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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Shalom & greetings!

CALENDAR

As I write this, we have just finished our Tu B'Shevat Social Action service. It was wonderful that so many people were willing to participate in the service, and it was lovely to see you all.

Many thanks to the Social Action Committee members for turning out, a huge shout out to Jill Epstein, David McAfee, Tasha Medley, and Na'Jah Shaffer-Tatum, from the House Committee for all their work in shopping, setting up, and cleaning up; to Melissa Bart, Office Administrator, for her assistance in getting readings and handouts ready; and a special thanks to Cookie Glasser, Rachel Dash, and Harriet Deutsch, all of whom I saw working hard in the kitchen to make the dinner that followed the service – and I am sure others also helped (I apologize – I simply don't know all who were involved, but please know that it was deeply appreciated).

Coming up next Shabbat is the Sisterhood NCJW Reproductive Rights Shabbat, and, again, many thanks to Ina Angel and the members of Sisterhood for turning out and taking part in the service.

We have a guest speaker for that service: Ramsie Monk from the WV Women's Health Center will deliver the Devar Torah for that evening.

February is designated as National Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion month; we are among the fortunate congregations that have been able to provide some accommodations, which is a blessing.

The weekend of February 21-23 was designated as Evolution Shabbat; a sabbath when it is encouraged to talk about how both Religion and Science co-exist and are compatible with each other. This started in light of the assertions that you could only be either religious, or accept the concepts that science offered about evolution and the place of humans in the cosmos. For over twenty years, scientists and

pastors of all denominations and faiths have developed sermons, homilies, divrei Torah, events, programs, and teachings that support the idea that these two different approaches can both be supported, and need not contradict each other. I have proudly participated in this as often as possible (when other events did not preempt the dates, as happened this year).

That brings us to the end of February, and we look ahead to March, and beyond.

Passover begins on Saturday evening, April 12th – at which time we will hold the Congregational Seder.

LOOKING AHEAD

On the calendar scheduled for March:

- There will be NO Bisell Torah on March 6th. We will return to our usual weekly schedule on March 13th.
- The Shabbat Service for Shabbat Zachor on March 7th will be lay-led; Josh Barrett has agreed to lead the service that evening, with David and Bob on music.
- Daylight saving time starts Sunday, March 9th. This is "Spring Ahead," so we turn the clocks forward and lose an hour overnight.
- Torah Study on Sunday morning, March 9th, Parashah Ki Tisa [Ex 30:11-34:35].
- Death Chatter on Sunday evening, March 9th.
- Shabbat service March 14th with Torah, Parashah Ki Tisa, Purim observed, and a guest speaker for the service: Andrew Schneider from Fairness WV will be with us that evening to share some information about the WV legislature, and plans and hopes for this year, and he will be joining us for the covered dish dinner that follows the service. [This was rescheduled from an earlier date.]
- Jewish literature is scheduled for March 16th at 4:00 p.m. online.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The winter of 2025 has been brutal, with snow, ice, rain, snow again, more ice, and more snow. The effects of warm drinks and hot soup have worn off and we're all in search of something called SPRING! Ever the optimist, I suggest it might not be that far away.

On Sunday, February 9, 2025, the Congregation met to vote on continuing the dialogue with B'nai Jacob Synagogue regarding consolidation. In an overwhelming majority, the Congregation approved moving ahead with that conversation. Although no meetings have been held to date, plans to do so will be made in the near future. Everyone will be kept up to date as to the status of these talks.

Richard Gottlieb, Vice President, is working with the Contract Committee to update Rabbi Blair's existing

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welcome
to a New Familiar Face!

In February, we welcomed Na'Jah Shaffer-Tatum to the Housekeeping staff at Temple Israel.

Na'Jah is the daughter of House Supervisor, Natusha Medley.

You may recognize Na'Jah as she has helped with many of the larger gatherings here at Temple Israel.

If you haven't yet met Na'Jah, please take a moment to introduce yourself. She's the gal with the beautiful smiling face!

At a Glance: March & April

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.**

MARCH	
Friday, March 7 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Shabbat Zachor, lay-led
Sunday, March 9 10:30 AM	Torah Study, Parashah Ki Tisa [Torah Exodus 30:11-34:35], online
Sunday, March 9 7:00 PM	Death Chatter, online
Monday, March 10 11:30 AM	Sisterhood Schmooze
Tuesday, March 11 5:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, March 14 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Purim observance; Torah Parashah Ki Tisa; Fairness WV Shabbat Speaker, Andrew Schneider; covered dish dinner to follow
Wednesday, March 19	Leora May Book Group
Friday, March 21 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Shabbat Parah, HIAS Refugee Shabbat
Friday, March 28 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Shabbat HaChodesh

APRIL	
Friday, April 4 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Tuesday, April 8 5:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, April 11 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Shabbat HaGadol
Saturday, April 12 6:00 PM	Congregational Passover Seder
Monday, April 14 11:30 AM	Sisterhood Schmooze
Wednesday, April 16	Leora May Book Group
Friday, April 18 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Chol Hamo'ed Passover
Sunday, April 20 4:00 PM	Jewish Literature
Wednesday, April 23 6:00 PM	Yom HaShoah Service
Friday, April 25 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Torah Shemini [Leviticus 9:1-11:47]
Sunday, April 27 11:00 AM	Sisterhood Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting and Program
Monday, April 30	Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day)

Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date!

Congregational Passover Seder
 Saturday, April 12
 6:00 PM
 Temple Israel
 CATERED MEAL
 Pre-Paid RSVPs Required

Watch Your Postal Mailbox for Details

A Nosh of Jewish Cuisine Fundraiser

First ever Kugel Bake-Off Competition!

March 9, 2025 - 12:30 PM



B'nai Jacob's Auxiliary is Having a Noodle Kugel Bake-off Fundraiser!

Members of both congregations are invited to enter the competition.

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Guest judges are

Chef Paul Smith, the 2024 Winner of the James Beard Foundation's Best Chef of the Southeast award

Steven Keith (The Food Guy), Charleston Gazette-Mail Restaurant Critic

Judy Grigoraci, former Charleston Gazette-Mail "From the Kitchen" columnist

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Judging will take place at a fundraiser luncheon on March 9, 2025, and everyone who attends the luncheon will be able to vote for their favorite kugel.

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- March 21st we will have our Shabbat Service, Shabbat Parah, with HIAS Refugee Shabbat observed. [This was rescheduled from an earlier date.]
- March 28th is Shabbat HaChodesh.

Looking beyond March, we have several upcoming events of note.

- April 11th is Shabbat HaGadol, the Sabbath preceding the start of Passover.
- Passover begins on Saturday evening, April 12th – at which time we will hold the Congregational Seder. The holiday runs until sundown on Saturday, April 19th (according to the Reform and Israeli reckoning, but one more day to sundown on Sunday, April 20th, for those who observe the holiday for eight days). The seder will be at 6:00 p.m. Watch for more details in your postal mailbox and the April Bulletin, including how to RSVP.
- The Sabbath on April 18th is Chol Ha'mo'ed Pesach, the Sabbath that falls during the week of Passover.
- Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is from sundown April 23rd to sundown April 24th. There will be a communal observance of Yom HaShoah with a short service led by Rabbis Urecki and Blair on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. More information and details will be forthcoming soon.
- Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Memorial Day and Israeli Independence Day) fall on April 30th and May 1st, observed in our Shabbat service on May 2nd, which is followed by a covered dish dinner.
- Sisterhood Shabbat, with participation by members of Sisterhood, is on May 9th.
- L"ag B'Omer (33rd day of the Omer count) and Pesach Sheni (Second Passover) will be observed in the Shabbat service on May 16th.
- Shavuot will be observed in the Shabbat service on May 30th. The holiday officially falls Sunday evening to Tuesday sundown on June 1-3.
- The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th. This will include election of Trustees, and the approval of the budget for Congregational Year 2025-2026 (July to June), and other business presented.
- The Third Annual Indoor Picnic Oneg Shabbat will follow the Shabbat service on June 13th.

In addition to all the services and special events, we continue our regular ongoing activities. These include not only the weekly Shabbat services, but also monthly Board of Trustees meetings, scheduled Sisterhood meetings, weekly Oneg Shabbatot (plural), and scheduled classes and programs.

Please consider joining us for some or all of these:

- Monthly Torah Study on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- Death Chatter monthly on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Monthly Jewish Literature on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
- WVU OLLI Courses
- Weekly A Bisell Torah sessions on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.
- Weekly Torah at 10:00 a.m. with Rabbi Urecki and Rabbi Blair on Tuesdays
- Weekly Talmud at 10:00 a.m. with Rabbi Urecki and Rabbi Blair on Thursdays.
- Don't forget Sisterhood Schmooze the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Sisterhood Board of Directors meetings; Sisterhood General Membership meetings; and Leora May Book Group gatherings.

I always enjoy sharing these events with others, so I hope to see you at some or all of them, 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. Please know that you are invited to participate however, and however often you are able and wish to do so.

For more details on events and activities, see the At-a-Glance and Religious Events listings in this bulletin – and because things can and often do 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 – templeisraelwv.org.

NOTEWORTHY

If you are willing to lead a service, or read Torah or Haftarah for our services occasionally, *we would warmly welcome your participation; please 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.
- If you are willing, we invite you to participate in services by leading a prayer (or perhaps several); doing a

reading (or several) during 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. If you prefer, you can speak to Betty Stern or Ronni Spudich – all of us would be happy to have you participate in a way that you wish.

THOUGHTS, BLESSINGS & SALUTATIONS

We can sing along to the old (Jewish authored) classic, as adapted:

*Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But your company was so delightful
Since we'd no better place else to be
Let Shabbat weave its spell this eve
--- [but DON'T let it snow!]*

We had some truly frightful weather, and even had to cancel a service, the special congregational meeting, and a board meeting, but we soldiered on and made the best of it. Winter is not over, but as we enter March we can hope for an early arrival of Spring weather. At least one of the groundhogs predicted an early end to the winter, and we can pick the one we prefer!

Until Spring fully arrives, I pray that we may each be comforted and blessed with the warmth and embrace of community, the joy of forming a kehillah kedoshah (a sacred congregation), and with 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. May we be a vehicle to bring G-d's presence to every living thing we encounter, and thereby to all of creation. May the world around us be restored and renewed by our actions and prayers, by the workings of nature and G-d's creation, and by the bonds of affection we hold for one another.

Please remember to take every opportunity to be kind to those around you; it will make a difference and improve the world. There are so many reasons to feel down; raise your own spirits and those of everyone you encounter by sharing kindness and love.

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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March Yahrzeits

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

February 28

Rebecca Taub Godfrey	2/28
Ruth Schuchat Pilchik	2/28
Laura Loeb Small	2/28
Marcus "Bill" Thalheimer	2/28
Gitta Yunker	2/28
Frances Sokolovsky	3/1
Fred A. Bloomberg	3/2
Harry Grossman	3/2
Leah Klein	3/2
Marianne Lewent	3/2
Doris Lewis	3/2
Natalie Melman	3/2
Frank A. Baer Sr.	3/3
Barbara G. Bernstein	3/3
Rachel Cassidy	3/3
Alex Fahn	3/3
Sally Greenstein	3/3
Benjamin Machanoff	3/3
Erwin Mayer	3/3
Adele Lehman Metzel	3/3
Louis Tolchinsky	3/3
Anna Feinberg	3/4
Jacob Orelowitz	3/4
Esther Pincus	3/4
Margaret "Peggy" Koller	3/5
Samuel Helfand	3/6
Ida Schwartz Preiser	3/6
Lee Silverstein	3/6
Marjorie Freedman	3/7
Melvin H. Hager	3/7
Helen Margolis Kahn	3/7

March 7

Louis Cremer	3/8
Nettie Golden	3/8
Ben Joseph	3/8
Nathan Deutsch	3/9
Joseph Bernard Randall Jr.	3/9
Bertha Weisberg	3/9
Max Beren	3/10
Martin Cremer	3/11
Ruth Segall	3/11
Ivor Franklin Boiarsky	3/12
Ruth Lieberman Cohen	3/12

Harry Rosen	3/12
Judy Herman	3/13
Eva Wills	3/13

March 14

Marcus Berman	3/15
Albert Irwin Mendeloff	3/15
George Harry Meyer	3/15
Samuel Abraham Schneider	3/15
Anthony Thompson	3/15
Lillian Ostand	3/16
Charlotte R. Polan	3/16
Minnie Rotgin	3/16
Nathan Stabins	3/16
Emily Szczepaniak	3/16
Revella Goldstein	3/17
Sarah Fine Machanoff	3/17
Louis Ruda	3/17
Barbara Boiarsky	3/18
Marge Hutt	3/18
Jennie Cohen Lewis	3/18
Hyman Blocker	3/19
Eleanor Klein Diznoff	3/19
Morris Eisinger	3/19
A. Joseph Garner	3/19
Melvin Hammer	3/19
Melba Stern	3/19
Tina Holmes	3/20
Molly Rabinowitz	3/20
Trixie Shifflette	3/20
Arnold Treibis	3/20
Bruce "Bob" Marks	3/21

March 21

Michael Case	3/22
Sanford Lewis	3/22
Chuck Lundy	3/22
Tressa Silverstein Moskowitz	3/22
Leo Gordon Kopelman	3/23
Jerry M. Kreinik	3/23
Lois Ellison	3/25
Hillard Fahn	3/25
Samuel Jacobson	3/25
Melvin L. Schwartz	3/25
Jane Gleason	3/26
Sylvia Salem	3/26

Sam Silverstein Jr.	3/26
Mary Sonis	3/26
Nathan Stein	3/27
Jeanette Adler	3/28
Robert W. Garner	3/28
Richard Thalheimer	3/28

March 28

Frances L. Angel	3/29
Sarajane Levey Avidon	3/29
Don Garvin	3/29
George Greenwald	3/29
Helen Foster Thalheimer	3/29
Sara Baker	3/30
Estelle Darling	3/30
Harvey Jurin	3/30
Florence Treibis	3/30
Shirley Fahn	3/31
Toba Goldenberg	3/31
Bess Groden	3/31
Henry Hersch	3/31
Alvin Lindenberg	3/31
David Resnicoff	3/31
Emily Resnicoff	3/31
Gussie Resnicoff	3/31
Max Resnicoff	3/31
Mike Resnicoff	3/31
Samuel Kahn	4/1
Dorothy Kandel	4/1
Ralph Mannis	4/1
Sam Silverstein Sr.	4/1
Benjamin Brown	4/2
Doris Goldfarb	4/2
Blanche E. Jacobson	4/2
Murray Lewis	4/2
Fannie K. Sanger	4/2
Clara Schwartz Stern	4/2
Rae Beren	4/3
Joseph Garner	4/3
Henry Kleeman	4/3
Jay M. Segall	4/3
Tilly Lapatinsky Walker	4/3
Wilbert "Will" Darling	4/4
Eugene Drasnin	4/4

Condolences are on page 5

REMINDER

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

The 150th Anniversary Reunion Celebration slide show, congregation portraits, and banquet photos are 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.

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.

Ina Angel and Family
Vic Bastron
Gail Bellamy and the Kurland Family
Nancy Burkhammer
Jim Dean
Martin Dreifus
Arthur Epstein
The Family of Douglas Fisher
Jonathan Freedman
Karl Gattlieb
Jack Goldfarb
Mirabella and the Grizer Family
Rabbi Earl Jordan
Ann Kushner
Roberta Lee Levine
Laura Malloy and Family
Gary Markham
Renee Miller and Family
Penny Sappington
Mark Schaul
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 may 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:

February: Barrie & Tod Kaufman; Ronni Spudich; Kate & Isaac Forman; Carole Bloom; Carol & Fred Pollock; Julie Adams & Josh Barrett; N. David

Stern; Frank Baer III; Bob Aaron; Barrie Baer Kauffman; Margot Jogwick

March: Rachel Dash; **Amy & David Shapiro (MILESTONE);** Daniel Goldfarb; Marsha Albert; Laura Malloy; Shelley & David Winowich; **Gary Markham (MILESTONE);** Roy Herzbach; Sybbie Redmond; Bob Kimball; Draza & Harry Peck; Glenn Goldfarb

April: **Zel Lewis (MILESTONE);** Ditty Markham; Fran Thalheimer; Karl Gattlieb; Lynn & Karl Gattlieb; Bridget McGuire & Max Gottlieb

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)

We continue to hold in our prayers Rose Christian, mother of Dona Hall, who has been admitted to palliative care. May she be comfortable and free of pain or discomfort.

We extend condolences to the family of Joel Miller, formerly of Charleston, who became niftar suddenly on Monday, February 17th, 2025, in Tallahassee FL, where he was living.

Joel was raised in Charleston, the son of Dolores and Morris (Moshe or Babe) Miller who lived in Charleston for many years.

Our heartfelt 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, including entire communities in the Los Angeles area of California. Please consider donating to one of the organizations that are seeking to help the affected people recover from devastating losses.

We continue to offer prayers for those who are held captive, dead or alive, as well as their families. Our hearts are with them. May there be a happy resolution and complete healing from their trauma soon for all those still alive and their families, and may the bodies of those who lost their lives be returned to their families to offer a dignified burial and some form of closure. May there be

a cessation of hostilities and an end to the death and injuries taking place.

We pray also for all those who are under attack, and those who are innocents caught in the crossfire. May there be an end to all their suffering, and may peace come to pass throughout the world.

Our prayers go out to those fallen in service to their country, members of the U.S. Military, the IDF, First Responders, and all who placed themselves in the way of harm for the sake of others. We pray for the peace of their souls, and for comfort for their families and loved ones.

Rabbi Joe Blair

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

contract, and it will be presented to the Congregation for a vote at the June meeting.

Temple Israel wants to welcome Rabbi Adam Berman, his wife, Emuna, and children, Asaf and Nili, to their new congregation at B'nai Jacob Synagogue. We look forward to shared times with this new family in our Mountain State Jewish Community.

We also congratulate Rabbi Victor Urecki on his retirement after a long and illustrious career as Rabbi for B'nai Jacob. We wish you and Marilyn all the very best in your well-earned "leisure"!!!

Gayle Twigger-Shaw
President
Temple Israel



Our Thoughtful Contributors

Thank You for making Shabbat Even More Special

February 14 – Tu B'Shevat fare and the Oneg Shabbat were provided by the Social Action Committee, with assistance of the House Committee.

February 14 – The flowers on the bimah were given in loving memory of Helaine and Charlie Rotgin in admiration for Helaine's unwavering dedication to the environment, and for both Helaine's and Charlie's forever commitment to our Temple's issues of conscience, by Charlie, Kitty, and Cookie.

Floral Fund of Temple Israel Sisterhood

In memory of Phyllis Randall, given by Betty and David Stern.

A generous contribution given by Dona Hall.

A thoughtful way to remember loved ones or friends on their special occasion is to place flowers on the bimah.

Contact Betty Stern at 304-543-7376 for information. Cost for an arrangement is \$40.



SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

First, I want to thank everyone who participated in the Reproductive Rights Shabbat Service on February 21st. Our service was informative, spiritual, and beautiful.

Our schmooze in February, which was a small group, never stops us from kibbitzing. We talk about everything — the Temple and the activities within the Temple, as well as what is happening within our Charleston community or what is happening in our lives.

I then had an epiphany - "What does Sisterhood Mean to Me?" I think Sisterhood is dedicated to serving the congregation by making it a more welcoming, comfortable, and friendly place in a Jewish Community. It is a place where women can meet and work together in friendship for the good of the Congregation through religious commitment, education, social action, and leadership development, and enjoy each other's company.

If you would like to write an article for the Temple Israel Bulletin on What Sisterhood Means to You, let me know. *Ina Angel*, Temple Israel Sisterhood President

TZEDAKAH (CHARITY)

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, I ask for your consideration of donations to the Rabbi Discretionary Fund. I deeply appreciate everyone who has donated recently - sincere thanks from the bottom of my heart to all who have made contributions.

These funds are used 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 reaching out and assisting in times of distress.

I can assure you that there have been multiple and significant needs supported by the fund. I mention this because I hope never to have to turn away one of our own who has a need, and I also want to acknowledge the generous support of several people recently, allowing me to meet current needs.

And lest it not be obvious, there are many worthy causes that deserve your consideration, in addition to these. Please do all you are able.

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*

Templegrams 2025

A Temple Israel Sisterhood Project

The Templegram is a message from you to the designated person on the occasion listed.

Please check names of people to whom you wish to send a Templegram.

Price is \$2.00 per Templegram.

Return this form with your check to the Temple office no later than **March 10, 2025**.

Your name(s) as you wish to appear on the Templegram

Birthdays 2025

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Markham	80th	March 22
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zel Lewis	100th	April 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Liz Weisberg	65th	July 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Rich Maloy	70th	August 11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Winter	75th	October 12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Schaul	95th	November 13
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marion Baer	95th	December 26
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joy Kleeman	85th	December 31

Anniversaries 2025

<input type="checkbox"/>	David & Amy Shapiro	55th	March 12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gregg & Jennifer Stern	30th	May 6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary & Ditty Markham	55th	June 20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary & Beth Winter	10th	June 28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roger Forman & Arla Ralston	45th	December 27

Option to Include Personalized Message Here

Number of Templegrams Ordered _____ x \$2.00 Per Templegram = \$ _____ Payment Due

Please make your check payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood and return completed form and payment for total amount due to

**Temple Israel Sisterhood
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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 rabbioeb@gmail.com.

I read email and texts quite regularly (**Shabbat & holidays - both Jewish and secular - 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. I will get back to you as soon as I am able.

I send Reminder Links emails on Sundays and Thursdays (most weeks) using the Google email list. That email

list is set to send a copy of each message to everyone at one time. It does not pick and choose who will receive the messages: anyone whose valid email is on the list should receive a copy.

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 (notably, AOL, but others as well) automatically mark messages from an email list as spam/trash/junk, unless they are marked otherwise in advance in their system. We want everyone who is interested to be able to receive those emails with the events and Zoom links for the upcoming time.

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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.

If you are the parent or grandparent of a college student, please share their address with the Temple Israel Office so that Sisterhood can stay in touch during the school year.

Federated Jewish Charities of Huntington WV is looking for camp counselors for their day camp this summer, planned for 2 weeks in June or July.
Housing and a stipend will be offered. The expectation is 6 children between the ages of 7 - 13.
The planners will work with the counselors on content they would teach.
Please share and contact:
Linda Klein
412-414-5605

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