May 16 at 10 AM – Zoom Check-in  
Tuesday, May 17 at 10 AM – Torah Class  
Wednesday, May 18 at 6 PM – Leora May Book Club, time and meeting format TBA  
Thursday, May 19 at 10 AM – Talmud

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## In the Congregation & Community, continued

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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:

April: Bob Bastress, Robin Peck, **Zel  
Lewis, Ditty Markham**, Kelly Schwartz,  
Bob Morgenstern, Carolyn Alpert, **Fran  
Thalheimer**, Rick Katzeff, Stephanie  
Winston, Hank Yunes, Scott Max, Barbie  
Sadolf, Bill Druckman, Becka Pushkin,  
Betty & Barry Diznoff, Debra Stabins,  
Michael Susser, Melinda & Michael  
Susser, Beth Roellig, **Susan May, Bridget  
McGuire & Max Gottlieb**, Sheila Wilson,  
**Karl Gattlieb, 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,  
Sally Spiegel, Leslie Young, Bob Levine,  
Robbie Sheff, Becka Pushkin, Barry  
Ogrin, Kate Forman, Carol Ramer, Manie  
Fernandez, **Ellen Kay Bastron, Duke  
Bloom, Lena Glasser, Shelly Winowich,  
Trish & Dylan Erwin, Natalie & Nick  
Winowich, Rabbi Earl Jordan, Doris  
Goldfarb**, Stewart Bloom, Joan Meyer

Weisberg

June: **Pam Goldfarb, Sue Eisinger, Caroline  
& Paul Ostand, Steve Artz, Ronni & David  
Spudich, Jack Goldfarb**, Draza Peck, Stuart  
May, Missy Rubin, Fred Lovitch, **Anne  
Kushner, Betty & David Stern, Ditty & Gary  
Markham, Sara & Brett Radow**, Barbi  
Diznoff, Heike Peretz, Nemo Nearman,  
**David Thalheimer**, Randy Masinter, Chava  
Urecki, Debbie Masinter, **Doug Fisher, Beth  
& Gary Winter**, Linda Jacobs

### Other Events of Note

Mazal tov on their move to Charleston  
to Arla Ralston & Roger Forman.

Mazal tov on his move to Florida to Ken  
Rubin.

Mazal tov on her move within  
Charleston to Harriet Nusbaum.

Mazal tov and Le'hit'ra'ot (farewell for  
now) to Joy and Ken Kleeman who are taking  
up residence in Massachusetts. We will miss  
them, but we wish them all the best, and  
look forward to staying in touch. They have  
relocated, and are no longer living here  
among us, but remain very much part of our  
congregation and community. We look  
forward to seeing them online and during  
visits "home."

Todah robah to outgoing Sisterhood  
president Millie Snyder and mazal tov to  
incoming officers. A complete list of those  
elected in next month's Bulletin!

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 our condolences  
to Lynn Gattlieb and family on the recent  
death of her father, Will Darling, in  
Pittsburgh on April 4, with the funeral on the  
6th. He had recently celebrated his 100th  
birthday. May his memory be a blessing, and  
may those who mourn be comforted from  
heaven.

## May at a Glance, continued

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Class

Thursday, May 19 at 4 PM – A Bissell  
Torah

Friday, May 20 at 5:30 PM - Shabbat  
service, Sisterhood Installation  
of Officers

Monday, May 23 – NO Zoom Check-in

Tuesday, May 24 at 10 AM – Torah Class

Thursday, May 26 at 10 AM – Talmud  
Class

Thursday, May 26 at 4 PM – A Bissell  
Torah

Friday, May 27 at 5:30 PM - Shabbat  
service

Sunday, May 29 at 4 PM – Jewish  
Literature

Monday, May 30 at 10 AM – Zoom Check  
-in

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day –  
Temple office will be closed in  
observance of the holiday

Tuesday, May 31 at 10 AM – Torah Class

### Next month

Thursday, June 2 at 10 AM – Talmud  
Class

Thursday, June 2 at 4 PM – A Bissell  
Torah

Friday, June 3 at 5:30 PM - Shabbat  
Torah service with Parashah  
Bamidbar, and Shavuot  
observed

Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 AM – Torah  
study Numbers 1:1-4:20

Saturday, June 4 – Erev Shavuot

Sunday, June 5 – Shavuot

Monday, June 6 – Shavuot 2nd day (for  
those who observe two days)

## Rabbi's Message, continued

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Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8.

Shabbat Torah service, with Parashah Emor, on Friday, May 13.

Pesach Sheni brunch on Sunday, May 15.

Two Charleston Rabbis on Thursday, May 19.

Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation of Officers, Friday, May 20.

Shabbat Torah service with Shavuot, on Friday, June 3.

### 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

At this season of our rejoicing, the spring festival and the feast of Matzah, we turn our thoughts towards the joys and blessings of rebirth and regeneration, cleansing and liberation, the opening of the lifecycle with the flowering of new and renewed life. It is a time of hope and a feeling of a fresh start.

This is both welcome and sorely needed: in light of all that has been happening in the world, with heaviness and darkness so prevalent, it is imperative that we understand that life continues, and there is still reason to hope and look forward, to celebrate what is good and true and sweet in the world, and that even in a time when so much feels wrong, there are still blessings, and we should take joy in them, and be grateful for them.

Not that we should deny or be blind to the evils that exist; but rather that we should be aware of them, and at the same time recognize that it is not all evil, not all bad, and we must acknowledge that the world contains both sweetness and light, as well as darkness and evil, and choose to focus on the existence of the good, the joyous, and the blessings around us.

Living with a sense of gratitude and awareness of the bounties and benefits in the world gives us the strength and the courage to live a meaningful life, in which we can confront darkness and evil where and when it is necessary.

As a specific example, we will rejoice at Passover, celebrating all that I have mentioned; and only days later we will turn our thoughts to the dark side of life as we observe Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day, an acknowledgement of one of the darkest periods in history that contained countless tragedies and untold evil. It is imperative we remember, but it is only possible to face such memories when we are given strength through also remembering and celebrating those blessed

events that we recall at Passover.

All of us have our own memories that include darkness and evil, and those that contain blessings and light. Each of us needs both to live fully, and we as a people, a nation, and a holy community also need both.

The important task is to retain them both, but to be able to balance them so that we remember and can act in a way that is informed by the darker aspects of experience, but guided and bathed in the feeling that we are held in blessings and surrounded by love and light as our life unfolds.

The period starting the second day of Passover until we arrive at the holiday of Shavuot is noted by Sefirat HaOmer – the counting of the Omer. Ostensibly, this was a collection of the harvest of the barley crop that ripened during this period, in preparation to bring it as an offering to the Temple (not really relevant to most of us today). It has been transformed by many to a period of spiritual focus, encouraging us to turn our thoughts to aspects of our life and our behavior that we can seek to elevate in order to strive to be higher and better versions of ourselves.

We begin in the spirit of renewal and liberation, and seek to find more balance and growth through the period of the counting of the Omer by this process; ideally, when we come to Shavuot, we will have refined ourselves so that we are more ready and worthy of once again receiving the gift—at Shavuot—of Torah.

I wish you holidays of joy and blessing, growth and renewal, liberation and learning, balance and love. May all of this come to pass speedily, in our days, and for the good. Let us say, Amen.

I look forward to seeing you, on-line or in-person.

B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace),

Joe

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**Sisterhood Message****How to hold everything together? It takes a village.**

*Dear sisterhood members and all other interested people:*

As I come to the end of being president of Temple Israel Sisterhood, I want you to know that I was never inaugurated or received even a priestly blessing to take on the task, but I attribute all of that to Covid.

***Sisterhood Shabbat  
will be Friday, May 20  
at 5:30 PM —  
Installation of Officers***

I said to someone the other day that for all intents and purposes I've been the pandemic Sisterhood president. And while that might sound funny, it's really true.

Every activity was a Zoom meeting, including the responsibilities of attending the Temple board of trustees meeting every month. Everything was done virtually.

As Covid was loosening its grip and we were approaching the summer months of 2021, I was able to have the Sisterhood retreat at my home, where lunch was served and we all sat around and shared thoughts and ideas.

Other than that one contact, as I said previously, I have been an electronic-based pandemic president over these past two years.

Mentioning that to someone, the response was, while that's true, what you actually did, Millie, was hold it together by doing all the things that are asked of a Sisterhood president. I spent some time thinking about that and then realized, that in order for me to hold it together it took the village of everyone involved: by responding to a Zoom meeting announcement, whether it was just for the board of Sisterhood or a general membership meeting. I also had help from our incoming president, Marsha Albert, acting as our program chairman, who came up with something

unique and different every time program ideas were required. So, while it is true that I did all of the things that I just discussed, it took you to help me make that happen.

Please let's never underestimate or take for granted being able to work with one another whether that is one on one or in a group, truly we need each other.

As I come to the conclusion of this, which affected all of our lives, thank you for letting me be the Sisterhood president, albeit the way that it had to be because of circumstances.

As I write this Bulletin message, we are just a few days ahead of Passover and getting ready to attend our Seder at Temple Israel. I hope that it was a meaningful time in your life with the appropriate reflections of what the holiday means and how it has structured so many of our beliefs.

Take care of yourself and follow the news around Covid. If we are asked to wear a mask, please wear one, and if social distancing is recommended, do it, just as I will. I sign off now with heartfelt thanks, smiling from the depths of my heart.

*Sincerely,*

*Millie Snyder,*

*Sisterhood President*

## Temple Israel Sisterhood Funds

*Kindly mail donations to the Temple office and note on your check the fund to which you are contributing.*

**Helen F. Thalheimer Care Committee of Temple Israel Sisterhood** – Provides cards and gifts to members who are ill or bereaved.

**Floral Fund** – Provides arrangements for pulpit flowers for Sabbath services and High Holy Days.

**Y.E.S. Fund** – Youth, Education, Special projects provides scholarship assistance for rabbinic students, supports activities for high school and college age youth through National Federation of Temple Youth, and contributes to special projects of religious education, social and humanitarian concern.

- Uniongrams – A service of sending messages for all occasions. Proceeds aid YES Fund. Individual cards may be purchased at Temple office.
- Circle of Service – Circle of Service is a personal participation in the Youth, Education, and Special Projects (YES) Fund. Membership is open to all interested people within or beyond the Sisterhood or the Temple family. Contributions are tax deductible.

**World Union for Progressive Judaism** – World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) is the international body of Reform/Liberal/Progressive Judaism and works in more than 25 countries. WUPJ helps establish congregations, develops religious educational material, provides rabbinic leadership, and serves in an advisory and advocacy role.

- Services to the Blind and Visually Handicapped
- Supports the program of the Jewish Braille Institute.



## Sisterhood's 68th Annual Holland Bulb Sale now through May 24th!

If you need an order form, please contact the Temple office

Your purchase supports Sisterhood's local programs throughout the year

Paper whites and amaryllis for indoor winter cheer



Photos courtesy Doornbosch Bros.



Order your genuine Holland bulbs by May 24th for fall planting in October.

Tulips, hyacinths and more for outdoor spring beauty



Please contact Bulb Sale chair Judy Lundy for more information

## 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 can.

Rabbi Blair

### Masthead photo

#### The United States Marine Band on Memorial Day

The "President's Own" United States Marine Band performs at the Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater during a 2015 Memorial Day observance event featuring President Obama.

## Mizrach Omer Calendar, continued

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Stripes. The architectural images also make reference to the ideals of Freemasonry, as during the nineteenth century many Jews began to join Masonic orders. This mizrah has a second function as an omer calendar, as the forty-nine roundels in the border count the seven weeks between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot. The legend at the top reads "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither" (Psalms 137:5).

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