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THE RABBI SPEAKS **RABBI BARRY BLOCK**

Dear Friends.

When I took my first Hebrew Bible course, I was an undergraduate who did not know Hebrew well enough to translate it. One day,

when we got to Genesis 12, my professor saw me furiously flipping the pages of my Tanach.

"Barry, what are you doing?"

She asked me, in front of the whole class. I replied, "I'm looking for where Abraham smashes his father's idols." I can't find it!

"Let me guess," my professor continued. "You had a good Reform Jewish education?"

Indeed. My professor had the same-prior to a Ph.D. in Judaic Studies, it must be said.

She patiently went on to explain that the story of Abraham smashing his father's idols is a *midrash*, a story told by the sages to elucidate the Bible as they understood it. Torah itself doesn't explain why God chooses Abraham and Sarah. The rabbis tell the story to justify what might otherwise seem arbitrary. Throughout Jewish history, our people have enhanced and sometimes altered biblical stories in order to make a point. Doubtless, women and members of other thenmarginalized groups were part of that story-telling, but their versions were almost never recorded for posterity.

Now, Rabbi Leah Rachel Berkowitz and Erica Wovsansker have provided an amazing new resource, Maybe It Happened This Way: Bible Stories Reimagined. Continuing and augmenting the midrashic process established by ancient rabbis, they offer fresh perspectives on timeless tales.

Rabbi Berkowitz will be our scholar-in-residence, April 28-30. She comes to teach Torah to all of our congregation—to adults on Friday night and Saturday, and to children on Sunday morning. As she has done with The World Needs Beautiful Things and Queen Vashti's Comfy Pants, Rabbi Berkowitz will inspire and entertain us. And she will teach us: Torah can and must be renewed in every generation.



WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN APRIL **Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm** Services at 6:15 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 MISHKAN T'FILAH SERVICE SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED, THE SHABBAT DURING PESACH Led by Rabbi Block SERMON: "Freedom is Not Freedom" Music: David Bauman

FRIDAY. APRIL 14

MISHKAN T'FILAH SERVICE Led by Rabbi Block SERMON: "God's Presence in the Santuary" Music: David Bauman

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

MISHKAN T'FILAH SERVICE Led by Rabbi Block SERMON: "First They Come for the Trans Kids" Music: Jana Cohen

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 MISHKAN T'FILAH SERVICE ABBREVIATED MISHKAH T'FILAH SERVICE FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND PRESENTATION BY **RABBI LEAH BERKOWITZ, SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE** 100th Birthday Blessing of Ann Storthz on her 102nd Birthday Music: Jana Cohen

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SATURDAY MORNINGS IN APRIL

Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by Rabbi Block on April 1, 8, 15, by Sam Kauffman on April 22, and by Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, scholar-in-residence, on April 29.

Shabbat Worship at 11:00 am, led by Rabbi Block on April 1, 8, 15, 29 and by Ellyn Polsky on April 22

5783 PASSOVER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES 2023

Thursday, April 6, at 11:00 am, Festival Morning Worship for the First Holy Day of Passover

Wednesday, April 12, at 11:00 am Festival Morning Worship for the Last Holy Day of Passover, including *Yizkor*-Memorial Prayers.

Both services will be led by Rabbi Block and David Bauman in the Tenenbaum Center and will also be available via Zoom with the meeting Owl.

The Temple offices will be closed on April 6 and April 12 in observance of Passover.

Congregational Passover Seder

Join Temple B'nai Israel and the community for a night of beautifully catered Seder.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm

 Adult Member: \$36
 Non-Member : \$45

 Kids under 10 eat free!
 Kids 11 - 18: \$10.00

(Seder is generously supported by the Charles Newfeld Fund.)

Please RSVP immediately to be included by contacting the Temple Office at <u>templesecretary@bnai-israel.us</u> or call 501-225-9700.

Vegetarian meals are available upon request.

If the cost would prevent you from attending, please contact Rabbi Block at <u>bblock@bnai-israel.us</u> or 501-225-9700.



Welcome Our Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

Co-author of Maybe It Happened This Way: Bible Stories Reimagined Author of Queen Vashti's Comfy Pants Friday, April 28



Shabbat Dinner and Adult Learning following an abbreviated Shabbat service at 6:15pm:

"Story Telling: Taking Ownership of Our Sacred Story"

Saturday, April 29

Torah Study: "Maybe Acharei Mot-K'doshim Happened This Way," 9:30am

Havdalah, Dessert, and Adult Learning hosted by Emily Lewis and Martha Alman, at the Home of Emily Lewis, 7316 Rockwood Road, 8pm:

"Depictions of Rabbis (Particularly Women) in Modern Literature and Pop Culture"

Sunday, April 30

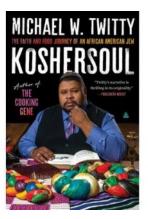
Sharing Stories with our Religious School Community!

Reservations are requested for Friday evening's Shabbat dinner and for Havdalah at the home of Emily Lewis. Please contact Leslie, 501-225-9700 or <u>TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us</u>, for reservations. The cost for Shabbat dinner is \$18 per person. If that cost would prevent you from attending, please contact Rabbi Block, <u>bblock@bnai-israel.us</u>, for a reduced fee. There is no charge for Saturday evening.

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"KOSHERSOUL" by Michael Twitty

Sunday, May 7 at 3 pm in the Temple Library





SCHOOZERAMA ~ April 22 6 pm Potluck Dinner and Movie. Bring a dish to share for 8

If you enjoy movies like Airplane, then we have the Schmoozerama movie for you!

MOSSAD: an Israeli secret agent and the CIA's best foreign agent compete against one another to solve the crime and save the day when an American tech-billionaire is kidnapped in Israel. She plays by the books while he's always looking for the short cut. What could possibly go wrong!?



Dedication of the Ronnel Fund Scheduled for May 5

Events All Weekend!

Save the date for the dedication of the E. Lee Ronnel Cantorial Music Fund at Shabbat services on Friday, May 5, at 6:15 pm, preceded by a festive Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm.

Our inaugural Ronnel Cantor-in-Residence for this extraordinary occasion will be Cantor Kevin Margolius of Touro Synagogue in New Orleans. Cantor Margolius has set the High Holy Day liturgy to be accompanied by string quartet and piano, and he will present pieces from that collection, accompanied by musicians from the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, a particularly fitting tribute to the memory of Lee Ronnel, *z*"l. Temple volunteer musicians will also participate in the service with Cantor Margolius.

On Saturday, May 6, at a Shabbat Lunch-and-Learn, Cantor Margolius will teach, "Why Kiddush?" Together, we will tour Shabbat, its themes of joy and holiness with words and song. We will ask: "What makes wine the vehicle for blessing and sanctity? What's the "special sauce" in grapes that brings a special Shabbat feeling?"

Then, on Saturday evening, at the home of Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler, 7218 West 42nd Street, Little Rock, AR 72204. Cantor Margolius will present Songs of Hope and Resistance to a gathering of the LGBTQ+A Chavurah at a time when the rights of transgender and gender nonbinary people are under assault in Arkansas. Allies are most welcome at this event!

The weekend with our special guest will reach a climactic conclusion as Cantor Margolius enlivens the final day of Religious School for the year, bringing musical joy and learning to our students, *madrichim*, and faculty.

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FROM PRESIDENT, ANNABELLE IMBER TUCK JT'S TIME TO PLAY WHO KNOWS ONE? A Congregation B'nai Jsrael FUNDRAISER

Spring flowers are beginning to bring color to the dreary winter landscape here in Arkansas. What does that mean for us? Pesach is around the corner. It begins at sundown on the 14th day of Nissan, or on the Gregorian calendar, on the evening of April 5. Now that we are emerging from social isolation during the COVID Pandemic, it is time to come together with friends and family for the Passover Seder. One of the favorite recitations in the Hagga-dah is Who Knows One? The first reader starts with a very short recitation. The following readers attempt to read their sections without taking a breath. And the sections get longer and longer. It is both challenging and fun!

A new way to enjoy Who Knows One? is the creation of Micah Hart (son of Macey Hart of Jacobs Camp). During our time of social isolation, Micah developed a Zoom game as a fun way for Jews to connect with each other via Jewish Geography <u>and</u> raise money for the sponsoring organization. Although we are no longer housebound, Who Knows One? continues to be a great way for us to connect with each other.

So, how does it work? First, contestants and super connectors are selected. Micah Hart is the host. A named but unknown person is selected as the Chosen One. The object of the game is for each contestant's supporters to help that team locate and bring the Chosen One onto the show. (Use of social media, Google, etc. is prohibited) This can be done by unlocking a clue or bringing in a super connector through donations to the sponsoring organization. In our case, it would be Temple! The contestants start the game by contacting friends and family to get them to click into the Zoom link we will provide for Who Knows One? Each person who shows up is asked if they know the Chosen One. More clues are disclosed as the game progresses, with each added person seeking someone else to join the group on the Show on Zoom. With the accumulation of clues, super connectors, etc., a Miracle always happens – The Chosen One is Found!

Stay tuned for more information about this upcoming program. See the ad to the right of this article.



Community Wide Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Monday, April 17—7:00 pm Congregation B'nai Israel

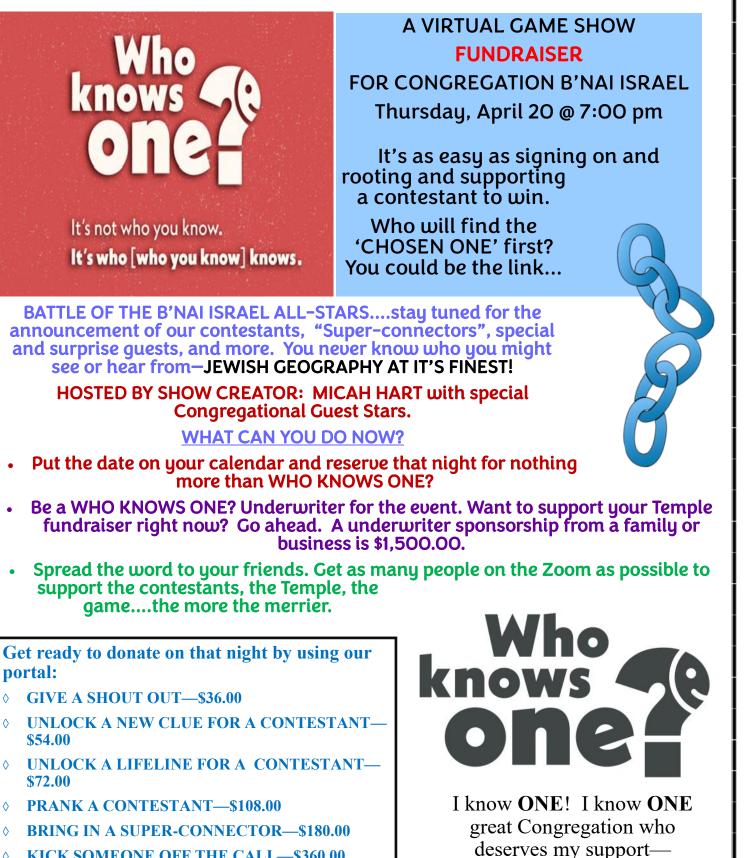
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Temple to Welcome Student Cantor in 2023-24



Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov has agreed to serve as the inaugural E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor of Congregation B'nai Israel for 2023-24. Student Cantor Dubov is slated to be with us every third week throughout the academic year.

Student Cantor Dubov was selected

by a search committee chaired by Music Committee Chair Jana Cohen and included Emily Adams, David Bauman, Stacey Ronnel, and Steve Ronnel, with Rabbi Block's participation alongside Annabelle Imber Tuck and Eileen Hamilton. As much as we selected Student Cantor Dubov, she also selected us--due, in no small measure, to her warm relationship with Eileen Hamilton when her father, Cantor Stephen Dubov, of blessed memory, served Touro Synagogue in New Orleans alongside Eileen.

Student Cantor Dubov will augment the musical leadership of our dedicated Temple volunteers and will be accompanied by them, while also providing some relief to David Bauman and Jana Cohen. In addition to leading services with Rabbi Block and accompanists on Friday nights and Shabbat mornings, she will offer classes and will be a musical presence with her guitar in our Religious School. Each triweekly visit will begin with arrival midday Friday and

continue through midday Sunday.

Currently a first-year cantorial student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem, Student Cantor Dubov will continue her studies at the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music of HUC-JIR in New York in the fall. She previously served as High Holy Day Cantorial Soloist at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, Florida, at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City, and for Wilderness Torah. During the height of the pandemic, she co-created outdoor High Holy Day experiences in both Canada and the San Francisco Bay Area.

A 2007 graduate of the Indiana University School of Music who earlier studied voice and theatre at Interlochen Arts Academy, Student Cantor Dubov's interests and areas of expertise are broad. She is a Kundalini Yoga Instructor, a photographer, a vocal coach, a Theta Healing Practitioner, a dancer, and an improvisational actor.

We may all be grateful to the generosity of E. Lee Ronnel, of blessed memory, whose extraordinary bequest to our congregation enables this wonderful expansion of our congregation's ability to inspire our members and guests.



Julie and David Shindler, on the birth of their first grandchild, Hudson Lane Shindler, born to Cara Greenstein and Alex Shinder in Memphis on March 20, 2023. Mazel Tov also to Hudson's greatgrandmother, Judy Grundfest.

PURIM SHPIEL THANK YOUS

It look a village to mount HaManHattan, our NewYorkish Purim Shpiel, presented with our friends at Congregation Agudath Achim. We're glad people had such a good time and extremely grateful to all of the following people for their hard work!!

WRITER, DIRECTOR, AND PRODUCER: Meg Goldenberg Marion

CAST: Rabbi Mark Biller, Rabbi Barry Block, Glenn Block, Howard Bresnik, Jana Cohen, Rebecca Cowie, Tracy Grinstead-Everly, Teddy Ferguson, Eileen Hamilton, Tim Kessler, Rose LeCompte, Joanne Matson,, Drea Neloms, Ellyn Polsky, Marla Shivers, Cheryl Streiff, Annabelle Tuck, and Josiah Wheeler.

MUSICIANS: Dr. David Bauman, Teddy Ferguson, and Scott Southern

> CREATIVE PARTNER: Howard Bresnik

EXTRA CREATIVE TOUCHES: Marla Shivers

SLIDES and PROJECTION: Tim Kessler

FACILITIES: Richard Harris and Milton Boyd

FOOD AND DRINK: Martha Alman, Jill Bauman, Lynn and Bruce Greenberg, Eileen Hamilton, Emily Lewis, Carol Parham, Ellyn Polsky, Keith Nigro, Jana Cohen, &Arkansas Destinations.

> PROMOTIONS/PROGRAM: Richard Estelita

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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2nd 3rd	Justin Young Phillip Young Daisy Keith	1st	Noel Strauss and Joan Early Strauss	24 years	
		2nd	Nancy and Tad Phillips	16 years	
	Daisy Keith Amanda Williams	5th	Eoin Dockter and Jessie Curtis	14 years	
4th	Harry Ehrenberg, Jr Rickie Lockwood Charles Newfeld	6th	Susan and Phil Axelroth	23 years	
5th	Eowyn Davidson David Lowitz Betty Rosen	7th	Samuel Kauffman and Kathryn Tull	7 years	
		10th	Debbie and Brad Diner	25 years	
6th	Mark Strauss Tracye Townley	11th	Jamie and Thomas McGarry	27 years	
7th	Deanna Arrants Julian Keith	12th	Susan and Davis Lowitz	10 years	
8th	David Pear Alexa Shemper	13th	Sandie and Aaron Lubin	34 years	
9th	Luke Kramer Charlene Prousnitzer	17th	Libby and Lee Thalheimer	43 years	
11th	Zane Chrisman	19th	Kathy and Jack Grundfest	33 years	
12th	Camille Dante Larry Nafe	21st	Nancy and Claud Alexander	45 years	
13th	Emily Lewis Milton Loeb	22nd	Heather and David Gerson	30 years	
14th	Jeffrey Nodelman David Behnke	22nd	Sandi and Barry Uretsky	18 years	
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15th	Lori Šhemper Gary Weisbly	23rd	Laura and Lance Bogoslavsky	42 years	
17th	Philip Axelroth	24th	Sunny and Eli Baker	8 years	
20th	Mikĥail Ivanovsky Miriam Hasson	24th	Charlene and Chuck Prousnitzer	42 years	
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26th	Lucy Towbin	28th	Cori and Tim McGrath	23 years	
27th	Bettina Brownstein Katherine Hulett	28th	Alan Thalheimer and Betsy Gray	7 years	
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29th	Layla Bell Michael Krupitsky Eden Willis	29th	Don Pfeifer and Maggie Hogan	7 years	
		31st	Corbin and John Levin	20 years	
31st	Shannon Davidson	31st	Betsy and Arnie Mayersohn	42 years	

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FROM THE EDUCATOR

I was fortunate enough to experience two learning experiences in March. Over 500, especially Israel Educators, convened in Chicago for the ICenter's ICON gathering to focus on the complex, sometimes chaotic structure of Israel – the good, the bad, and the ugly. While no one is expected to agree with all that Israel does all the time, we all have the commonality of fighting **FOR** Israel, not fighting **WITH** Israel. We all have a relationship with Israel - perhaps through Zionism, an innate and historical love of Israel, the people, the land, even a trip of the past. As we move forward teaching our next generation, we need to discover how *they* will relate to Israel, not about how we experience/d Israel. This will not be a simple answer – politically speaking. Our feelings get in the way, frustrations of conflict and terrorism come to the forefront. The strife of loving

Israel while being mad at Israel's governmental decisions. Big names in Israel education were in Chicago the week of March 13 to present the wonders of Israel, along with the difficulties of teaching about Israel. Educators and representatives of all things Israel addressed us for 3 days. Issues, comedy, entertainment, and music, and through Hebrew and tough issues of peace. I hope to share with you some of the innovative and creative ideas. How do teachers make the connection to get our students to be engaged with Israel? When we are interested in something – such as learning a sport, or learning a new language, we devote our attention to that practice. But learning about Israel may not be a close enough connection for our students today, no matter how much we speak about Israel and present a place so far from our home. It is all about making the connection.

Carol Parham and I attended the Community Security Service workshop in Atlanta, sponsored by the ISJL and The Marcus Foundation. It allowed us to network with other Southern and small congregations who are also focusing on security issues for their Temples. The presentations were helpful and the message was clear: no one, NO ONE cares more about your Temple than your members and volunteers. Police need to be engaged and present for all events, but when it comes to wanting to protect the building, the community, and our friends, there is no one better than someone in your community. We know each other, we care about each other, and we have each other's backs. Our security committee will be expanding this program soon so we can all stay safe together.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Spring break is now over and Spring Training has begun. I LOVE baseball. *Take me out to the ballpark*—the sun is shining, and the flowers are blooming. Soak in the crowds, the smell of the stadium food, and get ready for a new season.

Being a fan is exciting. Our Temple is starting a new season soon too. We just began the last quarter of our fiscal year. March marks only three months until we end our fiscal year. We have an amazing track record of income—both from pledges and donations. Our membership could win awards for timely payment in addition to their stellar volunteer service. In the next month, you will receive your new **GIFT OF THE HEART** form in the mail asking you once again to generously support your Temple. As we all know, giving is the right thing to do—TZEDAKAH—and we always should remember that giving comes in many forms and fashions. Monetary donations are a necessity for our business to run, and so are the donations of the hand—volunteering with time. Both are great, and a mixture of each by each member makes for a successful Temple community.

When you receive your forms in the mail soon, please consider how you can be a B'nai Israel supporter. If you are in the cheering section only, that is nice. If you can be in the concession stands working to make programs and activities come alive and possible for others, even better. And if you can be in the box of-fice—allowing for our community and congregation to grow financially, that is wonderful too. For there's ONE, TWO, THREE, ways and more...to give to your Temple.

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We are using the Rakefet database to produce our yahrzeit lists from now on. If you believe a name of your loved one is missing from our lists, please call the Temple office to let us know. We appreciate you informing us so we can correct our records. Thank you.

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From the T'shuvah Task Force:

We are grateful to those of our congregants and former congregants who have come forward to share their experiences with us. Among the themes which have emerged are the following:

1. Temple leadership needs to be more transparent with members regarding events and decisions affecting the Congregation.

2. Members of the Congregation could benefit from educational opportunities especially in the areas of ethical boundaries and appropriate speech.

3. Members yearn for a Congregational environment that feels loving and supportive, and some feel the Temple falls short in this area.

The Task Force will be making recommendations to the Board of Trustees in an effort to address these themes and any others which may yet emerge. Our process of T'shuvah depends on the shared commitment of the entire Congregation to make our community a safe and sacred space for all of our members. WE NEED YOU! If you would like to share your experience or ask a question about the process, please contact Dr. Carmen Arick (clarickmd@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to hearing from you.



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