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THE RABBI SPEAKS

RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

This month, we will celebrate Purim, rejoicing that Esther and Mordechai thwarted and reversed the wicked plan of Haman, bent on genocide to wipe out the Jewish people. As always, we will commemorate the festival with fun



and with song, with events planned for children, youth, and adults.

The last time we gathered in person, in large numbers was on Purim night, March 10, 2020. Our adult Purim eve was extremely well attended. The Social Hall was packed! We shared a delectable meal and enjoyed (and some performed in) a hilarious shpiel.

And we were very fortunate. We did not know that we should not have held that large in-person gathering. Blessedly, nobody present was infected, or the event would have been a super-spreader.

Two days later, the Executive Committee would meet as previously scheduled and would decide that we should not gather in person for Shabbat. Instead, for the first time ever, we would live-stream our services. With little know-how and less equipment, we began to strive to meet the needs of our congregation in a radically changed environment.

Now, as we approach Purim again—which for me, marks the one-year point in this pandemic—I want to take this opportunity to express gratitude for how well our congregation has endured an otherwise most difficult time. Coronavirus has stripped us of our ability to gather in-person, but we have denied it the power to deprive us of our collective ability to fulfill our sacred mission.

We are worshiping, on Shabbat and holy days, evenings and mornings, gathering in numbers that are typically greater than during "normal" times.

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

Shabbat worship continues: Friday nights at 6:15pm, Torah Study on Saturdays at 9:30am; and, Shabbat Morning Worship at 11:00am, except that Shabbat Morning Worship on February 27 will be at 10:30am for the Bat Mitzvah of Maci Schlesinger. 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

UPB-SINAI EDITION SERVICE LED BY RABBI BARRY BLOCK SERMON: "Coveting the COVID Vaccine" Music: David Bauman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

MISHKAN T'FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY RABBI BARRY BLOCK SERMON:

"Stewarding Public Funds: Learning from Priestly Wrongdoing" Music: Steve Bauman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

MISHKAN T'FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY RABBI BARRY BLOCK SERMON: "Purim Jews and Passover Jews" Music: Jana Cohen

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MISHKAN T'FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY MACI SCHLESINGER AND RABBI BARRY BLOCK SERMON:

"Holy to Adonai: We Are All Priests" Music: David Bauman

(The Rabbi Speaks and Worship at a Glance continued on page 2)

(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)

We are continuing to learn from one another. And now, we have the added benefit of learning from special guests who travel to us from other parts of the U.S. and even from Israel to share their wisdom and knowledge with us.

We are holding each other in moments of both celebration and bereavement. This one is harder; the human touch is palpably absent. Still, when we come together on Zoom for a special occasion, be it a Baby Naming or a *shiva minyan*, we are there for one another.

We have continued, and in fact multiplied, our acts of *g'milut chasadim*, lovingkindness, and we have raised our collective voice for social justice at a fraught moment in human and American history.

With the deepest gratitude to my staff colleagues, to our congregational leadership, to generous donors at every level, and to everybody who keeps Congregation B'nai Israel not only alive but thriving by attending our programs and services, I look forward to celebrating Purim with you in tremendous joy if not in person, as we face the future with hope.

Faithfully,

Zam H. Block

Rabbi Barry H. Block



Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel presents the third and final session of....

No More Hiding Under the Bed: Judaism and Sexuality with Rabbi Nikki DeBlosi

> Sunday, February 7 9:30-11am, via Zoom

(Worship at a glance continued from front page)

Shabbat morning worship in February

Rabbi Block plans to lead the services on February 6, 13, and 20. Music is to be led by Russ Parish on February 6, Annabelle Imber Tuck on February 13, and Ellyn Polsky on February 20.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Shabbat Morning Worship and Bat Mitzvah of Maci Schlesinger, daughter of Drs. Kelli and Scott Schlesinger, at 10:30am Music: David Bauman

Live from Modi'in, Israel...

The "Normalization" of the Middle East

In 2020, Israel established new relationships with Bahrain, Morocco, Sudan, and the UAE.
What has changed?
What does the future offer?

with

Muki Yankelowitz Sunday, February 21, 9:30am via Zoom

Muki Yankelowitz is a Jewish educator and Licensed Tour Guide, beloved by congregants who traveled to Israel with Rabbi Block in 2016. Originally from South Africa, he made Aliyah in 1987. With an honors degree in Biblical archeology from the University of South Africa, he has recently completed the work for an M.A. in Midrash at the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem.



FROM THE PRESIDENT, AMANDA O. FERGUSON

Dear Friends,

Hard to believe we are already in February of 2021. Time seems to be flying by. I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

Over the last month, our board passed a resolution supporting a hate crimes bill before the state legislature. Arkansas is one of only 3 states without such a law on the books. As a board, we felt it was important for us to show our support for this piece of legislation, that not only affects us as Jews, but also affects so many members of our congregation in other ways as well. Originally, Rabbi Block and I sent our letter of support to the governor, and a handful of legislators including the bill's sponsors. I was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from the Governor's aide asking us to please share our letter with the entire general assembly, and even more pleasantly surprised when Rabbi Block let me know that the Governor would also be quoting our letter in his State of the State address. It is our hope that this legislation passes and provides protection for the citizens of Arkansas.

I am also very excited about a program "Braver Angels: With Malice Towards None," that we will be starting soon at Temple. This program was introduced to us by Annabelle Tuck, our Executive Vice President. The aim of Braver Angels is to empower us to listen and have open conversation with people of different beliefs and backgrounds. I hope when we begin to advertise this program, you will consider joining us. We will learn to listen to each other, talk openly and respectfully to each other about our political and other beliefs, and hopefully open lines of communication between folks with different backgrounds.

We are continually looking for ways to foster a sense of community, especially while we still can't gather in person. I have so enjoyed seeing so many of you on screen for events, services, and Torah study. I hope you will all continue to join us and participate online until we are able to be together in person again.

Wishing you all the very best,

Shalom, Amanda

Coffee, Cake & Conversation Grief During the Pandemic: Why We Are Experiencing it and How to Deal with It

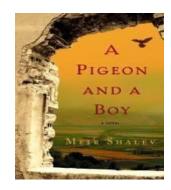
Presented by Greg Adams, LCSW, ACSW, FT February 9th, 11:30 AM by Zoom

Everyone has experienced some form of grief during the Pandemic. Greg will discuss how to identify grief reactions, understand the normalcy of experiencing grief at this time, and how to process it. He will help us understand what is happening to us, our families or friends. Knowing how to take care of yourself during the Pandemic will lessen your stress and fear.

Greg Adams, LCSW, ACSW, FT is the Program Coordinator for the Center for Good Mourning at Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH). In his nearly 30 years at ACH, he has also worked in pediatric oncology and palliative care, and he is adjunct faculty with the UA-Little Rock Graduate School of Social Work. He and his wife, Syd, have two young adult children.

Meeting ID: 256 558 9617 To listen only by phone, please call 929-205-62099 and enter the Meeting ID:256 558 9617

Coffee, Cake, and Conversation is sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel and Jewish Federation of Arkansas.



Al Barron Book Club Sunday, February 14 3:00 pm via Zoom. "A Pigeon and a Boy," by Meir Shalev A generous donor gave our congregation a tremendous gift, enabling us to do good work in the community in the name of the congregation. Temple leaders charged with directing those funds—Amanda Ferguson, Rabbi Block, Carol Parham, and Eugene Krupitsky—learned of a need at Our House, which could be funded with this donation.



January 12, 2021

Barry Block Congregation B'Nai Israel 3799 N Rodney Parham Rd Little Rock, AR 72212

Dear Barry,

On behalf of the clients, staff, and board members of Our House, I am writing to extend my heartfelt thanks for the \$15,650.82 grant your congregation gave us to install new cabinets in our Family House kitchen. The Family House, a transitional housing program that acts as a step up the housing ladder from our Shelter, is a critical piece to achieving our mission of empowerment for homeless families.

Over the last year and a half, Our House has invested in renovations to the Family House. As the center for community in the Family House, we want the kitchen to be a functional and inviting place for families to congregate. Shared and used by every member of the Family House, the kitchen cabinets hold all the ingredients and cookware for everything from shared weekend dinners to early morning, before-school breakfast. Congregation B'Nai Israel's contribution supports our acquisition of new cabinets which increase the ease of use and update the appearance of the kitchen. We want to dignify the hard work and resilience of our clients by giving them a space they feel proud to be in.

We are deeply grateful for the generous support provided by Congregation B'Nai Israel to make this project possible. If there is anything we can do for you, please contact me at ben@ourhouseshelter.org or 501-944-5110 anytime.

Sincerely,

Ben Goodwin Executive Director

Adult Purim Extravaganza!



Thursday, February 25, 7pm, via Zoom

Rabbi Block's R-Rated Megillah Reading!

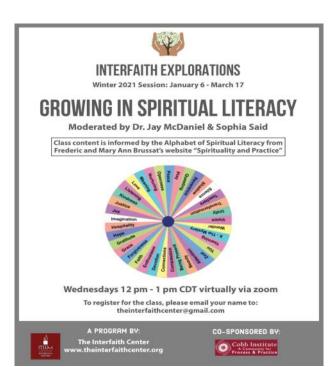
Featuring Purim Shpiel numbers from *next* year's *Hunkered down with the Kings of England...Arkansas*! written by Meg Goldenberg Marion.

Traditional Purim Songs!

And...FUN REVOLVING ROOM ZOOM GAMES, hosted by Perry and Meg!!

Please register by contacting Keila, <u>TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us</u> or 501-225-9700 so that our Social Engagement Committee can prepare the Zoom games and to receive your *Mishloach Manot*--Purim Swag, including hamantaschen!

There is no charge for this event, but your donations are always welcome.





MIDDLE LAFTY (Grades 6 – 8)

New FILM CLUB starting: HOT DOCS!

Join your friends for documentaries on an assortment of subjects and discuss over the hot drink of your choice: coffee, tea, hot chocolate...

Films will be announced closer to time of the event

Saturday, February 6: 7 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, February 27: 7 – 8:30 pm



FROM EILEEN HAMILTON, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

I found a nursery school photo of me wearing my mom's silver mini dress, laden with a gold link belt, a fur stole collar, and a crown. I see I had lipstick on too. Yes, it was Purim at the Allentown, PA JCC Nursery School. That is when they took our school photos, in front of a giant upholstered red chair that looked like a royal throne. Dress up was fun and Purim even more fun hearing the story of Queen Esther and crew. My Nana made Hamantaschen, sometimes I sat on the countertop and helped put the dollop of filling in the middle. At four years old, most of us wanted to be Queen Esther or King Ahasuerus. Those were the glamorous characters of the early 1970's.

As I grew older and learned more about Purim, I realized many new things. One is that prune Hamantaschen are delicious and should not be overlooked; but more importantly there were very important characters in the story worth emulating. As they say, imitation is the best form of flattery...so why not concentrate on those who spoke up, let's say someone like Vashti.

First, she has a cool name which should not be overlooked. Although very uncommon as a contemporary girl's name, Vashti means 'thread' in both Hebrew and Persian origins. It is a name fit for a child full of spirit and luminescence. Imagining Vashti as one of the wives of Ahasuerus, one could easily see her light and shimmer in royal clothes and jewelry. It was an inner light however, that made her famous. Not unlike Judah the Maccabee and his followers from the Hanukkah story, Vashti knew when to stand up and say no. Yes, this risked her status and life; yet there are times when we must stand up and do the right thing.

We have learned most recently in our news what it means to have honor and do the right thing; and how embarrassing it is to see others do the wrong things at the wrong time. I am always inspired by the show 'What Would You Do?' hosted by John Quiñones. Would I be brave enough like Vashti to say 'I won't'? Would I be brave enough like Esther to confront the king and plead for my people? Knowing when it's time to stand up and make a different is crucially important. Now I must think about the best Purim costume. Not an easy decision when you're trying to make a statement. What will you be?

B'nai Israel's got

Religious School PURIM Talent Show

Show off your talents on Sunday, February 28 at 10:15 am

Join the whole religious school for a morning of Purim festivities...

STUDENT AND TEACHER TALENT SHOW!

Megillah reading
Grogger shaking
Entertainment for the whole family
Paper bag hat contest

Send an email with your talent/act ideas to Eileen by February 14.

All are encouraged to participate.

Religious School will take place for all grades at 9:30 am and then the Purim festivities will begin immediately after at 10:15 until 10:50 am. Special Zoom link will be sent.

Religious School dates: February 7, 21, 28 Confirmation class: February 10, 24



Please join Maci Schlesinger and her family as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10:30 am

via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85063159419



For my mitzvah project, I made gift bags for frontline workers that may have been overlooked during the pandemic. The bags included masks, candles, hand sanitizer, pretzels, Chapstick, hand soap, lotion, and mints. They were given to essential workers that have worked every day despite Covid--including grocery store workers, delivery drivers, and first responders like fire fighters and police offices. I did this project because Covid has hit my family really hard, and I wanted to center my project around a problem that is happening right now. We have provided food for the doctors and nurses who have taken care of my uncle, and that made me realize that there are so many other people who do so much for everyone but may have been forgotten.

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8 th	Leonard Hasson	21 st	Lisa Coffey Hulett	31 st	Donald Evans
9 th	Stephen Rousseau Brian Storrie		William H. Friedman		Trip Strauss

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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5 th	Kirsta and Keith Nigro - 2009
11^{th}	Elizabeth and Alex Daniel - 2011
16 th	Karen and Mark Mackey - 1985
20^{th}	Brooke and Paul Greenberg - 2015
21^{st}	Jill and Jon Flaxman - 1999
22^{nd}	Luci and Dan Rodell - 1980
25 th	Jana and Perry Cohen - 1989 Eileen and Larry Hamilton - 1995
26^{th}	Alena and Aaron Cousins - 2011
28^{th}	Bonnie and Sam Nickol - 1965
29^{th}	Joan and Larry Nafe - 1980
30^{th}	Rebecca and Alan Kauffman - 1984

MAZAL TOV TO:

Nancy Rousseau, who has been elected
President of the
Central Arkansas Library
System Board of Directors;
and Audrey Evans, who has been appointed
to serve on the Board

Jason Frisbie, on his conversion to
Judaism, solemnized on
November 19, 2020, under the supervision
of Rabbi Sarah Sapadin
of Congregation Emanu El
of the City of New York.
Congratulations also to Jason's wife,
Sarah Brady Stack.

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