

Join Us As We Celebrate Temple Israel's 150th Anniversary - September 20 -22, 2024 - in Charleston, WV

As all of us know, COVID-19 changed everything, especially the way we gather together.

The time has arrived for the Temple Israel congregation, along with our colleagues and friends in the Jewish community, to gather in person once again to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Many have said we need to be in person especially during these challenging times for Jews. Temple Israel's milestone 150th anniversary is an excellent reason to be together - to pray, sing, and learn, and to remind us what we stand for as Jews. Let us not forget that this is also a time to reminisce about the past, to be inspired with our congregation's long history and accomplishments, and with our dreams for the future.

Here is a quick view of our special weekend:

Friday night, September 20th - 5:30 pm - Shabbat Service followed by a delicious dinner (heavy hors d'oeuvres, specialty desserts and specialty beverages). We hope you will join us for dinner and dessert following our special Shabbat service.

Saturday morning, September 21st - 11:00 am - Temple Israel Art Tour lead by congregant and artist, Ellie Schaul. The Temple Israel art collection includes installations, sculpture, textiles, paintings and prints by internationally recognized artists, as well as award-winning West Virginia artists, all commissioned by the Temple Israel congregation or acquired as gifts. It is interesting to note that the earliest piece in the collection is a stained-glass window, given to the congregation in 1893.

Lunch is on your own. Need some ideas about where to eat? Download the Visit Charleston WV app, an interactive way to map out everything you do not want to miss in Charleston. Visit the website at www.charlestonwv.com/download-our-new-app/

The Jewish Businesses Project - Remembering the long history of Jewish Businesses in Charleston, WV. Help us add, correct, and expand on the Jewish-owned businesses you remember from childhood into adulthood. We will have maps and lists of businesses available on Friday night and Saturday morning in the Sisterhood Lounge. More information to follow in the next few weeks about this "hands-on" project.

Saturday Evening, September 21st - 150th Anniversary Reunion Banquet at Temple Israel
Social Hour - 5:30 pm in the Temple's foyer and garden
Havdalah Service - 6:30 pm in the Temple's Social Hall, followed by dinner
Special Program after dessert - more information about the program will be announced at a later date

Sunday Morning, September 22nd - Farewell Coffee at Temple Israel
9:30 am - Temple Israel foyer and garden
Join us for coffee, bagels, schmoozing, and farewells

Do you need an invitation? Contact the Temple office at 304-342-5852 or email our Administrative Assistant, Melissa Bart, at templeisraelwv@gmail.com

Any questions, contact Chair, Fran Thalheimer, at fot51@aol.com