



THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Is technology ruining human nature?

Don't rush to an answer. The question was proposed by preeminent Israeli thinker Micah Goodman at the Shalom Hartman Institute, where I was privileged to study during my July sabbatical in Jerusalem. Goodman's answer came slowly, was backed by critical scholarship, and was articulated with considerable nuance.

Goodman reminded us that technological advances throughout human history have brought trade-offs. The very first "technology" ever engineered was the stone ax, which came even before fire, and was developed by a species that preceded homo sapiens. What was sacrificed? Having outsourced the task of cutting nourishment into bite-size pieces, our teeth are smaller than those of our evolutionary ancestors. Nobody is complaining, not even dentists and hygienists.

But what about technology – and above all, the 21st Century computer, including those that we carry in our pockets, our smart phones? Goodman cited research by Sherry Turkle: The amount of time we spend on screens is decreasing our empathy. Empathy, the human ability to sympathize with other people's pain because we have experienced something similar, is learned through face-to-face interaction, the individualized attention that we give to one another in person. Turkle's study indicates that today's twelve-year-olds possess the empathy that eight-year-olds possessed a few short years ago.

That significant sacrifice to our human nature is worthy of our attention. Goodman confesses that opposing technology is as foolish as opposing food. We need technology – remember, the ability to make fire is technology – as much as we need food. At the same time, most of us do think about when, what, and how much to eat. We would be wise to consider carefully the places and the quality and quantity of the hours when we consume digital technology.

At Jacobs Camp, campers – and their counselors, when they're in the presence of campers – aren't allowed access to any device that connects

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Worship at a Glance

Friday, August 3

UPB-Sinai Edition Service at 6:15 pm, led by Richard Estelita

Music: Jeff Neuhauser

Candles: Shelly Baron

Kiddush: Ellen Korenblat

Readers: Donna Kirkwood & Barry Goldman, in celebration of their anniversary

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, August 4

Torah Study, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck, at 9:30 am
 Shabbat Service, led by Emily Adams and Carmen Arick, at 11:00 am

Friday, August 10

Mishkan T'filah Service at 6:15 pm, led by Rabbi Block
 Blessing of Meg Marion in celebration of her special birthday

Sermon: Reform Judaism: Founded in the Torah

Music: Meg Marion, Josiah Wheeler, Emily Adams

Candles: Carol Parham

Kiddush: Carmen Arick

Reader: Michael Marion

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, August 11

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

Friday, August 17

Mishkan HaLev Service in preparation for the High Holy Days at 6:15 pm, led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: "Justice, Justice:" Threats to Democracy in Israel and Arkansas

Music: Steve Bauman

Candles & Kiddush: Sheri and Micky Simon, in celebration of their anniversary

Reader: Trudy Jacobson

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, August 18

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

Friday, August 24

Mishkan HaLev Service in preparation for the High Holy Days at 6:15 pm, led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: Wickedness Done Right

Music: Jana Cohen

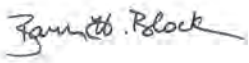
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to the Internet. Freed of their phones and laptops, Jacobs campers and staff interact meaningfully with one another in person, face to face, building their “empathy muscle.” Camp has been properly designated as a space where these young people eschew technology for a higher purpose.

Most of us are also pretty good about pocketing our silenced phones when we’re in worship at Temple, when we’re taking in the performing arts, and when we’re watching movies. For my family, not using our phones at the dinner table is a norm, sometimes interrupted by urgent matters, rather than a hard-and-fast rule. Still, that norm provides at least some moments each day when we must look at one another and interact without the editing that is wise when we’re sending an email or text.

The Jewish concept of havdalah – separating not only between Shabbat and the rest of the week but also more generally between holy and ordinary – may help us. Let us all create sacred spaces in our lives when we set aside our digital technology, and may we thereby rescue human nature.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block

Worship at a Glance continued...

Candles & Kiddush: Brina and Levi Daniels,
in celebration of Brina’s birthday

Reader: Nancy Rosen, in celebration of her birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, August 25

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

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

Friday, August 31

Mishkan HaLev Service in preparation for the High Holy Days at 6:15pm, led by Rabbi Block
Blessing of Melanie and Jeff Nodelman on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary

Sermon: Environmentalism in Israel, 2018

Music: David Bauman, Richard Estelita

Candles & Kiddush: Melanie & Jeff Nodelman,
in celebration of their wedding anniversary

Reader: Justin Axelroth, in celebration of his birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Altar Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, August 25

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

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



Back to school!! A fun group of congregants prepared backpacks for elementary school students on July 19 in the Temple lobby. From left to right: Valeria Faber, Esther Gordon, Carol Parham, Milt Baer, Dale Ronnel, Howard Bresnick, Carole Hamon, Arleen Marshall and Rabbi Block

It’s Not Too Late to Donate

Once again, the Social Action committee is sponsoring backpacks filled with school supplies for needy children in the Little Rock School District. The cost is \$36 per backpack and you may sponsor as many as you wish!

We are committed to providing almost 200 backpacks and we need your help to do this!

You may send a check to Temple and write “backpacks” in the memo line, or you may call 225-9700, and charge the amount to your account. Thank you for your help!!

If you would like to help deliver the backpacks to the pre-selected schools, we would love to have you help. They need to be delivered on August 9 or August 10. Please call Jill Bauman 960-8686 with any questions, or email her at jarb223@yahoo.com.

Teaching Opportunities still available!

*A good teacher is like a candle,
It consumes itself to light the way for others.*

**B'NAI ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS
LOOKING FOR YOU TO LEAD AND LIGHT
THE WAY FOR OUR NEXT GENERATION.**

Call Eileen to express your interest.

President's Report 151st Annual Meeting • June 19, 2018

And now there are zero!

As some of you know, I've been counting down the weeks since beginning my term as President in June 2016. Only 103 weeks to go! Then 95, then 87 and so on. It became a frequent question during Shabbat oneq: how many weeks are left? I always had the count. And now, there are zero. So what has that been about? Is the Presidency of Temple B'nai Israel so onerous, so difficult that one would feel compelled to count down the weeks until the trial would be over?

The truth is your about-to-be immediate past President is a born worrier. Perhaps the best illustration of this is what transpired at a recent Executive Committee meeting when a storm came up. We were meeting in the library and had a good view of the dark clouds, wind in the trees, lightening. Then a high pitched noise began to sound and Joy Figarsky asked "is that a siren?" Your President immediately replied "Yes! It's a tornado siren!" Whereupon Rabbi Block and Eugene Krupitsky exchanged glances and Rabbi calmly said "Carmen, that's the vacuum cleaner." I'm happy to be able to announce I've now completed my tenure without having been attacked by an electrical appliance!

The truth is, whatever I might have worried about, I need not have. And that's because of you. Let me share a few examples.

In the spring of 2017, we implemented our new financial support system, Gifts of the Heart. The program works like this:

1. Every spring, the Congregation is advised of the anticipated cost per member unit to meet the Congregation's expenses for the upcoming fiscal year.
2. Each member is asked to pledge a contribution AS ABLE towards the support of the Congregation, bearing in mind that some congregants are not financially able to pledge at the cost level, while some are able to pledge at a much higher level.
3. No specific amount is required. Congregants are asked to respond according to their conscience and ability. The only unacceptable amount is zero.

No one really knew whether this would be a successful initiative or not. Most congregations adopting a free will pledge system have reported that income either remained flat or increased slightly. A few have experienced income declines. What would happen at Congregation B'nai Israel? The answer is in. Pledge income increased by \$49,261 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2018.

The success of our new pledge system is because of you. Because of your commitment to our Temple and to each other.

However, as successful as our new pledge system may be, we know that pledge income will not be adequate to sustain our current level of operating income in the future. This is a demographic issue affecting virtually all congregations as well as most Christian denominations. Solutions will need to be multi-faceted and will vary among different communities but a Legacy Giving program is a highly recommended strategy and will be a critical component to the future success of our congregation. Thanks to the leadership of Nan Selz, our partnership with the Jewish Federation of Arkansas, and the generosity of the Grinspoon Foundation, our congregation received a grant totaling \$10,000 as a result of securing 18 legacy bequest commitments in each of the past two years. As Nan can tell you, the first year's 18 were easy, the second year, well, a little harder – but the greatest challenge will be in sustaining the program and continuing to secure legacy bequests going forward. Much like the Gifts of the Heart program, it is important to note that a legacy bequest need not be a large amount. Any gift designated to Congregation B'nai Israel after a member's death counts as a legacy bequest and all gifts are deeply appreciated.

When a gift exceeds \$25,000, the opportunity exists to establish a named fund. This year our Congregation has benefited from two such generous gifts. The Lois G. Stern Library Fund, which has existed as an uninvested fund, received a bequest from the estate of Joan Abrams and will now be an invested fund, the income of which will be directed toward the purchase of books, equipment and materials for the Congregation's library as well as to support educational programs taking place in the library. In addition, our Board member and new House & Grounds Committee Chairman, Scott Jordan, has established the Kimbrey Carol Jordan Memorial Fund the income of which will support professional development for our Religious School Educator and teachers. Gifts such as these allow us to enhance our member services and stretch our budget as costs for necessities such as utilities, maintenance, and insurance continue to rise.

About a year ago, we became aware of a legacy bequest which presented a bit of a mystery. We were informed that Congregation B'nai Israel is the beneficiary of the entire estate of Lilah Sewell Mulkey. The estate consisted of a small house and adjacent property in Cabot, AR; a rental property on Rose Street in Little Rock; and a bank account. Once the estate completes the probate process and expenses are paid, I anticipate our Congregation should receive approximately \$340,000 from the Mulkey Bequest.

Who was Lilah Mulkey? After some searching, Eileen found an old folder in the inactive member file. Lilah, a former nurse practitioner, was a member of our Congregation from October 2000 to May 2002. She paid modest dues during that time. Lilah felt a familial connection to the Jewish people though she hadn't been raised in a Jewish family. She had attended the downtown Temple as a guest from time to time in her younger years. Lilah called herself a "Jew by Choice". She resigned her membership on account of environmental

President's Report continued...

allergies which kept her mostly confined to her home. Lilah had no children. She left no heirs. Except for us. How can we repay such generosity? We can only pay it forward the way this congregation always has: by welcoming the stranger and by valuing each member for the person God made them to be.

I want to thank the Committee on Bequests, chaired by Jack Grundfest and consisting of permanent members Steve Bauman and Leonard Hassen and rotating member, Executive Vice President Carol Parham for all of their work on the Mulkey Estate bequest. Also, a special thanks to Dick Williams for his initial investigation into the circumstances of the bequest.

We do face some significant challenges confronting our Congregation. One of the most difficult is appropriate office staffing. During the past year, we have hired 3 Administrative Assistants who for one reason or another didn't work out. Our lack of ability to offer health benefits hurts us in recruiting and retaining qualified personnel. The salary level itself limits the applicant pool. The skill set required has eliminated others. The office turnover has been particularly hard on Eileen who, after all, came here to be an Educator and has wound up as an Administrator and an Educator. Eileen continues to give 110% but she needs a reliable, professional assistant in the office. Eugene Krupitsky, upon his retirement as our Treasurer, will be looking into improving or perhaps changing some of the synagogue management and accounting software in an effort to streamline and simplify some of the office processes.

Another challenge pertains to our building. We have a beautiful building which we all love. However, it is aging and expensive to maintain. We need to maximize appropriate use of our building in order to support it long into the future. Eugene will be speaking to us shortly about ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of our building. In addition, we are working on a new lease agreement with Ati'Day preschool and expect to resume daytime rentals this year.

Whatever our challenges may be, I am confident our congregational community can meet them and more than that, be even stronger and more committed than ever. We already have the proof of this in our Congregation's response to the Gifts of the Heart, to the Legacy Giving Program, and most of all in the way our community cares for one another. It can't really ever be doubted that Congregation B'nai Israel is a welcoming, loving community. The proof is standing right here in front of you. I was a stranger and you gave me a home. Not only that, but you gave me the honor of serving you as your President. It has been my privilege and my joy. I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Thank you.

I decided not to call names this year because there are just too many to call. But I must publicly thank one person who has done so very much to make my tenure as president not just successful, but possible at all. Emily Adams, my life partner for almost 32 years now – you make my life sweeter than I ever dreamed it could be.

You've given me courage when I needed it, advice when I asked for it and support always. Thank you. I love you.

And thank you to each and every one of you. Believe in yourselves. You can do anything. Shalom.

Shalom,

Carmen Arick

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

Donations

ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF DONATION IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$ _____ from _____

(print your name exactly how you want it to be listed in the chronicle)

- In honor of _____
- In memory of _____
- In appreciation of _____
- Other _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____

General Assistance to the Congregation...

ENDOWMENT FUND - To expend any or all income (whether current or accumulated) on behalf of the Congregation as may be determined by the Board of Directors of the Fund.

ALINE AND LOUIS SALINGER MEMORIAL LANDSCAPE FUND - to be used to assist in improving and maintaining Temple grounds.

Life Cycle needs...

VOGEL FAMILY MEMORIAL CARING AND SHARING FUND - earnings to be used by the Caring and Sharing Committee of the Temple.

HALIE COHEN MILLER ARCHIVE FUND - to be used for improvement and enhancement of the Temple Archives.

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL CEMETERY FUND - to provide perpetual care for the Cemetery and to financially support the Cemetery.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND - to be used for the purposes set out by the Board of the Congregation at the Rabbi's discretion.

EUGENE M. PFEIFER JR. AND FAY S. PFEIFER COMMUNITY

OUTREACH FUND - The primary purpose of this Fund is to support programs of the Congregations' Social Action Committee and the Religious School that benefit the broader Little Rock community.

MEMORIAL PRAYER BOOK FUND - to be used to add to or replace those Prayer Books used by the Congregation at its Religious Services.

Yahrzeits: MAY 2018

AUGUST 3

Marcia Neuhauser
Phillip Provenzale
Laura Richard
Bernice Sanders
Edgar Schweig
George Seligman
Sara Etta Seltzer
William S. Sherman
Eugene John Stern
Leonard M. Stern, Jr.
Carolyn Waltzer

AUGUST 10

Jack Barrier
Ida Besser
Julian G. Blass
Francis Simon Brier
William Arnold Bushman
Sophie Cohn
William H. Cohn
Ann E. Ehrlich
Edith Frieband
Meyer Kaplan
Elizabeth Ruebel Kempner
Isaac Pareira
Clarence P. Pfeifer
Hattie F. Prousnitzer
Betty Prousnitzer
Annie Rephan
Malcolm Rosenthal
Mildred A. Scholem
Henrietta O. Siesel
Pete Slager
Joseph Martin Tenenbaum
Sidney Thalheimer
Henry Morrison Thomas
Rose Waldman
Sol Weisman
Fanny S. Whitney

AUGUST 17

Mose Bennett
Eva Brint
Jack Diner
Lydia F. Ehrenberg
Virginia "Ginger" Goodman
Ben Greenberg
Dorothy T. Grundfest
Flora S. Kaufman
Sophie Knopping
Max Lichtenstadter
Eugene Lockwood
Sheldon M. Luber
Jake L. Marcus
Bluma Marks
Abraham Ottenheimer

Jake I. Markus
Harry William Pfeifer
Mendell 'Bub' Pincus
Lynne Ravellette
Margaret Roberts
James Z. Sachs
Zerlena M. Salinger
Hortense Sancier
Anita Simon
Marcia Solomon
Alfred H. Tamarin
Sol Thalheimer, Jr.
Harlan Simon White
Jannell Dillon Wilson

AUGUST 24

Libbye Shack Cohn
Harold Diner
S. Lasker Ehrman, Sr.
Dan Eichenbaum
Anita Levinson Fox
Lena Kurlansik Gates
Rosa Gruner
Alfred I. Hendrix
Muriel Helen Balsam Kohn
Herbert Sidney Levy
Samuel Louchheim
Clara Pfeifer
Harry Louis Phillips
Paul E. Pollock
Shirley Reines
Elsie Rocker
Sollie J. Salinger
Frances Fendler Schneider
William Max Shocket
Julia R. Simon
Rosalyn Snyderman
Sam Strauss, Jr.

AUGUST 31

Sylvia Berger Ehrman
Hannah Elkan
Robert Russell Fox
Henry Hans Hamburger
Rose Hamburger
Joe Navra, Jr.
Bess Pearl
Laura Young Safferstone
Brunette Siesel Thalheimer
Eugene J. Towbin
Richard Vine
Leah Samuel Weil
Morton C. Wilson
Marjorie C. Wise

Donations continued...

LOIS G. STERN LIBRARY FUND - to be used to add or replace books in the Temple Library.

BAUMAN FAMILY MUSIC FUND - to be used to provide support and enhance the music offerings and programs of the Congregation.

Education, Youth, Camp, and Scholarship...

JANET AND ARNOLD L. MAYERSOHN LEADERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT FUND - To provide scholarships to members (including youth members) to attend seminars, conventions, institutes, and other programs that, in the judgement of the Board of Trustees, will advance the leadership skills of such members for the benefit of the Congregation.

DAVE GRUNDFEST JR. ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - To be used for educational scholarships to Israel for deserving youth.

ROSA PFEIFER ISAACSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND - to be used for members of the Youth Group to defray the cost of attending regional and national Youth Group sanctioned events and conferences.

HARVEY LUBER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND - to be used by the Confirmation Class to participate in L'Taken after fundraising efforts have been exhausted.

SAM J. STORHTZ II RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY FUND - to be used to enhance Religious School programming.

OLA AND MERVIN LIEBS MEMORIAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - to be used for Religious School Scholarships.

MEMORIAL FUND BENEFITTING EDUCATION AND YOUTH - to be used to enhance the religious school experience and to assist in sending students in the school to camp.

RABBI EUGENE AND BOBBYE LEVY FUND FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH - to provide financial aid to Congregation B'nai Israel Religious School students wanting to go to Jacobs Camp.

MEIR CHAYIM TEMPLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND - the sole purpose of this Fund shall be to provide Jacobs Camp Scholarships to children from Arkansas.

DR. WILMA DINER MEMORIAL FUND FOR JEWISH EDUCATION - to be used to support the Religious School Education program of Congregation B'nai Israel.

KIMBRELY CAROL JORDAN MEMORIAL FUND FOR JEWISH EDUCATION - The primary purpose of this Fund shall be to enable Congregation B'nai Israel to provide for its Education Director's professional development, thereby benefitting all students of Congregation B'nai Israel Religious School. Only if Congregation B'nai Israel does not employ a professional tasked with overseeing Jewish education at the congregation, is to provide for professional development to others who teach and lead programs of Jewish education at Congregation B'nai Israel.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND - to be used to provide books for the Children's Library.

August 2018

Av 5778/Elul 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Av 24 LaFTY Board Retreat	6 Av 25	7 Av 26	1 Av 20 CHRONICLE DEADLINE AUGUST 15 FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE	2 Av 21 Social Action Backpack Delivery 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch and Learn	3 Av 22 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB- Sinai Edition Shabbat Service	4 Av 23 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
12 Elul 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: Making Prayer Real, Session 1: "The Difficulty of Prayer: What makes Prayer Work?"	13 Elul 2	14 Elul 3 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Board Meeting	15 Elul 4 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE	16 Elul 5 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	17 Elul 6 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan HaLev Shabbat Service	18 Elul 7 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Club 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
19 Elul 8 9:00 am - 11:00 am RS Teacher Workshop 9:30 am - 11:00 am Adult Learning: Making Prayer Real, Session 2: The Art of Blessing: "Why do Different Prayers Begin with the Same Words?" 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm LaFTY meeting - lunch provided	20 Elul 9 7:00 pm Board Meeting	21 Elul 10 4:00 pm Our House 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class - Meet at Our House and Fantastic China	22 Elul 11	23 Elul 12	24 Elul 13 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan HaLev Shabbat Service	25 Elul 14 9:30 am - 10:45 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
26 Elul 15 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: First Day of Religious School 9:30 am - 11:00 am: Adult Learning: Making Prayer Real/Session 3: "What Do We Mean when We Say Shema?" 12:00 pm: LaFTY meeting - lunch provided 3:00 pm: Al Barron Book Club - "A Horse Walks Into A Bar"	27 Elul 16 9:30 am John Birdsong Organ tuning	28 Elul 17 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	29 Elul 18	30 Elul 19 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	31 Elul 20 11:30 am - 12:45 pm NFITY - So Summer Fest at Jacobs Camp 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan HaLev Shabbat Service	



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Steve Ronnel A'96 Benjamin Casciano Sam Storthz, III	2 Steve Bauman A'79 Len Johnson A'06 Sally Kern BJ Moses Elijah Willis Noah Willis
3 Joel Gordon A'06 Laurence Miller A'67 David Pear A'95	4 Jealene Cohen	5 Scallet/Stafford A'10 Deborah Bevil-Bethuel	6 Eugene Krupitsky, A'09 Dave Grundfest, III	7 David Goldsholl A'97 Toni Dollinger	8 Neil Elenzweig A'90 Paul Spitzberg A'78	9 Berleant/Liaw A'88
10 Michael Marion A'89 Thomas Gerson Andrew Stafford	11 Bob Rosen A'66 Jimmy Moses	12 Rhonda Redwood Jerry Stern	13 Debbie Bentley Laurence Miller Barry Uretsky Sophia Drenning	14	15	16 Anne Miller
17 Janet Franklin Loris Fullerton Jonah Marion	18 Frances Fendler Martin Ferguson Jason Ronnel	19 Susan West	20 Paul Spitzberg A'78 Brianna Polner	21 Jan Alman Sharon Keil	22 Richard Orgel A'84 Zinser/Oakes A'95 Jennifer Ronnel Alexa Strauss	23 Mark Griffin Jerry Jacobson Scott Schlesinger Dylan Nodelman
24 Alexandra Chrisman	25 Joel Gordon Arnie Nachmann Brian Rosenthal Joseph Wolfe	26	27 Chuck Prousnitzer	28 Michael Kaiser Melanie Siegel	29 Jeff Rosenzweig Barbara Thalheimer	30 Hollis Pruitt A'60 Dorothy Schwander

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

THE YAHRZEIT FUND

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TREE OF LIFE

IN HONOR OF:

Rich Lewis' 70th Birthday

Friends

BACK TO SCHOOL BACK PACKS

Anonymous

Jan and Larry Alman

Emily Adams and Carmen Arick

Carole Hamon and Milt Baer

Kathy and David Bauman

Jill and Steve Bauman

Gus Block

Debbie and Brad Diner

Audrey and Don Evans

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Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

Helen and Thomas Kaiser

Joyce Ellen Knickerbocker

Julianna Fawcett and Howie Knoff

Doris Krain

Henny and Bert Lasley

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Meg Marion

Carol and Allan Mendel

Dale Meyers

Carol Parham

Nancy and Tad Phillips

Rabbi Barry Block

Dale and Lee Ronnel

Madelon Scallett

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Susan Stroock and Chris Hackler

Susan Strauss

Tracye and Larry Townley

Carole and Gary Weisbly

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Linda Fitzhugh

Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

Jennie Crafton

Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

IN HONOR OF:

Engagement of Jenny Bolts to Nathan School

Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

Gina and Chuck Kokes' new grandson

Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

Carmen Arick's presidency

Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Carole and Gary Weisbly

IN MEMORY OF:

Rich Lewis

Daniel Lincoln

Elaine Berg

Mary Lee

Al Schumann

Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

Milt Baer

Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

Mark Krain

Tracye and Larry Townley

Larry Dumont

Charlene and Chuck Prousnitzer

Linda Fitzhugh

Dale and Lee Ronnel

Lou Samuel

Lauren Samuel and Justin Samuel

IN HONOR OF:

Emily and Rich Lewis'* birthdays

Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

Dale and Lee Ronnel

Debbie Brady

Carmen Arick and Emily Adams

Debbie Brady

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

David Lockwood

Susan Strauss

THE VOGEL CARING AND SHARING FUND

Esther Gordon

Muriel Lederman and

Brian Storrie

Susan Stroock and

Chris Hackler

MAYERSOHN LEADERSHIP FUND

Van Gates

CEMETARY FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Lena Kurlansik Gates

Van Gates

THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Rich Lewis

Ellen and Al Brown

Adam Laver

Gus Block

Jack Benjamin

Gus Block

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Phil Axelroth's Legacy

I was born into and raised in a Reform Jewish family. I continued that by raising my children at Congregation B'nai Israel including b'nai mitzvah, confirmation and weddings. Now two of them live in Little Rock and are raising their families as members of our congregation.

Over the past 10 years or so, as I have become more active in the Temple and the Jewish Federation of Arkansas, and through participation in the closing of the synagogues in both Pine Bluff and McGehee, and as a member of the both Temple and JFAR boards, I have seen how important it is to preserve our synagogue and the Arkansas Jewish community. As important as it is to participate in the current life of the community, so it is important to participate in the future of both the Temple and the Jewish Federation. A legacy gift is an obvious way to do that.



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Yom Kippur Memorial Booklet

The High Holy Days are upon us, and once again, we will offer a special Book of Remembrance with tributes to our beloved departed whose memories are consecrated at our Yizkor Memorial Service on the Day of Atonement. This booklet, a fitting expression of devotion and respect to our relatives and friends, will be available at the Yizkor Service. The Yom Kippur Memorial Service is a hallowed tradition of our faith. We hope you will want to observe this sacred custom that combines the Mitzvot of loving memory and tzedakah. Return this form to the Temple Office no later than Friday, August 31st.

We cannot guarantee that names will be in the booklet if name entries and payment are not in by August 31. Your \$36.00 donation allows up to six names to be memorialized; names over six will be \$5.00 per name.

Names of Deceased to be Memorialized:

Remembered By: _____

Please mail checks to Temple B'nai Israel Attn: Memorial Booklet 3700 N. Rodney Parham Rd Little Rock, AR 72212. If your account is in good standing you may charge this to your account*; please contact the Temple Office at 501.225.9700 or by email templesecretary@bnai-israel.us *3% card fee does apply

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

In the month of Elul, the Hebrew month that precedes Rosh Hashanah, we are encouraged to remind ourselves that our holy days are approaching. It is time to prepare ourselves for reflection and improvement. This is a hard task any time of year; as our daily dynamics lends themselves to stress, hurried behavior, and unrelenting commitments.

Taking into consideration the symbolic messages and meaning of the season, perhaps this is a good time to use our 5 senses with our children and families to bring in the season with some creative interpretations that go beyond dipping apples into honey.

Each weekday in Elul we sound the shofar with one blast. Over the course of Elul, we will hear 100 blasts before Rosh Hashanah. Each time the blast is heard, the family can take a moment to discuss the concept of forgiveness and what it means to say sorry and accept the apologies of others. By the time Rosh Hashanah arrives, the whole family will be ready and used to the concepts of the season.

Take this one step further for family preparedness and have a fire drill at home to remind everyone what to do when another sound may call us to attention.

We read Psalm 27 before Rosh Hashanah. Read it as a family and discuss it's meaning and tone for the upcoming holiday season. Then expand your readings and use liturgy from the prayer book or even personal choice poems to share with the family that has meaning. Takes turns choosing the readings and see how you can relate each one to a theme of the high holidays.

In ancient times, the first of Elul was the new year of the tithing of animals. Use this time to volunteer at an animal shelter or pay special attention to your own pets. Does Rover need a new year bath or has his vet visit been put off? Has your family visited the local zoo or wildlife preserve lately?

This is a great time to visit the cemetery and recall special memories of those who have died. Tell stories about them, ask each family member to carefully choose a stone to be placed on the grave stone. Is the stone a special color or shape that reminds you of that person? There are a ton of ideas a family can do together to prepare for each and every holiday. This year try something new – and although we should always dip apples and round challah into honey, we can also prepare in different ways too – to know what it means to ask for forgiveness, how to become better people, and how to use our resources to do good in the world. Shanah Tova.



CLUB 13 BAR AND BAT MITZVAH CLUB

Those actively preparing for Bar and Bat Mitzvah are required to attend 18 Shabbat services before the Bar or Bat Mitzvah date. Students can attend any Shabbat service – Friday or Saturday; but this year, selected Saturday mornings will be chosen for our pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and their tutors to attend services together. Note the scheduled dates of Bar and Bat Mitzvah Club: all at 11:00 am unless *, then at 10:30 am.

August 11, September 22, October 13, November 10, January 12*, February 2*, February 23*, March 16, April 6*, April 27*, May 11*

Students will gain invaluable exposure to our liturgy as well as spending Shabbat with their peer group who is also preparing for this special lifecycle event.

High Holy Days 5779-2018

Saturday, September 1 – Selichot Eve

- 6:45 - 8:00 pm Selichot in pajamas for young families.
- 7:00 pm Potluck dinner and viewing of "13th" and discussion about racial justice and mass incarceration
- 9:30 pm Selichot Reception and Havdalah
- 10:00 pm Selichot Service, including changing of the Torah covers

Sunday, September 9 – Rosh Hashanah Eve

- 8:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Eve Worship and Sisterhood Gala Reception

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah Day

- 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Children's Services
- 10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Worship
- 4:00 pm Tashlich at Neuhauser-Moore Residence

Sunday, September 16

- 9:30 am "Standing on their Shoulders" program and *Kever Avot* Cemetery Memorial Service at Oakland Jewish Cemetery

Tuesday, September 18 – Yom Kippur Eve

- 8:00 pm *Kol Nidre* Service

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur Day

- 9:00 am Yom Kippur Children's Services
- 10:00 am Yom Kippur Morning Worship
- 12:15 pm "My Jewish Journey" Symposium
- 1:15 pm Yom Kippur Study in the Library
- 2:30 pm Healing/Renewal and Torah Service
- 4:15 pm *Yizkor*/Memorial Service
- 5:30 pm *Neila*/Concluding Service
- 6:30 pm Men's Club Break-the-Fast

Making Prayer Real!

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel, Summer-Fall, 2018
Sundays, August 12, 19, and 26, September 9 and 30, October 7
9:30am in the Temple Library

- For those who struggle with prayer, and for all who are moved in prayer
- Thought-provoking conversation-starting videos featuring world-class scholars from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's College Commons
- Discussions led by Rabbi Block
- No prior knowledge or Hebrew ability required

August 12: The Difficulty of Prayer: What Makes Prayer Work?

August 19: Why Do So Many Prayers Start with the Same Words?

August 26: What Do We Mean when We Say Shema?

September 9: The Challenge of Personal Prayer

September 30: The Amidah: Who Cares What the Prayerbook Says?

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



Mishkan HaLev: Our Prayer Book for High Holy Day Preparation and Selichot

In 2017, on the recommendation of the Ritual Committee, and thanks to donors who have established and maintained our Memorial Prayer Book Fund, our congregation has adopted *Mishkan HaLev*, "Tabernacle of the Heart," the Reform Movement's new prayer book for High Holy Day preparation and Selichot.

Please join us in prayer from these magnificent golden prayer books on Friday nights during Elul, the month in the Hebrew calendar immediately preceding the High Holy Days: August 17, 24, and 31; and September 7. We will also utilize *Mishkan HaLev* at Selichot Services on Saturday, September 1, at 10pm; and on Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Friday, September 14.

CCAR Press explains: This companion to *Mishkan HaNefesh* enables communities to prepare for the Days of Awe. *Mishkan HaLev* offers two complete services, one for Erev Shabbat during the month of Elul, which can also be used for *Shabbat Shuvah*, the Sabbath of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; and a *Selichot* service. Like *Mishkan HaNefesh*, *Mishkan HaLev* is full of beautiful readings, poetry, meditations, commentary, and translations to ready the heart and the mind to enter the High Holy Days. It is fully transliterated.

Two rabbis who piloted *Mishkan HaNefesh* wrote:

"It succeeded wonderfully in helping us create the contemplative mood that we try to create during *Selichot*."

"The translations seemed excellent. It was sacred, without being sanctimonious."

Please join us in contemplative worship in preparation for, and between, our High Holy Days.

Mazel Tov

to **Monica and Joseph Davidson**, on the birth of their son, **Shannon James Davidson**.

to **Russ Parish and Amanda Webb** on the engagement of his daughter, **Rachel Blackburn-Parish**, to **Philip Castro**.

to **Ellyn Polsky**, on the birth of **Reef Dolev**. Born to **Ellen's** son **Josh** and his wife **Efrat** in Jaffa, Israel.

to **Jill and Steve Bauman** on the birth of **Beau Maurice Silverman**. Born to **Barrie and Cole Silverman**.



INTRODUCING: NEW AND IMPROVED CHILDREN'S SERVICES!

Let's get ready to celebrate: holidays and our community. 9:00 – 9:45 am, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings. Following the fun and interactive services, children are invited off to holiday themed activities at FREE child care (ages baby – age 10) that goes through the end of adult services, so parents can stay to worship. Crafts, games, and snacks included for all.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ARE FOR THE YOUNG CHILD AND YOUNG READERS – full of stories, songs, and sensory. Services are not geared for children past fourth grade.

Services will end with the next path to the craft station to reinforce the message of the holiday, and then to child care in the Ati'Day classrooms for Rosh Hashanah appropriate lessons, stories, videos, snacks, and more.

Reservations for children care are a must. No drop-ins please, unless space allows. Parent pick up is immediately after adult services end.

Parents are asked to bring all needed supplies: diapers, bottles, blankets, change of clothes.

Extended Yom Kippur child care available by request.

Child care sign up is below:

Reservations must be received one week prior to date needed.



Selichot Program to Explore Mass Incarceration

Saturday, September 1

During the High Holy Days, each of us is called upon to take a cheshbon ha-nefesh, examining the “balance sheet of our souls.” On Selichot Eve, join us in examination of our nation’s soul, and then continue in worship as we look into our individual souls.

- 7:00 pm** Potluck dinner and viewing of "13th" and discussion about racial justice and mass incarceration
- 9:30 pm** Selichot Reception and Havdalah
- 10:00 pm** Selichot Service, including changing of the Torah covers

Congregation B'nai Israel's Board of Trustees has designated ours a Brit Olam congregation, joining hundreds of other Reform congregations in a “Covenant with our world,” committing to study social justice issues with the potential of joining coalitions and working to change the world (tikkun olam). The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism has designated mass incarceration as one of the issues requiring our engagement. Come to view the powerful documentary, 13th, and join the conversation with Rabbi Block about whether and how our congregation should act on this issue.

Note: LaFTY usually leads us on Selichot Eve. However, with Selichot falling on Labor Day weekend this year, LaFTY will be at Jacobs Camp for NFTY's Southern Region's Summer Fest.



PARENT(S) NAME: _____
 CELL PHONE(S): _____
 Child/ren's Names _____ Age: _____
 _____ Age: _____
 _____ Age: _____

Please be sure to note any special needs/issues on your reservation form

Please reserve a space for my child/ren for the following services:

Rosh Hashanah Morning: Thursday, 9/10 @ 10:00 am _____
 Yom Kippur Morning: Saturday, 9/19 @ 10:00 am _____



Annual High Holy Day Food drive begins on Rosh Hashanah and ends on Yom Kippur Morning. Fill as many bags as possible to donate to AR Food Bank. Place your bag in the lobby on Yom Kippur morning as we fast for the Day of Atonement but remember those who fast on many days, not by choice, but by being food insecure.

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For more information about the Arkansas Food Bank see:
www.Arkansasfoodbank.org

Jewish Languages Course at U of A Fayetteville

Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that I will be teaching a course, INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH LANGUAGES, during the Fall 2018 semester at the University of Arkansas. This may be of interest to your congregants if they, or their children, are enrolled at the University.

The course will introduce students to the Hebrew alphabet and to languages that use it: Hebrew (Biblical and Modern), Aramaic, and Yiddish. We will focus on basic grammar and vocabulary, transliteration systems, and how to find these works in libraries.

Obviously, in one semester you can't get a deep knowledge of three different languages. The goal is to get a knowledge of Hebrew, Aramaic and Yiddish similar to an educated English-speaker's knowledge of such foreign phrases as hasta la vista, savoir faire, and quid pro quo.

People are welcome to contact me for more information: 479-200-1397 or jadler@post.harvard.edu.

B'shalom,
Jacob Adler

LaFTY has an exciting Fall planned, here are a few of the upcoming events! Please attend our first 2 meetings, lunch is included.

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| 8/19 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | LaFTY meeting
Fun Program Temple Youth Lounge |
| 8/26 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | LaFTY meeting
Temple Youth Lounge - LaFTY
Childrens High Holiday Services |
| 8/31 - 9/3 | NFTY SO Summer Fest
Jacobs Camp
Transportation provided from Temple
Early Bird Registration through 8/15,
Regular price ends 8/22 |
| 9/10 | LaFTY leads High Holiday
Children's Service |
| 9/19 | LaFTY leads Yom Kippur
Children's Service |

A NEW FAMILY PROGRAM for Selichot & a time of new year reflection for parents and kids.

Saturday, September 1
6:45 - 8:00 pm

Stories of the season, prayers for the new year, songs, and cookies and milk.

Come in your PJ's.
Ages birth - 3rd grade.

RSVP by 8/29
templesecretary@bnai-israel.us





Dear Congregation B'nai Israel,

We look forward to the High Holy Days as a welcome "time out" with family and friends. As we return to our Temple to seek personal answers and to reconnect with our faith, we also renew our commitment to Congregation B'nai Israel.

As you know, for many years the Temple Key Club has provided funds to help defray the Temple's budget deficit. We need your support and generosity this year as in years past. Your special donation will be recognized in the High Holy Day booklet, which will be distributed at services.

Please send us your check or pay using your Chaverweb account by September 4, 2018. Your gift ensures that our Temple will remain a center of Jewish life, worship and education in Arkansas.

Carol Parham, Temple President

Carmen Arick, Immediate Past President, Key Club Chair

**PLEASE CONTACT THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 WITH YOUR COMMITMENT
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Yizkor Eloheim
We record with sorrow the death of...

MARIAN MATSON

*mother of Emily Lewis
mother-in-law of Joanne Matson*

RICH LEWIS

*husband of Emily Lewis
brother-in-law of Joanne Matson*

DAVE GOLDBERG

brother of Stanley Goldberg

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Beit Knesset is the Hebrew word for synagogue, as it translates to a House of Assembly. While we gather for study, worship, lifecycle events and more; B'nai Israel has a revolving door of activities – all the time. It's almost like the building doesn't close. That Temple closeness is a good thing and being in the Temple building is special.

Most members gain access to the building by using a code at the front door. Each person who needs to get into the building is given a unique code that is rarely shared with anyone else. In addition, there are members who have alarm codes and can officially open and close the building by arming or disarming the security system. Then there are some members who actually have a key to enter at any door. Obviously, we try to limit the number of keys out there.

As this new year approaches, please remember some general guidelines for door codes and the security of the Temple:

- Your code is yours and should not be given out to anyone else.
- When you share your code, it's like dominoes, and this compromises the security of the contents of the building.
- A code is a way to get into the building when the building is "open" and the alarm is not set. Otherwise, the alarm will sound and the police will be dispatched. As well, Milton will be called to immediately report to the Temple to meet the police.
- If you're unsure if anyone else is in the building and has disarmed the alarm, wait a few minutes before using your code...and see if any other cars are in the parking lot...
- If you feel you need a door code, please contact the office and you will be asked to sign a waiver and then you will be assigned an original code.
- You're welcome at any event - Any time you need access to the building, please use the buzzer on the right side of the front doors.

The B'nai Israel community is very open and welcoming all the time. However, if you see something that is uncomfortable or unusual, please say something. We have a good relationship with our police officers and can count on them to check into anything. It's our own diligence however that will add to our security all year long. Keep your eyes out while extending a hand to those who we welcome – a good balance for this new year.



Interested in delivering BACK PACKS to schools on August 9 and 10?
Contact Jill Bauman – jarb223@yahoo.com



Happy New Year from the Sisterhood.

Rosh Hashanah Volunteers :
Check off as many as you can (e-mail, web site, call, snail mail)

Help with Rosh Hashanah Reception

- _____ Cooking/Prep (Various times)
- _____ Set-up (Sunday morning, September 9)
- _____ Bring cookies/cake (6 dozen bite size pieces)
- Type _____

Help with Break-The-Fast

- _____ Preparation and set-up
(Wednesday, September 19th)

Donate Money to cover costs of food and flowers. (Please send check with note to the Temple office or call with your donations):

- Rosh Hashanah Reception
\$18___ \$36___ \$50___ Other___
- Yom Kippur Break-The-Fast
\$18___ \$36___ \$50___ Other___

Remember Sisterhood operates on your donations of time and money. We cannot do it without your help!

Sister membership dues are \$40. Thanks to all who have already sent in their contribution. This will be a sweet year!

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

We will be open 11:00 – 12:15 on Sundays
when Religious School is in session.

Please note the following additional hours:

Saturday, September 1st	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday, September 28th	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Friday, October 19th	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Friday, October 26th	5:15 PM – 6:15 PM
Friday, November 2nd	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Friday, November 9th	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Friday, December 7th	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Friday, December 14th	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Friday, January 11th	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

You are welcome to make an appointment if you need to come another time.



50-State Haftarah Chanting Challenge Comes to Our Congregation

Tulsa attorney Richard Borg is on a mission: To chant Haftarah in each of our nation's fifty states. He plans to be with us on Saturday, August 25, and to chant Haftarah during our Shabbat morning service at 11:00 am. Please join us!

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and light to the soul."