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THE RABBI SPEAKS

RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

“Temple is too gay.” Yes, that’s what people are saying. Not to me. Oddly, though, some are saying it even to Temple leaders who are openly gay or lesbian.

Is that about bigotry? I doubt it. Discomfort worshipping with people whose gender some people cannot decipher? Sadly, that’s probably part of it. Tired of hearing about LGBTQ rights? Definitely.

The discomfort with transgender and gender nonbinary people will abate with time, as more and more people find that they have friends and family members who are transgender or are gender nonbinary. (Remember how that happened with gay men and lesbians?) For some, Temple is the first place they have encountered a person who is transgender or gender nonbinary. Once one gets to know a person, a friendship may grow, and the discomfort disappears.

As for the advocacy, we have been down this road before.

A couple decades ago, in San Antonio, a past president took me to lunch. He told me about division in the congregation when my predecessor, Rabbi David Jacobson, z”l, who had been that congregation’s rabbi from 1938 to 1976, had been active in the Civil Rights Movement. I had been in San Antonio for a decade by the time of this lunch, and I had never heard anyone admit that Rabbi Jacobson’s desegregation advocacy had been controversial at the time.

I asked my lunch partner if his point was that Rabbi Jacobson should not have been vocal in opposing racial segregation. He responded honestly: “Yes, it was divisive. We all know now that he was right, but he should not have divided the congregation like that.”

That past president’s real goal was to silence my advocacy for marriage equality for gay men and lesbians. Like Rabbi Jacobson before me, he said, I was dividing the congregation. I, by contrast, was humbled by the comparison to a Civil Rights hero.

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WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN JUNE

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm
Services at 6:15 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

PRIDE SHABBAT with Cantor Kalix Jacobson, E. Lee Ronnel Guest Cantor-in-Residence, who will lead an abbreviated Shabbat service with Rabbi Block, members of LGBTQ+Chavurah, Temple musicians, and the Jacobson family. See details inside.

Bimah flowers sponsored by Gus Block; Oneg hosted by Trudy and Jerry Jacobson, both in honor of Cantor Kalix Jacobson

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

MISHKAN T’FILAH SERVICE led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: “Humble Like Moses”

Music: Jana Cohen

Oneg hosted by Robynn Zinzer and Jim Pfeifer in honor of Raida Snyderman’s 101st birthday

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

MISHKAH T’FILAH SERVICE

Led by Meg Marion

Music: David Bauman

Oneg hosted by Esther Gordon
The Spitzberg Family in celebration of the life of Marie Seeman Spitzberg

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

MISHKAN T’FILAH SERVICE

Led by Tim Kessler

Music: Jana Cohen

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Lynn and Bruce Greenberg in memory of Elsie and Nathan Axler

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

MISHKAN T’FILAH SERVICE

Led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: “Chutzpah: Too Much of a Good Thing?”

Music: David Bauman

Oneg, Bimah Flowers, and Security sponsored by Gus Block, and Gay Block and Billie Parker in honor of Rabbi Barry Block’s 60th birthday

Our own congregation's Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, z"l, who led our Temple from 1926 to 1963, was an ardent Civil Rights advocate. He was joined by more than a few Temple members—above all, Temple women who were among the leaders of the Women's Emergency Committee to Save Our Schools.

A decade into my service as your rabbi, few have admitted to me that Rabbi Sanders' vocal advocacy was not universally supported at the time, and nobody has suggested that he should have been quiet in favor of congregational unity. Temple's Civil Rights legacy is a proud one.

Like me, our LGBTQ+ members wish that equal rights advocacy was not necessary today. We would prefer that the Arkansas General Assembly and Governor Sanders had not invented a conspiracy theory to combat, namely the absurd notion that gender queer Arkansans are on a nefarious mission to pervert Arkansas children.

Jewish people know better than anybody else that conspiracy theories, bias, and discrimination can turn deadly.

Pastor Martin Niemoller famously wrote in 1947:

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist

Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist

Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me

Today, "they" are coming for the trans kids. Torah, Jewish history, and the Civil Rights legacy of Congregation B'nai Israel call to all of us: We must fight unjust anti-trans legislation. Vocally. Even at the risk of our congregation's being "too gay."

Faithfully,



Rabbi Barry Block

SATURDAY MORNINGS IN JUNE

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by
Rabbi Block on June 3 and 10;
Sam Kauffman on June 17
Lynn and Bruce Greenberg on June 24

Shabbat Worship at 11:00 am, led by
Rabbi Block on June 3 and 10;
Meg Marion on June 17
Ellyn Polsky on June 24

Pride Shabbat Dinner and Program with Cantor Kalix Jacobson

Our E. Lee Ronnel Cantor-in-Residence

Friday, June 2, following Shabbat Services

*"Masculine Women, Feminine Men:
The Hazantes, The Era that Built Them, Their
Contemporaries, and Their Legacy"*

Reservations for dinner:

TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us

Dinner: \$18 per person with reservations no later than May 31, 5pm

Late reservations, June 1 or 2, before noon: \$22 per person

After 12pm on June 2 or at the door: \$30 per person

If the cost of dinner would prevent you from attending, a reduced price is available by contacting Rabbi Block, bblock@bnai-israel.us, no later than May 31, 5pm.



Supporting our Temple Community Through Caring and Sharing

Our Temple community has a long history of providing support, comfort, and compassion to members of Congregation B'nai Israel and their extended families.

Many of us have experienced how the Caring and Sharing Committee immediately goes into action in times of bereavement or illness, whether physical or mental.

Flowers or meals are delivered to homes, hospitals, nursing facilities during illness, following a death, or in times of joy (like the birth of a baby). Likewise, meals are delivered following a hospital stay or following the loss of a loved one.

Rabbi Block and volunteers make home and hospital visits. The Caring and Sharing Committee pays for a yearly subscription to a tracker that provides daily updates between Rabbi Block and the Committee. On short notice, volunteers gather in Temple's kitchen to prepare food for receptions following funerals.

You may have noticed that our *R'Fuah Shleyma* list published each week for Shabbat Services includes almost 50 names. Reaching out to those congregants and others who are not on the list, either by phone, email, or cards, is so important. As a result of the social isolation that all of us experienced during the COVID pandemic, we know the feeling of loneliness.

Luncheons during Passover, Chanukah and Sukkot are hosted for the elder members of our congregation. It has been such a pleasure to attend those luncheons and witness so much enjoyment and reconnection among our members.

Similarly, efforts are made to provide transportation to High Holy Day Services and other events for members who need that type of assistance. And hearing apparatuses are provided by Caring and Sharing for Shabbat services.

As we all know, there are times when financial assistance may be needed by a member of our Temple community. On a case-by-case basis, Caring and Sharing may assist with utility payments or may provide gift cards to pay for basic needs, such as food, medication, and gas. Similarly, grocery shopping for the homebound is available. Minor repairs to a congregant's home may also be provided.

To celebrate each newborn child in our congregation, a Tzedakah silver box is given to that child by the Caring and Sharing Committee.

If you would like to be part of Temple's Caring and Sharing committee, please contact Janet Korenblat at Janetk@ikelectric.com. She was been the chairwoman for 25 years! Thanks to the generosity of Sam and Robert Vogel, we can rely upon the Vogel Family Memorial Caring and Sharing Fund to provide financial resources when a need arises in our community.



Celebrate the Ordination of Cantor Kalix Jacobson!

Cantor Kalix Jacobson will be our E. Lee Ronnel guest Cantor-in-Residence for Pride Shabbat on Friday, June 2, giving our congregation the opportunity to celebrate their cantorial ordination, just recently on Sunday, May 7, in New York City. Cantor Jacobson is a grandchild of our congregants Trudy and Jerry Jacobson, and they have shared their magnificent cantorial talent with our congregation during visits to Little Rock during their cantorial training.

Cantor Jacobson will lead an abbreviated Shabbat Eve service with Rabbi Block, members of the LGBTQ+A Chavurah, Temple musicians, and members of the Jacobson family. During the service, Rabbi Block will bless Cantor Jacobson on the occasion of their ordination. Following a Shabbat Dinner in the Social Hall, we will return to the Sanctuary, where Cantor Jacobson will present a program based on their Senior Cantorial Recital, "Masculine Women, Feminine Men: The *Hazantes*, the Era that Built Them, Their Contemporaries, and Their Legacy."

Cantor Jacobson has been called to the pulpit of Temple Emanuel of South Hills in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, joining a clergy team led by Rabbi Aaron Meyer on July 1.

Cantor Jacobson's visit is made possible by a generous grant from the E. Lee Ronnel Memorial Fund for Cantorial Music.



LAFTY Introduces a New Board 2023– 2024

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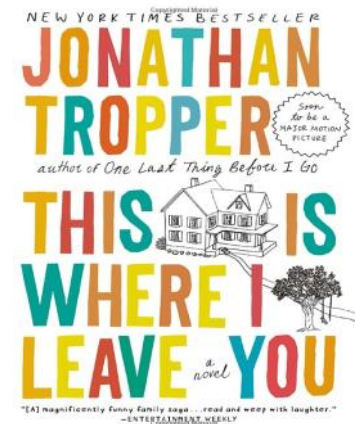
SUNDAY, June 4th

3:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU: A NOVEL

By Jonathan Tropper

A hysterically funny New York Times best selling novel about love, marriage, divorce, a Jewish family...and the experience of sitting shiva.



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.

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Now that religious school is over for the season, I can imagine a very relaxing and fulfilling day of sitting in the children's section of the bookstore and reading each magnificently illustrated book, looking, and seeking the Jewish value I can pull from it. While most children's books are not written by Jewish authors with Jewish subject matter, most books with good messages can easily be adapted to the Jewish classroom.

One of my favorite stories is about Johnny Appleseed. It's a classic story about an American missionary, so the story is not Jewishly based. John Chapman, later known as Johnny Appleseed, goes around and plants apple seeds that he has gotten free from orchard farmers. Johnny goes West, and each place he stops, he cares for the land, plants seeds, and carefully nurtures the planting process. As a result, the trees yield fruit for all. A simple American folktale, so familiar, and yet so Jewish is so many ways. Johnny Appleseed is performing mitzvot. The idea of planting, the idea of sharing. He leaves something for the next person and at the same time preserves God's earth. And let's not forget the power and imagery of an apple...Rosh Hashanah, Garden of Eden, just to name two. It is also recorded that Johnny Appleseed was not a vain man, and often wore burlap bags with holes for his arms so that he could give clothes to those in need. Appleseed was known to sleep on the ground, keeping warm with fire, and even foregoing shoes. Talk about caring for others! Johnny provided for the next generation, preserving trees and edible fruits for those who come after him. From this we can learn so much about environmentalism, TuB'Shevat, planting, and even feeding the hungry. Johnny and Honi the Circle Maker?

I wonder as you read your children's favorite books each night, if one more question can come of it before bedtime? Can we ask our children to pull one thing about of the book that may seem Jewish – something learned at religious school or about how we treat others and treat our world. I wonder if we bring in our Jewish background and tradition into our secular books that we can weave the fabric of both worlds. The hungry caterpillar needs food, and so do so many in our country. And Mother Hubbard may have been in the same boat and could not afford groceries. The Old Lady in the Shoe needs some visitors as she ages. She can welcome guests as did Abraham and Sarah, and when she is ill, others will come to visit her and offer her a prayer of healing. Her kids can come back and take her out of the shoe to show their respect for their mother. This could go on and on. There are plenty of good Jewish books out there to read too, and I hope you all are receiving or have received PJ Library books. Just take it one step further and bring Judaism into every book or conversation you have with your child. You can even do this with music heard on the radio...

Do not hesitate to ask these questions or bring in your own ideas of how we can live in a big 'non-Jewish' world and refer to our Jewish values at the same time. Being a minority in our country, we must look for the subject matter and opportunities to relate back to our values and ethics – when we read, when we watch TV, look at superheroes, and even see things in the stores.

I love keeping my eyes out for new and fresh Jewish ideas – when I go to the Dollar Tree, watch TV, listen to music, and read books, especially books written for children. There is something to be mined from all of it when we put on our Jewish thinking caps and keep our eyes on the Jewish ball. It's so fun; try it. And when your kids ask you why everything relates back to Judaism, you can explain that it's a big part of what makes us who we are. They will have no question about their identity and always have a sharp Jewish mind.

Additional 2023 High School and College Graduates to be Honored

Josh Bernstein	Son of Tina and Nate Bernstein	Graduate of Southern Missouri State University
Jacob Kauffman	Son of Rebekah and Alan Kauffman	Graduate of University of Arkansas—Little Rock Master of Education
Arrington Neloms	Son of Andrea Neloms	Graduate of Benton High School Attending University of Central Arkansas
Elizabeth (Liz) Levy Reichman	Daughter of Morris Levy	Graduate of the University of Texas—San Antonio Master's Degree in History
Grant Rosenthal	Son of Susie and Brian Rosenthal	Graduate of Southern Methodist University
Ethan Strauss	Son of Joan and Noel Strauss	Graduate of Dartmouth College

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- Providing light nosh for 25 people.
- Setting it up before or around 5:30 pm on your assigned Friday.
- Temple provides the platters, wine, water, napkins, and toothpicks.
- Once the food is out, you are done, but you are welcome to take home any leftovers if you choose.
- Make the Oneg a special occasion in honor or memory of a loved one.

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The Spitzberg Family

May Oneg Shabbat hosts
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Milo Krain
Dan Rodell
- 2nd Mark Himelfarb
Virginia Thorndike
- 3rd Cherry Landfair
- 4th Melinda Tobian
- 5th Susan Weinstein
- 6th Jon Flaxman
Krysten Levin
Phillip Spivey
- 7th Connie Fails
Ann Williams
- 8th Sam Kauffman
Dick Williams
- 9th Peggy Jalenak
Rabbi Gene Levy
Hallie Pingel
- 10th June Freeman
Tad Phillips
- 11th Nan Selz
- 12th Karin Bara
Ari Marie Margolick
- 13th David Rosen
- 15th Soraya Rudofsky
Annabelle Tuck
- 16th Michael Roberts
- 17th Sandy Levin
- 20th Leslie Brotman
Marla Shivers
Joe Stafford
- 21st Jacob Collins
Bobbie Levy
Jeffrey Lux
Sydney Shemper
- 22nd Audrey Evans
Caroline Goldsholl
Stephen Jacobs

- 3rd Amanda Webb and Russ Parish 9 years
- 4th Gay Block and Billie Parker 9 years
- 7th Trudy and Jerry Jacobson 63 years
- 7th Sandy and Fred Levin 50 years
- 8th Arleen and Brian Marshall 56 years
- 10th B.J. and Jimmy Moses 52 years
- 11th Carol and Chester Storthz 46 years
- 16th Lynn and Bruce Greenberg 45 years
- 16th Kitty and Bill Rubenstein 30 years
- 22nd Pat Highley and Arnie Nachmann 45 years
- 22nd Susan and Mike Schmitz 33 years
- 22nd Trip Strauss and Lenka Horakova 14 years
- 23rd Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler 7 years
- 23rd Carole and Gary Weisbly 56 years
- 26th Bari and Mark Himelfarb 6 years
- 27th Susan and Robin West 43 years
- 30th Lori and Josh Shemper 23 years
- 31st Ann and Dick Williams 68 years



Birthdays continued

- 23rd Richard Lowens
- 26th Perry Young
- 27th Karen Sherman
- 28th Rita Fagan
- 29th Matthew Lopas
- 30th Elsa Helton
Billie King
Ethan Strauss

Sue Weinstein, on the birth of her granddaughter, Ayla Si Ling Quek Baskin, born to Yvonne and Bernie Baskin in Northwest Arkansas.

Karen and David Reagler, whose daughters, Hannah and Mimi were named Eagle Scouts by Scouts BSA.

Kelli and Scott Schlesinger, whose daughter, Maci won first place in the Saratoga hunter jumper horse show.

Russ Parish and Amanda Webb, on the birth of their first grandchild. Maxwell Daniel Castro was born to Rachel and Philip Castro on May 16 in Omaha, NE

Joyce Franklin, on the arrival of her newest great-granddaughter, Sadie Sloan, born to Alex and Michael Sloan in Fayetteville.

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In appreciation

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In honor of Emily Lewis

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June 2/3

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June 23/24

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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 and keep our records accurate.
Thank you.

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Congregation B'nai Israel 156th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023—6 pm

The proposed 2023-2024 budget and reports will be sent to all members before the meeting date in preparation for voting.

OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES June 2024

President	Annabelle Imber Tuck
Executive Vice President	S. Bruce Greenberg
Administrative Vice President	Darcy Axelroth Krupitsky
Secretary	Laurie Arnold
Treasurer	Shelly Baron
Immediate Past President	Amanda K. Orgel

TRUSTEES

First Year of First Term (term expires June 2027)	Second Year of First Term (term expires June 2026)
Fred Levin	Andrew Perin
Joanne Matson	Sam Kauffman
Bonnie Nickol*	Mark Himelfarb
First Year of Second Term (term expires June 2025)	Second Year of Second Term (term expires June 2024)
Alex Daniel	Elizabeth Cohen
Lewis Krain	Jill Flaxman
Brian Rosenthal	Perry Young **

Ex-officio: Mira Krain, LAFTY President

Retiring Trustees: Jill Bauman, Mark Levin

*completed the final year of an unexpired term, eligible for renomination

** filling unexpired seat

Nominating Committee: Amanda Orgel, chair; Carol Parham, Alex Daniel, Rita Fagan, Mark Himelfarb, Annabelle Imber Tuck