

THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Americans are comfortable being patriotic, when we agree with its elected leaders and when we do not. Sharp disagreement with a leader or a policy does not mean we despise our nation. Instead, we prize American freedom to criticize our government, change it periodically, and advocate for our own social justice and public policy priorities.

Israel is no different. The Jewish State is a democracy, however imperfect. Israel's press is both free and vigorous. Israelis regularly register their protest, taking to the streets by the tens of thousands to demonstrate support for or opposition to the current government and its policies.

This month, on the Eve of Israel's Independence Day, *Yom HaAtzma'ut*, we shall welcome one of Israel's most noble patriots, Anat Hoffman, who leads the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) and Women of the Wall (WoW). Hoffman's presence in our midst represents a tremendous gift to our congregation and a generous contribution to IRAC and WoW. We may thank Sisterhood and an array of generous donors. Muriel Lederman, working in partnership with Hendrix College and others, has passionately pursued the opportunity to bring Anat Hoffman to Arkansas, Congregation B'nai Israel, and Hendrix.

Hoffman is best known for seeking to bring Jewish religious equality to Judaism's holiest shrine, the Western Wall of Jerusalem's Temple Mount. For thirty years, gathering monthly to celebrate Rosh Chodesh, the New Moon, Women of the Wall have been spat upon, pelted with soiled diapers, pushed, punched, and kicked. Many, including Hoffman, have been arrested for "crimes" that include bringing a *tallit* (prayer shawl) to the Wall. In early 2016, a compromise was reached: Ultra-Orthodox authorities would remain in full control of the existing, gender-segregated worship portion of the Wall. However, a new section of the same sacred Wall, equally accessible and under the control of the Reform and Conservative Movements, would be opened for all to worship as they please. Shamefully, Prime Minister Netanyahu reneged on the compromise in 2017; and the struggle continues.

Hoffman's crusades go well beyond the Temple Mount.

Workplace discrimination is a priority. Some Israelis these days advertise *avodah ivri*, "Hebrew labor," meaning that they will hire only Jews. That's illegal in Israel, but IRAC has had to mobilize the courts in order to compel the Government to enforce the law.

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Worship at a Glance

Friday, April 6

Mishkan T'filah Service, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, who will report on the recent JEAR Mission to Israel, at 6:15 pm

Music: Meg Marion, Josiah Wheeler, Charlie Friedman

Candles & Kiddush: Bobbye & Rabbi Eugene Levy

Reader: Phil Axelroth

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, April 7

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

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

Friday, April 13

Membership Shabbat: Abbreviated, Music-Filled, Family Friendly *Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15pm, followed by Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Music: Temple Musicians

Candles & Kiddush: Margaret Weiss and Larry Shibuk

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, April 14

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

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

Friday, April 20

All-Music, All-Debbie Shabbat Service, led by the Stars of David and Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

Music: Stars of David Band

Candles & Kiddush: Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

Reader: Darcy Krupitsky, in celebration of her birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, April 21

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

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

Friday, April 27

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

Music: Steve Bauman

Sermon: "What We Leave for the Poor"

Reader: Eugene Krupitsky

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, April 28

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

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

The Rabbi Speaks continued...

Marriage equality is a deep concern. Only Orthodox rabbis can officiate legally recognized weddings of Jews in Israel, where there is no civil marriage. The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism is at the forefront of the struggle for the rights of Israeli Jews to be married by any rabbi they choose, and for all marriages performed by those rabbis, including same-sex marriages, to be recognized. (Yes, gay men and lesbians have infinitely more rights in Israel than in any other Middle Eastern nation, but that's cold comfort.)

Racism remains a problem in Israel, much as it does in the United States. Israel's planned expulsion of African asylum seekers is contrary to the values of our faith.

These shortcomings and others cause some to question our support for such a nation. Just as we love America, even when its government offends us, so may we love Israel even as we raise objections to its repugnant flaws. Indeed, we are most effective partners for our Jewish people in the Jewish State when we back Israelis, like Anat Hoffman, who often demonstrate their patriotism most fervently through protest.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block



**SENIORS
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FOR PESACH**

For those ages 65+
April 4th - 11:30 am

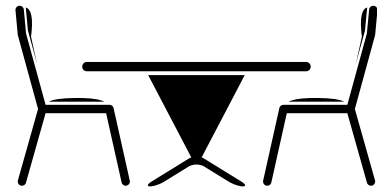
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RSVP to temple office:
templesecretary@bnai-israel.us by April 1

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

ALBERT HUGHES MCCANN, III
Brother of Annette Arnold



Temple B'nai Israel Men's Seder 2018

Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 pm
Copelands Restaurant • 2602 S. Shackelford Rd.

Mark your calendar now, and join us for this thought-provoking event, facilitated by Rabbi Block, with personal stories told by other Temple members.

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 30th.

The cost is \$36 per person, payable to Temple B'nai Israel.

Please indicate your choice of entrée: Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian. Advance payment is requested.

**The Schmooserama scheduled for April
has been moved to May 12th.**

Details to follow.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

What makes a congregation “successful”?

Attendance at worship services and programs? A healthy financial position? A steady stream of new members? A growing, or at least stable, Religious School enrollment? While all of these factors are important measures of “success”, my own answer would be: a congregation is successful when its members find within it support for their Jewish life.

Amy Asin, Vice President for Strengthening Congregations at the Union for Reform Judaism, has outlined “Eight Principles” that drive strong congregations to achieve success. Following each principle below are my comments related to our congregation.

1. Start with Why. A congregation’s “Why” is found in its mission statement. Congregation B’nai Israel’s mission statement found on our web page says: “Congregation B’nai Israel embraces a lifelong understanding and pursuit of Jewish identity, commitment, and values. Our Congregation strives to instill knowledge of and pride in Jewish heritage including Torah, tefillah and mitzvot, leading to active participation in Jewish life.” Only after defining our “Why” can we begin to identify what we should do (programs) and how we should do it (vision).

2. Be Aware of the Sacred. In other words, we are not simply a business and we cannot run our congregation exactly as we might run a business. The financial bottom line, important as it is, cannot overshadow sacred relationships.

3. Focus on Best Principles, Not Best Practices. A practice that works well for one congregation may not work at all for another. For example, a best principle is having a system of financial support that is fair to all members. The exact form that financial support system takes (the practice) will vary among congregations.

4. Experiment. We can’t be afraid to try new things when circumstances change. If we wait until we’re absolutely sure something is the “right” thing to do, we may wait too long or never move at all. Our new pledge system is an experiment. We can’t know for sure that the new system will be successful. However, we know our old system was not working well. Thus, we performed due diligence, moved ahead, and will course correct as necessary.

5. Bring Participants into the Process. Our committees need you! Our program planning groups need you! We will have sign-up sheets for committees and activities at the upcoming Annual Meeting in June. If you are interested in a particular area, volunteer! If you have

an idea, tell your leadership what you would like to see offered at your Temple. Then, help make it happen!

6. Redefine Success. Success is not solely measured by how many people came to the program or how much money we spent or made. Success can be: did I make a new connection; deepen a relationship; improve my own or someone else’s understanding; make my community a better place?

7. Work as a Team. It takes all of us to have a strong congregation. Professional staff, lay leaders, committee members, volunteers – everyone has a role. If you are exhausted, ask for help. If you are not doing anything – why not?

8. Manage the Transition, Not Just the Change. Change is not easy. Prayer books change and may seem strange. Music changes and we don’t know the words or the tune. There is more Hebrew (or less Hebrew!) than we would like. There are new people whom we don’t know. We can help each other navigate difficult changes by listening to each other’s concerns, respecting each other’s positions, accommodating when we can, bending when we must and always remembering our “Why” – to be a Jewish home for all of our members.

Shalom,

Carmen Arick

Share your thoughts and ideas with me at President@bnai-israel.us



The cast of "The Voice: Shushan Edition"

Your Guide to Passover, 5778 (2018) at Congregation B'nai Israel

Friday, March 30

Home Seder

Please note: No Shabbat Service or Passover observance is scheduled for Congregation B'nai Israel on Friday night, March 30.

Saturday, March 31

Services for Shabbat and the First Holy Day of Passover, 11:00 am

Tuesday, April 3

Congregational Seder, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 4

Seniors Passover Luncheon, 11:30 am

Thursday, April 5

Men's Seder, 6:00 pm, Copeland's

Friday, April 6

Services for the Last holy Day of Passover, including Yizkor/
Memorial Prayers, 10:30 am



You are invited to be our guest at the
**Congregation B'nai Israel
Annual Membership Shabbat**

A very special evening honoring our new members
and welcoming prospective members

April 13, 2018

Oneg Shabbat Reception 5:45-6:15
Abbreviated music-filled service 6:15
Shabbat Dinner following the Service

Dinner Reservations requested by
Wednesday, April 11, 2018.
Please call the Temple office, 225-9700.

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YAHRZEITS: APRIL 2018

APRIL 6

Adele B. Heiman Ellman
Adolph Hamburger
Rose Chozick Jacobson
Eleanor Kokes
Henry Lasker
Janice Myers O'Shea
Ellis Rivkin
Florence E. Rubenstein
David S. Sherman
Abraham Alan Shindler
Abe Weinberg
Rose Claire Weintraub
Vera Wolchansky

APRIL 13

Barbara Grundfest Bauman
Emma Cohen
Morris Cooper
Helen Silverman Levy
Chaye Mireh Palnick
John L. Pfeifer
Ira E. Sanders
Joseph B. Selz
Max Zeno

APRIL 20

Herbert Abowitz
Morris Besser
Leah Gans Blass
Valrus Gates
Sandra F. Goldberg
Milton L. Loeb
Sarah Ehrenberg Loeb
Samuel Lyons, Sr.
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Albert Snyderman
Louis Volmer

APRIL 27

Flora C. Bennett
Charles A. Ehrman
Eph Epstein
Lucille K. Falk
Greg E. Kempner
Rachael Deroy Kempner
Edward Narkinsky
Mildred Frank Rephan
Marion A. Safferstone
Julia F. Schott
Anne Ehrenberg Steppach
Rose Sonnenschein Yout
Jack Stiel Dante
Aaron Zeno



Congregational Seder

Tuesday, April 3 at 6:00 pm

Embark on the road of our ancestors as they left Egypt and became free. Rabbi Block and the Haggadah will spell out the tale of our people and allow us to relive this timeless biblical story through symbol, story and song.

Reserve your space or a table

Members: \$36.00/Non-members \$45.00

Dinner includes all the components of the Seder Meal. Please note any special dietary restrictions when making your reservation.

Reservations are due by March 30 at the latest.



LEAVE A LEGACY
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

Carmen & Emily's Legacy

Home. That is what we have found at Temple. A home in which to celebrate holidays, Bar and Bat Mitzvah milestones, weddings, and Shabbat. A home in which to learn about our Jewish traditions, develop ourselves spiritually, and contribute to making the world just a little better. A home in which to make and grow friendships with people who have literally changed our lives – by expanding our knowledge, deepening our commitments, giving us belly laughs, and sharing our tears. A home in which to find comfort when life is hard.

We made several stops on the Religious Seeker Road before finding Judaism. We tried it alone for a while. That is not how Judaism works. The fullest expression of Judaism requires community. Many hearts and hands built this Temple community for us. We want to sustain our Temple for the future seekers who find themselves in Little Rock, AR. To leave a legacy is our obligation to those who came before us. Mostly though, we are leaving our legacy out of joy and gratitude for all we have received from our beloved Temple B'nai Israel.

We hope you will join us and “Don't let the light go out!”



April 2018

Nisan 5778/Iyyar 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Nisan 16 Passover 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning with special guest Rabbi Katie Bauman, on <i>The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate</i>	2 Nisan 17 Passover	3 Nisan 18 Passover 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Congregational Seder	4 Nisan 19 Passover 11:30 am Seniors Passover Luncheon	5 Nisan 20 Passover 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 6:00 pm Men's Seder at Copeland's	6 Nisan 21 Passover Ends Temple Office Closed 8:00 am - 9:00 am • All Day closed 10:30 am • Services for the last Festival Morning of Passover, including Yizkor/ Memorial Prayers 4:30 pm • Cabot UMC Visit 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm • Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm • Mishkan T'filah Service led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, Reflecting on the JPARS Recent Mission to Israel	7 Nisan 22 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
8 Nisan 23 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School	9 Nisan 24	10 Nisan 25 10:00 am - 11:15 am Grief Support Group - Teen Lounge 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Ati Day Board Meeting	11 Nisan 26 7:00 pm Community Yom Hashoah Observance	12 Nisan 27 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Judaism 101	13 Nisan 28 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm New Members Shabbat followed by dinner	14 Nisan 29 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
15 Nisan 29 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE 8:30 am - 9:30 am • Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Religious School 9:30 am - 11:30 pm • Adult Learning <i>The Sacred Calling</i> with Rabbi Block 10:00 am - 11:30 am • Gan B'rai Israel 3:00 pm • Al Barron Book Club	16 Iyyar 1	17 Iyyar 2 7:00 pm Ati Day Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	18 Iyyar 3 7:30 pm Anat Hoffman, President of Israel Religious Action Center and Women of the Wall	19 Iyyar 4 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 5:30 pm Community Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration	20 Iyyar 5 LaFTY at Spring Conclave 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm All-Music, All-Debbie Shabbat Service	21 Iyyar 6 LaFTY at Spring Conclave 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
22 Iyyar 7 LaFTY at Spring Conclave 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School	23 Iyyar 8	24 Iyyar 9 4:00 pm Our House 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Service Preparation	25 Iyyar 10 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Service Preparation	26 Iyyar 11 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn	27 Iyyar 12 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 5:45 pm Shabbat Kids Club 6:15 pm UPB - Sinat Edition Services	28 Iyyar 13 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ati Day Trivia Night Fundraiser

CHRONICLE DEADLINE APRIL 15 FOR MAY ISSUE



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Noel Strauss A'99	2 Tad Phillips A'07 Justin Young Phillip Young	3 Amanda Williams Seth Parham	4 Shirley Barron Harry Ehrenberg, Jr. Rickie Lockwood Charles Newfeld Evie Dranoff Nate Dranoff	5 Joseph Davidson Betty Rosen
6 Phil Axelroth A'00 Mark Strauss Tracye Townley	7 Deanna Ward	8 David Pear Alexa Shemper	9 Charlene Prousnitzer David Polner	10 Brad Diner A'98 Joshua Epstein Sharon Hendrix Maxwell Lyons, II Michael Silva-Nash	11 Thomas McGarry A'96 Zane Chrisman	12 Camille Dante Larry Nafe
13 Aaron Lubin A'89 Emily Lewis Mickey Loeb Jeff Nodelman John Stober	14 David Behnke Ellen Moore Nancy Phillips Lori Shemper Emma Figarsky	15 Gary Weisbly	16 Martin Ferguson A'98	17 Lee Thalheimer A'80 Philip Axelroth Mikhail Ivanovsky	18 Sandy Phillips Jared Mackey	19 Jack Grundfest A'90
20 Paul Schroeder A'72 Miriam Hasson	21 Claud Alexander A'78 Vogt/Benjamin A'88 Rivka Ehrenberg Ellie Daniel	22 Bob Boury A'82 David Gerson A'93 Barry Uretsky A'05	23 Bernie Beville A'81 L. Bogoslavsky A'81 Thomas Kaiser A'75 Van Gates Vaughn Gates	24 Freeman-Pearce A'17 C. Prousnitzer A'81 Gabriel Elson	25 Alex Daniel Harvey Miller	26 Larry Brady A'80 Michael Krupitsky A'79 Duff Campbell Iris Oliva Lucy Towbin
27 Bettina Brownstein	28 Tim McGrath A'00 Alan Thalheimer A'16 Julie Elson Gina Kokes Mark Levin Lily Gordon	29 Byron Kantrow A'99 Michael Krupitsky Layla Dawn Arrantis	30	31 A. Mayersohn, Jr. A'81 Bill Fortson Edmond Freeman Ky Stevens		

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FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

Bubbe and Zayde are Yiddish terms of endearment for grandmothers and grandfathers. I grew up with a Nana and PopPop, and a Grandmom and Grandpop. Then when my parents became grandparents, they went with Grandma and Grandpa. Did I miss out on not having a Bubbe or Zayde? Did I deprive my own children from a Bubbe and Zayde? Is there something cushier about having a Bubbe and Zayde versus the other names?

This year at religious school, we started a new multi-generational approach to our classroom teams. A teacher, some madrichim, and a bubbe or zayde. What each one can offer comes from a special perspective. What each person can bring to the classroom can enhance the experience. And so we have seen this year.

A special thank you to Bubbe Elyn in our new Gan B'nai Israel PK class. Her expertise in all things PK and Jewish education have lent themselves to sparking new Jewish learning interests in our youngest members. To Bubbe Trudy: who put on her apron and treated her team to her special challah recipe. And more. Trudy jumped right in with the energy of three, always sharing a smile and connection with her class. Bubbe Doris helped us study team 2/3 and get the best answers to the tough questions: what can we do with this age group to motivate them? What are their likes and dislikes and how do we engage some very bright kids and keep them busy? Bubbe Doris added her hands-on ideas to the class and made it all come alive. A big thank you to Zayde Phil who covered class many times and added stability to a large and excellent team 4/5. His calm voice and solid expectations gave team 4/5 that little something extra.

I hope I can attract more and more Bubbes and Zaydes to our religious school in the future. Our kids love them, our teachers count on them, and

our madrichim learn from them. Bubbes and Zaydes represent our past and our future – they're everything good all wrapped up in one. When you see a Bubbe or Zayde, please thank them again for being part of religious school this year. For me and from me and all our students. They have made for a phenomenal year.



SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

Friday, April 27 • 5:45 pm

Meet at the Oneg Shabbat! Then to services for blessings... and then to dinner and a program in the youth lounge.

ISRAEL – HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY!

hosted by The Golds: Tricia, Jack, Vivian, and Jerry

RSVP by Wednesday, April 25 to the Temple office or email: ehamilton@bnai-israel.us.

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April 10	Teen Lounge 10:00 – 11:15 am
April 25	Our House 4:00 pm
April 20-22	Nfty So Spring Conclave in Memphis

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Barry Block, Gay Block, Gus Block, Bari and Mark Gimelfarb

Miriam's Seder

This year's Miriam's Seder, held on March 15, was a lovely event. About 20 of us re-told the Haggadah from a different perspective, honoring women and others who have been omitted from the service. We joined in food, singing and timbrel-shaking, and raised over \$120 for the #metoo project of the Jewish Women's Archive.

Thanks to Rita Fagan, Rose Back, Marilyn Sorrels and Muriel Lederman for preparing the food, Deanna Ward, Esther Gordon, Meg Marion for leading the service, everyone for packing up and the neighborhood lots for the daffodils.



Join us at a luncheon in the foyer to celebrate

Milt Baer's dedicated volunteer service

Saturday, May 5 • 12:30 pm

Catered by Scot Goldsholl

No charge for the lunch but please contact the Office for planning purposes.



The camper application for Interfaith Friendship Camp is now live!

This year's theme is "Just Imagine..."

All rising 3rd-6th graders (current 2nd-5th graders) are invited to imagine and explore a strong future with "plenty" for everyone on our planet!!

July 9 - July 13

at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

(1000 N. Mississippi St, Little Rock, AR 72207)

Camp is all about making new friends and learning from one another. Each day campers from Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Baha'i and Buddhist faiths will explore and engage in designs to make the future world a wonderful place...one filled with plenty of food, education, wellness and PEACE. Through daily lessons, small group activities, music, art, science and technology, meditation strategies, social action, prayer and reflection campers will explore cooperative practices to bring about a better world. Friday's field trip to a local science destination will top off our week of imagining a better future for everyone!

Please email Ellyn with questions at
ellyn.polsky@gmail.com

Register at <https://debcooper.wufoo.com/forms/friendship-camp-application-form/>

Young adults in high school, college and post-college...
we need you too.

Email Ellyn to find out how you can help!



Sisterhood Speaks

The Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Israel cordially invites the congregation and the community to an important event to be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 pm in the Tenenbaum Center of Congregation B'nai Israel, 3700 N. Rodney Parham Blvd, Little Rock.

We are delighted to host a talk by Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center. Her talk is entitled "If You See Something, Say Something." Israel's Declaration of Independence ensures social and political rights to all of Israel's inhabitants, irrespective of religion, race or sex. There are instances where Israel goes off course. What should diaspora Jews do? In this presentation, Ms. Hoffman will suggest an action guide for the perplexed.

Ms. Hoffman is well known as a leader in Women of the Wall, a group dedicated to obtaining women's right to pray at the Western Wall. She was a Jerusalem City Councilwoman for 14 years, dedicating her life to the principle of tikkun olam, repairing the world through justice and equality, before becoming Executive Director of IRAC in 2002, where she guides its work to promote Jewish pluralism, tolerance and equality and combat racism, corruption and religious coercion. Ms. Hoffman is a sought-after lecturer, addressing social justice, religious pluralism, Jewish-Arab co-existence and equal rights for women and minorities.

In addition to Sisterhood, the talk is sponsored by the Ottenheimer Foundation, a gift from Carmen Arick and Emily Adams to the Adult Learning program, the Shlenker Philanthropic Fund, Gay Block and Billie Parker, the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and Annabelle Tuck.



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