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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Shalom & greetings!

I suspect it will come as no surprise to you that I am once again surprised that it is already time to write the Summer (June-July-August) Bulletin. It has felt to me that this year has flown past. Trying to get into my mind that this is looking ahead at a three-month window is a challenge, but I will give it a try!

I am pleased and honored to have been informed that the Board of Trustees, at their last meeting in May, approved the Employment Agreement proposed by the Committee, to effect continuation of my service as rabbi of Temple Israel. The extension of my service in that role (but not the contract itself) will be presented for ratification to the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 4th, and I most fervently hope that it will receive a positive response. I am looking forward to working with you, and to have the privilege to continue to serve as rabbi at Temple Israel.

CALENDAR

Now:

- As I write this, we are just about to observe L'ag B'Omer and Pesach Sheni in the Shabbat service with Torah from Parashah Emor.
- The Board of Trustees held their May meeting, and the materials for the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 4th are being prepared – and may reach you before this Bulletin.
- We will hold our Shavuot service in just two weeks.
- The Third Annual Indoor Picnic Oneg is in mid-June (please RSVP), as is the WV Jewish Film Festival (6/15, 1:00 p.m. Marquee Cinemas).

Recent Highlights:

- The Passover Seder on April 12th was an absolutely lovely evening, and a great success.
- A sad event recently was the funeral for Marion Baer on April 22nd, many attended and it was a comfort to see so many there to honor her.
- The Community Yom HaShoah service on April 23rd was a moving event. I appreciate Rabbi Urecki

working with me to make this happen.

- Our Yom HaZikaron/Yom Ha'Atzma'ut service on May 2nd felt both stirring and reflective. It was sobering to commemorate these historical events in the context of all that is currently taking place.
- Sisterhood Shabbat on May 9th was lovely, and included participation by many members of Sisterhood.
- The WVU OLLI Course, The Akedah in Story and Midrash, took place on May 7th and 14th, and was very well received.
- Courses continued to meet, as they will through June: Jewish Literature, A Bisell Torah, Torah Study, Death Chatter, and the Torah at 10 and Talmud at 10 classes (co-taught with Rabbi Urecki). Recently, all of these classes have been interesting and lively.
- Sisterhood held their Board of Directors and General Membership meeting on April 27th, with an interesting program on fraud from AARP.
- Sisterhood Schmoozes continued to be lively gatherings and discussions.
- Board of Trustees and Committee meetings continued as planned, carrying on the work of the congregation.
- The last regular Board of Trustees meeting for the current congregational year took place on May 13th, they will next meet on September 9th, absent a call for a special meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

A very brief note of what is coming:

- The pilgrimage festival of Shavuot falls on June 1st evening, and June 2nd and 3rd. We will observe it in the Shabbat service on May 30th.
- There will be a celebration of life for Dan Kurland on May 31st in the B'nai Jacob Shabbat morning service.
- The Temple Israel Annual Congregational Meeting will be both online and in-person on the evening of June 4th at 5:00 p.m. for social

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ANNUAL

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Wednesday, June 4

**5:00 p.m. Reception
5:30 p.m. Business Meeting**

**Members of
Temple Israel
Please Plan to
Attend**

Online & In-Person

DUE BY JULY 31

Sisterhood Yearbook

Please be certain that the Temple Israel Office has your contact information up to date for the Sisterhood Yearbook.

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AT A GLANCE: JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

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.**

JUNE		JUNE CONTINUED...		AUGUST	
Sunday, June 1	Erev Shavuot	Wednesday, June 18	Leora May Book Group	Friday, August 1 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Monday, June 2	Shavuot OFFICE CLOSED	Friday, June 20 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service	Saturday/Sunday August 2-3	Tisha B'Av
Tuesday, June 3	Shavuot 2nd Day	Sunday, June 22 4:00 PM	Jewish Literature	Friday, August 8 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Wednesday, June 4 5:00 PM  Online & In-Person	Annual Congregational Meeting Reception @ 5:00 PM Business Meeting @ 5:30 PM	Friday, June 27 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service	Friday/Saturday August 8-9	Tu B'Av
Friday, June 6 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service	Sunday, June 29 11:00 AM	Sisterhood Board of Directors Retreat	Saturday/Sunday August 9-10	Urecki Celebration @ B'nai Jacob
Sunday, June 8 10:30 AM	Torah Study, Parashah Beha'alotecha [Numbers 8:1-12:16]	<div>July</div> <div>  </div>		Friday, August 15 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Sunday, June 8 7:00 PM	Death Chatter			Wednesday, August 20	Leora May Book Group
Monday, June 9 11:30 AM	Sisterhood Schmooze	Friday, July 4 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service OFFICE CLOSED	Friday, August 22 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, June 13 5:30 PM 	Shabbat Service, Parashah Beha'alotecha Third Annual Indoor Picnic	Friday, July 11 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service	Saturday, August 23	Radow & Prince Wedding
Sunday, June 15 1:00 PM	West Virginia Jewish Film Festival, Marquee Cinemas	July 13	Fast of 17th of Tamuz Start of the 3 Weeks	Friday, August 29 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service
		Wednesday, June 16	Leora May Book Group		
		Friday, July 18 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service		
		Friday, July 25 5:30 PM	Shabbat Service		

TZEDAKAH (CHARITY)

As I say just about every month, please be generous with your tzedakah.

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 prior bulletins that the money is used only in our own Congregation and Community to help in the case of 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. I hope never to have to turn away one of our own who has a need, so I periodically ask you to consider making a donation to the fund to help me to support members of our community during the year. Meantime, please continue to support those worthy causes that touch your heart – perform the mitzvah and do good in the world. *Rabbi Joe Blair*



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time, with the formal meeting to begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. to conduct the business of the congregation. Members in good standing should receive a packet of materials by postal mail for the Annual Meeting in advance of it.

- A Bissell Torah will meet through June as scheduled at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons.
- An "indoor picnic" is scheduled on June 13th as the Oneg Shabbat for that week. Please RSVP. I look forward to seeing you there!
- Courses and classes will go on summer break; if not listed on the calendar or website, it is pretty safe to assume that they are not being held during the summer months. Watch for announcements that they are starting up again in the Fall – and look for information about some new classes that will make an appearance in the Fall, as well.
- July 4th is a Thursday, and the office is closed that day.
- In August, we will hold services as usual. No special events at Temple Israel are noted now. Do hold the dates of August 9-10 to join in the celebration of Rabbi and Marilyn Urecki's retirement after many years of service to B'nai Jacob and the Jewish Community.
- At this point, September's calendar is similar to August, until we have a chance to add events to the list. I do note that the week of the 21st of September includes the Holiday of Rosh Hashanah and Shabbat Shuvah.
- High Holidays this year begin with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Monday evening, September 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah will continue with the morning service on September 23rd at 10:30 a.m., immediately followed by a Tashlich service in the Temple Foyer.
- The Shabbat service on September 26th will be Shabbat Shuvah, preparing us for the upcoming holiday of Yom Kippur (more on that in the next Bulletin).

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 – templeisraelwv.org.

PARTICIPATION REQUESTS

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. Ronni is also the one who seeks service leaders for lay-led services, so please let her know if you are willing to do that for any week that I am away.

Betty Stern is organizing the flowers on the bimah; please contact her if you would like to sponsor them for some special occasion.

Jill Epstein is coordinating for Oneg Shabbat; if you wish to sponsor one, please contact Jill and speak to her about it. Onegs will be "minimal" during the summer months – simply wine and challah.

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.*

Also, 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 (the Rabbi), and we can select a date that works for you, as well as the role that you would like to take on.

We would be happy to have you participate in a way that you wish, and we will work with you to assure it is possible.

MUSINGS

As I said in the last Bulletin, may we continue our measured progress through the period of the counting of the Omer, leading us to Shavuot. May we find meaning, purpose, and spiritual nourishment in the counting and recounting of these days, and take into our hearts the Sefirot (Emanations or Attributes of the Divine) that we use as markers to keep track of our inner journey and the progress we hope to achieve during this time. May we arrive at Shavuot in a state of readiness and openness, so that we may once again merit the gifts of Torah and Revelation that the holiday represents. May our summer period begin with that as a spiritual high.

May the Three Weeks, starting with the fast day on the 17th of Tamuz (falling on Sunday July 13th) and running to Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of the month of Av, falling on August 3rd) help us to 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 our G-d.

May the holiday of Tu B'Av (the 15th of the month of Av, falling on the 9th of August) allow us to see and feel all the love that surrounds us.

May the arrival of the month of Elul on August 24th, our annual call to focus inwards and upwards, stir us to redirect ourselves and choose the path that is right for us.

May all of these events and times work within and upon us to raise our spirits, 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.

May we each be blessed with joys, health, and a life filled with deeds of lovingkindness, and may we be granted many blessings and a sense of fulfillment, so that we may enter the upcoming year from a position of accomplishment and success.

THOUGHTS, BLESSINGS & SALUTATIONS

As we enter the summer and the slightly more leisurely period on the congregational calendar, may you find time to take in the natural beauty of our surroundings, enjoy the pleasant weather, and engage in activities that bring you pleasure, with people you love.

As in past, during this time I will be working on plans and preparation for the coming year – so if you have any suggestions or constructive criticisms, please feel free to share them with me so I can take them into account as I plan. It may seem a long way off, but the High Holidays are just around the corner! 🙏

Enjoy the season! I look forward to seeing you again soon.

B'virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace), and prayers for good health, joy, and peace,
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JUNE / JULY / AUGUST YAHRZEITS

Names are read the Friday evening prior to the Yahrzeit date, which is beside names

May 30

Ruth Silverstein Sherman	5/31
Lester J. Mann	6/1
David L. Wyant Jr.	6/2
Marion Smith Cohen	6/3
Sylvia I. Garner	6/3
Joseph Sloman	6/3
Ben Elgart	6/4
Norman Glass	6/4
Mark E. Grinberg	6/4
Sarah Meilman	6/4
Esther Markham Stowers	6/4
Melvin Marks	6/5
Alfreda Ruvel	6/5
David Lautman	6/6
Alfredo Montanaro	6/6
Miriam E. Rogin	6/6
Herbert J. Shapiro	6/6

June 6

Pearl Kleinman	6/7
David Hess Swarts	6/7
Ed Hindman	6/8
Dr. Herman K. Polan	6/8
Molly Reich	6/9
Mae Gordon Kopelman	6/10
Sarah Kreinik	6/10
Joan Galperin Kurtz	6/10
Sarah Lanier	6/10
Bernard Siegel	6/10
Irene Wells	6/10
William Binderman	6/11
Herbert Osgood	6/11
Steven William Schwartz	6/11
Betty Schuact Gottlieb	6/12
Eric Lehman	6/12
Louis Israel Sclove	6/12
William Goldberger	6/13
Kenneth Kleeman	6/13
Solon Levine	6/13
Mary Margolis	6/13
Nathan Reich	6/13
Phyllis Shapero	6/13

June 13

Henry Angel	6/14
William Drasnin	6/14
Ellen Kaufman	6/14
Sarah Cremer	6/15
Harold Goldenberg	6/15
Jacob Greenberg	6/15
Leo L. Klein	6/15
Jerry Lindenberg	6/15
Michael Rossin	6/15
Judith Kaufman Moses	6/16
Max Rosenfeld	6/16
Si Galperin Jr.	6/17
Harry Polan	6/18
Shoshana Lehman	6/19
Anna Lovett	6/19
Leon Jacob Engel	6/20
Goldie M. Galperin	6/20

June 20

William F. Hoss Jr.	6/21
Larry Sonis	6/21
Betty Edelman Barrack	6/22
Helen Cohen	6/22
Celia Drasnin	6/22
Carl A. Lehman	6/22
Bertha Silverstein Schaul	6/22
Lottie Wells	6/22
Charles W. Loeb Sr.	6/23
Claire Goldenberg Seiger	6/23
Milton Kaufman	6/24
David Mack	6/24
Logan Scott Seawell	6/24
Etta Abrams	6/25
David D. Klein	6/25
Flo Sloman	6/25
Norma Winter	6/25
Zerelda Belle Grossman	6/26
Ben C. Kart	6/26
Goldie Lautman	6/26
Morris Warhafft	6/26
Dr. Philip Rubin	6/27

June 27

Jim Applebaum	6/28
Beatrice Eisinger	6/29
Sylvia Miller Kaufman	6/29
Bill Thalheimer	6/29
Ernest Adkins	6/30
Ida Bernstein	6/30
Frank Eldon	6/30
Aaron Gersman	6/30
Samuel Goldstein	6/30
Virgil Hindman	6/30
Seymour Levine	6/30
Ruth Osgood Loeb	6/30
Charles Segall	6/30
Dora Segall	6/30
Rose Levy Siegel	6/30
Julius Lehman	7/1
Ben Baker	7/2
Donald Deutsch Jr.	7/2
Toby Israel	7/2
Edward Lee Ruben	7/2
Isadore Kreinik	7/3
Leo M. Spigel	7/3
Beatrice Yunker	7/3
Samuel A. Brady	7/4
Kenneth Godfrey	7/4
Nathan P. Goldfarb	7/4
Ernestine "Stinie" Goldman	7/4
James Leon Wells	7/4

July 4

Lake A. Brown Sr.	7/5
Morris Freedman	7/5
Bernard A. "Bud" Burka	7/6
Goldy K. Gateman	7/6
Evelyn Hopper	7/6
John Henry Joseph Hoss	7/6
Ted Lewis	7/6
Florence Kay Simms	7/6

Harriet Goldstein Blume	7/7
Joe L. Silverstein	7/7
Ruth Wertheim	7/7
Frank A. Baer II	7/8
Morris Goldenberg	7/8
Gertrude Warren	7/8
Tommy Kaplan	7/9
Stanley Loewenstein	7/9
Nathan Kurtz	7/10
Ruth Cohen Wasserman	7/10

July 11

Mandy Boston	7/12
M. S. "Mel" Burka	7/12
Louis Abraham Goldstein	7/12
Eric Lehman	7/12
Beth Brown Morgan	7/12
Sadie Nusbaum	7/12
Gilbert Weisberg	7/12
Sallee Deutsch	7/13
William Goldberger	7/13
Gary Zane Gardner	7/14
George Gilbert	7/14
Dorothy Hohenberg	7/14
Shirley Shapiro	7/14
Helen Silverstein	7/14
Harry Srulovitz	7/14
Monroe Zicherman	7/14
Nuita Feibelmann	7/15
Lillian Levey	7/15
Hyman Artz	7/16
Sarah Badner	7/16
Isaak Dumer	7/17
Roslyn Bloomberg	7/18
Dolly Margolis	7/18
Joseph Segall	7/18

July 18

Annilee Hallam Bloom	7/19
Nancy Engel DiTullo	7/20
Henry Hager	7/20
Maria Szczepaniak	7/20
June R. Cremer-Lipton	7/21
Max Yunker	7/21
Philip Angel	7/22
Mayme Lasky	7/22
Lois Phillips Coleman	7/23
Dan Glass	7/23
Edith Greenberg	7/23
Paul L. Lambert	7/23
Charles Hessell	7/24
Jack J. Stark	7/24

July 25

Ehaskel Bernashefsky	7/26
Kenneth H. Fretwell	7/26
Jacob Greenberg	7/26
Albert Israel	7/26
Clara Kraus Kaufman	7/27
Marjorie Jacobs	7/28
Harold Selinger	7/28
Anna Schumann Deutsch	7/29

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Troy David Fretwell	7/29
Andy Hudnall	7/29
Lee Small	7/30
Roberta Adkins	7/31
Jerome "Jerry" Hersh	7/31
Jay L. Margolis Sr.	7/31
Stanley Oliver	7/31
Henry Rossin	7/31
Julia Weisenberg	7/31
Harry Goldstein	8/1
Diane Lehy Hoss	8/1
Dr. Steven Jubelirer	8/1

August 1

Richard J. Erlichman	8/2
Dorothy Feinberg	8/2
Rose Miriam Rosenfeld	8/2
Florette Angel	8/3
Beatrice Kleeman	8/3
Lottie Klein	8/3
Ben Swarts	8/3
Carol Behr	8/4
Isaac Rosenberg	8/4
Etta Barnet Stern	8/4
Jack Tweddle	8/5
Dan Barrack	8/6
Meta Bornheim	8/6
Bee Gattlieb	8/6
David Gottlieb	8/7
Charles M. Rotgin Sr.	8/7
Henry Steinberg	8/7
Francine Leslie Jurin	8/8
Stan Weinberg	8/8
Sarah Rosenfeld Zakin	8/8
Esther Zicherman	8/8

August 8

Esther Basman	8/10
Lillian Caroline Isis	8/10
Charles Forman	8/11
Mary B. Greenberg	8/11
Grover Cleveland Kaufman	8/11
Elizabeth Pierce Randall	8/11
Philip Jordan Silverstein	8/12
Eddie Warner Casto	8/13
Robert Goldenberg	8/13
Jay Margolis Jr.	8/13
Kay Polan	8/14
Kenneth Sloman	8/14
Walter Golden	8/15
Leslie Korn	8/15
Milton Wyner	8/15

August 15

Beadie B. Glass	8/16
Marty Glasser	8/16
Evelyn Broh Polan	8/16
Ben Baer	8/17
Max Goldenberg	8/17
Bernard Bloom	8/18

Estelle Gussie Hager	8/18
Minnie Pitasky	8/18
Bernise Weiner Saval	8/18
Samuel Sloman	8/18
Rose Bloom	8/19
Abe Goldenberg	8/20
Saul Ostand	8/20
Phyllis Irene Skeens	8/20
Selwyn Robert Jurin	8/21
Helen Warhafftig	8/21
Ruth Mendelsohn Brown	8/22
Henry L. Kohn	8/22
William D. Weisberg	8/22

August 22

Lawrence C. Kaufman Sr.	8/23
Pauline Rubio	8/23
Marcus Smith	8/23
Austin Moore	8/24
Ida Eckmann	8/25
Gideon Feibelman	8/25
Lenard Kushner	8/25
Thelma Levine	8/25
Jane P. Silverstein	8/25
Marvyn Cohen	8/26
Harriet Oppen	8/26
Isaac J. Hofmayer	8/27
Maurice Plotkin	8/27
Norma Webster	8/27
Rabbi James D. Cohn	8/28
William Gilman	8/28
Peggy F. Greenspon	8/28
Clara Spiegler	8/28
Isadore Kleinman	8/29

August 29

Harry Pollack	8/30
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
Joseph Bloom	9/5
Simon H. Galperin Sr.	9/5
Rabbi Israel B. Koller	9/5
Stanley Silverstein	9/5

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.

Marsha Albert
David Bailey
Susan Cummings
The Drake Family
Arthur Epstein
Jonathan Freedman
Karl Gattlieb
Jack Goldfarb
Mirabella Grizer & Family
Rabbi Earl Jordan
Paula Kushner
Roberta Lee Levine
Judy Lundy
Gary Markham
Kay Pickus
Mark Schaul, Jr.
Barbara Braun Tweddle
Gary Winter
All who are impacted by disease or illness
Everyone affected by natural or man-made disasters
Those suffering from captivity, oppression, war, or violence
Anyone in need of our prayers for healing and wholeness, particularly those in your mind or heart not listed here

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences & Prayers)

Temple Israel extends sincere condolences to the family of Margot Jogwick, long-time active member of Temple Israel, who passed away on March 21st, 2025. Her remains were placed in the Hebrew Cemetery within Spring Hill Cemetery on April 29th, 2025. She is survived by her sister, Christa, and her nephew, Simon, and his family, all of Berlin, Germany. A future celebration of life is contemplated for a time when her family can be present. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may her memory be an enduring blessing to those who knew and loved her.

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IN THE CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY CONTINUED...

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Temple Israel offers sincere condolences to the family of Marion Baer, long-time active member of Temple Israel, who passed away on April 17th, 2025. A funeral service was held at Temple Israel, at which time her many accomplishments and community involvements were listed. Marion is survived by her three children and their families: Barrie Kaufman (Tod), Frank A Baer III (Camilla), and Barbie Dan (Ray). She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Dottie Baer Garner (also a long-time member of Temple Israel) and family, and many other family members. May they all be comforted from heaven, and may Marion's memory be an enduring blessing to those who loved her, and to all who knew her.

Temple Israel extends sincere condolences to Kim and Bob Aaron and family on the passing of Kim's mother, Mary Jane Jarrell, on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. A scholarship in her name will be established with the GFWC Ravenswood Women's Civic Club. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may her memory be an enduring blessing to those 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.

Our heartfelt prayers go out to all who were affected by fires, floods, winds, or other severe weather events throughout the U.S. and the world. Many have been devastated, including entire communities. 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.

At this time of Memorial Day, 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 place 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.

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:

May: Sharon Jubelirer, Sally Bowyer, Kate Forman, Sharon Jubelirer, Dottie Baer Garner, Jennifer & Gregg Stern, Barbara Braun-Tweddle, Ellen Kay Baston, Duke Bloom, Lena Thoren Glasser, Shelly Winowich, Trish & Dylan Erwin, Rabbi Earl Jordan

June: Pam Goldfarb, Sue Eisinger, Steve Artz, Ronni & David Spudich, Carolyn & Paul Ostand, Jack Goldfarb, Anne Kushner, Betty & David Stern, Moe Rubenstein, Robin Godfrey, **Ditty & Gary Markham (MILESTONE)**, Beth & Russ Emrick, Sarah & Brett Radow, David Thalheimer, **Beth & Gary Winter (MILESTONE)**

July: Bill Kroesser, Paul Ostand, Lee Forb, Isaac Forman, Liz Weisberg, Ellie & Mark Schaul, Liz & Louis Weisberg, Pam & Glenn Goldfarb, Rose Marie Ritter, Louis Weisberg, Dona Hall

August: Kim & Bob Aaron, Fran & David Thalheimer, Ron & Sue Eisinger, **Mary Rich Maloy (MILESTONE)**, Leah Earnest, Carole & Duke Bloom, Lynn Myer, Liz Kantor-Bright & Jeff Bright, Sarah Gottlieb, Vic Baston, Judy Lundy, Peggy O'Connell, Max Gottlieb

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):

A belated Mazal tov to Zel Lewis on the occasion of reaching the age of 100 at her birthday on April 1st, 2025. May she live and be well, ad me'ah ve'esrim (until 120 years of age!).

Mazal tov to Millie Snyder, who was invited to attend the gala awards ceremony at the US Holocaust Museum in April. Millie herself will be invited to return next year as an honored guest to receive an award for her generous donations over the years in support of a specific exhibit. (More details when she is honored next year.)

Mazal tov to Ava Katz and her parents, Jodi and Rich, on her graduation from

George Washington High School at the end of this month, and best wishes to her as she acts on her decision to attend the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering.

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/>.

It is too early to know the outcome of the annual election of Officers and Board of Trustees members of the Congregation – the election will take place on June 4th; please plan to attend and vote. We will express our congratulations to those elected and thanks to those who are rotating off the Board of Trustees after the election.

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.

Rabbi Joe Blair



REMINDER **150th Anniversary Reunion** **Celebration Slide Show &** **Photos 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.

OUR THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTORS

Thank You for Making Shabbat Even More Special

May 16, 2025 — Flowers on the bimah and Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Richard & Robert Hess in memory of their parents, Morton F. & Helen H. Hess.

Floral Fund of Temple Israel Sisterhood

In loving memory of Margot Jogwick and Marion Baer, given by Cookie Glasser.

Helen F. Thalheimer Care Committee of Temple Israel

In recognition of Harriet Deutsch's birthday, given by Mary Rich Maloy.

In recognition of Harriet Deutsch's birthday, given by Betty & David Stern.

In memory of Margot Jogwick, given by Fran & PJ Wells.

In memory of Marion Baer, given by Marsha Albert & Family.

In memory of Marion Baer, given by Mary Rich Maloy.

In memory of Marion Baer, given by Betty & David Stern.

In memory of Marion Baer, given by Sharon Jubelirer.

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.

Reba & Charles Cohen Fund

A thoughtful contribution given by Gail Bachman.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Jay Segall and the Resnicoff family, given by Judith Segall.

In memory of Marion Baer, given by Pam & Glenn Goldfarb.

In memory of Marion Baer, given by Caryn & Rudi Scheidt, Jr., Ryan Scheidt, and the Polack and Grass families.

In memory of Marion Baer, given by Joy Kleeman.

In memory of Lillian Blair, given by Marsha & Ivan Platnick.

A thoughtful contribution given by Gail Bachman.

A thoughtful contribution given by Margot Jogwick.

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

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our second program held in April featured two speakers, Susan LeFew and Angela Vance, representing AARP. Their

presentation centered on the crucial topic of fraud prevention, offering valuable insights to empower individuals against various forms of fraudulent activities. Drawing from the resources of the AARP Fraud Watch Network, they provided practical strategies and tools to help attendees recognize and combat scams effectively. Thank you, Cookie Glasser, Program Chairperson!

In May, we had our Sisterhood Shabbat Service, a beautiful gathering that celebrated community and connection.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Melissa, Rabbi, and all the Sisterhood members whose hard work and dedication ensured its success.

A special thank you to the Temple members who generously donated sheets, towels, personal care items, cereal, and fruit to Sojourners. These contributions are especially meaningful as the organization faces an increase in demand over the

year.

Caroline Ostand, with the help of some Sisterhood members, prepared a meal on Sunday, May 18, for the residents and support for the hardworking staff.

Sisterhood Officers and Committee Chairs, please note that the Sisterhood Retreat will be held on June 29, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m. at Temple Israel.

In addition, Sisterhood continues its dedication by assisting with similar donations to veterans to aid these individuals in their transition back to civilian life after years of service and trauma. Your kindness and support make a profound difference in their journey.

Your ongoing involvement and support truly drive the success of our initiatives. Each contribution, whether through time, effort, or donations, exemplifies the spirit of generosity and dedication that defines our community.

If you have any suggestions for our Sisterhood programs, please contact me.

Ina Angel, Temple Israel Sisterhood President

Mazal tov to the elected officers of the Temple Israel Sisterhood who are continuing in their roles for the coming year:

Ina Angel, President
Jill Epstein, Vice President
Ronni Cohen Spudich, Recording Secretary
Dona Hall, Financial Secretary
Betty Stern, Treasurer
Marsha Albert, Past President
Cookie Glasser & Lynn Gattlieb, Members at Large

West Virginia Jewish Film Festival

Sunday June 15, 2025 1-4pm

Marquee Cinemas

331 Southridge Blvd. Charleston, WV
Father's Day Special

1pm **Bad Shabbos** US, English, 104 minutes

Comedy about an engaged interfaith couple are about to have their parents meet for the first time over a Shabbat dinner when an accidental death gets in the way. Starring Kyra Sedgwick (The Closer)
"Hilarious"...

2:30pm **Art Spiegelman: Disaster Is My Muse**

US, English, 98 minutes
This insightful documentary explores the life and career of innovative graphic novelist Art Spiegelman and the creation and ground-breaking impact of his Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel *Maus*, the story of his parents' survival of the Holocaust and his own struggle to come to terms with this legacy.

Double Feature ...See One or Both Films...same price...Free

Plus

Blintzes, strawberries and Coffee 12-1pm

Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston
Free and open to the public

Third Annual Indoor Picnic

Friday, June 13, following
Shabbat Service

Please inform the Temple Israel Office by
June 10th if you plan to attend

SAVE THE DATE!

**FOR A CELEBRATION OF RABBI AND MARILYN URECKI'S
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