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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Shalom & greetings!

I find it hard to believe that the summer has almost come to a close. This bulletin is being prepared for September. That means that even though it is being written in mid-August, by the time you read this, summer has effectively come and gone on the calendar, and we are in the lead-up period, approaching the High Holy Days and the new year!

In fact, we will enter the month of Elul on September 4th (Rosh Chodesh is on both the 3rd and 4th of September), and we come to Rosh Hashanah (the start of the month of Tishrei), four weeks later, on the evening of Wednesday, October 2nd! (More detailed information on the High Holiday plans is presented on page 3)

As a result, there is a LOT to cover in this bulletin.

CALENDAR

Recent Highlights

The summer months zipped by. Lots of work was done in the background for coming events, including the Sesquicentennial Celebration and the High Holidays.

Many of the members of Temple Israel were contacted by the Investment Committee to ask about your thoughts on planning for the future.

Services and regular events continued throughout the past three months, and many committees continued their work, while classes took a summer break.

Some things occurred that were out of the ordinary:

- June 5th was the annual Congregational Meeting.
- June 9th, Rabbi Blair conducted an

interment in Parkersburg for Frances S. Zicherman.

- June 14th we held a Shabbat service in which we also observed Shavuot.
- June 16th was the Charleston Jewish Film Festival.
- July 12th was the 2nd-Annual Indoor Picnic following the Shabbat service.
- July 21st was the interment for Ann and Janet Silverstein at the Hebrew Cemetery at Spring Hill, led by Alan Fleischmann.

LOOKING AHEAD

A Very Brief Note of What is Coming

- High Holidays this year fall "late," with Erev Rosh HaShanah on Wednesday evening, October 2nd. The full list of service times for the High Holy Days is listed on page 3.
- Please see the form included in this bulletin to submit your names to be read at the Memorial/Yizkor service on October 12th. **They must be received in the office by USPS mail or by email no later than 5 PM on October 7th to be included.**

Names not received by that time will not be included in the list to be read.

- For more details on events and activities, see the At a Glance and religious events 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.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace), and prayers for good health and joy,
Rabbi Joe Blair
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304-989-4014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! This month, as we resume our activities, plan for the High Holidays, welcome subtle changes in the weather, and deal with bouts of hay fever, it's also a time to reflect upon our past.

In 1856, early Jewish settlers in the newly founded city of Charleston informally organized our present day Temple Israel. This predated the creation of the state of West Virginia! The fledgling 16 member congregation met in rooms above a store on Capitol Street, moving to a building on Lee Street, then on to a new temple on Virginia Street in 1894. In 1960, our present day Temple Israel was constructed and remains our home to this day.

Our upcoming Sesquicentennial celebrates more than 150 years of a rich and inclusive history of Reform Judaism. It is a time to celebrate the tenacity, the passion, and the dedication of those who came before. We are honored to carry on the tradition.

Gayle Twigger-Shaw
President
Temple Israel



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.

Temple Israel 150th Anniversary
Reunion Sept. 20-22

For more info contact Fran Thalheimer at
fot51@aol.com or 304-545-7967

RSVPs due September 1st

At a Glance: September & October

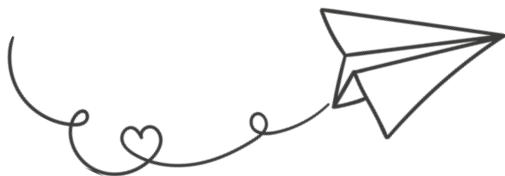
This is a projected calendar of events; it may be incomplete or changed. Services are both in-person and online/virtual. All meetings, classes, programs, and events are either in person or virtual, as announced. Updates to this information will be included on the Temple Israel website and in the Reminder Links emails. **If you aren't receiving emails from Rabbi Blair about online sessions, please let him know.**

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Friday, Sept. 6 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat Service	Wednesday, Oct. 2 7:30 PM	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service, with Dessert Oneg
Monday Sept. 9 11:30 AM	Sisterhood Schmooze	Thursday, Oct. 3 10:30 AM	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Virtual Tashlikh
Tuesday, Sept. 10 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Board of Trustees Meeting	Friday, Oct. 4 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat Service with Shabbat Shuvah & 10/7 Remembrance Observed
Friday, Sept. 13 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat Service	Tuesday, Oct. 8 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 18 5:30 PM	Leora May Book Group	Friday, Oct. 11 7:30 PM	Temple Israel Yom Kippur Evening (Kol Nidrei) Service
Friday, Sept. 20 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat Service & Sesquicentennial Celebration, with Festive Oneg	Saturday, Oct. 12	10:30 AM – Temple Israel Yom Kippur Morning (Shacharit) Service 12:30 PM – Temple Israel Yom Kippur Afternoon (Minchah) Service 5:00 PM – Temple Israel Yom Kippur Memorial (Yizkor) Service ~6:00 PM – Temple Israel Yom Kippur Concluding (Ne'ilah) Service ~7 PM – Temple Israel Congregational Break-the-Fast
Saturday, Sept. 21	Temple Israel Sesquicentennial Celebration continues		
Sunday, Sept. 22	Temple Israel Sesquicentennial Celebration concludes		
Friday, Sept. 27 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat Service		
		Wednesday, Oct. 16 5:30 PM	Leora May Book Group
		Oct. 16-24	Sukkot
		Friday, Oct. 18 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat Service with Sukkot Observed
		Friday, Oct. 25 5:30 PM	Temple Israel Shabbat Service with Simchat Torah Observed

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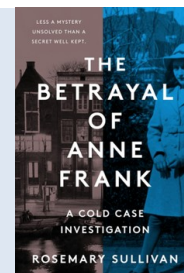
I learned that at least one member of the congregation/community was not receiving the Reminder Links Emails sent out on Sundays and Thursdays using the Google Email List. If you are not seeing those emails in your inbox regularly, and you don't find them in your Spam or Trash folders, please be in touch with me (the Rabbi) to try to remedy the situation. We want everyone who is interested to receive those emails with the events and zoom links for the upcoming time. Thank you.

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NEW TO THE LIBRARY

The Betrayal of Anne Frank: A Cold Case Investigation
by Rosemary Sullivan



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High Holiday Services

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

Wednesday, Oct. 2	7:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah with Dessert Oneg Shabbat to follow
Thursday, Oct. 3	10:30 AM	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (includes a virtual Tashlikh)
Friday, Oct 4	5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Shabbat Shuvah and a 10/7 remembrance
Friday, Oct 11	7:30 PM	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)
Saturday, Oct. 12	10:30 AM	Yom Kippur Morning (Shacharit)
	12:30 PM	Yom Kippur Afternoon (Minchah)
	5:00 PM	Yom Kippur Memorial (Yizkor) Service
	~6:00 PM	Yom Kippur Concluding (Ne'ilah) Service (as soon as possible following the conclusion of the Memorial Service)
	~7:00 PM	Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast (as soon as possible following the conclusion of the Concluding Service)
Friday, Oct. 18	5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Sukkot observance
Friday, Oct. 25	5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah observance

THOUGHTS, BLESSINGS & SALUTATIONS

As I write this, we have recently concluded the Three Weeks, starting with the fast day on the 17th of Tamuz (falling on July 23rd) and running to Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of the month of Av, falling on August 13th). I pray that following this period of mourning we may find the strength and will to do what we believe is both good and right to bring about a better world and to rebuild the relationship and the covenant between us and G-d. Similarly, may the holiday of Tu B'Av (the 15th of the month of Av, falling on the 19th of August, the Jewish celebration of love) allow us to see and feel all the love that surrounds us, and may the arrival of the month of Elul on September 4th, our annual call to focus inwards and upwards, stir us to redirect ourselves and choose the path that is right for us. It is my hope that all of these events and times work within and upon us to raise our spirits, nourish our souls, rekindle our sense of purpose, fill us with hope and optimism, heighten our awareness of joy, and open our eyes to the wonders, miracles and blessings among which we walk each day; and may we each be blessed with joys, health, and a life filled with deeds of lovingkindness now, through the year of 5785, and throughout life. *Rabbi Joe Blair*

SUPPORT & CONTACT WITH THE RABBI

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

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

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Reminder to submit your items for next month's bulletin by the 15th of the month for which you're submitting. Turn in a hardcopy or send email to templeisraelwv@gmail.com.



September Yahrzeits

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

August 30

Hal Jeffrey Jurin	8/31
Ruth Ann Oliver	8/31
Harriet Broida Schwartz	8/31
Gertrude Artz	9/1
Louis Rotgin	9/1
Fannie Schwartz	9/2
Robert Sidney Aaron	9/3
Beatrice Cohen Binderman	9/3
Deidre Eisinger	9/3
Sarah Gilman	9/3
Mina G. Greenspon	9/3
Rose Korn	9/3
Gideon Feibelmann	9/4
Simon H. Galperin Sr.	9/5
Rabbi Israel B. Koller	9/5
Stanley Silverstein	9/5
Lena T. Burka	9/6

September 6

Raymond A. Cohen	9/7
Marion Lehman	9/8
Charles Cohen	9/9
Harry Pollack	9/9
Suzanne Silverstein Rice	9/9
Anna Rodgin	9/9
Herman G. Wells	9/9
Max M. Goldfarb	9/10
Sophie Spivack	9/10
Priscilla Herzbach	9/12
Sol Kaplan	9/12
Susan Ferrara Bostic	9/13

September 13

Peter Godfrey	9/14
Esther Price	9/14
Joseph Bloom	9/15
Sarah Greenberg	9/15
Fred Burka	9/16
Nettie Weinstein Goldman	9/16
Gussie Kwass	9/16
Carol Marks	9/16
Joan F. Silverstein	9/16
Sylvia M. Kohn Gold	9/17
Sam Kaplan	9/17
Hildegard Mellman	9/17
Werner Yunker	9/17
James Pickus	9/18
David Reich	9/18
William R. Wood	9/18
Jacob H. Stern	9/19
Louis E. Walter	9/19
Rebecca Helfand Gilman	9/20
Ruth Goldfarb	9/20
Henrietta Kaufman	9/20

September 20

Margaret Short Lewis	9/21
Naomi Ruth Pickus	9/21
Arthur Beren	9/22
Philip Angel Sr.	9/23
A. Foster Thalheimer	9/23
Robert Weinberger	9/23
Sigmund Yunker	9/23
Irene Blocker	9/24
Nan Hertz	9/24

Jean Jubelirer	9/24
Abraham Greenberg	9/25
Sam Joseph Toovy	9/25
Rosa Levine	9/26
Dr. Gordon F. Phillips	9/27
Alfred H. Schaffner	9/27

September 27

Bernard Bergen	9/28
Richard O. Katz	9/28
Ellen Shapiro	9/28
Judy Walder	9/28
Thomas C. Bachman	9/29
Edna P. Hofmayer	9/29
Lawrence C. Kaufman Jr.	9/29
Etta Ruda	9/29
Joseph Bernard Gateman	9/30
Genevieve Henderson	9/30
Susan Hockenbrocht	9/30
Faye Kantor	10/1
Leonard Gottlieb	10/2
Nat Spigel	10/2
Ray Blocker	10/3
Louis Gottlieb	10/3
Helen Jacobs	10/3
Ann W. Silverstein	10/3
Lucille Barrett	10/4
Annie Kaplan	10/4

Condolences are on p. 5

SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as your Sisterhood President. I want to thank Marsha Albert for two years of outstanding leadership. She has worked diligently continuing to carry on the traditions of the Temple Israel Sisterhood and Community. Thank You Marsha!

As we continue this journey, the Temple Sisterhood Board has planned some exciting meetings, as well as continuing the Schmooze, Floral Fund, Care Committee, Advocacy and Social Justice, Break-the-Fast, and many other projects.

If you haven't already joined the Sisterhood, please come and enjoy some of our events. Our Schmooze, which meets the second Monday of each month, is an event where the women eat lunch and have a lively and friendly discussion on many and varied topics. We have written postcards to voters in different states where the fate of abortion rights will be on the ballot as part of Women of Reform Judaism initiative for standing up for reproductive rights and women's health.

We look forward to welcoming new members. Our doors are always open.

May your New Year be filled with moments of laughter and love with friends and family.

Ina Angel, Temple Israel Sisterhood President



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 or wellness. 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, even though your name is not listed here.

Ina Angel and Family
Carolyn Atkinson
Steve Artz
Rose Christian
Arthur Epstein
Vera Flint
Jonathan Freedman
Karl Gattlieb
Jack Goldfarb
Dona Hall
Richard Hess
Rabbi Earl Jordan
Sharon Jubelirer and Family
Dan Kurland
Dorothy Kurland
Zell Lewis
Mark Malloy
Gary Markham
Caroline Ostand
Paul Ostand
Rose Riter and Family
Mark Schaul
The Schaul Family
Fran Thalheimer
Barbara Braun Tweddle
Gary Winter
Beth Steinberg Winter & Family
Rachel Leah bat Shayna Chaya veShmuel

All who are impacted by the Pandemic or other illnesses

All affected by natural or man-made disasters, war, or violence

All others in need of prayers for healing and wholeness

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences)

Temple Israel extends our deep condolences to Sharon Jubelirer and family on the recent passing of her husband, Dr. Steven J. Jubelirer (Steve), on August 1st. The funeral was August 2nd at Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home, and interment was at the B'nai Jacob Eternal Home, officiated by Rabbi Urecki. Steve was a longtime resident of the Charleston area, a highly respected physician, a community pillar in both the Temple and the Synagogue, and a beloved friend and neighbor. May all the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may his memory be a blessing.

Temple Israel extends our deep condolences to Beth Steinberg Winter and family on the recent passing of Mel Hutt in Virginia. May all the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may his memory be a blessing.

Mazal Tov (Congratulations)

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

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/were to be acknowledged we include:

August: Kim & Bob Aaron; Fran & David Thalheimer; Sue & Ron Eisinger; **Gail Bellamy & Dan Kurland (MILESTONE)**; Mary Rich Maloy; Leah Earnest; **Carole & Duke Bloom (MILESTONE)**; Lynn Meyer; Elizabeth Kantor-Bright & Jeff Bright; Sarah Gottlieb; Judy Lundy; Vic Bastron; Peggy Silverstein O'Connell

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

October: Mary Hart; Richard Hess; Ina Angel; Janie & Moe Rubenstein; Ladonna & David Kushner; Julie Schaul; Gary Winter; Marlo Weisberg; Nancy & Ray Dodson; Millie Snyder; Alan Fleischmann; Debby Sonis; Gloria Kelley; Marsha Platnick; Anne & Bill Kroesser; Stephen Meyer; Natusha Shaffer-Medley

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). In no particular order:

Mazal tov and welcome to Melissa Bart who joined the Temple staff as Administrative Assistant on July 8th. Stop by to say hello to her.

Mazal tov to the elected officers of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees, elected at the annual Congregational meeting on June 5th: President Gayle Twigger-Shaw, Vice President Richard Gottlieb, Secretary Gail Bellamy, Treasurer Jack Levin, and Members of the Board: (Term expires 2025) Lynn Gattlieb, Richard Hess, and Richard Lehman; (Term expires 2026) Steven Artz, Donna Goldberg, David Thalheimer; Term expires 2027) Dona Hall, Millie Snyder, Beth Steinberg Winter; Ex-Officio Sisterhood President Ina Angel, Immediate Past President Francine Thalheimer, and Rabbi Joe Blair. Many thanks and plaudits for their service to those whose term of office ended in 2024: Mary

Rich Maloy, Betty Stern, and Gary Winter.

Mazal tov to Raya Redmond and family on her Bat Mitzvah, June 7th-8th. Raya is the granddaughter of Ellyn & Ed Goldberg.

Mazal tov to Rabbi Urecki for his Lifetime Achievement Award from T'ruah.

Mazal tov to Chava Urecki on her new position with the V.A. We will miss you in Charleston, but wish you Hatzlachah!

Mazal tov to Cookie Glasser and family on the graduation of her grandson Josh Schulman from the University of Maryland.

Mazal tov to Sharon Jubelirer and family on the graduation of grandson Aaron Smith from high school and his admittance to Penn State U.

Mazal tov to Lynn & Steve Meyer and family on the graduation of grandson Jake Meyer from Emory University.

Mazal tov to Janie & Moe Rubenstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Marley Frist.

Mazal tov to Millie Snyder and family on the graduation of grandson Hunter Mize from George Washington High School, headed to Shepherd College.

Mazal tov to Ellen Slotnick for being recognized by Union Mission as one of the Women on a Mission.

Mazal tov to Marc Slotnick on his appointment as interim County Commissioner for Kanawha County.

Mazal tov to Janie and Moe Rubenstein for their successful launch and operation of Wondering Jews – a website sharing Jewish events and resources from around the state of West Virginia. Wondering Jews is the One Stop For All Things Jewish in West Virginia. Check out Wondering Jews in the months to come and in the words of the Machzor (High Holiday Prayerbook), may we all be bound together and connected to each other. Check out Wondering Jews [here](#).

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.

CORRECTIONS TO EARLIER ENTRIES

I suspect it is only because the last bulletin was so long ago (JUNE) that no one remembers my mistakes, but all the same, none were pointed out to me, so I am taking that as meaning there weren't any! 😊 Go for the win when possible!

Rabbi Joe Blair

Our Thoughtful Contributors

Thank You for Making Shabbat Even More Special

June 21—Oneg Shabbat reception contribution for Norma Winter's Yahrzeit, given by Gary and Beth Winter.

Floral Fund of Temple Israel Sisterhood

In memory of Allan Randall, given by David and Fran Thalheimer.

Wishing Dan Kurland a complete and healthy recovery, given by David and Fran Thalheimer.

In memory of Greg Galperin, given by David and Fran Thalheimer.

In memory of our dear friend Dr. Steven Jubelirer, given by David and Fran Thalheimer.

Wishing Karen Blair a complete and healthy recovery, given by David and Fran Thalheimer.

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

TZEDAKAH (CHARITY)

As I say each month, please be generous with your tzedakah. I especially want to reiterate that now, in the season leading up to the High Holy Days. Remember that Tzedakah is said to mitigate the severity of the judgement entered in the Book of Life during the Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe).

We know that 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.

You already know that the world is in a mess - there are many disasters, wars, and catastrophes locally, nationally, and around the world, 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, and whatever moves you.

While dealing with the topic of Tzedakah, I want to take this moment to thank, again, all those who have made contributions to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. I have mentioned in a prior bulletin that the money is used only in our own Congregation and Community to help those who have urgent needs. I am deeply grateful for the support given, and truly honored to be allowed to act on behalf of Temple Israel in this way, and to serve as the hand of Temple Israel in assisting individuals in times of distress. Based on the requests received, there have been multiple and significant needs supported by the fund, and the balance is now almost completely depleted. I hope never to have to turn away one of our own who has a need, so I am asking you to consider making a donation to that fund to help me to support members of our community, at this time, or at any point during the year. As always, I thank you for your generosity and kindness in helping to fulfill this critical mitzvah. *Rabbi Joe Blair*

Temple Israel Yom Kippur Memorial Service

Please list the names of the person(s) you wish to have remembered during Temple Israel's Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial service on **Saturday, October 12, 2024.**

Only the names of deceased relatives and friends which you submit will be read at the service.

Please return this form to **Temple Israel, 2312 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25311**, or email **templeisraelwv@gmail.com** **no later than close of business Monday, October 7, 2024.** Please note that you are solely responsible for submitting the form. Forms not received cannot be included. You are welcome to confirm receipt by phone (304-342-5852) or email (templeisraelwv@gmail.com).

Names to be remembered at Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial Service:

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Submitted By

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	

Temple Israel's 150th Anniversary Reunion

Temple Israel's 150th Anniversary Reunion is scheduled for September 20-22, 2024.

We are weeks away from gathering in person! All events will be held at the Temple. Our Anniversary Reunion is an opportunity to RECONNECT by getting out of our Zoom boxes and reconnecting communally. This is also a time to REJOICE and celebrate the past 150 years, as well as feel the joy of being together, and an opportunity to RECOMMIT and ask the question, "What do we want our legacy to be in our community?"

Mail in your reservation card with your check **by September 1st.** We cannot wait to see you! Don't have a reservation card? Please contact the Temple for a replacement at 304.342.5852 or by email at templeisraelwv@gmail.com.

Other questions, contact Fran Thalheimer at 304.545.7967 or by email at fot51@aol.com.

We want to see you, celebrate with you, and learn from you. Join us the weekend of September 20-22, 2024, and be a part of our history!

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