

Calendar Event Scheduling Results

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I had asked you to offer input on which calendar events you wanted to see retained, and how often and when you wanted them to be held. Thank you to all of those who responded and gave me your preferences. I have taken all of those replies into account, and based on the majority of the comments and suggestions, have come up with a working calendar of events for this year. I hope that it suits most people. I could not fill all requests – some conflicted, and there were scheduling issues, so I have done the best I can, and followed the suggestions of the largest number of those responding as the major factor in making decisions about scheduling. The result (at least until there is a need to change it) for religious services, classes, and events that are in my realm (other events, such as Sisterhood, Committee, and Board activities are scheduled by others, and listed elsewhere):

1. A Bissell Torah, Online, Weekly on most Thursdays, 4:15 pm (cancelled in any given week for holidays or other events that conflict) [time change]
2. Charleston Death Café, Online, Monthly, Last Sunday of the month (4th or 5th when there is one) at 7 PM [change of time and date]
3. Havdalah, Hybrid, Quarterly, on Saturdays at 7 PM (3 times during the year) [no change]
4. Jewish Literature, Online, every 3rd week on Sundays at 4:15 PM, starting November 6th [change in schedule, same day, modified time]
5. Torah Study, online (unless/until an adequate system for Hybrid participation can be installed for events outside the sanctuary) Monthly on the 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM, [no change from current schedule]
6. Two Charleston Rabbis, Online, Monthly, 1st Wednesdays at 6:15 PM. (Will be cancelled or rescheduled in any given week for holidays or other events that conflict) [time change]
7. Zoom Check Ins; Significant revision. Renamed to Zoom Leadership Check Ins, Online, Monthly, 2nd Mondays at 10 AM, with one or more members of the Board in attendance. History: this was established as a way for members of the Congregation and community to be in contact during the Pandemic, and particularly while we could not meet in person, none of which is still the case. Over time, these sessions evolved to become opportunities for committees to meet, and sometimes for individuals to share information about what was happening/planned in the Congregation and community. Some of the participants specifically wanted to include Congregational officers in the session, to hear news and to share concerns with them. As a result, in response to all the feedback, and in order to transition to this new structure and purpose for these meetings, we will schedule a Zoom Leadership Check In, Online, on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 AM. If additional meetings to conduct congregational or committee business are needed, or there is a desire to have a different type of meeting for socialization, those can be scheduled independent of this, but not necessarily as a regular, ongoing event.

B'NAI JACOB BASED CLASSES

Classes held with B'nai Jacob Congregation (using Rabbi Urecki's Zoom account; announced by Rabbi Urecki with links in his newsletter). I will be participating in some of these classes, and invite you to join with me.

1. Torah Class, Online and In Person, Weekly, starting November 1st, Tuesdays at 10 AM [no change]
2. Talmud Class, Online and In Person, Weekly, starting November 3rd, Thursdays at 10 AM [no change]
3. Adult Hebrew class, Online, In Person, or via Recordings, 10 AM, starting October 24th. Email nancy@bnaijacob.com for information or to register. (I know little about this class; I am listing it to inform anyone interested.)