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Complete High Holy Days schedule

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Rabbi's Message

Shalom & greetings!

Hard to believe summer is over, and it is already time to write the September bulletin article! Time really does fly.

At this point (late-August through late-September) we are in the month of Elul, which ends leading into Rosh Chodesh (the new moon marking the new month) for the month of Tishrei, the beginning of the New Year – and that means we are already looking at the High Holidays! Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of Sept. 25, and continues on the 26th. Yom Kippur begins on the evening of Oct. 4, and continues through the end of the day on the 5th. As if that wasn't enough, Sukkot begins the evening of Oct. 9, and runs through Oct. 17, or the 18th for the eight-day diehards.

Then we have a little time to breathe: our next holiday isn't till the evening of Dec. 18, continuing through sundown on Dec. 26 – and of course, that is Hanukkah. So, we have our "winter" pattern – an intense holiday period, followed by a quiet stretch, then another, longer holiday.

Calendar & Survey

As you may remember, many events went on "summer break" in August. As I am trying to lay out the calendar for the coming year, I would appreciate your input on scheduling, and on the frequency of these events. Please take a few minutes and answer the "surveys" I will be sending out shortly. I hope to have your responses by the High Holidays, and will announce plans at that time for when the programs will take place, based on your input. Thank you very much. These events include the weekly "Zoom Check In" and "A Bissell Torah," as well as the monthly "Charleston Death Café."



"Moses Before the Burning Bush" (above) by Milton Horn, 1959-1960. From *Temple Israel Art*, researched and edited by Ellie Schaul, 2014, 2019. Published by the congregation with the financial

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Photo of booklet by Greg Proctor

Machzorim (Prayer Books) for the Holidays

We will continue to provide Zoom access and Facebook Livestreaming of the services, as we have been, so that you can still participate and view the services without coming into the building.

To facilitate worship for the High Holidays, we are making arrangements so that if you plan to attend online, we will make the Machzorim for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur available to borrow. Simply call or email me (the rabbi) and we can arrange for you to pick up the books prior to the start of the holidays. Call my cell phone (304) 989-4014 or email me at

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to let me know you would like to borrow books, and how many copies of each (the prayer books for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are separate volumes).



Photo by Greg Proctor

High Holidays – please see p. 2.

Congregational support and contacting the Rabbi

As always, we want to serve you in as many ways and as well as it is possible. Please be in touch with us here at the Temple: me (the rabbi), the office (Greg Proctor), or the house coordinator, David

McAfee; or with members of the board of trustees or committee members, when you have any needs, suggestions, concerns, or questions. We are here for you.

If you feel you would like to talk, have any pastoral concerns, know of

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Holiday and Shabbat worship services & Torah study

Religious services will be available for both in-person and online participation.

Study sessions are available on Zoom only.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER: SHABBAT, HIGH HOLY DAYS, SUKKOT, & SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, Sept. 2 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM (Lay-led)

Friday, Sept. 9 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM (Lay-led)

Sunday, Sept. 11 Torah study, Parasha Ki Tavo, at 10:30 AM (Zoom only)

Friday, Sept. 16 Shabbat service, with Torah, at 5:30 PM

Friday, Sept. 23 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM

Sunday, Sept. 25 Rosh Hashanah Eve service at 7:30 PM

Monday, Sept. 26 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service at 10:30 AM. Service will be 60-90 minutes and include a virtual Tashlikh

Friday, Sept. 30 Shabbat Shuvah service at 5:30 PM

**Corrected
9/30/2022**

Tuesday, Oct. 4 Yom Kippur Eve service—*Kol Nidrei* at 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 5
10:30 AM Yom Kippur Morning service
12:30 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon service
3:00 PM Torah/Text study—Zoom only
5:15 PM Memorial (*Yizkor*) service
6:00 PM Concluding (*Ne'ilah*) service
7:00 PM Kiddush and Hamotzi



Photo by Greg Proctor

Friday, Oct. 7 Shabbat service with Sukkot observance at 5:30 PM

Friday, Oct. 14 Shabbat service with Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah observance at 5:30 PM

Friday, Oct. 21 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM

Friday, Oct. 28 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM

High Holy Days services and study, September and October

As you know, the High Holy Days are coming, beginning at the end of September and continuing into early October.

Rosh Hashanah will be on Sunday evening and Monday, Sept. 25-26. We will include a virtual Tashlikh service in the morning service on Monday – we will not be going to the river, so that those who are at home may also participate in the service.

Yom Kippur is Tuesday evening Oct. 4 at 7:30 PM (*Kol Nidrei*) and Wednesday

Oct. 5 starting at 10:30 AM, continuing into the early evening.

We will enjoy the musical rendering of the *Kol Nidrei* Tuesday evening, by Sandra Gross on the viola, with Bob Morris singing the words, and piano accompaniment by our music director, David Stern.

Yom Kippur services are Morning (10:30 AM), Afternoon (12:30 PM), Memorial (5:15 PM), and Concluding (at approximately 6 PM, beginning shortly after the conclusion of the Memorial service).

All of these services will be available both in-person and online.

There will also be a Torah Study at 3 PM, but that will be available online only.

Information on any refreshments, such as a Rosh Hashanah reception or a Yom Kippur break-the-fast, will be forthcoming separately.

Rabbi Joe Blair

Please let the Temple office know if you're moving, or if you have new contact info such as new email address or phone number, or if you've dropped your landline.

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September yahrzeits

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

September 2nd

Robert Sidney Aaron – Sept. 3
Beatrice Cohen Binderman – Sept. 3
Deidre Eisinger – Sept. 3
Mina G. Greenspon – Sept. 3
Simon H. Galperin Sr. – Sept. 5
Rabbi I.B. Koller – Sept. 5
Rabbi Israel B. Koller – Sept. 5
Stanley Silverstein – Sept. 5
Lena T. Burka – Sept. 6
Raymond A. Cohen – Sept. 7
Joseph Bloom – Sept. 8
Marion Lehman – Sept. 8
Charles Cohen – Sept. 9
Nettie Weinstein Goldman – Sept. 9
Suzanne Silverstein Rice – Sept. 9
Anna Rodgin – Sept. 9
Herman G. Wells – Sept. 9

September 9th

Max M. Goldfarb – Sept. 10
Priscilla Herzbach – Sept. 12
Susan Ferrara Bostic – Sept. 13
Peter Godfrey – Sept. 14
Esther Price – Sept. 14
Fred Burka – Sept. 16

Gussie Kwass – Sept. 16
Carol Marks – Sept. 16
Joan F. Silverstein – Sept. 16

September 16th

Sylvia M. Kohn Gold – Sept. 17
Hildegard Mellman – Sept. 17
James Pickus – Sept. 18
William R. Wood – Sept. 18
Jacob H. Stern – Sept. 19
Louis E. Walter – Sept. 19
Ruth Goldfarb – Sept. 20
Henrietta Kaufman – Sept. 20
Margaret Short Lewis – Sept. 21
Naomi Ruth Pickus – Sept. 21
Philip Angel Sr. – Sept. 23
Robert Weinberger – Sept. 23

September 23rd

Nan Hertz – Sept. 24
Jean Jubelirer – Sept. 24
Abraham Greenberg – Sept. 25
Sam Joseph Toovy – Sept. 25
Rosa Levine – Sept. 26
Dr. Gordon F. Phillips – Sept. 27
Alfred H. Schaffner – Sept. 27

Bernard Bergen – Sept. 28
Richard O. Katz – Sept. 28
Ellen Shapiro – Sept. 28
Judy Walder – Sept. 28
Thomas C. Bachman – Sept. 29
Edna P. Hofmayer – Sept. 29
Lawrence C. Kaufman Jr. – Sept. 29
Etta Ruda – Sept. 29

September 30th

Faye Kantor – Oct. 1
Nat Spigel – Oct. 2
Helen Jacobs – Oct. 3
Lucille Barrett – Oct. 4
Richard M. "Ricky" Pollack – Oct. 4
Irma Hallo – Oct. 5
Betty Levine – Oct. 5
Geneva Mann Sessions – Oct. 5
Betty Burkhardt – Oct. 6
Jerry Goldberg – Oct. 6
Dottie Greenspon – Oct. 6
Bertha Sclove – Oct. 6
Frank B. Wotiz – Oct. 6
Jeanette Gotlieb – Oct. 7

Condolences are on p. 4

September at a Glance, plus early October

This calendar of events and religious services hasn't been finalized. Services are both in-person and online/virtual. All meetings, classes, programs, and events at Temple Israel are virtual until otherwise noted and are available via Zoom. If you aren't receiving emails from Rabbi Blair about these online sessions, please let him know. Please check the Temple website for updates to this schedule:
www.templeisraelwv.org

September

Friday, Sept. 2 at 5:30 PM - Shabbat service (lay-led)
Sunday, Sept. 4 at 11 AM—Unveiling for June Warhoftig at the Temple

cemetery, service conducted by Rabbi Victor Urecki

Friday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel Shabbat Service with Torah
Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 AM – Torah study (please note the new day of the week for these sessions)
Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel board of trustees meeting
Friday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat Torahs service. Parashah Ki Tavo
Sunday, Sept. 18 at 11 AM – Sisterhood board and general membership meeting and program (format TBA)

Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2 PM—Memorial Celebration of Life for Dr. Hal Selinger, online via Zoom

Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Leora May Book Club (time and place TBA)

Friday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 PM – Erev Rosh Hashanah service

Monday, Sept. 26 at 10:30 AM – Rosh Hashanah morning service with virtual Tashlikh

Friday, Sept. 30 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat Shuvah service

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In the Congregation

[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
Margie Hutt
Mel Hutt
Dorothy Kurland
Laura Malloy
Gary Markham
Carolyn Ostand
Greg Proctor & Family
Hedy Poppelsdorf
Family of Dr. Hal Selinger
Allan Shumofsky
Barbara Braun Tweddle
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:

August: Robin Perez, Rick Sadolf, **Kim & Bob Aaron, Fran & David Thalheimer, Sue & Ron Eisinger**, Rabbi Victor Urecki, Ruth Bernstein, Bob Waterstone, **Mary Rich Maloy, Lynn Meyer**, Zahava Urecki, **Allan Tweddle, Liz & Jeff Bright**, Janet

Victorson, Teresa Masinter, Jennifer Mize, **Victor Bastron, Sarah Gottlieb, Judy Lundy**, David Leven, Peggy Silverstein O'Connell, Mary Hogue

September: **Jackie & Steve Artz, Ladonna Kushner**, Gary Cohen, Margee Denver, **Josh Barrett, Rich Katz, Ron Eisinger**, Gary Sheff, **Jace Goins, Brian Glasser**, Donn Neurman, Rick Rubin, Greg Clark, Susan Cowin, **Julie Adams**, Andrea Fernandez, Harvey Sherman, Mia Broome, **Ed Goldberg**, Gail Michelson, **Gail Bellamy**, Mitchell Klein, **Bill Rosenfeld**, Judy Donaldson, Harry Kanner, **Lynn & Steve Meyer**, Alan Bernstein, Bob Bloom, **Lynn Gattlieb, Roberta Lee Levine, Gayle Twigger-Shaw**, Marietta Zaborsky, Howard Abrams, Sigal Kuhl, Eric Snyder, Terry Pickett, Barbara Schwartz

October: Mary Hart, **Richard Hess, Robert Hess**, Barbara Schamberg, **Ina Angel, Ladonna & David Kushner**, Steve Loew, Julie Schaul, **Nick Winowich**, Dolores Bloom, **Doris & Jack Goldfarb**, Bob Schwarz, Liz Sheff, **Gary Winter, Marlo Weisberg, Nancy & Ray Dodson**, Aaron Persily, Judy Masinter, Neil Kessler, Bruce Sorgman, Jessica Bloom, Selma Fineberg, Alan Cohen, David Katzeff, Ross Abrams, Terry Preiser, Karen Freedman, Evie Breidenstein, **Millie Snyder**, Sallie Levenson, **Alan Fleischmann**, Deborah Levenson, Blaire Malkin, Steve Rubin, Marsha Platnick, **Deborah Sonis, Gloria Kelley**, Terrace Nason, Bruce Goldfarb, **Ann Fishkin & Bill Kroesser**, Mick Schwartz, Nancy Morton, Debbie Ebner

Other Events of Note:

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.

Mazal Tov (Congratulations):

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

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences):

[Deaths that have occurred since the last bulletin.]

Temple Israel extends our condolences to Greg Proctor and family on the recent death of his father. May the memory be a blessing, and may those who mourn be comforted from heaven.

Temple Israel extends our condolences to the family of Dr. Hal Selinger who died on July 27 in California. There will be a memorial celebration of life service on Sept. 18 at 2 PM online via Zoom. May the memory be a blessing, and may those who mourn be comforted from heaven.

Temple Israel extends our condolences to Joy Kleeman and family on the death of Ken Kleeman, who died on June 13 in Massachusetts. May the memory be a blessing, and may those who mourn be comforted from heaven.

September at a Glance

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October

Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 PM – Erev Yom Kippur (*Kol Nidrei*)

Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 AM – Yom Kippur morning service

Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 12:30 PM – Yom Kippur afternoon service

Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 3 PM – Yom Kippur Torah/Text Study (Zoom only)

Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 5:15 PM – Memorial (*Yizkor*) service

Wednesday, Oct. 5 at approx. 6 PM – Concluding (*Ne'ilah*) service (to follow *Yizkor* as soon as possible)

Friday, Oct. 7 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service, with Sukkot observance

Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 – Temple Israel board of trustees meeting

Friday, Oct. 14 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service, with Simchat Torah observance

Monday, Oct. 17 at 5:30 PM – **B'nai Jacob Simchat Torah service**

Sisterhood Message**My appreciation for the many rewards of “community”***“Sisterhood Cares.”*

When I moved back to my hometown of Charleston in 2016, I joined Temple Israel and was informed about Sisterhood’s one-year complimentary membership. I never imagined that six years later I would be writing this message.

Immediately, the Sisterhood ladies offered me “community” – just what I most desired as a newcomer. Between the meetings, programs, and service opportunities, I quickly made new friends and renewed friendships from the past.

Becoming active by accepting a program chair was a first step that led to being elected vice president, and now to this “position of power.” (Yes, I do think I’m funny at times.)

My intended message this New Year and season is that, getting active in Sisterhood by involvement will lead to untold rewards, including purpose, fun, and a vested interest in a longstanding worthwhile organization.

My heartfelt appreciation is extended to this year’s Sisterhood board and committee chairs, as they keep us going strong. It is my honor and pleasure to be on the distinguished list of Sisterhood presidents.

L'Shana Tova,

Marsha Albert, Sisterhood President

Rabbi’s Message, continued

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someone who needs pastoral or rabbinic support or assistance, have a suggestion to improve what we are doing, a concern about our community, or just want to chat, please feel free to call me (the rabbi) on my cell phone (304) 989-4014, or email me at RabbiJoeB@gmail.com

I am available Sunday through Thursday much of the day, and on Friday generally 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 call my cell, and if you leave a message, please express the urgency of the call and the nature of the need in the message.

Please note that, as you are reading this, I am taking a block of time off, late August to early September, and plan to be out of town during that period. I should be reachable by phone or email, but my schedule will be unpredictable: this is the period when my wife, Karen will need assistance following a surgery and during her recovery, and she will have to put up with me trying to serve as caregiver, nurse, and cook (I think it appropriate to extend sympathy to her on this account!). I informed the Board about this some time ago; many have offered to step in as needed, and Rabbi Urecki has agreed to serve as my

rabbinic backup during this period in case of any emergencies. I am especially grateful to the members of the Ritual Committee who have volunteered to cover services in my absence – please be kind to them!

Tzedakah (Charity)

Please be generous to those in need – locally, nationally, and around the world. Calls for assistance continue to run especially high in light of the many issues, including natural and man-made disasters, and the effects of war, oppression, and violence. Needs are extreme, both domestically in the United States and overseas. Please be generous and do what you can.

Please note the many Tzedakah opportunities that we have supported over the years: Manna Meal, Covenant House, Sojourner’s Shelter at the YWCA, RCCR, Mazon, AJWS, HIAS, Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston, JNF, and all the other worthy causes in our community and beyond, new and old, and offer whatever support you are able.

Blessings and Salutations

This period, during the month of Elul leading up to Tishrei that includes several very important days, is often thought of as a time of self-reflection and introspection. It is sometimes characterized as a period for the “accounting of the soul.” It is a time when we are encouraged to think about our deeds in the past year, and focus on

how we wish to do better, and be better people. This can be contemplation of sins, or it can be simply a time when we review and evaluate our own actions and life and seek ways to live more in accordance with our aspirations. In whatever way one may describe it, it is a time to try to be better, and to do better. When combined with the arrival of the New Year, we can view it as a time to make the resolutions that we will try to carry out and fulfill in the coming year. It is both a time of uplift and a period when we seek to make changes for the better – emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, and in our relationships.

I wish that the rest of your summer will be a pleasant and refreshing time for you, that you will enter the holidays ready and looking forward to a meaningful and uplifting experience, and that you will be rewarded in feeling that your holidays have been all that you could wish for.

Allow me to be among the first to wish you a Shanah Tovah Umetukah Tikateivu – may you be inscribed for a good, and sweet new year.

B’virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace),

Joe

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(my cell phone – please call this number to get in touch directly with me)

What's been happening over the summer...



Clockwise from left: Temple office renovations are *almost* complete (photo by Greg Proctor).

Storm damage—clean-up ongoing—at the cemetery (photo by Richard Hess). Ron and Sue

Eisinger putting up the mezuzah at their new home (photo by N. David Stern).



Tashlikh will be a *virtual* ceremony this year, and we won't be going down to the river—so we thought a photo of it might be nice.

Please see p. 2 for more High Holy Days info, as well as updates on events and programs.

The **Yizkor-Memorial list form** is at the end of this Bulletin. Please fill it out and return it to the Temple office **no later than Friday, Sept. 16.**



Photo by Greg Proctor

Sisterhood thanks recent floral sponsors

May 13 – given by Richard Hess and Robert Hess, in memory of their parents, Helen H. Hess and Morton F. Hess

May 20 – given by Ronni Cohen Spudich and David Spudich: in memory of Ronni's brother, Richard "Ricky" Cohen; in thanks to Millie Snyder for leading Sisterhood these past two years, and to congratulate the incoming and returning Sisterhood officers: Marsha Albert, Ina Angel, Betty Stern, Judy Lundy, along with Ronni.

Welcome!

Temple Israel welcomed new members over the summer, from the Parkersburg-Marietta area:

Dan and Evy Bryant, Lori Fahn, Linda Korn, Kim Kramer, Doug and Myla Kreinik, Roger Pitasky, Esther Salem and Debra Egolf, and Judith Segall.

Sisterhood has extended complimentary one-year memberships, and everyone will be listed in the upcoming Sisterhood Yearbook for 2022-2023.

TEMPLE ISRAEL Yom Kippur Memorial Service

Please list the names of the person(s) you wish to have remembered during Temple Israel's Yom Kippur Yizkor-Memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 05, 2022.

Only the names of deceased relatives and friends which you list on this form will be read at the service.

Please return this form to **Temple Israel, 2312 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston WV 25311, no later than Friday, Sept. 16, 2022.** Please note that you are solely responsible for submitting the form. Forms not received cannot be included. You are welcome to confirm receipt by phone or email: (304) 342-5852 or templeisraelwv@gmail.com

Special Note: If you email your list, **please call to confirm that your email was received.**

NAMES to be remembered at Yom Kippur Memorial Service:

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Submitted by

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DAYTIME PHONE	