



THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Congregation B'nai Israel is a fabulous place for Jewish teens. It's also incomplete.

Here's what I mean: While congregations across the country struggle to engage even half of their young people in Jewish life during high school, our retention rate is nearly 100%. Virtually all

of our high school youth are or have been in Confirmation classes, are involved in LaFTY, or work as madrichim in our Religious School. Many check two or three of these "boxes." Congregation B'nai Israel is "home" to our teens. They learn here; they enjoy being here; and they share their enthusiasm for Judaism with younger children here.

Still, Jewish life at Congregation B'nai Israel is incomplete. Last year's Confirmation class of nine notwithstanding, a typical grade level includes only 4-6 young people. And while we know that there are a few other Jewish youth out there, our numbers constitute almost all the known Jewish teens in Central Arkansas. We have combined classes, to offer our students a broader peer group when they're at Temple.

We are exceedingly blessed, therefore, that the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ's) Youth Department — represented here primarily by Jacobs Camp — is our partner in providing a Jewish peer group for our young people.

To date, some 22 Temple young people are already registered as Jacobs campers for the summer of 2018. Another four rising high school seniors plan to participate in Jacobs' Geshet program (literally "bridge," the counselor-in-training program). Two are registered for URJ's North American high school summer program at Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York. And two are planning to go to Israel this summer with NFTY, the Reform Jewish youth movement. Taken together, these numbers indicate that nearly half of our Religious School population is registered for significant summer engagement made available by our congregation's affiliation with URJ.

Jewish Children's Regional Service, JFAR, Jacobs Camp, and TRG Foundation partner with three funds at our congregation — the Bobbye and Rabbi Eugene Levy Camp Scholarship Fund, the Meir Chayim Temple

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Worship at a Glance

Friday, May 4

LaFTY Shabbat, led by LaFTY members and Rabbi Block, at 6:15 pm

D'var Torah: Sydney Gastman

Music: Steve Bauman and Isabella Ifrah

Candles: Leah Goldsholl

Kiddush: Brock Jacobs

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, May 5

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

Friday, May 11

Shabbat under the Stars, Abbreviated, Music-filled, Service for all ages, led by Rabbi Block at 6:15pm, followed by Picnic Dinner, all in the amphitheater

Music: David Bauman

Candles & Kiddush: Debbie and Brad Diner, in celebration of their 20th anniversary

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, May 12

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

Friday, May 18

Shabbat in the Rock, led by The Stars of David, at 6:15 pm

Candles & Kiddush: Amanda and Martin Ferguson, in celebration of their 20th anniversary

Reader: Madelon Scallet

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, May 19

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

Friday, May 25

Union Prayerbook – Sinai Edition Service for Armed Forces Shabbat, led by Men's Club Members and Rabbi Block, at 6:15pm

Music: Elizabeth Cohen, Charles Friedman, Meg Marion, and Josiah Wheeler

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Bema Arrangement Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, May 26

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

The Rabbi Speaks continued...

Camp Scholarship Fund, and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund — to make summer camp possible for youth whose families wouldn't otherwise be able to afford it. The Dave Grundfest, Jr. Scholarship Fund generously assists Temple families who need help affording the very expensive summer program in Israel.

Jacobs Camp and other URJ Youth programs provide what we cannot: An extended Jewish peer group for our young people. Being one of a very small number of Jewish kids at one's school can be an opportunity to educate others. Many of our young people celebrate being different. At the same time, the experience can be lonely. They and we are very fortunate that the kids can find balance between a school year when they are very much in the minority and a summer spent immersed in Judaism and Jewish community.

Anna Herman and her team have done a fabulous job since taking the reins at Jacobs Camp after the summer of 2014. In four short years, Jacobs' summer enrollment has grown by more than 100, well over 25%, from just over 360 in 2014 to 470+ (registered so far) in 2018.

Yes, the number of kids in our Religious School has declined, and that trend may continue in the years ahead. We are blessed that Jacobs Camp, as part of URJ Youth, is our partner in vouchsafing the future of Jewish life here in Central Arkansas.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry H. Block



A memorial service sponsored by The Jewish War Veterans will be held at Oaklawn Cemetery

Monday, May 28th at 11:00 am.

Rabbi Barry Block will speak for the service and flags will be available for family and friends to place on the gravesite of their loved ones.

Yizkor Eloheim
We record with sorrow the death of..

MARGOT STRAUSS GARON
Mother of Kathy (and David) Bauman

Please join the congregation for the

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 19 • 7:00 pm

As new officers of the Board of Trustees are installed, and we honor those who have served and will serve our Board.

Incoming - President: Carol Pfeifer Parham and thank outgoing president: Dr. Carmen Arick.

Be part of honoring our STARS - all our teachers.

Closing day of Religious School.

May 6, 2018

11:00 am for brunch.

Special tribute to our graduating high school Madrichim: Robert Block, William Cohen, Sydney Gastman, Leah Goldsholl, Eva Levi; and Mari Thomeczek, who is graduating from college.

Religious School Tefillah at 9:00 am. Followed by end of year class activities until 11:00 am. Parents should meet their children for brunch in the social hall at 11:00.

\$5.00 per person. RSVP to the temple office:
templesecretary@bnai-israel.us

Please bring a note or other meaningful card/drawing/writing/letter for your teacher as a keepsake.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

I want to tell you about some amazing people in our congregation. You know their names and some of what they do. But you may not know some of the “behind the scenes” work they do which contributes so much to our Temple home. So, as Paul Harvey might say, here is “the rest of the story”.

Eugene Krupitsky has served as our Treasurer for two terms (4 years). It is a huge job, especially given the way Eugene has performed the role. Because of Eugene, we are in a better financial position. Because of Eugene, the Budget Committee has been able to craft a workable budget which has allowed us to accomplish our congregational mission while remaining fiscally responsible in a challenging fund raising environment. AND - Eugene has also taken on the role of chairing the Committee tasked with improving our aging building's energy efficiency. This is vital to improving our future financial stability as utility costs continue to rise. As it turns out, this is not just a matter of replacing the heating and air system. It has turned out to touch almost every component of the building. Such a project would be overwhelming to most. But Eugene is methodically and thoroughly working through the issues. He does this while building a business and being one of the most involved fathers I have ever seen to three beautiful children and a committed husband to Darcy. In short, a mensch.

Richard Estelita, as most of you know, has a gorgeous voice. It has been suggested to me that we send him to Cantorial school on condition he promise to serve as the congregation's cantor in perpetuity! In addition, Richard serves as Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, which comes with a seat on the Sustaining Committee. Are you happy that the toilets flush? Thank Richard! Yes, it seems mundane, but I used that example on purpose. For, if one of these systems were to fail, to paraphrase one of the morning blessings, we could not stand before the Holy One. Much less each other! And there is more: Website updates - thank Richard. Friday night Shabbat Service bulletin - would not have been available during episodes of office personnel turnover without Richard. Key Club and High Holiday booklets - again, thanks to Richard. The beautiful lobby display of Yahrzeit memorial plaques for Temple Meir Chayim were designed AND installed by Richard and his mentee Scott Jordan. Multitalented, giving wholeheartedly, Richard is indeed a mensch.

Rita Fagan is the absolutely undisputed master of all things pertaining to the kitchen. As part of preparing delicious meals for Shabbat and special occasions, Rita has made it a priority to know congregant's special dietary concerns - who is a vegan, who is a vegetarian, who is allergic to this or that food item. Congregants with special dietary restrictions will then find a special meal, just for them, in the kitchen. Folks, that is love in action! Rita is also in charge of collecting and coordinating the monthly Chronicle. That

might include some gentle nudging of tardy submitters! But there is more. As a past President, Rita is a valuable reservoir of institutional memory. She frequently serves on the Nominating Committee and has been responsible for fostering increased congregational involvement culminating in Board membership for several of our current Board members, including our Executive Vice President, Carol Parham. Rita is truly a mensch.

Trudy Jacobson is most likely the first person who will greet you when you walk in the Temple's front door on Friday evening. Always wearing a warm smile and taking a genuine interest in you, Trudy makes sure you know you are welcome. “Mama Trudy” organizes rehearsals and performances for the Temple's singers, the Shechinotes. She plans and coordinates the New Member Shabbat Service and Dinner. In addition, Trudy serves as an active and engaged Board member, contributing ideas and energy at each meeting. Trudy, you are an inspiration and a mensch.

Of course, there are many more wonderful congregants among us. Stay tuned -more to come!

Shalom,

Carmen Arick

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

THANK YOU

**to the many volunteers who made all our
Passover events go so smoothly:**

Debbie Brady, Trudy Jacobson, Jan Alman, Meg Marion, Jill Bauman, Ellen Lowitz, Howard Bresnik, Bobbye Levy, Janet Korenblat, Rita Fagan, and Carol Parham.

And to our office volunteer: Milt Baer.



To our new LAFTY OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

Celebrate with LaFTY as our new board is installed and we bid farewell to our graduating Seniors.

Friday, May 4

5:45 for Oneg Shabbat; 6:15 for services.



THERE'S NO SUMMER LIKE A JEWISH SUMMER

Look who is going to camp and representing Little Rock!

Rylee Krupitsky, Evie Dranoff, Nate Dranoff, Cohen Townley, Sadie Elson, Milo Krain, Roxy Sonnier, Lily Gordon, Emily Wagner, Mira Krain, Phillip Young, Justin Young, Caitlin Reiss, Sam Hoffman, Hannah Lopas, Rafa Levi, Lilah Goldman, Sydney Shemper, Alexa Shemper, Dylan Nodelman, Eli Goldman, Rebecca Ivanovsky, Devon Webb, Avery Webb; and on camp staff: Thomas Gerson, Jacob Collins, Larry Jacobs, Brock Jacobs, William Cohen.

And looks who's off to a NfTY Summer trip in Israel:

Daniel Block, Hallie Pingel

And to Kutz Leadership camp:

Jordan Collins, Teddy Ferguson

PLEASE JOIN THE CONGREGATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Saturday, May 19 ~ 7:30 pm

Reception follows the service.

Jordan Marie Collins

Daughter of Joannie Irwin
4200 Sugar Maple Lane
LR 72223

Isabella Michele Ifrah

Daughter of Dina and Patrick Ifrah
11 Bella Rosa Court
LR 72223

Theodore Mayer Ferguson

Son of Amanda and Martin Ferguson
104 Breckenridge Lane
Maumelle 72113

Hallie Blair Pingel

Daughter of Krysten and Mark Levin, and Jeffery Pingel
1723 N. Monroe
LR 72207



and beyond...

Already? Why talk about Rosh Hashanah in May?

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. After children's services, 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 unless space allows. Sign in sheets will be at the classrooms for parents to leave their contact information. 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.

Yahrzeits: MAY 2018

MAY 4

Julius Abrams
Sidney M. Brooks
Louis Frankenstein
Lou B. Hoffman
Rose B. Kory
Emily S. Lasker
Clara L. Lewis
Julius Louchheim
Nathan Luber
Doris H. Pfeifer
Michael Schach
Walter L. Scott
Sam J. Storthz, Sr.
A. Allen Weintraub

MAY 11

Sadee A. Bauman
Edward Bennett
Carrie Ottenheimer
Berger
Velma Block
Isabel F. Cohen
Louis C. Cohen
Meyer "Mike" Davis
Flora C. Ehrenberg
William Hamburger
Abe Herstein
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Ray S. Scholem
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Lois G. Stern
Josie Wasserman
Emelie Zeno
Henry Zwrin

MAY 20

Rose W. Dungan
Joyce S. Ehrenberg
Edward D. Elias
Anna S. Froug
Rosa Kaufman
Irvin Levy
Samuel R. Lyons
Agnes L. Meyers
Samuel Ringelhaupt
Irene P. Sanders
Lynton Scharff
Jony Schneider
Henry Spear
Jennie S. Spitzberg
Rebecca L. Vogel
Louise Wiseman

MAY 25

Mollie Abowitz
Linnie H. Bott
Wolf H. Brandt
Anna Cooper
Ray Fendler
Charlotte K. Goodman
Melissa E. Gruner
Olive S. Hart
Charlotte Kempner
Fred King
Hulda Phillips
Percy L. Scholem
Hattie K. Weisman
Joseph Wiseman



LEAVE A LEGACY

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

Joy's Legacy

I was one of those people who thought it was wonderful that others were setting up a Legacy Gift but that it was beyond my financial reach for the moment. Then I learned that it is possible to set up whatever you can---for example, open a bank account with \$100 in it that will go to Temple upon your passing. You can designate a percent (1% is fine) of a 401K or life insurance policy. There are other options as well.

I seriously believed that I could not afford it, I have a son whose future well being depends on me, and the impact on my other two children is always a huge worry for me. Once I knew that I could set up an account that is within my means and leave it to Temple, that was a wonderful feeling. The people in this congregation have given so much to my family since we moved here 10 years ago.

I hope others will consider supporting the future of a vibrant Congregational Family for all of the generations to come.

Joy Figarsky



**Join us at a luncheon in the foyer
to celebrate Milt Baer's dedicated
volunteer service.**



Saturday, May 5 at 12:30 pm

Catered by Scot Goldsholl

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

Lunch sponsored by Carmen Arick and Emily Adams.

May 2018

Iyyar 5778/Sivan 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 Iyyar 21 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School	7 Iyyar 22	1 Iyyar 16 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Board Meeting	2 Iyyar 17 8:00 am - 9:00 am Confirmation Class	3 Iyyar 18 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn	4 Iyyar 19 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Service and LaFTY Shabbat	5 Iyyar 20 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Volunteer Luncheon Honoring Milt Baer
13 Iyyar 28 8:30 am - 9:30 am Adult Hebrew	14 Iyyar 29	15 Sivan 1 CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS DUE 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Ati Day Staff Meeting	16 Sivan 2 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Service Final Rehearsal	17 Sivan 3 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	18 Sivan 4 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Shabbat in the Rock - All Music Service	19 Sivan 5 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 pm Confirmation and Erev Shavuot Services and Reception 9:30 pm Tikkun Lail Shavuot
20 Sivan 6 10:30 am Shavuot Morning Service, including Yizkor/Memorial Prayers	21 Sivan 7	22 Sivan 8 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	23 Sivan 9 4:00 pm Our House	24 Sivan 10 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn	25 Sivan 11 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm UPB - Sinai Edition Services and Armed Forces Shabbat	26 Sivan 12 9:30 am Shabbat Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
27 Sivan 13	28 Sivan 14 8:00 am - 9:00 am Temple Office Closed Ati Day Closed	29 Sivan 15	30 Sivan 16	31 Sivan 17 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn	CHRONICLE DEADLINE MAY 15 FOR JUNE ISSUE	



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Charles Alman A'80 Richard Lewis	2 Ed Back A'91 Paul Yoder A'85 Elizabeth Aronson Spencer Stortz
3 Richard Lewis A'74 Jim Pfeifer Mozell Zimmerman Josh Bernstein Emerson Reiss	4 Tenenbaum/Tailon A'16 Amanda Ferguson	5 Adam Lang	6 Kanfi/Lang A'09 Art Pfeifer Raida Snyderman Grant Rosenthal	7 Melanie Berman Sarah Johnson Scott Jordan Rebecca Lackie	8 Robert Vogel A'74 Jerry Gold	9 Wm. Eiseman A.62 Arleen Marshall Michael Simon Chester Stortz
10 Dave Grundfest, III A'90 Ed Back Matt Johnson Thomas Kaiser Susanne Roberts	11 Edmond Freeman A'50 Byron Kantraw Eugene Krupitsky Josh McClintock	12 Circy Gastman Scott Korenblat	13 Evan Wilons A'09 Michael Schmitz Judy Tenenbaum Lilah Goldman	14 Hackler/Strook A'03 Evalyn Berleant Susan Clark Naomi Zottoli Jared Matson	15 Eugene Levy A'69 Marc Williams A'96 Ron Bara Sallye Mann Tim McGrath Carol Stortz	16 Shelly Casciano Lewis Krain Lee Ronnel Karah Bogoslavsky Sadie Elson
17	18 Tom Sharp Mattie Bogoslavsky	19 Mark Strauss A'93 Evelyn Harberg	20 Sadie Townley	21 Larry Hamilton	22 Don Evans A'67 David Bauman Sammy Lang Aaron Towbin-Hickling	23 Sol Brotman Heather Gerson
24 Suzanne Klimberg	25	26 Susan Axelroth	27 Jay Fullerton A'92 Rabbi Barry Block Elaine Luber Marilyn Ronnel	28 Sol Brotman A'80 Larry Alman	29 J. Casciano A'74 Jerry Bryant Devon Webb	30 Larry Bentley A'02 Curt Foxx A'79 Mark Levin A'07 Jeff Lux A'06

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

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IN HONOR OF:

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SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

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Carmen Arick and Emily Adams
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Debbie Brady

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Mimi Loeb
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Renee and John Dickens

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

A traditional study session on Shavuot:

Saturday, May 19
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Led by Eileen Hamilton

**The Jewish Story: what makes it funny,
memorable, tragic, and/or classic?**

Come for dairy delights and some good reading and laughs.
Bring your best stories to share – and you'll go home with some
good reading to continue your study at home.

Let us know you're coming:
templesecretary@bnai-israel.us.

MAZEL TOV

to **Judy Pearlstein**, great grandmother, and **Ruth Itzkowitz**, great- great grandmother, on the birth of **Lucas Robert Pearlstein**. He was born to **Mitzy and Daniel Pearlstein**.

to **Emily and Rich Lewis** on the birth of a grandson, **Sender Matson Lewis**. He was born to **Darci and Jacob Lewis**.

to **Julie and David Shindler**, on the engagement of their daughter **Lindsey to Daniel Weissman**. Mazal tov also to Lindsey's grandmother, **Judy Grundfest**.

to **Liz Lucker and Mary Machen**, on the engagement of their son, **Spencer Lucker**, to **Stephanie Bloom**.

to **Karen and Mark Mackey**, on the engagement of their daughter, **Nicole**, to **Jacob Fijman**. Mazal tov also to Nicole's grandmother, **Elaine Luber**.

to **Trudy and Jerry Jacobson**, whose granddaughter, **Kalix Jacobson**, will enter the Cantorial Ordination program of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem in June.

to **Martha and Charles Alman** on the engagement of their daughter **Susan to Scott Koskoski**.

to **Judy Grundfest** who recently was made a lifetime member of the UAMS Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging Community Advisory Board by the board's executive committee.

to **Brock Jacobs**, who was elected President of NFTY's Southern Region. Brock is a son of **Stephen and Flavia Jacobs** and **Tanya and Bennie Langley**, and grandson of **Susan Lesser**.

to **Gina and Charles Kokes** on the arrival of **Nathan Charles Hilgendorff**, newborn son of their daughter **Cristine** and her husband **Jason**.

to **Lucy Goldman**, daughter of **Barry Goldman** and **Joanna Krussel**, who was elected President of the University of Arkansas Hillel.

SAVE THE DATE



MARVELOUS MAH JONGG MANIA

Sunday, August 5
Agudath Achim Synagogue

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Eileen Hamilton

I always try to celebrate the teachers. They have a hard job. They are not historically compensated well; and they take work home with them too. The funny thing is: most who teach do it because they enjoy it and get a lot of reward out of working with kids. They don't teach for the praise, the reward, or the gifts.

At the end of each year of religious school we attempt to properly thank our teachers for another year well done and sometimes we offer notes of praise and gifts to mark the occasion. I assure you that we will do that here too – on May 6 for a new model of end of year activities and thanks – for brunch with all our religious school families and beyond in one room for one purpose – to celebrate Jewish education. It will be my pleasure to tell you all something about each teacher, Madrich, and staff member.

Judaism has a long history in valuing education. There is no doubt in my mind, that his tradition will continue and flourish. I hope you will come and celebrate with our teachers on May 6 and it give us all inspiration to be part of a bigger process and maybe, even become a religious school teacher too. The reward is great. Here is some inspiration – and if it moves you, please call me...I am looking soon to create the RS staff of 2018-19 with some new ideas, innovations, and including a lot of people who can offer their finest to our finest – our next generation of educated Jews. See if these inspire you?

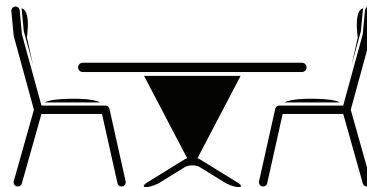
Education is not for the preparation in life; education is life itself.
- John Dewey

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
- Anne Frank

I ask not for a lighter burden, but broader shoulders.
- Jewish proverb

Life as a teacher begins the day you realize that you are always a learner. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.
- BB King



B'nai Israel serves dinner at Our House,

Wednesday, May 23.
Prep starts at 4:00 pm.

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Our College Graduates 2018

Name	Parents	College
Sydney Alman	Jan and Larry Alman	Northwestern University
Jacob Goldsholl	Kennon and Scot Goldsholl	Fort Lewis College

If we have other college graduates, whom we have missed in this listing, we apologize and ask you please to notify Clint in the Temple office, 225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us. We will acknowledge them in the June Chronicle.

Our High School Graduates 2018

Name	Parents	Graduating from	Headed to
Robert Block	Toni Dollinger Rabbi Barry Block	Pulaski Academy	University of Rochester
William Cohen	Jana and Perry Cohen	Parkview Arts Magnet	University of Memphis
Sydney Gastman	Circy & Michael Gastman	Central High School	University of Oregon
Leah Goldsholl	Kennon & Scot Goldsholl	Central High School	Rhodes College
Eva Levi	Beth Levi & Duff Campbell	Episcopal Collegiate	Oberlin College
Jared Matson	Joanne & Charles Matson	Central High School	TBA
Natalie McGarry	Jamie & Thomas McGarry	Central High School	University of Alabama
Allie Pear	Karen & David Pear	Chaparral High School	Tulane University
Missy Pear	Karen & David Pear	Chaparral High School	Washington University

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A quick thank you from Sisterhood to everyone who came out for Anat Hoffman's talk and everyone who helped with her visit. More in next month's Chronicle.

Shavuot Festival and Yizkor Service Set Sunday, May 20

Festival services for the Shavuot are scheduled for Sunday, May 20, at 10:30am, in the Chapel. Rabbi Block will officiate, with music led by David Bauman. Yizkor – Memorial prayers will be offered during this service, and Rabbi Block plans to read the names of members and relatives of members who have died since last Shavuot.

Please remember that the Temple's Fiscal Year ends on May 31, 2018. We ask you to fulfill your financial commitments before that time. All requests for reimbursement are due to the office by May 20. All payments must be received to the office by Friday, May 25 to be processed before the end of the fiscal year, especially because Memorial Day is Monday, May 28. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.



Schmoozerama Potluck and a Movie

May 12, 2018 • 6:00 pm

"This Is Where I Leave You"

When their father passes away, four grown siblings (Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, Adam Driver, Corey Stoll), bruised and banged up by their respective adult lives, are forced to return to their childhood home and live under the same roof together for a week to sit Shiva, along with their over-sharing mother (Jane Fonda) and an assortment of spouses, exes and might-have-beens. Confronting their history and the frayed states of their relationships among the people who know and love them best, they ultimately reconnect in hysterical and emotionally affecting ways amid the chaos, humor, heartache and redemption that only families can provide-- driving us insane even as they remind us of our truest, and often best, selves.

Bring a dish that serves 8. No RSVP is needed.

Facilitated by
Tim Kessler and Meg Marion

Questions?
Contact Tim at
479-283-5923 or kesslertimothy@gmail.com

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501-951-3345 or meg.marion@icloud.com

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