

Temple Israel – Charleston, W.Va. – Friday, May 31, 2024 Shabbat service

Shavuah Tov!

Our Shabbat Service for Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 took place as scheduled.

Fran Thalheimer lit the candles and offered the blessing for our service.

Gayle Twigger-Shaw presented the Announcements.

Musical support was provided by our expert team, David Stern and Bob Morris.

Alan Fleischmann and Gary Winter served as our Tech Team for this service.

Remember, next week the Shabbat service will be slightly different. First, it will be lay-led: Alan Fleischmann will serve as the Shaliach Tzibbur leading. Secondly, Bob Morris is away, and Alan will work with David Stern to support the service musically. Alan said something about ‘Mitch Miller’, for those who remember those days! I also think that Alan is planning to invite other people to take part in the service.

The reason I am away is that I will be out of town participating in a service in Harrisonburg VA (my former pulpit), celebrating a Bat Mitzvah with a young woman and her family on Friday and Saturday. This is the second ritual celebration I will be marking with her (her Naming, and now her Bat Mitzvah – Consecration as a Religious School Student was lovely, but not a major milestone.). My gratitude to all who have stepped up to cover this event to allow me to celebrate this Simchah!

#### A FEW OTHER EVENTS COMING UP

Please note that next week will also be the Bat Mitzvah in Charleston at B’nai Jacob of Raya Redmond (granddaughter of Ellyn & Ed Goldberg). Wish the family a hearty Mazal tov!

And while I am noting events: the ceremony for Rabbi Urecki in NY to receive a life-time achievement award from Tru’ah is on Tuesday evening. You can join folks at B’nai Jacob, or view it online. See the Reminder Links message for details, as well as the way to view that on Facebook.

Another major event: the Temple Israel Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in person only. Refreshments will be provided; the meeting is to begin at about 6 pm.

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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 or other role 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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### **Temple Israel Shabbat Service**

The service was live streamed to the Temple Facebook page. You should be able to access it online. You do not need a Facebook account to view it, so far as I know –

**Click here to find the service recording posted on the Temple page – it should be at the top of the listing of recorded events:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/2550469431660054/>

If all worked as expected, the Zoom recording can be viewed at this link.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G8\\_UAFV7LYTwLs-cUTX1A\\_2oZKgDbsiF/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G8_UAFV7LYTwLs-cUTX1A_2oZKgDbsiF/view?usp=sharing)

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As always, I would love to hear from you.

If you want to chat or touch base, or you have an issue you want to discuss, 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. And please, if (G-d Forbid) you have a loss, please let me know as soon as you are able.

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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.

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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.

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Wishing you a meaningful Shabbat Shalom, and a Shavuah tov.

*Joe*

Rabbi Joe Blair