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THE RABBI SPEAKS

RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

We approach these High Holy Days like no other. Sadly, we will not be observing the *mitzvah* of gathering in our Temple Sanctuary because we will be heeding a higher *mitzvah*: protecting our congregation's health.



While we are not used to observing these particular holy days in front of our computers, "different" need not be "bad" or "meaningless." Let me offer some suggestions to enhance your High Holy Day experience:

- **Prepare a festive meal.** Or several. Prepare something extraordinary to welcome the new year and to break the fast. Not a cook? Take out or receive delivery from a restaurant you've been craving. Dust off your finest dishes. Buy flowers. Create a festive, sacred atmosphere.
- **Provide a festive meal for somebody else.** Perhaps you know somebody who lives alone and may be tired of their own cooking. Maybe you and the people with whom you would ordinarily share the holidays can cook for one another: One person cooks for themselves and another household on Rosh Hashanah Eve, the other for the pre-fast meal before Kol Nidre. If you know of somebody whose needs are greater, Caring & Sharing is here to help. Just tell Janet Korenblat, Eileen Hamilton, Amanda Ferguson, or me. We'll do the rest.
- **"Dress" for Temple.** No neckties or high heels! Still, change out of your Covid "daytime pajamas." You will be surprised how the external trappings enhance the feeling that the day is a special one.

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WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

Shabbat worship will continue, Friday nights at 6:15pm, with Shabbat Torah Study on Saturday mornings at 9:30am, via Zoom livestream only, until further notice.

If you do not receive Temple emails and would like to listen to the service on the telephone, please contact Keila for instructions, 501-225-9700.

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

MISHKAN HALEV SERVICE

IN PREPARATION

FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

SERMON:

Avinu Malkeinu: Praying to End a Plague

Music: David Bauman

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

MISHKAN HALEV SERVICE

IN PREPARATION

FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

SERMON:

When the Sages Fired the Gatekeeper

Music: Jana Cohen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

ROSH HASHANAH EVE

Please see full High Holy Day Schedule, p. 7.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

MISHKAN HALEV SERVICE FOR SHABBAT

SHUVAH, THE SABBATH OF REPENTANCE

BETWEEN THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

SERMON:

"Un'taneh Tokef for Black Lives," with special guest speaker, Imani Romney-Rosa Chapman

Music: David Bauman

(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)

- **Take the day off work.** Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat, but Yom Kippur is a Monday. Put aside your phone, unless you're using it to stream our services. Focus on the needs of your soul on these two holy days.
- **Attend the distance Oneg Rosh Hashanah and Break-Fast.** No meatballs, I'm afraid. Still, this opportunity to interact with fellow congregants will be meaningful. In March, my rabbinical convention was held online. The first evening, we had a "Virtual Cocktail Party." I was skeptical, but felt I had an obligation as a Board member to attend. I was so happy that I did. "Gathering" with colleagues, some of whom I didn't even know, made me feel connected in ways that I did not expect.
- **Do come hear the shofar in person.** Take advantage of our plan to sound the shofar in the Temple parking lot on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. You'll have the chance to see other congregants, albeit through the windows of our cars and at a distance. We'll even give you a Rosh Hashanah goody bag that you won't want to miss.
- **Select the services that will be meaningful to you.** We are breaking our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur evening and morning services into shorter "bites." Your rabbi hereby gives you permission to attend every single service...or to pick and choose among them. Take this opportunity to devise your own High Holy Day experience.

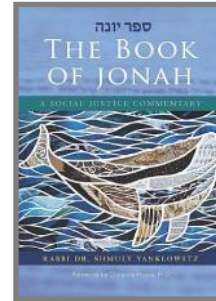
I am looking forward to worshipping with you on these High Holy Days. Temple staff and volunteers are working hard to make the days meaningful for all our members and guests. Each of us can do our own part to enhance the impact of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in your own households.

L'shanah tovah, wishing you all a sweet new year,

Faithfully,

Rabbi Barry H. Block

SELICHOT 5780



Saturday, September 12
Program: 8:00pm, via Zoom meeting
(everybody can see each other)

Jonah Inspires Social Justice: Jews, Christians, and Muslims Respond

Featuring
Sara Tariq, M.D.
Rev./Dr. Anika Whitfield
Rabbi Barry Block

Sara Tariq, M.D. is Associate Dean for Student Affairs at UAMS, a founding leader of Madina Institute, and Co-President of Just Communities of Arkansas.

Rev./Dr. Anika Whitfield is an ordained minister, lead organizer of Grassroots Arkansas and the Arkansas Poor People's Campaign, and a podiatrist.

This program is based on *The Book of Jonah: A Social Justice Commentary*, by Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz, available to our members at CCAR Press with a 20% by entering the code JONAH20 at checkout. Advanced reading of the book is not expected of program participants, but it's a terrific book that you may want to have. Also available on Kindle from Amazon.

Service: 9:00pm, via Zoom webinar
(like our Shabbat services)

Led by LaFTY members,

Shanah Tova

Wishes for a healthy
 and happy 5781!





**Imani Romney-Rosa Chapman, Guest Speaker
for Shabbat Shuvah - “Un’taneh Tokef for Black Lives”**

Imani Romney-Rosa Chapman will be our special guest speaker during live-streamed services for Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Repentance between the High Holy Days, Friday, September 25, at 6:15pm, via Zoom.

Chapman will read and discuss Un’taneh Tokef for Black Lives,” which she recently published in *Lilith*. Un’taneh Tokef is our High Holy Days’ most challenging prayer, including the difficult words, “Who shall live and who shall die, who by fire, and who by water, ... who by plague and who by stoning...’

Chapman is one of the co-founders of Romney Associates, Inc. She has more than 25 years of experience organizing, educating, and developing curriculum for social justice. Chapman works for a world in which her children and the young people in our lives can grow wholly and safely into their full humanity in an equitable world where race is not a major determinant in health, wealth, legal, and educational outcomes.

A founding co-chair of the Race Working Group of her congregation, Koloot Chayeinu Synagogue in Brooklyn, New York, Chapman is enrolled in the doctoral studies program for Interfaith Clinical Pastoral Education for Pastoral Ministry at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

Adult Learning at Congregation B’nai Israel continues

Re-examining the Ten Commandments

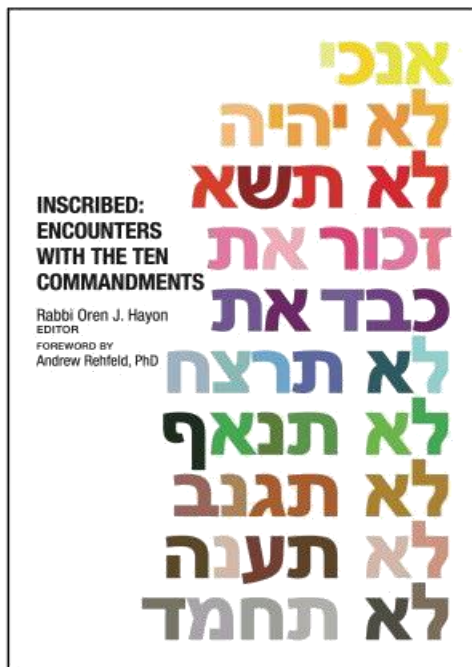
*featuring conversation-starting videos
by authors of*

*Inscribed: Encounters with the
Ten Commandments*

Sundays,
September 6 and 13
10:30-11:30am, via Zoom

September 6
The Eighth Commandment,
“You Shall Not Steal” – Ethics of Consumption,”
with Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster

September 13
The Tenth Commandment,
“Torah’s Thought Crime?”
with Rabbi Block



*The program will not assume that participants will have read the book,
but it’s really a terrific book, and our members are eligible
for a discount because we are offering this program.*

Order Inscribed at ccarpres.org and enter the promotion code

Inscribed20 for a 20% discount.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,
It has been a very busy summer at CBI, even with our door closed to the public. We have celebrated the B'not Mitzvah of Maddie and Sadie Townley and the Bat Mitzvah of Roxy Sonnier, we are having new sound and streaming equipment installed in the sanctuary, we have formed a COVID

response committee to help us navigate through this crisis, we have begun recording portions of the music and services for High Holidays, all along with the everyday work of the Temple. To say my first few months as Temple president have been a whirlwind would be to put it mildly, and I have loved every minute of it.

I wanted to keep you informed of our response to the pandemic and how we are making decisions about what we can do in the building. We have formed a committee of doctors and those in the medical field to advise on the phases of opening. Thanks to Dr. Carmen Arick and Elizabeth Cohen for chairing this committee, along with Dr. Jill Flaxman, Dr. Lewis Krain, Dr. Charlie Friedman, Dr. David Bauman, and Joy Figarsky who have spent and I am sure will continue to spend lots of time drawing on their own knowledge and experience to help us stay during this global pandemic. I am so thankful to each of them for their expertise and wisdom.

Richard Estelita has been working so hard to get us ready for the High Holidays. He has overseen the ordering and installation of our new equipment for which he secured the funds in the form of a grant from the Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation. We are extremely grateful to the foundation for supporting us as we work towards streaming High Holiday services this year. In addition to Richard's regular role as cantorial soloist, he is working with Rabbi Block to schedule recordings of congregants and musicians and Jeff Nodelman will edit all the recordings together .

I am so thankful for volunteers like Richard and Jeff who are committed to making this new endeavor possible.

High Holidays will look a little different this year. First, we will all be home watching on Zoom instead of gathering in the sanctuary. I am excited about the virtual experience being put together this year. There will be quite a bit of congregant participation. There will be beautiful music, though we are unfortunately unable to employ the High Holiday choir this year. It was determined by our COVID response committee that recording multiple singers at once in the sanctuary was just not a safe activity. Many of our own temple musicians are working hard to perform and record themselves to give us beautiful and meaningful high holiday music. I am confident that it will be wonderful, and I am very much looking forward to seeing the finished product.

In addition to all the High Holiday preparation, we have also been preparing for and beginning religious school. Eileen Hamilton has worked hard to provide unique and appropriate virtual learning and family opportunities for our religious school students. In the meantime, the religious school is getting a bit of a "spruce up" with new furniture in anticipation of when we can return. Thank you to the Endowment Fund for helping us purchase this much needed furniture. If you have not yet registered for religious school this year, it is not too late to do so.

In these strange times, please know that your Temple family is here for you. If you have needs during the pandemic, let us know how we can help. If you need technical help to access services via zoom, please give us a call.

I look forward to the day we can all be together in person again.

Shalom,

Amanda O. Ferguson, President

A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

When COVID-19 struck Arkansas in March, our congregation joined virtually every American Jewish organization in halting community gatherings. Unfortunately, the pandemic has persisted, and it became clear that guidelines were needed to help our staff care for congregants as safely as possible. A committee of medical and healthcare administration professionals was formed this summer to develop guidelines for conducting services and life cycle events safely and to create criteria for a phased approach to reopening. We began meeting in late June and established that we would be guided by three primary Jewish values: *Pikuach Nefesh* (saving a life); *Kol Yisrael Aravim Zeh Bazeh* (all Israel is responsible for one another); and *Chesed* (loving kindness).

In making decisions, the Committee has considered what we know about COVID-19 (it is extremely contagious, affects individuals in dramatically different and unpredictable ways, and can be fatal especially for older people and those with pre-existing health conditions); what we DO NOT know (How significant is aerosol spread, which affects safe distance and time exposure? What are the long term complications, even in those with minimal initial symptoms?); and the evolving scientific knowledge and guidance about COVID-19. We have studied the infection trends in Arkansas, including tracking the number of cases, number of hospitalizations, number of deaths, and test positivity rates. We have considered the reopening guidelines promulgated by the White House Task Force and CDC. We have studied the “Guide to the Considerations about Re-opening Synagogue Buildings” published by the working group of the Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist Movements, as well as “Back To Business: A Jewish Community Guide For Reopening Facilities and Resuming Operations in the Age of COVID19”. We also bring our own professional experiences and study as physicians, business leaders, and clinic managers.

Our committee has developed a phased reopening plan focused on the safety of our congregants as well as our staff and volunteers. We are currently in Phase 1A of that plan, and as such, we are joining 86% of Reform Jewish congregations in celebrating the High Holidays virtually this year. The details of Phase 1A can be found below this message.

We prayerfully await a sustained downward trend of infections, successful treatments, an effective vaccine, and further scientific knowledge that will permit us to meet together again. Until then, we remain thankful for modern technology, our talented lay musicians and our dedicated staff which have allowed us to continue to have meaningful community experiences, even from afar. We look forward to maintaining our sacred connection to one another while ensuring the safety of our beloved congregation.

With Chesed,

Carmen Arick, JD, MD, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Cohen, MHA, Co-Chair

David Bauman, MD

Charlie Friedman, MD

Jill Flaxman, MD

Lewis Krain, MD

Joy Figarsky

Amanda Ferguson

Congregation B'nai Israel COVID-19 Response Plan August 2, 2020

Closure:

Effective when: There is a local, state, or national Stay-At-Home order – OR – There is a local, state, or national Shelter-In-Place recommendation. The building is closed to all unless an emergency requires entrance.

Phase 1A:

- Effective when: There are no Stay-At-Home orders or Shelter-In-Place recommendations.
- Staff are permitted in the building for routine work.
 1. Must be masked at all times unless in private office with door closed.
 2. Must maintain 6 feet distance from other staff whenever possible.
 3. Must check temperature prior to entering the building. Do not enter if $T^{\circ} > 100.4^{\circ}$.
 4. Do not enter building if feeling in any way ill.
- Workers are permitted in the building for necessary repairs or projects critical to the mission of CBI (does not include routine inspections not required to maintain warranties or safety).
 1. Must be masked at all times.
 2. Must maintain 6 feet distance from others whenever possible.
 3. Must check temperature prior to entering the building. Do not enter if $T^{\circ} > 100.4^{\circ}$.
 4. Do not enter building if feeling in any way ill.
- The Rabbi may conduct graveside services with only family in attendance.
 1. Six feet distance should be maintained between attendees not of the same household unit.
 2. A maximum of five household units, not to exceed a total of 25 people, can be accommodated
 3. Masks must be worn by the Rabbi and all attendees at all times during the service.
- All worship services are live-streamed from participants' homes.

High Holy Day Prayer Books Available for Check-Out by Members

Our streamed High Holy Day services will not require that participants have a prayer book. As needed, prayer book pages will be projected on the screen.

However, Mishkan HaNefesh is a magnificent prayer book, and we know that some members will want to hold it in their hands, find inspiration from prayers other than those offered from the Sanctuary, and perhaps to worship on their own.

We are pleased, therefore, to offer our members the opportunity to borrow Mishkan HaNefesh sets for this High Holy Day season. Pick-up will begin on September 14, with all books to be returned no later than October 5. A lending agreement will be necessary to borrow the books.

If you are interested in borrowing a set of Mishkan HaNefesh for these Holy Days, please contact Keila, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us, or complete the lending agreement in the High Holy Day section of our website.



HIGH HOLY DAYS 5781

Note: Due to COVID-19, we will not be congregating in-person. All services will be streamed.

ROSH HASHANAH EVE - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00-8:00pm – Evening Service

8:15-9:00pm – *Avinu Malkeinu*, Sermon and Anthem: **“We Need To Be Together”**.

9:00pm – Virtual Oneg Shabbat Rosh Hashanah

(Participants can see each other on screen and interact)

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00-9:45am – Children’s Service

10:00-11:00am – Morning worship, including first shofar blast

11:30am-12:30pm – Shofar and Torah Service with Sermon **“Holding Onto Hope”**

3:00 - Rosh Hashanah Drive-in Shofar Theater in the Temple parking lot. See p. 8 for details.

(We are still working to arrange *Tashlich* in a way that will be safe during the pandemic. Details to follow)

KOL NIDRE, YOM KIPPUR EVE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00-8:00pm – Kol Nidre ritual and Sermon with anthem **“Other People’s Business”**

8:15-9:15pm – Yom Kippur Eve Service

YOM KIPPUR DAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00-9:45am – Children’s Service

10:00-11:00am – Morning Service and Sermon **“Give Me (and Everyone Else) a Break”**

11:15am-12:15pm – Yom Kippur Morning *Avinu Malkeinu*, Torah Service, and Confession

12:30-1:30pm – My Jewish Journey,

Bruce Greenberg, Michael Krupitsky, Annabelle Tuck,
with instrumental interludes by Charlie Friedman on violin

(All attendees will be able to see each other on screen)

1:30-2:30pm – Yom Kippur Study – live and interactive, all participants visible on screen

2:45-3:30pm – Healing/Renewal Service

3:45-4:30pm – Afternoon Torah Service

4:45-6:00pm – *Yizkor*-Memorial Service Sermon: **“Grieving During a Pandemic”**

6:15-7:15pm – *Neila*-Concluding Service

7:15pm – Virtual Break-the-Fast

(Participants can see one another on screen and interact)

Would You Like a Private Moment in Our Sanctuary?

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we are setting aside times for congregants to come into our Sanctuary privately, as individuals or families, by appointment only.

Available dates and times are:

Sunday, September 6, 12:00-5:00pm
 Wednesday, September 9, 11:00am-1:00pm, 5:00-8:00pm
 Sunday, September 13, 12:00-5:00pm
 Wednesday, September 16, 11:00am-1:00pm, 5:00-8:00pm

Interested congregants are asked to contact Keila, 501-225-9700, to arrange an appointment. We will invite you to spend up to fifteen minutes in the Sanctuary. Appointments will be available at half hour intervals. Like everybody who enters the Temple, each person will need to complete a Covid-19 questionnaire prepared by our Covid Response Task Force, and temperatures will be checked. Masks are required at all times in the Temple.

Rosh Hashanah Morning Children's Service

Saturday, September 19 - 9:00am

Join us for song, prayers, and 'The Apple Who Zoomed'



Yom Kippur Morning Children's Service
 Monday, September 28 - 9:00 am
 Convince Cookie Monster it's time to give up the cookies...
 for the Day of Atonement!

See you then for prayers, songs, and a new attitude for
 Cookie Monster.

Yom Kippur Activity Day will be available for pick up in the Porte Cochere the week of Yom Kippur

FOLLOW THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR

Rosh Hashanah afternoon Drive-In Shofar Theater

Arrive at Temple in your car by 2:45 pm. Shofar at 3:00pm,
 on Saturday, September 19

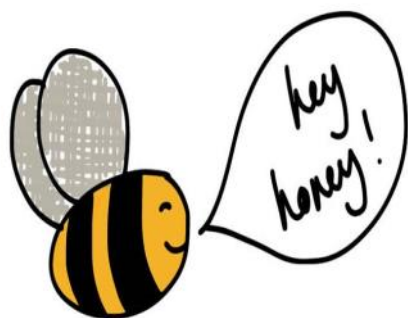
Receive a L'shanah Tovah treat bag up on arrival.
 Park and stay in your car. Social distancing is a must!
 Rabbi Block will welcome all for the new year, 5781.

And Merrick will sound the shofar loud and clear on the
 Temple grounds.

RSVP to templesecretary@bnai-israel.us to ensure your space.



LAFTY ROSH HASHANAH EVENT ~ Sunday, September 20 @ 7 pm



Join LaFTY for a honey tasting event. We'll send you the honey, you provide the apple.
Zoom (or buzz) on for a Shanah Tova blessing of sweetness with LaFTY friends.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86152010032>



We are still working to arrange Tashlich in a way that will be safe during the pandemic. Details and information to be announced.

Tashlich is the Jewish tradition of tossing breadcrumbs into the ocean, or into a body of water that leads ultimately to the ocean. The ritual, carried out on Rosh Hashanah or between the High Holy Days, imagines that the bread crumbs symbolize our sins, which we hope the waters take far away from us as we repent.

**Shanah Tova
from B'nai Israel**

Rabbi Barry Block
Eileen Hamilton
Milton Boyd
Keila Patton
Brandon Groce



SELICHOT IN PJ'S

Join in the tradition of *Selichot* – the soothing, prayerful, preparation before the high holidays.

Music, prayers, and time to reflect.

September 12: 7:00 – 7:30 pm

Zoom link to be announced.

Come in pajamas.

EDUCATOR

In late August 2005, we began religious school in New Orleans as usual. We welcomed everyone into the building and began another academic year. On August 29, all were dispersed around the country due to Katrina. While all other communities were still having school and religious school, New Orleans was different. All was closed with no idea of if and when anything could reopen. This year in Little Rock, we begin religious school in a way that no other year has begun, but what we have in common with all other communities is that COVID is everywhere. Religious School all over the country will be online – and while the programs may differ in plan, content, and style, they are all virtually the same. No one has a template for this or all the answers as to how this works best. We can only do our best to provide a strong experience in a very shortened time span, once a week.

While no one has all the answers, I do know that parent involvement will be key – at least in two ways. Please take part in monitoring while your child is online for class to ensure that all get the learning experience, they deserve while with their classmates and teacher. And, to expose and take advantage of the many other opportunities of Jewish learning aside from class time. Special worship services are being planned, as well as children's services for the high holidays. Concerts, programs, mitzvah projects are all part of a total package of learning that can happen at many assorted times in the week. Take a look at the offerings and put them in your calendars (Zoom calendars) as part of our family's ritual.

I hope we can see as many families as possible each time we Zoom on so we can feel like a community – or learners, as a larger and extended family, and for our students to see their Temple friends, even if through a screen.

I have many new years wishes this year – they are probably obvious. One of them is to see all of us together soon, but in the meantime, to see many you 'keeping the connection' while we are navigating this unusual time in our history.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Bill Rubenstein	14 th	Larry Back Peggy Jalenak
2 nd	Ruthe Kaplan Becca Perin	15 th	Brett Gastman Jane Levine
3 rd	Esther Gordon Eva Levi	16 th	Emily Adams Liz Lucker
4 th	Laura Joseph	17 th	James Aronson
5 th	Bonnie Clinton Kennon Goldsholl Karen Mackey	18 th	Ariel Berlinski
6 th	Matthew Chrisman Rebecca Cowie Trudy Jacobson Kirsta Nigro	19 th	Sheri Simon
7 th	Mikki Deininger	20 th	Liz Cohen Fillis Stober Steven Strauss
8 th	Bernie Bevell Tracie Spivey	21 st	Jack Gold
9 th	Nancy Kahn Caitlin Reiss	23 rd	Caroline Krupitsky Gene Pfeifer Lou Tobian
10 th	Becky Blass Katie Gruber Sonya Hamilton	24 th	Rebecca Glover Andy Lawton Luci Rodell
11 th	Bari Himelfarb Daniel McGrath Kitty Rubenstein Gayle Slager Solee Wilons	25 th	Laura Gold
12 th	Pamela Korenblat Judy Selig	26 th	Mitchel Brown Rafa Levi Anna Marks
13 th	Martin Boyle Jesse Kane	27 th	Claud Alexander Jack Grundfest Caroline McGrath Barry Solomon
		28 th	Patrick Ifrah
		30 th	James Moses
		31 st	Steve Bauman Jonathan Dranoff

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Nan Selz and Chris Barrier - 1999
8 th	Jackie and Jerry Bendorf - 1972 Nina and Brent Reiss - 2005
11 th	Jamie and Justin Axelroth - 2014
13 th	Dianne and Frank Richard - 2008
14 th	Barbara and Bruce Thalheimer - 1973
16 th	Barbara Samuels & Nancy Ryburn - 2016
18 th	Lewis Krain and Sylvia Amsler - 1998
20 th	Becky and Gus Blass, III - 1982 Toos and Art Pfeifer - 1959
21 st	Deanna Arrants and Clayton Ward - 2017 Janet and Scott Korenblat - 1989
26 th	Martin Boyle & Karin Waugh Zucker - 1985
27 th	Angelica and Joe Wolf - 2011
30 th	Howard Knoff and Julianna Fawcett - 2004

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Social Action Backpack project!

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 on the marriage of their daughter,
 Mary Ruth, to Corbin Brooks Otwell

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Gene and Linda Pfeifer

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Annabelle Tuck

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Annabelle Tuck

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 Joe Storthz, Jr.
 Abe Thalheimer
 Sam Morris Vogel
 Mildred Strauss Weintraub
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Memorial Books names are being collected until September 4. To include the names of your loved ones and memorialize them this Yom Kippur, please call the office as soon as possible.

Yizkor Elohim

WE RECORD WITH SORROW THE DEATH OF OUR MEMBER

WILLIAM 'BILL' EISEMAN
 HUSBAND OF FRAN EISEMAN

WE RECORD WITH SORROW THE DEATH OF

RICHARD A. SIRVINT
 STEPFATHER OF
 SHELLEY CASCIANO

B.J. "JERRY" TANENBAUM
 BROTHER - IN -LAW
 OF GAYLE SLAGER,
 COUSIN OF
 JUDY GRUNDFEST

ROBBIE BLACKBURN VOGEL
 MOTHER OF SAM VOGEL, JR
 AND
 ROBERT (AND LUANN) VOGEL

May God comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Standing On Their Shoulders

to Feature Wilma Diner and Phillip Pfeifer, z"l
Annual cemetery visit - via Zoom, this year, facilitated by Rabbi Barry Block

Written by Meg Goldenberg Marion

Directed by Rebekah Scallet

Sunday, September 27 - streaming at 10:30 am.

Religious School classes (grades 4 and up) will view the program during class time.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet Temple members from our past, as professional actors deftly bring them to life at Oakland Jewish Cemetery. This popular program will showcase Wilma Diner and Phillip Pfeifer, both of blessed memory.

Afterwards, Rabbi Block will lead a brief memorial service, abbreviated from the usual in-person service, but a creative and meaningful opportunity to honor our departed loved ones, particularly but not only those buried in Oakland Jewish Cemetery.

Save the Date!

This year's Love Thy Neighbor service will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, September 10 and will be hosted on the Interfaith Center YouTube page: <https://bit.ly/2PHBDr6>

Join us for this incredible peace gathering featuring music, prayers, and speakers from several world religions.
More details coming soon

2020 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter

Parents: To obtain our 2020 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter--requesting that schools excuse Jewish students' absence on Yom Kippur, Monday, September 28--please contact Keila in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us. If necessary, Keila is able to provide a personalized version of the letter, i.e., specifically addressed to your child's school and including your child's name.



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