

**THE RABBI SPEAKS**



**RABBI BARRY BLOCK**

Dear Friends:

Last month, New York Times columnist David Leonhardt wrote an opinion piece entitled, "I'm Not Quoting Enough Women." He cited a French journalist, a woman named Adrienne LaFrance, who submitted her own work for examination, and was appalled to find that women made up only 25% of her sources. LaFrance had already been eager to assure that women's voices appeared in her work, and was disappointed to learn that her conscious attempts to do so had failed. (25% is apparently about average.)

Leonhardt found a similar imbalance in his own writing. Therefore, he began to take concrete steps to change his ways. He writes, "I made a simple rule: No newsletter [that Leonhardt writes] can cite the work of only one gender. Every newsletter has to be coed." The result: "In recent months, more than 40 percent of the writers mentioned in the newsletter have been women. By comparison, less than 20 percent of the people mentioned in my weekly column have been women." As LaFrance told Leonhardt, "Caring is not enough. You have to figure out how to do something about it."

Leonhardt then did more. "I have created all-female Twitter feeds in several fields – economics, politics, national security, and so on." The goal is to identify women whom he may quote in articles in areas where women have traditionally been underrepresented.

As Reform Jews, we perceive that we have solved this problem. Fully one-third of Reform rabbis today are women; a generation from now, the proportion of women rabbis will grow to at least 50%. Still, men are more often quoted than women, even in Reform Jewish contexts. Let me illustrate with a sad example: five rabbis eulogized Rabbi Aaron Panken, Ph.D., the President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, after he was killed in a tragic plane crash last month. Two of those five were women, and they were his sister and sister-in-law. However, virtually no article in the Jewish Press mentioned that these two women were on the rabbis, and certainly didn't quote them, among copious citations from the eulogies delivered by the male rabbis.

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*Worship at a Glance*

**Friday, June 1**

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Eileen Hamilton, at 6:15 pm

**Music:** Steve Bauman

**Candles and Kiddush:** Rose and Ed Back,  
 in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Naomi Zottoli

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Saturday, June 2**

Torah Study, led by Eileen Hamilton, at 9:30 am

Services, led by Ellyn Polsky, at 11:00 am

**Friday, June 8**

Pride Shabbat, led by members of the LGBTQ+A  
 Chavurah and Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

**D'var Torah:** Tim Kessler

**Music:** David Bauman, Meg Marion, Charlie Friedman,  
 Josiah Wheeler

**Candles:** Catherine Norwood

**Kiddush:** Ron Lanoue

**Reader:** Philip Prousnitzer

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Saturday, June 9**

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

Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

**Friday, June 15**

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, celebrating Carmen Arick, President,  
 Congregation B'nai Israel, 2016-18, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

**Sermon:** "Honoring Carmen Arick: How Would Miriam Have  
 Responded to Korach's Rebellion?"

**Music:** Meg Marion, Richard Estelita, Josiah Wheeler,  
 Charlie Friedman

**Candles:** Emily Adams

**Kiddush:** Richard Estelita

**Reader:** Emily Lewis

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Saturday, June 16**

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

Shabbat Services, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

**Friday, June 22**

*UPB-Sinai Edition* Service, welcoming the presidency of  
 Carol Pfeifer Parham, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm.

**Sermon:** "Pfeifers of Arkansas: A Presidential Legacy"

**Music:** David Bauman, Jana Cohen, Richard Estelita,  
 Charlie Friedman

*Worship at a Glance continued...*

**Candles and Kiddush:** Toos and Art Pfeifer

**Reader:** Greg Parham

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

## Saturday, June 23

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

Shabbat Services, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

## Friday, June 29

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Muriel Lederman, at 6:15 pm.

Marianne Tettlebaum, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Arkansas, will speak on, "The Blessing of the Animals."

**Music:** Jeffrey Neuhauser

**Candles:** Silvana Berlinski

**Kiddush:** Phil Axelroth

**Reader:** Larry Alman, in celebration of his birthday

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, June 30

Torah Study, led by Meg Marion, at 9:30am

Shabbat Services, led by Lynn and Bruce Greenberg, at 11:00 am

## Friday, July 6

*UPB – Sinai Edition* Service led by Meg Marion, at 6:15 pm

**Music:** Steve Bauman

**Candles & Kiddush:** Arleen and Brian Marshall, in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Phillip Spivey, in celebration of his birthday

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, July 7

Torah Study, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, at 9:30 am

Shabbat Service, led by Ellyn Polsky, at 11:00 am

## Friday, July 13

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

**Music:** David Bauman, Meg Marion, Josiah Wheeler

**Candles & Kiddush:** Bobbye and Rabbi Eugene Levy, in celebration of their birthdays

**Reader:** David Rosen, in celebration of his birthday

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, July 14

Torah Study, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, at 9:30 am

Shabbat Service, led by Meg Marion and

Annabelle Imber Tuck, at 11:00 am

## Friday, July 20

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

**Sermon:** "What Deuteronomy Teaches Us about Memory"

**Music:** Jana Cohen

**Candles & Kiddush:** Lynn and Bruce Greenberg, in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, July 22

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

Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

## Friday, July 27

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

**Sermon:** "Thou Shalt Be a Mensch?"

One of the Ten Commandments?"

**Music:** Jeffrey Neuhauser

**Candles & Kiddush:** Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler, in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Rita Fagan, in celebration of her birthday

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Altar Flowers Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, July 28

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

Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

*The Rabbi Speaks continued...*

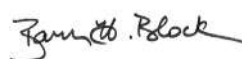
I have taken steps to try to address the imbalance at Congregation B'nai Israel and in my own work. There's no way to redress the reality that the congregation has only one rabbi, and I'm male. Recently, the bulk of volunteers who lead worship in my absence, though, have been women. We can do more:

- When we have special guest speakers from out of town, particularly rabbis, at least half of them can be women. In fact, we have already been doing that, however quietly, in recent years.
- When I am invited to participate on a panel, I will accept only if a woman will also be on the panel. (That's not my original idea. Leonhardt's column notes that men are increasingly adopting that stance.)
- When I'm unavailable to represent the congregation at a community event, and the participant is not required to be a member of the clergy, I offer primarily, if not exclusively, women's names.

I know that we can do more. I am eager to know your thoughts and suggestions.

This endeavor is critically important to our future. Our congregation, our Jewish people, and our nation will be stronger if it is built on the work and on the creative ideas of women and men.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

May was a delightful month for our congregation as we celebrated Shavuot and Confirmation with four wonderful young people. It was so inspiring to watch them lead the service with confidence and hear their thoughtful speeches describing their unique Jewish journeys. If ever you feel worried about the future, just spend some time with one of our young people. They are the very definition of hope. Congratulations to Teddy Ferguson, Jordan Collins, Isabella Ifrah, and Hallie Pingel. Your Temple family is so proud of you!

Speaking of family, I would like to continue from last month's column with thanks to some of the many individuals who make our congregation a home.

Joy Figarsky has served on the Executive Committee for the past two years as Administrative Vice President and before that as Secretary and Board member. Joy's impressive business experience has been invaluable in these roles. However, I think Joy's greatest gift to our Temple family has been in her role as LAFTY advisor. Joy's leadership in supporting and encouraging our youth has been phenomenal. As a result our youth are active and involved in Jewish life, in our community and regionally. Joy has given so generously of her time despite being on an airplane for business travel almost more often than she is on the ground. Thank you, Joy!

Janet Korenblat, as chair of the Caring and Sharing Committee, coordinates our Temple's outreach to those members who are ill or grieving. Janet arranges for post funeral and Shiva receptions, meals for those who are ill or grieving, and many other acts of caring. In addition, Janet serves on the Sustaining Fund Committee, ensuring that monies are expended responsibly for our building's needs. But did you know, she also sweeps, mops, scrubs, dusts and honestly, I don't know what all, to ensure our building is at its best for special occasions? Janet's quiet, behind the scenes leadership ensures our Temple feels like home when we most need it. Thank you, Janet.

Meg Marion - what is there that you do NOT do? From making delicious Challah, often in a personalized shape, to teaching Hebrew; from chairing the Adult Learning program, to leading services. Then, there is playing guitar, tutoring Bar/Bat Mitzvah kids (and adults) and serving on the Board. And perhaps most precious of all, your warm and friendly welcome to everyone who enters our doors. What a gift! Thank you!

Rich and Emily Lewis have given our Temple so much for so many years; my words cannot begin to adequately cover the span. Emily has both taught and been the Director of our Religious School. She and Rich have served as Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutors. Rich, of course, is a Past President and has served I don't know how many stints on the Board. While we were between rabbis, Rich and Emily chaired the Transition Committee and between the two of them kept the

Saturday morning Shabbat services going week in and week out. So much giving, so much love. This is family. Thank you, Rich and Emily, for helping us find the best in ourselves and each other.

There are so many others whose contributions make our congregation special.

Our Temple family would be incomplete without each and every one of YOU. Each of you has a gift to give, a gift our community needs. Thank you, each and every one for all you do and for all you are. A wonderful family.

Shalom,

Carmen Arick

Share your thoughts and ideas with me at [President@bnai-israel.us](mailto:President@bnai-israel.us)

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## MAZEL TOV

to **Kathy and David Bauman**, on the graduation of his daughter, **Annie Bauman**, who was awarded a doctorate in veterinary medicine by Louisiana State University.

to the new **LaFTY board**:

President: **Hallie Pingel**

Programming VP: **Daniel Block**

Social Action VP: TBD

Religious and cultural VP: **Isabella Ifrah**

Membership VP: **Larry Jacobs**

Communications VP: **Eli Goldman**

to **Joyce Franklin** on the recent marriage of her son, **David Korenblat** to **Betsy Barthol**.

to **Kirsta and Keith Nigro**, on the engagement of their daughter, **Jennifer Bolts**, to **Nathan School**. Congratulations also to Jenny's grandparents, **Sandy and Fred Levin**.

to **Joyce Franklin** on the birth of great-grandson **Arthur Forrest Sloan**. Proud parents are **Alex and Michael Sloan** of Fayetteville.

to **Betsy and Jim Aronson** and **Janet Aronson** on the upcoming wedding of **Jonathan Aronson** and **Lauren Appell**.

to **Rita and Morris Levy**, whose grandson, **Gabe Rechtman**, graduated from the University of Texas-Austin.

to **Annabelle Imber Tuck** who will be inducted into the Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame in August. Annabelle was the first woman elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court.

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## TODAH RABBAH

Many thanks to this year's Confirmation Class for giving money to purchase quality knives.



## THERE'S NO SUMMER LIKE A JEWISH SUMMER

### Look who is going to camp and representing Little Rock!

Rylee Krupitsky, Evie Dranoff, Nate Dranoff, Cohen Townley, Sadie Elson, Milo Krain, Roxy Sonnier, Lily Gordon, Emily Wagner, Mira Krain, Phillip Young, Justin Young, Caitlin Reiss, Sam Hoffman, Hannah Lopas, Rafa Levi, Lilah Goldman, Sydney Shemper, Alexa Shemper, Dylan Nodelman, Eli Goldman, Rebecca Ivanovsky, Devon Webb, Avery Webb; and on camp staff: Thomas Gerson, Jacob Collins, Larry Jacobs, Brock Jacobs, William Cohen, Nicole Mackey, Emma Figarsky. URJ Green Family Camp staff: Robert Block. Jacob's Camp Faculty: Rabbi Block, Eileen Hamilton, Ellyn Polsky

### And looks who's off to a NFTY Summer trip in Israel:

Daniel Block, Hallie Pingel

### And to Kutz Leadership camp:

Jordan Collins, Teddy Ferguson



## THE ROUTE IS CLEAR – TAKE IT! 2018/2019: MEGA MITZVAH-MANIA

B'nai Israel religious school opens on August 26, 2018  
Look for registration materials around July 1.



*and beyond...*

*Already? Why talk about Rosh Hashanah in June?*

### INTRODUCING: NEW AND IMPROVED CHILDREN'S SERVICES!

Let's get ready to celebrate: holidays and our community.  
9:00 – 9:45 am, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings.

After children's services, off to holiday themed activities at FREE child care (ages baby – age 10) that goes through the end of adult services, so parents can stay to worship. Crafts, games, and snacks included for all.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ARE FOR THE YOUNG CHILD AND YOUNG READERS - full of stories, songs, and sensory experiences. Services are not geared for children past fourth grade.

Services will end with the next path to the craft station to reinforce the message of the holiday, and then to child care in the Ati'Day classrooms for Rosh Hashanah appropriate lessons, stories, videos, snacks, and more.

Reservations for children care are a must. No drop-ins unless space allows. Sign in sheets will be at the classrooms for parents to leave their contact information. Parent pick up is immediately after adult services end.

Parents are asked to bring all needed supplies: diapers, bottles, blankets, change of clothes.

Extended Yom Kippur child care available by request.

# June 2018

# Sivan 5778/Tammuz 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>CHRONICLE DEADLINE JULY 15 FOR AUGUST ISSUE</b>						
<b>3</b> Sivan 20	<b>4</b> Sivan 21	<b>5</b> Sivan 22	<b>6</b> Sivan 23	<b>7</b> Sivan 24 11:00 am - 1:00 pm AtiDay graduation 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm Calendar Meeting	<b>8</b> Sivan 25 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service for Pride Shabbat	<b>9</b> Sivan 26 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
<b>10</b> Sivan 27	<b>11</b> Sivan 28	<b>12</b> Sivan 29 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm AtiDay Board Meeting	<b>13</b> Sivan 30	<b>14</b> Tammuz 1 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn	<b>15</b> Tammuz 2 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service honoring the presidency of Carmen Arick.	<b>16</b> Tammuz 3 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
<b>17</b> Tammuz 4 3:00 pm Al Barron Book Club - "36 Arguments for the existence of God"	<b>18</b> Tammuz 5	<b>19</b> Tammuz 6 General Primary (Runoff) Election 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm AtiDay Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Annual Meeting	<b>20</b> Tammuz 7	<b>21</b> Tammuz 8 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn	<b>22</b> Tammuz 9 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB - Sinai Edition Service and blessing of our new Temple President, Carol Parham	<b>23</b> Tammuz 10 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
<b>24</b> Tammuz 11	<b>25</b> Tammuz 12	<b>26</b> Tammuz 13	<b>27</b> Tammuz 14 4:00 pm Our House	<b>28</b> Tammuz 15	<b>29</b> Tammuz 16 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service, with guest speaker Marianne Tettlebaum, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Arkansas	<b>30</b> Tammuz 17 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service



# July 2018

# Tammuz 5778/Av 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tammuz 18	2 Tammuz 19	3 Tammuz 20	4 Tammuz 21 Temple Offices Closed	5 Tammuz 22	6 Tammuz 23 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB- Sinai Edition Shabbat Service	7 Tammuz 24 9:30 am - 10:45 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
8 Tammuz 25	9 Tammuz 26	10 Tammuz 27 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Board Meeting	11 Tammuz 28	12 Tammuz 29	13 Av 1 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	14 Av 2 9:30 am - 10:45 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
15 Av 3 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE	16 Av 4	17 Av 5 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Staff Meeting	18 Av 6	19 Av 7	20 Av 8 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	21 Av 9 9:30 am - 10:45 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
22 Av 10	23 Av 11	24 Av 12 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Staff Meeting	25 Av 13	26 Av 14	27 Av 15 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	28 Av 16 9:30 am - 10:45 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
29 Av 17	30 Av 18	31 Av 19	<h2>CHRONICLE DEADLINE JULY 15 FOR AUGUST ISSUE</h2>			



# BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Lance Bogoslavsky Daniel Rodell Milo Krain	<b>2</b> Sandy Benjamin David Lockwood Jessica Sabin Virginia Thorndike	<b>3</b> Lee Ronnel A'60 Webb/Parish A'14 Cherry Goldsholl Larry Schibuk	<b>4</b> Block/Parker A'14 Melinda Tobian	<b>5</b> David Lockwood A'74 Susan Weinstein Alex Shindler	<b>6</b> Jon Flaxman Krysten Levin Phillip Spivey	<b>7</b> Jerry Jacobson A'60 Fred Levin A'73 Connie Falls Ann Williams
<b>8</b> Brian Marshall A'67 Dick Williams	<b>9</b> Ben Gilson A'04 L.R. Jalenek Rabbi Gene Levy Hallie Pingle	<b>10</b> Jimmy Moses A'71 Tad Phillips June Freeman Lucy Goldman	<b>11</b> Chester Storthz A'77 Nan Selz	<b>12</b> Karin Bara	<b>13</b> David Rosen	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Annabelle Tuck Hannah Yoder	<b>16</b> Bruce Greenberg A'78 Bill Rubenstein A'93 Joel Speirs	<b>17</b> Elaine Berg Sandra Levin Emilie Arrants	<b>18</b> Howard Barnhard	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Rhys Branman Leslie Brotman Marla Shivers Joseph Stafford Sue Stroock Rachel Greenberg	<b>21</b> Bobbye Levy Jeff Lux Jacob Collins Sydney Shemper
<b>22</b> Amie Nachmann A'78 Michael Schmitz A'90 Horakova/Strauss A'09 Audrey Evans Stephen Jacobs Caroline Goldsholl	<b>23</b> Kessler/Wheeler A'16 Gary Weisbly A'67 Esperansa Gailliard Richard Lowens	<b>24</b> Levi/Campbell A'94	<b>25</b> Howard Barnhard A'87 Becky Mobly Leah Rothberg	<b>26</b> Kessler/Wheeler A'16 Michael Marion Perry Young	<b>27</b> Robin West A'80 Jonathan Casciano Elena McClintock	<b>28</b> Rita Fagan
<b>29</b> Keith Maddison A'79 Matther Lopas Allan Mendel Amie Townley Brea Stevens	<b>30</b> Dale Cohen A'13 Josh Shemper A'00 Benny Mobly Ethan Strauss	<b>31</b> Dick Williams A'55				

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# BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Kirkwood/Goldman A'14 Nathan Bernstein Melanie Nodelman	<b>2</b> Robynn Zinser	<b>3</b> Serena Grace Wolfe	<b>4</b> Meg Marion Kaitlyn Stratton
<b>5</b> John Moore A'06 Lauren B. Gordon Thomas McGarry Carol Mendel	<b>6</b> Clark-Lopas A'00 Jon Dranoff A'06 Jacob Brown	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Mikhail Ivanovsky A'92 Rachel Dranoff	<b>9</b> Galina Krupitsky David Shindler	<b>10</b> Arduse Sonnier	<b>11</b> Gene Pfeifer A'95 Philip Spivey A'02 Tettlebaum/Stuber A'02 Laura Bogoslavsky
<b>12</b> Rebecca Ivanovsky	<b>13</b> Doug Meyer Nina Reiss	<b>14</b> David Bauman A'99 Toos Pfeifer Jerry Sherman Debbie Stevens	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Beth Levi Marianne Tettlebaum	<b>17</b> Michael Simon A'80 Max Heuer Karin Zucker	<b>18</b> Edward Kaplan A'68 Joann Matson Cori McGrath Patty Monoson Alan Thalheimer
<b>19</b> Liz Schwehm Chris Strauss	<b>20</b> Teddy Ferguson	<b>21</b> Celia Barnhard	<b>22</b> Morris Levy Candice Wilons Daniela Berlinski Jeffrey Bolts	<b>23</b> Brina Daniels	<b>24</b> Ariel Berlinski A'91	<b>25</b> Nancy Rosen Henry Kramer
<b>26</b> Richard Bronfman A'89 Mark Griffin A'90 Carmen Arick	<b>27</b> Kathey Ehrenberg Lawrence Gerson Hannah Lopas	<b>28</b> L.R. Jalenek A'55 Weiss-Schibuk A'77	<b>29</b> Jeremy Schwehm Bruce Thalheimer	<b>30</b> James Aronson A'97 Jeff Nodelman A'98 Jane Goff Joy Liaw Noel Strauss Saoirse Davidson	<b>31</b> Scott Levine A'86 Justin Axelroth Leah Goldsholl	

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## Yahrzeits: JUNE 2018

### JUNE 1

Pearl Tenenbaum Carvalho  
Charles Cone  
Billie Evans  
Henry Myar Franklin  
Carolyn Levy Greenberg  
Charles Edward Joseph  
Gary Kaplan  
Eleanor Rockwitt Kiel  
Marvin Krochock  
Lillian Miller  
Kenneth Joseph Mirloff  
Pauline Sanders  
Harriet Stern Smoler  
Phyllis Alexander Storthz  
Henriette Thalheimer  
Albert M. Wise  
Frank Wojs  
Leo Wolff

### JUNE 8

Louis J. Abramson  
D. Justus Baumgarten  
Jacob Blass  
Daniel Disabato  
Leon Dreyfus  
Adolf Feibelman  
Seymour S. Fleisig  
Anita Fortson  
Joseph Goetz  
Gertrude Green  
Abraham Kempner  
Mark Krain  
Minnie E. Lasker

Myron B. Lasker, Sr.  
Hannah Levinson  
John D. Levinson  
Flora Loeb  
Fannie Pinkus Meyer  
Arthur H. Pfeifer  
Louis Rosen  
Ella Lyons Rudolph  
Lucille L. Sachs  
Joseph Shrader  
Adolf Wolff

### JUNE 15

Harry Balkin  
Stanley M. Bauman, Sr.  
Jerry Bronfman  
Miriam Anne Brown  
Bernard Cohen  
Robert J. Heiman  
Brian Kelle Hodge  
Carolyn Pfeifer Horchow  
Fannie S. Kaiser  
Stella M. Kempner  
Cecille Pfeifer Landauer  
Laurie Jean Loeb  
Hannah Louchheim  
Don M. Mann  
Joan Storthz Moore  
Margretta Navra  
Fay Smulian Pfeifer  
Bernard Sabin  
Theodore M. Sanders  
Anchel Schiff  
Maurine Weisman Simon  
Hillel Sloan

Harry B. Solmson, Sr.  
Belle Spiegelman  
Marie Seeman Spitzberg  
Theresa J. Storthz  
Karl Weil  
Sara Weinberg  
Sheila Young

### JUNE 22

Joan S. Abowitz  
Richard Bresnik  
Joseph Brint  
Belle Pfeifer Cohen  
Nathalia Ethridge  
Gina Gilson  
Juanita Gonzalez  
Jeffrey Hart  
Jules Andre Ifrah  
Howard Kahn  
Theresa Kauffman  
Abraham Lindenberg  
Evelyn Feit Lowenberg  
Dora Pasink  
Beulah Pinkus  
Leatrice "Lit" Block Rosen  
Charles C. Rubenstein  
Robert Sakon  
Stanley Edgar Sheets  
Anna Stachmus  
David Wuntch  
Louis Yahm

### JUNE 29

Louis J. Alexander  
Eli Bennett  
Fanny Besser  
Robert Bronfman  
Max Bushman  
Belle Pfeifer Cohen  
Doris Meyer Cohen  
Rose Mae Dante  
E. Charles Eichenbaum  
Joseph A. Franklin  
Gina Gilson  
Al J. Goodman, Sr.  
David Jacobs  
Howard Kahn  
David Knopping  
Myron B. Lasker, Jr.  
Henry Morris Levy  
Bella Levy  
Raymond Maer  
Sarah Marcus  
Ida Navra  
Phillip Ottenheimer  
Matilda Pareira  
Leo Pfeifer  
Dora Paley Ronnel  
Lou M. Samuel  
Selma Loeb Sanders  
Joseph Scholem  
Ada Lee Shack  
Sylvia Hirsch Shrader  
Morris Solomon  
Harold Tenenbaum  
Siesel Thalheimer

## Yahrzeits: JULY 2018

### JULY 6

Sadye Backal  
Flora Fay Barrier  
Raymond E. Block, Sr.  
Mannie Ehrenberg  
Esther Lasker Ehrman  
Gus M. Gans  
Clare L. Goodman  
Dave Grundfest, Jr.  
Daniel H. Jacobi  
Lee A. Kretchmar  
Emmanuel Krupitsky  
Eugene M. Pfeifer, Sr.  
Jamie Cohn Reutlinger  
Moe Louis Sachs  
John M. Samuel  
Jessie Sanders  
Rose Froug Smulian  
Joe I. Wagner  
Gene Wallis  
Eugene Wallis

### JULY 13

William B. Adams  
Evelyn Axler  
Isabel R. Blass  
Beatrice G. Block  
Rose Braunfeld  
Bertha Sanders Cohen  
Albert Harrison-Wilkinson  
Hirsch Jacobi  
Aaron Katzenstein  
Malcohn Katzenstein  
Meyer Kaufman  
Shirley Gallos Lockwood  
Michael S. Loeb  
Madolyn Levy Marks  
Lazarus Isar Palnick  
Susan Rodell  
Isaac Rosen  
Fred Selz  
Debbie Sharp  
Louis A. Snyderman  
Bobette Thalheimer

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## NEWS FROM ARCHIVES VOLUNTEER JIM PFEIFER



A few decades ago, the 19th Century Oakland Jewish Cemetery entrance gates at the end of College Street (upper entry) were hit by a car and replaced by a chain link gate. In the last week, a new gate, fabricated from old photos to match the original, has been installed. The aesthetics have been enhanced with brush clearing and masonry tuck pointing and repair. The new entrance is stunning, and the community should take notice! It really is a work of art to be proud of. Larry Alman, Chair of our Cemetery Foundation, keeps the B'nai Israel area in perfect shape. Oakland overall management has placed the cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places (with help from our community) and has taken advantage of grants available for National Register projects. Larry and the Temple's Cemetery Foundation trustees and Synagogue Agudath Achim work with the Oakland office to carefully maintain the property within. Our community is encouraged to take a look!

### *Nominated Slate of Officers and Trustees to Take Office June 2018*

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### Loris's Legacy

I was updating my will and that's when I decided to make the bequest to the Temple. I know that my parents would be very pleased about this, too, as they were so involved with the Temple over the years.

Before she married, my mother was a Grundfest, and her family has a long history of involvement and support for the Temple. My father was president of the Temple and both were active volunteers in the Jewish community. I basically thought it would be something special I could do for the Temple.

Loris Fullerton



## FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

The religious school year has ended – thank you to all who made it come together. From teachers, madrichim, volunteers, parents and beyond, we accomplished a lot and had a ton of great lessons. As I plan for the new year, I want to get more and more of the congregation involved. Often, members are worried about getting a call to work at religious school. The time is too much, the commitment too great. So many already do so much at B'nai Israel. I just want to reiterate that the religious school just needs some of your time, but mostly your expertise. Whether you're available for all 28 Sundays or just one or two, we need you. We work in teams. Teams who support each other and make the small pieces of a puzzle, a whole beautiful panoramic scene. Am I really just asking for that much?

I really want to hear from you – truly. If you have ever taught one class, workshop, seminar, and can share that with our students, I would greatly appreciate it. Just give me a call and let's discuss and plan together! We want and need you!

This fall, we will have many pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah students studying in full swing for 2018 and 2019 B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies. There is nothing better for a congregational boost than to see many teens become Jewish adults and lead a service to show us all what our next generation of educated Jews look like. Tutors are all booked up now getting this next cohort ready. On selected Saturday Shabbat mornings, we will have something new called B'nai Mitzvah Club, where our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students will attend

services together with their parents and tutors. It's not that one can't attend any time...it's just that the support and group learning that can be done with many is special and significant. The kids can pray, sing, and discuss Torah together as a cohort – a special group with the commonality of becoming B'nai Mitzvah in the same year. And while we do not call this a team, as in religious school, the message is the same – it's a form of support. If your child is in the cohort, please keep an eye out for the dates in the fall for this new group.



### INTRODUCING B'NAI MITZVAH CLUB

Selected Saturday morning services for the 'soul' purpose of getting our B'nai Mitzvah families and tutors to services – together. Attend as often as possible.

11:00 am for services followed by Kiddush.

A special Shabbat time of our students to be in services, hear the liturgy, sing along, and lead some prayers too.

Students start B'nai Mitzvah Club approximately one year out from their Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

Check the scheduled Saturdays in the weekly E-blast.

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## Sisterhood Report

B'nai Israel Sisterhood (SH) Board has been working hard all Spring to uncover Temple activities that are both necessary and financially profitable. Our goal is to help wherever possible. We invite all women of the Temple to join us by contributing annual dues of \$40. We are hoping that many of you will be interested in helping us reinvigorate our thriving organization with fund raising and volunteer activities.

Our Sisterhood currently supports the following activities:

- Judaica Shop
- Congregation B'nai Israel Kitchen
- JFAR Social Services (This serves our Senior members)
- PJ Library (This provides free Jewish books to our Temple children. Ages six months to eight years old.)
- Friday Night Oneg Shabbat
- Sisterhood Shabbat services
- Miriam's Seder
- Rosh Hashanah Reception
- Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)

Our June SH meeting will be announced in an upcoming e-mail blast. We hope to see you all there. Thank you.

Naomi Zottoli



While in Little Rock, Anat Hoffman visited Central High Museum



The talk given by Anat Hoffman was a success! In addition to Sisterhood, the talk was sponsored by the Ottenheimer Foundation, a gift from Carmen Arick and Emily Adams to the Adult Learning Program, the Shlenker Philanthropic Fund: Gay Block and Billie Parker, the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and Annabelle Tuck.

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