

THE Temple Chronicle

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, of blessed memory, will “speak” to his beloved Congregation B’nai Israel once again on Sunday, November 4, at 4:00 pm, when we shall host the book launch for *Just and Righteous Causes: Rabbi Ira Sanders and the Fight for Racial and Social Justice in Arkansas*,

1926-1963, authored by our congregant James Moses and published by University of Arkansas Press.

Our special guest for the occasion will be Professor Mark Bauman, who heads the Southern Jewish Historical Society. Professors Bauman and Moses will engage in conversation about Rabbi Sanders and about Moses’s book, which will be available for purchase and book signing during a reception to follow the program. Congregation B’nai Israel is blessed to partner with Central Arkansas Library System, which has slated this event at the Temple as the Library’s annual Rabbi Ira E. Sanders Memorial Lectureship. We are also grateful for the partnership of the Jewish Federation of Arkansas and the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies. We look forward to welcoming our most honored guests – Flora Sanders, Rabbi Sanders’ daughter; and Professor Paula Sanders, his niece.

Looking forward to Professor Moses’s book and to the book launch, I have contemplated what Rabbi Sanders’ legacy means to our congregation and to me as your rabbi.

Unlike many of you, I was never privileged to meet Rabbi Sanders. He retired the summer I was born, though he continued to serve the congregation for the next twenty-two years as Rabbi Emeritus. Still, my rabbinate is shaped by him and by others like him.

In the mid-1970s, around the time of my Bar Mitzvah, my mother and a collaborator made a documentary film about our Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, where my parents and I were raised. *A Tribute to Spirit: The Beth Israel Experience* was produced to mark the American bicentennial and the installation of a new Senior Rabbi, Samuel E. Karff. In a widely-quoted excerpt from the film, Rabbi Karff said, “Times change and needs change, but we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us.”

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Worship at a Glance

Friday, November 2

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

Special Guest Speaker: Rabbi David Lipper, Congregation B’nai Israel’s Interim Rabbi, 2012-13

Music: Meg Marion, Liz Cohen, Josiah Wheeler

Candles and Kiddush: Dina and Patrick Ifrah, in celebration of their anniversary

Reader: Janet Korenblat, in celebration of her birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

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Saturday, November 3

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

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

Friday, November 9

Shabbat in the Rock All Music Shabbat led by the Stars of David and Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

Candles & Kiddush: Amanda and Martin Ferguson

Reader: Sam Willis, in celebration of his birthday

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Altar Flowers Sponsor: In memory of Mollie Gordon by Marilyn and Earl Sorrels

Saturday, November 10

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

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

Club 13, at 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Friday, November 16

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

Sermon: “Knowing God”

Music: Steve Bauman

Candles & Kiddush: Kennon and Scot Goldsholl

Reader: Gus Block, in celebration of his birthday

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Saturday, November 17

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...

Times and needs do change, and we appropriately spend a great deal of effort responding to shifting demographics, the proclivities of a new generation, and the challenges of meeting a wide variety of requests. As we do, we are grounded in a legacy that continues to shape our destiny.

Let us find inspiration in Rabbi Sanders' pursuit of racial justice, as we continue to identify and confront the pernicious, persistent racism that plagues Little Rock, Arkansas, and America. Rabbi Sanders would not shy away from engaging in crises ranging from the nationwide scourge of mass incarceration to the local injustice perpetrated by a State Board of Education that has replaced the Black-majority elected School Board of our Black-majority School District with the rule of one white man.

Let us find inspiration in Rabbi Sanders' pursuit of social justice as we confront bigotry that Rabbi Sanders might never have known or anticipated: People can legally lose their jobs or be denied a promotion in Arkansas for no reason other than their sexual orientation or gender identity. Our cherished religious liberty is twisted as a perverse justification for discrimination.

And let us find inspiration, too, in Rabbi Sanders' boldness. Not long ago, a lifelong member shared with me that in his own day, not every member of Congregation B'nai Israel cheered Rabbi Sanders' activism. By and large, the congregation supported him, and revered him. Younger generations were inspired by his brave public advocacy, even if he wasn't always "good with kids." Rabbi Sanders wasn't silenced by his critics.

History – now thankfully recorded faithfully by a remarkable historian, James Moses, and also by Leah Elenzweig in our congregation's own sesquicentennial volume -- preserves and extolls Rabbi Sanders' activism, which made Little Rock and Arkansas a better place in a most difficult era.

May each of us live up to our congregation's legacy and to the foundations laid by Rabbi Sanders and his lay partners.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

Worship at a Glance continued...

Friday, November 23

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

Sermon: "Going Home"

Music: David Bauman

Candles & Kiddush: Marilyn and Ed Sorrells,
in celebration of their anniversary

Reader: Ellen Korenblat

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Flowers Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, November 24

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

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

Friday, November 30

Heschel Shabbat, led by Sisterhood, at 6:15 pm

Sermon: Muriel Lederman

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

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

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Meet Josh Altshuler, our 2018/19 ISJL Fellow

Welcome Josh at services on Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3; and again on Sunday, November 4th as he leads off our Second Trimester class for Team 6/7.

Temple Tours in October and November

Westrock Baptist Church

First United Methodist Beebe

First United Methodist Magnolia

President's Message

It's hard to believe that November is already upon us. The calendar is filled with a wide variety of activities and opportunities at Temple B'nai Israel.

We are thrilled to be hosting the launch of a new book about Rabbi Ira Sanders on November 4th at 4:00 PM—he served our congregation for 37 years! Written by our congregant, Arkansas Tech History Professor James Moses, PhD, the book is entitled, *Just and Righteous Causes: Rabbi Ira Sanders and the Fight for Racial and Social Justice in Arkansas, 1926-1963*.

The 9th Annual Global Day of Jewish Learning is Sunday, November 11th from 9:15-12:00 at the Temple. Meg Marion and Jealene Cohen are again organizing this fascinating program and I know you will find something that interests you. Please plan to attend!

The Social Action Committee, led by Jill Bauman, is assembling Thanksgiving baskets on November 14th at 6:00 PM at the Temple. They will be delivered to the various schools the following morning. Please reach out to the Temple office or to Jill if you would like to help in either of these efforts or if you would like to sponsor a basket for \$36.00. Many thanks to Jill for all she does in helping those in need in our community.

Finally, as mentioned in last month's message, the HVAC project is underway! Eugene Krupitsky has provided me with a very detailed explanation and timeline of the project to share with you so you will know the scope of the project, the timeline, and how it might impact activities around the Temple during the construction period. I am so grateful to Eugene for the countless hours that he and others have put into this project.

Carol

HVAC RENOVATION REPORT

A little over two years ago, the Temple engaged Cromwell Energy Services to perform a study of our Congregation to determine ways in which we could create energy cost savings for the Congregation and improve our facilities. The study determined that the Temple had an energy score of 2 out of 100 and they presented several recommendations to better this rating while simultaneously creating long term cost savings for the Congregation. In the summer of 2016, Carmen Arick formed a committee to further explore the proposal and determine which components should be implemented by the Temple. The committee consisted of Richard Estelita, Scott Jordan, Dave Grundfest, Shelly Baron, Carol Parham and Eugene Krupitsky. Over the last 2 years, in consultation with the Sustaining Fund Trustees, the committee has worked tirelessly to determine the best path to move forward. Several weeks ago, the Sustaining Fund Trustees approved the project and we are now beginning

implementation of it in the hopes to have the project completed by the end of this year. Specifically, the following improvements will be made to the Temple:

- 1) The original Temple boiler running at 30-40% efficiency will be replaced with two smaller 95%+ efficiency boilers. This should result in lower utility bills and built-in redundancy in case one boiler needs to be repaired at any given time.
- 2) The air handling unit that supplies air to the Sanctuary is being replaced with a newer, larger capacity unit to better heat and cool the Sanctuary throughout the year.
- 3) LED lights are being installed in the classrooms, foyer and port cochere to create additional costs savings.
- 4) Upgrades are being made to electrical equipment to prevent future electrical fluctuations/surges from occurring.
- 5) Variable frequency drives are being installed on all air handling units to better control the amount of air being delivered to different parts of the Temple. This should allow for better temperature control and increased comfort to Congregants.
- 6) A new digital control system that will allow all areas of the Temple to be easily changed as necessary based on usage. This will also allow the Temple to switch from heat to cold on a daily basis as necessary based on outside temperature changes instead of only having the option to change twice a year when the seasons change.

While it is our goal to maintain normal Temple operations over the coming months while the project is being installed, please understand that these are major upgrades to our HVAC systems and will require construction efforts throughout the Temple. We are working with our contractors to create as little disruption to Temple life as possible, but please note that certain parts of the Temple will be impacted based on construction timelines. We hope to keep the Congregation well informed on the progress of the project through the weekly newsletter and the chronicle and are looking forward to having an improved and more comfortable building soon. Thanks in advance to the Congregation on your understanding and flexibility as we adjust locations of programs and services during this time period.

Finally, the committee would like to thank a number of people who have allowed us to move forward with this project. First and foremost, a tremendous thank you to the Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation who have bestowed a grant of \$110,000 to the Temple in order to make this project a reality. Their tremendous generosity provided a large portion of the funding for this project. We are eternally grateful to them for their continued support of the Congregation. Secondly, thanks go to the Trustees of the Sustaining Fund – Jack Grundfest, Janet Korenblat and Scott Jordan. They have provided continuous guidance throughout the project and helped us focus the original proposal from Cromwell on the most critical components that would help achieve the greatest cost savings long term. Additionally, with their approval, they committed to using Sustaining Fund resources to fund the remainder of the project. Their advice has been paramount in making this proposal a reality. Finally, a tremendous thank you to those that served on the committee and the Temple Board of Trustees for their patience while we worked through all of the intricacies of this project. While it has been a long and thorough process, we hope that the end result will serve the Congregation well for the long term.

YAHARZEITS: NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER 2

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NOVEMBER 9

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Edward Samuel Back
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M. R. Carb, Jr.
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Rosabell Dreyfus
Albert A. Ehrman
Ruth Berenson Forsyth
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NOVEMBER 23

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Diane Anderson
Albert Bloom
Lee Eichenbaum
Clare Grabin Fein
Dora Frankenstein
Louis Froug
Simon Gans
Abraham J. Goldman
Stanley Goodman
Saul Goodman
Mose Hartman
Bertha L. Heilbron
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Jacob Rephan
Elsa Klein Rosenthal
Joe Storthz, Sr.
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NOVEMBER 30

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Joseph Cohen
Sylvia Shore Herstein
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Bertha Knoff
Louis Krain
Hattie Kronberg
Josephine Landauer Menkus
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Gege Thalheimer



Welcome Rabbi David Lipper back to Congregation B'nai Israel!

Rabbi David Lipper served as Congregation B'nai Israel's Interim Rabbi in 2012-13, making a most positive impact on our congregation at its time of transition. He is treasured by many congregants who continue to count him as a dear friend.

Please join us for Shabbat Eve worship on Friday evening, November 2, when Rabbi Lipper will be our special guest preacher. He and Dora plan to be in Little Rock at that time to celebrate the 30th anniversary of HIPPY U.S.A., which will be marked at a gala on Thursday evening, November 1. Dora Lipper currently serves on the Board of HIPPY U.S.A.

Rabbi Lipper currently serves Congregation B'nai Torah in Bellevue, Washington, in the Seattle area.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

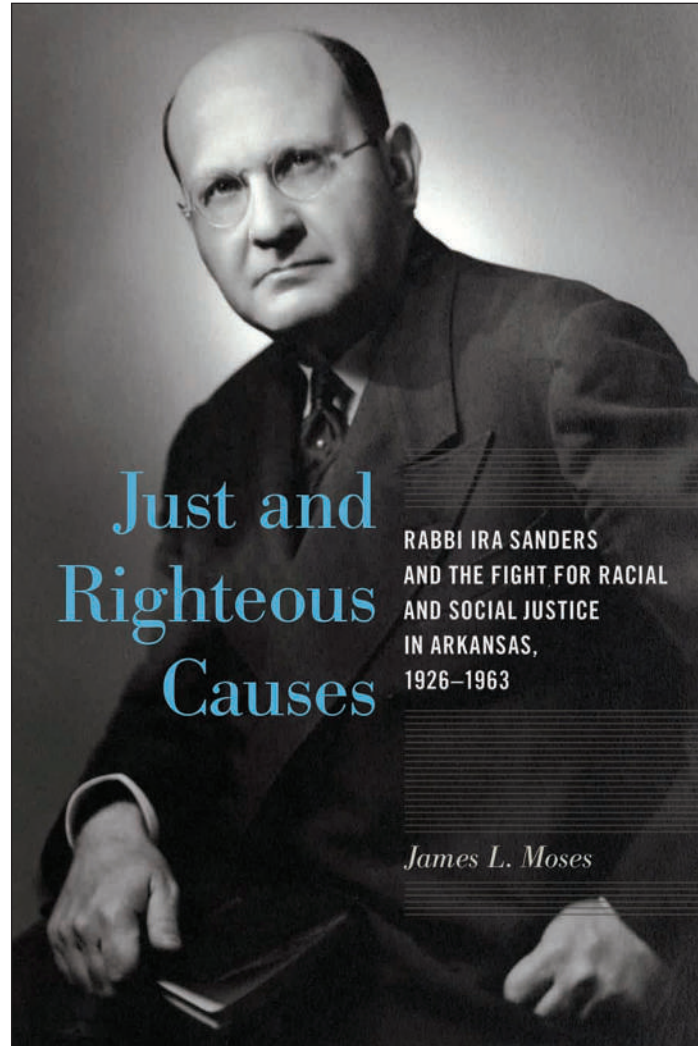
Tuesday, November 27 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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The Jewish Community of Central Arkansas welcomes you to the Global MORNING of Jewish Learning. You come, you nosh, you learn, you nosh some more, you leave, you're wiser!

Extraordinary Passages: **Texts and Travels** Sunday, November 11 9:15 a.m. - Noon

This year's theme addresses the journeys that matter most to us. From ancient adventures to modern times in the diaspora, experience the journeys of individuals and the Jewish people. Now in its 9th year, Global Day presents the opportunity for us to gather as a community and learn with stellar facilitators from diverse backgrounds as 400 other communities around the world do likewise. Far from being lectures, these classes spark thought-provoking conversations that have something for absolutely everyone! You may choose classes from the following— each class will be offered twice— and of course there will be coffee and delicious Kosher noshables.

Generations: A Family's Journeys

Rabbi Barry Block, Congregation B'nai Israel

A family journey of the three generations of our matriarchs and patriarchs led to the formation of a nation of people called the Children of Israel. We'll look at how their paths diverged, how their lives connected with the Land of Israel, and explore the meanings of their multi-generational saga.

Journey into the Unknown

Phillip Spivey, UCA Senior Lecturer of Philosophy and Religion

What does it mean to set out on a journey without knowing the destination? Meet Abram (Abraham) who is commanded to "go forth!" and does just that. We will explore what this passage of the Bible may reveal about journeys and progress.

The Journey of Our Names

Ellyn Polsky, Director of Lifelong Learning Emerita, Congregation B'nai Israel

Names are significant, and carry promises and challenges. Our own names embody aspirations – hopes that our families have for us and that we have for ourselves. We will look at how some biblical characters transform when their names change, and trace the journeys of some modern examples.

The Making of a Wandering People

Rabbi Pinchus Ciment, Lubavitch of Arkansas

How can a nation or a people exist in diaspora? We will explore how the experience of exile has shaped the Jewish people, from biblical times to the present day.

Please call, text, or email to pre-register: Meg Marion 951-3345, meg.marion@mac.com.
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November 2018				Heshvan 5779/Kislev 5779			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
CHRONICLE DEADLINE NOVEMBER 13 FOR DECEMBER ISSUE				1 Heshvan 23	2 Heshvan 24	3 Heshvan 25	
4 Heshvan 26 8:30 am - 9:30 am Intermediate Hebrew: Prayers, Songs, and Conversational Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 4:00 pm Book Launch for "Just and Righteous Causes: Rabbi Ira Sanders and the Fight for Racial and Social Justice in Arkansas, 1926-1963" by James L. Moses, Ph.D.	5 Heshvan 27	6 Heshvan 28 General Election	7 Heshvan 29	11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB-Sinai Edition Shabbat Service with special guests Rabbi David and Dora Lipper	8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services	
11 Kislev 3 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Global Day of Jewish Learning 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm LaFTY meeting - lunch provided	12 Kislev 4	13 Kislev 5 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE 11:30 am Coffee, Cake and Conversation 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - LifQuest Event 5:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	14 Kislev 6 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Little LaFTY Night Out - dinner and program 6:00 pm Social Action Thanksgiving Basket Assembly	11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	4:30 pm Tour FUMC Beebe 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm All Music Shabbat	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	10 Kislev 2
18 Kislev 10 No Religious School in Observance of Thanksgiving Break 3:00 pm Al Barron Book Club "Just and Righteous Causes: Rabbi Ira E. Sanders and the Struggle for Racial and Social Justice in Arkansas, 1926-1963"	19 Kislev 11	20 Kislev 12	21 Kislev 13	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	Social Action Thanksgiving Basket Delivery 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm Shabbat is Shalom 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services	17 Kislev 9
25 Kislev 17 No Religious School in Observance of Thanksgiving Break	26 Kislev 18	27 Kislev 18 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 7:00 pm Board Meeting	28 Kislev 18 4:00 pm Our House 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	Thanksgiving Day Ati'Day Closed No Judaism 101 Temple Offices Closed	Ati'Day Closed Temple Offices Closed 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Services	24 Kislev 16
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				29 Kislev 18	30 Kislev 18		
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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Levi Daniels A'14 Andy Lawton A'84 Jay Marks A'84 Barry Goldman
2 Terri Moore Marina Ivanovsky	3	4 Robert Goff, Jr. A'93 David Goldsholl Robin West Alex Flaxman	5 Lederman/Storrie A'71 Steve Weinstein Philip Levin	6 Jules Ava Ifrah	7 Nathan Bernstein A'85 Allison Lux Sebastian Wolfe	8
9 Jerry Gold A'06	10 John Sommer	11 Fred Levin	12 Henry Tuck A'09 Timothy Kessler	13 William Cohen	14 Jana Cohen Beth Miller Dan Phillips Josh Shemper	15 Josh Jacobi Betsy Mayersohn Marilyn Sorrells
16	17 Joseph Davidson A'11 Robert Oliva A'66 Brad Diner Savannah Gilson	18 Debbie Diner	19 Arick/Adams A'86 Larry Back A'71 Lynn Greenberg Ruth Itzkowitz	20 Morris Levy A'58 Rose Back Monica Davidson Michael Gastman Alexandra Ifrah Sandra Pruitt Gene Weinstein	21 Rebecca Kauffman Aliyah Polner Edward Stafford	22 Jesse Kane A'74
23 Herb Monoson Naomi Stratton Sophia Young	24 Leonard Hasson A'72 Thornike/Spitzberg A'88 Amy Lazar Carol Parham Brent Reiss David Vrudny Marilyn Weinstein	25 Phil Kaplan A'60	26 Allan Gold A'73 Richard Estelita Bev Wittenberg Mollie Axelroth Chloe Stratton	27	28 Bob Boury	29 Bill Friedman A'68 Lansky/Gould A'87 Alan Kauffman
30 Donna Kirkwood Carol Silverstrom Libby Thalheimer	31 Amanda Webb Daniel Block					

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IN HONOR OF:

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Joyce Franklin and Jane Goff

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 November:

Sunday, November 4th
Sunday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 18th
Sunday, November 25th

Confirmation Class:

Wednesday, November 7th
Wednesday, November 28th

Our House:

Wednesday, November 28th
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

GILBERT KORENBLAT

Husband of Pam Korenblat
Father of Ellen Korenblat (Luke Kramer)
Grandfather of Henry and Tess Kramer
Uncle of Scott (Janet) Korenblat

Todah Rabah

Many thanks to our office volunteers:
Milt Baer and Aniko Diamant

Lafty Update:

In September we hosted a dinner in the Sukkot and invited friends from Interfaith Youth Group and school, Thanks to the Ifrah's for a delicious dinner.

LAFTY had a picnic as a fun afternoon get together on October 7. During the second weekend in October, lots of LaFTY-ites attended Mitzvah Corps in Jackson, MS. Thanks to Alana Schipper for chaperoning!

Welcome New Members

Rebecca Russenberger and her mother,
Rita Russenberger, all from Benton

Rebecca's children:

Andrew Minton, age 10
Bethany Minton, age 6
Sarah Minton, age 4
Ru Minton, age 1

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FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

What do Judaism and Thanksgiving really have in common? First of all, turkeys can be kosher...so at least there's that. The word for Jew in Hebrew is Yehudi; and the root of this word also is the root from Hodaya – thankfulness. Judaism is a religion of gratitude and thankfulness; therefore, there is no reason not to celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is an American holiday not really rooted in any other religious history – and as Americans, this holiday is the most widely celebrated holiday by Jews.

Every day is a thanksgiving in Judaism as we can (and do) thank God for our many blessings each and every day. We wake each morning to say 'modeh ani P'fanecha' to thank God for restoring our soul for yet another day. Thankfulness is rooted in our daily rituals and gratitude is our way of living.

While Thanksgiving is not a Jewish holiday, it's also not a religious holiday in which we as Jews cannot partake. Yes, the Pilgrims and Native Americans may have incorporated religion in the original shared meal; and now we can incorporate some blessings at our Thanksgiving tables too. Start with the Motzi, and allow each person at the table to share a blessing in their lives. It's a very Jewish thing to do.

Family Contemplation: What are you blessed with? Is there something you have as a natural part of yourself that you feel especially grateful for?

The world suffers from many issues and we as Jews are asked to make the world a better place through Tikkun Olam. If you had three wishes to help improve the world, what would they be? Remember you only have three.

Would you rather be a turkey on Thanksgiving or a potato on Hanukkah?

What happened to the turkey that got in a fight? Yep, he got the stuffing knocked out of him.



LEAVE A LEGACY
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

Dale Ronnel's Legacy

Why leave a legacy gift to Temple B'nai Israel? First, a little reminder about the history of our Temple Endowment Fund and why keeping it strong is so important:

When Dr. Wilma Diner was president of our congregation, someone made a \$10,000 gift to the Temple in honor of Hillel Sloan. Dr. Diner asked Hillel what he would like the Temple to do with that lovely gift, and he requested she put it in the Temple's Endowment Fund. When Wilma told him that the Temple did not have an endowment fund, Hillel replied, "Then please use the \$10,000 to start one."

When I took over as Temple President in 1988, the Temple was in debt. In order to balance the previous year's budget, four generous congregants loaned money to the Temple so that the 1987-88 year could be ended in the black. That money was a loan and it needed to be paid back as quickly as possible. Somehow we managed to pay it (which is another story in itself) AND we ended the 1988-89 year in the black as well.

That is when I realized that, just like any prudent family has a viable savings account, the Temple needed funds that we could use to meet emergencies and unexpected expenses. We already had a strong Sustaining Fund for upkeep or repairs to our building but a savings account (i.e. an Endowment Fund) was also needed.

Rich Lewis, (of blessed memory) Temple vice-president, and I began brainstorming. A committee was formed, and we decided to hold an Endowment Fund drive in honor of our Temple's 125th Anniversary. The names of those who contributed to that drive are on the plaque just inside the door of the social hall. We raised about \$350,000.

The Temple Board then instituted a policy that any undesigned gift to the Temple would be placed in the Endowment Fund. That fund is now well over a million dollars and it has been instrumental in helping the Temple end every year since 1988 in the black.

As strong and active as our Temple family is now, the congregation is shrinking, making our Endowment Fund ever more important. We hope that leaving a legacy gift now will help keep our congregation strong and viable well into the future when we are no longer around to pay a yearly pledge. I would like to encourage you to think about leaving something in your will as well to help support Temple B'nai Israel into the future.

Dale Ronnel

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.





ALL THINGS HANUKKAH AT B'NAI ISRAEL

Eight days of Hanukkah – many opportunities events to celebrate!

December 2: Religious school pre-Hanukkah celebration

December 4 - 11:30 am: Hanukkah Seniors Luncheon sponsored by the Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund. RSVP to templesecretary@bnai-israel.us.

December 5 - 6:00 pm: Little and Middle LaFTY Hanukkah Dinner and Party. Games, riddles, treats and Hanukkah fare. RSVP to ehamilton@bnai-israel.us by Sunday, December 2 for planning purposes.

December 7 - 6:15 pm: Shabbat in the Rock Musical Hanukkah Shabbat service

December 9: Religious school Hanukkah Special Day The Great Doughnut Bar... Sometimes you just feel like a jelly doughnut...or do you? Taste test the best doughnuts in Little Rock and beyond. Are you a traditional jelly doughnut lover? Or is the cream filled for you? Come and vote for your favorite doughnut.



December 9 - 6:00 pm: Congregational Hanukkah Dinner and Party. Join the congregation for a whole family night of celebration.

Dinner for everyone. \$15/adults; \$8/children.

RSVP to the temple office:

templesecretary@bnai-israel.us by Friday, December 7.

Then separate fun activities and social for kids...games, crafts, and movie... and for the adults...Join the social engagement committee for signature HANUKKAH-TINIS; and more.



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Don't face this alone! Get help from experts at the Medicare Open Enrollment Workshop



**Wednesday, November 7th, 12:00 noon to 3:30 pm
Congregation Agudath Achim**

Open Statewide ~ phone appointments can be scheduled during the week if you would prefer not to drive to Little Rock.

Sandwiches and Refreshments Provided

**RSVP to attend or to schedule a phone appointment:
kelsey@jewisharkansas.org or 501-663-3571**

Jewish Federation of Arkansas is hosting a Medicare Open Enrollment Workshop on Wednesday, November 7th, from 12:00 noon to 3:30 at the Congregation Agudath Achim and statewide by phone appointment. Insurance specialists from the Arkansas Insurance Commission Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) will help you compare plans and rates.

When is Open Enrollment?

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15th through December 7th, 2018, for a January 1, 2019 effective date. During open enrollment you can switch your Part D or Medicare Advantage plan.

Why should I participate

It's important to reevaluate your coverage and compare Medicare rates and plans every year. Insurance companies frequently change the hospitals, doctors, prescription drugs, premiums, and deductibles that are covered. Will your preferred hospital and doctors still be covered in 2019? Will your prescription medicines be covered? Did your premium, deductible, or co-pay increase?

Which plan is the best plan for you?



Visit our Judaica Shop for your Chanukah candles, dreidels, gelt, and gifts!



Dinner and a Movie

Saturday, December 1
6:00 pm

"Driving Miss Daisy"

Get social for a Pot luck dinner, great movie, and discussion.



FIRST EVER LITTLE LAFTY NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, November 14: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join your friends in grades 3 – 5 for pizza and an evening of fun.

"THE GIFT OF NOTHING"

a pre-Thanksgiving and Hanukkah lesson and activity to be cherished forever.

Meet in the Children's Library at 6:00 pm.

\$8.00/student covers pizza dinner and program.



SHABBAT IS SHALOM

Friday, November 16: 5:45 pm

Shabbat experience and dinner for young families. Join for the Oneg Shabbat @ 5:45; then for Kabbalat Shabbat including blessings; then a picnic style dinner with Shabbat songs, games, and more.

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