



THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

While the musical tradition of the Jerusalem Temple is lost to us, we know it existed, thanks to Psalms that call for praising God with beautiful instruments. We do retain very old traditional tropes for chanting Torah, Prophets, and liturgy. In 19th Century Germany, when reformers began to reintroduce instrumental music – above all,

organ accompaniment – to Jewish worship, our predecessors were blessed with magnificent composers such as Solomon Sulzer and Louis Lewandowski, whose melodies are heard to this day. Their 20th Century successors – for example, Max Janowski, of the previous generation, and Ben Steinberg, of our own – have grown the repertoire of Classical Reform music. That tradition continues into the 21st Century, with a composer like Cantor Eric Contzius, whose “You Shall Love the Eternal” we plan to introduce on the High Holy Days in 2018.

The late 20th and 21st Centuries have seen an explosive growth of a contemporary style of Jewish music intended to inspire a new generation and enhance congregational participation. Debbie Friedman and Cantor Jeff Klepper were pioneers, with successors today who have become friends of our congregation – Rabbi Noam Katz, Josh Nelson, Dan Nichols, Rick Recht, and Julie Silver, to name a few.

These talented composers and performers are beloved at Congregation B'nai Israel because they have visited us, thanks to the generosity of the Bauman Music Fund. This month, we welcome Noam Katz back to Little Rock, and we look forward to hearing his newest music alongside his “older” pieces among our favorites. We have also come to love this music because our talented volunteer musicians bring it to us week after week, year after year, on Shabbat and Holy Days.

Our volunteer musicians’ repertoire, though, is not limited to this newer style of music. A typical worship service in our congregation will include a traditional chant followed by a contemporary tune accompanied by guitar, rounded out by a Classical Reform favorite. The talent of our volunteer musicians is matched by their commitment and versatility.

We are also blessed by the enormous talent of the professionals who beautify our High Holy Days from the choir room. They are not Jewish, but what we hear is not merely an excellent technical rendering of liturgical music by an organist and singers trained to perform in any language. These musicians bring their souls to our worship. They are inspired as they inspire us.

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Worship at a Glance

Friday, February 2

Heschel Shabbat, led by Sisterhood, at 6:15 pm
Music: David Bauman, Liz Cohen, Meg Marion, Josiah Wheeler
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: In honor of the life of Janette Rubin, by Ellyn Polsky

Altar Flowers Sponsor: In memory of Shirley Strauss, by Steve, Trip, and Susan Strauss

Saturday, February 3

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

Friday, February 9

UPB-Sinai Edition Service led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm
 Blessing of Bruce Greenberg, on the occasion of his milestone birthday
Music: Steve Bauman

Sermon: “Celebrating Lincoln’s Birthday: Law and Liberation”

Candles: Lynn & Bruce Greenberg

Kiddush: Bruce Greenberg, in celebration of his special birthday

Reader: Nan Selz

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 10

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

Friday, February 16

Music-Filled, Abbreviated Shabbat Service at 6:15 pm,
 led by Artist-in-Residence Rabbi Noam Katz, Temple Musicians,
 and Rabbi Block

Followed by Shabbat Dinner and a concert by
 Noam Katz see pg. 3 for details

Candles & Kiddush: Jana and Perry Cohen,
 in celebration of Perry’s birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 17

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

Friday, February 23

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

Sermon: “Celebrating Washington’s Brithday: Founders Matter”

Candles & Kiddush: Ellyn Polsky and Howard Bresnik,
 in celebration of Ellyn’s birthday

Reader: Keith Nigro, in celebration of his birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 24

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

The Rabbi Speaks continued...

For many years, Bernie Turgeon has skillfully led our High Holy Day Choir with devotion and sensitivity. Bernie, though, finds himself overwhelmed by his full-time position at UAMS, alongside a year-round musical role at Christ the King; and he has therefore come to the difficult decision that 2018 will be his last High Holy Days with us. We look forward to honoring Bernie's gifts to us over many seasons at the appropriate time.

Our Ritual Committee, chaired by Emily Adams and Richard Estelita – together with the volunteer leader of all our Temple's music, David Bauman, and me – will engage Bernie's replacement as Director, likely from among the existing choir, as well as a new baritone voice.

In 2018, we also plan to add a cantorial soloist to our High Holy Day evening and Yom Kippur Neila (Concluding) worship. Singing from the pulpit, as he already often does, Richard Estelita will be accompanied by the organ and choir, in addition to offering some traditional chants acapella. We look forward to continuing Congregation B'nai Israel's magnificent musical tradition, which includes always seeking new ways to serve God and inspire our holy congregation.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

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

BARBARA SCHLESINGER
Mother of Scott (and Kelli) Schlesinger

TED BAER
Brother of Milton Baer (and Carole Hamon)

HENRY SIMON
Father of Micky (and Sheri) Simon

RENEE MILLER
*Wife of Harvey Miller and
Mother of Beth Miller (and Paul Yoder)*

LARRY DUMONT
Brother of Charlene (and Chuck) Prousnitzer

Mazel Tov

to **Sheri and Micky Simon** on the birth of their first grandchild, **Oliver Andrew Simon**, son of **Amy and Joel Simon**.

to **Brent Reiss**, who has graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School with a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies. The focus of his degree is on sub-Saharan Africa security.

to **Rickie and David Lockwood** with the arrival of **Kosa Marie Vukmirovic**, daughter of **Rebecca and Dusko Vukmirovic** and big brother Fox.

to **Levi Daniels**, on the occasion of completing his conversion to Judaism and being formally welcomed into our Covenant on January 17. Mazal Tov also to Levi's wife, **Brina**.

Todah Rabah

Many thanks to **Lee Thalheimer** for donating a historic World War 2 era Jewish Welfare Fund poster to the Temple archives.

to our office volunteers: **Milt Baer, Aniko Diamant, Richard Estelita and Emily Adams**.

Congregation B'nai Israel and
Jewish Federation of Arkansas Invite You:

Coffee, Cake and Conversation

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

Presentation by Dr. Lirit Franks
**Beyond Marijuana: Cannabinoid
Compounds as Medicine**

Jewish community member, Lirit Franks received her doctorate in cannabinoid pharmacology in December of 2016 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She graduated with two first author publications in the field and five assistant authorship publications. Lirit will discuss her interest in working with patients and physicians regarding cannabis as medicine and furthering her research from her doctoral dissertation regarding various cannabinoids as therapeutics.

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

President's Message

Dear Friends,

What do Freud, a “VUCA” world, Aaron and the Levites, and synagogue budgets have in common? Answer: the 2017 Union for Reform Judaism Biennial!

Seven of your CBI staff and lay leaders spent December 6-10 in chilly Boston soaking up the above topics and so much more. Biennial is intended to expose congregational staff and lay leaders to new ideas and practices from Reform congregations throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel. While not every experience is suitable for “trying at home”, many of the programs are worthy of exploration here at CBI. Look for more on the following Biennial discoveries in the coming weeks and months.

Brit Olam (“Covenant with the World”) – Rabbi Block will be discussing this exciting Social Justice initiative with the Temple Board at our next meeting. Pending Board approval, our Congregation will have the opportunity to join the 134 Reform congregations already participating in the initiative. If we want a world of justice, compassion, and wholeness, we must ACT. Together, we CAN make a difference.

Synagogue Management Software – This may sound dull to you, but the possibility of a more “user friendly” system for office management is a VERY exciting prospect for our office staff. Eileen Hamilton, Richard Estelita, and Carol Parham scoured the Exhibit Hall and uncovered a potential replacement for our current “clunky” system. They have procured a demo version and will be exploring whether it may be the answer to some of the issues that regularly confront our office personnel.

Mission Driven Budgeting – We are already thinking about next year’s budget and soon will begin the process. You may have heard the following: “Don’t tell me what your values are. Show me your budget and *I* will tell *you* what your values are. Mission driven budgeting is based on that principle. Who are we? Why do we exist as a congregation? Does our budgeting reflect our mission? If not, why not? Should we change our mission? Or change our spending? These are questions our congregation will continue to face as we go forward into our next 150 years.

Music and Worship Experiences – All of us enjoyed some wonderful new music and worship styles: Nava Tehila of Jerusalem, Aaron and the Levites (HUC-JIR) to name only two. Richard Estelita and Emily Adams of the Ritual Committee and Meg Marion, Chair of Adult Learning, will be bringing some of these experiences to our congregation during the next year.

What does Freud have to do with it? As explained by the delightful and mesmerizing Rabbi Larry Hoffman in a program titled “Freud, Ritual, and God: Making Sense of Modern Prayer”, Reform Jews have tended to minimize the importance of ritual, preferring a more intellectual approach to our religious life. But are we missing something? As Rabbi Hoffman says, ideas come in different forms. Science is one form. Art and music are other forms. Ritual is a form unto itself – a way of understanding patterns and concepts that our ancestors experienced,

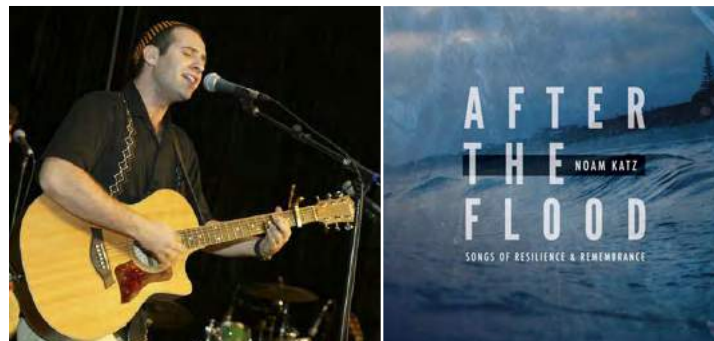
a way to communicate the “moreness” of life. As in, “there must be more than this”. Why are we here – as individuals and as a community? What does the “God” idea mean to us – as individuals and as a community? Ritual can guide us on the journey of finding satisfying answers to these questions and others. And, if the current ritual doesn’t fit, we can find one that suits us better.

For one thing is certain – change will happen. Due to the fact that we live in a “VUCA” world as explained by the futurist Dr. Bob Johansen, a founding Fellow of the Institute for the Future who has advised many Fortune 500 companies as well as the United States Army and philanthropic organizations. “VUCA” describes a world of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity. This is the world we live in today and, in ever more degree, the world we will inhabit in the future. Challenge and opportunity! Let’s get ready!

Shalom,

Carmen Arick

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



*The Bauman Music Fund of
Congregation B'nai Israel
Presents...*

**Artist-in-Residence
Rabbi Noam Katz**

Friday, February 16

Abbreviated, Music-Filled Shabbat Service, 6:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner (\$15 adults, \$8 children)

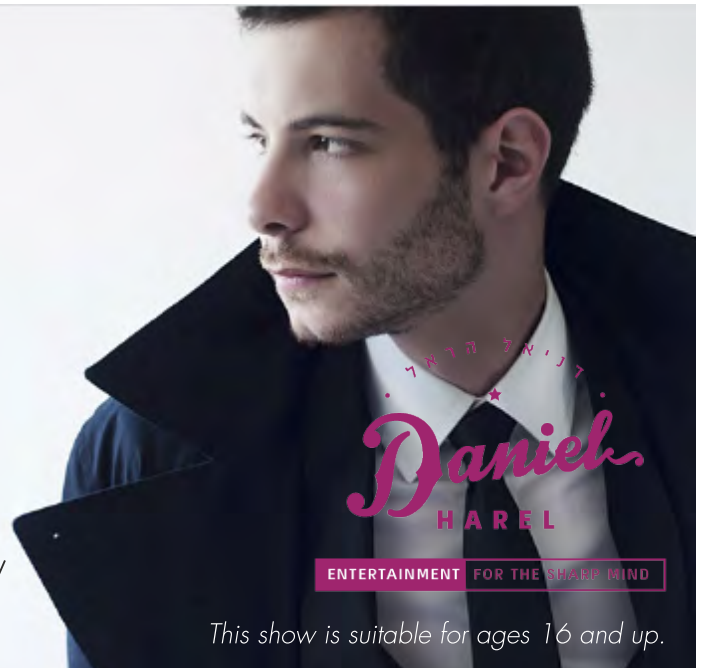
Concert featuring new music from Noam’s 2017
album *After the Flood*

Congregation B'nai Israel FUNDRAISER 2018 Saturday, February 3, 2018

6:30 pm - wine, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres
8:00 pm - one hour show featuring Daniel Harel

**You've already told him - you just don't know it yet!
Daniel Harel is a virtuoso in the realm of mind reading
entertainment.**

Daniel, an Israeli, has been astonishing audiences for over a decade. With an uncanny sensitivity for the smallest details, Daniel will know everything about you with just the slightest gaze. Even things you have forgotten are not beyond Daniel's reach. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDN12-dFzS4> for a brief synopsis of Daniel's show and talents!



This show is suitable for ages 16 and up.

Your support and sponsorship is appreciated! Bring your friends, community members or anyone who would enjoy!

To reserve tickets contact the Temple Office at 501.225.9700 or templesecretary@bnai-israel.us

SPONSOR (\$180/person): Shabbat dinner with Daniel, show, front row seating and chance to be in the show.

SUPPORTER (\$72/person): Chance to be in the show and 2nd row seating.

\$36/person: general seating

New GROUP ticketing: 10 tickets for \$300.00 general seating

Howie's Legacy

L'dor Va'dor: Why I Gave a Legacy gift to Our Temple's Next Generation



LEAVE A LEGACY CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

While eating at the table at our Congregation's Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast last night, everyone began to introduce themselves. In one way, I had an advantage as the Rabbi had asked me to be one of the presenters at our traditional Yom Kippur "My Jewish Journey" series earlier in the Day. So... everyone sort of knew me... at least, within the context of Jewish Journey remarks.

What was remarkable to me, during the introductions and continued discussions, was that everyone at the table was not a native-born Arkansan. They had grown up in communities from all over the country, moved to Little Rock (or nearby), and joined the Temple. While no one at our table still had "school-aged" children or adolescents, we all talked about the importance of B'nai Israel relative to providing a Jewish education, making available Jewish experiences, and being the presence of a "Jewish Center" (both spiritually and physically—as a synagogue) for our children, and the next generation of children.

Moreover, we agreed that B'nai Israel is important not just for our Jewish children, families, and community... but also for the entire Little Rock and greater-Arkansas community relative to helping everyone understand and share in our history, culture, beliefs... and even, our social action positions and activities.

Whether we are native-born Arkansans or "Arkansans-by-choice"... whether we will be here for one year, or have been here for many... B'nai Israel has positively and, often indelibly, impacted many Congregants over the years. It is essential that we preserve and pass this gift to our next generation—not assuming that the next generation "can do it on their own."

That is why—when I began to think about my passing from this generation, I made sure that my "final requests" included Congregation B'nai Israel.

Howie Knoff



YAHARZEITS: FEBRUARY 2018

FEBRUARY 2

Gittel Adler
Betty Lasker Alexander
Alan Harris Arsht
David Blumenthal
Joan Bresnik
Roy B. Dumont
Randall M. Falk, Sr.
Albert R. Fox
Jack Grundfest
Dorothy Joseph
Eva L. Korenblat
Bernice Marx Lion
Beryl Harris Nordlinger
Marvin Roberts
Jeanette Rubin
Louis Maurice Samuel
Lillian Schiff
Leah Isolene Shindler
Shirley Strauss
William A. Stern

FEBRUARY 9

Fran Abts
Joyce Arick
Dr. Dorothy G. Axelroth
Delia G. Bloom
Harry Bresler
Albert K. Cohen
Edith L. Fleisig
Jean Gailliard
Max Greenbaum
David Griffin
Alan Hirsch
Leo Lansky
Birdie L. Lasker
Laura Reifer
W. E. Rogers
Shirley Schumann
Dorothy Blass Storthz
Carla Smith Webb

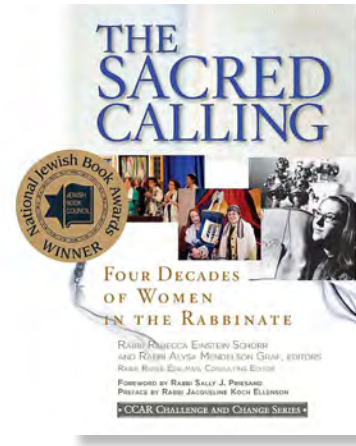
FEBRUARY 16

L. Julian Alexander
Natalie Loeb Alexander
Adolph Blumenthal

Don-Neil Brotman
Nat M. Cohen
Charles Herrman Dante
Charles Fleisig
Rhoda Lowenberg Gilbert
Augusta Finger Goldman
Mabel Feld Grundfest
Sam Grundfest
John Eric Kerner
Chester E. Miller
Milton Richard
Vivian Brooks Rosen
Morris B. Sanders
Hulda D. Thalheimer
Arthur Weiss
Bessie Weller
Donald Spradlin Wise

FEBRUARY 23

Henry Stephan Abowitz
Sadie C. Bauduy
Annah Cohen
Flora L. Cohen
Geraldine DeFrance
Carrie L. Dosch
Chai Rachel Epstein
Hattie Jean Falk
Dr. Sidney Jacob Fields
Sarah Hannah Friedman
Irene Goldman
Robert Hestermann
J. Heyman
Lilian Cohen Horton
Ruth Horton
Jean Lachmann
Hattie Sickles Levy
Daniel Ottenheimer
Heloise Kaufman Pfeifer
Irene Bott Pfeifer
Louis C. Salinger
Levi Storthz
Freda Granoff Thomas
Jean Walter
Faye Block Weinstein
Stella F. Weisman



Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel presents...

The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate

A 2016 anthology from CCAR Press

FOUR-PART PROGRAM FEATURING:



Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Ph.D.

Author of "O Pioneers: Reflections from Five Women Rabbis of the First Generation," which appears in *The Sacred Calling*

Scholar-in-Residence Presentation at Shabbat Dinner following an abbreviated Shabbat service, Friday, March 2



Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner

Congregation Beth Israel, Jackson, Mississippi
Author of "Personal Reflection: A Man's Experiences of Women in the Rabbinate," which appears in *The Sacred Calling*

Sunday, March 11, 9:30 am - 11:00 am



Rabbi Katie Bauman

Temple Israel, Memphis

Sunday, April 1, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Rabbi Barry Block

Sunday, April 15, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Special: *The Sacred Calling* is available at the specially discounted price of \$16

Contact the Temple Office,
TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us or 225-9700,
to obtain your copy!

February 2018

Shevat 5778/Adar 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHRONICLE DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15 FOR MARCH ISSUE						
4 Shevat 19 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 3:00 pm Al Barron Book Club	5 Shevat 20	6 Shevat 21	7 Shevat 22 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	1 Shevat 16 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Judaism 101	2 Shevat 17 9:00 am - 11:00 am Christ Lutheran Visit 4:30 pm FUMC of Bryant Visit 5:45 - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Sisterhood/Shabbat Heschel Service	3 Shevat 18 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:30 pm Daniel Harel Performance
11 Shevat 26 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 10:00 am - 11:30 am Gan B'nai Israel 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Little LaFTY lunch event	12 Shevat 27	13 Shevat 28 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Coffee, Cake, and Conversation 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Board Meeting	14 Shevat 29 Valentines Day 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	8 Shevat 23 9:00 am - 12:30 pm JCA Social Action Program for Teens 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Judaism 101	9 Shevat 24 4:30 pm FUMC of Searcy Visit 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 5:45 pm Shabbat Kids Club 6:15 pm UPB-Sinai Edition Service	10 Shevat 25 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Middle LaFTY social event
18 Adar 3 No Religious School - President's Weekend	19 Adar 4 8:00 am - 9:00 am Ati Day Teacher In Service Day	20 Adar 5 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	21 Adar 6	15 Shevat 30 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Judaism 101	16 Adar 1 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Musical Shabbat Service, Shabbat Dinner, and Concert with Guest Artist-in-Residence Noam Katz	17 Adar 2 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
25 Adar 10 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Megillah Reading and LaFTY Purim Carnival	26 Adar 11	27 Adar 12	28 Adar 13 4:00 pm Our House	22 Adar 7 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Judaism 101	23 Adar 8 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	24 Adar 9 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 5:00 pm - 9:00 am LaFTY lock in for Purim Planning



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Gus Blass, III Lee Thalheimer Sam Vogel, Jr. Tess Kramer	2 Scot Goldsholl Sherree Meyer Harold Tenenbaum	3 Joan Nafe Kim Ortiz Kayleigh Ellis
4 N. Zottoli A'47 Barbara Behnke Muriel Lederman	5 Keith Nigro A'09 Gay Block	6 Daniel Berleant Kayleigh Ellis	7	8 Leonard Hasson Evan Wilons	9 Steve Rousseau Brian Storrie	10
11 Alex Daniel A'11	12 Dave Goldberg Vicki Taxer King	13 Joyce Franklin Tabitha Moya Lexie Levin	14 Emily Hooks Vaughn Aaron Lubin	15 Joannie Collins Emily Ray	16 Daniel Greenberg A'02 Mark Mackey A'85 Kelli Schlesinger	17 Judy Grundfest
18 Kathy Grundfest Frank Richard Shayne Sommer Lauren Grundfest	19	20 Paul Greenberg A'15 Chas. Matson A'93 Nancy Rousseau Paul Yoder	21 Jon Flaxman A'99 Bill Friedman	22 Daniel Rodell A'80 Alexia Orleanski	23 Mark Friedman	24 Angelica Wolfe Natalie McGarry
25 Perry Cohen A'89 Larry Hamilton A'95 Jerry Bendorf Jenny Boshears Jeffrey Neuhauser	26 Leah Elenzweig Arnold Mayersohn, Jr. Jacob Goldsholl	27 Ellen Lowitz Madelon Scallet	28 Sam Nickol A'65 Michelle Loeb Eli Krupitsky	29 Larry Nafe A'80 Brad Joseph	30 Alan Kauffman A'84	31 Don Evans Trip Strauss

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

THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Anonymous

IN HONOR OF:

Gus Block's 80th Birthday

Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

Rabbi Block

Renee* and Harvey Miller

Frankie Malanga

Renee* and Harvey Miller

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Rabbi Block

Anita Branman

IN MEMORY OF:

Barbara Schlesinger

The Schlesinger Family

Lillian Kahn in appreciation for services

Nancy Kahn

THE VOGEL CARING AND SHARING FUND

Vogel Schwartz Foundation

IN HONOR OF:

45th Wedding Anniversary of Miriam and Leonard Hasson

Ellie and John Moore

IN MEMORY OF:

Lillian Kahn

Estelle Dansky
Galina and Michael Krupitsky
Anne and Larry Miller

Manford Levy

Chris Hackler and Susan
Stroock
David and Joyce Scott

Henry Simon

Galina and Michael Krupitsky

Barbara Schlesinger

Ellie and John Moore

Eleanor Gross

Ellie and John Moore
Jim Pfeifer and Robynn Zinser

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Jim Pfeifer and Robynn Zinser

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IN MEMORY OF:

Ted Baer

Esther Gordon

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IN HONOR OF:

Phil Kaplan's Birthday

Phyllis and Rudy Green

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Leonard Hasson

James R. Williams

Allan Mendel

James R. Williams

Steve Bauman

James R. Williams

IN MEMORY OF:

Manford Levy

Mu Master Chapter of Beta
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Kennon and Scot Goldsholl

Henry Simon

Jill and Steve Bauman
Kennon and Scot Goldsholl

Ted Baer

Kennon and Scot Goldsholl

Barbara Schlesinger

Kelli and Scott Schlesinger
Carole and Gary Weisbly

Eleanor Gross

Carole and Gary Weisbly

Bill Cohn

Carole and Gary Weisbly

THE HARVEY LUBER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Harvey Luber

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IN HONOR OF:

Phil Kaplan's birthday

Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

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Richard Estelita

Jill and Jon Flaxman

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the birthday of Valrus Gates

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Wilma Diner

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Esther Gordon

Brad Diner's birthday

Hardy Winburn

Debbie Diner's birthday

Hardy Winburn

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IN MEMORY OF:

Salene Lyons

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RABBI EUGENE & BOBBYE LEVY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Gene and Bobbye Levy wishing them a Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year

Lee and Dale Ronnel

Birth of Oliver Andrew Simon

Kennon and Scot Goldsholl

the birthday of Ruth Itzkowitz

Bobbye and Gene Levy

the birthday of Eleanor Wolff

Bobbye and Gene Levy

the birthday of Mary Lou Cohn

Bobbye and Gene Levy

the anniversary of Miriam and Leonard Hasson

Bobbye and Gene Levy

IN MEMORY OF:

Manford Levy

Trudy and Jerry Jacobson
Bobbye and Gene Levy

WISHING A SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Rabbi Gene Levy

Kennon and Scot Goldsholl
Sheri and Michael Simon

FOR THE CONTINUED HEALTHY PROGRESS OF:

Rich Lewis

Bobbye and Gene Levy

THE YAHRZEIT FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

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Mary Biondo

Mary Julia Heczal

Danette Devlin

Elsie Axler

Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

Martin Greenberg

Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

Elise Hackler

Chris Hackler and Susan Stroock

Joe Hackler

Chris Hackler and Susan Stroock

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Sam Schwartz

Chris Hackler and Susan Strock

Elsa Klein Rosenthal

Byron & Susan Rosenthal Kantrow

Abraham Goldman

Mary Lynn and Kent Kretchmar

Augusta Goldman

Mary Lynn and Kent Kretchmar

Ruth Goldman Kretchmar

Mary Lynn and Kent Kretchmar

Lee Kretchmar

Mary Lynn and Kent Kretchmar

Harvey Luber

Elaine Luber

Salene Lyons

Mac Lyons

Wilma Diner

Clarice McGrew

Justin Komiss

Patty and Herb Monoson

Manford Levy

Naboshek Family

Ted Baer

Jim Pfeifer and Robynn Zinser

Hyman Reifer

Reifer and Sanders Family

Martin David Rosen

Betty and David Rosen

Marguerite Simon Selz

Nan Selz

Cynthia Shell

Richard Shell

Arnold Joseph Leff

Sheri and Michael Simon

Alvin W. Strauss Sr.

Tracye and Larry Townley

Alvin W. Strauss Jr.

Tracye and Larry Townley

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IN MEMORY OF:

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Jim Pfeifer and Robynn Zinser

IN HONOR OF:

Mary Lou Cohn's Birthday

Jim Pfeifer and Robynn Zinser

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FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

I love dogs. I kiss my dogs on the mouth. Yes, I am one of those people. Recently when I was in New Orleans my older dog got sick and we had to take him to the vet and make the very difficult decision to put him down. He was a wonderful dog – loyal, smart, dedicated to our family – or that is how we choose to remember him – as being a ‘good boy’. I have another dog, but that doesn’t make up for the one lost or any who were lost before him. It’s a wonderful thing being a pet owner until one of the pets die and your heart is broken. We really questioned our decision and struggled with the decision to end our beloved Chase’s life. We questioned our compassion and right to make the decision, but in the end, we felt our obligation to not let him suffer took precedence.

In Judaism, we are taught to be kind to animals and this value/ethic is called *Tza’ar Baalei Chayim* – the ethical treatment of animals. It all started in the Garden of Eden when animals were created on the 5th day before humans. One of the first tasks entrusted to Adam and Eve was to name the animals and to live amongst them. Adam did not eat the animals. Later in the Torah, when God is frustrated with the actions of humans, God causes a flood to cover the earth and only spare Noah and his family, and a pair of each animal species. God has compassion upon the animals and ensured their survival.

The rules of *Tza’ar Baalei Chayim* not only tell us about what not to do, but what to do to care of our animals. We as owners must feed, water, and care for our animals with their basic needs. In fact, we should always feed our pets before we begin our own meal. If we see an animal carrying too heavy a load, we must take some of the weight off its back – just like we would do to a human struggling. It is not right to treat animals in a way that we would not like to be treated. When humans began eating animals, even the rules for slaughtering and consuming animals was written in a humane fashion.

This special and specific care of animals is considered righteous – a just way to care for those whom we love – not only our immediate family who are human, but our beloved animals as well. We miss our Chase. He was a ‘good boy’. We will remember his kind eyes, his soft ears and tail, and that he got sick – but didn’t have to suffer in pain.

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Game Night

Middle LaFTY Event

Saturday, February 10: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Join your friends from Temple in the youth lounge for snacks and for the most laughs you'll ever have while we play some friendly and competitive games.

RSVP to ehamilton@bnai-israel.us by Wednesday, Jan. 31

SILLY GAMES FOR PURIM



Little LaFTY Event

**Sunday, February 11 following religious school
12:00 – 1:30 pm in the Tenenbaum Center**

Lunch and Games and Laughs
\$8.00/ person covers lunch

RSVP by February 1 to ehamilton@bnai-israel.us



Shabbat Kids Club

PRE-PURIM FUN

*Friday, February 9: 5:45 pm for Oneg Shabbat and Motzi;
6:15 pm for services, followed by dinner.*

This Shabbat Kids Club is sponsored by The

Dranoff Family: Stephen, Nate, Evie, Rachel and Jonathan.

Please join us for a Shabbat experience for families (geared for ages PK – 2nd grade, but babies are welcome).

First attend services for Kabbalat Shabbat songs, candles, Kiddush and the blessing of the children, and then off to the youth lounge for dinner and an interactive program.



Annual LaFTY Purim Carnival and Festivities

*Sunday, February 25 – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Religious School begins at 9:00 am,
Purim Carnival follows.*

**Games, costume contest, lunch, prizes,
craft booths and more....**



Pictured L-R: Eli Goldman, Henry Kramer, Daniel Block, Hon. French Hill, Jordan Collins, Hallie McGarry, Hallie Pingel, Eileen Hamilton, Rabbi Block, Teddy Ferguson, Martin Ferguson.



Sisterhood Speaks

As decided in our meeting Sunday, January 21st, Sisterhood will remain intact as an organization within Congregation B'nai Israel.

I am stepping down immediately as Sisterhood President. Our new interim President, Naomi Zottoli will be taking the lead from now on. She and several members will work on redefining and clarifying our mission and plan for the future. Muriel Lederman will complete her term as Secretary, and Doris Krain will stay on as Treasurer until elections in May.

Thank you to Ellyn Polsky who volunteered to work on Women's Programming as a sub-committee on Temple's Adult Learning Committee chaired by Meg Marion.

Be sure to put April 18th 7:00PM on your calendar to attend a program with Anat Hoffman, President of Israel Religious Action and Women of the Wall. It will be a wonderful program for all Temple members.

I thank everyone for your support and encouragement. I look forward to being a regular volunteer!

Shalom,
Marilyn Sorrells

FEBRUARY DATES FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

February 4th, 11th, 25th.

Religious School will not be in session on February 18th.



GAN B'NAI ISRAEL MORNING OUT for PK students, ages 3, 4 and 5 with Ms. Amanda, Bubbe Ellyn, and Miss Joy.

February is Purim Fun!

**Sunday, February 11:
10:00 – 11:30 am. Meet in the lobby.**

Class meets in the Block Room.

ANNUAL ADULT PURIM DINNER AND SCHPIEL

**Thursday, March 1 - 6:00 pm
*The Voice: Shushan Edition***

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Dinner - 6:30 pm
Schpiel - 7:30 pm

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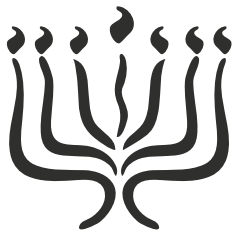
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