

# Temple Israel Bulletin

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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Shalom & greetings!

February is already approaching as I write this. The winter weather has made itself felt – we had some very cold days, and a massive snow storm did come through – but there is hope for Spring to arrive in the not-too-distant days, and its harbinger on our calendar is Tu B'Shevat, which is essentially in the middle of winter, as we move from the coldest weather to more pleasant days. Tu B'Shevat falls on February 2<sup>nd</sup> this year (we observed at Shabbat service on January 30<sup>th</sup>), so it is not all that far off before we start approaching nicer weather – though we likely won't see warm Spring weather for a bit after the holiday.

At the same time, I am happy to report that February is a busy month for our congregation and Jewish community. January 30<sup>th</sup> was our Tu B'Shevat observance during the Shabbat service (thanks to Cookie Glasser and Rachel Dash for making it something special!), which was also Social Action Shabbat.

All of our usual classes continue (Torah Study, Jewish Literature, Death Chatter, the Judaism course, Torah at 10, Talmud at 10, and A Bisell Torah), and the Winter semester OLLI course, Jewish Poetry of Yehudah Amichai meets on three Thursdays in February.

- February 13<sup>th</sup> is a Sisterhood Shabbat event, including National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Reproductive Rights Shabbat (thanks to Ina Angel for helping to make it special!)
- February 20<sup>th</sup> is Religion & Science Shabbat with the theme Truth Matters
- February 25<sup>th</sup> is a special day as our scholar in residence, Rabbi Elon Gilad, will be in Charleston. Look for the details elsewhere in this Bulletin.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> is Shabbat Zachor and our celebration of Purim in the

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## IN THE CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

### Refuah Sheleimah/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, though your name is not listed here.

- David Bailey
- Maria Gaona Bellamy
- Barbara Braun-Tweddle
- Deidre Doria & Family
- Ron Eisinger
- Arthur Epstein
- Sybil Epstein
- Jonathan Freedman
- Karl Gattlieb
- Ed Glackin
- Donna Goldberger & Family
- Jack Goldfarb
- Mirabella Grizer & Family
- Lisa and George Hess
- Rabbi Earl Jordan
- Ruth Jordan
- Joy Kleeman & Family
- Paula Kushner
- Roberta Lee Levine
- Ruth Levy
- Zel Lewis
- Judy Lundy
- Ditty Markham
- Gary Markham
- Daniel Meehan
- Deborah Meehan
- Laura Patterson
- Kay Pickus
- Mark Schaul
- Paul Skaggs
- Bob Steinberg
- Nancy Tyler
- Wesley Walker
- Beth Steinberg Winter & Family

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## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Afternoon Tea & Program that was scheduled for January 25. We will announce a new date for the event soon, so please stay tuned for further updates.

On February 13, Sisterhood will be holding the Reproductive Rights Shabbat. This service promises to be very meaningful, and we are excited for the participation of our Sisterhood

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**REPRO SHABBAT**  
National Council of Jewish Women  
**Friday, February 13**

**ELON GILAD**  
Columnist for Haaretz Newspaper  
Historian, Writer, and Language Expert Specializing in Hebrew Etymology and Jewish History.  
**FROM THE BIBLE TO BALAGAN: The Secret Life of Hebrew Words**  
February 25 | 6pm  
Erma Byrd Gallery, Riggelman Hall  
Light Reception to Follow the Speaker  
Sponsored by B'nai Jacob Synagogue, Temple Israel and the University of Charleston

**PURIM OBSERVANCE**  
@  
**SHABBAT SERVICE**  
ON  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

# AT A GLANCE: FEBRUARY & MARCH

This is a projected calendar of events; it may be incomplete or changed. Services are both in-person and online. 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.**

FEBRUARY	
Sunday, February 1 10:30 a.m.	Torah Study   <i>Parashah Yitro</i> (Exodus 18:1-20:23)   Online
Sunday, February 1 4:00 p.m.	Jewish Literature   Online
Sunday, February 1 7:00 p.m.	Death Chatter   Online
Monday, February 2	<b>Tu B'Shevat</b>
Wednesday, February 4 10:00 a.m.	How to Get More Out of Being Jewish (Spirituality)   In Person
Thursday, February 5 12:45 p.m.	WVU OLLI Course Jewish Poetry of Yehudah Amichai 1   Online Register through OLLI
Thursday, February 5 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, February 6 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service   <i>Torah Parashah Yitro</i> (Exodus 18:1-20:23)
Sunday, February 8 3:00 p.m.	Stumbling Stones Performance @ B'nai Sholom Congregation Huntington See Page 8 & Bulletin Board
Monday, February 9 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Sisterhood Schmooze   Sisterhood Lounge   Brown Bag Lunch
Tuesday, February 10 5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, February 12 12:45 p.m.	WVU OLLI Course Jewish Poetry of Yehudah Amichai 2   Online Register through OLLI
Thursday, February 12 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, February 13 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service Sisterhood & NCJW Reproductive Rights Sabbath
Tuesday, February 17 7:00 p.m.	Sacred Study - Close Reading In Person (Maid of Ludomir, Dov Baer of Mezritch)
Wednesday, February 18 10:00 a.m.	Ask the Rabbis   In Person Interfaith Marriage
Thursday, February 19 12:45 p.m.	WVU OLLI Course Jewish Poetry of Yehudah Amichai 3   Online Register through OLLI
Thursday, February 19 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, February 20 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service Religion & Science - Truth Matters
Sunday, February 22 11:00 a.m.	Sisterhood Board of Directors Meeting

FEBRUARY CONTINUED	
Wednesday, February 25 6:00 p.m.	Public Presentation by Rabbi Elon Gilad @ University of Charleston
Thursday, February 26 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, February 27 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service   <i>Shabbat Zachor</i> <b>Purim</b> Observance

MARCH	
Sunday, March 1 10:30 a.m.	Torah Study   <i>Parashah Ki Tisa</i> (Exodus 30:11-34:35; Numbers 19:1-22)   Online
Sunday, March 1 4:00 p.m.	Jewish Literature   Online
Sunday, March 1 7:00 p.m.	Death Chatter   Online
Tuesday, March 3	<b>Purim</b>
Wednesday, March 4 10:00 a.m.	How to Get More Out of Being Jewish (Peoplehood)   In Person
Thursday, March 5 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, March 6 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service   <i>Torah Parashah Ki Tisa</i> Covered Dish Dinner Oneg Shabbat
Monday, March 9 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Sisterhood Schmooze   Sisterhood Lounge   Brown Bag Lunch
Tuesday, March 10 5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, March 12 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, March 13 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service   <i>Shabbat HaChodesh</i> HIAS Refugee Shabbat
Tuesday, March 17 7:00 p.m.	Sacred Study - Close Reading   In Person (Dov Baer of Mezritch, Nachmani, Moshe Ben Shem Tov de Leon)
Wednesday, March 18 10:00 a.m.	Ask the Rabbis   In Person Stones on Graves & Other Jewish Memorial Rituals / Rites
Thursday, March 19 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, March 20 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Thursday, March 26 4:30 p.m.	A Bisell Torah   Online
Friday, March 27 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service   <i>Shabbat Hagadol</i>



**Covered dish dinner following Shabbat service on March 6**



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Shabbat service

March continues as a busy month.

- Purim itself is from the evening of March 2<sup>nd</sup> to sundown on March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- March 6<sup>th</sup> we have our Shabbat Service with Shabbat Parah. Covered dish dinner to follow.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> is Shabbat HaChodesh, with HIAS Refugee Shabbat
- March 27<sup>th</sup> is Shabbat Hagadol
- Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (yes, April Fools) brings the first night of Passover, with the Congregational Seder. Look for information on how to RSVP for that to come soon.

For more details on scheduled 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 calendar - templeisraelwv.org.

## THOUGHTS, BLESSINGS & SALUTATIONS

Class Is In Session! These Classes Are In Person @ Temple Israel	
First Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.	How to Get More Out of Being Jewish
Third Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.	Sacred Text - Close Reading
Third Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.	Ask the Rabbis with Rabbi Blair & Rabbi Berman

### ! FRAUD WARNING !

There has been an enormous uptick in Scam and Fraud efforts. Please be aware, and remain cautious. If you receive an email, text, or phone message that is “mysterious,” “off,” or not expected, be on alert! I have been receiving messages of this sort at a significantly increased rate lately; I can only guess you are, as well. **PLEASE TAKE CARE** and give it a second look before you reply in any way. This is a problem that has cropped up in many places and, locally, both Rabbi Berman and I have been used as the “bait” for some of these scams.

As a reminder, neither I, nor anyone from Temple Israel (nor anyone from B’nai Jacob Synagogue, for that matter), will send you a cryptic message asking for help, or something of the sort. I would never reach out randomly to people to ask for help without explaining the situation – and I can assure that I am definitely not stuck in a foreign country having lost my wallet and passport, I was not kidnapped and transported to some unknown foreign place, nor do I want you to buy gift cards or wire money! Remain alert for telephone fraud.

If you get a fraudulent message by TEXT report it to reportfraud.ftc.gov, block the sender, and delete the text. It is suggested that you **DO NOT REPLY** – that just confirms that you are a live, prospective victim.

If you receive a fraudulent message by EMAIL report it to the domain of the email sender (i.e. Gmail, Yahoo, MSN, AOL, etc.), often at an address like abuse@gmail.com, or something similar, then block and delete the sender. Again, **DO NOT REPLY**.

It is unfortunate that there are so many instances of unscrupulous people trying to cheat others but, because that is true, please be extra cautious and avoid getting scammed. If you are scammed, please don't be embarrassed or ashamed – report it to see if anything can be done, or at least to try to prevent others from being tricked. *Rabbi Joe Blair*

As we enter into the month of Shevat, and continue in the Jewish calendar year of 5786, I offer you this prayer.

*May we be a vehicle to bring G-d's presence to every living thing we encounter, and thereby to all of creation.*

*May we be moved to take every opportunity to be kind to those around us; this will make a difference, bring the divine into focus, and repair the world.*

*May our presence and actions in this world help to effect repair and improvement for all.*

I hope to see you at some of the events and programs that are upcoming in our community. Warm wishes for you now, and throughout the year of 5786!

*B'virvat Shalom* (with blessings of peace), and prayers for health, joy, healing, and peace,

*Rabbi Joe Blair*  
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# IN THE CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY CONTINUED

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We also recall in our prayers:

- All who are impacted by illness or disease
- Everyone afflicted by natural or man-made disasters, war, violence, terrorism, or oppression
- All hostages, captives, prisoners, and their families
- Each person in need of prayers for healing and wholeness, specifically including those who are in your heart or mind at this time

### Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences & Prayers)

Our condolences to Beth Steinberg Winter and family on the passing of her aunt, Dolores Rhea Weinberg, in Granbury, Texas, on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The funeral and interment took place on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may her memory be an enduring blessing.

Our condolences to Joy Kleeman and family on the passing of her sister, Susan Klee Joseph, 93, in Farmington, CT, on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations in her memory can be made to organizations that address childhood hunger, a cause that was dear to her heart. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may her memory be an enduring blessing.

Condolences to the family of Gary Mason Cohen of Charleston (longtime member of Congregation B’nai Jacob). In the absence of Rabbi Berman, Rabbi Blair officiated at his funeral at Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home, with interment at the B’nai Jacob Eternal Home in South Charleston, on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may his memory be an enduring blessing.

Our condolences to Donna Goldberg and family, and to Deidre Doria and Family, on the passing of Jim Doria (James Charles Doria, Yoel Chai ben Avraham), in Charleston. The funeral took place on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, with interment in the B’nai Jacob Eternal Home in South Charleston, officiated by Rabbi Berman. May the mourners be comforted from heaven, and may his memory be an enduring blessing.

Our heartfelt prayers go out to the Jew-

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**FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS** Names are read the Friday evening prior to the Yahrzeit date, which is beside names.

<b>January 30</b>		Irving Badner	2/11	Samuel Cremer	2/24
Rose Edelman	1/31	Helaine Rotgin	2/11	Henry Greenberg	2/24
Philip Barnett Hall	1/31	Nick Winowich	2/11	Sadie W. Levin	2/24
Terrie Rosenfeld	1/31	Garald F. "Gary" Allen	2/13	Alex Diznoff	2/25
Bessie Polan Brown	2/1	Sylvia G. Goldman	2/13	Rabbi Abraham Feinberg	2/25
Harry Esler	2/1			Charles Richard Schaul	2/25
Simon A. Levey	2/1	<b>February 13</b>		Hazel Westen	2/25
Samuel Opper	2/1	Alan A. Greenspon	2/14	Harry Beren	2/26
Florence Jordan		Roselind Case	2/15	Annette Cohen Hark	2/26
Silverstein	2/1	Norma Cohn	2/15	Anne Shore Levinson	2/27
Hedwig "Hedy"		Dr. Morris I.			
Poppelsdorf	2/2	Mendeloff Sr.	2/15	<b>February 27</b>	
Eva Sanders	2/2	Clara Warner Schwabe	2/15	Rebecca Taub Godfrey	2/28
Mary Selinger	2/2	Rose Brady	2/16	Ruth Schuchat Pilchik	2/28
Herbert Frankenberger	2/3	Jacob Kandel	2/16	Laura Loeb Small	2/28
Ben Marks	2/3	Jerome Warner Schwabe	2/16	Marcus "Bill" Thalheimer	2/28
John A. Pianfetti	2/3	Carole Darling	2/17	Gitta Yunker	2/28
Esther Sloman	2/3	Joel Miller	2/17	Frances Sokolovsky	3/1
Leora Osgood May	2/4	Clara Price	2/17	Fred A. Bloomberg	3/2
Ruth Teichman	2/5	Gershon Spivack	2/17	Harry Grossman	3/2
John Warren	2/5	Isadore J. Berman	2/18	Leah Klein	3/2
Myron "Mike" Greenwald	2/6	Doris Mack	2/18	Marianne Lewent	3/2
Leonard Ingraham	2/6	Newton Margolis	2/18	Natalie Melman	3/2
Dorothy Stack	2/6	Miriam Mayer	2/18	Frank A. Baer Sr.	3/3
Mary Weisberg	2/6	Aaron Cohen	2/19	Barbara G. Bernstein	3/3
		Mary L. Darling	2/19	Alex Fahn	3/3
<b>February 6</b>		Doris Lewis	2/19	Sally Greenstein	3/3
Charles Ardman	2/7	Rachel Cassidy	2/20	Benjamin Machanoff	3/3
Carl M. Beren	2/7	Fannie Galperin	2/20	Erwin Mayer	3/3
Esther Fisher Beren	2/7			Adele Lehman Metzel	3/3
Nat Jurin	2/7	<b>February 20</b>		Emily Szczepaniak	3/3
Fannie Bryan Kahn	2/7	Philip Frankenberger	2/21	Louis Tolchinsky	3/3
Louise Parker	2/7	Howard Michael Levinson	2/21	Anna Feinberg	3/4
Harry Silverstein	2/7	Helen Tweddle	2/21	George Harry Meyer	3/4
Louise Herzog Sclove	2/8	Pauline Reinfeld	2/22	Jacob Orelowitz	3/4
Morris Siegler	2/8	Irma Rose	2/22	Esther Pincus	3/4
Bernard L. Wasserman	2/8	June Warhoftig	2/22	Margaret "Peggy" Koller	3/5
Joseph Weisberg	2/8	Betsy Gooding	2/23	Lillian Ostand	3/5
Barbara Reinfeld	2/10	Ida Schwartz Preiser	2/23	Samuel Helfand	3/6
Lorene Adler	2/11	Sylvia Berman	2/24	Lee Silverstein	3/6



**TZEDAKAH (CHARITY)**

*Baruch Hashem!* I want to start by expressing my heartfelt and sincere thanks to everyone who made a donation recently to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. I am very grateful that I can again meet the requests of those in need, and you are the reason that is possible.

I know, I know - I have asked you to give Tzedakah in almost every Bulletin in which I have written anything since I came to Charleston. Honestly, the frequency of my request is an indication of the value I attach to this Mitzvah, and how important I believe it is, both as a mitzvah, and to the health of our community.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING.** 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 people in times of distress. And even though I am grateful that you helped with the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, it is still true that **there are many worthy causes** that deserve your consideration. Please do whatever you are able. Support those causes that are close to your heart.

Because 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*

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ish community of Jackson, MS, following the arson attack on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, which severely damaged Beth Israel Congregation. *Baruch Hashem*, there was no loss of life, but significant property damage occurred, including the destruction of two Torah scrolls. If you wish to donate to help them recover, you may do so on their website: [www.bethisraelms.org](http://www.bethisraelms.org).

Our heartfelt prayers go out to all who have been unnecessarily subjected to sanctioned violence, and we note especially the tragic and senseless deaths of Renee Nicole Good, Alex Pretti, and others in similar circumstances. May they all find healing and justice, and may their families find peace and comfort.

Our heartfelt prayers go out to all who were affected by fire, flood, earthquake, wind, or other severe weather events that continue to affect people throughout the U.S. and the world. Many have been overwhelmed and left in dire straits, and are in need of assistance. Please consider donating to one of the worthy organizations that are seeking to help the affected people recover from devastating losses.

We continue to offer prayers for the return of those who died or were murdered while in captivity, as well as for the healing and comfort of their families. Our hearts are with them all. May there be a complete resolution and full healing from their trauma soon for all 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 all the destruction, suffering, death, and injuries taking place; may peace reign.

Our prayers for the wellbeing and support of those who are food insecure, without stable housing or homeless, lacking access to healthcare or medications, impacted or suffering from events out of their own control, or otherwise in dire straits. May the public safety net catch and support them, and where it fails, may people, religious and faith communities, and other institutions and organizations, be moved to step in to offer what is needed to alleviate suffering, privation, and lack. May the spirit of the Divine Holy One cause us each

and all to be aware of and sensitive to those in need, and move us to do all we are able. [Remember that the Ladies Auxiliary at B'nai Jacob, and other organizations, are continuing to collect food to assist those in need.]

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 – in Ukraine, in Sudan, in Syria, and everywhere.

Our thanks and prayers go out to those injured or fallen in service to their country and to their fellow members of the military, First Responders, and all who placed themselves in the way of harm for the sake of others.

We pray, as well, for all killed as a result of violence; we pray for the peace of their souls, and for comfort for their families and loved ones. May their memories be for blessings.

### *Mazal Tov* (Congratulations)

[Please tell us about these events so we may acknowledge them as appropriate.]

**Food Drive:** The B'nai Jacob Ladies Auxiliary is still engaged in their Tzedakah project – a food drive, collecting food and/or funds to help those in our community who have been affected by the cutbacks in food assistance programs. Please consider donating shelf-stable food or funds to this project.

**Milestones & Events:** 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 are/were to be acknowledged we include:

**January:** Russ Emrick; Caroline Ostand; Ken Silverstein; Elizabeth Kantor-Bright; David Kushner; Joan Randall; David Winowich; Elyn Goldberg; Christina Peraino; **Raya Redmond (MILESTONE);** Richard Hollicker; Johnny Ferrara; Tiana Hall; Richard Gottlieb; David B. Shapiro; Laura Goins; Beth Steinberg Winter

**February:** Phyllis Sherman; Ronni Spudich; Mike Pushkin; Kate & Isaac Forman; Carole Lewis Bloom; Julie Adams & Josh Barrett; N. David Stern; Frank Baer III; Bob Aaron; Barrie Baer Kaufman

Ann Kushner is still at Harmony at South Ridge. She would appreciate visitors. Her cell phone is the best way to reach her. We will let you know when she moves, as soon as we hear.

Rose Christian, Dona Hall's mother, has returned to Harmony at South Ridge. She would appreciate visitors and contact.

Ron Eisinger is living at Edgewood Summit. Following the death of his wife, Sue, he has indicated that he would appreciate visitors. He does not always answer his phone, and phone messages, texts, and emails are hit or miss; if you try to reach him and don't get through, please continue to try.

A note of thanks for continuing to inform others about Jewish events and learning available in West Virginia. Janie and Moe Rubenstein offer notice and access of West Virginia Jewish events in *Wondering Jews* ([wonderingjewsinc.com](http://wonderingjewsinc.com)), a website sharing Jewish events and resources from around the state. They call it the One Stop for All Things Jewish in West Virginia.

I hope I included all that should be here (I tried!), but if I missed anyone or anything, please forgive me, and let me know so I can acknowledge it in the next Bulletin.

Please do let me know about reasons to celebrate and offer congratulations. 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*



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## SISTERHOOD

members. During the event, a representative from the Sisterhood will speak about the beliefs upheld by the Women of Reform Judaism.

*Ina Angel*  
Temple Israel Sisterhood President

*Sisterhood thanks the Eisinger family for their generous donation in memory of Sue Eisinger.*



**Friday, February 13**

## SOCIAL ACTION CORNER

**CICADA**  
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# Templegrams 2026

## 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 Temple Israel no later than **February 25, 2026.**

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

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### Birthdays 2026

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Dash	70th	March 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ditty Markham	80th	April 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fran Thalheimer	75th	April 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Kroesser	85th	July 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roberta Lee Levine	90th	September 25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim Aaron	70th	November 26
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ellie Schaul	90th	December 1

### Anniversaries 2026

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronni & David Spudich	55th	June 6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Liz Kantor-Bright & Jeff Bright	45th	August 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Fishkin & Bill Kroesser	30th	October 6

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**Temple Israel Sisterhood  
2312 Kanawha Blvd East  
Charleston, WV 25311**

Save the date—  
**FOR TWO EXCITING VISITS TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

**Wednesday, February 25th, 2026: Elon Gilad**

*Expert in Jewish history and Hebrew language, social media content creator, and author of "The Secret History of Judaism." Hosted by Congregation B'nai Jacob, Temple Israel and the University of Charleston.*



**Thursday to Saturday, May 28th-30th, 2026: Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz**

*Director of Tefillah and Music at the Hadar Institute, accomplished singer, Jewish educator, and recording artist. Hosted by Congregation B'nai Jacob and Temple Israel.*



**Stay tuned for more details!**

**EVENT AT B'NAI SHOLOM CONGREGATION IN HUNTINGTON**

This compelling production traces the life of John Rosenberg, a distinguished Kentucky attorney and member of B'nai Sholom Congregation in Huntington.

The play follows John's journey from childhood in Nazi Germany to his impactful career in civil rights law and community advocacy in Eastern Kentucky.

B'nai Sholom Congregation invites you to attend and participate in this meaningful event.

**WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY JEFF SHERR**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 3:00 P.M.**

**B'NAI SHOLOM CONGREGATION IN HUNTINGTON**

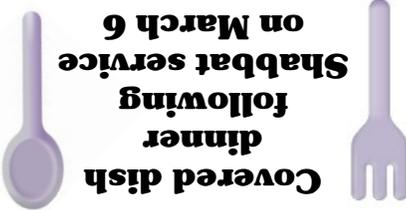
**STUMBLING STONES**

**THE JOHN ROSENBERG STORY**



Graphic credits throughout the Bulletin are available upon request.

**Covered dish following dinner service on March 6**



**Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date!**

Congregational Passover Seder  
 Wednesday, April 1 at Temple Israel  
 Catered Meal  
 Pre-Paid RSVPs Required  
 Seating Limited

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