

THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

From our High Holy Day days, we have learned: In order to be forgiven, each us must confess our individual sins, seek forgiveness from those we have hurt, change our ways, offer *tzedakah*, and pray for our own individual absolution. We seem not to receive, or to give, any assistance in the process of repentance, making the Holy Days a lonely experience.

Our lonely journey to forgiveness was not always the Jewish way. When our ancestors required expiation, they would bring a sacrifice to the Temple. The blood of the animal, slain in the sacred ritual, would atone for their sins. Yes, the penitent Jew had to recite the appropriate words, and was required to provide the animal for the sacrifice, so the individual did have some role in that process, but the Priest did most of the work and the poor animal paid the ultimate price. The ancient Israelite was the beneficiary of what might be called “vicarious atonement,” forgiveness through the sacrifice from the flocks or the herds.

Christianity adopted this idea of vicarious atonement, with the faith that Jesus’ blood, shed on the cross, atones for the sins of others. Perhaps because Jews so forcefully disassociate ourselves from that specific Christian claim, we have shied away from any notion that anyone or anything other than ourselves can help return us to the good graces of our God. Perhaps we protest too much. After all, we confess in the first person plural, “the sins we have committed.” Why not seek forgiveness communally?

Our Rosh Hashanah prayers do declare that we may find forgiveness in the righteousness of others. One portion of our shofar service is called *zichronot*, or remembrances. We ask God to hear the blasts and remember the righteousness of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel. If we do not deserve atonement on these High Holy Days, we beg God to forgive us on account of their merit.

More personally, each of us recalls loved ones, now gone from this world, who had wonderful traits that we wish we possessed. We may pray, in words of Reform prayer books past: “May the nobility in their lives and the high ideals they cherished endure in our thoughts and live on in our deeds.”

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Worship at a Glance

Saturday, September 1

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

Friday, September 7

Mishkan HaLev Service in preparation for the High Holy Days, led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: “Morality Begins at Home: Obvious but Difficult”

Music: Jeff Neuhauser

Candles & Kiddush: Rebekah Scallet and Joe Stafford, in celebration of their anniversary

Reader: Scott Jordan

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, September 8

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

Friday, September 14

Mishkan HaLev Service for *Shabbat Shuvah*, the Sabbath of Repentance, at 6:15 pm, led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: “The Fast of Gedaliah: Judaism’s Most Important Ignored Observance”

Music: Jana Cohen

Candles & Kiddush: Anne and Larry Miller, in celebration of their birthdays

Reader: Richard Estelita

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, September 15

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

Friday, September 21

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

Sermon: “The Blessing of a Smile”

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

Reader: Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bimah Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

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The Rabbi Speaks continued...

Our beloved dead can truly live, if we will carry the goodness of their lives into our own. Perhaps, too, when we fall short, God will recall our loved ones' goodness, and forgive us on their account.

Blessedly, our partners in repentance may include the people who continue to share our lives every day. Judaism teaches us the value of the *tocheha*, the loving rebuke, delivered in the right spirit, in the right time, in the right place. Nothing makes me a better person than a caring critique from a person who cares deeply about me. Even if we recoil from the rebuke upon first hearing it, we can learn, and become better people, in the process. Living in covenant calls upon us to help each other to abandon our unholy paths.

Let us find forgiveness for ourselves and offer atonement to others in the embrace of our congregational community on these High Holy Days.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

Worship at a Glance continued...

Saturday, September 22

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

Friday, September 28

Family Service for the Shabbat during Sukkot,
in the Mendel Amphitheater, at 6:15 pm,
led by Rabbi Block

Music: David Bauman

Candles & Kiddush: Krysten and Mark Levin
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp

Saturday, September 29

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

"The KEY to our success...
support KEY CLUB this
High Holy Day season.

Watch your mail -
Invitations arriving soon.



High Holy Days 5779-2019

Saturday, September 1 – Selichot Eve

- 7:00 pm Potluck dinner and viewing of *13th* and discussion about racial justice and mass incarceration
- 9:30 pm Selichot Reception and Havdalah
- 10:00 pm Selichot Service, including changing of the Torah covers, Led by Rabbi Block and David Bauman with Merrick Fagan, Shofar

Sunday, September 9 – Erev Rosh Hashanah

- 8:00 pm Evening Service - Rabbi Block will speak on, "Thriving on Our Raft, Together." Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with Temple Choir and Organ Accompaniment and Sermon Anthem by Temple Volunteer Musicians - Merrick Fagan, Shofar
Gala Reception, Hosted by Sisterhood, following the service.

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah Day

- 9:00 am Children's Services, led by LaFTY, Eileen Hamilton and Rabbi Block, Temple Volunteer Musicians; and Merrick Fagan, Shofar
- 10:00 am Morning Service - Rabbi Block will speak on, "King David: The Cost of the King's Private Sins." Temple Volunteer Musicians - Merrick Fagan, Shofar
- 4:00 pm Tashlich - at the home of Terri Moore and Jeffrey Neuhauser, 8 Chenal Circle
Led by Rabbi Block with music by David Bauman and Jeffrey Neuhauser; and Merrick Fagan, Shofar

Tuesday, September 18 - Erev Yom Kippur

- 8:00 pm Kol Nidre Rabbi Block will speak on, "Thou Shalt Change; Thou Shalt Not Change." Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with Temple Choir and Organ Accompaniment
Kol Nidre chanted by David Bauman, Richard Estelita, and Charles Friedman

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur Day

- 9:00 am Children's Service, led by LaFTY, Eileen Hamilton, and Rabbi Block
- 10:00 am Morning Service - Rabbi Block will speak on, "Sin: Deal with It!"
Volunteer Temple Musicians
- 12:15 pm My Jewish Journey Yom Kippur Symposium – featuring talks by Emily Adams, Matthew Lopas, Ellyn Polsky, and Brian Rosenthal on the role that Judaism and Congregation B'nai Israel play in their lives; as well as instrumental selections, offered by David Bauman and Charlie Friedman

High Holy Days 5779-2019 continued...

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| 1:15 pm | Yom Kippur Study, in the Library: "If Joseph were a woman: Torah in an age of #metoo" |
| 2:30 pm | Healing & Renewal / Torah Service
Featuring the Shechinotes, leading a creative service
Dedication of new white Torah cover in memory of Richard Lewis |
| 4:15 pm | Yizkor-Memorial Service
Rabbi Block will speak on, "Death's Heroes."
Temple choir with organ accompaniment and Temple Volunteer Musicians |
| 5:30 pm | Neilah-Concluding Service
Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with Temple choir and organ accompaniment, with David Bauman providing music for Havdalah |
| 6:30 pm | Break-the-Fast Reception, hosted by Men's Club |

Sukkot and Atzeret/Simchat Torah 5779 – 2018 at a Glance

Sunday, September 23, 9:00 am

Men's Club Sukkah Building

Sunday, September 23, 5:30 pm

Come Decorate the Temple Sukkah and join in a Sukkot Eve Potluck and Brief Ritual in the Sukkah

Monday, September 24, 8:30 am

Sukkot Breakfast and Holy Day Service in the Sukkah

Tuesday, September 25, 11:30 am

Seniors Sukkot Luncheon, hosted by the Caring and Sharing Committee and sponsored by the Vogel Caring & Sharing Fund

Tuesday, September 25, 5:30 pm

Post High Holy day and Sukkot Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the Sukkah to thank those who give so much time to the Temple throughout the year

Friday, September 28, 5:45 pm

Oneg Shabbat in the Sukkah

Friday, September 28, 6:15 pm

Pizza in the Hut, service in the Mendel Amphitheater, with special guests, Henry S. Jacobs Camp Director Anna Herman and her team

Saturday, September 29, 9:30 am

Shabbat Torah Study in the Sukkah

Saturday, September 29, 11:00 am

Shabbat Morning Worship in the Sukkah

Sunday, September 30, 5:45 pm

Consecration Reception and Service for Atzeret-Simchat Torah, in the Sanctuary

Consecration of our newest Religious School students. Siddur (prayer book) dedication for our 3rd graders. Yad (Torah pointer) presentation to all celebrating Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 5779 (2018-19).

Thursday, October 1, 11:00 am

Atzeret-Simchat Torah Service, including Yizkor –Memorial prayers, 11:00 am, in the Chapel

Coming These High Holy Days: New White Torah Mantles

Center Torah Cover Dedicated to the Memory of Rich Lewis

Temple leaders and craftsmen Timothy Kessler and Richard Estelita have created beautiful new white Torah covers to adorn our sacred scrolls in the Sanctuary each year on the High Holy Days. The covers will be placed upon our three Torah scrolls with ceremony during Selichot Services, penitential prayers in preparation for the High Holy Days, on Saturday, September 1, at 10:00 pm.

On Yom Kippur afternoon, during the Healing/Renewal and Torah Service, Emily Lewis and her family will be called to the *bimah* to be honored with the *aliyah*, reciting the blessings over the Torah, as we dedicate the mantle for the center Torah in memory of Dr. Richard Lewis.

For information about dedicating the other two Torah scrolls, please contact Carol Parham, President.

Selichot Program to Explore Mass Incarceration

Saturday, September 1

During the High Holy Days, each of us is called upon to take a *cheshbon ha-nefesh*, examining the "balance sheet of our souls." On Selichot Eve, join us in examination of our nation's soul, and then continue in worship as we look into our individual souls.

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| 7:00 pm | Potluck dinner and viewing of <i>13th</i> and discussion about racial justice and mass incarceration |
| 9:30 pm | Selichot Reception and Havdalah |
| 10:00 pm | Selichot Service, including changing of the Torah covers |

Congregation B'nai Israel's Board of Trustees has designated ours a Brit Olam congregation, joining hundreds of other Reform congregations in a "Covenant with our world," committing to study social justice issues with the potential of joining coalitions and working to change the world (*tikkun olam*). The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism has designated mass incarceration as one of the issues requiring our engagement. Come to view the powerful documentary, *13th*, and join the conversation with Rabbi Block about whether and how our congregation should act on this issue.

Note: LaFTY usually leads us on Selichot Eve. However, with Selichot falling on Labor Day weekend this year, LaFTY will be at Jacobs Camp for NFTY's Southern Region's Summer Fest.

*In the event of inclement weather, all events planned for the Sukkah will be held, but will be moved indoors at the Temple.

Making Prayer Real! Adult Learning series continues

Sundays, September 9 and 30, October 7
9:30 am in the Temple Library

- For those who struggle with prayer, and for all who are moved in prayer
- Thought-provoking conversation-starting videos featuring world-class scholars from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's College Commons
- Discussions led by Rabbi Block
- No prior knowledge or Hebrew ability required

September 9: The Challenge of Personal Prayer

September 30: The Amidah: Who Cares What the Prayerbook Says?

October 7: Praying at Times of Illness, Loss, and Bereavement

Standing on their Shoulders

Annual cemetery visit facilitated by Rabbi Barry Block

Written by Meg Marion

Directed by Rebekah Scallet

Sunday, September 16, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon,
at Oakland Jewish Cemetery

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet Temple members from our past, as actors deftly bring them to life at Oakland Jewish Cemetery. This popular program will showcase Velma Block, Dave Grundfest, Sr., and Ariel Barak Imber.

Afterwards, Rabbi Block will lead a brief memorial service, and you will have the opportunity to visit loved ones' grave sites, a High Holy Day tradition.

A bus will transport Religious School students in grades 2-9, as well as their faculty and madrichim, from the Temple to the Cemetery and back to the Temple after the program. Religious School students should arrive at Temple promptly at 9:00 am to ensure that they don't miss the bus! Adult Temple members, including Religious School parents, are most eagerly invited to join us at the cemetery.

Remember to bring sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses.
Water will be provided.

It's not too late to support your Congregation for this year of 5779. Your generous contribution allows the many creative programs and activities to continue at your Temple.

2018 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter

Parents: Our 2016 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter, requesting that schools excuse Jewish students' absence on Rosh Hashanah, Monday September 10; and on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 19, may be accessed on our Temple web site. You may also contact Keila in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us to obtain a copy on paper.

Sukkot Pot Luck Dinner and Sukkah Decorating:
Sunday, September 23 - 6:00 pm
Create some magical decorations for our Sukkah.

Sukkot Morning Worship:
Monday, September 24 - 8:30 am
\$8.00 suggested donation for the breakfast.

Seniors Sukkot Luncheon:
Tuesday, September 25 - 11:30 am
For our most mature members.
Hosted by the Caring and Sharing Committee and underwritten by the Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund. Drivers and caregivers are welcome.
No charge.

Post High Holy Day and Sukkot Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the Sukkah:
Tuesday, September 25 - 5:30 pm
To thank those who give so much time for the Temple all year.

President's Message

What a summer!!

I want to start by thanking you for the honor of serving as your Temple president. I am deeply dedicated to serving our Congregation and look forward to working with you all.

At the Annual Meeting we reported that we were in need of an Administrative Assistant in the office. Our small staff had gotten even smaller. Eileen Hamilton managed to accomplish so much in spite of this deficit, including performing the day to day tasks, managing the building, and planning for Religious School. Actually, the list of all that Eileen did -- and continues to do -- goes on and on. She was a trooper and I am so grateful to her. Additionally, so many of you pitched in to help with the office and various projects in the building. THANK YOU! The great news is that we have rehired Keila Patton. We are thrilled that she is back and hope you all will have a chance to see her soon

As we settle in to Fall, there is so much going on at the Temple. The first day of Religious School is right around the corner. I know this is going to be a great year! I am especially looking forward to worshipping with you and your families during the High Holidays. This is such a special and meaningful time at Temple and is made even more so by Rabbi Block.

I am including the comments that I made after my installation at the Annual Meeting for those who weren't there. This will give you a little more information about me and my journey to this position. I was honored that my father, Art Pfeifer, was there to pass the torch. I am grateful to Rabbi Block for his blessing at the Shabbat service as well as his very kind and thoughtful words in his sermon. Lastly, thanks so much to Phillip Spivey and Jim Pfeifer for putting together an amazing display case about past Pfeifer Presidents. I know this took a great deal of time and I really appreciate both of you.

Wishing you and your families a happy and sweet New Year!

Carol Pfeifer Parham

President's Speech

Good evening, friends. It is so nice to see you all. I stand before you today honored and humbled. Thank you for entrusting me with this great responsibility.

My journey began as a child growing up in this congregation. I attended religious school, though not always thrilled about it. I became more engaged when I joined LAFTY and took part in conclaves, mitzvah corps, and other such activities. Many of my religious school friends remain close friends to this day. I left Little Rock to attend the University of Colorado. After graduating, I moved home though I hadn't planned to stay. That all

changed when I met my husband Greg. We are now planted across the street from my childhood home where my parents still live. I guess I've come almost full circle. I attended services occasionally and Temple always felt comfortable and familiar. Larry Alman may not remember this, but he called to ask me to join. He was very welcoming and open and I will be forever appreciative for his engagement. These are important and meaningful interactions for which there are no "do overs". We are so fortunate to have Trudy Jacobson and Meg Marion leading our membership committee and always offering a warm and kind welcome.

When Jack Grundfest asked me to join the Board of Trustees, I became even more involved with the Temple. I have learned a lot over these years and know that I will continue to learn as we move forward together. I have also spent quite a bit of time in Rita's kitchen learning how to cook! My family would like to thank you for that. We always have fun and I have loved every minute of it. Rita.... thank you for all you do.

In April, I attended the URJ retreat for current and incoming congregational Presidents in Atlanta which included congregations of all sizes from all over the country. The experience far exceeded my expectations, with intensive focus on a wide range of topics. I learned how much we have in common with other congregations, like dealing with how expensive it is to care for an aging building and how difficult it can be to get younger adults to affiliate. In contrast, I am so proud of the circumstance that we do not share: debt. Many congregations have liabilities and are struggling to find ways to make these payments. We are so fortunate to have had all of the very wise and generous leaders and congregants who have made sure that we are not faced with such an issue. Additionally, there are many congregations that are just beginning the daunting task of a capitol campaign. Thanks to Jack Grundfest and Leah Elenzweig and countless others we have a healthy sustaining fund to assist with the care of our beautiful building.

Another part of the URJ workshop was discussing the sacred relationship between the Rabbi and the Temple President. I have taken this to heart and am looking forward to working closely with Rabbi Block. Expanding on this....I believe that we are all in a sacred relationship together. As members of this great Congregation, I believe we share the desire to worship together, learn together, and practice Tikun O'lam. I also want to thank all of you who are willing to serve as a board member. I look forward to working with you and am so grateful for your dedication to the Temple.

Carmen has been a magnificent President. I want to thank all of you who stepped up and embraced her vision for our "gifts of the heart" campaign. This initiative was a great success and we all owe Carmen a deep debt of gratitude. Carmen, I have really enjoyed getting to know you better and appreciate the opportunity to work closely with you. You are brilliant, funny, kind and a great leader. I am so grateful for everything you have done for our congregation. Emily, thank you for everything. You have done so much that many will never know about.

I would also like to thank my husband, Greg and my two sons, Kyle and Seth, for all of your love and support.

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YAHARZEITS: SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPTEMBER 7

Sam M. Abeles
Maurice Abowitz
Sidney H. Bloom
Toney Dante
Charles Dante
Miriam Sanders Dickinson
Harry Diner
Max A. Heiman
Max J. Heiman
Minna Zwirn Lachmann
Shepp Lesser
Nathan A. Lewis
Jerome Liebman
Sarah Dante Lindenberg
Rachel Maer
Edwin Henry Mendel, Sr.
Grace Bloom Menkus
Hannah Gurinsky Moses
Alan A. Parker
Rosa Rosen Pasternack
Gertrude M. Pfeifer
Isidore Pop Pinkus
Esther Besser Schneider
Max Schott
Howard Schwander
Ella Mae Sonnier
James Wm. Spears
Pauline Stern
Joseph Weil

SEPTEMBER 14

Jerry Aldrich
Jeffrey L. Baskin
Leo Besser
Harriet Caplan
Hallie Ottenheimer Cohen-Steinhart
Sally Cohn
Mollie Dessent
Arthur Donner
Lasker Ehrman, Jr.
Henry Friedman
John Hayden Futrell
Rosa Wolf Goldstein
Solon Morris Hart
Bernice "Bunny" Heyman Hart
Diane Lee Hoffman
Paul D. Hunter
Jerry M. Karr
Elizabeth Levy Loebner
Jennie C. Nussbaum
Linda Pinkus
Philip C. Prousnitzer, Sr.
Harry Reich
Dortha M. Robinson
Winifred B. Schwartz
Max Snyderman

Carolyn S. Tenenbaum
Morris Weller

SEPTEMBER 21

Samuel Alexander Block
Carolyn H. Bluthenthal
Samuel R. Cohn
Powell Dungan
Karoline Feibelman
Clara Pfeifer Frankel
Sylvia Tucker Friedman
Norman Shepherd Gilbert
Carl Gross
Cherie Hertel
Rachel Amalia Jacobi
Joseph Jacob Kaufman
Jerome S. Levy
Betty Lyons
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Michael S. Ostrow
Lena Pasink
Bessie Pasink
Janet Loeb Pfeifer
Charles Rodell
Joe Storthz, Jr.
Sam Morris Vogel
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SEPTEMBER 28

Isadore Besser
Laura Heilbron Binder
Ella Navra Ehrenberg
Elizabeth Fein
Louis B. Goldberg
Charles H. Gurinsky
Sarah Levy Jacobson
Fannie Bennett Kaufman
Freda Koppel
Roscoe C. Kory
Renee Rothenstein Leff
Louis Mayersohn
Helen Fels Rubel
Hettie Hartman Rubenstein
Mabel C. Sanders
Bertha Frank Shrader
Melvin L. Spear
Abe Thalheimer
August Simon Vogel, Jr.
Samuel Wolff
Arnold Zeno

President's Speech continued...

In closing, as your President, I will cherish all that makes us unique and will embrace these differences with the hope of finding those things that we have in common and further unifying us as a congregation.

I am honored to serve the Temple as a third generation Pfeifer president. I hope I can make you all proud.

Simchat Torah and Simchat Talmud Torah...

Please join us

A festive evening of celebration for our Torah and for Jewish Education.

Sunday evening, September 30th

Reception at 5:45 pm; service follows.

Please join us as we honor the Torah, and our newest religious school students;

Students entering third grade who are beginning to read prayer book Hebrew as part of their Hebrew studies;

And our pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah students who will lead us in worship this academic year.

Blessings, gifts, honors, and pride abound in a festive and musical celebration for one of our most joyous holidays.

If your child is one of these honorees, please reserve this date and let us know you will attend.

Love Thy Neighbor

An InterFaith evening
of peace
through music,
prayer and wisdom

ALL ARE WELCOME
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH - 6PM

followed by
The InterFaith Food Festival

St. Mark's Episcopal Church - 1000 N. Mississippi
Little Rock

Sponsored by: Arkansas House of Prayer and InterFaith Center
For more information visit: lovetthyneighbor2018.eventbrite.com



September 2018

Elul 5778/Tishri 5778

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

CHRONICLE DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 14 FOR OCTOBER ISSUE

2 Elul 22 NFTY - So Summer Fest at Jacobs Camp	3 Elul 23 NFTY - So Summer Fest at Jacobs Camp Ati' Day Closed Temple Offices Closed	4 Elul 24	5 Elul 25	6 Elul 26 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Love Thy Neighbor Event at St. Mark's Episcopal Church 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	7 Elul 27	8 Elul 28 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:00 pm Schmoozerama	1 Elul 21 NFTY - So Summer Fest at Jacobs Camp 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:45 pm Selichot in PT's for kids, 7:40 pm Selichot Program: Potluck dinner and discussion of "13th." 9:30 pm Reception and Havdalah 10:00 pm Selichot Service
9 Elul 29 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: Making Prayer Real, Session 4: "The Challenge of Personal Prayer" 8:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Eve Service and Gaia Reception	10 Tishri 1 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Children's Service 10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 4:00 pm Tashlich at Neuhauer Residence	11 Tishri 2	12 Tishri 3	13 Tishri 4 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	14 Tishri 5 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan HalLev Shabbat Service	15 Tishri 6 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:00 pm Schmoozerama	
16 Elul 7 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Standing on their Shoulders at Oakland Jewish Cemetery	17 Tishri 8 Ati' Day early dismissal 8:00 pm Kol Nidre Services	18 Tishri 9	19 Tishri 10 9:00 am Yom Kippur Children's Service 10:00 am Yom Kippur Morning Service 12:15 pm "My Jewish Journey" - Reflections and Music 1:15 pm Yom Kippur Study 2:30 pm Healing/Renewal and Torah Service	20 Tishri 11 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	21 Tishri 12 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB-Sinai Edition Shabbat Service	22 Tishri 13 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service	
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30 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 pm Adult Learning 3:00 pm Al Barron Book Club 5:45 pm Consecration Reception and Azeret - Sinschat Torah Eve Service and Consecration							



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Arthur Haut Bill Rubenstein	2 Ruthe Kaplan	3 Seiz/Barrier A'99 Esther Gordon Eva Levi	4 Laura Joseph	5 Bonnie Clinton Kennon Goldsholl Karen Mackey Carmen Morales Bryana Griffin	6 Rebecca Cowie Kirsta Nigro Trudy Jacobson Matthew Chrisman
7 Mikki Deininger	8 Jerry Bendorf A'72 Brent Reiss A'05 Bernie Bevill Stefanie Gilson Roxanne Loftin Tracie Spivey	9 Nancy Kahn Caitlin Reiss	10 Becky Blass Sonya Hamilton	11 Justin Axelroth A'14 Kitty Rubenstein Gayle Slager Daniel McGrath Solee Wilons	12 Judy Selig	13 Frank Richard A'08 Marty Boyle Jesse Kane
14 Bruce Thalheimer A'73 Larry Back Peggy Jalenek Michael Gilson Mackenzie Gilson	15 Jane Levine Brett Gastman	16 Emily Adams Liz Lucker	17 James Aronson	18 Amsler/Krain A'98 Ariel Berlinski Liam Allen Monk	19 Lenka Horakova Sheri Simon	20 Gus Blass, III A'82 Frankie Ortiz A'01 Art Pfeifer A'59 Warwick Sabin A'12 Elizabeth Cohen Fillis Stober Steve Strauss
21 Scott Korenblat A'89 Jack Gold	22	23 Eugene Pfeifer, III Lou Tobian Caroline Krupitsky	24 Rebecca Glover Andy Lawton Luci Rodell	25 Laura Gold Joseph Berleant	26 Zucker-Boyle A'85 Anna Marks Rafael Levi	27 Joseph Wolfe A'11 Claud Alexander Jack Grundfest Barry Solomon Caroline McGrath
28 Patrick Ifrah Sally Goldman	29 James Moses	30	31 Steve Bauman Jonathan Dranoff			

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

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Mac Lyons' Legacy

I have been a member of Temple B'nai Israel most of my life. The Lyons family has been members since the beginning. In the last 55 years I have been fortunate to be able to be an active part of the governance and maintenance of my Temple.

Since I am the last Lyons, I felt it important for our name to not be lost, so I decided to include a bequest in my estate. I hope it will help my Temple to live on.



THANK YOU!

The Congregation B'nai Israel Archives would like to thank Harry Ehrenberg, Jr. for donating photos and historical documents related to early-twentieth century Arkansas Jewish social clubs, e.g. Pi Phi Tau and Concordia Association.

Todah Rabah

Many thanks to office volunteers Milt Baer and Aniko Diamant.



B'nai Israel's Annual High Holy Day Food drive begins on Rosh Hashanah and ends on Yom Kippur Morning. Fill as many bags as possible to donate to AR Food Bank. Place your bag in the lobby on Yom Kippur morning as we fast for the Day of Atonement but remember those who fast on many days, not by choice, but by being food insecure.

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FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

They say the best things come in small packages and there are times when I am attracted to very small books in the check-out section of the bookstore or small pamphlet style books I see tucked deep in between others on a shelf. They are like little treasures of advice and wisdom that can and should be shared with others when possible. No long-winded text books for me; nope, short and get to the point is what appeals to me. In this hurried world of family stress, extra-curriculars, and homework galore, I wonder how I can be your best Jewish educator by giving you those tidbits for home: the dinner table and family discussion times. My own kids usually shut me down on the 'family educational movie' night, but when trapped in the car with me or having a great meal at our dinner table together, they would graciously agree to the short and thoughtful discussion – even if about Judaism. I mean really, Jewish is who we are...so let's talk about it. So, in the spirit of the High Holidays, here is some *Chomer l'machsevah* – food for thought.

- The month of Tishri is the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, yet we celebrate the new year. This is because the Exodus from Egypt was in the month of Nissan, and God saw this as the most important month due to this great event, thus making Nissan the first month in the counting of the Hebrew calendar. Therefore, even though Creation of the world is first, the month of Tishri becomes the seventh month.

Family Contemplation: In your family, what marks a new year and why? What time of year really ends one season for you and starts another? Is it a personal milestone or family event? A time you remember fondly or something you look forward and ahead to? This may differ for each family member and may be very enlightening.

- Tashlich is the act of symbolically casting off bread crumbs into a body of flowing water on the afternoon of Rosh Hashanah to represent the casting off our sins and starting anew in the new year. Most use whatever bread that is available in the home or even stale bread...

Family Contemplation: Of the following types of 'bread' or bread products, who in your family would most likely choose (from the list below) to use at Tashlich, and why? Remember, we throw bread to represent our sins.

Rye bread, whole wheat, multi-grain, corn flakes, pretzels, saltines, angel food cake, doughnuts, pop tarts, pumpernickel, toast, challah, fudge...keep going and get creative in your answers – there is no end.

- And finally – time for a resolution. This is the time of year we improve the aspects of ourselves and become the best person we can be. It's not easy. If it was so easy to just change our ways and be better, then what challenge lies ahead. We must work towards something and make some sacrifices.

What can you challenge yourself to do this year? Challenge yourself to challenge and commit to making a change. Think about it carefully - and whether you want to share it or keep it secret – write it down and seal it in an envelope and hold yourself to it.



What Am I?

I have skin but I'm not a person
I can be peeled but I'm not a potato
I'm a fruit but I'm not an orange
I grow on trees but I'm not a banana
I'm usually red or green but I'm not a grape

Welcome New & Returning Members

Karen and David Reagler

Children: Hannah, Miriam, Louis, Tillie

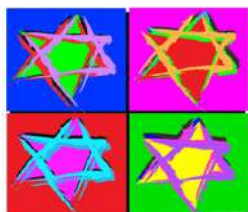
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CLUB 13 BAR AND BAT MITZVAH CLUB

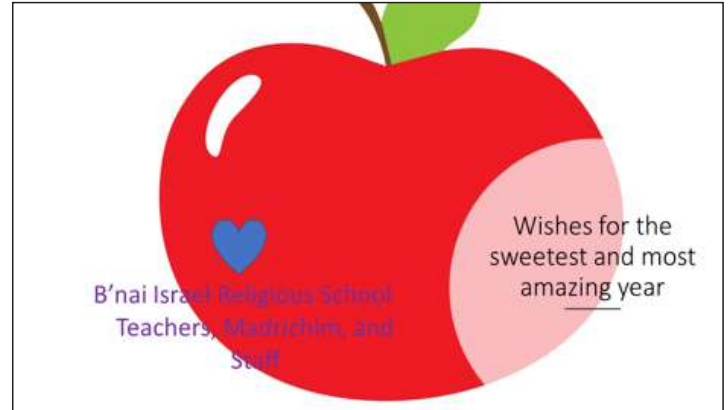
Those actively preparing for Bar and Bat Mitzvah are required to attend 18 Shabbat services before the Bar or Bat Mitzvah date. Students can attend any Shabbat service – Friday or Saturday; but this year, selected Saturday mornings will be chosen for our pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and their tutors to attend services together. Note the scheduled dates of Bar and Bat Mitzvah Club: all at 11:00 am unless *, then at 10:30 am.

August 25, September 22, October 13, November 10, January 12*, February 2*, February 23*, March 16, April 6*, April 27*, May 11*

Students will gain invaluable exposure to our liturgy as well as spending Shabbat with their peer group who is also preparing for this special lifecycle event.

LAFTY held its first meeting for the year on 8/19. An awesome sixteen teens participated, thanks to the Ronnels for a great lunch. We played a mixer called Snowball, Egg Roulette and other fun games.

- 8/31 - 9/3 NFTY SO Summer Fest
 Jacobs Camp
 We are excited to have 10 teens from Arkansas going, thanks to Amanda Webb for chaperoning LaFTY for SummerFest!
- 9/10 LaFTY leads Rosh Hashanah
 Children's Services
- 9/19 LaFTY leads Yom Kippur
 Children's Services



Judaism 101 for 2018-19

Judaism 101 is our congregation's course for those seeking comprehensive introductory learning about Judaism. Rabbi Block is the primary teacher for this program, which meets on Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 pm. All are welcome to this program, conducted with the rigor of an undergraduate college course, but requiring no prior knowledge.

Judaism 101 students range from congregants who have been Jewish all their lives to non-Jews in relationships with Jews, from those converting to Judaism to those eager to be well prepared to raise Jewish children.

The course is free for Temple members, with a cost of \$100 for all others. For both members and others, books cost \$36 for the whole set. (Couples taking the course together are welcome to share a set.)

For more information, please contact Rabbi Block. For registration, please contact Keila in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us.

We began on August 30, but new participants remain welcome in early September.

Mazel Tov

to **Nina Reiss**, promoted to the rank of Chief Master Sargent, the highest rank that enlisted personnel can attain The United States Air Force.

to **Sheri and Micky Simon** on the recent marriage of their son, **Eric**, to **Rachel Berman**.

A NEW FAMILY PROGRAM for Selichot & a time of new year reflection for parents and kids.

Saturday, September 1
6:45 - 8:00 pm

Stories of the season, prayers for the new year, songs, and cookies and milk.

Come in your PJ's.
Ages birth - 3rd grade.

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READY OR NOT...HERE HE COMES!

Rabbi Block's WORLD'S WORST PUPPET SHOW 5779!

At the Rosh Hashanah Children's Service
Monday, September 10, 9:00 am



The World's Worst Puppet Show
starring Rabbi Block is only sweetened by the arrival
of a special guest....

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We record with sorrow the death of...

MARGARET COHN CAPLAN

*Mother of our congregant Terry Orgel
Grandmother of Amanda
(and Martin) Ferguson
Great grandmother of Teddy Ferguson*

DICK ORGEL

*Husband of Terry Orgel
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Grandfather of Teddy Ferguson*

MEREDITH ROSE WEINSTEIN BASKIN

*Daughter of Susan Weinstein
(and Jeff Baskin, of blessed memory)*



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. Following the fun and interactive services, children are invited 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. 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 please, unless space allows. 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.

Save the Date

October 19, 2018

Rick Recht will bring his Shabbat Alive program
to B'nai Israel.

Details will be in the October Chronicle

Arkansas Jewish Historical Archive Internship, (Single Paid Position - Congregation B'nai Israel and Jewish Federation of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR)

Position Description: The Arkansas Jewish Archive Intern will assist in the creation of an online finding guide for historical documents, photographs, and materials stored in the Congregation B'nai Israel Historical Archives. The internship is for the student, who plans to pursue graduate work and/or wants valuable hands-on experience working in an historical archive. Students pursuing Religious Studies and/or History degrees are encouraged to apply. **After successful completion of the internship, the student will receive a \$500 stipend, made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Arkansas. The primary goal will be to have an online finding guide available to the public upon completion of the internship.**

Required Work Hours:

- * Minimum of 8 Sundays during the Fall 2018 semester or 8 Sundays during the Spring 2019 semester
- * Must be able to work a 3-hour shift under the supervision of B'nai Israel Archivists Jim Pfeifer (B'nai Israel Archivist) or Phillip Spivey.

Required Skills:

- * Experience with Apple Mac software is preferred.
- * Strong organizational skills.

Preferred Educational Criteria:

- * Students who are currently junior or senior-level Religious Studies or History majors/minors.
- * Must be enrolled full-time at an Arkansas public college/university.
- * Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in your chosen major.
- * Preferred experience with archival processing and data entry.

About Congregation B'nai Israel: Congregation B'nai Israel (3700 North Rodney Parham, Little Rock, AR) is the largest Jewish synagogue in Arkansas, and one of the oldest Reform Jewish synagogues west of the Mississippi River. Founded in 1871, B'nai Israel houses one of the largest archives of Jewish history in Arkansas and the Mid-South region. The archives contain newspaper articles, photographs, and artifacts chronicling over 150 years of the Jewish experience in the American South.

If interested in applying for the internship, then contact:

Phillip Spivey (University of Central Arkansas Senior Lecturer and Internship Coordinator)
UCA Department of Philosophy and Religion
301B Irby Hall, Conway, AR 72035
pspivey@uca.edu or (501) 450-3690

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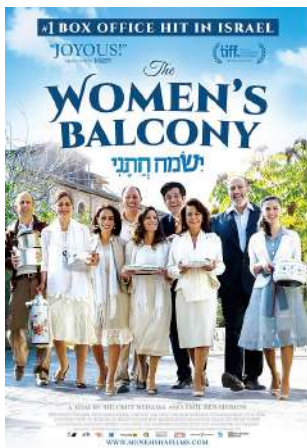
Potluck and a Movie

Saturday, September 8, 6:00 pm
Bring a dish that serves 8. No RSVP needed.

"The Women's Balcony"

An accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem, in this rousing, good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power.

When the women's balcony in an Orthodox synagogue collapses, leaving the rabbi's wife in a coma and the rabbi in shock, the congregation falls into crisis. Charismatic young Rabbi David appears to be a savior after the accident, but slowly starts pushing his fundamentalist ways and tries to take control. This tests the women's friendships and creates an almost Lysistrata-type rift between the community's women and men.



L'Shanah Tovah! Happy New Year (almost)!

The High Holidays are fast approaching, and we need YOU to make our celebrations special.

Check off as many of the following as you can, and let us know (email, web site, call, mail in form):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Help with:

- Sisterhood's Rosh Hashanah Reception
 - _____ Cooking/Prep (Group Baking on Tues. Aug. 28th starting at 4:30pm plus additional day, Sept. 4th time TBA)
 - _____ Set-up (Sunday morning, September 9th)
 - _____ Bring cookies/cake (6 dozen bite size pieces)

Type _____

Break-The-Fast

- _____ Preparation and set-up (Wednesday, September 19th)

Donate money to cover costs of food & flowers (Please send check with note to the Temple office or call with your donation):

- Rosh Hashanah Reception
 - \$18 _____ \$36 _____ \$50 _____ Other \$ _____
- Yom Kippur Break-The-Fast
 - \$18 _____ \$36 _____ \$50 _____ Other \$ _____

Remember Sisterhood and Men's Club operate on your donations of time and money. We cannot do it without your help!

Sisterhood membership dues are \$40. The first meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 26th at 11:00am (immediately following the adult education class)

Thanks in advance! This will be a sweet year!

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