

Temple Israel Bulletin

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Shalom & greetings!

CALENDAR

It is now mid-March, and the weather has been very up and down, but between the highs and lows there has been at least a hint of the promise of Spring in the air. The shoots, buds, and stems are starting to appear, the Garden at the Temple is starting to wake up after the winter, and I am looking forward to enjoying the nicer weather, the greenery, and the coming flowers.

This has been a season with a lot of special Shabbatot. We began the month of March with Shabbat Zachor, the sabbath of remembrance (and a tip of the hat to Josh Barrett who filled in as Shaliach Tzibbur [service leader] for the Shabbat when I was out of town).

Shabbat Zachor is when we both remember, and remember to blot out the name of Amalek: that fell just a week prior to Purim, which we celebrated on the 14th of March. Also on the 14th, we focused on Torah Parashah Ki Tisa, along with the observance of Purim (a variation on the Scroll of Esther reading), as well as having a special guest speaker: Andrew Schneider, Director of Fairness WV, and his nephew Max, who joined us - Andrew as Congregation member and as guest speaker for the evening. We finished that service with a covered dish dinner, including some Purim treats, making it a very festive event.

The last weekend of March is Shabbat HaChodesh, signaling the start of Nisan, the month in which Passover falls.

The Shabbat on April 11th is Shabbat HaGadol, which falls immediately prior to Passover – and that is literally true, as Passover begins on the evening of Saturday, April 12th, when we will hold the Congregational Seder. (Look for information on how to RSVP for that in this bulletin: it includes the ritual of the Seder, a catered meal, and a chance to celebrate together as a congregational family.)

The Shabbat following the Seder is Chol Hamo'ed Passover – the sabbath that falls during the Passover holiday. Passover ends at sundown on Saturday the 19th (or Sunday the 20th for those who observe eight days).

Only a few days later, we reach the observance of Yom HaSho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) from the evening of April 23rd to sundown on April 24th. We plan to hold a community service on April 23rd, together with B'nai Jacob.

We will observe Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day – falls on April 30th) and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day – falls on May 1st) in the Shabbat service on May 2nd.

The Shabbat of May 9th is Temple Israel Sisterhood Shabbat.

That rounds out our special Shabbatot until we come to Shavuot at the end of May/start of June.

LOOKING AHEAD

On the calendar scheduled for April:

- Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is from sundown April 23rd to sundown April 24th. We plan to hold 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.

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

- Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Memorial Day and Israeli Independence Day) are on April 30th and May 1st, observed in our Shabbat service on May 2nd, which is followed by a covered dish dinner.
- Sisterhood Shabbat 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.

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**Pre-Paid
RSVPs Due
April 4**

Congregational
Passover Seder

Saturday, April 12
6:00 PM
Temple Israel

**Pre-Paid RSVPs are Required
and Due to the Temple Israel
Office by 3:00 p.m., Friday,
April 4**

Please contact the Temple Israel
Office if you need an RSVP form.



NOTICE

In order to comply with the terms of Temple Israel's insurance carriers' policies for underwriting insurance, **no firearms or other weapons are allowed to be brought into or carried in the building, effective immediately.**

We appreciate your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Gayle Twigger-Shaw
Temple Israel President

At a Glance: April & May

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.**

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)

MAY	
Thursday, May 1	Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day)
Friday, May 2 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'Atzma'ut Observance Covered Dish Dinner
Friday, May 9 5:30 PM	Sisterhood Shabbat Service
Sunday, May 11 10:30 AM	Torah Study, Parashah Emor [Leviticus 21:1-24:23]
Sunday, May 11 7:00 PM	Death Chatter
Monday, May 12	Pesach Sheni (Second Passover)
Monday, May 12 11:30 AM	Sisterhood Schmooze
Tuesday, May 13 5:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, May 16 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service, Parashah Emor, with Pesach Sheni & L'ag B'Omer Observance
Sunday, May 18 4:00 PM	Jewish Literature
Friday, May 23 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, May 30 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service with Shavuot Observance

Views from Temple Israel's Garden

Photo courtesy of Melissa Bart, March 2025



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.

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NOTEWORTHY

- The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th. This will include election of Board of Trustees, and the approval of the budget for Congregational Year 2025 -2026 (July to June), and other business as raised.
- 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.
- Monthly Death Chatter on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Monthly Jewish Literature on Sunday afternoon 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 p.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
- 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.

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 (the Rabbi) and we can work on it.*

- Ronni Spudich is looking to invite members to bless and light candles for our Shabbat 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) or 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

There have been days that tease us with Spring weather, but they have been intermingled with Winter cold.

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.

As we approach Passover, our holiday of liberation and Redemption, may we draw closer to the divine, and be guided toward our best selves. May we be a vehicle to bring G-d's presence to every living thing we encounter, and thereby to all of creation.

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 hope to see you at the Congregational Passover Seder or one of the other events that are upcoming in our community. Warm wishes for you this spring at the time of renewal and

rebirth.

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



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

Views from Temple Israel's Garden

Photo courtesy of Melissa Bart, March 2025



April Yahrzeits

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

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 Lindenber	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

April 4

Harry N. Barton	4/5
Honey Fleischmann	4/5
Josi Steinberg	4/5
Natalie Winowich	4/5
Lylla Shinberg	4/6
Lee Harry Kay	4/7
Charles Austin Kreinik	4/8
Ellis C. Amburgey Jr.	4/10
Sarah Lazar	4/10
Fanny C. Berman	4/11
Bette Rascover	4/11

April 11

Simon Barton	4/12
Joseph L. Galperin	4/12
Sam Hess	4/12
Maxwell Lopin	4/12
Mrs. Harry Beren	4/13
Josef Grossman	4/13
Alma Goldberg	4/14
Beatrice Rebecca Jurin	4/14
Miriam Beren	4/15
Bea Dorzback	4/15
Edith Goldstein Hallam	4/15
Allen Lipton	4/15
Anna Schneider	4/15
Alcine Allen	4/16
Bertie Cohen	4/17
Edna Jacobson	4/17
Lillian Mendeloff Lakin	4/17
Sara H. White	4/17
John Albert Amburgey	4/18
Walter Schwartz	4/18

April 18

Manuel Gersman	4/19
Louis Glasser	4/19
Kate Levey	4/19

Joseph Lopin	4/19
Harry Pincus Jr.	4/19
Adam Hunter Aaron	4/20
Louis W. Cohen	4/20
Abraham Klein	4/20
Selma Molly Beskin	4/21
Robert Gordon Markham	4/21
William F. Wood	4/21
Norma Hess Builtman	4/22
Abraham Carroll	4/22
Gussie Kallman Weisberg	4/22
Yudell Abe Blocker	4/23
Joseph Horowitz	4/23
Bill Howley	4/23
Albert M. Katz	4/23
Nancy Segall Levine	4/23
Richard Lewent	4/23
Rubin Sokolovsky	4/23
Beatrice Hess	4/24
Henita Gattlieb Picket	4/24
Martin Blackman	4/25
Settie Swarts	4/25

April 25

Estelle Kasanof Gottlieb	4/26
Dr. Morris I. Mendeloff Jr.	4/26
Sabina Rosenberg	4/26
Gerald Bernard Ostand	4/28
Herschel Shapero	4/29
Bernice Rosenthal Roche	4/30
Millie Kahn	5/1
Robert David Kaye	5/1
Allan Tweddle	5/1
Anne Mae Walter	5/1
Sylvia Glasser	5/2
Julius Hess	5/2
Alvin Julius Lindenberg	5/2

Condolences are on page 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 rabbijoeb@gmail.com.

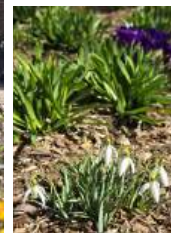
I read email and texts quite regularly (**Shabbat & holidays – both Jewish and secular - except-ed**).

In an emergency on one of these days, please phone me on my cell phone 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.

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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
David Bailey
Vic Bastron
Gail Bellamy and the Kurland Family
Jim Dean
Martin Dreifus
The Drake Family
Arthur Epstein
The Family of Doug Fisher
Jonathan Freedman
Karl Gattlieb
Jack Goldfarb
Mirabella and the Grizer Family
Rabbi Earl Jordan
Roberta Lee Levine
Laura Malloy and Family
Gary Markham
The Miller Family
Kay Pickus
Penny Sappington
Mark Schaul
Barbara Braun-Twedde
Gary Winter
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:

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

I have not heard about other events (I hope I included all that should be here, but if I missed any, please forgive me, and let me know so I can acknowledge it in the next bulletin).

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)

Temple Israel extends condolences to the family of Alvin Preiser, formerly of Charleston, who became niftar. His funeral was conducted by Rabbi Urecki on February 26th, with interment at the B'nai Jacob Eternal Home. Baruch dayan haemet. May his mourners be comforted from heaven, and may his memory be a blessing.

Temple Israel extends condolences to Gail Bachman and family on the recent passing of her son, John L. Bachman, on March 11th in Norfolk, VA, at the age of 45. He was predeceased by his father, Thomas Charles Bachman. He is survived by his mother, Gail Wasserman Bachman; his brothers, David (Laura) and Brian (Sara); his nephew, Dinger; and his niece, Penny. The funeral service was private. Baruch Dayan Haemet. May his mourners be comforted from heaven, and may John's memory be a continuing blessing.

Temple Israel extends condolences to Rabbi Joe Blair and family at the passing of his mother, Lillian Blair, on March 20th in Fairfax, VA, following a brief stay in the hospital. There was a private graveside funeral. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may the memory of Lillian be an enduring blessing.

Long time member of Temple Israel, Margot Jogwick, became niftar on March 21st. Funeral plans are not firm at this time; more will be shared as it is

known. May those who mourn her be comforted from heaven, and may her memory be an enduring blessing to all who knew and loved her.

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

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



HELLO FROM AN OLD FRIEND

The Temple Israel Office received a phone call from Joe Koval, who had fond memories of making waffles in Temple Israel's kitchen during some of the 46 years that he lived in Charleston. He believes current members might have the same memories, and he says "Hello!" to those who remember him. Joe currently resides in Oregon.

Our Thoughtful Contributors

Thank You for Making Shabbat Even More Special

March 14 – The floral arrangement on the bimah was given in loving memory of her mother, Eleanor Klein Diznoff, by Marsha Albert and her family.

Helen F. Thalheimer Care Committee of Temple Israel Sisterhood

The Sisterhood Care Committee delivered 14 Purim bags to congregants. Thanks to Lynn Gattlieb and Caroline Ostand for helping with delivery.

Thanks for the lovely Purim bag. From, Margot Jogwick.

Gary and I could never thank Sisterhood enough for all the kind and delicious remembrances. Thanks for remembering us. From, Ditty & Gary Markham.



Purim Gif Bags.
Photo courtesy
of Betty
Stern.

Donations to the Sisterhood Floral Fund are welcome any time. Please contact Betty Stern at 304-543-7376 if you would like to give flowers in celebration of a simcha or to remember a loved one.

Please make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood.

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. 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*

NOTICE: CORRESPONDENCE/EMAIL

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. *Rabbi Joe Blair* ▪ rabbioeb@gmail.com ▪ 304-989-4014

SISTERHOOD MESSAGE: RETURN OF THE NATIVE

Moving "home" to Charleston after living elsewhere some twenty-nine years was an adjustment in many ways. Giving up a Whole Foods and beachfront living was somewhat of a sacrifice to return to the city of my birth and a more affordable life style. Living closer to my sons and granddaughter was another incentive drawing me back.

For awhile, I felt like Rip Van Winkle, as much had changed. Yet, lots remained the same. My roots were truly planted in the Eastend of Charleston, where I live now.

Becoming a member of Temple Israel and the Sisterhood gave me the Community I craved after my husband passed away, and the warm welcome here quickly confirmed my big life decision.

Gifts of friendship, belonging, and spirituality were treasures I found through this Temple and the Sisterhood. Taking on responsibilities, like Program Chairperson leading to Vice President and President, gave me more pleasure than I could possibly imagine.

Sure, there were usual frustrations. Yet, as I have often repeated in describing our Sisterhood...it is a well-oiled machine run by women who dedicate time and energy to doing their job with pleasure and efficiency.

Our active Sisterhood is the backbone of the Temple. Along with our very capable Board, inspiring and kind Rabbi, and our hard working and amicable staff, we are lucky, as well as blessed, to have and enjoy our House of Worship when many small Jewish communities are vanishing.

Keeping it going will be a challenge. Hopefully, we Senior members will entice more younger women to join and become active. Also, to bring new ideas, like ways to enhance programs, community action, and involvement.

I hope to be a good example as someone who enhanced her life by choosing the path leading to Temple Israel and, especially, its Sisterhood.

Marsha Albert Temple Israel Sisterhood Past President

SISTERHOOD GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM - APRIL 27, 2025

Please note in your calendars that the General Sisterhood Meeting is scheduled for **11:00 a.m.** on **April 27, 2025**, in the Social Hall. A lunch/AARP program will **begin at 12:00 p.m.**

Susan LeFew, Associate State Director for Outreach, and Angela Vance, Association State Director for Advocacy, will present about the AARP Fraud Watch Network. There will also be information about the results of the State Legislative Session which will have just ended, and time for questions and answers.

Members of Temple Israel and B'nai Jacob Congregations are invited to attend the lunch and programs and, once again, we look forward to an informative and fun Sunday afternoon.

Ina Angel, President
Cookie Glasser, Program Chair



SISTERHOOD: COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The shelters have been busy through this beastly winter, as has been the services for the vets. In helping them get their lives restarted, sometimes it comes down to the basics.

Both services need personal care items: shampoo, body wash, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, etc. for men, women, and children.

Please bring them to Temple boxes on the stage and lobby.

We thank you for your support for their new lives!

Caroline Ostand, Sisterhood Member

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

G-d speaks to us in the loving kindness of others. It is through this love we understand the miracle of His love.

The loving kindness of Rabbi Blair, Caroline Ostand, Judy Lundy, Beth Winter, and Ann Kushner was the reason to plan a wonderful birthday party for my 91st birthday - how blessed am I!

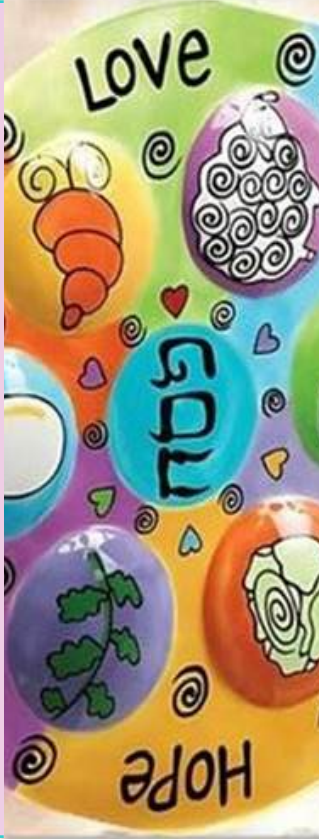
With love and gratitude, *Margot Jogwick*

Margot celebrated her 91st on February 28th, 2025

Planning Ahead: Sisterhood Yearbook

Please make sure that the Temple Israel Office has your contact information up to date for the Sisterhood Yearbook. Send updates to templeisraelwv@gmail.com or call 304-342-5852.

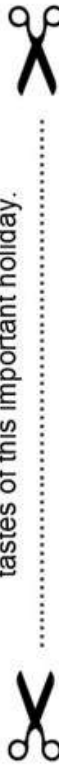
Join B'nai Jacob for Seder this Passover!



**The Second Night Experience - Our Passover Tradition
at B'nai Jacob Synagogue
Sunday, April 13th, 2025
5:30 pm**

This unique and inclusive dinner led by Rabbi Urecki and prepared by Marilyn Urecki will once again blend contemporary and traditional elements for a "seder" experience that will feel both familiar and fresh.

A casual setting, uplifting songs, and holiday comfort food will combine for a welcoming and enjoyable evening that's a good fit for those new to Judaism, people with children, or those just looking for a space to wind down and enjoy the sounds and tastes of this important holiday.



NAME:

\$15 per person # _____ Children under 10 are free # _____

RSVP by April 4th, 2025 by sending a check made out to the B'nai Jacob Pulpit Fund to reserve a spot

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION

Please respond no later than Tuesday, April 4th, 2025

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Congregational Passover Seder
Saturday, April 12
6:00 PM
Temple Israel

Pre-Paid RSVs are Required and Due to the Temple Israel Office by 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 4

Please contact the Temple Israel Office if you need an RSVP form.

Temple Israel
2312 Kanawha Boulevard, East Charleston, West Virginia 25311

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