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THE RABBI SPEAKS
RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

In March 2021, a longtime professor at the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) died. Along with laudatory eulogies, out poured allegations that the rabbi-professor had repeatedly committed sexual boundary violations. That firestorm and the impact of the #metoo movement led HUC-JIR to commission a law firm, Morgan Lewis, to conduct an independent investigation and issue a report on misconduct at our seminary.

That report hit me hard. As a student at HUC-JIR, I was somewhat aware that gender inequality continued, but I was blind to sexual misconduct, happening all around me, some of it in my presence. When I read the report, though, I was not entirely surprised to find a section of vile allegations from “roughly twenty witnesses” about the Talmud professor with whom I had studied at the Los Angeles campus. Still, the particulars shocked me. They included singling out women to read sexually explicit Talmudic passages aloud in class, propositioning a woman “after every single class, ... displaying pornography on his computer and regularly carrying a gun on campus.”

I was consumed with guilt. How could I have been present for such disgusting abuse of my classmates and friends without having noticed, let alone speaking up to object? I called a female classmate, who told me that she was not a target but had witnessed several of the specific allegations. She was not surprised that men in the class didn't notice at that era, and she said she did not blame me. Still, I blamed myself. Not like I blamed the professor or the administration—which, according to Morgan Lewis, did little to stop the professor.

Then, I saw *The Clergy Monologues*, a short film about experiences of women rabbis and cantors. We shall have the opportunity to view and discuss it with Rabbi Mary Zamore, Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network, on Saturday, September 9, at 7:30pm. My Talmud professor's actions are described, quoting a

Rabbi's article continues on page 2

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

**FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN
SEPTEMBER**

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

FRIDAY, September 1

MISHKAN T'FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE
led by **Scotty Hulett, Rabbi Block and Student
Cantor Aleksandra Dubov**

Sermon in Song by our E. Lee Ronnel Student
Cantor, Aleksandra Dubov

Oneg Shabbat and Bimah Flowers sponsored by
Judith Coffey, and Security sponsored by Lisa and
Cidney Hulett in all in honor of Scotty.
Shabbat dinner follows to welcome Cantor Dubov.

FRIDAY, September 8

MISHKAN HALEV SHABBAT SERVICE
led by **Rabbi Block**

Rabbi Mary Zamore, Executive Director, Women's
Rabbinic Network:

“In Safety, We Flourish Together”

Music: Jana Cohen and Richard Estelita
Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jill and Steve Bauman

FRIDAY, September 15
ROSH HASHANAH EVE

Please see the High Holy Day Schedule

FRIDAY, September 22

**MISHKAN HALEV SHABBAT SERVICE FOR
SHABBAT SHUVAH, the Sabbath of
Repentance between the High Holy Days**
led by **Rabbi Block**

Sermon: “Convincing God to Be Forgiving”
Music: David Bauman

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Alison and Virginia Vann
in honor of their birthdays

FRIDAY, September 29

SHABBAT SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS, led
by Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov, followed by
“Pizza in the Hut” Shabbat dinner in the Sukkah and
Camp B'nai Israel.

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Tim Kessler and Josiah
Wheeler

woman who was a victim of them, in the first person. These words are more specific than the Morgan Lewis report, and my shame multiplied. I remembered being present for that sexual harassment, though not experiencing it as such at the time.

Times have changed. My professor's behavior was never acceptable, but I did not fully recognize that at the time. Even if my female classmates, many of them dear friends, regard me as an ally and do not blame me, I know that I violated the commandment, "You must not remain indifferent" (Leviticus 19:17). I shall seek forgiveness from my classmates at this High Holy Day season and seek atonement on Yom Kippur.

Our High Holy Day liturgy invites us to confess and repent for sins that we committed, "consciously or unconsciously." I invite you to join me in atonement at this holy season.

Rabbi Barry Block




SCOTT JAMES HULETT IS BECOMING A BAR MITZVAH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd AT 10:30 am

Please join Scotty and his family as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah. Kiddush lunch, held in the lobby, follows the service. All are welcome.

Scotty is purchasing toys from the Arkansas Children's Hospital Wish List as his mitzvah project. You can add to the collection bin by placing new and unopened toys and games into the bin, now until the Bar Mitzvah.

The Evening of Selichot with Rabbi Mary Zamore

Saturday, September 9, 7:30 pm
THE CLERGY MONOLOGUES

7:30— 'The Clergy Monologues', a video developed by The Central Conference of American Rabbis' Task Force on the Experience of Women in the Rabbinate, addressing gender discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

9:00 pm—Reception, *Havdalah* and Annual *Selichot* Service, changing of the Torah covers to white, and prayers in advance of the High Holy Days.

SATURDAY MORNINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Bar Mitzvah of Scotty Hulett:
Saturday, September 2, at 10:30 am.
Service led by Scotty Hulett, Rabbi Block and Student Cantor Dubov.

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by Rabbi Block on September 2, 9, 23 and 30.

*Note that Torah Study on September 2 will be abbreviated, ending at 10:15 am, in time for the Bar Mitzvah of Scotty Hulett. Torah Study on September 30 will be held in the Sukkah, weather permitting.

Shabbat Worship at 11:00 am, led by Rabbi Block on September 9 and 23, and by Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov on September 30.

Services on September 30 will be held in the Sukkah, weather permitting.

September 16 is Rosh Hashanah Morning.
Please see the High Holy Day Schedule.



A Time to Keep Silent and A Time to Speak

Jewish Teaching on *lashon harah* (gossip) and *r'chilus* (slander)

Sunday mornings, September 3 & 10, 9:30—10:45 am, in the Temple Library.

No previous knowledge or registration is necessary. Each session will stand alone, so if you missed the late August sessions, don't hesitate to come for these.



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. During **Shabbat services on Friday, September 8**, she will speak on, **“In Safety, We will Flourish Together.”** Rabbi Zamore explains: The central figure of our Shavuot story, Ruth is held up as a model of faith, especially conversion. However, her narrative can also teach us about the power of safe, respectful communities and the explicit and tacit covenants we create with one another. Only when our communal values are upheld can our communities fulfill our most sacred work.

On **Saturday, September 8, at a Kiddush Lunch-and-Learn** hosted by Emily Adams and Carmen Arick, Rabbi Zamore will share one of her favorite Talmudic stories. A dramatic narrative of bravery, high stakes, a difficult choice between riches and values/past and present, and even a young professional overcoming a toxic workplace culture to succeed. Join us to study a story of Judaism during Roman times and learn great lessons for today. This study session will be entitled, **“Past or Present/Ritual or Riches.”**

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 has been 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.

In addition to serving as Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network (WRN), Rabbi Zamore is the editor of *The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic* and *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic*, both from CCAR Press. As part of her work with WRN, Rabbi Zamore is the co-leader of the Reform Pay Equity Initiative, which addresses the wage gap within the Reform Movement, and founded WRN's Safe Clergy: Employees and Employers program, which focuses on safety at Jewish Seminaries. Participating in many national #metoo conversations, Rabbi Zamore is able to share WRN's decades of experience and wisdom on creating safe, just, and equitable communities. Before taking her leadership role at WRN, Rabbi Zamore served congregations in Westfield, Morristown, and Washington, New Jersey.

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

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, 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.



Welcome Cantor Dubov, September 1-2 and September 29-October 1!

Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov, the inaugural E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor of Congregation B'nai Israel, will make her first visit to us on September 1 and 2. Student Cantor Dubov is slated to be with us every third week throughout the academic year.

On Friday evening, September 1, Cantor Dubov will officiate Shabbat services with our Bar Mitzvah, Scotty Hulett, and will offer a sermon-in-song. Services will be followed by a **Shabbat Dinner to welcome 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 or \$10 per child under 12 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.*

Cantor Dubov is slated to be with us for the beginning of Sukkot, September 29-October 1, and also for Atzeret - Simchat Torah, October 6—8. During those weekends and her subsequent visits, in addition to joining Rabbi Block to lead our worship services, Cantor Dubov will teach, meet with Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, teach adults and youth, and add a meaningful musical touch to our Religious School.

We may all be grateful for 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.



TASHLICH AND REVERSE TASHLICH

Removing human sins of pollution from our water and waterways, This Rosh Hashanah, instead of casting things into water, let's draw our sins out of the water!

**ROSH HASHANAH AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 16,
4:00 PM AT HINDMAN PARK,
7500 Hindman Park Way LR, 72209**

**THIS IS THE CHILDREN'S AN FAMILY SERVICE FOR
ROSH HASHANAH.**

Tashlich/Reverse Tashlich will be led by Rabbi Block and LaFTY as we observe the tradition of symbolically casting away our sins as we enter the *Yamim Noraim*— the Days of Awe.

This year will be improve the world by taking care of God's creation and lending our hands to cleaning up this beautiful natural space as well as conducting the service of *Tashlich*.

Bring your trash pickers, garbage bags, gloves, sunscreen, hats, and energy to clean up Hindman Park and learn more about water preservation with the AR Master Naturalists.

Temple will supply extra trash bags, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, and water.

More Info? Directions? Contact Bruce Greenberg—sbrucegreenberg@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FAMLIES WILL RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION IN THE EBLAST
CLOSER TO TIME.



Preparing for the Upcoming High Holy Days

Every year we frequently ask, “Are the High Holy Days early or late this year?” Of course, that question only arises in connection with the Gregorian calendar, not the Hebrew calendar! The month of *Elul* always begins 30 days before *Rosh Hashanah* and 40 days before *Yom Kippur*. This year, the month of *Elul* began on Wednesday evening, August 17, 2023, which means that *Rosh Hashanah* begins on Friday evening, September 15, 2023, and *Yom Kippur* begins on Sunday evening, September 24, 2023.

Historically, the 40 days between the first day of *Elul* and *Yom Kippur* became identified with the 40 days of repentance Moses spent on Mt. Sinai after he found the people worshipping the golden calf. His time of repentance on Mt. Sinai ended – presumably on *Yom Kippur* – with God’s act of forgiveness and reconciliation in handing down the second set of tablets with the Ten Commandments. This identification eventually became an encouraged Jewish communal practice for the 40 days before *Yom Kippur* – in prayerful study, in trying to connect with the Divine, and in turning our lives around, so that God could again extend a full forgiveness.

As the years have passed since I converted to Judaism, *Elul* has slowly become an important inward process for my own journey forward through the High Holy Days and into the New Year. It is a time for each of us to review our actions during the past year and look for ways to improve ourselves, our communities, and our world in the year to come. In other words, the month of *Elul* is a time of soul-searching and reflection.

During the month of *Elul*, our CBI community is gathering on Sunday mornings to explore Jewish teaching on *lashon hara* (gossiping) and *r’chilus* (slander) under the overarching theme “A Time to Keep Silent and A Time to Speak.” It has been a time of open-hearted and honest dialogue as we reflect on the past and move forward into the New Year. There will be two more Sunday sessions at 9:30 a.m. on September 3 and 10. Don’t hesitate to come to the September sessions even if you missed the August sessions.

Another opportunity to remember our past actions, right our wrongs, and refocus ourselves for the New Year is the ceremony of *Tashlich*, which is conducted on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*. According to *Micah* 7:19 “God will take us back in love; God will cover up our iniquities. You will hurl all our sins into the depths of the sea.” In past years, our community gathered at different Central Arkansas locations near a moving body of water where we symbolically cast our sins (breadcrumbs) into the water. Because breadcrumbs are bad for animals, some congregations now use wood chips, bird seeds, or small pebbles.

This year, CBI families will participate for the first time in ***Reverse Tashlich***, a growing world-wide movement in which we remove the sins of humankind from the waters, fulfilling the mitzvah prohibiting needless waste and destruction. On *Rosh Hashanah* afternoon at 4:00 p.m., we will gather at Hindman Park. All trash that enters the sewer system of Little Rock drains directly into the river systems. Seventy-five (75) % of water drainage in Little Rock flows through Fourche Creek. Following a brief creek-side service led by our youth group, participants will clear trash from a portion of the Fourche Creek riverbank. More information is set forth on page 4 of this Temple Chronicle.

I look forward to our sacred community joining together at Temple as we prepare for and celebrate the upcoming High Holy Days.

May you and your family enjoy a Good and Sweet New Year in 5784.

Shalom,
Annabelle

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.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

Your contributions for these communal events are 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.

SHANAH TOVA!



**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF
ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION AND
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

When a Chronicle is this full, who needs to write an article? Certainly not me.

I do want to express my gratitude nonetheless for registering your children in religious school and entrusting us each Sunday to make Jewish education the most interesting, fun, and enlivening as we can. We know your kids give you a hard time about getting up early and coming over on a Sunday morning, but truthfully, your children are such a pleasure when here, engaging in all things Jewish, with Jewish friends. They are masterful at Hebrew, creative in every way, and are so amenable to trying new things.

As their friendships grow here at Temple, and we their teachers, get to enjoy their company and development with another year of Jewish learning and tradition—**THANK YOU!** For bringing them to us, for your support and your encouragement. Happy New Year—*Shanah Tova.*

**YOM KIPPUR CHILDREN’S
SERVICE**

Monday, September 25—9:00 am

Led by LaFTY



THE ABC’S OF SAYING I’M SORRY

Yom Kippur Children’s Service

Monday morning, September 25 at 9:00 am

Join LaFTY, our high school youth group, who will take us through the Yom Kippur liturgy and teach us about being our best selves this new year of 5784 by using all the letters of our alphabet!

The theme and fun continues at child care at 9:45 during the adult Yom Kippur morning worship.

Please sign up for child care if needed.

Religious School dates for September:

Sunday, September 10—9:00 am

Sunday, September 17—5:00 pm—program and dinner with Calm + Confidence bee experts

Sunday, September 24—9:30 am—Standing on their Shoulders Program at Oakland Cemetery

Confirmation dates for September:

Wednesday, September 6—6 pm

Wednesday, September 27—6 pm

LAFTY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

September 10—Meeting and High Holiday planning at 11:45 with lunch

Saturday, September 16—Leading Tashlich at Hindman Park at 4:00 pm.

September 24—Meeting at 11:45 following Standing on Their Shoulders @ The Nest

Monday, September 25—leading Yom Kippur Children’s Services at 9:00 am.

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2 nd	Ruthe Kaplan John Levin Becca Perin Betsy Wagner	<i>October birthdays continued...</i>
3 rd	Esther Gordon Eva Levi	27 th Claud Alexander
4 th	Laura Joseph	Jack Grundfest
5 th	Bonnie Clinton	Caroline McGrath
6 th	Matthew Chrisman Rebecca Cowie Trudy Jacobson Kirsta Nigro	28 th Barry Solomon Patrick Ifrah
7 th	Mikki Deininger	30 th James Moses
8 th	Bernie Bevill Tracie Spivey	31 st Steve Bauman
9 th	Nancy Kahn Caitlin Reiss	
10 th	Sonya Hamilton	
11 th	Bari Himelfarb Daniel McGrath	
12 th	Judy Selig	
13 th	Martin Boyle Jesse Kane	
14 th	Larry Back Harriet Baker Peggy Jalenak	
15 th	Jane Levine	
16 th	Emily Adams Liz Lucker	
17 th	James Aronson	
18 th	Ariel Berlinski	
19 th	Sheri Simon	
20 th	Liz Cohen Steve Strauss	
21 st	Jack Gold	
23 rd	Caroline Krupitsky Lou Tobian	
24 th	Rebecca Glover Andy Lawton Luci Rodell	
25 th	Laura Gold	
26 th	Rafa Levi Anna Marks	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 th	Jackie and Jerry Bendorf	52 years
11 th	Jamie and Justin Axelroth	9 years
13 th	Dianne and Frank Richard	15 years
14 th	Barbara and Bruce Thalheimer	50 years
18 th	Sylvia Amsler and Lewis Krain	25 years
20 th	Toos and Art Pfeifer	64 years
21 st	Deanna Arrants and Clayton Ward	6 years
21 st	Janet and Scott Korenblat	34 years
26 th	Karen Waugh and Martin Boyle	38 years
26 th	Amber Thomas and Ben Teeter	4 years
27 th	Angelica and Joe Wolf	12 years



James and Betsy Aronson on the birth of their granddaughter, Emilia Lion Skaf, born on August 4 to Julia Aronson and Michel Skaf.

Sandy and Fred Levin, on the engagement of their daughter Lexi to Seth Barber.

Joy Figarsky and Jay Lazerowitz on the birth of a granddaughter, Norma Joy Escamilla-Rosenberg on August 18th, to Alex and Marisa Escamilla-Rosenberg, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Becky and Jay Marks, on the arrival of their grandson, Jules Collins Marks, born to Brint and Carrie Binder Marks, in New Orleans.

Pictured below: SECOND SESSION AT JACOBS CAMP

Devon Webb, Rafa Levi, Evie Dranoff, Hannah Reagler, Eli Krupitsky, Rylee Krupitsky, Mira Krain, Caitlin Reiss, Emerson Reiss, Rabbi Block



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 THE DEATHS OF OUR
 MEMBERS

RUTH IZKOWITZ

*Mother of Judy Pearlstein
 Sister of Mary Lou Cohn*

SHARON HENDRIX

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.

Program by program, service by service, and day by day, we assess security for your safety. Since COVID, Temple security costs are up by 241% but our donations for security are only 10% of their peak during COVID.

Our security costs are on average \$180 each time we hire one officer on duty. This is a budget line of over \$25,000.00 a year.

Will you help us keep our sacred Temple safe for worship? Your donation is greatly needed and appreciated more than ever.



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.

REPORT AN ANTISEMITIC OR BIAS INCIDENT

We all have a responsibility to report and respond to antisemitism or hate when we see it.

TO REPORT AN ANTISEMITIC OR HATE INCIDENT, VISIT:
ADL.ORG/REPORTINCIDENT-KULANU

IF YOU FEAR FOR YOUR SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS,
CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

What should I report?

You should report any incident you perceive as antisemitic, biased or hateful.

Here are some examples:

- Antisemitic or other hateful graffiti in public places, including synagogues and schools.
- Vandalism of religious artifacts such as mezuzahs or menorahs and holy places.
- Online harassment, including hateful social media posts and emails. Remember to take a screenshot!
- Verbal harassment, including emails and voicemails.
- Media-based incidents, including antisemitic or hateful content in a news story.
- White supremacist propaganda.

Make an impact in the fight against antisemitism and hate.

Scan this QR code to report an incident:



CEMIFY FOR OAKLAND JEWISH CEMETERY

Check out the mapping system at Oakland Cemetery. Find our loved ones graves and get a lay of the land and history of our beautiful cemetery by using the QR code below. Take a photo with your phone and open up the amazing program.



Sukkot and Atzeret/Simchat Torah 5784 – 2023 At-a-Glance

Wednesday, September 27, 6-8pm

Sukkah Building

Friday, September 29, 5:45pm

Shabbat and the Eve of Sukkot Yom Tov

Oneg Shabbat in the Sukkah

Shabbat under the Stars, led by Rabbi Block and Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov*

Pizza in the Hut, service in the Mendel Amphitheater and Camp B'nai Israel, with special guests, Henry S. Jacobs
Camp Director Anna Herman and her team



Saturday, September 30

Shabbat and the First Holy Day of Sukkot

9:30am: Torah Study in the Sukkah*

11am: Shabbat and Festival Service in the Sukkah, led by Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov*

12pm: Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah hosted by Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

Tuesday, October 3, 11:30am

Seniors Sukkot Luncheon, hosted by the Caring and Sharing Committee and sponsored by the Vogel Caring & Sharing Fund

Friday, October 6, 5:45pm

Consecration Reception and Shabbat and Atzeret-Simchat Torah Eve Celebration, led by Rabbi Block, Eileen Hamilton, and Cantor Dubov

Consecration of our newest Religious School students. *Siddur* (prayer book) dedication for our 3rd graders. *Yad* (Torah pointer) presentation to all celebrating B. Mitzvah in 5784 (2023-24).

Saturday, October 7

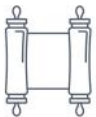
9:30am, Torah Study in the Library

11am, Shabbat and Atzeret-Simchat Torah Service, including *Yizkor* –Memorial prayers, led by Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov, in the Library

*Outdoor events at the Temple, including those held in the Sukkah, will not be livestreamed, as we do not have WiFi outdoors.

**In the event of inclement weather, all events planned for the Sukkah will be held, but will be moved indoors at the Temple.

SIMCHAT TORAH, CONSECRATION, SIDDUR AND YAD CEREMONY



Friday, October 6, 2023

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

We honor our new students in religious school in grades Kindergarten, First & Second, those receiving their personalized Siddur for Hebrew studies, and students receiving a yad in preparing for Bar Mitzvah.

Welcome to our newest students: Ava Harris, Asher Hillman, Jordyn Johnson

Students in 3rd grade receiving a Siddur: Archer Dockter, Julian Keith, Ellie Daniel, and Jackson Korenblat

Students receiving a Yad: Milo Krain, Rylee Krupitsky, Alice Levin