



**THE RABBI SPEAKS**



**RABBI BARRY BLOCK**

Dear Friends:

I write to you, on the day after Yom Kippur, to seek your forgiveness. Most of you will be reading this message at the end of Sukkot. Despite the metaphor of “locking” the Gates of Repentance at the end of Yom Kippur, our rabbis teach that one can attain forgiveness through the end of Sukkot.

I pray that you will forgive me.

Only now, after Yom Kippur, I have come to understand that my sermon on Rosh Hashanah Eve was a mistake, injurious to the congregation. I am grateful to our Executive Committee for its unflagging support of my service as your rabbi. True support includes explaining to me when and how I’ve missed the mark.

What did I get wrong?

- At this time of grave division in our national life, rupturing both institutions and relationships, Rosh Hashanah Eve was not a time for me to deliver a message that would sharpen disunion.
- Rosh Hashanah Eve holds a unique place in the life of Congregation B'nai Israel, thanks in large measure to the festive Gala Reception tendered by our Sisterhood after the service. That service is an occasion for unity and inspiration, not to diagnose moral failing in Israel or America.
- Throughout America, Republicans and Democrats rarely worship in the same congregations. Jewish congregations are among the few where they do. While that reality shouldn't dissuade the rabbi from raising social justice concerns, it should give the rabbi occasion for grateful pause. Our “audacious hospitality” must include a welcoming atmosphere to folks with a variety of perspectives.
- Many Americans suffer terrible anxiety over the state of our nation. My sermon served to highlight those tensions without offering much in the way of solution or comfort.
- I endeavor to balance my sermon themes, and did so during these High Holy Days. None of my three Yom Kippur sermons, all of which were

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*Worship at a Glance*

**Friday, October 5**

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

**Sermon:** “Nothing Works the First Time”

**Music:** Jeffrey Neuhauser

**Candles & Kiddush:** Kirsta and Keith Nigro, in celebration of Keith's birthday

**Reader:** Trudy Jacobson, in celebration of her birthday

**Altar Arrangement:** Sisterhood

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Saturday, October 6**

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

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

**Friday, October 12**

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

**Music:** Richard Estelita, Charlie Friedman,

Meg Marion, Josiah Wheeler

**Candles & Kiddush:** Jamie and Justin Axelroth, in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Debbie Brady

**Altar Arrangement:** Sisterhood

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** In celebration of the life of Marie Spitzberg by the Spitzberg Family

**Saturday, October 13**

Torah Study, led by Ellyn Polsky, at 9:30 am

Shabbat Service, led by Meg Marion, at 11:00 am

Club 13, at 11:00 am

**Friday, October 19**

“Shabbat Alive,” with Artist-in-Residence Rick Recht, sponsored by our Bauman Music Fund. Abbreviated Shabbat Service at 6:15pm, followed by Shabbat Dinner and Concert

**Music:** Rick Recht and the Stars of David Band

**Candles and Kiddush:** Ruthe and Phil Kaplan, in celebration of Ruthe's birthday

**Altar Arrangement:** Sisterhood

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Saturday, October 20**

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

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

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*The Rabbi Speaks continued...*

drafted before Rosh Hashanah, was centered around a social justice theme. Both of my Rosh Hashanah sermons were, leaving a ten-day bad taste of the Temple's pulpit having become "too political," even though the morning sermon seems to have been well received.

Congregation B'nai Israel's pulpit has been a force for social justice since Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, z"l, ascended to it in 1926, and likely before that. I pledge to continue to emulate the prophets of ancient Israel, who frequently raised their voices to protest the ills of society. At the same time, I will endeavor to take more care choosing the times and places for doing so, to "comfort the afflicted" rather than merely "afflicting the comfortable;" and to find ways to assure that Congregation B'nai Israel is, in the words of our prophets, "a House of Prayer for all people."

Finally, a word of gratitude to members who let their feelings be known to our Temple officers. One member expressed herself directly to me. I invite others of you to do the same, even after all these fall holidays have concluded for this year, to let me know what moved you during our High Holy Days and to tell me how I (or we) missed the mark, to let me know if you are able to accept my apology or to help me understand the additional work I must do to (re)gain your trust. Thank you.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

## Holy Day and *Yizkor* Service on October 1

Join us for Festival Morning Worship on the final holy day of the season, Atzeret-Simchat Torah, Monday, October 1, at 11 am, in the Chapel. The service, led by Rabbi Block and David Bauman, will include *Yizkor*-Memorial Prayers. Rabbi Block will read the names of members and relatives of members who have died in the last year, since last Atzeret-Simchat Torah.

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

**GENE WILLIS**

Father of Sam (and Susan) Willis  
Grandfather of Noah, Elijah, and Eden Willis

*Worship at a Glance continued...*

### Friday, October 26

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm  
Pre-Nuptial Blessing of Lindsey Rose Shindler and Daniel Weissman

**Sermon:** "Hospitality Comes with Challenges"

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

**Candles & Kiddush:** Julie and David Shindler

**Reader:** Cara Greenstein and Alex Shindler

**Altar Arrangement:** Sisterhood

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

### Saturday, October 27

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



6:15 Join us for Services  
featuring Rick Recht and the Stars of David band.

**Dinner will follow:**  
\$15/adults; \$8/kids Please RSVP to the Temple Office

**Concert to follow dinner**

## President's Message

Thank you's and updates: what better way to start the new year? Sometimes thank you's and updates are one in the same. The dangerous part of offering thanks is the risk of forgetting someone – so please know – this is a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone for all that happened over this High Holy day season.

We received great (and cool, get it?) news! We have the green light to move ahead with the HVAC upgrade to our building. A 'warm' thanks to the Sustaining Fund Trustees for allowing us to move forward. In addition, we are thankful for a very generous grant from The Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation. Stay tuned for more information in the November Chronicle about the timeline and details of the project. Eugene Krupitsky and others have worked on this proposal for over two years to make this come to fruition.

Beautiful new white Torah covers adorned our ark this past High Holy day season. They were designed and made by Richard Estelita and Tim Kessler. All three have been spoken for. One is in memory of Rich Lewis. Two additional donors have made plans to dedicate the other two: one in memory of Richard Orgel by his loving daughter, Amanda Ferguson; and one honoring all Temple B'nai Israel volunteers by an anonymous donor.

Meg Marion has been named the Jane B. Mendel Tikkun Olam honoree for CBI. I know you will join me in congratulating her for all her volunteerism. Speaking of Meg, thank you for writing an original script for the Standing on their Shoulders program this year at Oakland Cemetery. It was fascinating and informative as it honored the memories of past members. Thank you to Becky Scallet for directing the program and the actors.

I enjoyed seeing so many friendly faces at the Rosh Hashanah gala. Thank you to Rita Fagan and Kirsta Nigro, Sisterhood, and the many generous donors who baked, set up and provided such a special evening for our congregation. The break the fast was delicious. Thanks to Rita and Kirsta, again.

The annual Key Club Fundraiser was a great success thanks to the kindness of our congregation and the 100% participation by our Board of Trustees. I am grateful to all of you.

In my opinion, our new year is off to a great start – thanks to you!

Carol



**LEAVE A LEGACY**  
**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL**

## Trudy and Jerry Jacobson's Legacy

We are proud and fortunate to be long time members of Temple B'nai Israel, and are privileged to have the opportunity to continue this legacy of Jewish worship, culture and community for future generations.

While updating our wills some time ago, we began to discuss legacy gifts to the Temple. It was a no brainer. Judaism is in our DNA, and B'nai Israel is our home. We both grew up in large Jewish families with Temple and/or Synagogue connections and memberships.

Our ancestors were some of the founders of congregations both in Waco, Texas, and Little Rock. We have led by example as committee chairpersons, board members and active participants. All of our children and grandchildren are Jewish and have participated and are continuing to participate in Jewish leadership in one way or another. That's our legacy... We feel that the future of Judaism lies in each of us, so funding for the future seems extremely important. We begin here...

Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

*If you would like more information about the Congregation B'nai Israel Legacy Society, please leave your name and contact information with the Temple office (225-9700) and someone will contact you.*



**We welcome the many groups who visit B'nai Israel for a tour. Thank you to Dale Ronnel and Emily Lewis for your time and tour expertise.**

### September

First United Methodist Church Batesville  
College of the Ozarks  
Ladies Group from Hot Springs  
Pleasant Valley Church of Christ

### October

First United Methodist Church Conway  
Iona School of Ministry



## YAHZEITS: OCTOBER 2018

### OCTOBER 5

Celia Adler  
Phillip G. Back  
James S. Binder  
Rosetta Stiff Blass  
Sybill Griffith Block  
Morris N. Donner  
Helen Lockwood Eichenbaum  
Stanley Fine  
Jean Goldberg  
Rosa Samuels Hess  
Theodore Kokes  
William Simon Kramer  
Seward Louis Landauer  
Milton Loeb, Sr.  
Armand Morton Marks  
Lee Eisen Marks  
Hannah Berger Ottenheimer  
Irvin H. Sachs  
Thelma Imogene Sawrie  
Manie Schuman  
Fay Miller Sloan

### OCTOBER 12

Alice Kramer Altheimer  
Nathan Axler  
Pauline Blass  
Eva Bresnik  
Lee Greenberg  
Dolores Greenberg  
Kim Grundfest  
Kimbrely Carol Jordan  
David Baer Levi  
Elizabeth Pfeifer Levy  
Emanuel G. Levy  
Maxwell Joseph Lyons, Sr.  
Nathan Perlstein  
James B. Pfeifer  
Patsy Stern Rubin  
Lawrence Rudolph  
Shirley Levin Sherman  
Fred M. Smoler  
Henry Edward Spitzberg  
Cynthia Weintraub Weber  
Mae Louise Strauss White  
George Wolff  
Lillian Wuntch  
Philip Wuntch  
Samuel Young

### OCTOBER 19

Joe Berger  
Raymond E. Block, Jr.  
Bessie Brown Carb  
Berta Rosenberg Cohn  
Tillie Feibelman  
Patricia Fendler

Dorothy Berger Goldberg  
Adolph Gruner  
Harry Kahn  
Rosa Kahn  
Bernard Levi  
Sol Lockwood  
David Louis Menkus, Sr.  
Rita Carolyn Moses  
Jacob Oberferst  
Esther Polsky Ostrow  
Jewel Altschul Pollock  
Loryeen Samuels Rose  
Pearl G. Rosen  
Louise Belle Rudolph  
Eva Dreeben Safferstone  
Bertha Alyce Shlenker  
Syd Waltzer

### OCTOBER 26

Vernon L. Adams  
Elizabeth Weitzenhoffer Blass  
Marvin F. Cohen  
Jonas Hirsch Epstein  
Gladys Ottenheimer Hirsch  
Arthur E. Korenblat  
Minnie Frank Lasker  
Pauline Levy  
Glenn Lowitz  
Max Meyer Moses  
Joseph Pasink  
Benjamin Raff  
Mervin Reines  
Charles Rocker  
Maurice S. Rubenstein  
Aline R. Salinger  
Andrew Scallet  
Rose Schwartz  
Mike Seligman  
Rita Slutsky  
Liliane Smart  
Ben S. Thalheimer  
Paul Wald  
Henry Dave Wexner



## Our House

Wednesday, October 24

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Join in feeding the folks and families who live  
at Our House.

## Thank you to all our High Holy Day ushers:

Phil Axelroth, Steve Bauman, Bernie Bevill, Glenn Block, Martin and Teddy Ferguson, Van Gates, Patrick Ifrah, Joshua Jacobi, Scott Jordan, Luke, Henry, and Tess Kramer, Ellen Korenblat, Mark Levin, Mickey Loeb, Mac Lyons, Jeff, Spencer and Dylan Nodelman, Marla Shivers, Clara Spivey, Annabelle Tuck, Perry Young.



*Elena McClintock, daughter of our congregants Kimberly and Frankie Ortiz, is serving in the Israel Defense Force. She is in the first row, third from left.*

# October 2018

# Tishri 5779/Heshvan 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Tishri 22 11:00 am Atzeret-Simchat Torah Morning Service, including Yizkor-Memorial Prayers Ati' Day Closed Temple Offices Closed	<b>2</b> Tishri 23	<b>3</b> Tishri 24 6:30 pm Social Engagement Committee	<b>4</b> Tishri 25 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	<b>5</b> Tishri 26 4:30 pm Tour: FUMC Conway 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB-Sinai Edition Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> Tishri 27 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
<b>7</b> Tishri 28 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: Making Prayer Real 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm LaFTY meeting - lunch provided	<b>8</b> Tishri 29 11:30 am Coffee, Cake and Conversation 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm The Marie Award	<b>9</b> Tishri 30 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Middle LaFTY Night Out - dinner and program	<b>10</b> Heshvan 1 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Middle LaFTY Night Out - dinner and program	<b>11</b> Heshvan 2 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	<b>12</b> Heshvan 3 <b>CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE</b> LaFTY at NFTY-So Fall Mitzvah Corps in Jackson, MS 4:30 pm Tour Iona School of Ministry 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm • Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	<b>13</b> Heshvan 4 LaFTY at NFTY-So Fall Mitzvah Corps in Jackson, MS 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am • Torah Study 11:00 am - 12:30 pm B'nai Mitzvah Club 11:00 am • Shabbat Morning Services 6:00 pm • Schmoorzerama
<b>14</b> Heshvan 5 LaFTY at NFTY-So Fall Mitzvah Corps in Jackson, MS 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School	<b>15</b> Heshvan 6 7:00 pm Board Meeting	<b>16</b> Tishri 7	<b>17</b> Heshvan 8	<b>18</b> Heshvan 9 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	<b>19</b> Heshvan 10 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Abbreviated Musical Shabbat Service with Guest Artist-in-Residence Rick Rechi, Shabbat Dinner, and Rick Recht Concert	<b>20</b> Heshvan 11 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
<b>21</b> Heshvan 12 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Religious School Teacher's Workshop	<b>22</b> Heshvan 13	<b>23</b> Heshvan 14	<b>24</b> Heshvan 15 4:00 pm Our House 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	<b>25</b> Heshvan 16 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	<b>26</b> Heshvan 17 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Shabbat Kids Club Program and Dinner 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> Heshvan 18 8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services
<b>28</b> Heshvan 19 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School	<b>29</b> Heshvan 20	<b>30</b> Heshvan 21	<b>31</b> Heshvan 22	<b>CHRONICLE DEADLINE</b> <b>OCTOBER 12</b> <b>FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE</b>		



# BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Brian Marshall	<b>2</b> Brad Joseph A'90 Chris Barrier Janet Korenblat	<b>3</b> John Selig Lexi Elenzweig
<b>4</b> Patrick Ifrah A'00 Suzi Davis Scott Levine	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pat Highley Samuel Willis Maddie Townley	<b>8</b> Susie Rosenthal	<b>9</b> Neil Elenzweig Steve Ronnel Carole Weisbly	<b>10</b> Larry Alman A'84
<b>11</b> Judith Lansky Hannah Blackburn- Parish	<b>12</b> Justin Collins Jordan Collins	<b>13</b> Annette Arnold Allan Gold Eleanor Wolff Vivian Gold	<b>14</b> Julia Hart Julie Shindler Larry Townley	<b>15</b> Joy Figarsky Joshua Jacobi Jay Marks Corky Schroeder Samuel Siegel	<b>16</b> Billie Parker Ben Prousnitzer	<b>17</b> Dan Phillips A'83 Gus Block
<b>18</b> Scot Goldsholl A'90 Judy Pearlstein	<b>19</b> Greg Parham A'94 Ed Figarsky Diana Richard Warwick Sabin Leslie Singer	<b>20</b> Jeremy Schwelm A'77 Russ Parish	<b>21</b> Sue Berger Angie Boury David Gerson Jo Lawton Bob Rosen	<b>22</b> Jim Pfeifer A'84 Jackie Bendof Phyllis Kaplan Susan Schmitz	<b>23</b> M. Sorrels A'85 Jay Fullerton Draven Orleaniski	<b>24</b> Elizabeth Daniel
<b>25</b> Larry Townley A'72 Howard Knoff	<b>26</b> Mary Machen	<b>27</b> Janice Kane Sue Maddison Cohen Townley	<b>28</b> Shelly Baron Harper Ruth Johnson	<b>29</b> Janet Crafton	<b>30</b>	

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



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**Rabbi Block**

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Audrey and Donald Evans

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Suzi Davis

### IN HONOR OF:

**High Holy Days**

Mark Gross

## JANET AND ARNOLD MAYERSOHN LEADERSHIP FUND

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Rich Lewis**

Loris and Jay Fullerton

# Thanksgiving Baskets!

### What is going on?

The Community Outreach Committee is filling baskets with food for needy families

### How can I help?

Donate!! Each basket "costs" \$36... Sponsor as many as you would like by sending a check to the Temple office or by asking Keila to add any amount to your Temple bill, TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us or 501-225-9700.

### How else can I help?

Join us in the Temple Lobby to assemble baskets on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00

### Is there more?

Deliver the baskets on Thursday, November 15 or Friday, November 16 to designated high schools

### Any questions?

Contact Jill Bauman 501-960-8686

## Religious School for October:

Sunday, October 7th  
Sunday, October 14th  
Sunday, October 21st  
Sunday, October 28th

**Confirmation Class:**  
Wednesday, October 10th  
Wednesday, October 24th

## Mazel Tov

to **Karen** and **David Reagler**, whose daughters, **Hannah** and **Mimi**, celebrated their B'not Mitzvah at Congregation House of Israel in Hot Springs on September 1.

## Todah Rabah

Many thanks to our office volunteers: **Milt Baer**, **Aniko Diamant**, and **Naomi Zottoli**.



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## Coffee, Cake, and Conversation

Fall 2018/5779

Join us for two presentations on Caregiving and Aging by Sandie Lubin, MA, BSN, RN; Project Director at UAMS

Tuesday October 9th, 11:30 am, Library of Congregation B'nai Israel

### Do I have an 'emergency plan' for care?

Sandie will discuss what kind of care plans we need to keep us safe in case of emergency, including a discussion of how to hire someone to provide home care.

Tuesday, November 13th, 11:30 am, Congregation B'nai Israel Library

### I don't want my kids going through 'my stuff'!

Sandie will talk about how to de-clutter and safety proof your home as well as how to keep up with important papers, so friends and family know what 'stuff' they need to go through.

*Coffee, Cake, and Conversation is sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel and Jewish Federation of Arkansas. You bring lunch; we'll provide dessert and coffee.*

Contact Jewish Federation of Arkansas social worker Kelsey Dugger at [kelsey@jewisharkansas.org](mailto:kelsey@jewisharkansas.org) or call the Federation office at 501 663-3571, if you would like a ride to either of the above events.

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## FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

### CHOMER L'MASHSHEVAH: FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Now that the big holidays have passed, and we can now return to a more standard schedule, but certainly not as exciting schedule, we focus this month on Shabbat.

Shabbat is a day known by many names: a day of rest, day of peace. It is also likened to a wedding day – a day of love for our Bride – Shabbat; and it's metaphoric wedding ring is a band that ties us to God and to eternity. Boee Kala means, "Come my bride," and this Piyut (Jewish liturgical poem) is sung traditionally on Shabbat evening as a way to prepare for and welcome Shabbat metaphorically, as we would welcome a bride to her wedding.

**Family Discussion:** Why and how can we imagine Shabbat being a bride? What are the similarities to a bride and Shabbat? Be creative; there is more to it than color schemes and good food.

The order of the blessings for Shabbat are candles, kiddush, handwashing, then challah.

**Family discussion:** Why do we cover the challah until we bless it and break it apart to eat it?

There are many reasons, but one is part of folklore...so if you guessed that the challah is covered so it's not embarrassed that the kiddush goes first, you were correct.

Generally, the seven foods with which the land of Israel is praised—wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates—take priority over other foods. In the event that one is eating two or more of these foods, they are eaten in the order that they are mentioned in the Torah. Since grain is mentioned before grapes, it would follow that the bread should be eaten before the wine.

We therefore cover the bread ("wheat") in order that it not be "shamed" by the fact that we drink the kiddush wine ("grapes") before we partake of the challah.

## LaFTY News:

LaFTY will be attending a new NFTY-So event hosted by BITY in Jackson, MS this October 12 – 14 called Fall Mitzvah Corps. This is a specialized weekend of mitzvah and community service. We are always so proud of LaFTY, who shows up in numbers and represents Little Rock so well. Way to go, LaFTY-ites.

LAFTY led Childrens Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Both services were a success, there was a strong turnout of children participating. The children were happy and engaged in the services.

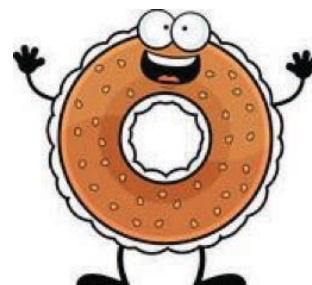
Rosh Hashanah children services concluded with Rabbi Block's "World's Worst Puppet Show" which was very entertaining, as usual.

Upcoming events are a dinner in the Sukkot hosted by LaFTY and inviting friends from the general community. NFTY SO Mitzvah Corps is October 12 -14 in Jackson, MS.

# Thank you!

to all our Bagel Breakfast sponsors who are so generous and allow our religious school community to share breakfast each Sunday morning

If you would like to sponsor a breakfast for our religious school students, please let me know at [ehamilton@bnai-israel.us](mailto:ehamilton@bnai-israel.us). We will bill your account for \$36.00.



## NEW!

MIDDLE LaFTY FOR GRADES 6 & 7

### MIDDLE LaFTY NIGHT OUT

Wednesday October 10: 6 – 8 pm

Pizza dinner, social, and a program.

October's program will be: The Great B'nai Israel Scavenger Hunt. Using clues, history, and our artifacts, you will uncover a secret about the congregation. Bring a flashlight – no other lights will be used to uncover the clues.

RSVP by 10/8 to [ehamilton@bnai-israel.us](mailto:ehamilton@bnai-israel.us).



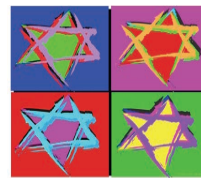
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

Meet in the lobby for a kid friendly Oneg Shabbat, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and blessings on the bima, and then on to our picnic style dinner in the Children's Library.

*Songs • games • crafts • and more.*

Join us with others in grades PK – 2nd.



## CLUB 13 BAR AND BAT MITZVAH CLUB

Our next Saturday morning service will be on October 13: 11:00 am.  
Join your parents and tutors for services, prayer practice, and community.

## Making Prayer Real!

Adult Learning series concludes

Sunday, 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

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



Join us at the Clinton Center for a viewing of a powerful 30-minute documentary, *Near Normal Man*, featuring a first-hand account by Ben Stern. Mr. Stern survived two ghettos, nine concentration camps, Nazi physician Josef Mengele, and two death marches. Then, in America, he led a fierce public battle to defy Nazis in 1978 and again in 2017. After the screening, he and his daughter, Charlene Stern, will reflect on the film and his experience as a Holocaust survivor and activist against hate.

**Near Normal Man: A Program featuring Holocaust Survivor  
Ben Stern**

Thursday, October 4, 2018 | 6 p.m.

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## Sisterhood Judaica Shop Save the Date!

Sunday, October 28th  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

*Chanukah Preview Sale*

**20% off** Judaica Shop  
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*Featuring our Temple artists in the foyer*

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|----------------------|-----------------|
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| Danette Devlin       | Patty Monoson   |
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| Elaine Luber         | Lucy Towbin     |



## Dinner and a Movie

Saturday, October 13  
6:00 pm

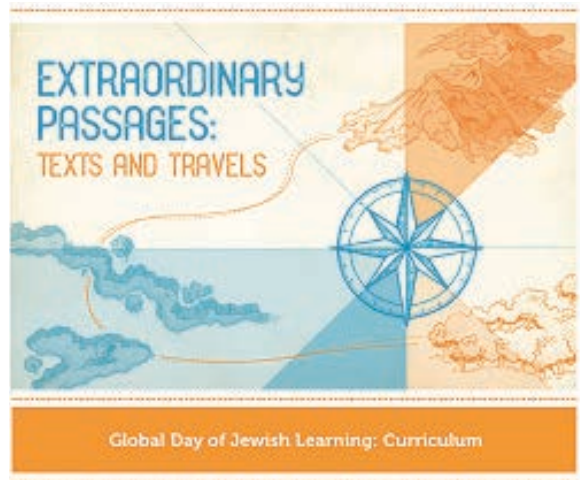
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Join the group for a potluck dinner followed by the movie and short discussion.




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