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*Yom HaShoah service, May 5th at 6 PM at the Temple.
Sisterhood Installation, May 10th Shabbat service at 5:30 PM*

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Rabbi's Message

Shalom & greetings!

As I write this it is bumping up against "Tax Day," which some consider "a day that will live in infamy," though that phrase is more often associated with December 7th and Pearl Harbor. I hope that you have completed and submitted your tax returns, and wish you nothing but smooth sailing and refunds! 😊

Still to come from my perspective, but in the recent past for you as you read this: the Congregational Passover Seder on April 22. I truly hope that those who came to it enjoyed themselves a great deal.

As I write, I am looking forward to it with great anticipation, and expect it to be fun, uplifting, and a good time. I know just how much work those planning for it have been putting in for weeks and weeks ahead of time, and they all want it to be a memorable event, as well as a chance for many of the members of the Temple to come together, both to enjoy each other's company and to celebrate and engage in our communal observation of the Seder ritual. Speaking of ritual, the Ritual Committee met and asked for some minor additions and revisions to the Seder this year (nothing too wild or crazy!), so if you had any reaction, let them (or me) know how you liked it, and what, if anything, you would want to see changed or added in future.

Passover is variously known as the Spring Holiday, the Feast of Matzah, the Festival of Freedom, and Passover/Pesach. This multiplicity of names hints at how rich the tradition and liturgy surrounding this holiday are. Passover, Pesach in Hebrew, is a celebration of liberation from slavery and captivity, as well as Jewish

Redemption of those in the Covenant. It is a holiday filled with symbols: among them, the matzah (the bread of our affliction), the bitter herbs (bitterness of servitude and bondage), the salt water (tears), the Zeroah (usually a roasted lamb shank bone, representing the Paschal sacrifice – the lamb, from which the blood for the doorposts was taken), the various sets of fours (cups of wine, children, blessings), the opening of the door (to welcome both Elijah the prophet, and to welcome any who are hungry and invite them to join us), and the Afikomen (a piece of the matzah saved for the "dessert" at the end of the festive meal).

For me, the arrival of Passover is also a deeply important marker on our calendar, a time when we gather and join together to observe and celebrate, renewing bonds of affection and ritual with family and friends. This holiday is, for me, a time that deeply connects the past and the present, and gestures meaningfully towards the future. We are, as you probably recall, to see ourselves as if we had been one of the Hebrews who came out of Egypt to venture into the unknown of the wilderness and a covenantal relationship with a mysterious

Memorial Day May 27th



The "President's Own" United States Marine Band performs at the Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater during a Memorial Day observance that featured President Barack Obama, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, and other military leaders in 2015. The president said that this Memorial Day marked the first celebration of the United States' fallen since the end of combat operations in Afghanistan.

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and incorporeal G-d – and we are to see that relationship and covenant as enduring and eternal, still in place for each of us, as it was for our ancestors, and as it will be for our descendants. It is essentially the cord that connects each of us to one another, to our ancestors, and to our descendants – and this holiday feels to me perhaps the most effective and immediate in making that connection more obvious, more vibrant, and more essential. I hope you feel the tug of that connection – with those sitting at your Seder table and in the same room, with those who came before, and with those who are yet to be.

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Worship services & Torah study

**Religious services are both in-person and online (Zoom and Facebook).
Torah study sessions are online only.**

MAY & EARLY JUNE

Friday, May 3	5:30 PM	Shabbat service, with covered dish dinner to follow
Sunday, May 5	6:00 PM	Yom HaShoah joint service with B'nai Jacob Synagogue, held at Temple Israel
Friday, May 10	5:30 PM	Sisterhood Shabbat service, with installation of officers
Sunday, May 12	10:30 AM	Torah study, Parashah Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23 – online only
Friday, May 17	5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat service with Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut observed, Torah Parashah Emor
Friday, May 24	5:30 PM	Shabbat service with Pesach Sheni observed
Friday, May 31	5:30 PM	Shabbat service
Friday, June 7	5:30 PM	Shabbat service (lay-led), Parashah Bamidbar
Sunday, June 9	4:00 PM	Torah study, Parashah Nasso, Numbers 4:21-7:89—online only— <u>please note time change</u>

Temple Israel 150th Anniversary

For more info contact Fran Thalheimer at

Reunion Sept. 20-22

templereunion150@aol.com

Keeping 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, the Mazal Tov list, or (G-d forbid) the recent deaths 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 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). Please be assured that I will respond as soon as I am able, and forgive any delay.

Rabbi Joe Blair

Tzedakah

As if I have never done so (hah!), I am offering a reminder about Tzedakah.

I urge you to identify and give to what matters most to you personally, and to give generously in supporting those causes.

Think of all the needs - in our congregation, in our commu-

nity, in our state, nationally, and more widely. As always, I pray that your heart may be moved to give a little more than you otherwise might, and I pray that your generosity will be a blessing for those who receive it, and will reflect back onto you and your loved ones.

Rabbi 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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May yahrzeits

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

May 3rd

Vilma Lehman	5/4
Manuel Rotgin	5/4
Rebecca Grace Roueche	5/6
Stanley E. Deutsch	5/7
Sara Samuel Silverstein	5/7
Paul Weintraub	5/7
David McHale	5/8
Gerald Bernard Ostand	5/8
Alison Ruth Kaplan	5/9

May 10th

James Edward Amburgey	5/11
Benjamin David	5/11
Thomas Jay Kramer	5/11
Dr. Philip David Maimon	5/11
Harry Mellman	5/11
Linda Rubin	5/11
Dr. Jack Basman	5/12
Esther Galperin	5/12
Gordon Mae Hendrick	5/12
Joan Markham Siebert	5/12
Craig Fillmon	5/13
Tracie Christian Rose	5/13
Jerome Goldberg	5/14
Norman Lakin	5/14
Sherry Lovett	5/14
Frieda L. Barton	5/16
Jerome Harold Deutsch	5/16
Milton Fenster	5/16
Rae Tagress Rosenberg	5/16

Ruth Barton	5/17
Sadie Carroll	5/17
Morton F. Hess	5/17

May 17th

Suzanne Grinberg	5/18
Herbert Mitchell Barrett	5/19
Marjorie "Petie" Kwass	5/19
Ben Goldfarb	5/20
Joseph Bernard Randall	5/20
Sadie Goldberg	5/21
Julia Shreve	5/21
Michael Zide	5/21
Dorothy Fishkin	5/22
Fannie Gottlieb	5/22
Helen H. Hess	5/22
Fay Kulowski	5/22
Matthew H. Small	5/22
Gerald Allen Amburgey	5/23
Sayde Cohen	5/23
Tracy Auden Fretwell	5/23
Richard "Ricky" Cohen	5/24

May 24th

David Badner	5/25
Patrick J. Gleason	5/25
Mary Mannis	5/25
Nathaniel Rose	5/25
Robert W. Garner II	5/26
Samuel Mendelsohn	5/26
Joe Greenburg	5/27

Emily Marks	5/27
Robert Silverstein	5/27
Samuel Dash	5/29
Jane Mayer Silverstein	5/29
Florence Mann	5/30
Monica Montanaro	5/30
Ruth Silverstein Sherman	5/31

May 31st

Lester J. Mann	6/1
David L. Wyant Jr.	6/2
Marion Smith Cohen	6/3
Sylvia I. Garner	6/3
Joseph Sloman	6/3
Ben Elgart	6/4
Norman Glass	6/4
Sarah Meilman	6/4
Esther Markham Stowers	6/4
Melvin Marks	6/5
Alfreda Ruvel	6/5
David Lautman	6/6
Alfredo Montanaro	6/6
Miriam E. Rogin	6/6
Herbert J. Shapiro	6/6
Pearl Kleinman	6/7
David Hess Swarts	6/7

Condolences are on p. 4

May & early June At a Glance

This is a projected calendar of events; it may be incomplete or changed. Services are both in-person and online/virtual. All meetings, classes, programs, and events are either in person or virtual, as announced. Updates to this information will be included on the Temple website and in the Reminder Links emails. Please wear a mask if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness; vaccination with a bi-valent vaccine is required to attend in person. If you aren't receiving emails from Rabbi Blair about online sessions, please let him know.

Thursday, May 2 at 4:30 PM – A Bissell Torah – online only

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

Sunday, May 5 at 6 PM – Yom HaShoah service (at Temple Israel, held jointly with B'nai Jacob Synagogue)

Thursday, May 9 at 4:30 PM – A Bissell Torah

Friday, May 10 at 5:30 PM – Sisterhood Shabbat service, with installation of officers

Sunday, May 12 at 10:30 AM – Torah Study, Parashah Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Ezekiel 44:15-31 – online only

Sunday, May 12 at 7 PM - Death While Dining – online only

Monday, May 13 at 11:30 AM – Sisterhood Schmooze

Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel board of trustees meeting

Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30 PM – Leora

May Book Club – location TBA

Thursday, May 16 at 4:30 PM – A Bissell Torah – online only

Friday, May 17 at 5:30 PM – Temple Israel Shabbat service with Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut observed, Torah Parashah Emor

Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 AM – Jewish Literature

Tuesday, May 21 at 3 PM – WVU OLLI Course – Things in the Spring Session 1 – registration required – online only

Thursday, May 23 at 4:30 PM – A Bissell Torah – online only

Friday, May 24 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service with Pesach Sheni observed

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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 Mi Sheberach 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. If your name has been removed from the list, it may still appear here for this bulletin, which is a cumulative listing of names since the last Bulletin, and it will not appear in the next Bulletin.

Rose Christian
 Howard Cohen
 Arthur Epstein
 Vera Flint
 Jonathan Freedman
 Karl Gattlieb
 Jack Goldfarb
 Richard Gottlieb and Family
 Dona Hall
 Steve Herman and Family
 Richard Hess
 Mel Hutt
 Rabbi Earl Jordan
 Dorothy Kurland
 Roberta Lee Levine
 Mark Malloy
 Gary Markham
 Amy Shapiro
 Steve Small and Family
 N. David Stern
 Barbara Braun Tweddle
 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 who are in need of prayers for healing and wholeness, however that may manifest and whatever it may be for them

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:

April: Zel Lewis, Ditty Markham, Fran Thalheimer, Susan Striar May, Karl Gattlieb, Lynn & Karl Gattlieb, Bridget McGuire & Max Gottlieb

May: Sharon Jubelirer, Dottie Baer Garner, **Barbara Braun-Tweddle (MILESTONE)**, Ellen Kay Bastron, Duke Bloom, Lena Thoren Glasser, Shelly Winowich, Trish & Dylan Erwin, **Rabbi Earl Jordan (MILESTONE)**

June: Pam Goldfarb, Sue Eisinger, Steve Artz, Carolyn & Paul Ostand, Ronni & David Spudich, Jack Goldfarb, **Anne Kushner (MILESTONE)**, **Betty & David Stern (MILESTONE)**, Beth & Russ Emrick, Ditty & Gary Markham, **Sarah & Brett Radow (MILESTONE)**, David Thalheimer, Doug Fisher, Beth & Gary Winter

We also offer Mazal Tov wishes to

Isaac Forman for being elected to the role of President of B'nai Jacob Congregation. We know he will be an asset there, as well as continuing to be a welcome presence at Temple.

N. David Stern for being awarded the Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts Individual Award at the 2024 Governor's Arts Award Ceremony on Feb. 27. David is indeed a man of many talents and even more accomplishments.

Angela Cannon & Joey Rager on the birth of Jeanelle Elizabeth on March 21. Parents and child are doing well, if a bit sleep deprived! We look forward to the opportunity to meet Jeanelle Elizabeth in person soon!

Margot Jogwick on her 90th birthday! It was

a true pleasure to be able to celebrate with her for this milestone!

Sharon Jubelirer on recovering from her recent illness, and wishing her good health from now on!

Zel Lewis on her 99th Birthday! We wish her well – ad me'ah ve'esrim!

Rabbi Earl Jordan on his 90th Birthday! Wishing him well.

Betty & David Stern on their 65th anniversary! A major milestone!

All Sisterhood members elected to the board of Sisterhood for the coming year, and a hearty thank you to those whose terms are finishing. You are all greatly appreciated for everything you do for our community. We look forward to the Sisterhood Shabbat and Officer Installation at our Shabbat service on May 10.

If you have a milestone 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.

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences)

Temple Israel extends wishes for swift repair and restoration of their home to Lynn & Karl Gattlieb, who suffered damage in the recent tornado/storms.

We also offer a heartfelt 'Baruch Hashem' (Thanks to the Holy One) - we have heard that others in our community only lost electricity or internet in that storm, and **no one was injured, and that so few suffered significant damage.** We certainly hope that connections are back and working by now, and that everyone's power and connectivity is well and working, if not fully restored and normal, and that all needed repairs go quickly and smoothly.

Temple Israel extends our condolences to Steve Small and family on the death of his wife, Judy Herman on March 13 in Philadelphia. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may the memory of their loved one be a blessing.

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Rabbi's Message, continued

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Calendar News

Recent Highlights. Since the last Bulletin, a lot has happened. I always enjoy our classes - I have had fun learning in classes with Torah Study, Death While Dining, A Bissell Torah, Jewish Literature, Torah, and Talmud. I look forward to the WVU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute courses – the most recent one I taught was on Psalms as Poetry, and this summer, I will be offering a survey course on a number of items, mostly in the spring, on the Jewish calendar.

I am always happy to be leading the special Shabbat services, including those for Purim, Passover, Sisterhood Shabbat, Israeli Memorial and Independence days, Pesach Sheni (the second Passover), and coming up, Shavuot. We also have a special service for Yom HaShoah (Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day) – less of a happy event, but meaningful, and perhaps more so than usual in light of all that has been happening in the world.

Looking Ahead . The coming month is busy. In addition to regular services each Friday; we have A Bissell Torah; Jewish Literature; Torah Study; and Death While Dining. Following Passover, we enter the time of the counting of the Omer – tying Passover and Redemption to Shavuot and Revelation.

Following shortly after Passover in the month of May, we have the Yom HaShoah service (held at Temple Israel, conducted jointly with B'nai Jacob); the Sisterhood Shabbat and Officer Installation service, celebrating the important role that the Sisterhood plays in the life of the congregation; the Shabbat service that includes Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut; and a Shabbat service which includes observance of Pesach Sheni. Looking into early June, we have the Annual Congregational Meeting and Shavuot. This is all in addition to our regular events, services, and meetings.

Also of note: we have a scheduled unveiling for Natalie Mendeloff Winowich

on May 5 at 10 AM at the Temple Cemetery; an interment in Parkersburg for Frances Zicherman on June 9th at 10 am; and an interment for two of the Silverstein family (the mother and sister of Clara) on July 21 at 10 AM at the Temple Cemetery.

For more details on events and activities, see the At a Glance and Worship Services listings in this bulletin – and because things can change after the bulletin is published, the most up to date information is to be found in the Reminder Links emails sent on Sundays and Thursdays, and on the Temple website.

Thoughts, Blessings, and Salutations

As we are in the midst of the period of the counting of the Omer (between Passover and Shavuot), it is customary to focus our thoughts through a spiritual lens, seeking to add to the meaning and relevance of this period of time, in the interregnum stretching between Redemption (Passover) and Revelation (Shavuot). Soon, we will arrive at Pesach Sheni, the second Passover, which reminds us that we are not held to an impossible standard; we must do our best, and there are leniencies built in to our faith that recognize our limitations as human beings. Shavuot, is the time of commemorating and celebrating our encounter with the divine, and the gift of Torah to guide our steps as we live that is associated with that event. This period of time, connected by the counting of the Omer, helps us to know when and why we celebrate, rejoice, and appreciate all that we have now and all that we will have in future as a result of our religion, faith, and belief. May you and your loved ones find great joy and deep meaning in observing and noting these Jewish occasions that are on the calendar. Ken yehi ratzon.

B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace),

Joe

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In the Congregation and Community, continued

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Temple Israel extends our condolences to Richard Gottlieb and family following the recent passing of his brother-in-law, Jay Lewis Kabat, husband of his sister Andrea; the funeral was held in Charlotte, N.C. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may the memory of their loved one be a blessing.

Rabbi Joe Blair

At a Glance, continued

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Monday, May 27 – Temple office closed in observance of Memorial Day
 Tuesday, May 28 at 3 PM – WVU OLLI Course – Things in the Spring Session 2 – registration required – online only
 Thursday, May 30 at 4:30 PM – A Bissell Torah – online only
 Friday, May 31 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service

Early June

Sisterhood board retreat – date and time TBA
 Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 PM – Annual Congregational Meeting
 Thursday, June 6 at 4:30 PM – NO A Bissell Torah
 Friday, June 7 at 5:30 PM – Shabbat service (lay-led), Parashah Bamidbar
 Sunday, June 9 at 4:00 PM **note time change** Torah study—Parashah Nasso, Numbers 4:21-7:89; Judges 13:2-25—online only
 Sunday, June 9 at 7 PM - Death While Dining – online only



Sisterhood Message

Our Fearless Leader

Gayle Twigger-Shaw, currently Temple president, is Oklahoma-born and Missouri-raised, and moved to Charleston the first time because of her husband’s employment. The family later left for Washington, D.C., but luckily for us, Gayle returned to West Virginia in the early 1970s, this time as a single mom with two children, and she has remained to enjoy a long and illustrious career as an interior designer.

It is not an understatement to say that Gayle is a Kanawha Valley icon.

For over 50 years, Gayle has been building a reputation as the “taste queen” and the go-to for the “color for your walls” and the question of “where to place what?” Whether it be home or office, or any space for that matter, Gayle has rescued many bad decisions. Her eyes and experience can save decorative disasters.

Both Gayle and I were pioneers in women-owned and -operated small businesses back when “Women’s Lib” was a budding entity. Our long friendship along with many mutual friends could be a story in itself – but we will never tell!

Gayle’s life as a Jewish woman began formally when she was hired to decorate the late Rabbi Jim Cohn’s study here at Temple Israel. She briefly mentioned to Rabbi Jim that she had always “felt Jewish.” To that he explained that her feelings were enough and legitimate to being a Jew, and explained to her what was involved in the conversion process, “and then he handed me a book,” she said.

In our interview for this article, Gayle related a story about remembering seeing a newsreel in a movie theater at four years of age, where “children were shown behind barbed wire” and she remained haunted by that visual.

All I can say is “wow,” as that was the start of something big: Gayle’s love affair with her adopted religion. Since she only does things with great enthusiasm, it is no surprise that Gayle now serves as president of the congregation’s board of trustees, working with others to fashion the future of our Reform Jewish congregation and of the presence of Reform Judaism in Charleston.

Gayle’s journey includes her years serving as chair of the Temple’s Social Action Committee and working with the larger community. She helmed some well attended educational programs on topics such as Caregiving. It was held in our Temple with more than 20 vendors participating.

Gayle first served in leadership as Sisterhood vice president during Sue Eisinger’s presidency (2016-2018), then served as Sisterhood president 2018-2020. She was elected vice president



Current Temple president and past Sisterhood president Gayle Twigger-Shaw.

Photo by Greg Proctor

of the Temple board when Fran Thalheimer was president, and Gayle will soon begin her second year as president.

Never stopping for long, Gayle has been a working force of nature, ever expressing that it is a “work of love” for her, her Temple, and her faith. Our awe-inspiring Sanctuary has the thumbprint of Gayle’s love and hours devoted to its complete renovation just a few years ago.

Gayle describes her Jewish journey as both spiritual and emotional. Towards the ending of our weekly Shabbat services Gayle greets our congregants with her dynamic smile and announcement of upcoming events. It is quite evident her heart is full of love for her Temple. Gayle’s commitment is our gift from her.

Thank you, Gayle.

Marsha Albert, Sisterhood President

Friday, May 10 at 5:30 PM — Sisterhood Shabbat with installation of officers
 Monday, May 13, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM—
 Sisterhood Schmooze
 In June — date to be announced — Sisterhood board retreat

Care Committee Purim gifts

The Care Committee distributed Purim bags to 17 members of the Congregation. Thanks to Lynn Gattlieb and Beth and Gary Winter for helping deliver the bags.

Photo courtesy N. David Stern





**Sunday,
May 5th
at 6 PM**

**Yom HaShoah joint service
with B'nai Jacob
Synagogue, held at Temple
Israel**

Photo: Wikimedia Commons



**Celebrating Second
Passover at Shabbat service
May 24th at 5:30 PM**

Pesach Sheni (Hebrew: **פסח שני**, trans. *Second Passover*) occurs every year on 14 Iyar, exactly one month after 14 Nisan, the day before Passover, which was the day prescribed for bringing the *Korban Pesach* ("Paschal offering," i.e. Passover lamb). As described in Numbers 9:1–14, the Israelites were about to celebrate Passover one year after leaving Egypt.

Text & Photo: Wikipedia

Our Thoughtful Contributors

Thanks for making Shabbat even more special

April 12—Both the flowers on the bimah and the Oneg Shabbat reception following the service were given by Alan Fleischmann, honoring the memory of his mother, Honey Fleischmann.

April 29—Flowers on the bimah were given in loving memory of Marty Glasser on his April 29th birthday, and in memory of his beloved parents, Sylvia & Lou Glasser on their May 2nd & April 19th Yahrzeits, by Cookie Glasser and family

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

Please make Sisterhood donations payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood.

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

Outstanding service awards to members

Ed Goldberg

Temple Israel extends a hearty mazal tov to member Ed Goldberg for being recognized and awarded the WVSU Distinguished Service award for 55 years of teaching at that school. Ed has served as an adjunct faculty member for all that time, offering courses on business law, and is still going strong. A well-earned recognition! Mazal tov and congratulations – ad me'ah ve'esrim (until 120)!

Richard Gottlieb

Temple Israel extends a hearty mazal tov to Richard Gottlieb for receiving the "Kaufman Award," the top public service award given by the West Virginia State Bar. Richard was selected from among 9,000 members (licensed attorneys in West Virginia) of the bar. He was recognized specifically for his '*pro bono publico*' work, legal services for the good of the public, performed without fee for those who do not have the means otherwise to secure legal counsel. In the aggregate, he performed more hours of *pro bono* legal work than any other attorney, amply and easily justifying his selection for this prestigious award.

The ceremony presenting this award took place on April 7 at a gala affair. We know Richard as a long-time member of Temple Israel (as well as Congregation B'nai Jacob), and for his work on the Temple board, where he has served as a committee chair, trustee, and past-president (among other roles). He currently serves as vice-president, as well as chairing and actively participating on several committees doing the work of our congregation, and supporting the larger Jewish community.

He should be proud of what he has accomplished, and we salute him for all he has done through the years, and all that he is still doing for our community and state. Special thanks to Judge Tod R. Kaufman (ret.), for calling this to our attention.

Rabbi Joe Blair

