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*Shabbat service for Simchat Torah Oct. 6th
followed by covered dish dinner*

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Pumpkins (Cucurbita pepo two bright orange ones in center right) and Squashes (Cucurbita maxima, all others): Wikimedia Commons. Leaves photo by Greg Proctor.

Rabbi's Message

Shalom & greetings!

As I write this in mid-September, we are just about to enter the Yamim Nora'im, the days of Awe.

I am hopeful that we will offer our congregation and community meaningful and uplifting services, music, and rituals; warm and friendly fellowship; and opportunities to share delicious treats. I want to remind you that many people work hard to make this happen. Please take a moment and consider expressing your appreciation for everyone engaged in making this time special. It very much takes a village to sustain a vibrant Kehilah Kadosha (holy community), especially at this very busy season, and I am extraordinarily thankful that we have people in our congregation who take this on – my deepest appreciation to them all.

I am writing during the month of Elul, the month leading up to the High Holidays. This is intended to be a time of introspection and self-evaluation, with the goal of striving to “do better” in the coming year, and trying to rectify those things we did that do not measure up in the past year. I know that I, as have all of us, “missed the mark” in the past year, and want to do better in future. In that light, if you wish to speak to me and tell me how I fell short in our interactions, or to unburden yourself of negative emotions that are associated with my failings, please let me know so that I can make an opportunity for us to speak, privately and candidly – either during the holiday season, or at any time after. In those instances in which I am aware of my failings, I want to acknowledge them, offer

sincere and heartfelt apologies, and humbly request your forgiveness, with full intention and desire to do better in future. I specifically ask that if I have offended or injured you in any way in past, that you consider granting the gift of forgiveness to me – not because you owe it to me, but as a measure of your gracious nature and for your own well-being. At the same time, I forgive anything done to me by others.

Calendar news

Recent Highlights: The last month has been a whirlwind, with all the preparations for the High Holidays and all that comes at this time of year.

Regular activities continued. Shabbat services were held weekly, of course, and Jewish Literature met for a very interesting conversation about “The Black Jew,” a chapter from a book called *The In-Betweens*, by Davon Loeb. We encountered some technical issues in streaming our religious services, but with professional assistance, our volunteer technicians were

able to overcome them. The West Virginia Jewish Film Festival showings of *Vishniac* and *March 68* took place – both were quite interesting films. Temple and Sisterhood members were mailed the 2023-2024 Sisterhood Yearbook, and the Jewish wall calendars from Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home were mailed to those on that mailing list.

Sukkot was scheduled to be observed at the Sept. 29 Shabbat service, starting in the sukkah. Simchat Torah observance is scheduled for the Oct. 6 Shabbat service, followed by our first covered dish dinner of the New Year – another treat to look forward to enjoying!

I was part of a panel on Sept. 19 for Professor Robert Ellison's honors class on Religion and the Sermon in Appalachia at Marshall University.

The Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston Advanced Gifts dinner was

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**Oct. 25
Sisterhood
board and
general
membership
meeting,
luncheon and
program:
“Public Art
Trolley Ride”
— see p. 5**



Photo by Kenny Kemp. Courtesy Charleston Gazette-Mail.

Shabbat worship services & Torah study

Religious services are available both in-person and online (Zoom and Facebook).

Torah study session on Nov. 5 is available online only.

OCTOBER & EARLY NOVEMBER: SHABBAT & SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, Oct. 6	Shabbat service with Simchat Torah observance at 5:30 PM, followed by a covered dish dinner
Friday, Oct. 13	Shabbat service at 5:30 PM
Friday, Oct. 20	Shabbat service at 5:30 PM with guest speaker Alica Fruhwaldova
Friday, Oct. 27	Shabbat service at 5:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 3	Shabbat service at 5:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 5	Torah Study at 10:30 AM, online only
Friday, Nov. 10	Shabbat service with observance of Veterans Day & Kristallnacht at 5:30 PM

Tzedakah (Charity)

As always, but particularly at this time when we are told that Teshuvah (Return to the right path), Tefillah (Prayer), and Tzedakah (Righteous Giving) act to transcend the harshness of the decree inscribed in the Book of Life, please be generous.

You know that there is a terrible mess in the world – the headlines tell us that there are many disasters, wars, and catastrophes all around us, and needs are extreme, both domestically and overseas. Please do what you

can, wherever you can – financially or by volunteering, or both.

Support and assist whoever and whatever you are able, supporting whatever moves you.

Tzedakah is among the highest of all mitzvot possible; may your heart be moved to give a little bit more than you otherwise might, may your generosity be a blessing for those who receive it, and may that blessing reflect back onto you and your loved ones.

Rabbi Joe Blair

Support and staying in touch with the Rabbi

Please be in touch with me if you would like a visit or a conversation, have a question, or wish to add (or remove) a name on the Mi Sheberach list.

If you have any pastoral concerns, know of someone who needs pastoral or rabbinic support or assistance, or have a suggestion or a concern about our community, please call me (the rabbi) at (304) 989-4014, or email me at

RabbiJoeB@gmail.com

I read email and texts quite regularly (Shabbat and Jewish holidays excepted - in an emergency on one of these days, please phone me, and if you leave a message, please express the urgency of the call and the nature of the need in the message). I apologize in advance – I may be slower to respond to contacts during this period, due to the holidays. Please be assured that I will respond as soon as I am able, and forgive any delay.

Rabbi Joe Blair



Donated canned goods roll down a conveyer belt to be sorted by volunteers from the U.S. Coast Guard at the Maryland Food Bank in Halethorpe, Md., Feb. 2, 2011.

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October yahrzeits

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

October 6th

Jeanette Gotlieb	10/7
Samuel A. Weisenberg	10/7
Rebecca Blankstein	10/8
Harold Freedman	10/8
Amelia L. Hess	10/8
Flora Schwartz	10/8
Alan Land Susman	10/8
Kurt Feibelman	10/9
Freda Gordon Kopelman	10/9
Sophie Applebaum	10/10
Charles "Charlie" Carroll	10/10
Bernice "Bea" Cohen	10/10
Rose Goldstein	10/11
Leona Spigel	10/11
Donald Deutsch	10/12
Stella Hess Swarts	10/12
Bernard Sclove	10/13

October 13th

Alfred Zicherman	10/15
Louis Fenster	10/16
Sam Kopelman	10/17

Allan Shumofsky	10/17
Mary Lipson	10/20
Jacob Nusbaum	10/20
Harriet Stern	10/20

October 20th

Bertha "Bertie" Feldman	10/21
Frank McCallum	10/21
Grace Ratowsky	10/21
Augusta Angel	10/22
Dr. Herman Gordon	10/23
Howard Coleman	10/24
Sidney Gattlieb	10/24
Madeline Erlich	10/25
Lucille Goldfarb	10/25
Karen Bramnik Syken	10/26
William L. Sloman	10/27

October 27th

Lena Baker	10/29
Dorothy Rae Boiarsky	10/29
Ira Loeb	10/29
Estell Stack Kreinik	10/30
Dr. Myron I. Price	10/30



Photo by Greg Proctor

Simon Meyer	10/31
Jack Rosenblatt	10/31
R. Bernard Bernheimer	11/1
Alece Schwabe	11/1
Max Frankenberger	11/2
Robert Herzbach	11/2
Celia Jurin	11/2
Ethel Kart	11/2

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October & early November at a Glance

Please refer to LINKS emails from Rabbi Blair for access to classes, which are online only with two exceptions*. If you aren't receiving LINKS emails, please contact Rabbi Blair.

Meetings of Sisterhood, Book Club, and the Temple board of trustees are in-person only.

Religious services are both in-person and online.

Please check back often at the Temple website for up-to-date schedule information, <https://templeisraelwv.org>

- Resuming: Torah class with Rabbi Urecki and Rabbi Blair, (most) Tuesdays at 10 AM, starting Oct. 10. *These dates aren't listed individually. *In-person at B'nai Jacob and online.*
- Resuming: Talmud class with Rabbi Urecki and Rabbi Blair, (most) Thursdays at 10 AM, starting Oct. 12. *These dates aren't listed individually. *In-person at B'nai Jacob and online.*

October

Tuesday Oct. 3 at 6 PM – American Jewish Committee: "Breaking Down & Localizing U.S. Strategy to Combat Antisemitism," online only
Friday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat Service, with Simchat Torah Observed, covered dish dinner to follow
Monday, Oct. 9, 11:30 AM-1 PM – Sisterhood Schmooze
Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 3 PM – WVU OLLI class, Contemporary Jewish Liturgy & Poetry, online only (advance registration required)
Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel board of trustees meeting
Thursday, Oct. 12 at 4:30 PM – Bissell Torah, online only
Friday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service
Sunday, Oct. 15 at 4 PM – Jewish

Literature, online only

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1-3 PM at B'nai Jacob – virtual briefing/training regarding antisemitism awareness, with in-person attendance at the Synagogue
Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 3 PM – WVU OLLI class, Contemporary Jewish Liturgy & Poetry, online only
Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 PM – Leora May Book Club
Thursday, Oct. 19 at 4:30 PM – Bissell Torah, online only
Friday, Oct. 20 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service with special guest speaker author Alica Fruhwaldova – see p.6
Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 3 PM – WVU OLLI class, Contemporary Jewish Liturgy & Poetry, online only
Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 11 AM –

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In the Congregation & Community

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 who agreed to have their name listed. If we spoke and you did not want your name announced in the Mi Sheberach list, please know that I have included you in my personal prayers for healing and wholeness, though your name is not listed here.

Kim Aaron
Trina Beall
Deborah Brandon
Holden Mathew Briant
Melissa Cadle
Patricia Cohen Coniglio
Arthur Epstein
Jonathan Freedman
Karl Gattlieb
Ed Goldberg
Bob Gordon
Mel Hutt
Gloria Kelley
Laura Malloy
Judy Lundy and family
Gary Markham
Jim Muldoon
Marsha Platnick
Hedy Poppelsdorf
Amy Shapiro
N. David Stern
Rachel Leah bat Shayna Chaya veShmuel
All who are impacted by illness or poor health
All who have been affected by natural or man-made disasters, war, or violence
All others in need of prayers for healing and wholeness, however that may manifest and whatever it may be for them

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences)

[Deaths that have occurred since the last bulletin.]

Temple Israel extends our sincere condolences to Judy Lundy on the recent death of her nephew Hal Jeffrey Jurin. May all his mourners be comforted from heaven, and may the memory of Hal be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

Mazal Tov (Congratulations)

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

To those who reached or will reach milestones, and to all who had any birthday or anniversary or other life event worth celebrating! Among those we know who are to be acknowledged we include:

September: Jackie & Steve Artz, Ladonna Kushner, **Josh Barrett (MILESTONE)**, Rich Katz, **Ron Eisinger, (MILESTONE)**, Jace Goins, Julie Adams, Roberta Lee Levine, Richard Hess, Jodi & Rich Katz, Ed Goldberg, Marsha & Ivan Platnick, Gail Bellamy, Bill Rosenfeld, **Lynn & Steve Meyer (MILESTONE)**, Roberta Lee Levine, Lynn Gattlieb, **Gayle Twigger-Shaw (MILESTONE)**

October: **Mary Hart (MILESTONE)**, **Richard Hess (MILESTONE)**, **Ina Angel (MILESTONE)**, **Ladonna & David Kushner (MILESTONE)**, Julie Schaul, Gary Winter, Marlo Weisberg, **Nancy & Ray Dodson (MILESTONE)**, Millie Snyder, **Alan Fleischmann (MILESTONE)**, Debby Sonis, **Gloria Kelley (MILESTONE)**, Marsha Platnick, Anne & Bill Kroesser

November: Barbara Braun-Tweddle, Roger Forman, Jennifer Stern, Mark Schaul, Betty Stern, **Jill Epstein (MILESTONE)**, Gregg Stern, Steve Meyer, **Anne Fishkin (MILESTONE)**, Kim Aaron

A few other events of note that I heard about (I hope I captured all of them, but if I missed any, please forgive me, and let me know so I can acknowledge it in the next bulletin):

We wish a nesiah tovah (good travels) to Gail Bellamy and Dan Kurland, who are em-

barking on an amazing trip, starting on Gail's birthday! We hope they take lots of photos and come home safely to share them!

Mazal tov to Rabbi Urecki and Marilyn for the articles and publicity about their LEGO addiction! An amazing article highlighting their life in Charleston and in the Charleston Jewish community – it went “viral” and gave Charleston worldwide attention.

A nesiah tovah to Bill Rosenfeld as he joins his family in travels in the US and to Germany. Wishing him a pleasant journey and a safe return.

Mazal tov to Larry and Louida Wyner on the marriage of their daughter Tessa Wyner to Cody Howard, this past May in Lexington, Va. Both are Virginia Tech graduates and are doctoral candidates in the School of Veterinary Medicine there. They make their home in Blacksburg.

If you have a milestone of any kind, or any birthday, anniversary, or life event worthy of celebration, please let us acknowledge and celebrate it with you! Tell the Rabbi about it.

Todah Rabbah (Many Thanks)

Sincere and extensive thanks to all who worked so hard to make our holiday season special. Far too many to name here (and I would not want to forget anyone), but you certainly know who you are, and I hope you also know how appreciated your contributions are. We could not enjoy such beautiful and moving events for the high holy day season without your efforts!

A brief note of appreciation to the person who is always there behind the scenes getting things done; Greg Proctor. The congregation would not function as well or as smoothly as it does without his indefatigable energy and attention to detail. Everything from the Sisterhood Yearbook, the Jewish Calendars, the monthly Bulletin, our website, and so much more is a product of his careful oversight and effort. I know I would find it difficult to accomplish all that I do without his support. Todah rabbah, Greg

Sisterhood Message

The show must go on: Schmooze, Care Committee and programming: Hop on the trolley Oct. 25 for a public art tour!

Off we go into a New Year, 5784.

In most ways the outlook for Temple Israel Sisterhood is positive and promising. Our Sisterhood board retreat this past June resulted in a plan that should offer our members variety and involvement. Our very active board continues to fulfill their commitments to the hilt and more. In fact, presiding for my second year appears to be somewhat of a cakewalk!

Our Sisterhood Schmooze on the second Monday of each month has continued and even grown in attendance over the summer. I mention this fun event (bring your own lunch) if you want to help us solve the world's problems.

The Care Committee, sadly, has more and more duties to fulfill as the years go by and we lose congregants, to death or relocation away from West Virginia. Every loss is felt hard with our dwindling population. However, the show must go on, as they say.



Making decorations for the [sukkah](#) at the September Schmooze. From left: Dona Hall, Gayle-Twigger-Shaw, Beth Winter, Lynn Gattlieb.

Photo by Marsha Albert

The upcoming fall meeting of the Sisterhood board and combined membership will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 11 AM. Lunch will be served. Cookie Glasser, program chair, has arranged a Public Art Trolley Tour, 1-4 PM following the meeting and lunch (see details on this page).

We will be announcing an exciting springtime program not to be missed. (Hint: Nobody will want to miss it!)

Our Sisterhood continues to welcome new members, and I encourage everyone to participate in meetings, programs, religious services, and special events. We aim to be friendly, warm, and fuzzy.

L'ShanaTova,

Marsha Albert,

Sisterhood President

All aboard!

Oct. & early Nov. at a Glance, cont'd

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Sisterhood board and general membership meeting, luncheon, and program – "Charleston Art Trolley Ride" tour – see p. 5 for details

Thursday, Oct. 26 at 4:30 PM – Bissell Torah

Friday, Oct. 27 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

November

Thursday, Nov. 2 at 4:30 PM – Bissell Torah

Friday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service, covered dish dinner to follow

Sunday, Nov. 5 at 10:30 AM – Torah study, online only

Friday, Nov. 10 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service, with observance of Veterans Day and Kristallnacht

The first Sisterhood board and general membership meeting of the New Year will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Temple. The meeting will begin at 11 AM, followed by a luncheon. After lunch, those who have made reservations for the program will board a KRT trolley bus for the Charleston "Public Art Trolley Ride" tour led by [Jeff Pierson, Director of Public Art for the city](#).

This exciting program will focus on the diversity of Charleston's public art and include many locations throughout the city. The tour begins at 12:45 PM, with boarding at the Temple. The trolley will bring everyone back to the Temple between 3:45 & 4:00 PM.

The trolley has limited seating – room for only 24 – so Sisterhood members will be given priority to make reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your seat, send your check for \$25, made payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood, to Temple Israel, 2312 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston WV 25311 – or give it to Sisterhood treasurer Betty Stern – so that we receive it no later than Friday, Oct. 13.

If you need further information, please call Sisterhood program chair Cookie Glasser.





The Feast of the Rejoicing of the Law at the Synagogue in Livorno (Leghorn, Italy) by Solomon Alexander Hart. Wikimedia Commons.

Solomon Alexander Hart (1806 – 1881) was a British painter and engraver. He was the first Jewish member of the Royal Academy in London and was probably the most important Jewish artist working in England in the 19th century. — [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solomon_Alexander_Hart)

Our Thoughtful Contributors

Please write separate checks when making contributions to more than one fund or when paying membership dues.

When making donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Unrestricted Fund, or the Social Action Fund, please make your check payable to Temple Israel.

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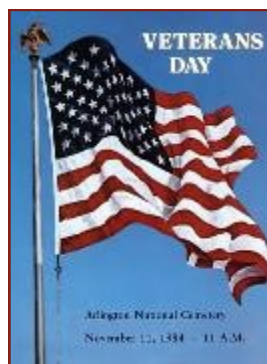
Simchat Torah Oct. 6; Social Action guest speaker Oct. 20

Simchat Torah will be celebrated at the Friday, Oct. 6 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM. The service will be followed by a covered dish dinner.

At the Oct. 20 Shabbat service at 5:30 PM, author Alica Fruhwaldova, from Banska Bystrica, Slovakia (Charleston's sister city), will speak to the congregation about her memoir, "Loves I Have Lost," a history of her family during and after the Holocaust. She will be a featured author at the West Virginia Book Festival the next day. For more info, visit

<https://www.kcpls.org/event/wvbf-program-alica-fruhwaldova>

Fruhwaldova was born just after the Second World War to a Jewish couple who survived the Holocaust by living in a cave outside the city. Her memoir tells the story of how her parents survived, and her own story of growing up Jewish without any extended family. It was written primarily for her grandchildren, and the extended family which she never had. She will speak to the congregation in place of a Devar Torah that evening.



Friday, Nov. 10 at 5:30 PM: Shabbat service for Veterans Day and Kristallnacht

Poster by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Veterans Day National Committee. Wikimedia Commons

Thanks for making Shabbat & the High Holy Days even more special



Photo by Greg Proctor

Flowers on the bimah, Sept. 15 & 16 – Shabbat & Rosh Hashanah, given by

Ronni and David Spudich, in memory of Ronni's parents, Helen and Edward B. Cohen, and Ronni's twin brother, Ricky Cohen; and

Gayle Twigger-Shaw, wishing a Shanah Tovah to all Temple Israel members, both here and at home.

Flowers on the bimah, Sept. 22, 24 & 25 – Shabbat & Yom Kippur, given

In Memory of Jerry L. Goldberg – wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, lovingly

remembered and deeply missed, given by Donna Goldberg; David, Jessica, Ari, and Jack Goldberg; and Joanna, Jon, Julia, and Jenna Zimmelman; and

In memory of Marty Glasser, who lives within us as a loving and kind husband, father, and grandfather. Given by Cookie, Brian, Michael, Kristy, and all the grandchildren.

The Rosh Hashanah reception was coordinated by Mary Rich Maloy and provided by the congregation.

The Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast was coordinated and provided by Sisterhood.

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scheduled for Sept. 20, the featured speaker (in an online appearance) being the Minister for Public Diplomacy at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., Sawsan Natour-Hasan.

Looking Ahead

Sisterhood Schmooze will be held on Oct. 9, 11:30 AM-1 PM.

I am offering a class through WVU OLLI on Contemporary Jewish Poetry and Liturgy in three sessions, Oct. 10, 17, and 24 (advance registration is available online through WVU OLLI).

We will re-start the irregular online weekly series, A Bissell Torah, on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 4:30 PM (please note the new time).

I have been invited to speak at the Oct. 15 service of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Gassaway by Pastor James Riggs, on the topic of Passover in the Tanach and as it is currently observed.

Also on Oct. 15, we will hold another Jewish Literature session, at 4 PM. This will now be a regular monthly event, meeting on the third Sunday of each month (unless that is a holiday) 4-5 PM (a slightly modified time from prior meetings).

The United States Attorneys for the Southern and Northern Districts of West Virginia will be partnering with the American Jewish Committee to provide a virtual briefing/training regarding antisemitism awareness on Oct. 17 at 1-3 pm. We are co-sponsoring the local event with B'nai Jacob Congregation, with in-person attendance at the Synagogue. With the continuing rise of antisemitic incidents, this is timely and worthy of your attention.

The next Leora May Book Club meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18, time and location TBA.

There is a special guest speaker scheduled for the Oct. 20 Shabbat service. The Social Action Committee is working with others in Charleston to bring author Alica Fruhwaldova, from Banska Bystrica, Slovakia (Charleston's sister city), to speak

at the Temple and at the West Virginia Book Festival the next day. She was born just after the Second World War to a Jewish couple who survived the Holocaust by living in a cave outside of Banska Bystrica. Her memoir tells the story of how her parents survived, and her own story of growing up Jewish without any extended family. It was written primarily for her grandchildren, and the extended family which she never had. She will speak to the congregation in place of a Devar Torah that night. It should be very interesting.

Temple Israel Sisterhood is planning the Charleston "Public Art Trolley Ride" tour the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 25, following the Sisterhood board and general membership meeting and luncheon. There will be limited seating for the tour, so sign up with Sisterhood soon – it sounds great! (*See p. 5.*)

A little further ahead

The Torah study series will resume on Sunday morning, Nov. 5, at 10:30, and subsequently will be held the first Sunday of each month (except in the month of May – more on that later). Again, I look forward to sharing the pleasure of looking into some aspect of the text of the Torah parashah for that week with you.

I am discontinuing the Charleston Death Café series. The constraints placed on any event using the name "Death Café" were quite restrictive, and did not allow us to explore other areas of discussion. Instead, on Dec. 3 at 7 PM, we will debut a new series called "Death While Dining." It will allow us to set an agenda and have speakers. This will meet on the first Sunday of each month, except in May (more later). I look forward to having some of you join me in this new offering.

Rabbi Urecki and I plan to restart both the Torah and Talmud classes soon after the conclusion of our holiday season, and I urge you to join him (and me) in those sessions. The conversation is interesting, enlightening, and just plain fun.

Similarly, once the holiday season concludes, Rabbi Urecki and I will set a schedule for Two Charleston Rabbi Discussions. I will let you know when that is on the calendar.

Thoughts, Blessings, and Salutations

The traditional greeting that we exchange changes a bit after Rosh Hashanah, and we use it all the way through Simchat Torah (giving us a little extra time to make the changes in our behavior that we wish to undertake for the new year. It is:

L'shanah tovah umetukah teichateimu

May you be sealed for a good and sweet year!

I offer this greeting, and all the hopes it expresses, to you and your loved ones. My wish is that the holiday season will continue to be filled with light, laughter, love, joy, happiness, health, prosperity, religious meaning, and many blessings, and that we may all feel spiritual uplift, continuing into the years ahead. In this year of 5784 may we each find a path to peace and wholeness; spiritually, emotionally, and in the world around us. May the year we are entering prove to be a better, more just, and more godly one than the one we have just finished, and the several years preceding that. May we be blessed – along with our loved ones, our congregation, our community, and all who live, wherever they may be. Ken Yehi Ratzon – may it be so.

B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace),
and prayers for all things good, for you
and your loved ones,

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