

Temple Israel – Charleston, W.Va. Shabbat service with Simchat Torah held Friday, Oct. 14, 2022

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Shabbat service for October 14th 2022 took place as scheduled, including observance of Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

Many thanks to all for their participation in the service this evening.

Special thanks to Marsha Albert who offered the candle blessings and ushered in our Shabbat and Holiday service.

Announcements were presented by Congregation president Fran Thalheimer.

Our tech work was led by David Shapiro, with able assistance by Jill Epstein – and the same dynamic duo served as our Gabbaim for the Torah service, and were the persons called up for the two Aliyot tonight.

David Stern and Bob Morris once again provided lovely music, truly enhancing the service, including many pieces that were drawn from the Hakafot (circuit or circling music for marching/dancing with the Torah Scrolls).

Thanks to all for taking part in carrying and marching/dancing with the Torah scrolls!

It was a lovely evening.

The board voted that the building will be open for both in-person and online attendance at worship services, and also for other meetings as announced. Refreshments are again being served, so we had a lovely Oneg Shabbat.

The board also voted to return to the policy suggesting masking (optional) in the building, and asked those attending to be respectful of other's desires regarding social distancing. They do require that you be fully vaccinated to the current recommended standard.

In person or online, if you want to have a role in our services, please be in touch with Ronni Spudich about lighting candles, Betty Stern about an Aliyah, or me about serving as a Gabbai or leading any part of the service.

The service tonight was livestreamed to the Temple Facebook page; you should be able to view the recorded service from tonight on that page – Scroll down to find this service recording posted on the Temple page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/2550469431660054/>

You can also download the Zoom audio recording here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QXM9XPkCyo_1nCwsrDtppgwnRliYRPSa/view?usp=sharing

As always, I would love to hear from you. If you want to chat for a few minutes, please let me know. We have many options available - on the phone, in a zoom meeting, or by text or email, possibly even in person) - whatever works best for you. You can just let me know when you want to talk and we can arrange a time, or tell me when you are free and I can get in touch with you.

I sent the THURSDAY REMINDER LINKS Email with links and details about accessing the events coming up over the weekend on Thursday – please refer to it, or transfer the link information to your calendar. If you don't get that REMINDER LINKS Email, or any other, please contact me and I will re-send it to you.

I will be sending the next SUNDAY REMINDER LINKS EMAIL on Sunday to cover events during the week, the period of Monday-Thursday of the coming week.

If someone wishes to be added to our email list, we can arrange that – just ask them to let me know directly (by email or text), so we are sure not to 'spam' anyone.

Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom, Chag Sameach, and a Shavuah tov! Stay safe and well!

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Rabbi Joe Blair