

# CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

# THE CHRONICLE

## TEMPLE

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## THE RABBI SPEAKS

### RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

I am writing in mid-October, not knowing what Israel and the Jewish world will look like by the time you read these words. When we gathered in large numbers on Shabbat eve, October 13, surrounded with comfort by interfaith leaders, their communities, and public officials, I emphasized the importance of doing two things at once: focusing on the crisis in Israel, the lives lost, the people in danger, and the war to come, while also continuing our regular worship.

Now, we plan for November without knowing what November will bring. Do we ever know what the future will bring? We certainly did not anticipate the tears of October when we planned for that month in advance.

Will we be able to enjoy Thanksgiving, or will we be overwhelmed with concern for family and friends, even the future of the Jewish People, in Israel? Closer to home, should we focus our Temple programming on Israel and the challenges it faces, or should we “return to our regularly scheduled program?”

Shabbat worship and Religious School will continue as planned, of course. You will note, though, that I have planned Friday night sermons focused on Israel and Zionism. Just as my October sermon topics needed to change after the terrorists struck, so, too, my November sermons may need to be different from what I now imagine.

**We remain eager to honor those who have been Temple members for fifty or more years!** We are blessed with extraordinary loyalty to Congregation B'nai Israel. Our members of long-standing are worthy and deserving of honor. Please join us to on Friday night, November 3!

*Rabbi article continued on next page*

## WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 SHABBAT SERVICE HONORING OUR 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

led by Rabbi Block  
and Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov  
Sermon: “Abraham’s Challenge: Loving Sarah and Isaac, Not Abandoning Hagar and Ishmael”  
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Jan and Larry Alman

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE

led by Rabbi Block  
Sermon: “Israel: People Over Land”  
Music: Jana Cohen, Jonathan Holland, accompanied  
by Perry Young  
Oneg Shabbat Host: Karen Sherman in memory of  
Hildegard Sherman

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE

led by Rabbi Block  
Sermon: “Zionism: Then and Now”  
Music: Jana Cohen and Jonathan Holland, Sunny  
Baker, and Cheryl Streiff  
accompanied by Perry Young  
Oneg Shabbat Hosts:  
Rickie Lockwood and Robert Oliva

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 MISHKAH T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE

led by Rabbi Block  
Sermon: “Leaving the Land of Israel”  
Music: Elizabeth Cohen and Isabella Ifrah



Moreover, we have an obligation to continue experiencing and expressing the joy of Judaism. That point has been driven home by none other than Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt, the U.S. State Department's special envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism abroad. We will not just observe Shabbat, but celebrate it. Thanksgiving, too!

We also have the honor of engaging in a pilot study of a new translation of the Torah into English, the first ever produced by our Reform Movement. CCAR Press is embarking on a new Torah Commentary, beginning with an ambitious translation process. Please look inside this Chronicle for your opportunities to study CCAR Press's principles of translation and the way they have been put into effect in specific passages. We have been invited to provide feedback that will guide the project toward fruition.

I cannot think of a better response to antisemitism and to terror than to study Torah, with joy.

Faithfully,



## SATURDAY MORNINGS IN NOVEMBER

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by Rabbi Block on November 4, 11, and 25, and by Bruce Greenberg on November 18.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11:00 am, led by Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov on November 4, by Rabbi Block on November 11 and 25, and by Emily Adams and Carmen Arick on November 18.

There are over 35 B'nai Israel families who have been members of the congregation for 50 or more years. Let's honor their commitment to the Temple on Friday, November 3 with a blessing at services, followed by a dinner in their honor.



*and counting.....*

Mazel Tov on being a Congregation B'nai Israel member for over 50 years. Your commitment to your temple should be celebrated!

Please join the Congregation on Friday, November 3, 2023, for services followed by a celebratory dinner in your honor.

Oneg Shabbat ~ 5:45 pm

Services ~ 6:15 pm

Dinner ~ 7:15 pm

Dinner is complimentary for those being honored; reservations are requested for planning purposes by October 30.

All are invited to dinner. 50 + members are free; all others are \$18.00 in advance of October 30; \$25 from October 31 – November 2; and \$30 at the door. RSVP to the temple office by no later than Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>: 501.225.9700 or [templesecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:templesecretary@bnai-israel.us). Dinner is hosted by Annabelle Imber Tuck.



## A FOURFOLD SONG OF SOLIDARITY

Experiencing the rich variety of music offerings at Temple over the past few months has convinced me that music brings us together as a community in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

Now, at this time of Israel's pain and sorrow and increasing antisemitism, it has become even more important for us to raise our voices in song and feel our solidarity with each other, with Israel, with all of humanity, and with all of

Creation.

All of us are experiencing a whole range of feelings as we absorb the daily news about the ongoing violence in the Middle East and the escalation of antisemitism – whether it be feelings of fear, sorrow, grief, anger, hopelessness, or despair.

The following **Fourfold Song**, based on the writings of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook\*, urges us to keep our hopes for Peace -- Shalom -- at the forefront of our minds and hearts:

There is the one who sings the song of their own life, and in themselves they find everything, their full spiritual satisfaction.

There is another who sings the song of their people. They leave the circle of their own individual self because they find it without sufficient breadth, without an idealistic basis. They aspire towards the heights, and they attach themselves with a gentle love to the whole community of Israel. Together with her they sing her songs. They feel grieved in her afflictions and delight in her hopes. They contemplate noble and pure thoughts about her past and her future, and probe with love and wisdom her inner spiritual essence.

There is another who reaches toward more distant realms, and they go beyond the boundary of Israel to sing the song of humanity. Their spirit extends to the wider vistas of the majesty of humanity generally, and its noble essence. They aspire toward humanity's general goal and look forward toward its higher perfection. From the source of life, they draw the subjects of their meditation and study, their aspirations, and their visions.

Then there is the one who rises toward wider horizons, until they link themselves with all existence, with all God's creatures, with all worlds, and they sing their song with all of them. It is of such a one as this that tradition has said that whoever sings a portion of song each day is assured of having a share in the world to come.

And then there are those who rise with all these songs in one ensemble, and they all join their voices. Together they sing their songs with beauty, each one lends vitality and life to the other. They are sounds of strength and unity, sounds of joy and gladness, sounds of jubilation and celebration, sounds of ecstasy and holiness.

The Song of the Self, the Song of the People, the Song of Humanity, the Song of the World all merge in them always, in every hour. And this full comprehensiveness rises to become the song of holiness, the song of God, the song of Israel, in its full strength and beauty, in its full authenticity and greatness.

The name "Israel" stands for *shir el*, the song of God. It is a simple song, a twofold song, a threefold song, and a fourfold song. It is the Song of Songs of Solomon, which means peace or wholeness.

\*Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935) left a large and complicated body of thought – at the same time nationalist (State of Israel) and universalist, as well as rigorous in religious practice and open to modern society. This has led to his still being claimed by or attacked by both left and right!



**Participate in a Torah Translation Pilot Study**  
**Shabbat mornings, November 5 and 12 and December 9**  
**9:30-11am\***

CCAR Press is embarking on a tremendous project—preparing to publish a new Torah Commentary that will be the primary vehicle for Torah study throughout the Reform Movement and beyond it for decades to come. This project begins with a first-ever Reform Movement translation of the Torah into English.

**Congregation B'nai Israel has been invited to pilot the new Torah translation.** Our Torah Study sessions on each of these three Saturdays will be longer than usual,\* will not address that week's *parashah*, but will focus on a particular chapter from the Torah that we have been asked to examine and to which our response is requested.

Attend on one, two, or three of these Shabbat mornings. Though advanced registration is not required, Rabbi Block would like to send something for participants to review in advance. Therefore, if you plan to attend, please notify Rabbi Block, [bblock@bnai-israel.us](mailto:bblock@bnai-israel.us).

\*On these three Shabbat mornings, Shabbat Morning Worship will begin a little later than usual, at 11:10am.



Join Jason Dice, regional director of Secure Communities Network for a community program on being more aware in recognizing suspicious or potentially dangerous behavior and what to do!

Date and time to be announced.



**Dr. Josh Parshall presents**  
**SOUTHERN JEWISH HISTORY ON ONE FOOT; ARKANSAS EDITION**

**Monday, November 6, 7:00 pm**

Brought to you  
 by Congregation B'nai Israel and Synagogue Agudath Achim

Join us to learn about the development of Jewish communities in the colonial South, the rise and fall of small town Jewish merchants, and more recent trends in Jewish migration.

Dr. Parshall will also highlight Arkansas's own Jewish stories and their significance in southern and Jewish histories.

Held at AGUDATH ACHIM, 7901 W. CAPITOL AVENUE, LITTLE ROCK, 72205



The Community Outreach Committee is filling **THANKSGIVING BASKETS** with food for underserved families. We are asking for donations.

Each basket can be sponsored for \$36.

Sponsor as many as you like by sending a check to the Temple office, or applying the amount to your bill.

Call 501.225.9700 or email [templesecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:templesecretary@bnai-israel.us). If interested, we will be assembling baskets on Wednesday, November 15 at 5:30 pm.in the Temple lobby.

If you would like to deliver the baskets on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to designated high schools, we need that also. Any questions? Contact Kirsta Nigro, [kirstanigro1@gmail.com](mailto:kirstanigro1@gmail.com) or at 501-425-9188, to let her know if you can help!

### ONEG SHABBAT, KIDDUSH LUNCH, AND SHABBAT DINNER HOST OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE:

Can you lend your hand to an Oneg Shabbat on Friday at 5:45 pm

A Shabbat lunch on Saturday at 12:30 pm

or a Shabbat Dinner on Friday following services at 7:30 pm.

Spaces are still open to take part in this amazing mitzvah.

Call a friend or two and sign up for one or more of the dates listed below:

Oneg Shabbat: Nov. 24, Jan. 12, March 8, 15, 29, April 12, 29, May 3, 10.

Kiddish Luncheon: November 11, April 20, May 25

Shabbat Dinner: May 3

ברוכים  
הבאים  
Welcome  
BRUCHIM HABAIM

**Welcome to our newest members:**

**Laura Bushman** ~ [ldbushman@hotmail.com](mailto:ldbushman@hotmail.com)

**Susan and David Mack** ~ [d6mack@gmail.com](mailto:d6mack@gmail.com)

**Judith Coffey** ~ [judi@rainbowconcepts.com](mailto:judi@rainbowconcepts.com)



**Sam Kauffman**, for being accepted to HUC's Jewish Ideas Fellowship, a cohort of Jewish leaders from across the country who will build a foundation in Jewish thought, literature, and culture, while sharpening their leadership skills.

**Kirsta and Keith Nigro**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Eleanore Marie School to Jenny and Nathan School on October 16. Great-grandparents are **Sandy and Fred Levin**.

**Jerry Sherman**, on the marriage of his grandson, Elliott Sherman, to Elesia Pelletier, in Dallas, TX.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



This week, many people have called to offer thoughts and prayers to us as a congregation since the war in Israel has begun. We saw a huge outpouring of guests at our worship service on October 13. Two families have delivered flowers to our front door, just to brighten our day and Oneg

Shabbat. Others have asked for the best place to donate money to help. What a beautiful gesture.

A few years ago, after the shooting at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life congregation, we received a flower delivery from the Mosque to show their concern and prayers for such a tragic incident to the Jewish community. I was deeply touched to receive the flowers. In both these cases, the tragedy is and was so far removed geographically, while being so close to our hearts and to our people. It affects us all no matter if in our backyard or across the country or even the world.

A popular catch phrase of 'paying it forward' or 'random acts of kindness' have been replaced with new fads and phrases but doing acts of kindness (*Gemilut Chasidim*) never goes out of style. It just doesn't.

As the war in Israel continues, we too will continue our prayers and calls to our friends who live in Israel. The check-in process is so important. But let's extend our acts of kindness further and not concentrate only when tragedy or crisis confronts us. As fall and winter set in, remember those who need warm coats, hats, and mittens. And those who sleep in temporary shelters who lack food. There is no better time to plan for cold nights. And as winter settles in more, many of our friends will need the warm and healing power of soup – and imagine receiving some of that warmth, hand delivered as a surprise.

I have not had the pleasure of having my coffee prepaid at Starbucks lately, but maybe I will begin the trend one day soon to remind others how fun and special it was to pay for the next person. And how easy it is for me to purchase a toy at Walmart, when I am doing other shopping, to place in a Toys for Tot bin.

My nephew Andrew was here for Thanksgiving last year, and he and Larry were walking down Pres. Clinton Avenue when Andrew saw a hungry man asking for help. Andrew didn't take out cash, he instead invited the man into The Flying Fish to order a meal. A meal of his choice, for which Andrew paid the bill, then left. It made a huge impression on Larry on how Andrew not only helped someone but made it so meaningful. He didn't offer the man leftovers, or gave him a dollar which cannot purchase much, but invited him to be like others and get to order fresh and hot food.

I often ask myself the question of how hard can it really be to just do nicer things for others? Will I really go out of my way? Will it really cost me so much? Do I really have the time? When I think of the answers, I am embarrassed to even think I asked those questions in the first place. It's just really easy to do good for others.

From opening and holding doors open, to saying thank you often, to bringing flowers as cheer, to providing shelters and nourishment to others, these gestures can morph into bigger and more impactful acts of kindness, but it takes the effort. I hope your *Gemilut Chasidim* effort can also swing into full force this season.

## LAFTY NEWS FROM PRESIDENT, MIRA KRAIN

LaFTY has had an amazing few months of action, packed full to the brim with high holiday planning and amazing social action opportunities. For Rosh Hashanah, LaFTY members led a Tashlich service and picked up trash in Hindman park with families from our congregation, encouraging kids to step up and take responsibility for the environment and nurturing a love for nature. We filled many bags of trash and had a great time all around. LaFTY also volunteered at the kick-off dinner for Arkansas Peace Week on September 18th. We served food, set up, and cleaned up after the meal. Both events were amazing, and only encouraged LaFTY to participate more in work that helps our community. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be running a booth at an event held by the Historic Arkansas Museum, which we encourage all members of the community to come visit. Our LaFTY booth will share information about the history of Arkansas Jewish communities and include an interactive and engaging holiday-themed activity. Our hope is to educate people from around the state of Arkansas on its history of Judaism, and even about Jewish cultures and customs. We are so excited for this event and for many more social action opportunities in the coming year.

Since the Hamas attack, LaFTY shares the concerns of Jewish people across the world. Jews are a very connected community, and many members of our congregation are grieving and scared for the safety of their family and friends. LaFTY's heart goes out to all those who have suffered because of this incident, and as much as we wish we could help, it is challenging to directly aid Israel. Many of us may feel powerless to effect immediate change in Israel, but every mitzvah adds light to the world. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." LaFTY is doing its part to spread light and love in our community, with the hope that our mitzvahs will add love and light to the world. Together, we can add light, together we can add love. Together we can repair the world: one Jew, one mitzvah, and one social and communal action at a time.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Goldman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aliza Brown  
Marina Ivanovsky
- 4<sup>th</sup> Alex Flaxman  
David Goldsholl  
Robin West
- 5<sup>th</sup> Phillip Levin  
Emily Wagner
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jules Ifrah
- 7<sup>th</sup> Allison Lux
- 11<sup>th</sup> Fred Levin  
Maureece Levin
- 12<sup>th</sup> Timothy Kessler
- 13<sup>th</sup> Candy Levy
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jana Cohen  
Beth Miller  
Josh Shemper
- 15<sup>th</sup> Betsy Mayersohn  
Marilyn Sorrells
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bradley Diner
- 18<sup>th</sup> Debbie Diner
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lynn Greenberg  
Noah Householder
- 20<sup>th</sup> Rose Back  
Monica Davidson  
Avi Helton  
Alexandra Ifrah  
Sandra Pruitt
- 21<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Kauffman  
Teddy Rudofsky  
Edward Scallet
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Ravn Breed  
Herb Monoson

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Dec. 1 Jo and Andy Lawton 39 years
- Dec. 1 Becky and Jay Marks 39 years
- Dec. 5 Muriel Lederman & Brian Storrie 52 years
- Dec. 7 Tina and Nate Bernstein 38 years
- Dec. 9 Tricia and Jerry Gold 17 years
- Dec. 17 Monica and Eowyn Davidson 12 years
- Dec. 19 Emily Adams & Carmen Arick 37 years
- Dec. 19 Karla and Larry Back 52 years
- Dec. 24 Miriam and Leonard Hasson 51 years
- Dec. 26 Laura and Allan Gold 50 years
- Dec. 29 Shirley and Bill Friedman 55 years
- Dec. 30 Aliza and Jeff Brown 30 years

- 24<sup>th</sup> Carol Parham  
Dave Vrudny
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mollie Axelroth  
Richard Estelita  
Beverly Wittenberg
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tracy Grinstead-Everly
- 29<sup>th</sup> Asher Hillman  
Alan Kauffman
- 30<sup>th</sup> Donna Kirkwood  
Libby Thalheimer
- 31<sup>st</sup> Daniel Block  
Amanda Webb



Thank you to our October and November  
Oneg Shabbat hosts and sponsors:

- Shelly Baron
- Regina and Perry Young
- Rickie Lockwood and Robert Oliva
- Carol Parham
- Jan and Larry Alman
- Karen Sherman

Shabbat Luncheon and Dinner Hosts:

- Ellyn Polsky
- Debbie Bentley
- Annabelle Imber Tuck

Flower Sponsors:

- The Spitzberg Family

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND  
CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR  
NOVEMBER:**

Sundays, November 5 & 12  
9:00 - 11:30 am

Midweek Hebrew

Wednesdays November 1, 8, 15:  
7:00pm.

Confirmation Class

Wednesdays, November 1, 15

# DONATIONS

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Anonymous  
Regina and Perry Young

In memory of Lynette Rauch  
Gus Block

In memory of Phil Kaplan  
Gary Nickol

In memory of Melvin Dow  
Gus Block

## Endowment Fund

In memory of Sam Nickol  
Frank and Betty Lou Hamlin  
In memory of Phil Kaplan  
Andrew and Victoria Kessel

## Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Helen Lockwood Eichenbaum  
Peggy and L.R. Jalenak  
In memory of Eve Bresnik  
Howard Bresnik  
In memory of Joseph Jacob Kaufman  
Melissa Rae Kaufman  
In memory of Rabbi David L. Blaustein  
Milt Baer

## Meir Chayim Camp Scholarship Fund

Tom Slatton

## Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund

In appreciation of Lynn and Bruce Greenberg for  
hosting the Kiddush Luncheon on September 30th  
Van Gates

In appreciation of the Caring and Sharing  
Committee for hosting the Sukkot Luncheon on  
October 3rd

Van Gates

In memory of Sharon Hendrix  
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**Please be aware that beginning on November 1, 2023, all transactions using credit cards will be charged 3% to cover the cost of processing fees. Please remember that there are many ways to pay and make donations. The fee will apply ONLY to credit cards. .**

- Credit cards will continue to be accepted as a form of payment for all functions at Congregation B'nai Israel.
- All donations, including annual gifts, and payments for goods and services, paid by credit cards will be assessed a 3% convenience fee to cover the expense that Congregation B'nai Israel is charged for use of the credit card as a form of payment. Payments may be made by check or ACH without such a fee (and other payment methods may be available in the future).

Please contact the office if there are questions or concerns.



**Israel is at war and we need your immediate support.**

**Every dollar counts. Together we can make a difference.**

Your gift to JAFINA will go where there is the greatest need, or you can choose to directly donate to any of the critical Jewish Agency for Israel programs we support.

Jewish Agency for Israel -  
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633 Third Avenue, 21st Floor  
New York, NY 10017



Congregation B'nai Israel  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Resolution in Support of Israel  
October 17, 2023

Whereas, Israel is a vital ally of the United States and a bastion of democracy in the Middle East; and

Whereas, Israel has been the target of countless terrorist attacks and has faced existential threats to its very existence since its founding in 1948; and

Whereas, Hamas, the terrorist organization that rules the Gaza Strip, brutally attacked Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023, Shabbat-Atzeret Simchat Torah 5784, murdering some 1,300 of Israel's residents of all ethnicities and walks of life, most of them civilians; abducted nearly two hundred hostages of all ages, and wounded thousands; and

Whereas, Israel's right to self-defense is enshrined in international law and is a fundamental principle of the United Nations Charter; and

Whereas, Israel has been a beacon of hope and opportunity for Jews around the world, providing a safe haven for those fleeing persecution and oppression; and

Whereas, the United States and Israel share a deep and abiding friendship, based on common values, mutual interests, and a commitment to freedom and democracy;

Therefore, be it resolved that Congregation B'nai Israel, Little Rock, Arkansas stands in solidarity with the State of Israel and all of its residents and supports Israel's right to defend itself against all threats to its sovereignty and the lives of its residents.

Be it further resolved that Congregation B'nai Israel expresses gratitude to President Joe Biden, his Administration, and members of Congress of both parties who have demonstrated stalwart support for the State of Israel in this horrific time of crisis; and

Be it further resolved that Congregation B'nai Israel pledges to work tirelessly to strengthen the ties between the United States and Israel, and to promote peace, security, and prosperity in the Middle East and beyond.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ON THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**

## NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

### November 3

Helene E. Block  
 Mark J. Block  
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 Howard R. Cohn  
 Betty Davis  
 Rose B. Deitz  
 Emanuel Dreidel  
 Flora Seisel Dreyfus  
 Joe A. Feibelman  
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 Ella D. Small  
 Joseph Spiegelman  
 John Towbin  
 Paul Yoder

### November 10

Maurice L. Altheimer  
 Robert Axelroth  
 Joseph David Back  
 William Back Jr.  
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 Stanley Bauman Jr.  
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 Leslie Marks Strauss  
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### November 17

Delsie Gans Altman  
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 Bernese O. Thalheimer  
 Henrietta Volmer  
 Bernard Waltzer  
 Sonia Waltzer  
 Rabbi Louis Witt  
 Louis L. Wolfort

### November 24

Priscilla Brown  
 Lee Eichenbaum  
 Clare Grabin Fein  
 Louis Froug  
 Saul Goodman  
 Stanley Goodman  
 Mose Hartman  
 Bertha L. Heilbron  
 Hattie Heiman  
 Charles F. Hexter  
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 Minnie Kahn  
 Bertha Knoff  
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 Elsa Klein Rosenthal  
 Gayle Wise Slager  
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 Joe Storthz Sr.  
 Naomi Breitowich Zottoli



**WE RECORD  
 WITH SORROW THE DEATH  
 OF OUR MEMBER**

***IRVING SPITZBERG, JR***

*Husband  
 of Virginia Thorndike  
 Brother of Paul (Barbara)  
 Spitzberg*

**WE RECORD WITH SORROW  
 THE DEATH OF OUR  
 MEMBERS RELATIVES**

***VIRGINIA MACHEN***

*Mother of  
 Mary Machen (Liz Lucker)*

***NEVA BISTOLFI***

*Grandmother of Dina  
 (Patrick) Ifrah  
 Great-grandmother of  
 Isabella and Jules Ifrah*

*In the rising of the sun, and in its going down, we remember them.*

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.*

*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.*

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.*

*In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.*

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.*

*When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.*

*So long as they live, we too, shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.*

### 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.



### 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:



The T'shuvah Task Force wishes to thank those congregants who have responded to the opportunity to participate in the creation of our Community Covenant (Brit Kehillah). We are working on incorporating your vision into the document and look forward to sharing the Covenant with the congregation. It's not too late to share your ideas! How would you like to see Jewish values reflected in your Temple community? Share your thoughts by emailing the TTF Chair, Carmen Arick, at [clarickmd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clarickmd@sbcglobal.net).

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**SAFETY, SECURITY,**  
*and*  
**PEACE OF MIND**

NO BETTER TIME THAN  
 NOW!

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.

**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.