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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Shalom & greetings!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, COMFORT, AND HOPE

Events in the larger world beyond our congregation have been difficult for many, affecting them emotionally, with deep divisions and strong reactions, leading some to experience feelings of disconnection, isolation, fear, anger, and even despair. Neither the reasons for these responses, nor the appropriateness of them, are for anyone else to judge. It is enough that we know that people around us feel this way. No one should be dismissing the feelings, or minimizing them, or even ridiculing them. Instead, we should be looking beyond the sources that engendered the feelings, and seeking to see the person that has them, the human being that is, to some degree, hurting or suffering, an individual who is – as is each of us – made in the image of the divine.

What this calls for from us is something we talk about often, but even more often find difficult to do; that is to have compassion, and to be kind. Whether we have the same feelings or not, whether we even understand what prompts the feelings is not the point. It is simply that we are called to offer support and caring for another person, and to treat them kindly, with respect, knowing that they, too, are containers for the holy, divine spark of the creator.



We cannot 'fix' the situation for them, or change them in any way, but we can give them the gift of ourself – of being present, accepting that they are feeling as they do, and recognizing our common humanity, with the hope that reaching out in this way will offer them a ray of light in a dark time, and help them feel that there can be hope, and things will seem better.

It seems a small thing, but that tiny spark of light can drive back the darkness and illumine the way to a safe space; in the same way that the light of the Hanukkah does – and seeing a light, however small or dim, gives rise to hope that as dark as it seems, there is a possibility for something better to come about. It is a manifestation of the idea that even in the darkest moments, when all seems lost, it is still possible to believe that this darkness will not last forever, and the time of distress will pass, as all things do. That, my friends, is the core of hope, and hope can lift a person out of despair. So the message is: be kind, be present, and be a source of light to others when they are seeing darkness.

CALENDAR

From the vantage point of the middle of November, we have moved from the High Holiday level of activity to a more 'normal' level, and settled down quite a bit. Our calendar from here on is full with the expected events; weekly Shabbat services, Board Meetings, Sisterhood meetings, Oneg Shabbat, and scheduled classes and programs.

Looking ahead after Thanksgiving, towards special observances and holidays, we will have each of these take place in the coming months.

- Hanukkah at the end of December into the start of January
- Tu B'Shevat in mid-February
- The NCJW Reproductive Rights Shabbat in late February
- Purim in mid-March
- Passover in mid-April, followed by Yom HaShoah
- Yom Hazikaron and Yom HaAtzma'ut at the end of April - beginning of May.
- Sisterhood Shabbat and officer installation falls in early-May

- Pesach Sheni in mid-May
- Shavuot at the end of May into the start of June.
- The annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for June 4th
- The 3rd Annual Indoor Picnic Oneg Shabbat is mid-June

And with that, we arrive at the end of the Congregational calendar year.

I always enjoy sharing these events with others, so I hope to see you at some or all of these events, or at any special or additional events we hold beyond these. Whether you are here in person or attending online, I value your presence and participation as a member of the Congregation and community.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

After the burst of activities (the holiday season) that filled most of October, anything would look less crazy! So even though November has been active, it felt a bit like a reprieve from the frenetic pace of the preceding month.

Again, that is not to say we were not busy or active this month: we had many events that we folded into our services, including Krystallnacht and Veterans Day, which we observed on November 8th together.

Meantime, all other regular events continued; Sisterhood Schmooze, a Temple Board of Trustees meeting, Shabbat services were held every

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**Hanukkah Dinner at
B'nai Jacob**

Wed., Dec. 18
6:00 PM
\$10 / Person

**RSVP & Payment Due to
B'nai Jacob by Dec. 13**

At a Glance: December & January

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.**

DECEMBER	
Friday, Dec. 6 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Sunday, Dec. 8 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	B'nai Jacob Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Hanukkah Gift Arts & Special Crafts Show
Sunday, Dec. 8 10:30 AM	Torah Study, Vayishlach [Genesis 32:4-36:43], online
Sunday, Dec. 8 7:00 PM	Death Chatter, online
Monday, Dec. 9 11:30 AM	Sisterhood Schmooze
Tuesday, December 10 5:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, Dec. 13 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Torah, Parashah Vayishlach
Sunday, Dec. 15 11:00 AM	Sisterhood Board meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 18 6:00 PM	Community Joint Hanukkah Celebration & Dinner at B'nai Jacob \$10 per person Payment due to B'nai Jacob by 12/13/24
Friday, Dec. 20 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Wednesday, Dec. 25 <i>In the evening</i>	First Hanukkah candle is lit Office closed
Friday, Dec. 27 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Hanukkah observed. Bring your Hanukkiah and 3 + 1 candles to light. Hanukkah themed Oneg Shabbat
Tuesday, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve. Office closed.

JANUARY	
Wednesday, Jan. 1 <i>In the evening</i>	Eighth candle of Hanukkah is lit New Year's Day. Office closed.
Friday, Jan. 3 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with covered dish dinner to follow
Friday, Jan. 10 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Asarah B'Tevet (10 th of Tevet) observed
Sunday, Jan. 12 10:30 AM	Torah Study, Shemot [Exodus 1:1-6:1], Online
Sunday, Jan. 12 7:00 PM	Death Chatter, online
Monday, Jan. 13 11:30 AM	Sisterhood Schmooze
Tuesday, Jan. 14 5:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, Jan. 17 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Torah, Parashah Shemot
Friday, Jan. 24 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, Jan. 31 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Torah, Parashah Bo



B'nai Jacob Ladies' Auxiliary

Invites you to their

Annual Chanukkah Gift— Art & Special Crafts Show

Sunday, December 8, 2024

10:00 am—2:00 pm

Hot Dogs & Our Famous Latkes

Also Featuring: your favorite vendors with
jewelry, woodwork, specialty cards, art,
and much more!

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION & DINNER - CHANUKAH CELEBRATION & DINNER

B'NAI JACOB SYNAGOGUE & TEMPLE ISRAEL invite you to a
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION & DINNER

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at B'nai Jacob

Send payment & registration by
December 13th, 2024 to reserve your seat

\$10 per person / Free - children 12 & under

Your payment is your reservation & MUST be received by Dec. 13th, 2024.

Seating limited to 100 people.

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Mail this card and check payable to:
B'nai Jacob Synagogue
1599 Virginia St E, Charleston, WV 25311

Please let us know, if you have any dietary needs.

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week, Torah study, Death Chatter, Jewish Literature, and A Bissell Torah, each occurred as scheduled.

Rabbi Urecki restarted his Torah at 10 and Talmud at 10 classes, as well.

And at the end of the month, we had the civil/secular holiday of Thanksgiving.

We kept busy and filled the time with interesting activities and events, and many opportunities to work and gather and celebrate and worship together.

LOOKING AHEAD

A Very Brief Note of Special Events Upcoming

- Torah Study, Sunday, 12/8, at 10:30 a.m., Parashah Vayishlach, Gen. 32:4-36:43
- Death Chatter, Sunday, 12/8, 7:00 p.m.
- The Jewish Literature group will meet on Sunday, 12/15, at 4:00 p.m. An announcement of the choice of material to read for that session will be sent out when it is decided.
- Sisterhood Schmooze, Monday, 12/9, 11:30 a.m.
- Temple Israel Board of Trustees meeting, Tuesday, 12/10, 5:30 p.m.
- Shabbat service with Torah, Parashah Vayishlach, 12/13, 5:30 p.m.
- Community Joint Hanukkah Dinner, Wednesday, 12/18, at B'nai Jacob at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10/person. Checks due to B'nai Jacob by 12/13 to reserve your place. (Limited to 100 people, so don't delay!)
- Hanukkah begins with the first candle lit the evening of Wednesday, 12/25. Temple Office is closed.
- Shabbat service, Friday, 12/27, with Hanukkiah lighting (bring your Hanukkiah and 4 candles!), and a Hanukkah themed Oneg Shabbat.
- New Years Day, 1/1/25, Temple Office is closed.
- Eight candles lit for Hanukkah, evening of 1/1/25.

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

Please let the Temple office know if you're moving, dropped your landline, or you have new contact information, such as a new email address or phone number.

Reminder Links emails sent on Sundays and Thursdays, and on the Temple Website – templeisraelwv.org.

NOTEWORTHY

- We are now in the third year Triennial Cycle of Torah readings – we generally look to the final one-third of each Torah Parashah for the weekly reading.
- We have at least three members who are willing to read Torah or Haftarah for our services occasionally; if you are interested in giving this a try, be in touch with me and we can work on it.
- Ronni Spudich is looking to invite members to bless and light candles for our services each week. If you are willing, please contact her.
- Several members are willing to lead a service, but if this is too much for you, we invite you to participate in services by leading a prayer; doing a (some) reading(s) in the service; being called up for an Aliyah to the Torah; serving as Gabbai for the Torah Service; or giving a devar Torah (sermon). If you are interested in doing any of these, please be in touch with me, and we can select a date that works for you, as well as the role that you would like to take on.

THOUGHTS, BLESSINGS & SALUTATIONS

Following the entire period of the High Holy Days, we have entered into Cheshvan – the unique month in the Jewish calendar, because unlike all the other months, there is no special holiday that falls during this time. It is thought by some to be a time of sadness because we do not have anything to celebrate, but I hold with those who feel differently. Rather than a lack of reasons to rejoice, this strikes me as a pause in the calendar of holidays that allows us to stop for a moment, recognize that without any external 'reasons' to celebrate, we are still so very blessed by our 'ordinary' life, and should feel grateful for all that we have been granted. It is a quieter time, and perhaps a less boisterous

feeling of gratitude, but there is so much around us to celebrate in all the ordinary everyday miracles that make up our world. A more thoughtful time, and an opportunity to recognize the bounty that surrounds us and sustains us at all times.

May this quieter time bring each of us the awareness to enjoy all these gentle blessings and joys, and at the same time, may it help to raise our spirits, nourish our souls, rekindle our sense of purpose, serve to fill us with hope and optimism, and heighten our awareness of joy, so that we can open our eyes to the wonders, miracles, and blessings among which we walk each day, often without noticing.

We are about to embark on the holiday of Hanukkah, the festival of lights. May the holy light of that holiday join the lights that we kindle with our Hanukkiah, and spread far and wide through the darkness to enlighten our world and our souls, so that the light that shines can be the vehicle for divine light to enter the world and enlighten all of creation.

In this way, may we each be blessed with a sense of closeness to the divine, as well as health, love, prosperity, and a life filled with deeds of lovingkindness, which can all serve to bring us to be a blessing to each other and to the world.

I look forward to seeing you soon.
 B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace), and prayers for good health, joy, and peace,
Rabbi Joe Blair
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Be a guest Bulletin contributor!
 Submit your items by the 15th of the month in which you're submitting. Submit via email to templeisraelwv@gmail.com.

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December Yahrzeits

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

November 29

Bob Baer	11/30
Maxine Stabins	11/30
Joanne Mendeloff Misaqi	12/1
Cherie Cremer	12/2
Hannah Kaplan	12/2
Dave Kahn Jr.	12/3
Mary Beth Chadwick	12/4
Minnie Elgart	12/4
Fran Fahey	12/4
Louis Jordan	12/4
Frances B. Kay	12/4
Edward B. Cohen	12/5
Dr. Leonard M. Eckmann	12/5
Aaron Morton Kaye	12/5
Goldie Mendelsohn	12/5
Lavalie Bixby Hoss	12/6
Howard J. Klapper	12/6

December 6

Frederick Barkus	12/7
Marcus Lopin	12/7
Albert Thalheimer Jr.	12/7
Frederic J. Glazer	12/8
Mary Schuchat	12/8
Jean Loewenstein Lazarus	12/9
Eloise Ella Atkinson Carrol	12/10
Hershel R. Hark	12/10
Emma Rae Jones	12/10
Abbon Kamons	12/10
Jo Marshuetz	12/10
Maxwell Lewis Broverman	12/11
Jess Cohn	12/11
Minna Gersman	12/11

Anna Klein Broida	12/12
Sheila Ross	12/12
Patricia Logan	12/13
Lee Stern	12/13
Esther Darling Weingarden	12/13

December 13

Evelyn Forman	12/15
Marion Goldenberg	12/15
Severna "Cissie" Herman	12/15
Larry Zakin	12/15
Hugh M. Jones Jr.	12/16
B. Paul Broida	12/17
Sara Goldhirsh Dash	12/17
Teresa Roberts Davis	12/17
Louis Engelman	12/17
Manuel Pickus	12/17
Sidney Robbins	12/17
Louis Schuchat	12/17
Avraham Angel	12/18
Helen Baer	12/18
Regina Goldberger	12/18
Bernard Mordecai Weinstein	12/18
Milton Cohen	12/19
Jeanette Green	12/19
Robert Silverstein Sr.	12/19
Esther "Mickey" Baer	12/20

December 20

Manuel Cremer	12/21
Sanford "Sandy" Darling	12/21
Samuel Rosen	12/21
Hyman Bernstein	12/22
Goldie Cohen	12/22

Cecile Rossin	12/22
Naomi Jean Bright	12/24
Susan Fretwell	12/24
Louis Levey	12/24
Zelda Plotkin	12/24
Kate Srulovitz	12/24
David Selinger	12/25
Kaethe Wells	12/25
Beatrice H. Kleeman	12/26
Frances Roseblatt	12/27

December 27

Edward Doernberg	12/28
Paul Joseph Kaufman	12/28
Rose Jean Kaufman	12/28
Steven Miles Kaufman	12/28
Eva Waisburd	12/28
Fanny Wertheim	12/28
Nathan Forb	12/29
Dorothy Allen	12/30
George Badner	12/30
Suzie Greenwald Chaskin	12/30
Max Greenstein	12/31
Mollie Jordan	12/31
Sydney Joseph Kaufman	12/31
David Sanger	12/31
Otto Spiegler	12/31
Charles H. Levine	1/1
Sarah Rebecca Orelowitz	1/1
Albert Reinfeld	1/1
Irma Lowenthal Swarts	1/2
Edwin Yunker	1/2

Condolences are on p. 5



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 rabbjoeb@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 on my cell, and leave a message expressing the urgency of the call and the nature of the need in the message.

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NOTICE: CORRESPONDENCE/EMAIL

I heard that members of the congregation/community were not receiving the Reminder Links Emails sent out on Sundays and Thursdays using the Google Email List. That email list is set to send a copy to everyone at one time. If you are not seeing those emails in your inbox regularly, and you don't find them by looking in your Spam, Junk, or Trash folders, please be in touch with me (the Rabbi) to try to remedy the situation. Some email providers automatically mark messages from an email list as spam unless they are marked otherwise in advance. We want everyone who is interested to be able to receive those emails with the events and zoom links for the upcoming time. Thank you. *Rabbi Joe Blair* • rabbjoeb@gmail.com • 304-989-4014

In the Congregation & Community

Refuah Shelemah/Mi Sheberach (Healing & Wholeness & Blessings)

Prayers and wishes 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.

Nadia Bastron and family

Jim Dean

Arthur Epstein

Jonathan Freedman

Karl Gattlieb

Jack Goldfarb

Richard Hess

Rabbi Earl Jordan

Dan Kurland

Roberta Lee Levine

Mark Malloy

Gary Markham

David McAfee

Mary Odin

Caroline Ostand

Mark Schaul

N David Stern

David Thalheimer

Fran Thalheimer

Barbara Braun Tweddle

Rachel Leah bat Shayna Chaya
veShmuel

All who are impacted by illness or
disease

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

All hostages and victims of
terrorism and evil acts

All others in need of prayers for
healing and wholeness

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/were to be acknowledged we include:

November: Barbara Braun Tweddle, Roger Forman, Jennifer Stern, Jonathan Freedman, Mark Schaul, Betty Stern, Jill Epstein, Gregg Stern, Anne Fishkin, Kim Aaron, Bruce Goldfarb, Kathie Komor

December: Ellie Schaul, Beth Emrick, Cookie Glasser, Robert Hess, David Feibelmann, Melissa Cadle,

Jackie Artz (MILESTONE), Ellen Kay & Vic Bastron, David McAfee, **Ellyn & Ed Goldberg (MILESTONE)**, Laura & Jace Goins, Angela Cannon, **Dan Kurland (MILESTONE)**, Marion Baer, Arla Ralston & Roger Forman, Phyllis & Harvey Sherman, Joy Kleeman, Fred Pollock

January: Russ Emrick, **Carolyn Ostand (MILESTONE)**, Ken Silverstein, Elizabeth Kantor-Bright, David Kushner, **Joan Randall (MILESTONE)**, Ellyn Goldberg, Richard Holicker, Tiana Hall, David Winowich, Raya Redmond, Christine Peraino, Johnny Ferrara, Laura Goins, Richard Gottlieb, David Shapiro, Beth Winter

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 to Lynn and Karl Gattlieb on the recent engagement of their daughter, Dr. Shelly Gattlieb, to Bro Krit on October 26, 2024. The Gattliebs are delighted that Bro will be a member of their family. As said in Hebrew on receiving good news of this type, *sha'ah tovah* – a propitious and happy hour! We wish the family and the happy couple all the best, and look forward to hearing about their simchah (joyful event).

Mazal Tov to Millie Snyder who has announced her retirement and the closing of the Shape Shop, which took place on November 22, 2024. We wish her all the best (though it is hard to picture Millie sitting still for long!). We also offer kudos to Millie: she indicated that she is planning to donate the building where the Shape Shop has been operating recently to the West Virginia Health Right Clinic, which will help benefit those who are medically underserved in this region. A very generous gift to the Charleston and Kanawha Valley community and to West Virginia!

Janie and Moe Rubenstein continue to offer access to 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. Visit Wondering Jews at <https://wonderingjewsinc.com/>.

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 & Prayers)

Condolences to the Flint and Chodrow families on the recent loss of Vera Flint on October 25th. Vera was an active congre-

gant in Staunton for many years, and over the years they knew each other she became a good friend to Rabbi Blair. May her mourners be comforted from Heaven, and may her memory be for a blessing.

Condolences to the family of Stephanie Winston who became niftar on November 12th in New York. Stephanie grew up in Charleston. The graveside funeral took place on November 15th, 2024, at the B'nai Jacob Eternal Home Cemetery in South Charleston. Stephanie is survived by her sister Dinah and her husband, Fred Lovitch; niece Beth Dougherty (Kevin); great-nephew Matthew Dougherty; nephew Michael Lovitch (Stacey); and great-niece Piper Lovitch. She is also survived by her sister Terry Pickett and niece Rachel Pickett. May the Holy One, Blessed Be He, comfort Stephanie's family among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, and may her memory be for a blessing.

We hold in our prayers Rose Christian, mother of Dona Hall, who has been admitted to Hospice care recently.

We hold in our prayers Laura and Mark Malloy. They are dealing with a long-term illness that has caused Mark to be admitted to Hospice care.

We offer prayers for healing and a speedy recovery for Gary Markham, who was recently discharged from a stay at CAMC General Hospital. We look forward to joining Gary for a social outing, and to having him join us in worship. May he and his family be granted healing and wholeness.

Prayers for healing and speedy recovery to Fran Thalheimer following knee replacement surgery.

Within our congregation, we continue to hold Harriet Deutsch and family in our thoughts regarding her home in Sarasota, FL, which was affected by Hurricane Helene. Additionally, our prayers go out to all who were affected by fires, or severe weather events throughout the U.S. and the world. Many have been devastated recently. Please consider donating to one of the organizations that are seeking to help them.

Rabbi Joe Blair



Our Thoughtful Contributors

Thank You for Making Shabbat Even More Special

October 18 — Oneg Shabbat reception contribution given by Millie Snyder.

The House Committee coordinates our Oneg Shabbat receptions and covered dish dinners.
If you would like to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat, please contact Jill Epstein.

Sisterhood sees to it that there are flowers on the Bimah every Shabbat. If you would like to sponsor them in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please contact Betty Stern.

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.

TZEDAKAH (CHARITY)

Repeating myself again because it is so important - please be generous with your tzedakah. You may not realize how many have been helped, or how much it means to those I have been privileged to support, but trust me, they rely on the generosity and kindness of those who donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. It makes a world of difference to them. So, once more, I am asking for your consideration of donations to the Rabbi Discretionary Fund.

I appreciate everyone who has donated recently - sincere thanks to all who have made contributions. These funds are used only in our own Congregation and Community to help those who have urgent needs. I am deeply grateful 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. I can assure you that there have been multiple and significant needs supported by the fund. The fund balance is significantly depleted; I mention this because I hope never to have to turn away one of our own who has a need. That is why I am asking you to consider making a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (if you have not already), to help me to support members of our community. As always, I thank you for your generosity and kindness in helping to fulfill this critical mitzvah.

We are taught that Tzedakah is among the highest of all mitzvot. I pray that your heart be moved to give more than you otherwise might, and that your generosity be a blessing for those who receive it. May the blessing you make possible reflect back onto you and your loved ones. *Rabbi Joe Blair*



SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Our first Sisterhood General and Board Meeting of the Jewish New year was a great success!

I want to thank Cookie and Marsha for the terrific guest speakers. Michael Pushkin, Delegate and Chair of the WV Democratic Party, answered many burning questions that the audience presented.

Our own Donna Goldberg demonstrated the art of making a beautiful flower arrangement. After a rounding rendition of "Happy Birthday," the arrangement was given to Tasha for her birthday. Jill provided our delicious lunch. It was so nice to see so many people attending our meeting.

Don't forget our Schmooze on the second Monday of each month. Bring your lunch and enjoy great conversations with friends. You might even make new friends! Our next Schmooze is December 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ina Angel
President



Donna Goldberg with her stunning flower arrangement.

Photo courtesy of Marsha Albert

150th Anniversary Reunion Celebration Slide Show & Photos are Available Online

The 150th Anniversary Reunion Celebration slide show, congregation portraits, and banquet photos are now available on the Temple Israel website at <https://templeisraelwv.org/temple-150th-anniversary/>

When you click a link to view the photos, you will be directed to the Switzer Design & Photography website. Photos are available for purchase from that site.

If you require assistance navigating the website, please contact the Temple Israel office.

Enjoy reliving the event through these photos!



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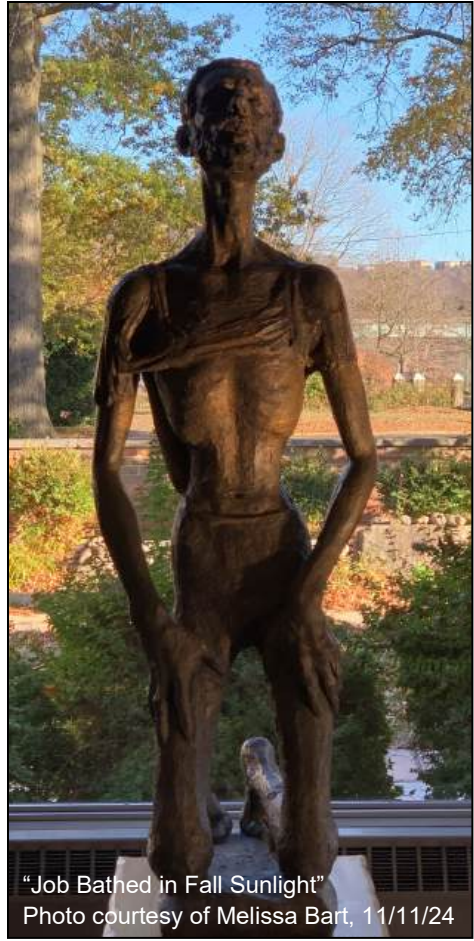
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