



THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Congregation B'nai Israel is blessed with beautiful, sacred scrolls of the Torah. However, when Rabbi David Lipper arrived as our Interim Rabbi in 2012-13, he was concerned about the scrolls' condition. With the partnership of Leah Elenzweig and other lay leaders, Rabbi Lipper

arranged for Sofer-on-Site to visit our Temple, to inspect our scrolls, and to make significant repairs to two of them. (Sofer is the Hebrew word for "scribe.")

On January 15-17, Sofer-on-Site again visited Congregation B'nai Israel to inspect our Torah scrolls and make necessary repairs. The scroll that we use most often, the one in the Chapel, was repaired in 2013, and it did not need major repairs. However, its parchment had sustained several tears, and a number of seams had come apart, problems that became evident to all of us on Simchat Torah this past fall. Those repairs were relatively simple and inexpensive, but they were urgently needed and could only be made by a trained scribe. One of our Sanctuary scrolls was in need of more significant repairs. These needs were diagnosed in 2013. This year, at the recommendation of our Ritual Committee, the Board approved full repair of our most worn Torah.

When Gina Kokes became a Bat Mitzvah in 2013, her project was a thorough examination of the provenance of our Torah scrolls and other sacred objects. Making liberal use of our magnificent archives and with the assistance of congregants ranging from archivists to Religious School students, Gina prepared a beautiful book that chronicles the sacred legacy in symbols we have been privileged to receive from those who came before us.

I am grateful that our congregation is both able and eager to maintain our sacred heritage, preserving our Torah scrolls in the fine condition that befits the centrality of the Torah in Jewish life.

Faithfully,

Rabbi Barry H. Block

Worship at a Glance

Friday, February 1

Mishkan T'filah Service, led by Rabbi Block and Sam Hoffman, at 6:15 pm

Music: David Bauman, Richard Estelita, Charlie Friedman, Jeffrey Neuhauser

Sermon: "The Foundation of Our Laws"

Candles and Kiddush: Sam Hoffman, Meredith Riddle, and Adam Hoffman

Reader: Lisa Marfisi

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hoffman by the Hoffman Family

Altar Flowers Sponsors: In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hoffman by the Hoffman Family

In memory of Shirley Strauss, by her children

Saturday, February 2

Abbreviated Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, 9:30-10:15 am
 Shabbat Service for the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hoffman, at 10:30 am

Music: David Bauman, Richard Estelita, Charlie Friedman, Jeffrey Neuhauser

Friday, February 8

Membership Shabbat Service and Dinner, at 6:15 pm

Music: David Bauman, Steve Bauman, Jana Cohen, Charlie Friedman, Jeffrey Neuhauser, and Friends

Candles & Kiddush: Karen, David, Tillie, Louis, Hannah, and Mimi Reagler

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 9

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

Friday, February 15

UPB-Sinai Edition Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm
 Milestone Birthday Blessings of Bonnie and Sam Nickol

Sermon: "Government Shutdown: a Torah Perspective"

Music: Charlie Friedman, Richard Estelita, Meg Marion

Candles & Kiddush: Bonnie and Sam Nickol, in celebration of their birthdays

Reader: Shelly Baron

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Bonnie and Sam Nickol, in celebration of their birthdays

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Worship at a Glance continued...

Saturday, February 16

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

Friday, February 22

Mishkan T'filah Service led by Rabbi Block and Jules Ifrah, at 6:15 pm

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, Liz Cohen, Charlie Friedman

Sermon: "Celebrating Washington's Birthday: Founders Matter"

Candles & Kiddush: Dina, Patrick, Jules, and Isabella Ifrah

Reader: Lynn Lee

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: McGrath and Shemper Families in honor of Jules Ifrah

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jules Ifrah by the Ifrah Family

Saturday, February 23

Abbreviated Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:15 am
Shabbat Services for the Bat Mitzvah of Jules Ifrah, at 10:30 am
Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am
Shabbat worship, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel and
CCAR Press Present...

Reform Judaism: Past, Present, and Future

Sunday mornings,
February 3, 10, 17, and 24, and March 3
9:30 - 11am

No prior knowledge or reading required or expected. However, interested participants may wish to visit CCARPress.org or your favorite online bookseller to acquire the book on which the course is based - *A Life of Meaning: Embracing Reform Judaism's Sacred Path*, Edited by Rabbi Dana Kaplan, Ph.D., and published by CCAR Press in 2017. This volume includes, "Mussar and the Development of Spiritual Practices," by Dr. Alan Morinis and Rabbi Block

A letter from Mike Beiker, Director and Publisher of the University of Arkansas Press

When the University of Arkansas Press learned of James L. Moses's manuscript on the life of Arkansas rabbi and civil rights leader Ira Sanders—*Just and Righteous Causes: Rabbi Ira Sanders and the Fight for Racial and Social Justice in Arkansas, 1926-1963*—we were honored by the opportunity to bring his story not only to a regional audience of those touched by his indefatigable leadership but also to a large scholarly audience of research historians who lack the familiarity with his contributions in the field as well as those of the broader Jewish community.

A professor of history at Arkansas Tech who made Sanders a primary professional focus, Moses examines how Sanders expertly navigated the intersections of race, religion, and gender to advocate for a more just society, and his book joins a growing body of literature about the lives and histories of southern rabbis, deftly balancing scholarly and narrative tones to provide a personal look into the complicated position of the southern rabbi and the Jewish community throughout the political struggles of the twentieth-century South.

That opportunity wouldn't have been possible without the help of many individuals and institutions that support research in the humanities, and our work at the press to connect that knowledge with readers outside the academy would surely be impossible without friends like the Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation, Rabbi Barry Block, and the congregation of B'nai Israel in Little Rock. Unfortunately, we failed to give credit for funding provided by the Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in the first printing, so this is an attempt to correct the record and publicly express our appreciation.

We thank you all for your faith and everything your community has done to spread the truth of Sanders's story and live out his pursuit of noble goals: "Learn to do well. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed."

President's Message

I hope your 2019 is off to a great start! I have a few updates about Temple happenings:

We continue to focus on security in several ways. The Board is in favor of continuing to have a security officer on Friday evenings. This expense was not budgeted for and has been sponsored by individual congregants through February 8th. Please contact Keila in the Temple office if you would like to sponsor an evening service in the future. The cost is \$120 and is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of you who have sponsored thus far.

We also have a Security Committee that is under the guidance of Scott Jordan, as part of House and Grounds. I will inform you of any recommendations that the committee makes to the Board moving forward.

Rabbi Block and I met with several FBI special agents, including the Special Agent in Charge, Diane Upchurch. Actually, they contacted Rabbi Block and asked to meet and I am grateful that he included me. The FBI agents attended our community service following the horrific event in Pittsburgh and they wanted to follow-up with him. We are considering some training that they offer and we will update you when we know more. They did assure us that there is "no known threat at this time".

The HVAC project is nearly completed. Thanks so much to all those involved, especially Eugene Krupitsky. The professionals who have been working with us have been outstanding. I also want to thank Scott Jordan and Richard Estelita for all of their efforts in changing out the light fixtures. They have spent countless hours working on improvements to our building.

I hope to see you all soon! Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time with questions or concerns.

Carol Parham

Yizkor Eloheim
We record with sorrow the death of...

CALEEN ESTELITA

Mother of Richard Estelita (and Charley Penix)

MARCUS EUGENE (GENE) MACKEY

Husband of Willadean Mackey
Father of Mark (and Karen) Mackey
Grandfather of Nicole Mackey (and her fiancé Jacob Fijman)
and Jared Mackey

Congregation B'nai Israel and Jewish Federation of Arkansas Invite You:

Coffee, Cake and Conversation

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 11:30 am

Congregation B'nai Israel Library

Music and Memory:

What We've Learned from the Program in our Community

Presentation by JFAR Social Worker Kelsey Dugger

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

Coffee Cake, and Conversation is sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel and Jewish Federation of Arkansas.

All are welcome.

You bring lunch; we provide dessert and coffee.



MEMBERSHIP SHABBAT

Please join us on Friday, February 8, for Shabbat Dinner following an abbreviated Shabbat Service.

No charge for New and Prospective Members

For all others:

Suggested donation of \$15 for adults,
\$8 for kids (12-under)

Reservations required by February 6:

225-9700 or

TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us



**Prayer Offered by
Annabelle Imber Tuck,
representing
the Jewish Community
at the Ecumenical Service
for the Inauguration of
Little Rock Mayor,
Frank D. Scott, Jr.
January 1, 2019**

"Prayer for Unity"

As we pray today, consider the words of
Abraham Joshua Heschel:

Just to Be is a Blessing
Just to Live is Holy

Today is a new beginning - Day One

The City of Little Rock is One - composed of many:
Southwest; East;

Downtown; Midtown; Heights; Hillcrest; South and North
of Wilbur Mills Highway; and West

Blessed is the One within the many.

Blessed are the Many who make the one.

May we be blessed with the wisdom

to listen and learn from everyone;

to respect and honor everyone;

to enable opportunity for everyone.

Adonai oz l'amo yitein,

Adonai y'vareich et amo vashalom

May Adonai grant strength to our people;

May Adonai bless our people with peace.

Editor's note:

Annabelle Imber Tuck represented the Jewish community and offered this prayer at the Ecumenical Service for the Inauguration of Mayor Frank D. Scott, Jr., January 1, 2019.

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel presents...



Rev. Robert Williamson, Ph.D.

Margaret Berry Hutton Odyssey Associate Professor
of Religious Studies, Hendrix College

Speaking about his new book:

**The Forgotten Books of the Bible:
Rediscovering the Five Scrolls for Today**

In the Jewish tradition, the five books known as the Five Scrolls perform a central liturgical function as the texts associated with each of the major holidays. The Song of Songs is read during Passover, Ruth during Shavuot, Lamentations on Tisha B'av, Ecclesiastes during Sukkot, and Esther during the celebration of Purim. Together with the five books of the Torah, these texts orient Jewish life and provide the language of the faith.

Williamson, a Presbyterian pastor, laments that these books are ignored by many Christians, but even Jews may not give them the attention they deserve. With scholarly wisdom and a quick wit, Williamson insists that these books speak urgently to the pressing issues of the contemporary world. Addressing themes of human sexuality, grief, immigration, suffering and protest, ethnic nationalism, and existential dread, he skillfully guides readers as they rediscover the relevance of the Five Scrolls for today.

**Friday, March 1, at Shabbat Dinner Following Abbreviated
Shabbat Services**

Reserve your place for Shabbat Dinner by Wednesday, February 27 – suggested donation, \$15 – by contacting Keila, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us

YAHZEITS: FEBRUARY 2019

FEBRUARY 1

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Stella F. Weisman



**Adam Hoffman and Meredith Riddle
invite you to join them as their son**

SAMUEL LOUIS

**is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, February 2**

10:30 am

My Mitzvah project involves my love for animals. My step grandparents run the Riddle Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary in Guy, AR, which provides a safe haven for elephants. My goal was to increase awareness about the Wildlife Sanctuary and to assist with farm activities.

I set up a table at Fletcher Library after school a number of days the past years to help educate others. I created an informational flier promoting an open house day and I displayed ivory samples. At the open house, I spoke with visitors who visited the farm. I also hauled pumpkins for the elephants, cut bamboo, and assisted in general all through the year.

People may not even have realized there is an elephant sanctuary in the area, so I encourage all of you to visit and support the work of the Riddle Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary. Check it out: <https://www.elephantsanctuary.org/>

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February 2019

Shevat 5779/Adar 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHRONICLE DEADLINE FEBRUARY 14 FOR MARCH ISSUE						
3 Shevat 28 8:30 am - 9:30 am Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs, and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: Reform Judaism: Past, Present, and Future	4 Shevat 29	5 Shevat 30	6 Adar 11 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Little LaFTY Night Out - dinner and program	7 Adar 12 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	1 Shevat 26 4:30 pm FUMC Little Rock Tour 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Service and Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hoffman	2 Shevat 27 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:15 am Abbreviated Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hoffman
10 Adar 15 8:30 am - 9:30 am Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs, and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: Reform Judaism: Past, Present, and Future 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm LaFTY Program & Purim Planning	11 Adar 16	12 Adar 17 11:30 am Coffee, Cake & Conversation 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	13 Adar 18	14 Adar 19 CHRONICLE DEADLINE No Judaism 101 No Torah Lunch and Learn	15 Adar 110 LaFTY at NFTY Convention in Dallas 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB-Sinai Edition Shabbat Service	16 Adar 111 LaFTY at NFTY Convention in Dallas 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
17 Adar 112 LaFTY at NFTY Convention in Dallas No Religious School in Observance of President's Day Weekend 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: Reform Judaism: Past, Present, and Future 3:00 pm Al Barron Book Club "A Tale of Love and Darkness" by Amos Oz	18 Adar 113 LaFTY at NFTY Convention in Dallas Ati'Day Teacher In Service Day	19 Adar 14 7:00 pm Board Meeting	20 Adar 115 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	21 Adar 16 No Judaism 101 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn	22 Adar 117 LaFTY at NFTY Winter Conclave in New Orleans 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Service and Bar Mitzvah of Jules Ifrah	23 Adar 118 LaFTY at NFTY Winter Conclave in New Orleans 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:15 am Abbreviated Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Jules Ifrah
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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Gus Blass, III Lee Thalheimer Sam Vogel, Jr. Tess Kramer	2 Scott Goldsholl Sherree Meyer Harold Tenenbaum
3 Joan Nafe Kayleigh Ellis	4 N. Zottoli A'47 Barbara Behnke Muriel Lederman	5 Keith Nigro A'09 Gay Block	6 Daniel Berleant Kayleigh Ellis	7	8 Leonard Hasson Evan Wilons	9 Steve Rousseau Brian Stornie
10	11 Alex Daniel A'11	12	13 Joyce Franklin	14 Emily Hooks Vaughn Aaron Lubin	15 Joannie Collins Emily Ray	16 Mark Mackey A'85 Kelli Schlesinger
17 Judy Grundfest	18 Kathy Grundfest Frank Richard Shayne Sommer Lauren Grundfest	19	20 Paul Greenberg A'15 Chas. Matson A'93 Nancy Rousseau Paul Yoder	21 Jon Flaxman A'99 Bill Friedman	22 Daniel Rodell A'80 Alexia Orleanski	23 Mark Friedman
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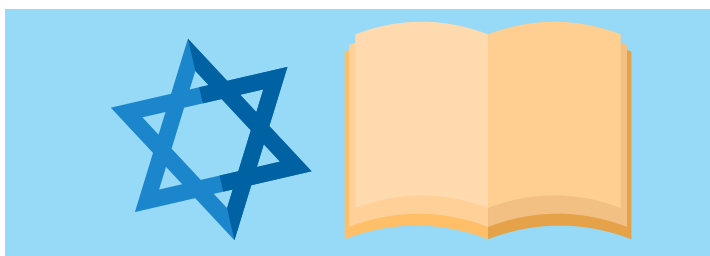
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FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

I think I wrote this article once before in my past job/life. But it always comes to mind this time of year... In February I will celebrate my birthday. Gifts are no longer a big part of the celebration, nor parties or fanfare. Maybe lunch with some friends, a card or two, who knows. I always have to remind my kids that yes, I have a birthday too. Some people ask for large gift items – you know – things like world peace, the end of hunger and poverty, stuff like that. I wish I could give that gift to the world – if I were singly capable of such a fete. But I will ask again for the one gift that I think is the best – and most gratifying of all – and that is Shalom Bayit – peace in the home. To create respect and peace in the home is a great mitzvah. No snapping, snarky answers, unpleasant tones, short fuses, and rolling of the eyes. Yep – that is what I want for my birthday for this year and for next, and then for a few more years. I am not saying that it's all someone else; I surely snap and bark too. But an overall peace and harmony when we're actually all together. At this point, I only get to see my kids on school breaks and it would be so nice for complete Shalom Bayit. Civility, kindness, transparency, and gentle words. While we are all prone to tough days at school and at the office, perhaps we can leave those stressors at the front door mat, wipe off the mud of the day, and enter the house with peaceful intentions. Shalom Bayit is a mitzvah and a true gift to oneself and others.



Religious School & Confirmation Class:

- February 3:** Religious School
- February 6:** Confirmation Class
- February 10:** Religious School
- February 17:** Religious School
- February 20:** Confirmation Class
- February 24:** Religious School



LEAVE A LEGACY
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

Amanda Ferguson's Legacy

When we moved to Little Rock, we knew almost no one. Our first stop was the Temple as we moved just before Rosh Hashana and wanted to find a place for services. Little did we know how warmly we would be greeted and brought into the family of Congregation B'nai Israel. This is where our son learned about Judaism, where he became a bar mitzvah, where we have been loved and supported as a family through good times and bad over the last 13 years.

I have learned about the history of this congregation. I have become friends with the families of some of the original founders. I have watched friends serve the congregation, seen children grow from toddlers to young adults and been fortunate enough to be part of the growth of our Temple family.

Having the opportunity to give back to our congregation allows us to show our appreciation, and also allows us to teach our son the importance of maintaining a tradition of service to and participation in the life of the congregation.

Leaving a legacy gift means, to us, a commitment to the future of Congregation B'nai Israel. Not the near future, but a commitment that will continue even after we are gone. We are planting the seed now, so that future generations can enjoy the shade of the tree that will grow in our place.

Amanda Ferguson

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.



Look who's going to NfTY National Convention in Dallas:

Congrats to Larry Jacobs, Brock Jacobs, and Daniel Block for representing Little Rock at this national event from Feb. 15 – 18.



Join us as we celebrate our daughter

JULES AVA IFRAH

as she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, February 23 - 10:30 am

Dina and Patrick Ifrah

Jules Ifrah is collecting socks for the homeless. Please place socks in the collection bin in the lobby on or before her Bat Mitzvah date of Feb. 23.



SHABBAT IS SHALOM ~ SHABBAT KIDS CLUB ~

Friday, February 8: 5:45 pm for Oneg Shabbat
6:15 pm for services and blessings
7:00 pm - Member Shabbat and dinner.

Dinner is \$15.00 adults/\$8.00 children.
RSVP to the Temple office by Tuesday, 2/5.

After Kabbalat Shabbat, children's activities will be set up in the landing area during services: coloring, books, games...

Dinner begins at 7:00 pm.

Help welcome our new and prospective members. Tell them all about B'nai Israel and be part of the welcome team.

LAFTY NEWS

LAFTY ended 2018 with a Chanukah Party; everyone had fun with Chanukah Harry, and Just Dance. LAFTY started off the new year with Freshman Rep Elections in January, David Ronnel was elected as Freshman Rep. LaFTY is changing it up this year, we are having a 9th Grade Committee of LaFTYITES, they will help plan and run the Purim Carnival and other important events such as Initiation for next year. We have a strong and wonderful 9th grade class who all participate!

We had a fun program at the Election meeting written by Hallie Pingel and Larry Jacobs, we face painted and had a fashion show. Purim Carnival is March 10! Thanks to Jennifer Ronnel who has volunteered to be the Parent Coordinator for the Carnival, we will be looking for Parent Volunteers!

Save the date for the annual
LAFTY PURIM CARNIVAL
Sunday, March 10 ~ 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.
Games, booths, special attractions, JustDance,
lunch and more.

Help support scholarships for NfTY Southern Events

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By becoming a sponsor, you ensure our teens a chance to participate even more fully in the regional events.

Please sponsor by sending a check made out to LaFTY by March 6 to the temple office or call Eileen directly.

Queen Esther's Heroes:
\$360.00 sponsors the food booth or one special attraction.

Mordehai's Mensches:
\$180.00 sponsors one game booth.

Queen Vashti's Supporters:
\$108.00 sponsors one craft station.

LaFTY Lovers: \$72.00 sponsors JustDance
Carnival Barkers: \$36.00 - general sponsor



**LaFTY is going to NOLA
for WinterGras**

a new event hosted by the New Orleans youth groups on the weekend of February 22 – 24.

**VISIT THE JUDAICA SHOP
FOR PURIM AND PASSOVER ITEMS**

Come see our new shofars

Open Sundays during
Religious School from
11:00 - 12:00
Or call for appointment.



LITTLE LAFTY NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, February 6: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Pizza dinner, program and social fun for all in grades 3 – 5.
Meet at Temple.
Our theme will be Ahavah – LOVE!
Love to see all our 3 – 5 graders.
RSVP is requested by Monday, Feb. 4 for planning purposes.

**SAVE THE DATE!
MIDDLE LAFTY NIGHT OUT**

Wednesday, March 6: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Pizza dinner, program and social fun for those in grades 6 – 8.
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