

**THE RABBI SPEAKS**



**RABBI BARRY BLOCK**

Dear Friends:

Women hold significant leadership positions at Congregation B'nai Israel, and have for many years.

- In 1867, Our Women's Auxiliary, presented a yad, which continues to be used on the large Torah Scroll in the center of our Sanctuary Ark. The letter presenting the yad to the Board references "your" (i.e.,

the men's congregation), suggesting that the women didn't fully consider the congregation to be "theirs."

- Wilma Diner, z"l, was the first woman to serve as our congregation's President, a role in which she has been followed by Dale Ronnel, Carol Mendel, Rita Fagan, Kennon Goldsholl, Leah Elenzweig, Carmen Arick – and soon, Carol Parham. Many other women serve or have served as Officers or Trustees, committee chairs, and in other valuable leadership positions.
- Women frequently lead our worship services in roles that range from leading an entire service or offering a D'var Torah in my absence to offering consistent musical leadership during our sacred services.
- Women are leading Temple volunteers, from the kitchen to the classroom and in each of our community outreach projects.
- Sisterhood, our Women of Reform Judaism, continues to enliven our congregation in its innovative programming, beautiful Judaica Shop, and more ways than we can count.

So what's missing? Congregation B'nai Israel has never been home to a woman rabbi. To be fair, Congregation B'nai Israel has only conducted three rabbinic searches – one of them, for an interim rabbi – in the 45 years since the first woman's ordination.

Still, Congregation B'nai Israel has been impacted by women in the rabbinate. Rabbi Levy was ordained with Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first woman rabbi in America. Rabbi Lipper and I attended rabbinical school at a time when roughly half of our classmates were women. All three of us have been influenced by female colleagues throughout our careers. Perhaps most importantly, our young people who attend Henry S. Jacobs Camp have learned with women rabbis there, today including a product of our own congregation, Rabbi Katie Bauman of Temple Israel in Memphis.

Nevertheless, we all still have much to learn about the changes that women rabbis have brought to Reform Judaism and the challenges that yet lie ahead.

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*Worship at a Glance*

**Friday, March 2**

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm, with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell delivering the keynote for our series on *The Sacred Calling*:

*Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*

**Music:** David Bauman, Steve Bauman and Charlie Friedman

**Candles & Kiddush:** Emily Adams and Carmen Arick

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Bimah Flowers Sponsor:** In memory of Barbara Laner, by Bev Wittenberg

**Saturday, March 3**

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

Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am, followed by Shabbat Lunch-and-Learn with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell

**Friday, March 9**

*Mishkan T'filah* Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm, Featuring talks by Confirmation Class Members Daniel Block, Jordan Collins, Teddy Ferguson, Eli Goldman, Henry Kramer, Hallie McGarry, and Hallie Pingel on Social Justice Issues as presented to U.S. Representative French Hill and in the offices of Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton, on January 22, in Washington, D.C., and followed by Congregational Shabbat Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit the Confirmation Class' Trip to D.C.

**Music:** David Bauman

**Candles:** Isabella Ifrah

**Kiddush:** Martin Ferguson

**Reader:** Nan Selz

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Bimah Flowers Sponsor:** In memory of Barbara Stern, by Stacey and Mike Ronnel

**Saturday, March 10**

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

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

**Friday, March 16**

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

**Sermon:** Pre-Passover Purification

**Music:** Jana Cohen

**Candles & Kiddush:** Elizabeth & Alex Daniel, in celebration of their anniversary

**Reader:** Tim Kessler

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood

**Bimah Arrangement Sponsor:** Sisterhood

*The Rabbi Speaks continued...*

Please join us in March and April, as we will learn from Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner, Rabbi Katie Bauman, and one another in conversation about women in the rabbinate. Our learning will be based on *The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*, a 2016 publication of CCAR Press and winner of a National Jewish Book Award. Rabbis Elwell and Kurtz-Lendner are *Sacred Calling* contributors.

I am particularly grateful to Jim Pfeifer, who is preparing an exhibit from our Temple Archives to accompany this program. That exhibit is slated for display in our lobby through the duration of the series.

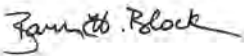
Today, women rabbis lead some of North America's preeminent Reform congregations. Nevertheless, challenges persist. Let me cite just a few examples:

- Women rabbis, like their peers in other professions, continue to face a wage gap, compared to males of similar seniority, congregation size, and experience.
- Women rabbis report sexual harassment at the hands of both congregants and colleagues.
- Equitable family leave, including but not limited to maternity leave, is not a reality for many of my female colleagues.
- The voices of women rabbis aren't always taken as seriously or heard as loudly as those of their male colleagues.

To that end, the Central Conference of American Rabbis has recently appointed a Task Force on the Experience of Women in the Rabbinate. Separately, the Women of Reform Judaism and the Women's Rabbinic Network are addressing the issues of pay equity and family leave.

By learning from and about women rabbis – those we know and those we will meet through their written word – we at Congregation B'nai Israel may be a part of a more equitable future for the next generation of women in the rabbinate.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

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

**EDNA FRANCES PARKER LANOUE**  
*Mother of Ron Lanoue*

**MIMI LOEB**  
*Mother of Jane (and Scott) Levine*  
*Mother of Mickey Loeb (and Michele Lemaire)*  
*Sister of Marilyn (and Gene) Weinstein*

*Worship at a Glance continued...*

## Saturday, March 17

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

## Friday, March 23

*Mishkan T'filah* Service led by Muriel Lederman, with D'var  
Torah by Richard Estelita, at 6:15 pm  
**Music:** Steve Bauman  
**Reader:** Perry Young  
**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:** Sisterhood  
**Altar Arrangement Sponsor:** Sisterhood

## Saturday, March 24

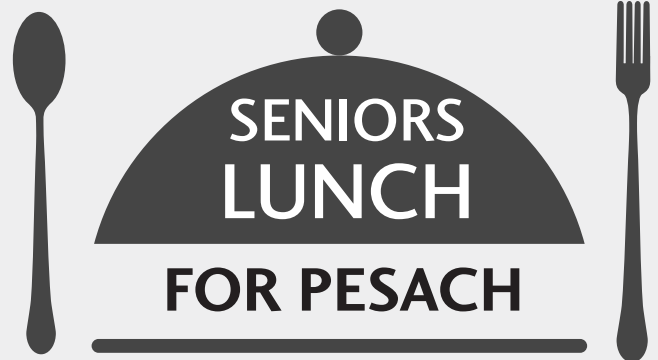
Torah Study, led by Bernie Bevill, at 9:30 am  
Shabbat Services, led by Meg Marion and Ellyn Polsky,  
at 11:00 am

## Friday, March 30

Home Seder – No Service at Temple

## Saturday, March 31

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am  
Service for Shabbat and the Holy First Day of Passover,  
led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am



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

**Join your friends for a festive Pesach lunch provided  
by The Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund.**

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

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

You will soon be receiving your Gifts of the Heart pledge letter for fiscal year 2018-19. Your letter will show your 2017-2018 pledge amount and the projected "cost" per member unit to operate your Temple for 2018-19. You will be asked to indicate on the letter your pledge for the upcoming year.

It is very important that you return your pledge letter promptly. The Temple Budget Committee needs an accurate pledge projection in order to make a realistic budget for the year. Last year we had a response rate of 65% - an amazing rate for the inaugural year. We need to do even better this year!

**Here are answers to some common questions about our pledge program:**

*How is the new Gifts of the Heart annual pledge system different from our former "fair share" dues?*

Gifts of the Heart asks that each congregant examine his/her financial circumstances and conscience and pledge support to the congregation as able. The amount pledged may be more or less than the previously requested "fair share" of 2% of gross income. Temple leadership wants to convey gratitude for ALL gifts while encouraging a spirit of generosity and philanthropy.

*I increased my pledge last year. Why do I need to pledge again this year?*

Gifts of the Heart is an annual pledge program. Because personal financial circumstances change, congregants need an opportunity to adjust their pledge amount from year to year. We hope this opportunity to adjust will avoid the accumulation of arrears and the awkwardness of needing to request relief, while also reminding congregants of what it actually costs per member to operate the congregation and encouraging members to contribute what they can toward the support of our congregation.

*What if I don't send back my pledge letter?*

We will call you and ask you what you would like to pledge for the coming year!

Our congregation has been incredibly generous in support of our Temple. Thanks to each of you, we are continuing to go from strength to strength.

Shalom,

Carmen Arick

Share your thoughts and ideas with me at [President@bnai-israel.us](mailto:President@bnai-israel.us)



## 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.

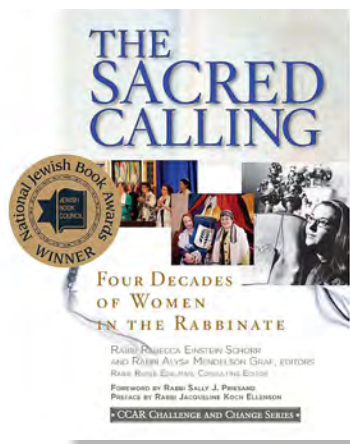


**LEAVE A LEGACY**  
**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL**

### Patty & Herb Monoson's Legacy

Herb and I have two children and four grandchildren who celebrate the Jewish holidays and values but have not had any other immersion into Jewish life or history. Our son-in-law was raised in another religion and, although respectful of celebrations in my daughter's and his home, does not identify with our beliefs. Our son has no children and isn't likely to have any. It is not likely that my grandchildren will carry on the Jewish tradition in their homes once they become independent adults. For that reason, we felt it important to support our heritage so that Judaism survives through other generations. Both of us feel strongly that Jewish values and thought should continue and prosper.





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*  
**Friday, March 2, 6:15 pm Shabbat Worship**



**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**

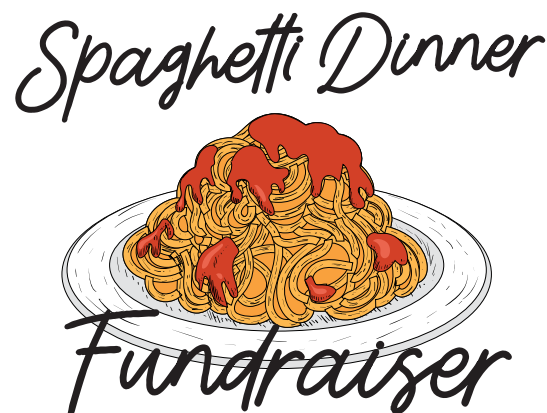
Temple Israel, Memphis  
**Sunday, April 1, 9:30 am - 11:00 am**

**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](mailto:templesecretary@bnai-israel.us) or 225-9700,  
to obtain your copy!



**PASTA WITH A PURPOSE...  
FUNDRAISING FOR THE CONFIRMATION  
CLASS L'TAKEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018**

5:45 for Oneg Shabbat

6:15 pm Shabbat services and L'Taken lobbying speeches presented by our students...dinner follows.

Govern yourselves generously...this is THE fundraiser for the 2018 Confirmation Class and your support is appreciated.

**\$18.00/per person includes spaghetti,  
salad, bread and drink.  
DON'T STOP THERE....**

**Sponsorship levels:**

- REPRESENTATIVE OF RAGU:** \$36/per person;
- SENATOR OF SPAGHETTI:** \$72.00 sponsorship of event;
- VP OF PASTA:** \$180.00 sponsorship of event;
- THE BIG MEATBALL:** \$360.00 sponsorship of event.

**\*Entertainment provided by  
Pulaski Academy's award-winning Jazz Band,  
under the direction of Layne Martens\***

The Jazz Band includes two Temple youth:  
Senior Robert Block, who plays the upright bass  
and is the rhythm section leader;  
and freshman Daniel McGrath who is the trumpet section leader.

Attend and eat or just support this great cause.  
WE WANT YOU! To support L'taken 2018.

RSVP to the Temple office by March 5 to 501.225.9700  
or [templesecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:templesecretary@bnai-israel.us)

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## YAHRZEITS: MARCH 2018

### MARCH 2

Alice Lasker Back  
William Back Sr.  
Noland Blass Sr.  
Ann W. Carb  
Norm Dollinger  
Lilian Kay Eisman  
Harold F. Epstein  
Howard Feinstein  
Rachel Frank  
Felix Gans  
Edward Leonard Gealt  
Steven Gofforth  
Max Gold  
Isadore Goodman  
Sara Kempner Goodman  
Norman Graber  
Sarah Ackerman  
Greenberg  
Agnes Golden Hunter  
Jesse Kaiser  
Dorothy Krain  
Helen Maisel Lewis  
Joseph Lyons  
Morris Marks  
Daniel P. Ottenheimer  
Elijah Ezekiel Palnick  
James J. Pfeifer  
Clara Goldenblank Raff  
Lendor Remy  
Henry Rephan  
Abe S. Rosen  
Edith Ottenrider Sachs  
Arthur O. Sanders  
Dorothy Cone Sherman  
Jacob Slutsky  
Gertrude Paul Solomon  
Samuel J. Spitzberg  
Nathan Ehrlich Steppach Sr.

Lewis Alexander Storthz  
Charlotte Storthz  
Eleanor Pfeifer Strauss  
Tracye Altschul Strauss  
Louis Wolsey  
Esther Zeno

### MARCH 9

Shara Adams  
Nathan Borrok  
Rosa Cohn  
Frances Frank  
Sylvia R. Friedman  
Arnold S. Goodman  
Al J. Goodman Jr.  
Virginia Harris  
Larry Jacobs  
Carolyn W. Kramer  
Shepp Lesser  
Aida R. Levi  
Dan Levin  
Elizabeth Levinson Levin  
Abraham J. Louchhein  
Olivia Lyons  
Ruby Siesel Pfeifer  
Barbara Laner Phillips  
Edna L. Roberts  
Ruth Rodell  
Marsha Frances Rosen  
Arthur D. Rosenthal  
Barbara S. Stern  
Marie Storthz  
Joe Storthz Jr.  
August Simon Vogel  
Etta Louchheim Wolf  
Mathilde Zwirn

### MARCH 16

Hortense Rudolph Back  
Rose Balkin  
Joy L. Bryant  
Shirley Weinstein Cohen  
Otis Dante  
Herman Ehrenberg  
Nathan H. Ehrlich  
David G. Falk  
Alfred Fendler  
Joseph Earl Flowers  
Joseph Geller  
Rose Besser Gould  
Miriam Graber  
Nell Gray Greenbaum  
Edna Kahn Kempner  
Sophie Kempner  
Harry Lasker Sr.  
Gus Ottenheimer  
Audrey Miller Poritzky  
Israel Louis Safferstone  
Eduard L. Scharff Sr.  
Bernice Weisman Sherman  
Maurice Herbert Soltz  
Pete Yoder

### MARCH 23

Samuel Abowitz  
Lena Koff Bresler  
Sophie Cohn  
Charles H. Elias Sr.  
Theodore R. Fox  
Maurice J. Friedman  
Dave Grundfest Sr.  
Jennie Hartman  
Max Jacob Hasson  
Daniel B. Kohn  
Roland Joseph Lanoue  
Rosa H. Lasker

Mervin L. Leibs  
Fay Marcus Lewis  
Edith Pfeifer Loeb  
Otto Olson  
Leon Pinkus  
Norman Riemer  
Daniel Sanders  
S. Clifford Scholem  
Alma Jacobs Scott  
Lilyan Stern  
Judy Taliaferro  
Fanny Thalheimer

### MARCH 30

Billy Eisenkramer  
Leonard Frankenstein  
Augusta Lasker  
Gertrude Mossovitz Levin  
Steven J. Lewis  
Sara Reich  
Ruby Thalheimer Smith  
Micah Dale Smith

# March 2018

# Adar 5778/Nisan 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>CHRONICLE DEADLINE</b> <b>MARCH 15</b> <b>FOR APRIL ISSUE</b>						
<b>4</b> Adar 17 Middle LaFTY at Jacobs Camp for Family Camp 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew Religious School	<b>5</b> Adar 18	<b>6</b> Adar 19	<b>7</b> Adar 20	<b>8</b> Adar 21 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Judaism 101	<b>9</b> Adar 22 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service - Confirmation Students L' Taken speeches Immediately following services Congregational Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Confirmation Class Families	<b>10</b> Adar 23 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
<b>11</b> Adar 24 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 Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner on <i>The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinat</i> 10:00 am - 11:30 am • Gan Br'at Israel 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Al Barron Book Club - "Seven Days, Many Voices: Insights into the Biblical Story of Creation"	<b>12</b> Adar 25	<b>13</b> Adar 26 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Coffee, Cake, and Conversation 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Board Meeting	<b>14</b> Adar 27	<b>15</b> Adar 28 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Miriam's Seder	<b>16</b> Adar 29 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB Sinai Edition Service	<b>17</b> Nisan 1 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ati Day CPR Training
<b>18</b> Nisan 2 No Religious School - Spring Break	<b>19</b> Nisan 3	<b>20</b> Nisan 4 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Staff Meeting	<b>21</b> Nisan 5	<b>22</b> Nisan 6	<b>23</b> Nisan 7 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service	<b>24</b> Nisan 8 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
<b>25</b> Nisan 9 No Religious School - Spring Break	<b>26</b> Nisan 10	<b>27</b> Nisan 11 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>28</b> Nisan 12 4:00 pm Our House 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Service Preparation 1 & Family Meeting	<b>29</b> Nisan 13 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Ati Day Board Meeting	<b>30</b> Nisan 14 Home Seder - No Service at Temple	<b>31</b> Nisan 15 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Services for Shabbat and the First Holy Day of Passover



# BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Richard Bronfman	<b>2</b> Helen Benes Kaiser	<b>3</b> Karla Back Glenn Block Anna Moses	<b>4</b> Susan Lesser Joy Williams	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Lynn Zoidessy	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Paul Spitzberg	<b>9</b> Kathy Bauman Sandi Uretsky Serene Stevens	<b>10</b> Ron Bara A'11 Robert Greenberg	<b>11</b> Lana Bogoslavsky	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Wm. Siegel A'86 Gayle Ponder	<b>14</b> Mike Ronnel A'02 Robert Vogel Judith Zinser Spencer Nodelman Alaia Smouni
<b>15</b> Bettye Korenblat Sarah Pearce	<b>16</b> Brock Jacobs Larry Jacobs	<b>17</b> Barbara Spitzberg Hallie McGarry	<b>18</b> Ralph Hyman	<b>19</b> Laura Bushman Susan Strauss	<b>20</b> Leon Marks Seth Stevens	<b>21</b> Darcy Krupitsky
<b>22</b> Bill Eiseman	<b>23</b> Perry Young A'05	<b>24</b> Charles Friedman Len Johnson Jacob Hooks	<b>25</b> Michael Gastman A'98 Korenblat/Kramer A'98 Margaret Weiss	<b>26</b> Gene Weinstein A'67 Jamie McGarry Hollis Pruitt Marilyn Robison Phyllis Storfthz James Hart	<b>27</b> Dale Cohen Kurt Deininger Ann Storfthz Morgan Schwehm	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Josiah Wheeler Meg Schwehm	<b>30</b> Dorian Stuber					

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

## THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**IN HONOR OF:**  
**the Bar Mitzvah of Alex Flaxman**  
Jill and Jon Flaxman

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Renee Miller**  
Harvey Miller and Family  
**Sophie and Eddie Ceitlin**  
Bonnie and Dr. Sam Nickol

## THE YAHRZEIT FUND

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Moses Stern**  
Rabbi Gene and Bobbye Levy  
**Beatrice Brint Marks**  
Leon Marks  
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**Annette J. Sanders**  
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Storthz Urbach  
**Ellen Rae Kaufman**  
Melissa Rae Kaufman  
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Michael Gilbert  
**Rhoda Lowenberg Gilbert**  
Michael Gilbert  
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**IN HONOR OF:**  
**the birth of Oliver Simon**  
Mac Lyons

## DANIEL HAREL SPRING FUNDRAISER

Amanda and Martin Ferguson  
Carmen Arick and Emily Adams  
Rabbi Barry Block  
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Richard Estelita  
Meg Marion  
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Martha and Charles Alman  
Emily and Richard Lewis  
Brian Storrie and Muriel Lederman  
Carol and Allan Mendel  
Jan and Larry Alman  
Rabbi Gene and Bobbye Levy  
Rita Fagan  
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**IN MEMORY OF:**  
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**Faye Block Weinstein**  
Marilyn and Eugene Weinstein

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Liz Lucker and Mary Machen

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Renee Miller**  
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**Ben Schwartz**  
Liz Lucker and Mary Machen  
**Manford Levy**  
Liz Lucker and Mary Machen

**WISHING A SPEEDY RECOVERY:**  
**Rich Lewis**  
Liz Lucker and Mary Machen

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**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Dan Schwartz**  
Vogel Family  
**Renee Miller**  
Mark and Linda Bolno  
Muriel Lederman and  
Brian Storrie  
Esther Gordon

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

<b>Thursday, March 15</b>	Miriam's Seder, 6:00 pm
<b>Friday, March 30</b>	Home Seder <i>Please note: No Shabbat Service or Passover observance is scheduled for Congregation B'nai Israel on Friday night, March 30.</i>
<b>Saturday, March 31</b>	Services for Shabbat and the First Holy Day of Passover, 11:00 am
<b>Tuesday, April 3</b>	Congregational Seder, 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, April 4</b>	Seniors Passover Luncheon, 11:30 am
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>	Men's Seder, 6:00 pm, Copeland's
<b>Friday, April 6</b>	Services for the Last holy Day of Passover, including Yizkor/ Memorial Prayers, 10:30 am



## FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

Over the course of 25 years I have attended so many conferences and meetings about culture. To be more specific, how to make sure to preserve culture and when necessary make culture change in your congregations. Each temple has a unique culture – and there is not a standard slot for one mold. When I arrived in Little Rock, I was so impressed with the culture of volunteerism. Each person had a specific role and followed through on their tasks. In a world where many are working full time, raising children, and getting involved in all the city has to offer, time is short and the tasks are great. Nonetheless, Temple is a priority for many B'nai Israel members and their commitment to their Temple is great and unwavering.

When anyone comes to a new job, they are cautious about making too much change at one time. How does that change come into being? By observation. Look at the faces of the students. It is usual that students enter religious school with lethargy on a Sunday morning. That is usual – staying up too late on Saturday night, waking up early after a long week, handling homework, friends, etc, and then one more thing on a Sunday morning. Recently I asked our 6/7/8 grade

students about what gets them up in the morning. What gets them to religious school? Aside from their parents requiring them to go, they are excited to see their friends and be part of a community at the Temple. What they really want is to be hands on and use their time actively, to make a difference in the world and not be confined inside the walls of the classroom. I get it. There is also an important part that must happen even before they can go outside the Temple – and that is learn about who and what we are and what we believe. The time spent inside the classroom to learn is just as important as the doing. Unless our students know what it really means to be Jewish and what Judaism is all about, they cannot be fully comfortable about telling others. I have really pushed some of the students to participate fully and share their ideas. Some coaxing is necessary because sitting in religious school each week in silence is painful – for everyone.

Change is hard, but I hope all will support our religious school in this process so our students can flourish and be the most educated Jews of the next generation and take us into the future with commitment to their religion and Temple and become our next volunteers and leaders. It's our job now to support this endeavor. It matters for the future.

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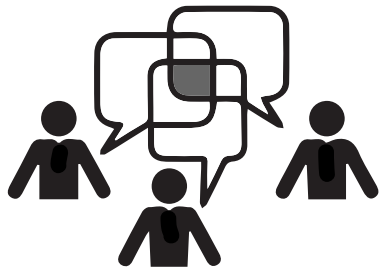


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## Confirmation Parents Meeting with Rabbi Block

Wednesday, March 28 • 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Parents, please join Rabbi for a Confirmation planning meeting.

## SAVE THE DATE

**April 13, 2018**

Save the date, April 13, 2018 for the annual Membership Shabbat. On this special occasion we welcome and honor new members who have joined us since last year's event. Plans are under way for a great oneg Shabbat, a beautiful musical Shabbat service, and a delicious dinner. New members will be guests of the congregation. Come and get acquainted with our newest Temple members.

Each new member family will have a buddy for the evening. If you would like to be a buddy, please contact Trudy Jacobson.

### Welcome New Member

**Sarah Finer**

3321 S. Bowman Rd., Apt. 735

Little Rock, 72211

513-846-9089

finersb@gmail.com

Sarah works at CoorTek in Benton.

## Mazel Tov

to **Sydney Gastman**, daughter of **Circy and Michael Gastman**, who has been named as a candidate in the 2018 United States Presidential Scholars Program. The candidacy is based on either outstanding performance on the ACT, or nomination by the Chief State School Officer. Students are selected based on their accomplishments in academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. Out of 3.6 million seniors nationwide, Sydney is one of 4,500 to receive this honor. Being selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar is one of the nation's highest honors high school students receive.

to **Sebastian Wolf**, son of **Angelica and Joe Wolf**, who is the only Arkansas student selected for a new program aimed at addressing the Air Force's ongoing pilot shortage. Headquarters Air Force Junior ROTC selected 120 AFJROTC cadets nationwide for a new Fight Academy scholarship valued at \$20,000. Students will attend an accredited aviation program at one of six partnering universities where they will receive college credit and the opportunity to earn a private pilot license (after completing further requirements).



## 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.



## Sisterhood Speaks

Allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Naomi Zottoli. I'm very excited about the new role I've been appointed to as Temple B'nai Israel's next Sisterhood President. I know I have huge shoes to fill (replacing Marilyn Sorrells), which means I'll need all your help, ideas and patience. We are working hard to enhance the services that Sisterhood provides for the Temple including Community Outreach and continued support of the Judaica Shop. I will be reporting to you as we progress.

I encourage you to join us as we set our goals for the upcoming year. We appreciate your support and are looking forward to an incredible year of Service and Sisterhood! Thanks for your support.

### MARCH DATES FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

**March 4th, 11th.**

Religious School will not be in session on March 18th or 25th.

## Anat Hoffman is Coming to Congregation B'nai Israel!

**Wednesday, April 18 • 7:00 pm**

On Wednesday, April 18, the Temple will be honoring Anat Hoffman, the executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center, the legal and advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. Previously, she held a seat on the Jerusalem City Council, where for 14 years she stood in opposition to the policies of the city's right-wing and ultra-Orthodox administration. She is also the director and founding member of Nashot HaKotel, also known as Women of the Wall.

## Miriam's Seder

**Thursday, March 15 • 6:00 pm**


**Teen Lounge**

**\$18 - please reserve by March 13**

*hosted by the Sisterhood*

On Thursday, March 15, the Sisterhood will host Miriam's Seder. The name derives from Miriam's Well, the source of water for the Israelites traveling through the desert. Modern feminist Jews put a cup of spring water on their Seder tables to remember Miriam the prophet, for she danced at the Sea of Reeds to celebrate the Exodus, and a well of fresh water was said to follow her in the desert so that the Israelites always had water to drink. Where Elijah represents redemption and the movement of history, Miriam represents healing and renewal on the journey.


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