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THE RABBI SPEAKS
RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

Sunday morning is the happiest time of the week at Congregation B'nai Israel.

Yes, I know that many of our Religious School students' parents and grandparents don't remember their Sunday School years that way. And yes, I know that some of our students claim to be less than excited about getting up and heading to Temple on Sunday morning. Still, I see the smiling faces and experience the good feeling when our Religious School community gathers. Parents have told me that their children typically leave Temple happy at the end of the morning, regardless of their attitude at 9am.

Here's the secret about our Religious School: If we had a long list of serious educational goals that we hoped to accomplish, we would be frustrated by our inability to accomplish them in two and a half hours, once a week, fewer than thirty times each year.

Still, our Religious School is ambitious. Eileen Hamilton and our faculty set very high standards by assuring excellence and creativity. Above all, our priority is to create and sustain community on Sunday mornings. Our students are happy because they enjoy being together at the one time each week when they are not in a very small minority by virtue of being Jewish. Over the course of years, our students draw close to one another, many of them becoming close friends by the time they get to me in ninth and tenth grades for Confirmation. Those relationships, nurtured for most at Jacobs Camp, endure long beyond Confirmation and high school graduation, whether our students return to Little Rock or remain in contact from a distance.

This year, we hope to bring some of that community-building magic to all ages in our congregation. Beginning in late August, we are planning to experiment with a Shabbat dinner and a Kiddush lunch about once a month, not on the same weekend.

In the past, we have typically only had dinners or lunches in conjunction with a program, usually a guest. We will still do that, but we will also have Shabbat dinners and Kiddush lunches simply as an opportunity to be together, to build and sustain our community, and to enjoy one another's company.

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN AUGUST

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

SHABBAT SERVICE Led by Rabbi Block
Prayer Book: *Mishkan T'filah*
Sermon: "1+1=1: The Mystical Magic of Shabbat"

Music: David Bauman

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Laurie Arnold and Heather Tolliver

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

SHABBAT SERVICE Led by Rabbi Block
Prayer Book: *Mishkan T'filah*
Sermon: "Holiness: An Antidote"

Music: Jana Cohen

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Carol Parham

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

SHABBAT SERVICE Led by Rabbi Block
Sermon: "Democracy, the Judiciary, and Judaism in Israel and America"
Prayer Book: *Mishkan HaLev*

Music: David Bauman

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Joanne & Charles Marson in honor of Joanne's birthday

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

SHABBAT SERVICE,
Led by Rabbi Block, E. Lee Ronnel Cantor-in-Residence, Cantor Rosalie Will, and Temple Musicians

Oneg Shabbat, Flowers and Security sponsored by Steve, Susan, and Trip Strauss in memory of their father, Sam Strauss Jr.

I hope that you will plan to join us for lunch with Cantor Rosalie Will on August 26, and again for dinner to welcome our new student cantor, Aleksandra Dubov, on September 1, and for many special and "ordinary" occasions thereafter.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature of Rabbi Barry Block in cursive.



Adult Learning at Congregation
B'nai Israel and the T'shuvah Task
Force present...

A Time to Keep Silent and A Time to Speak

**Jewish teaching on *lashon hara* (gossip) and *r'chilut*
(slander)**

Sundays during the Hebrew month of Elul, approaching
the High Holy Days ~ August 20 & 27, September 3 & 10,
9:30-10:45am, in the Temple Library.

Come for one, two, three, or all four sessions.

*No previous knowledge or registration required. Each
session will stand alone, so if you miss the first session,
don't hesitate to come for others.*

SATURDAY MORNINGS IN AUGUST

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by
Rabbi Block on August 5, 12, and 19, and by
Rabbi Block and Cantor Will on August 26.

Shabbat Worship at 11:00 am, led by
Rabbi Block on August 5, 12, and 19. and by
Rabbi Block and Cantor Will on August 26.

SCHMOOZERAMA

Saturday, August 19

6:00 pm -

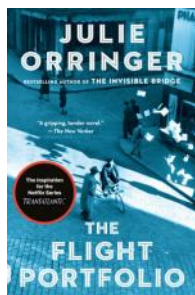
Temple Library Potluck dinner &
movie

ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET.



Margaret moves to a new town and starts to contemplate
everything about life, friendship and adolescence. She relies on
her mother, Barbara, who offers loving support, and her
grandmother, Sylvia, who's coming to terms with finding
happiness in the next phase of her life. Questions of identity,
one's place in the world, and what brings meaning to life soon
brings them closer together than ever before.

Bring a dish to share for 8 or more.
Questions: kesslertimothy@gmail.com



AL BARON BOOK CLUB

SUNDAY, August 27th

3:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

**THE FLIGHT PORTFOLIO:
A Novel**

By Julie Orringer

The Flight Portfolio tells the
story of one young American's
quest to save the lives of artists and writers fleeing
the Nazis after the invasion of France. Vari-
an Fry, a Harvard-educated journalist and editor,
recognized the darkness descending over Europe
and decided to take action.

Judaism 101 Begins on August 24

Judaism 101 is our congregation's course for those seeking comprehensive introductory learning about Judaism. Rabbi Block is the primary teacher for this program, which meets in the Library on Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm. Special sessions are scheduled to be taught by Eileen Hamilton, Ellyn Polsky, and Dorian Stuber. All are welcome to this program, conducted with the rigor of an undergraduate college course but requiring no prior knowledge.

Judaism 101 students range from congregants who have been Jewish all their lives to non-Jews in relationships with Jews, from those contemplating conversion to Judaism to those eager to be well prepared to raise Jewish children.

The course is free for Temple members, with a cost of \$100 for all others. For all students, the book for the course, Honoring Tradition, Embracing Modernity: A Reader for the Union for Reform Judaism's Introduction to Judaism Course, may be purchased in the Temple office at our cost. It is also available at ccarpess.org. (Couples taking the course together pay only one tuition fee and are welcome to share the book. For non-members, the cost of the book is in addition to the registration fee.) For more information, please contact Rabbi Block, bblock@bnai-israel.us or 210-387-8785. For registration, please contact Bridget in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us.

FROM THE T'SHUVAH TASK FORCE

We share these words by Dr. Brad Diner, longtime member and past president of CBI and a member of the T'shuvah Task Force. We hope they will serve to encourage members of CBI to take advantage of the work of the Task Force and especially participate in our Selichot Weekend programming. We are grateful for everyone who has or will soon speak with the Task Force. As a Synagogue community, we have the ability to listen to each other, bring healing, and create a stronger brit, ethical covenant, together.

My Healing Journey by Dr. Brad Diner

By now, most of you are familiar with Congregation B'nai Israel's T'shuvah Task Force (TTF). Created at the request of Temple President, Annabelle Imber Tuck, we were charged with two goals: first, to understand where Temple B'nai Israel has failed to meet the expectations and trust of the congregation while providing a platform to ask for forgiveness and atonement; and second, to develop a process to move forward with more transparency and make recommendations for healthier ethical guidelines.

While honored to have been selected by Annabelle to serve on the TTF, this involvement has reawakened many past feelings of anxiety and sadness that I experienced while serving on the committee that aided our Congregation's last Rabbinic transition. For me, there was initial denial and disbelief that gave rise to a cascade of ambivalent feelings of despair, anger, sadness, worry, and even betrayal. I struggled with what was best for the congregation. In retrospect, I now understand it was a process of grieving; from denial to acceptance, struggling with the many conflicting emotions and finally finding peace. Participating in the transition provided a vehicle for me to work through my own pain and emerge with the assurance that I had done the best I could for the congregation. For me, I found some degree of closure. I am sure others continue to struggle with many feelings and I hope each of us will find closure, perhaps with the support of the TTF.

Since the beginning of our work, the TTF created an opportunity for congregants to meet and share your own experiences and feelings. It is a standing invitation. Our hope continues to be to listen, offer compassion and seek to hear your feelings. The TTF strives to be able to begin the process of change for a healthier future for each of us as individuals and for all of us as a community.

Many of you have embraced this opportunity and for that we thank you. Again, this is an open invitation. Therefore, if you would like to share with members of the TTF, about anything heavy on your heart and mind, we are here for you.

We also encourage you to attend the programs during the weekend of Selichot, September 8-10, 2023. Our scholar-in-residence will be Rabbi Mary Zamore, the Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network and a nationally recognized expert on ethics and safe spaces. She will be preaching and teaching. In addition, Rabbi Zamore, will have time slots for individual meetings with congregants to talk and we hope that you will take advantage of that opportunity when sign-up becomes available. Rabbi Zamore has significant experience in managing processes of accountability and repair.

We value you and your Temple membership and involvement. Please work with us to make Temple a better place for everyone; a safe place where all are included and empowered.

Rabbi Mary Zamore
Executive Director, Women's Rabbinic Network
Presented by the T'shuvah Task Force
September 8-10

Rabbi Zamore is an expert on creating and maintaining safe, equitable, and just communities. She will speak during Shabbat services on Friday, September 8, and will teach text-based study on Saturday, September 9. Details forthcoming.

On Saturday evening, September 8, at 7:30pm, adults will gather to view *The Clergy Monologues*, a video developed by The Central Conference of American Rabbis' Task Force on the Experience of Women in the Rabbinate and discuss gender discrimination and harassment in the workplace with Rabbi Zamore.

This program will be followed at 9pm by a reception, Havdalah, and our annual Selichot service, when we change the Torah covers to white and recite penitential prayers in advance of the High Holy Days. *This year's service will include prayers prepared by our T'shuvah Task Force specifically to respond to misconduct and discomfort at Congregation B'nai Israel.*

Time will be set aside for Rabbi Zamore to meet with congregants who wish to talk with her privately. Time is limited, so please contact Carmen Arick without delay, clarickmd@sbcglobal.net, to reserve your time to meet with Rabbi Zamore.

Rabbi Zamore's visit to Congregation B'nai Israel is made possible by a generous grant from the Endowment Fund.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION, AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EILEEN HAMILTON

When I was at summer day camp, we had Oneg Shabbat each Friday before leaving camp. It was usually some kind of ice cream, so of course, the translation of Oneg Shabbat obviously was ‘ice cream.’ Oneg Shabbat is also not translated as light refreshments, unprogrammed social time, or snack. What is Oneg Shabbat really? It is a simple definition of the ‘joy’ or ‘pleasure’ of Shabbat, taken from Isaiah 58:13, “and call the Shabbat a delight.” No matter who we choose to spend time with on any day, it is traditional to spend Shabbat at home or at Temple, with dinner, often with guests. But as we know, we are all busy and rush to end our week and turn our attention to Shabbat. Our desire to spend Shabbat as a community allows us to gather at Temple for a communal observance of Shabbat, where we light candles, say kiddush, and share in challah, together. We can pray, and then return to our homes for dinner, or go out to eat to continue the celebration with friends. No matter how we decide to mark Shabbat – with prayers and ritual, or with quiet and rest, or social time with others, we call this time *Kabbalat Shabbat* – ‘welcoming the Sabbath.’ It’s a turning point from the regular week to the holy day of Shabbat. A time of community, singing, conversation, and refreshment. We are so fortunate at our temple to offer an Oneg Shabbat each Friday at 5:45 pm for all who want to come and gather. Thank you to so many of our congregants who have stepped up to host and provide tasty treats, from their own hearts as a commitment to their Temple and to enhance the joy of Shabbat.

Sometimes we cannot make it to Temple or from the rigor of the week, we choose to stay home on Fridays. Nonetheless, the *Oneg Shabbat* – the pleasure of the Sabbath does not need to be diminished. Often, parents would remark that preparing Shabbat dinner is too much – they work, they drive the kids to soccer, and ballet. They cannot do a Shabbat meal, soup to nuts. But who said that is what would bring on the Shabbat joy? Even ordering a pizza and sitting down together with candles and grape juice would be more pleasurable than complaining about what we cannot do. As a Jewish educator, I rarely spend time at home on Friday. I was at work, followed by whatever dinner or program was scheduled, and then my kids played football in high school, so I ran over there afterwards. None of this was unpleasant – but it made observing Shabbat a bit more challenging. The pleasure and joy in Shabbat are just realizing what we **CAN** do versus what we cannot. I *can* sit down and read a book that I have wanted to read for weeks. I *can* order from a new restaurant we have been dying to try and share it with the family. I *can* take a bath. I *can* attend a birthday party for a close friend. All those things bring us joy in one way or another to help define Oneg Shabbat in its truest sense. What can I do to bring myself joy and pleasure for this Shabbat?

One of my long-time friends complained that her children would no longer light the candles with her when they hit high school age. She felt defeated and saddened by their lack of interest. But she kept doing it by herself and ritually at home. If her girls were home, they saw her lighting the candles and reciting the blessings. If they were not, she would do it for herself. This was her pleasure for Shabbat and instead of quitting because her kids would no longer share in the moment, she remained steadfast. Now her girls are grown, one married, and when they come home, they cannot wait to stand with their mother to kindle those lights of Shabbat. My son visited a friend in California during college break. His friend started driving home at 5:45 on Friday because it was time to do the Shabbat blessings as a family. My son asked ‘aren’t we going out of our way to do this when we will return downtown right afterwards?’ His friend answered, “yes, but it’s not a choice. It’s an expectation of my parents for Shabbat and it brings them a lot of joy when we are at home.” And so, they drove home to do the blessings. And then they went back to their plans. Was the joy only for his parents? I believe that his friend, and my son too, found meaning and joy in the ritual as well. Enough that my son told me about it.

The joy of Shabbat can be accomplished in so many ways from small personal indulgences to broader communal traditions. We just all need to find an ‘*Oneg Shabbat*’ – a joyful and pleasurable experience that we can have for ourselves.

**JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING YEAR OF EXPLORATION AND LEARNING; COMMUNITY & FRIENDSHIP.
REGISTRATION IS OPEN AND ALL ONLINE. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENS ON AUGUST 27 @ 9:00 AM**

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
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CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE
2023/ 2024 SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN.

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 14 to avoid the \$50 late registration fee.



It's a **"CHALLAH-DAY!"**
Sunday, August 20 @ 4 pm

Let's make challah. Whether you are an expert or have never made challah before, come by to learn and practice. We will make challot, braid, and bake.

The baked challot will go in our freezer for upcoming Shabbatot. And you will go home with one challah, recipes, knowledge and technique to make more challot for yourself and for the Temple.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. CLASS MAX. IS 10.

Here is what you need to bring:
5lb bag of flour
3 TBSP instant/rapid-rise yeast
1 1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 1/2 cup honey
9 eggs
Large mixing bowl

Temple will provide salt, water, & mixers, and instructors .

SOCIAL OUTREACH— SCHOOL BACKPACKS



The Social Action committee is preparing backpacks filled with school supplies for underserved children in the Little Rock School District. **The cost is \$36 per backpack and you may sponsor as many as you wish!**

We will be assembling the backpacks at Temple in August—date TBA. Join us for the fun! If you are not available to "stuff the backpacks" but would be willing to deliver them to area schools, we need your help also!

Send a check to Temple and write "backpacks" in the memo line, or you may call the office at 501.225.9700, and charge the amount to your account. Questions: Kirsta Nigro—kirstanigro1@gmail.com

KEY CLUB 2023

The Key Club has provided funds to help bolster the Congregation's budget. We need your support and generosity this year as in the past. Your special donation will be recognized in the High Holy Days bulletin and in the October Chronicle.

Please send your check by September 1, 2023. Key Club donations must be received in our office by the due date to ensure that your name appears in the recognition pages.

Your gift helps our Temple to remain a center for Jewish life, worship and education in Arkansas.

Annabelle Imber Tuck, President
Amanda Orgel, Immediate Past President



KEY CLUB COMMITMENT LEVELS

Key Club—\$200

Silver Key Club—\$350

Gold Key Club—\$600

Platinum Key Club—\$900 and above

YOM KIPPUR

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

As we look forward to the High Holidays, we are beginning to prepare the special **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** with tributes to our beloved departed whose memories are consecrated at our Yizkor Memorial Service on the Day of Atonement. This booklet, a fitting expression of devotion and respect for our relatives and friends, will be available at the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur Day. The Yom Kippur Memorial Service is a hallowed tradition of our faith. We hope you will want to observe this sacred custom that combines the mitzvot of loving memory and tzedakah. Please contact the Temple office via phone, 501-225-9700, or email templesecretary@bnaiisrael.us to record names no later than September 11. If name entries and payment are not received by Tuesday, September 11, the names may not appear in the booklet. Your \$54.00 donation allows up to six names to be memorialized; additional names may be added at \$5.00 per name.

The Congregational **Rosh Hashanah Gala** follows services on Friday, September 15 and the **Break the Fast** follows the closing service on Yom Kippur Day, Monday, September 25.

Your contributions for these communal events is greatly appreciated. Please note on your check your donation wishes for **GALA or BREAK THE FAST** or call the office to make your donation.

Thank you in advance.



The CBI T'shuvah Task Force is requesting your assistance in crafting a **COMMUNITY COVENANT (a Brit Kehillah)**. While we have received many good suggestions from those who have met with us, we are hopeful that more of our community will participate in the process of developing a covenant that will guide us as we fulfill our responsibility to build a community of love and care. In addition to completing the form below, please feel free to add any additional comments that you think would be helpful to the process. This form can be completed on line, or a hard copy can be returned to the Temple office by mail or during regular business hours.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Benjamin Casciano Sam Storthz III
2nd	Betty Moses
5th	Elias Baker Deborah Bevill
6th	Dave Grundfest III Andrew Perin
9th	Rose LeCompte
10th	Thomas Gerson Andrew Stafford
11th	James Moses
12th	Silas Curtis Rhonda Eisenhower Jerard Stern
13th	Elizabeth Bentley Laurence Miller Barry Uretsky
16th	Richard Harris Anne Miller
17th	Janet Franklin Loris Fullerton
18th	Jeff Brown Frances Fendler
19th	Scott Hulett Susan West
21st	Jan Alman
22nd	Jennifer Ronnel Alexa Strauss
23rd	Jerry Jacobson Dylan Nodelman Scott Schlesinger
24th	Alexandra Chrisman Max Perin
25th	Arnold Nachman Brian Rosenthal Joseph Wolf

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Jennifer & Steve Ronnel	27 years
2nd	Jill & Steve Bauman	44 years
	Sarah & Len Johnson	17 years
3rd	Anne & Larry Miller	56 years
	Karen & David Pear	28 years
5th	Rebecca Scallet & Joseph Stafford	13 years
6th	Darcy & Eugene Krupitsky	14 years
7th	David Goldsholl & Cherry Landfair	26 years
8th	Leah & Neil Elenzweig	33 years
9th	Daniel Berleant & Joy Liaw	35 years
11th	Nancy & Bob Rosen	57 years
20th	Barbara & Paul Spitzberg	45 years
22nd	Judith Zinser & John Oakes	28 years



Brent James, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Birthdays continued...

27th	Katherine Ehrenberg Chuck Prousnitzer Ben Teeter Virginia Kate Vann
28th	Michael Kaiser Melanie Siegel
29th	Jeff Rosenzweig Barbara Thalheimer



Thank you to our July Oneg Shabbat hosts and sponsors:

*Martha and Charles Alman
Annabelle and Henry Tuck
Lynn and Bruce Greenberg
Kirsta and Keith Nigro*

Challah by Trudy Jacobson,
Heather Tolliver, and Meg Marion

SAFETY, SECURITY, and PEACE OF MIND

Congregation B'nai Israel is committed to the safety and well-being of our congregants and guests. The Security Committee has been advised of the importance of having uniformed officers present when we are gathering, and this is quite costly. The temple does not have a specific fund that covers the expense of security, rather we count on sponsorships and our operating budget. Please consider a security donation/sponsorship of \$180 this year.

With gratitude,
Carol Parham and Brian Rosenthal,
Security Committee co-chairs.

Thanks to the generous donation of the **OTTENHEIMER BROTHERS FOUNDATION** B'nai Israel has been able to upgrade our security efforts in the following ways since last High Holidays:

- New front entrance and back doors fit with crash bars for seamless emergency exiting.
- SunSolutions window film for all windows and doors to strengthen windows to not shatter without changing the view outside. SunSolutions frosted window film on classroom glass fronts and Library front to inhibit views.
- New emergency exit doors installed in the library and office area, as well as a safe room door in the office work room.
- Inside switch added to the sanctuary for the retractable wall to open from both sides.
- New AlarmTec multi-faceted communication, security, and fire system installed in the fall.

High Holy Days 5784-2023

Saturday, September 9

7:30pm – Selichot Program and Service

Friday, September 15– Rosh Hashanah Eve

8pm – Rosh Hashanah Eve Worship and Gala Oneg Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 16 – Rosh Hashanah Day

10am – Rosh Hashanah Morning Worship

4pm – Very Special Tashlich Gathering (location to be announced)

This event, open to congregants and guests of all ages, will include Rosh Hashanah activities designed for children and led by LAFTY.

Sunday, September 24

9:30am – “Standing on their Shoulders” program and *Kever Avot* Cemetery Memorial Service at Oakland Jewish Cemetery

Sunday, September 24 – Yom Kippur Eve

8pm – *Kol Nidre* Service

Monday, September 25 – Yom Kippur Day

9am – Yom Kippur Children’s Services

10am – Yom Kippur Morning Worship

12:15pm – “My Jewish Journey” Symposium

1:30pm – Yom Kippur Study

3:30pm – Yom Kippur Afternoon Torah Service

4:15pm – *Yizkor*/Memorial Service

5:30pm – *Neila*/Concluding Service

6:30pm – Break-the-Fast

DONATIONS

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Anonymous
 In honor of Rabbi Block's 10th anniversary
 Van Gates
 In honor of Rabbi Barry Block's 60th birthday
 Trudy & Jerry Jacobson
 Susan Lesser & Family
 In memory of Phil Kaplan
 Patty & Herb Monoson
 Gus Block
 Nancy & Steve Rousseau
 Art & Toos Pfeifer
 Julie Nickol Felson & Steve,
 Sydney, & Mia Felson
 In memory of Joan Kaplan
 Gus Block

Endowment Fund

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 In memory of Phil Kaplan
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 Sarah Tucker
 Miriam & Leonard Hasson
 Rabbi Michael Zedek
 Brenda & Mike Graham
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 Jessica & Douglas Szenher
 Kathryn & Bobby Roberts
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 Jerry Adams
 Jack & Barbara Cherry
 Virginia Simpson
 Donna & Harvey Thalblum
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 Gary & Carole Weisbly
 In memory of Sam Nickol
 Reverend Dr. Stuart Hoke
 Larry & Joan Nafe

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of E. Charles Eichenbaum
 Peggy & L.R. Jalenak
 In memory of Morris Solomon
 Pat & Barry Solomon
 In memory of Richard Bresnik
 Howard Bresnik
 In memory of Emmanuel Krupitsky
 Michael & Galina Krupitsky
 In memory of Max Bushman
 Gerald & Deanna Bushman

Cemetery Fund

In memory of Lena Kurlandsik Gates
 Van Gates
 In memory of Phil Kaplan
 Richard Estelita & Charley Penix
 Larry & Tracye Townley
 Steven Strauss
 In memory of Sam Nickol
 Richard Estelita & Charley Penix

Eugene M. Pfeifer Jr. and Fay S. Pfeifer Social Outreach Fund

In memory of Phil Kaplan
 Linda & Gene Pfeifer

Halle Cohen Miller Archive Fund

In honor of Jim Pfeifer and his brave remarks at the 2023 annual meeting
 Van Gates
 In honor of Jim Pfeifer, Sallye Mann, & Jan Alman
 Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Rabbi Eugene and Bobbye Levy Fund for Camp Scholarships and Youth

In honor of Rabbi Gene Levy
 Van Gates

Janet and Arnold L. Mayersohn Leadership Development Fund

In memory of Rabbi E.E. Palnick
 Van Gates

Vogel Family Memorial Caring & Sharing Fund

In memory of Phil Kaplan
 Ellie & John Moore
 Marilyn & Earl Sorrells

Sam Storthz Religious Education Discretionary Fund

In memory of Phil Kaplan
 Ann Storthz & Phyllis Storthz
 Sam Storthz III & Suzanne Klimberg

Rosa Pfeifer Isaacson Scholarship Fund

In memory of Phil Kaplan
 Doris Krain

AUGUST YAHRZEITS

August 4/5

Herbert Besser
 William Arnold Bushman
 Grete Zwirn Cohn
 William "Bill" Eiseman
 Dr. Ben Fendler
 Teanie Green
 Hugo Heiman
 Myer Kaplan
 Melvin John Kempner Sr.
 Dr. Oscar Kozberg
 Marcus Simon Kronberg
 Cyril Rose Lee
 Rene Levy
 Betty Brinker Lipson
 Betty Prousnitzer
 Phillip Provenzale
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 Bernice Sanders
 Tzirel Schiffman
 Edgar Schweig
 George Seligman
 Sara Etta Seltzer
 William S. Sherman
 Eugene John Stern
 Leonard M. Stern, Jr.
 Sidney Thalheimer
 Sarah Itty Ticker
 Marlis Wheeler

August 11/12

Mrs. Retta Baer
 Carol Banks
 Jack Barrier
 Ida Besser
 Julian G. Blass
 Francis Simon Brier
 Janie Bushman
 Margaret Cohn Caplan
 Sophie Cohn
 William Cohn
 Lydia F. Ehrenberg
 Louis Kauffman
 Elizabeth Ruebel Kempner
 Richard E. Orgel
 Isaac Pareira
 Octavia Perez Baquero
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 Henrietta O. Siesel
 Anita Simon
 Richard A. Sirvint
 Pete Slager
 Joseph Martin Tenenbaum
 Henry Morrison Thomas
 Rose Waldman
 Sol Weisman
 Fanny S. Whitney

August 18/19

Meredith Weinstein Baskin
 Mose Bennett
 Eva Brint
 Harold Diner
 Jack Diner
 Su Easley
 Virginia "Ginger" Goodman
 Dorothy Tenenbaum Grundfest
 Rosa Gruner
 Flora S. Kauffman
 Sophie Knopping
 Eugene Lockwood
 Sheldon M. Luber
 Jake L. Marcus
 Jake I. Marcus
 Abraham Ottenheimer
 Henry William Pfeifer
 Mendell "Bub" Pincus
 Ms. Lynne Ravellette
 Margaret Roberts
 James Z. Sachs
 Sollie J. Salinger
 Zerlena M. Salinger
 Hortense Sancier
 Corky Schroeder
 Marcia Solomon
 Sol Thalheimer Jr.
 Andrew Vogel
 Robbie Blackburn Vogel
 Harlan Simon White
 Jannell Dillon Wilson

August 25/26

Libbye Shack Cohn
 S. Lasker Ehrman Sr.
 Dan Eichenbaum
 Anita Levinson Fox
 Lena Kurlansik Gates
 Ben Greenberg
 Alfred Hendrix

Muriel Helen Balsam Kohn
 Herbert Sidney Levy
 Dr. Jerome Liebman
 Samuel Louchheim
 Bluma Marks
 Joe Navra Jr.
 Clara Pfeifer
 Harry Louis Phillips
 Paul E. Pollock
 Mrs. Shirley Reines
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 Frances Fendler Schneider
 William Max Shocket
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 Rosalyn Snyderman
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After preparing with our Temple musicians on Thursday evening, August 24, **Cantor Will will lead Shabbat services on Friday, August 25, at 6:15pm** with Rabbi Block and our Temple musicians.

On Shabbat morning, Cantor Will will join Rabbi Block to lead Torah Study at 9:30am and Services at 11am, both in the Library. **Please join us for Shabbat Kiddush lunch on Saturday, August 26.** There is no charge for lunch, but reservations are required, no later than close of business on Thursday, August 25, by contacting Bridget, 501-225-9700.

On Saturday evening, Cantor Will will gather with our Religious School faculty, as they prepare to open Religious School the next day.

Then, on Sunday, August 27, the new year of Religious School will open with music! **Every Religious School student will have the opportunity to sing and learn with Cantor Will!**

Cantor Will is a mentor to rabbis and cantors, consulting on issues of worship, music, and synagogue transition and change. She is also the founder and Executive Director of Sing Unto God, and she serves as lead consultant for the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) on issues related to worship and music. Cantor Will's decades of experience as a worship leader, consultant, performer, visionary, and leader in new worship trends has set the course for the Reform Movement's growth in the area of dynamic prayer. Cantor Will's career has been dedicated to elevating the congregational voice while maintaining communal rituals and customs, training young song leaders and cantors in areas of leadership and collaboration, and finding intersectionality among diverse communities of background and accessibility in prayer spaces.

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Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov,
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Friday, September 1

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45, in honor of Scotty Hulett,
on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Services 6:15, including a Sermon-in-Song
Shabbat Dinner to Welcome Student Cantor Dubov!



To make a reservation for dinner, please contact Bridget in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us. Cost of the dinner is \$18 per person for reservations made no later than close of business on Wednesday, August 30. After that time, and until 12pm on Friday, September 1, the cost is \$25 per person. For those without reservations by 12pm on Friday, September 1, the cost at the door is \$30 per person.