

Temple Israel – Charleston, W.Va. – Feb. 02, 2024 Shabbat service

Shabbat Shalom!

Our Shabbat service for Friday, February 2nd, 2024 took place as scheduled. We included acknowledgement of the HIAS Refugee Shabbat, including a special speaker from WVIRM. Appreciation to the Fran Thalheimer for coordinating participation in the service. Thanks also to the House Committee in organizing the Covered Dish Dinner during the Oneg Shabbat the Temple provided tonight! Thanks to the Sisterhood for the flowers on the bimah.

Betty Stern offered the blessing and lit the candles for Shabbat this week. Gayle Twigger-Shaw delivered the announcements for us.

Readers during the service included: Marsha Albert, Ina Angel, Jackie Artz, Steve Artz, Gail Bellamy, Rachel Dash, Cookie Glasser, Dona Hall, Mary Rich Maloy, Caroline Ostand, Joan Randall, Millie Snyder, Fran Thalheimer, and Gayle Twigger-Shaw.

Participating in the service in other roles were: Judy Lundy, who beautifully read the Torah for us; Fran Thalheimer, who recruited the participants and introduced our guest speaker for this evening; Rachel Dash who spoke to us as the president of the WV Interfaith Refugee Ministry, and came up for the honor of the Aliyah to the Torah; Charlie Loeb and Richard Gottlieb who assisted in the service with opening and closing the Ark, and with undressing and dressing the Torah; Alan Fleischmann was the person running the Tech board; and Richard Hess served as our Gabbai.

Bob Morris and David Stern offered our musical support, and it was wonderful. Many thanks to them both!

Our services are available for online and in person attendance.

The Zoom Links are sent out in the Reminder Links Emails on Sundays and Thursdays each week, covering the next several days. (First check your Spam folder – if not there, then please contact me – Rabbi Joe – if you don't receive those emails.) Services are scheduled at 5:30 pm on Friday evenings, unless otherwise noted.

Whether you attend 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 in our Torah services, or me about serving as a Gabbai or leading any part or all of the service. We welcome participation!

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The service was livestreamed to the Temple Facebook page. You should be able to access it online. – **Scroll down to find the service recording posted on the Temple page here:**

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

The Zoom recording is available - **Click here for the Zoom recording:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QI8oBCHizhJ6WJfTITGt85Vzduf4-vJp/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, by text or email, or in person - whatever works best for you. You can just let me know that you want to talk and we can arrange a time, or tell me when you are free and how you would prefer to be in touch, and I can reach out to you.

Please remember: I can't read minds, so if you don't tell me you want to talk, I won't know. And similarly, if you don't let me know that you want a visit or call, or to be added to (or removed from) the Mi Sheberach list, I also will not know.

I will send the SUNDAY REMINDER LINKS EMAIL on Sunday for the period of Sunday-Friday of the coming week.

I will send a THURSDAY REMINDER LINKS EMAIL on Thursday for the period of Thursday-Monday of the coming weekend.

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.

May you have a week filled with blessings and joys, and most of all, peace for your soul and for the world. Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom and a Shavuah tov.

Joe

Rabbi Joe Blair