

THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Congregation B'nai Israel runs on volunteer-power. A considerable amount of the effort expended to serve God and community at this synagogue is freely given, an act of generosity on the part of our members.

I would be wise not to attempt to catalogue the volunteer endeavors of our members. Some are right out front in the view of the congregation. Others labor behind the scenes. Our elected leaders devote a tremendous amount of time and energy to the congregation.

Recently, as Editor of *The Mussar Torah Commentary*, forthcoming from CCAR Press, I read a reflection on volunteer generosity by Rabbi Yair Robinson of Wilmington, Delaware. He tells the story of the hospitalized congregant who declines any support from the Caring & Sharing Committee, exclaiming, "But rabbi, I'm on the Caring & Sharing Committee!"

Needless to say, that woman was as entitled to support as anyone, if not more so. Still, Rabbi Robinson points to a real phenomenon: Some volunteers are uncomfortable with being on the receiving end of the selfless generosity of others.

Rabbi Robinson quotes an Episcopal colleague who calls such volunteers "half generous." Yes, they are fully giving of their own time. However, they fail to notice that no volunteer effort is possible without recipients of that generosity. By contrast, some people on the receiving end are not able, at least in the moment, to give. They are reluctant to accept *tzedakah* or volunteer assistance because they fear that doing so will obligate them to give.

Rabbi Robinson counsels that we all learn to be fully generous. We do not all have the same amount of discretionary income, flexible time, or talent. Sometimes, the most we will be able to volunteer is gratitude, thanking the person who has provided for us. Saying "thank you," too, is generous.

God is the ultimate Volunteer, freely providing for us at all times. Whether we demonstrate gratitude by stepping up to take on Temple tasks or giving our time at Our House, we are reciprocating God's gifts. Then, we really are fully generous.

Faithfully,

Rabbi Barry H. Block

Worship at a Glance

Friday, June 7

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
 "Shabbat in the Rock," All Music Shabbat Service, led by the Stars of David and Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm
 Pre-Nuptial Blessing of Stephanie Bloom and Spencer Lucker
Candles & Kiddush: Liz Lucker & Mary Machen, Stephanie Bloom & Spencer Lucker
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Liz Lucker and Mary Machen, in honor of pre-nuptial blessing of Stephanie Bloom and Spencer Lucker
Bimah Flowers Sponsor: Liz Lucker and Mary Machen, in honor of pre-nuptial blessing of Stephanie Bloom and Spencer Lucker; Gus Block, in honor of Daniel Block's Confirmation

Saturday, June 8

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

Friday, June 14

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
 Sisterhood Shabbat
Music: Meg Marion, Charlie Friedman, Emily Adams, Richard Estelita, Josiah Wheeler
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Spitzberg family, in memory of Marie Seeman Spitzberg
Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, June 15

Torah Study, led by Eileen Hamilton, at 9:30 am
 Shabbat Service, led by Ellyn Polsky, at 11:00 am

Friday, June 21

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
 Pride Shabbat Service at 6:15 pm, with special guest, Student Cantor Kalix Jacobson
Music: Steve Bauman, Liz Cohen, Charlie Friedman, Jana Cohen
Candles: Valeria Faber
Kiddush: Florence House
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Trudy and Jerry Jacobson, in honor of Kalix Jacobson, Student Cantor in honor of the birthdays of Kalix Jacobson and Gene Jacobson
Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, June 22

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

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Please join us for the 152nd Annual Meeting of B'nai Israel Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Worship at a Glance continued...

Friday, June 28

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
Mishkan T'filah Service, led by Meg Marion, at 6:15pm.
Music: David Bauman
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood
Bimah Flowers Sponsor: Flora Sanders in memory of
Selma Loeb Sanders

Saturday, June 29

Torah Study, led by Meg Marion, at 9:30 am
Shabbat Services,
led by Emily Adams and Carmen Arick, at 11:00 am

Friday, July 5

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
UPB-Sinai Edition Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15pm.
Sermon: What Adults Can Learn from Jacobs Camp
Music: Jeff Neuhauser
Reader: Phillip Spivey, in celebration of his birthday
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood
Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, July 6

Torah Study, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, at 9:30 am
Shabbat Services, led by Lynn and Bruce Greenberg, at 11:00 am

Friday, July 12

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
Mishkan T'filah Service led by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, at 6:15 pm
Music: Meg Marion, Charlie Friedman, Emily Adams,
Richard Estelita, Liz Cohen
Candles & Kiddush: Arleen and Brian Marshall,
in celebration of their anniversary
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood
Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, July 13

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, at 9:30 am
Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, at 11:00 am

Friday, July 19

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
Mishkan T'filah Service led by Emily Lewis, at 6:15pm
Music: Steve Bauman
Candles & Kiddush: Trudy and Jerry Jacobson,
in celebration of their anniversary
Reader: Annabelle Tuck, in celebration of her birthday
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood
Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, July 20

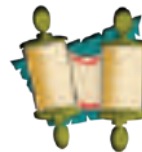
Torah Study, led by Ellyn Polsky, at 9:30 am
Shabbat Service, led by Emily Lewis, at 11:00 am

Friday, July 26

Oneg Shabbat 5:45 - 6:15 pm
Mishkan T'filah Service led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm
Sermon: "Holocaust Denial"
Music: Jeff Neuhauser
Candles & Kiddush: Timothy Kessler & Josiah Wheeler,
in celebration of their anniversary
Reader: Rita Fagan, in celebration of her birthday
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood
Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, July 27

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



Please join us for CONFIRMATION

Festival Service for the Eve of Shavuot

Saturday, June 8, 2019: 5:30 pm

Service followed by reception in honor of our Confirmation
students given by their parents.

Daniel Dollinger Block

Son of Dr. Toni Dollinger and Rabbi Barry Block

Eli David Goldman

Son of Barry Goldman & Donna Kirkwood, and Joanna Krussel

Henry Lane Kramer

Son of Ellen Korenblat and Luke Kramer

Hallie Kate McGarry

Daughter of Jamie and Thomas McGarry

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

JAMES LESLIE COFFEY

father of Lisa Coffey (and Cidney) Hulett

DAN YOUNG

father of Perry (and Regina) Young

President's Message

We have been as busy as ever around CBI. It is so hard to believe that it is June already.

First the education part of the Temple: Religious school finished strong in early May with lots of energy and smiling faces as everyone celebrated Israel's 71st birthday. Eileen Hamilton and all the wonderful teachers and Madrichim have much to be proud of. Please be sure to mark your calendars to attend Confirmation on June 8th at 5:30. The Confirmands have worked hard all year preparing for this meaningful conclusion to their religious school journey. Please honor them by attending this significant life-cycle event. Confirmation is followed by a traditional Shavuot study called *Tikkun Layl Shavuot*. Another chance to study and gather together as a community.

Now for some social news: We held our first "Social Engagement Cocktail Party" this month. It was very well-attended and everyone really enjoyed it. It was so nice to catch up with everyone and just enjoy being together over good conversation, delicious food, and refreshing drinks. We hope to make this a bi-annual event so be on the lookout for more information and how to get involved.

And finally, the business: please plan to attend the 152nd Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at 7:00 PM. We will go over the financials and vote on the slate for the 2019-2020 Temple Board. Catch up on the state of 'State of the Temple' and be part of what is, and what can be for your congregation.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Happy summer!

Carol P. Parham, President



LEAVE A LEGACY
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

The Board of Temple B'nai Israel has established a planned giving program to secure a future for our Reform Jewish congregation as illustrious as our past. Planned gifts might include bequests or other deferred commitments. No gift is too small and every gift is a testament to your Jewish heritage. If you would like more information on making a legacy gift, please leave your name with the Temple office (225-9700) and a volunteer will contact you.



Thank You Office Volunteers

Milt Baer, Aniko Diamant, Esther Gordon

Mazel Tov

to **Marilyn Ronnel**, daughter of **Jennifer and Steve Ronnel**, and **Sophia Young**, daughter of **Regina and Perry Young**, both recipients of Thea Foundation scholarships for placing in the top ten finalists statewide in the highly competitive performing arts category.

to **Loris Fullerton**, recipient of the President's Award at the UA Little Rock Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration.

to **James Moses**, whose book, *Just and Righteous Causes: Rabbi Ira Sanders and the struggle for Civil Rights and Social Justice in Arkansas 1926-1963*, has been named the 2019 winner of the Booker Worthen Literary Prize, awarded by the Central Arkansas Library System!

to **Trudy and Jerry Jacobson** on the engagement of their grandchild, Kalix Jacobson, to Vida Weiss.

to **Dr. Karin Waugh Zucker**, who received the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement from the American College of Legal Medicine.

to **Brett Gastman**, son of **Circy and Michael Gastman**, recipient of the Joe T. Robinson High School Principal's award. This award is given to the boy with the highest GPA in the 10th grade class.



Student Cantor Kalix Jacobson, Special Guest for Pride Shabbat

Student Cantor Kalix Jacobson is slated to be our special guest for Pride Shabbat, Friday, June 21, at 6:15pm Shabbat services. Kalix is a grandchild of our congregants Trudy and Jerry Jacobson. Kalix's visit to our congregation is made possible by a generous grant from the Bauman Music Fund.

Kalix Jacobson is an incoming second year cantorial student at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, recently returning from a year abroad in Israel. They are from St. Louis, MO, but they long have called Little Rock their home as well. They are a long-time professional musician and songwriter, and will be taking their talents this year to the Village Temple and Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City. When they're not playing music or studying, they like to spend their time learning about economics and finance, or eating delicious vegetarian or vegan food with their (carnivore) fiancée.

YAHRZEITS: JUNE/JULY 2019

JUNE 7

Louis J. Abramson
D. Justus Baumgarten
Jacob Blass
Daniel Disabato
Billie Evans
Adolf Feibelman
Anita Fortson
Joseph Goetz
Gertrude Green
Charles Edward Joseph
Abraham Kempner
Minnie E. Lasker
Hannah Levinson
John D. Levinson
Fannie Pinkus Meyer
Lillian Miller
Arthur H. Pfeifer
Joyce Ritirato
Louis Rosen
Ella Lyons Rudolph
Ophie Ryburn
Lucille L. Sachs
Joel F. Schlosberg
Joseph Shrader
Frank Wojs
Leo Wolff

JUNE 14

Harry Balkin
Stanley M. Bauman, Sr.
Bernard Cohen
Leon Dreyfus
Seymour S. Fleisig
Joan Hamburger
Carolyn Pfeifer Horchow
Fannie S. Kaiser
Stella M. Kempner
Cecille Pfeifer Landauer
Myron B. Lasker, Sr.
Flora Loeb
Don M. Mann
Margretta Navra
Fay Smulian Pfeifer
Bernard Sabin
Theodore M. Sanders
Anchel Schiffman
Maurine Weisman Simon
Hillel Sloan
Harry B. Solmson, Sr.
Belle Spiegelman
Karl Weil
Sara Weinberg
Sheila Young

JUNE 21

Joan S. Abowitz
Richard Bresnik
Joseph Brint
Jerry Bronfman
Miriam Anne Brown
Nathalia Ethridge
Juanita Gonzalez
Carolyn Levy Greenberg
Jeffrey Hart
Robert J. Heiman
Jules Andre Ifrah
Gary Kaplan
Theresa Kauffman
Mark Krain
Abraham Lindenberg
Laurie Jean Loeb
Hannah Louchheim
Evelyn Feit Lowenberg
Joan Storthz Moore
Dora Pasink
Beulah Pinkus
Leatrice "Lit" Block Rosen
Charles C. Rubenstein
Robert Sakon
Stanley Edgar Sheets
Marie Seeman Spitzberg
Anna Stachmus
Theresa J. Storthz
David Wuntch

JUNE 28

Louis J. Alexander
Fanny Besser
Sheryl Besser
Robert Bronfman
Max Bushman
Belle Pfeifer Cohen
Rose Mae Dante
E. Charles Eichenbaum
Joseph A. Franklin
Gina Gilson
Avrome David Goldberg
Al J. Goodman, Sr.
David Jacobs
Howard Kahn
Myron B. Lasker, Jr.
Bella Levy
Henry Morris Levy
Raymond Maer
Sarah Marcus
Ida Navra
Phillip Ottenheimer
Matilda Pareira

Leo Pfeifer
Lou M. Samuel
Selma Loeb Sanders
Ada Lee Shack
Sylvia Hirsch Shrader
Morris Solomon
Siesel Thalheimer
Adolf Wolff
Louis Yahm

JULY 5

Sadye Backal
Eli Bennett
Raymond E. Block, Sr.
Doris Meyer Cohen
Mannie Ehrenberg
Clare L. Goodman
Monte Barry Goodman
Dave Grundfest, Jr.
Brian Kelle Hodge
Daniel H. Jacobi
Lee A. Kretchmar
Emmanuel Krupitsky
Eugene M. Pfeifer, Sr.
Jamie Cohn Reutlinger
Dora Paley Ronnel
Moe Louis Sachs
John M. Samuel
Jessie Sanders
Joseph Scholem
Rose Froug Smulian
Harold Tenenbaum
Joe I. Wagner
Florence Wald
Eugene Wallis

JULY 12

William B. Adams
Evelyn Axler
Flora Fay Barrier
Isabel R. Blass
Beatrice G. Block
Rose Braunfeld
Bertha Sanders Cohen
Esther Lasker Ehrman
Gus M. Gans
Albert Harrison-Wilkinson
Malcohn Katzenstein
Aaron Katzenstein
Meyer Kaufman
Shirley Gallos Lockwood
Michael S. Loeb
Madolyn Levy Marks
Lazarus Isar Palnick

Susan Rodell
Isaac Rosen
Fred Selz
Louis A. Snyderman
Bobette Thalheimer
Gene Wallis

JULY 19

Jacob L. Cohen
Sonya Fertel Dumont
Rita Gartenberg
Hirsch Jacobi
David Knopping
Raphael Levy
Juliet Kronberg Lyons
Bertram W. Roberts
Debbie Sharp
Michael Vogler

JULY 26

Noland Blass, Jr.
M. R. Carb Sr.
Joan Fried
Owen Simon Gerson
Joseph Gurdin
Ida Gurinsky
Rosa K. Heiman
Rose Itzkowitz
Leon Israel Jacobson
Jack May
Barry Meyers
Florence Navra
Philip Pfeifer
Martha Rosenthal
Miriam Julia Selz
Henry Silbernagel
Janet Stern
Bruce Thalheimer, Sr.
J. H. Dooley Weil
Eddy S. Weintraub
Virginia Zinser

June 2019

Iyyar 5779/Sivan 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Iyyar 27 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
2 Iyyar 28	3 Iyyar 29	4 Sivan 1 7:00 pm Calendar Meeting	5 Sivan 2 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Final Confirmation Rehearsal	6 Sivan 3 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn	7 Sivan 4 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm All Music Shabbat and Preuptial Blessing of Stephanic Bloom and Spencer Lucker	8 Sivan 5 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 5:30 pm Shavuot Eve Service for Confirmation 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Tikkun Lail Shavuot Late Night Study Session
9 Sivan 6 10:00 am Shavuot Morning Service including Yizkor - Memorial Prayers	10 Sivan 7	11 Sivan 8	12 Sivan 9	13 Sivan 10	14 Sivan 11 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Sisterhood Shabbat	15 Sivan 12 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
16 Sivan 13	17 Sivan 14	18 Sivan 15 7:00 pm Annual Meeting	19 Sivan 16	20 Sivan 17 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn	21 Sivan 18 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Pride Shabbat, with Student Cantor Kalix Jacobson	22 Sivan 19 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
23 Sivan 20	24 Sivan 21	25 Sivan 22 7:00 pm Sisterhood Kick off Meeting	26 Sivan 23	27 Sivan 24	28 Sivan 25 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan Tfilah Shabbat Service	29 Sivan 26 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
30 Sivan 27						



July 2019

Sivan 5779/Tammuz 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Sivan 28	2 Sivan 29	3 Sivan 30	4 Tammuz 1 Temple Office Closed AHiDay Closed	5 Tammuz 2 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB Sinai Edition Shabbat Service	6 Tammuz 3 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
7 Tammuz 4	8 Tammuz 5	9 Tammuz 6	10 Tammuz 7	11 Tammuz 8	12 Tammuz 9 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan Tfilah Service	13 Tammuz 10 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
14 Tammuz 11	15 Tammuz 12 CHRONICLE DEADLINE	16 Tammuz 13	17 Tammuz 14	18 Tammuz 15	19 Tammuz 16 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan Tfilah Service	20 Tammuz 17 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
21 Tammuz 18	22 Tammuz 19	23 Tammuz 20	24 Tammuz 21	25 Tammuz 22	26 Tammuz 23 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan Tfilah Service	27 Tammuz 24 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
28 Tammuz 25	29 Tammuz 26	30 Tammuz 27	31 Tammuz 28	CHRONICLE DEADLINE JULY 15 FOR AUGUST ISSUE		



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lance Bogoslavsky Daniel Rodell Milo Krain	2 David Lockwood Virginia Thorndike	3 Lee Ronnel A'60 Webb/Parish A'14 Cherry Goldsholl	4 Block/Parker A'14 Melinda Tobian	5 David Lockwood A'74 Susan Weinstein Alex Shindler	6 Jon Flaxman Krysten Levin Phillip Spivey
7 Jerry Jacobson A'60 Fred Levin A'73 Connie Falls Ann Williams	8 Brian Marshall A'67 Dick Williams	9 Ben Gilson A'04 L.R. Jalenek Rabbi Gene Levy Hallie Pingle	10 Jimmy Moses A'71 Tad Phillips June Freeman Lucy Goldman	11 Chester Storthz A'77 Nan Selz	12 Karin Bara	13 David Rosen
14	15 Annabelle Tuck Hannah Yoder	16 Bruce Greenberg A'78 Bill Rubenstein A'93	17 Elaine Berg Sandra Levin Emilie Arrants	18 Howard Barnhard Bethany Minton	19	20 Rhys Branman Leslie Brotman Marla Shivers Joseph Stafford Jared Williams
21 Bobbye Levy Jeff Lux Jacob Collins Sydney Shemper	22 Amie Nachmann A'78 Michael Schmitz A'90 Horakova/Strauss A'08 Audrey Evans Stephen Jacobs Caroline Goldsholl	23 Kessler/Wheeler A'16 Gary Weisbly A'67 Richard Lowens	24 Levi/Campbell A'94	25 Howard Barnhard A'87 Becky Mobly Leah Rothberg	26 Michael Marion Perry Young	27 Robin West A'80 Jonathan Casciano
28 Rita Fagan	29 Keith Maddison A'79 Matther Lopas Allan Mendel Amie Townley Brea Stevens	30 Dale Cohen A'13 Josh Shemper A'00 Benny Mobly Ethan Strauss	31 Dick Williams A'55			

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

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Kirkwood/Goldman A'14 Nathan Bernstein Melanie Nodelman	2 Robynn Zinser	3 Serena Grace Wolfe
4 Meg Marion Kaitlyn Stratton	5 John Moore A'06 Lauren B. Gordon Thomas McGarry Carol Mendel	6 Clark-Lopas A'00 Jon Dranoff A'06 Jacob Brown	7	8 Mikhail Ivanovsky A'92 Rachel Dranoff	9 Galina Krupitsky David Shindler	10 Arduse Sonnier
11 Gene Pfeifer A'95 Philip Spivey A'02 Tettlebaum/Stuber A'02 Laura Bogoslavsky	12 Rebecca Ivanovsky	13 Doug Meyer Nina Reiss	14 David Bauman A'99 Rochelle Goldsholl Toos Pfeifer Jerry Sherman Debbie Stevens	15	16 Beth Levi Marianne Tettlebaum	17 Michael Simon A'80 Karin Zucker
18 Edward Kaplan A'68 Joann Matson Cori McGrath Patty Monoson Alan Thalheimer	19 Nancy Ryburn Liz Schwehm Chris Strauss	20 Teddy Ferguson	21 Celia Bamhard	22 Morris Levy Candice Wilons Daniela Berlinski	23 Brina Daniels	24 Ariel Berlinski A'91
25 Nancy Rosen Henry Kramer	26 Richard Bronfman A'89 Carmen Arick Sarah Minton	27 Lawrence Gerson Hannah Lopas	28 L.R. Jalenek A'55	29 Jeremy Schwehm Bruce Thalheimer	30 James Aronson A'97 Jeff Nodelman A'98 Jane Goff Joy Liaw Noel Strauss Saoirse Davidson	31 Scott Levine A'86 Justin Axelroth Leah Goldsholl

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THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Block

Anonymous
Karin Waugh Zucker and
Martin Boyle

B'nai Mitzvah of Justin and Phillip Young

Regina and Perry Young

IN MEMORY OF:

Nina Krupitsky

Asya, Bernard, Diana and
David Lewis

Susan Stroock

Chris Hackler

IN HONOR OF:

Wedding of Matt Mershon and Jared Williams

Jeff and Elaine Mershon

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

IN HONOR OF:

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Regina and Perry Young

Birthday of Dale Ronnel

from your children and
grandchildren

Birthday of Tracye Townley

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Jane and Scott Levine

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Temple Musicians

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Anonymous

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IN HONOR OF:

Confirmation of Daniel Block, Eli Goldman, Henry Kramer, and Hallie McGarry

Rabbi Barry Block

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IN MEMORY OF:

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Milt Baer and Carole Hamon

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Class will begin in the fall (minimum for class is 3) for a spring
B'nai Mitzvah ceremony.

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

What do Educators do in the summer, you ask. I suppose some take elaborate trips, while others study, and some may bask in the sun. I like to plan. And spend some time at Jacobs Camp, of course. I consistently dream year after year that I can plan out a whole school year ahead of time and just let it run its course from August through May. While I have been successful in planning in the past, I have not fulfilled the mission completely – yet. Again, starting now, I am planning for the 2019-2020 school year. What to do differently? What to do better? What do our students and families want? How to approach each change and tweak.

For starters, I want to capture the unique culture of B'nai Israel by designing a curriculum that teaches the areas our students want to and need to learn and strengthen the things they already know and love. Ideally if we can identify new and exciting topics that pique the interest of not only our students but the teachers as well, we will continue to grow together as a community.

Community is one of the strongest assets that B'nai Israel possesses. Each member of the congregation feels excited and welcomed in this environment. Smiles, hugs, and support extend through the generations and cohorts. If we continue to strengthen community, it becomes 'our community' – a *kehillah kedoshah* – a holy community made up of students, teachers, parents, and congregational members. And when we mix in innovative programming and new concepts, information, and ideas, we pique our interests once again to learn – for the sake of learning – *Torah Lishmah*.

As we begin a new year of religious school, test and challenge your family to seek what is new and learn something beyond the basics. Parents – attend the adult learning sessions at 9:30; and students – ask the big questions that will take you into Jewish adulthood. The possibilities are endless – and exciting too. Looking forward to seeing the B'nai Israel community come together once again in August of 2019 for what promises to be a full year of Jewish fulfillment.

Shavuot Festival and Yizkor Service Set for Sunday, June 9

Festival services for the Shavuot are scheduled for
Sunday, June 9, at 10:00 am, in the Chapel.

Rabbi Block will officiate, with music led by David Bauman. *Yizkor* – Memorial prayers will be offered during this service, and Rabbi Block plans to read the names of members and relatives of members who have died since last Shavuot.



TIKKUN LAYL SHAVUOT

Saturday, June 8: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

'THE MOST MODERN INTERPRETATION OF
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS'

Facilitated by Eileen Hamilton and all of you...who attend. Come into a discussion about how the commandments can be seen and interpreted by millennials and Generation Z's. This will be so enlightening to hear how our newest generation are 'living the life!'

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We had a great year at religious school. Thanks to the many who made our last day so special with the Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration. From Escape Room to Israeli Dancing to a Falafel lunch – all was so festive.

Save the date for our 2019-2020 OPENING DAY:

Sunday, August 25, 2019

A Year of Kehillah – a strong B'nai Israel Community Together
 Registration will begin on July 1. We will keep you posted.



Look who's going to Jacobs or Jewish summer Camp from B'nai Israel:

Eli Krupitsky, Sam Levin, Andrew Stafford, Emerson Reiss, Rylee Krupitsky, Milo Krain, Cohen Townley, Phillip Levin, Evie Dranoff, Nate Dranoff, Sadie Elson, Cici Singer, Caitlin Reiss, Mira Krain, Ben Casciano, Mackenzie Gilson, Lily Gordon, Sam Hoffman, Rafa Levi, Roxy Sonnier, Emily Wagner, Daniel Block, Lilah Goldman, Dylan Nodelman, Louis Reagler, Tillie Reagler, Sydney Shemper, Rebecca Ivanovsky, Teddy Ferguson, Jordan Collins, Hallie Pingel, William Cohen, Brock Jacobs, Larry Jacobs.

And looks who's going to Israel for the summer on a NfTY teen trip:
 Eli Goldman!

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