



THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Jokes and humor are central to Purim. During the month when Purim falls, rabbis often utilize columns such as these to write "Purim Torah," that is, jokes and ruses to amuse the congregation. For example, a rabbi might write an elaborate explanation to the congregation of a "decision"

to hold a lavish luncheon on Yom Kippur this year. I, too, will engage in "Purim Torah" in this column, but in a different way.

Our nation's recent experience, emanating from Virginia, instructs us, as if we did not know, that not all jokes are funny. Some jokes demean others. Some jokes are cruel. Some jokes amuse one group of people at the expense of others.

I never wore blackface, but I am less confident that I knew that doing so was wrong in 1984 – admittedly, I was an undergraduate then, several years younger than Gov. Northam. I suspect that all of us cringe at some uncomfortable memory of having gotten a laugh at others' expense. We've laughed, perhaps uncomfortably, as we've heard others' cruel jokes. And we've probably been on the other side, too, deeply hurt by words or actions that got somebody else a laugh.

If we remember a time when we misused humor in the past, we would do well to follow the penitent example of Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, who responded with only contrite confession when confronted with blackface in his past. Actually, we could do better, bringing up the matter before we are confronted.

More important is how we conduct ourselves from this day forward. When we set about to make a joke, let us ever be mindful of the words of Rabbi Eliezer, "Let other people's dignity be as dear to you as your own" (*Pirkei Avot 2:15*).

Faithfully,

Rabbi Barry H. Block

Worship at a Glance

Friday, March 1

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

followed by Shabbat Dinner and Adult Learning with Rev. Robert Williamson, Ph.D., Hendrix College professor and author of *The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today*, speaking on "The Book of Esther as Resistance to Ethnic Nationalism"

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

Candles and Kiddush: Marianne Tettlebaum and Dorian Stuber
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, March 2

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

Friday, March 8

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

Music: Jeffrey Neuhauser

Sermon: "Valuing Everyone's Contributions"

Candles & Kiddush: Kirsta and Keith Nigro,
 in celebration of their tenth anniversary

Reader: Brian Storrie, in celebration of his birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Flowers Sponsor: In memory of Barbara Stern by
 Stacey and Mike Ronnel

Saturday, March 9

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

Friday, March 15

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

Music: David Bauman

Sermon: "Virtues of Obligatory National Service"

Candles: Madelon Scallet

Kiddush: Perry Young

Reader: Judy Grundfest, in celebration of her birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Flowers Sponsor: In memory of Barbara Phillips
 by Bev Wittenberg and Peter Phillips

Saturday, March 16

Torah Study, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, at 9:30 am
 Shabbat Services, led by Mickey Loeb and Ellyn Polsky, at 11:00 am

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Worship at a Glance continued...

Friday, March 22

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

Music: Emily Adams, Charlie Friedman, Meg Marion,
Josiah Wheeler

Sermon: "Connecting Ritual and Ethical Mitzvot"

Candles & Kiddush: Marla Shivers and Glenn Block

Reader: Emily Adams

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Flowers Sponsor: In memory of our "Papa" E. L. Scharff
by Britt, Amber, Sara and Anna Grace Mock

Saturday, March 23

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

Friday, March 29

All-Music, All-Debbie Shabbat Service, at 6:15pm

Music: Stars of David Band

Candles & Kiddush: Jana and Perry Cohen,
in celebration of their 30th anniversary

Reader: Debbie Brady

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, March 30

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

One extra Purim event this year only*...

Adult Purim Tisch

On Purim Eve, Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm
Adults only

- Fill-your-own pita dinner catered by Little Greek
- You won't want to miss Rabbi Block's unique, ribald Megillah "reading"!
- Discussion of problematic issues in the Book of Esther

Reservations required for dinner by Monday, March 18
by contacting Keila, 501-225-9700 or
TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us.

Suggested donation for dinner: \$15.

*Please do come to the Adult Purim Dinner and Shpiel
on March 14. That event is being held a week before
Purim this year because of Spring Break.



TSA Gift Card Sponsors

The following Temple members and friends donated to our project to provide Walmart, Kroger, and Target gift cards to TSA workers at our airport who were required to work but not paid during the government shutdown:

Anonymous (3)	Joyce Ellen Knickerbocker
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Carol and Eugene Johnson	Regina and Perry Young
Ruthe and Phil Kaplan	

President's Message

The membership Shabbat service and dinner was held on Friday, February 8th. It was a lovely, well-attended service as we honored our new and prospective members. (More on the evening in a bit.) As customary, Rabbi Block read the names of those listed on the weekly Yahrzeit list and there was one name in particular that I imagine was not familiar to most: Lilah Ann Sewell Mulkey. The Mulkey name was introduced to the Temple when we received a call and subsequent letter in 2017 stating that Congregation B'nai Israel was to be the sole beneficiary of the Ronald and Lilah Mulkey Estate. A nephew came in town from Arizona and drilled open the safety deposit box at the bank. He located the will and upon reading it he was kind enough to send us a letter and the will. This was quite a surprise as you can imagine. The estate consisted of two residential properties; a single-family in Cabot, and a multi-family in Hillcrest. Additionally, there was a sizeable bank account. We researched and asked around and no one seemed to remember the Mulkeys, but we soon discovered an old file in our records of Mrs. Mulkey's membership for a few years in early 2000. With many thanks to the dedication and expertise of Dick Williams, Jack Grundfest, Steve Bauman, Leonard Hasson, and Carmen Arick, the Ronald and Lilah Mulkey Sacred Music Fund has been established with a portion of the estate. The remaining assets were transferred to the Endowment Fund. Mrs. Mulkey's remains were buried at Oakland Cemetery in a plot that was generously donated by the Cemetery Foundation. Rabbi Block held a very thoughtful graveside service and we even had a Minyan. I am extremely grateful for the Mulkey's very generous contribution to our Temple. Please let me know if you want any additional information on this matter.

As mentioned earlier, the New Member Shabbat was wonderful in all ways. Perry Young worked very hard to have new members paired with "buddies" and the evening was a total success. As always, Rita Fagan prepared a delicious dinner that was enjoyed by all. Kirsta and Keith Nigro were most helpful in the kitchen, too. It was a wonderful night thanks to Perry, Meg Marion, Trudy Jacobson, Kathy Grundfest and everyone who is on the Membership and new Social Engagement Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Parham

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

EUGENE P. LEVY

Husband of Candy Levy
Brother of Trudy (and Jerry) Jacobson
Uncle of Jana (and Perry) Cohen
Great uncle of Elizabeth Cohen

KIMBERLY DANIELS

Mother of Levi (and Brina) Daniels
Grandmother of Emilia Daniels

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

Coffee, Cake and Conversation

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 11:30 am

Congregation B'nai Israel Library

"Jewish Culture in Superhero Comics and the Graphic Novels"

**Presentation by Randy Duncan, Professor of Communications
at Henderson State University**

Contact Jewish Federation of Arkansas social worker 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.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrea Zekis

1016 McGowan Street, Apt. 310
Little Rock, AR 72202

Andrea is a student at Clinton School of Public Service.

Barbara Samuels and Nancy Ryburn

33 Robinwood Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72227
501-747-1910

Barbara is an attorney. Nancy is a clinical psychologist.

MAZEL TOV

to **Stanley Goldberg** on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

to **Becky Mobly**. Ciao Italian Restaurant has been voted a finalist in the Arkansas Times Readers Choice Awards 2019.

TODAH RABAH

Many thanks to our office volunteers: **Milt Baer, Aniko Diamant, and Esther Gordon**.

to **Muriel Lederman** for donating to the Temple Archives the records of the Anne Frank project at the Clinton Center, as well as items related to various Sisterhood projects.

YAHRZEITS: MARCH 2019

MARCH 1

Alice Lasker Back
William Back, Sr.
Noland Blass, Sr.
Ann W. Carb
Flora L. Cohen
Harold F. Epstein
Howard Feinstein
Rachel Frank
Edward Leonard Gealt
Max Gold
Isadore Goodman
Mimi Back Loeb
Joseph Lyons
Morris Marks
Daniel P. Ottenheimer
Clara Goldenblank Raff
Henry Rephan
Abe S. Rosen
Dorothy C. Sherman
Samuel J. Spitzberg
Lewis Alexander Storthz

MARCH 8

Norm Dollinger
Lilian Kay Eisman
Felix Gans
Steven Gofforth
Sara Kempner Goodman
Norman Graber
Virginia Harris
Agnes G. Hunter
Jesse Kaiser
Olivia Lyons
Elijah E. Palmick
James J. Pfeifer
Lendor Remy
Edith O. Sachs
Arthur O. Sanders
Jacob Slutsky
Gertrude P. Solomon
Nathan E. Steppach, Sr.
Barbara S. Stern
Charlotte Storthz
Eleanor Pfeifer Strauss
Tracye Altschul Strauss
Louis Wolsey
Esther Zeno

MARCH 15

Shara Adams
Nathan Borrok
Rosa Cohn
Otis Dante
Geraldine DeFrance
Joseph E. Flowers
Frances Frank
Sylvia R. Friedman
Irene Goldman
Arnold S. Goodman
Al J. Goodman, Jr.
Carolyn W. Kramer
Dan Levin
Elizabeth Levinson Levin
Abraham J. Louchhein

Gus Ottenheimer
Ruby S. Pfeifer
Barbara L. Phillips
Jack Phillips
Edna L. Roberts
Ruth Rodell
Marsha F. Rosen
Arthur D. Rosenthal
August Simon Vogel
Etta Louchheim Wolf
Pete Yoder
Mathilde Zwirn

MARCH 22

Hortense Rudolph Back
Rose Balkin
Joy L. Bryant
Shirley Weinstein Cohen
Herman Ehrenberg
Nathan H. Ehrlich
David G. Falk
Alfred Fendler
Theodore R. Fox
Joseph Geller
Rose Besser Gould
Miriam Graber
Nell Gray Greenbaum
Edna Kahn Kempner
Sophie Kempner
Daniel B. Kohn
Harry Lasker, Sr.
Israel Louis Safferstone
Eduard L. Scharff, Sr.
Bernice Weisman Sherman
Maurice Herbert Soltz

MARCH 29

Samuel Abowitz
Lena Koff Bresler
Sophie Cohn
Charles H. Elias, Sr.
Maurice J. Friedman
Dave Grundfest, Sr.
Jennie Hartman
Max Jacob Hasson
Roland Joseph Lanoue
Rosa H. Lasker
Mervin L. Leibs
Aida R. Levi
Fay Marcus Lewis
Helen Maisel Lewis
Edith Pfeifer Loeb
Albert Hughes McCann
Otto Olson
Leon Pinkus
Norman Riemer
Daniel Sanders
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Alma Jacobs Scott
Ruby Thalheimer Smith
Lilyan Stern
Judy Taliaferro
Fanny Thalheimer



LEAVE A LEGACY
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

Ellen Korenblat's Legacy

Every time I walk into our beautiful Temple, I feel connected to a community that goes back generations. Family names are written on the Temple walls, inscribed in metal or stone. I see my childhood and remember the connections and shared history I have with so many of the congregants, people who help hold the memory of my loved ones.

I also see the future generation coming up and the new friends that we have made. My kids will share a history with the people they are connecting with now at the Temple. My wish is for them to be able to gather as a congregation when they are adults, to continue to grow through the teachings and to connect with the past.

That is one reason I have chosen to leave a legacy—to give my children what I have had—the ability to raise their children in this place where their grandparents, great grandparents, and even great, great grandparents came together to worship, to learn, to grow, to marry, to say goodbye, to remember, and especially to give thanks. I am grateful for this place and the community within.

Ellen Korenblat

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.



Our House

March 27: 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

Religious School dates:

March 3, 10, 31

Spring Break dates:

March 17, 24

Confirmation dates:

March 6, 27 (with parents meeting)

JUMP^{into} JACOBS

at

FAMILY CAMP

March 22 - 24 2019



Climb the tower.
Try your hand at
arts & crafts.
Get behind the
wheel of a boat,
and more!

Family Camp
programming is
best suited for
1st-5th graders.

**BUT DON'T
WORRY!**
Your 6th - 8th
graders will
participate in
NFTY's Junior
Youth Weekend,
held at HSJ during
Family Camp.

Brand new to camp? Veteran?

IT DOESN'T MATTER!

Family Camp is a great way to see old friends
and make new ones! Come see HSJ in action!



601-885-6042 | jacobscamp.org/event/familycamp/

California Schemin'

.....A Super Groovy Modern Day Purim Shpiel



Join
the
Fun!

March 14th

Temple Social Hall

Cocktails at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm, Shpiel at 7:30 pm

Full evening of Cocktails, Dinner and Shpiel
\$24.00 per person

Dessert and Shpiel
\$5.00 per person

Please come in your favorite "groovy" costume, ready to boo, swing your grogger and have a great time.

Please RSVP no later than March 12 to Keila, by phone at 501-225-9700
or email at TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us.

March 2019

Adar I 5779/Adar II 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHRONICLE DEADLINE MARCH 14 FOR APRIL ISSUE						
3 Adar I 26 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 General Meeting - Lunch Provided	4 Adar I 27	5 Adar I 28	6 Adar I 29 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Little LaFTY Night Out - Dinner and Program	7 Adar I 30 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn	8 Adar II 1 4:30 pm Asbury United Methodist Church Tour Lakewood United Methodist Church Tour 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB, Sinai Edition Shabbat Service followed by Shabbat Dinner with guest speaker, Hendrix College Professor Robert Williamson, author of "The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today."	9 Adar II 2 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm LaFTY lock in for Purim Planning
10 Adar II 3 8:30 am - 9:30 am Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs, and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Megillah Reading and Purim Carnival	11 Adar II 4	12 Adar II 5 11:30 am Coffee, Cake & Conversation 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	13 Adar II 6	14 Adar II 7 CHRONICLE DEADLINE 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Purim Spiel and Dinner	15 Adar II 8 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan Tfilah Service	16 Adar II 9 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
17 Adar II 10 No Religious School in Observance of Spring Break	18 Adar II 11	19 Adar II 12 7:00 pm Purim Tisch	20 Adar II 13	21 Adar II 14 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Purim Spiel and Dinner	22 Adar II 15 NFY 678 and Family Camp at Jacobs Camp 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan Tfilah Service	23 Adar II 16 NFY 678 and Family Camp at Jacobs Camp 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
24 Adar II 17 NFY 678 and Family Camp at Jacobs Camp No Religious School in Observance of Spring Break	25 Adar II 18	26 Adar II 19 7:00 pm Temple Board Meeting	27 Adar II 20 4:00 pm Our House 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class, beginning with family meeting for Class of 5779/2019	28 Adar II 21 11:00 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn	29 Adar II 22 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan Tfilah Service 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm Shabbat is Shalom 5:45 pm Shabbat Kids Club Program and Dinner 6:15 pm All Music/AlI Debbie Shabbat	30 Adar II 23 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:00 pm Schmoozetama
31 Adar II 24 8:30 am - 9:30 am • Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs, and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm LaFTY Meeting - Lunch Provided						



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Richard Bronfman	2	3 Karla Back Glenn Block Anna Moses	4 Susan Lesser Joy Williams	5	6 Mershon Williams A'19 Lynn Zoldessy
7	8 Paul Spitzberg	9 Kathy Bauman Sandi Uretsky Serene Stevens	10 Ron Bara A'11	11	12	13 Wm. Siegel A'86
14 Mike Ronnel A'02 Robert Vogel Judith Zinser Spencer Nodelman Alata Smouni	15 Bettye Korenblat	16 Brock Jacobs Larry Jacobs	17 Barbara Spitzberg Hallie McGarry	18	19 Laura Bushman Susan Strauss	20 Leon Marks Seth Stevens
21 Darcy Krupitsky	22 Bill Eiseman	23 Perry Young A'05	24 Charles Friedman Len Johnson	25 Michael Gastman A'98 Korenblat/Kramer A'98	26 Gene Weinstein A'67 Jamie McGarry Hollis Pruitt Marilyn Robison Phyllis Storthz	27 Dale Cohen Kurt Deininger Ann Storthz Morgan Schwehm
28	29 Josiah Wheeler Meg Schwehm	30 Dorian Stuber				

If you would like to sponsor the flowers and/or oneq for an upcoming Shabbat, please call the Temple office.

Yahrzeit Fund

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IN MEMORY OF:
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 Phyllis and Edward Kaplan
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 Dr. Carmen Arick and
 Ms. Emily Adams
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 Eileen and Larry Hamilton
Albert R. Fox
 Sandy and Fred Levin
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 Stephen Goldman
Ellen Rae Kaufman
 Melissa Rae Kaufman
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 Eileen and Larry Hamilton
 Nancy Kahn
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 Levi - Campbell Family
 Sue and Keith Maddison
Special birthday of Dale Ronnel
 Karla and Larry Back
 Toos and Art Pfeifer
Ed Kaplan's 80th birthday
 Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

IN MEMORY OF:
Caleen Estelita
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 Adam Hoffman

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IN HONOR OF:
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 Rabbi Barry Block
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Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hoffman
 Adam Hoffman

WISHING A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:
Charlie Friedman
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IN MEMORY OF:
Meredith Baskin
 Ellyn Polsky and Howard Bresnik
Rich Lewis
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IN HONOR OF:
Bar Mitzvah of David Bauman
 Ellyn Polsky and Howard Bresnik
Doris Krain's birthday
 Ellyn Polsky and Howard Bresnik
Meg Marion
 Ellyn Polsky and Howard Bresnik

IN APPRECIATION OF:
Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy
 Aniko Diamant

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 Dr. Carmen Arick and
 Ms. Emily Adams
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 Dr. Carmen Arick and
 Ms. Emily Adams

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IN HONOR OF:
Eugene Krupitsky
 Kennon and Scot Goldsholl

SPECIAL NOTICE

CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINE FOR CHRONICLE

Contributions received by the 10th of any month will be published in the following month's Chronicle (except that the Chronicle isn't published in January or July.) Contributions received after the 10th of the month will be published in the next Chronicle thereafter.



Schmoozerama

GET SOCIAL FOR A POT LUCK DINNER, GREAT MOVIE, AND DISCUSSION.

Saturday, March 30 • 6:00 pm

"Norman: The Moderate Rise and Fall of a New York Fixer"

A financial schemer (Richard Gere) finds himself in the middle of an international scandal after he becomes a political adviser to the new prime minister (Lior Ashkenazi) of Israel.



LAFTY NEWS

LAFTY is pleased to announce that David Ronnel has been elected our freshman representative. We created a new 9th grade committee, and we are super excited about the strong leadership and participation our 9th graders are showing. Stand by for more the 9th grade committee will be doing this year. We had a fun program after elections written by Hallie Pingle & Brock Jacobs. LAFTY had a 2nd meeting about the Purim Carnival. We have fun things in store, so be sure to attend on March 10, 2019.

Thank you to Jennifer Ronnel for being the Purim Carnival Parent Coordinator!!

We all know how important LaFTY is!

Please support LaFTY by being a Purim Carnival Sponsor. Call the Temple office or Eileen directly:

Queen Esther's Heroes:	\$360.00
Mordechai's Mensches:	\$180.00
Queen Vashiti's Supporters:	\$108.00
LaFTY Lovers:	\$72.00
Carnival Barkers:	\$36.00

Thank you to Donna and Barry Goldman for accompanying eight teens to New Orleans for WinterGras on Feb. 22 - 24. We appreciate their support.

MIDDLE LAFTY NIGHT OUT DINNER AND PROGRAM

FOR THOSE IN GRADES 6 – 8
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: 6 – 7:30 PM

Pre-Purim Minute to Win It (Silly) Games

In the spirit of Purim, let's get silly in some friendly competition. Pizza dinner, Hamantaschen, and drink - \$8.00/student. RSVP by 3/4.

SHABBAT IS SHALOM: FAMILY DINNER AND PROGRAM FOR KIDS Pre-Pesach Family Program on Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm

Services at 6:15 for Kabbalat Shabbat and blessings
(All Music Shabbat)

Picnic style dinner in the Children's Library –
stories, crafts, and games.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 27. \$15.00/family for dinner.

Calling all Middle Schoolers – grades 6, 7, 8 BIG WEEKEND AT JACOBS CAMP



Registration is open for NFTY-SO NFTY678 Retreat!

March 22-24, 2019

URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp, Utica, MS

Grades 6-8

Don't miss out on the weekend of your life at camp with friends from all around the region. Registration is due by Feb. 20 for the early bird rate. Transportation is free for all who attend thanks to a generous grant from JFAR, Temple, and Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Partial registration scholarships are available.

Questions? Call Eileen.

GET READY FOR LAFTY PURIM CARNIVAL

Purim Carnival planning is beginning soon by our Freshman Committee. Keep your eyes out for new additions to the carnival to the usual fun: CakeWalk, prizes, crafts, lunch and more. Arm bands will be available for all day play for kids of all ages @ \$36.00 – unlimited games and attractions.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE TO HELP SUPPORT LAFTY AND NFTY SO. SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

Mordechai'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:
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Two Men in a Wood

Nearly a half century ago two men walked in the woods...these woods which you see before you, separated from us only by a sheet of glass. One was an older established architect named Noland Blass. The other was a younger architect, a rising star, named Gene Levy. They were competitors and representatives of the two largest architectural-engineering firms in the state. Gene had worked for Noland in summers as he completed his college years but now worked in the firm of his father-in-law. They wore boots and jeans and walked the ground, softened by the cushion of decades of pine needles at their feet. They had accepted the joint task from the Temple Board, of designing the new Temple - this new Temple... which both of their great grandfathers had helped found a hundred years before. They would be co-architects.

They could easily have chosen to bulldoze these woods, flatten the site and present an ediface directly on the main transportation artery below us so all passers-by could view and admire their design. They chose instead a more humble approach. The woods would be saved. Each tree not in the building footprint would be taped and protected during construction, and would remain. The terrain would also be respected - the building would be OF the site and not simply rest on a bulldozed gouge in the hillside - its floors, walls and roofs would move up and across the hill. The inside and outside walls would be made of the Arkansas soil - bricks cast from nearby Arkansas earth.

The two men, one younger, one older, who were otherwise competitors for every new building commission in the state, rented a small office and spent hours each day working together - just the two of them. As you look around and crain your heads to look up,

be certain that every brick joint, every window mullion, every light fixture location and every piece of religious art was personally considered and conceived by these two designers, in that small office, together. Though the men had attended colleges far removed from each other and had very different design philosophies, Gene stated recently that, remarkably, there were no disagreements during the whole design process. They formed a partnership with each other and their Temple - a romance... a holy union.

The beauty of the Temple lies therefore not only in its soaring space and its gorgeous views, and its handsome walls, but in the humble partnership of two architects who nestled their new Temple design in the woods.

As we interact with others within and outside these Temple walls, may we consider and follow the lead of the two men who might have been more concerned with drawing attention to themselves and their designs, but humbly placed their building within the woods... and who might have argued, and diminished the talents of the other but chose to get along, work together and form a holy union with each other and their Temple. Just look around to see the beauty which can result from trying to understand and respect each other.

*Written by Jim Pfeifer, February, 2019,
for the memorial service of Gene P. Levy*

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FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

Chances are you know a little something about Purim, but not the whole story. Chances are you recognize the character names and know that Haman is the bad guy. Chances are you know that we eat Hamantaschen on Purim and chances are you do not like the prune ones. But did you know that the word Purim means lots, a lottery to choose the date that Haman planned to kill all the Jews in Ahashverous' large kingdom? Chances are that you know Esther as the heroine, and chances are you know that Haman was sent to the gallows in the end.

What you may not know is that there are mitzvot associated with the holiday of Purim – ones that are fulfilling and gratifying if observed. Yes, the usual meal is eaten with festivity, and we come together to hear the reading of the megillah. What is even better is the commandment to give gifts to friends and those in need. There are three mitzvot associated with the holiday called *Mishloach Manot*: giving two gifts of money, food, or clothes to the poor; sending gifts of two different foods to friends; eating a festive meal consisting of food and wine.

What a wonderful excuse to share your gifts with others – time to give away clothes and toys to those in need; and bake some of your favorite recipes to offer as gifts, and an excuse to relax with a glass or two of wine. And one last thing to remember: Haman drew lots to make an ugly decision and in the end, it was he who was led to the gallows. Bad and quick decisions do not work out – and even when we are tending to our friends and taking care of others with tzedakah and gifts, we need to remember evil is an enemy – just like Haman. Choose carefully. Happy Purim.

PURIM RIDDLE BY RABBI RIDDLE

Q: What's the difference between Haman and a phone call?

A: Nothing! When we are finished, we can hang them up.

FAMILY TALK

IF Purim is a joyous holiday of the Jews being saved, yet Haman and his sons were hanged for their evil plan, how can we celebrate with great festivity and joy?

The word Hamantaschen is taken from the German for Haman's purse or pocket, as the filling is folded into the center of the cookies. In Israel, they call these cookies, Oznai Haman – Haman's ears.

Why do you think so?

Esther had to go before the King to ask for the safety of her people. Would you have the courage to face the king? To tell him you are Jewish when you know you could have easily been put to death to approaching the king and revealing your secret?

CLUB 13 – PRE-BAR AND BAT MITZVAH CLUB

Saturday, March 2 and March 30
11:00 - 12:30 pm

Students, parents and tutors - Join us for Shabbat in March when our students will help lead services on Shabbat morning. This is a great opportunity for all our pre-B'nai Mitzvah students to attend services in preparation to lead worship.

* Please note new dates



All things Purim at B'nai Israel

- Calling all Teens: Lafty Purim planning and prep ~ March 9 for a dinner and set up. All hands on deck for the Purim Carnival.
- PURIM CARNIVAL: lunch, games, carnival, bouncy house, and more. Wrist bands available for kids of all ages for all day play @ \$36.00. Individual tokens also available.



What?!?!? You don't have a Miriam's Cup?!?!?

Then please join Sisterhood for our fun event:

Make Your Own Miriam's Cup

Wednesday, March 6th
6:00-8:00pm

(at The Painted Pig Ceramics Studio in the Heights)

Ellyn Polsky will talk about the important role
Miriam played in our history during hors d'oeuvres.
Then, we will design and paint our own goblets*

Bring your daughters and granddaughters, nieces and friends!
\$20/per person which includes the cup, paint & materials and food!

Please RSVP: cheryl.lynne.streiff@gmail.com by Feb. 28th

NOTE: *They will be fired and ready for Miriam's Seder on April 4th

Shabbat Club

Saturday, March 2: 11:00 am

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel and
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Reform Judaism: Past, Present, and Future

Sunday morning,
March 3 • 9:30-11:00 am

No prior knowledge or reading required or expected.
However, interested participants may wish to visit
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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.
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