



THE  
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 CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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## THE RABBI SPEAKS



### RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

When our sages developed the celebration of Chanukah, they very likely appropriated at least some symbols from preexisting pagan rituals to dispel the darkness at the winter solstice. Christians probably did the same with Christmas.

Our ancestors were understandably fearful of the dark. Fire could only light the night sky so well and for so long. The rabbis even added a prayer to the section surrounding the Shema in each evening worship service, asking God to shelter them through the night

Winter's long nights no longer frighten us. Still, we fear the dark, and with good reason.

As if we could have imagined that deadly antisemitism would never strike American soil, the massacre at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue plunged us into darkness. As if we believed that Nazis would never march on our own capitol's steps, a pathetic little group of them gathered to demonstrate their hatred in the heart of Little Rock on November 10.

The light, though, overwhelmed the darkness. First, hundreds and hundreds of our fellow Arkansans – Jews, Christians, Muslims, people of other faiths and of no particular religious identity – stood in solidarity with us as we mourned in the wake of the Pittsburgh mass murder. Our darkened moods were brightened by demonstrations of unity by scores of clergy of many faiths and by Arkansas' elected leaders from both political parties.

Then, on the Shabbat when the presence of Nazis would stain the capitol's steps, our congregation again swelled with supporters on the Friday night and Saturday morning that our Jewish Federation of Arkansas had declared as a Shabbat of Love. On both occasions, our magnificent Temple musicians brightened our dark moods.

Now, Chanukah is upon us. If ever we needed a Festival of Lights, the late fall of 5779/2018 is that time. As we place the Chanukah menorah in the

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## Worship at a Glance

### Saturday, December 1

Torah Study, led by Mickey Loeb, at 9:30 am  
 Shabbat Worship, led by Meg Marion, at 11:00 am

### Friday, December 7

*Chanukah in the Rock*, led by the Stars of David Band and Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm  
**Candles & Kiddush:** Muriel Lederman and Brian Storrie, in celebration of their anniversary  
**Reader:** Terri Moore, in celebration of her birthday  
**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood  
**Altar Arrangement Sponsor:** Marilyn & Earl Sorrells in memory of Don Gordon

### Saturday, December 8

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am  
 Morning worship for the Shabbat during Chanukah, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

### Friday, December 14

Abbreviated *Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm, followed by Shabbat Dinner and Keynote, "A Progressive Voice for AIPAC," by Rabbi Denise L. Eger  
**Music:** Jeff Neuhauser  
**Candles and Kiddush:** Annabelle and Henry Tuck, in celebration of their anniversary  
**Reader:** Marilyn Sorrells, in celebration of her birthday  
**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Earl Sorrells in honor of Marilyn's birthday  
**Altar Arrangement Sponsor:** Sisterhood

### Saturday, December 15

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am  
 Shabbat worship, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am, followed by lunch-and-learn with Rabbi Denise L. Eger, "Blazing the Trail."

### Friday, December 21

*UPB-Sinai Edition* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm  
**Music:** Steve Bauman  
**Sermon:** "Death Teaches Us about Life"  
**Candles & Kiddush:** Emily Adams and Carmen Arick, in celebration of their anniversary  
**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood  
**Altar Arrangement Sponsor:** Sisterhood

### Saturday, December 22

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am  
 Shabbat worship, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

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*The Rabbi Speaks continued...*

window, as we celebrate at home with our families and gather to rejoice as a community, let us brighten our community and each soul in our midst.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

*Worship at a Glance continued...*

## Friday, December 28

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Emily Lewis, at 6:15 pm

**Music:** David Bauman

**Candles & Kiddush:** Ruthe and Phil Kaplan,  
in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Bev Wittenberg, in celebration of her birthday

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Arrangement Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, December 29

Torah Study, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, at 9:30am  
Shabbat worship, led by Lynn Greenberg, at 11am

## Friday, January 4

*UPB-Sinai Edition* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

**Sermon:** "Plagues on Egypt: True or Historically Accurate?"

**Music:** Jana Cohen

**Candles & Kiddush:** Anna and James Moses,  
in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Michelle Lemaire and Mickey Loeb,  
in celebration of their anniversary

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Bimah Flowers Sponsor:** Loris & Jay Fullerton in memory of Janet  
& Arnold Mayersohn & Bettye & J.W. Fullerton

## Saturday, January 5

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am  
Shabbat worship, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

## Friday, January 11

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block  
and David Bauman, at 6:15 pm

**Sermon:** "There Is No Early or Late in Torah"  
Stars of David Band

**Candles & Kiddush:** Jill and Steve Bauman  
**Reader:** Merrill Stern

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** The Bauman Family in honor of  
David Bauman's Bar Mitzvah

**Bimah Flowers Sponsor:** The Bauman Family in honor of  
David Bauman's Bar Mitzvah

## Saturday January 12

Abbreviated Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, 9:30-10:15 am  
Shabbat Services for the Bar Mitzvah of David Bauman, 10:30 am

## Friday, January 18

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

**Sermon:** "Let My People Go!"

**Music:** Jeff Neuhauser

**Candles & Kiddush:** Regina and Perry Young and family

**Reader:** Danette Devlin, in celebration of her birthday

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Arrangement Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, January 19

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am  
Shabbat worship, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

## Friday, January 25

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

**Sermon:** "Thou Shalt Not Covet: Making Sense of an Inscrutable  
Commandment"

**Music:** Meg Marion, Josiah Wheeler, Liz Cohen,  
Charlie Freidman, Richard Estelita

**Candles & Kiddush:** Patty and Herb Monoson,  
in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Milt Baer, in celebration of his birthday

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Arrangement Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, January 26

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am  
Shabbat worship, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

# Thanksgiving Baskets



This courageous group of volunteers ( left to right.. Dale Ronnel, Ellyn Polsky, Howard Bresnik and Trudy Jacobson ) braved an early " snowstorm" and frigid temperatures ( inside the Temple!) to package Thanksgiving goodies! They worked quickly and prepared 60 bags which were then distributed by counselors in the LRSD school district. Thanks also to Dale Ronnel and Arnie Nachmann who delivered the bags. Thank you also to all of you who donated to this worthwhile effort.

Jill Bauman, Social Action Chair

## President's Message

The support of our community was outpouring on Monday, October 29 when over 550 people warmed our sanctuary and social hall in solidarity after the massacre at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. It was heart-warming and comforting to all. I am so proud to be president of this congregation all the time, but especially when we can open our doors to so many to remember those killed, and while we prayed collectively for those in need of healing. All faiths present and together, along side with clergy and elected officials and candidates, we all felt an embrace and hope for the future. Rabbi Block led a powerful service with meaningful words. The service was enhanced by the beautiful music led by David Bauman, Steve Bauman, and Jana Cohen.

I wanted to share this letter to the editor in case you missed it. This makes me even prouder...

### Grateful for our city

The horrible tragedy of the synagogue murders in Pittsburgh brought a heartwarming reaction here in Little Rock. We were privileged to take part in a memorial ceremony at Temple B'Nai Israel on Oct. 29. An outpouring of love and support for the Jewish community of Little Rock by people of varied faiths and ethnic backgrounds was joined by the governor, a U.S. senator and other elected officials, and clergy to join us in prayer, but more importantly, to express brotherhood.

With few exceptions, Little Rock has always been a welcoming community to Jews. Many of our great-grandfathers came here in the 19th century, and from the beginning were included on the school board, on bank boards, in the Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations. If there is latent anti-Semitism in Little Rock, it exists only in dark corners and seldom reaches the light of day. We had a branch of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Little Rock for many years specifically dedicated to eradicating anti-Semitism, and its success drove it out of business. It morphed into the Just Communities of Arkansas, dedicated to a broader focus of discrimination based on race, national origin and sexual orientation.

The large turnout Oct. 29 was no surprise but a reaffirmation of how lucky we are to live in Little Rock. The recurring theme of the ceremony was and is that hate will never ever win. Love of our fellow man will endure. We simply want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your expression of support and caring for your fellow Americans. We are also immensely grateful to the members of law enforcement who reject hate and hate crimes and put their lives on the line every day for our protection.

Art Pfeifer and Gene Pfeifer  
Little Rock

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel and AIPAC\* present...



## Rabbi Denise Eger

Friday, December 14,

**Shabbat Dinner Keynote after abbreviated worship  
services at 6:15pm: "A Progressive Voice for AIPAC"**  
**Saturday, December 15, Lunch-and-Learn**  
**"Blazing the Trail"**

Rabbi Denise L. Eger is the Immediate Past President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and founding rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami in West Hollywood, California. Ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1988, Rabbi Eger has served congregations in the Los Angeles area throughout her rabbinate. A leader of AIPAC's progressive engagement, Rabbi Eger is a strong advocate for Israel. Having attended rabbinical school in an era when she could not hope to be ordained if she had been open about her sexual orientation, Rabbi Eger was installed as the 60th President of the CCAR in March, 2015, becoming the first openly gay or lesbian rabbi to hold that position.

**RSVP for Shabbat Dinner (\$15 suggested donation, prepared by Rita Fagan and her team) and/or Lunch-and-Learn (no charge, catered by Scot Goldsholl) by contacting Keila at [TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us) or 501-225-9700.**

*\*AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, is a 501(c)4 advocacy organization.*

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel Presents:

## THE FRAGILE DIALOGUE: FRANK CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ISRAEL

**Sundays, December 9 and 16, January 6 and 13**  
**Temple Library**

**December 9:** Zionist Theory and Politics  
**December 16:** Zionism in the Classroom and on Campus  
**January 6:** Struggling with Israel across the Generations  
**January 13:** Zionism and Tikkun Olam

The course is based on *The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices of Liberal Zionism*, edited by Rabbis Stanley Davids and Lawrence Englander, published by CCAR Press. Purchase the book (\$16) and/or register for the course (no charge) by contacting Keila in the Temple office, [TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us) or 501-225-9700. Suggested reading for each session will be provided with the book.



# Everything Chanukah at B'nai Israel

## CELEBRATE TOGETHER FOR ONE OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS

**Sunday, December 2:** LGBTQ+A Chavurah Chanukah Potluck @ 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and your Hanukkah. Latkes provided. Hosted at the home of Nancy Kahn. RSVP to Tim Kessler: Irchavurah@gmail.com by 11/28.

Religious School celebrates Hanukkah with pre-holiday fun!

**Tuesday, December 4:** Seniors Luncheon hosted by our Caring and Sharing Committee and Sponsored by the Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund @ 11:30 am. For those ages 70 and up and their caregivers. RSVP to templesecretary@bnai-israel.us by 11/30.

**Friday, December 7:** Chanukah in the Rock, All music Shabbat for Chanukah led by the Stars of David Band @ 6:15 pm.

**Sunday, December 9:** WHOLE CONGREGATION CHANUKAH DINNER AND CELEBRATION @ 6:00 pm. Join in for dinner, family fun for kids - crafts, treats, games and more.

And adult libations - THE HANUKKAH-TINI and LATKE toppings bar. \$15.00/adults, \$8.00/children includes dinner and activities. RSVP to the temple office: templesecretary@bnai-israel.us by Wednesday, December 5.

DONUT BAR to name the best jelly donut in Little Rock.



THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE  
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY



### Coffee, Cake, and Conversation

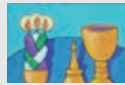
**8 January 2019 | 11:30 am | Library at Congregation B'nai Israel**

#### **"George Wolff and the Holocaust," A Presentation by Eleanor Wolff**

Eleanor will discuss the experience of her late husband and its relevance for today.

*Coffee, Cake, and Conversation is sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel and Jewish Federation of Arkansas. You bring lunch; we'll provide dessert and coffee.*

Contact Jewish Federation of Arkansas social worker Kelsey Dugger at [kelsey@jewisharkansas.org](mailto:kelsey@jewisharkansas.org) or call the Federation office at 501 663-3571, if you would like a ride to the event.



PJ Library and PJ Our Way Invite you to:

### THE PJ Havdalah Pajama Party!

Wear your favorite PJ's and send off Shabbat with fanfare!!

**Who:** Families with children ages 3 - 11

**When:** Saturday, January 5 at 5:45 p.m.

**Where:** Agudath Achim, 7901 W. Capitol Ave.

**What:** \*Celebrate Havdalah with family and friends

\*Create your very own Havdalah Box

\*Taste Bubbes' cholents and choose the best

\*Read with Bubbe Madelon Scallet, author of *Andrew's Havdalah HaHa*

**Why:** \* We just want to have fun!!

RSVP to PJ Library/PJOW coordinator Ellyn Polsky at [ellyn.polsky@gmail.com](mailto:ellyn.polsky@gmail.com)

## Tours:

### December

First United Methodist Little Rock

UCA World Religions Class

### January

Pulaski Heights United Methodist

## Mazel Tov

to **Brina and Levi Daniels**, on the birth of their daughter,  
**Emilia Jae Daniels**.

## Todah Rabah

Many thanks to our Office Volunteers: Milt Baer, Aniko Diamant,  
Jill Bauman, Esther Gordon, and Ron Lanoue.

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

The Temple has always been diligent in security measures.

Nonetheless, so many people have access to our building daily, and to be honest, front door codes were shared and not always properly recorded in our office or with our security company, Sonitrol. It's time to update the codes - for everyone. We are trying to make the process as easy as possible. Here is what will happen:

- Before December 15, please come by the office to sign a form to accept your new code. This will be your code and your code only and should not be shared with anyone else.
- By December 15, Sonitrol will wipe out all old codes and assign the new ones. Begin to use your new code on December 15/16.

### FAQ's about the codes:

- Most codes are for the door only. They can be used to gain access to the building during normal business hours.
- Some codes are also connected to an alarm code to arm and disarm our security system. You will know if you have that access when receiving your new code.
- If you do not have an alarm code or do not know how to operate the alarm system: Do not enter the building if you believe no one else is inside and already has disarmed the alarm. The police will be dispatched.
- Codes are not for sharing. If we suspect a door code has been compromised, Sonitrol will be requested to cancel that number.

Thank you in advance for all your cooperation and understanding at this time of strengthened security measures.



## YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS!

### - DAVID C. BAUMAN -

humbly requests that you please join me and my family  
as I am called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah,  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2019 at 10:30AM

## Only 55 years late!

## YAHRZEITS: DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

### DECEMBER 7

Harvey David Luber  
Rose Bloom Malvin  
Morris Marcus  
Florence Morris  
S. William Ross  
Lillian Rothkopf  
Nanette Altschul Samuel  
Barbara Schlesinger  
Florence Schuman  
Celia Simon  
Jacob Eli Smulian  
Herbert L. Storthz  
Julius Tenenbaum  
Sandra Waxman  
Sidney Jacob White  
Richard Yoder  
Mike Yout

### DECEMBER 14

Elsie Axler  
Ted Baer  
Leslie R. Nunes Carvalho  
Jennie Ottenheimer Falk  
Henry Joseph Friedman  
Barbara "Bobbi" R. Goldman  
Eleanor Gross  
Justin Komiss  
Arnold Joseph Leff  
Salene Marks Lyons  
Esfir Lyublinskaya  
Charles S. Narkinsky  
Elsie K. Pfeifer  
Marguerite Selz  
Herbert Siegel  
Joseph Stern  
Sam Strauss, Sr.  
Seymour S. Summerfield  
Naomi D. Tanenbaum  
Sol Thalheimer, Sr.  
Rose Skalmer Young

### DECEMBER 21

Mark Adler  
Louis Henry Altman  
Sophie Goldstein Back  
Fannie Kauffman Cline  
Leaine Cohen  
Robert Avington Cortese  
Irma "Chickie" Dollinger

Linda "JJ" Factor  
Niman Freddie Friedman  
Sam T. Heuer  
Julia Goldman Levy  
Irene Manning Mathis  
David Louis Menkus, Jr.  
Joseph Pfeifer  
Lena A. Pinkus  
Martin Reinsch  
Robert D. Remet  
Charlotta Ringelhaupt  
Gloria Sack  
M. J. Siesel  
Francis B. Stern  
Alvin W. Strauss, Jr.  
Alvin Weil Strauss, Sr.  
Herbert Wolf, Sr.

### DECEMBER 28

Abe J. Kempner  
Harry S. Lasker, Jr.  
John B. Levinson  
Phil Levy  
Morris Levy  
Morris Navra  
Bertha Oberferst  
Charlotte Netter Ottenheimer  
Walter H. Parker  
Hyman Reifer  
Bob Rosen  
Irvin M. Shlenker  
Henry Simon  
Donald Vogt  
Hannah Wagner  
Amelia Levy Weiss  
Annette Norma Yahn

### JANUARY 4

Louis Blass  
Ray Solmson Bluthenthal  
Esther Borrok  
Martin Borrok  
Wilma C. Diner  
Sarah Harris Donner  
Lucille K. Ehrenberg  
Eva Morris Elias  
Clarence Randel Epstein  
Warren Faupel  
Norman N. Fein  
Irma Frankel

Bettye Fullerton  
J.W. Fullerton  
Lillian Brenner Gealt  
Yale I. Glubok  
Maurice Joseph Jacobson  
Solomon Kaufman  
Sorin Lazar  
Sol H. Levy  
Herbert Lux  
Janet Grundfest Mayersohn  
Arnold Linn Mayersohn  
Bertha Wolf Ottenheimer  
Robert Peiser  
Brooks Rosen  
Sam J. Storthz, Jr.

### JANUARY 11

Eva Abrams  
David Alexander  
Blanche Alman  
Sol Alman  
Sophie Ceitlin  
Mabel Cohen  
Jennie Book Diner  
Larry Dumont  
Louis Goldman  
Doris M. Hoffman  
Charles W. Kaiser  
J. Aaron Levy  
Edward Meyers  
Henrietta Pfeifer  
Arthur P. Pfeifer  
Morris Phillips  
Maurice Roby  
Annette J. Sanders  
Harry Schneider  
Sylvia Schwartz  
Sam Schwartz  
Mamie Dreeben Spear  
Bernard Tanenbaum  
Birdie Razeper Tenenbaum  
Mollie Liffland Utter  
Sol Waldman  
June M. Wolf

### JANUARY 18

Gus Blass  
Alice Young Camp  
Barnett H. Cohen  
Ernest E. Ellman  
Mary E. Gans  
Sarah Gold  
Martin Greenberg  
Joe Bill Hackler  
Mary Julia Heczel  
Harvey Laner  
Marion Lee Levy  
Renee Miller  
Leonard J. Ottenheimer  
Ralph Reutlinger  
Morris H. Rosen  
Gertrude M. Solmson  
Adrienne R. Steppach  
Moses O. Stern  
Jess B. Thalheimer  
Eva Wolff  
Haskel Wolff

### JANUARY 25

Arthur Bott  
Rebecca Navra Cohen  
Pauline R. Crum  
James Davidson  
Steven Dranoff  
Carolyn Schott Ducker  
Molly Fleisig  
Flora Oppenheimer Fox  
Ruth Goldsholl  
Marx Goldstein  
Ellen Rae Kaufman  
Jacob Kempner  
Fannie Safferstone Klein  
Ruth Goldman Kretchmar  
Ida Laner  
Lewis Laner  
Leo Lansky  
Beatrice Brint Marks  
Kate L. Mayersohn  
Jane B. Mendel  
Dave Meyer  
Elias Navra  
Mary Nelson  
Dan Schwartz  
Sydell Siegel  
Jennie R. Storthz



# December 2018

Kislev 5779/Tevet 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHRONICLE DEADLINE JANUARY 15 FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE						
<b>2</b> Kislev 24 Hanukkah begins at sundown 8:30 am - 9:30 am Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs, and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 10:30 am - 11:30 am JFAR Friendly Visitor Network Training 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Religious School Teacher's Workshop 6:00 pm LGBTQ+A Chanukah Party at Rahn Residence	<b>3</b> Kislev 25 Hanukkah	<b>4</b> Kislev 26 Hanukkah 11:30 am Seniors Chanukah Luncheon General Election Runoff	<b>5</b> Kislev 27 Hanukkah 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Little and Middle Laffy Night Out - Hanukkah dinner and program	<b>6</b> Kislev 28 Hanukkah 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn Arkansas Hospice Holiday Lunch No Judaism 101	<b>7</b> Kislev 29 Hanukkah 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Ati Day Chanukah Program 5:30 pm Religious School Team 6/7 Art Gallery Opening 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm • Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Shabbat in-the-Rock, Chanukah Edition	<b>1</b> Kislev 23 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 6:00 pm Schmoozetana
<b>9</b> Tevet 1 Hanukkah 8:30 am - 9:30 am LaFTY Chanukah Party and Potluck Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: The Fragile Dialogue, Session 1: "Zionist Theory and Politics" 6:00 pm Congregational Hanukkah Dinner and Party	<b>10</b> Tevet 2 Hanukkah	<b>11</b> Tevet 3 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> Tevet 4 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	<b>13</b> Tevet 5 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	<b>14</b> Tevet 6 4:30 pm Tour FUMC Little Rock 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Abbreviated Mishkan T'filah Service followed by Shabbat Dinner with Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Denise Eger	<b>15</b> Kislev 7 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 12:30 pm Shabbat Lunch and Learn with Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Denise Eger
<b>16</b> Tevet 8 Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs, and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: The Fragile Dialogue, Session 2: "Zionism in the Classroom and on Campus"	<b>17</b> Tevet 9	<b>18</b> Tevet 10 7:30 pm Board Meeting	<b>19</b> Tevet 11 No Judaism 101- Winter Break	<b>20</b> Tevet 12 No Judaism 101- Winter Break	<b>21</b> Tevet 13 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB-Sinai Edition Service	<b>22</b> Tevet 14 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
<b>23</b> Tevet 15 No Religious School in Observance of Winter Break	<b>24</b> Tevet 16 Ati Day Closed Temple Offices Closed	<b>25</b> Tevet 17 Ati Day Closed Temple Offices Closed	<b>26</b> Tevet 19 4:00 pm Our House	<b>27</b> Tevet 20 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm No Judaism 101 in Observance of Winter Break	<b>28</b> Tevet 21 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Service	<b>29</b> Tevet 22 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
<b>30</b> Tevet 23 No Religious School in Observance of Winter Break	<b>31</b> Tevet 24 New Years Eve Ati Day Closed					





# January 2019

## Tevet 5779/Shevat 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHRONICLE DEADLINE JANUARY 15 FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE		1 Tevet 24 Ati'Day Closed Temple Offices Closed	2 Tevet 25	3 Tevet 26 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	4 Tevet 27 4:30 pm Tour Pulaski Heights Methodist Church 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB-Sinai Edition Shabbat Service	5 Tevet 28 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
6 Tevet 29 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 11:30 am Adult Learning: The Fragile Dialogue, Session 3: "Struggling with Israel across Generations and Continents" 5:45 pm Shabbat Kids Club Program and Dinner	7 Shevat 1	8 Shevat 2 11:30 am Coffee, Cake and Conversation	9 Shevat 3	10 Shevat 4 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	11 Shevat 5 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm Shabbat is Shalom 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service with special guest speaker, Rabbi Katie Bauman	12 Shevat 6 9:30 am - 10:15 am Abbreviated Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Services for the Bar Mitzvah of David Bauman
13 Tevet 7 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: The Fragile Dialogue, Session 4: "Zionism and Tikun, Repairing the World" 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm LaFTY meeting - lunch provided 3:00 pm Al Barron Book Club "Fabulous Small Jews" by Joseph Epstein	14 Shevat 8	15 Shevat 9 Chronicle Deadline 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	16 Shevat 10 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	17 Shevat 11 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	18 Shevat 12 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	19 Shevat 13 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
20 Shevat 14 No Religious School in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend	21 Shevat 15 Ati'Day Closed Temple Offices Closed	22 Shevat 16 7:30 pm Board Meeting	23 Shevat 17 4:00 pm Our House 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	24 Shevat 18 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	25 Shevat 19 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	26 Shevat 20 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 6:00 pm Schmoozerama
27 Shevat 21 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School	28 Shevat 22 Ati'Day Closed Temple Offices Closed	29 Shevat 23	30 Shevat 24	31 Shevat 25 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101		



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# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Mickey Loeb A'11 Steve Rousseau A'78	<b>2</b> Jill Flaxman	<b>3</b> James Moses A'81 Brian Rosenthal A'87 Mary Lou Cohn	<b>4</b> Phil Kaplan	<b>5</b> Thomas McGary Robert Oliva Rebekah Scallet Pat Solomon Robert Block
<b>6</b> Rebecca Schneider Saydee Stevens	<b>7</b> Stephen Jacobs A'11 Shelly Ballew Stacy Grundfest Sandie Lubin German Morales	<b>8</b> Eli Goldman	<b>9</b> Brooke Greenberg Mark Mackey	<b>10</b> David Shindler A'82 Roxy Sonnier	<b>11</b> Karen Pear	<b>12</b> Doug Meyer A'90 Scott Schlesinger A'08 Silvana Berfinski
<b>13</b> Avery Webb	<b>14</b> Sheila Bronfman Phil Elson Susan R. Kantrow Ron Lanoue	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Jamie Axelroth	<b>17</b> Klimberg/Storthz A'93	<b>18</b> Barry Solomon A'64 Benjamin Flaxman Jeffrey Marks	<b>19</b> Danette Devlin
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<b>27</b> David Behnke A'68 David Ronnel	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Marks/Epstein A'83 Regina Young	<b>30</b> Stanley Goldberg Sam Hoffman Peyton Hooks	<b>31</b> John Stober A'49 Allie Pear Missy Pear		

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					<b>1</b> Samuel Levin	<b>2</b> Joel Spears A'17 Ruth Frenkel Adam Hoffman
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## TEAM 6/7 ART EXHIBIT

December 7 @ 5:45 pm before services.

Enjoy the Oneg Shabbat of Hanukkah treats and a display of our students' work from their first Trimester of religious school. See their work on Chagall, Pollack, and Agam.

## LaFTY update:

- January 6:** Board Meeting
- January 9:** Middle Lafty Night Out All About Havdalah: braided candles, spice boxes and more. Come and learn about this post Shabbat ritual. Pizza, fragrant apple cider, and dinner and all for \$8.00/participant.
- January 13:** LaFTY Event and Freshman Elections, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

We are offering opportunities to sponsor a game, food event or other activity at the Purim Carnival! Please let Alana or Joy know if you are interested, we will send out specifics with the Sponsor Levels available!!

## Our House

Wednesday, December 26 - 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, January 30 - 4:30 – 6:30 pm

## No religious school on the following dates:

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## FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

Hanukkah is an important time of year. It's a time to teach our children what it means to be strong and brave. It's easy to go along with others, to celebrate the way they do, and it's not as easy to embrace a tradition of the minority in Arkansas, and so many other places. Hanukkah is a time to strengthen your personal Jewish identity in the spirit of Judah Maccabee and his followers. Judah said 'no' when met with the force of the Greeks. He did not want to follow their ways, dress like them, or give up his own beliefs. He ended up being the Hanukkah hero – the one who fought back and stood up in the face of an enemy. In January, we will commemorate Martin Luther King Jr., a man who also spoke out against the face of inequality. Civil Rights for all people, no matter the color of their skin, was his message to spread, even when he was threatened. It's not easy to stand alone or with a small group. It's easier to just jump on the band wagon. In terms of developing a Jewish identity, we must be strong enough like MLK and Judah to know when to say 'no' or 'enough is enough' and do the right thing. Thank God for people like Judah Maccabee and Martin Luther King Jr. and many others who advocate for the rights of everyone, equally. As you speak to your child about their developing Jewish identity remind them that doing what is right is not always the easy decision. Missing school on Jewish holidays, making a condolence call, asking others not to make racist and ethnic jokes, all these things that boost our call to make a difference in the world. This Hanukkah, celebrate the eight days and nights of freedom and light – and remember our observances are special and meaningful.

**Family Contemplation:** Imagine you are Judah Maccabee and writing a speech to run for President of the Kingdom. What would be included in the speech as messages of fairness for all? What would your platform be about? What messages about your Jewish identity would you share with your kingdom?



## HANUKKAH HA-HA

What is the difference between Hanukkah and a dragon?

*One lasts for eight nights and one just ate knights.*



**LEAVE A LEGACY**  
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## Tim Kessler's Legacy

Why did I find it important to leave a legacy? This story about my early life in the community is exactly why I did. A commitment of this sort does not just happen without community support. In the beginning of my life at Congregation B'nai Israel, I was excited to finally be home. I felt renewed each time I walked through the doors. I was a regular attendee at Saturday morning services. As in every week, I rarely if ever missed a service. It really became a part of me.

As we progressed, I decided it was time to learn Hebrew. Rabbi Levy had been kind enough to add me to the Chronicle mailing list even though I was not a member and would not be until I actually converted. One month in late summer I got my copy of the Chronicle and BEHOLD! An adult beginning Hebrew class was planned.

I nervously picked up the phone, called our wonderful Past President Wilma Diner, of blessed memory, and asked how to sign up and the cost. Keep in mind I had never met Wilma and was not expecting how direct she could be. I think she thought I must be somewhat around the bend with my excitement. She gruffly, in Wilma speak, said "No, no. There is no cost, you just show up, but I need your name." I told her my name then I asked how much the book was, and she said "NO COST! Just show up on Sunday."

Show up I did. I am now preparing for a bar mitzvah with the help of a fellow student I would meet in that class named Meg Marion. Leaving a legacy was a simple decision for me; it just took a few minutes to designate the Temple and JFAR as beneficiaries at work.

Tim Kessler

*If you would like more information about the Congregation B'nai Israel Legacy Society, please leave your name and contact information with the Temple office (225-9700) and someone will contact you.*



## SHABBAT IS SHALOM

Friday, January 4: 5:45 pm

Join other young families for a Shabbat experience. Join for Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm, then attend services for Kabbalat Shabbat, blessings...and then a casual style picnic dinner.

Stories, songs, crafts, dinner and social. RSVP to the Temple office by January 2. \$15.00/family.



## **PJ Library® programming for kids ages 9-11 now available in with expansion of PJ Our Way™**

PJ Our Way, the newest chapter of PJ Library for kids ages 9-11, now has programming available in **Little Rock!**

PJ Our Way launched across the United States in September 2016 after a successful two-year pilot period. Tweens throughout the U.S. are able to enjoy free chapter books and graphic novels with Jewish themes. Now **Jewish Federation of Arkansas** and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation are partnering to provide PJ Our Way programming in Little Rock.

Building on the success of PJ Library, which gives the gift of Jewish children's books each month to more than 165,000 children in North America, PJ Our Way allows program participants to select one of four books every month, giving them more choice on their journey toward being life-long readers while introducing them to Jewish ideas. PJ Our Way books are provided at no cost to families because of generous contributions from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and PJ Alliance funders.

"We believe these stories and their values help shape young people in their understanding of being Jewish, and it's our hope that PJ Our Way will ultimately build a strong community of young Jewish people," said Harold Grinspoon, Founder of PJ Library and PJ Our Way.

As part of the program, PJ Our Way participants can create book trailers, videos, quizzes, author interviews, and other media to communicate with peers about the books. The PJ Our Way website [pjourway.org](http://pjourway.org) provides these new avenues for discussion.

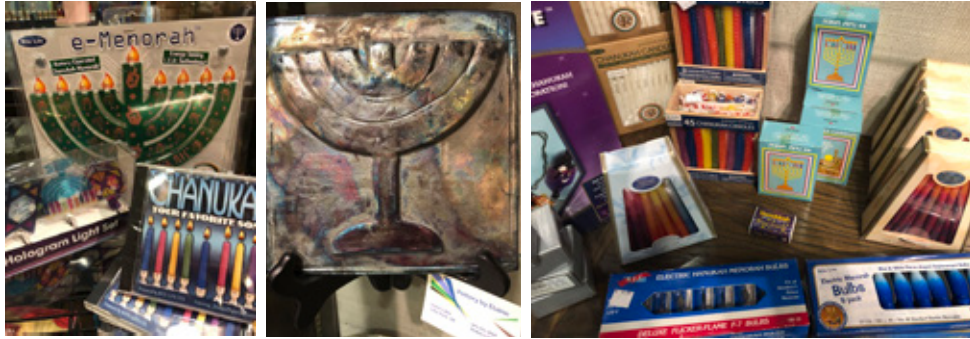
"We've thought a great deal about how to engage older readers by giving them more say in what they read and then giving them creative platforms to talk to their peers about the books," said national PJ Our Way Director Catriella Freedman.

The PJ Our Way program is administered nationwide by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation based in Agawam, Massachusetts. Sign-up at [pjourway.org](http://pjourway.org).

Please direct your questions to Ellyn Polsky, PJ Library coordinator for Central Arkansas at [ellyn.polsky@gmail.com](mailto:ellyn.polsky@gmail.com)



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## Schmoozerama

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**Saturday, December 1 • 6:00 pm** *"Driving Miss Daisy"*

Daisy Werthan (Jessica Tandy), an elderly Jewish widow living in Atlanta, is determined to maintain her independence. However, when she crashes her car, her son, Boolie (Dan Aykroyd), arranges for her to have a chauffeur, an African-American driver named Hoke Colburn (Morgan Freeman). Daisy and Hoke's relationship gets off to a rocky start, but they gradually form a close friendship over the years, one that transcends racial prejudices and social conventions.

**Saturday, January 26 • 6:00 pm** *"Disobedience"*

New York photographer Ronit Krushka flies to London after learning about the death of her estranged father. Ronit is returning to the same Orthodox Jewish community that shunned her decades earlier for her childhood attraction to Esti, a female friend. Their fortuitous and happy reunion soon reignites their relationship.



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