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THE RABBI SPEAKS

RABBI BARRY BLOCK



To everything there is a season, and a time for every experience under heaven.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1).

For some three decades, David Bauman has directed and led worshipful music for our congregation, his brother Steve and “music wife” Jana Cohen most often at his side.

After attending Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) gatherings and hearing his daughters, Katie and Annie, singing after they came home from Jacobs Camp, David knew that a revolution was afoot in congregational worship music, and he was determined that Congregation B'nai Israel not be left behind. Having made music, most of it secular, throughout his life, and with multiple musical talents—on various guitars, keyboards, and vocals—and serving in Temple leadership, David was uniquely positioned to spearhead the local version of that revolution. It would happen slowly, service by service, evolution more than revolution, bringing the congregation along to a new style that would include more contemporary settings and increased congregational singing. The effort David led brought music to Congregation B'nai Israel that would be the envy of much larger congregations in considerably larger cities.

Across these thirty years, David has consistently honed his skills and his repertoire. He attended *Hava Nashira*, URJ's songleading confab, on numerous occasions, enhancing his technique and learning new pieces, all for the congregation's benefit. David's and Steve's parents, Bobby and Bud Bauman, of blessed memory, established Bauman Music Fund, enabling the congregation to bring leading Reform Jewish musicians from across North America to Little Rock and our Temple. The Bauman Music Fund has also enabled us to upgrade our sound systems from time to time.

Several years ago, when Rabbi Katie Bauman had taken the helm as Senior Rabbi at Touro Synagogue, David and Kathy went to be with Katie, her family, and her congregation, on Yom Kippur. Thanks to the foundation David had laid across the decades, David was missed, but the music went on, beautifully.

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

SHABBAT ATZERET-SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE with Consecration of new religious school students, Siddur (prayerbook) presentation for our new Hebrew students, and Yad (Torah pointer) Ceremony presentation to our 5784 B'nai Mitzvah students

Service led by Rabbi Block, Cantor Dubov, and Eileen Hamilton

Oneg Shabbat Host: Shelly Baron
Bima flowers in memory of Marie Seeman Spitzberg, by her family.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

MISHKAN T'FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE

led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: “Whom Do We See First?”

Music: Richard Estelita, accompanied by Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat Host: Regina, Perry, Sophia, Justin, and Phillip Young.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

MISHKAN T'FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE

led by Rabbi Block and Elana Arian, Bauman Music Fund artist in residence, and Temple volunteer musicians

Pre-nuptial blessing of Rickie Lockwood and Robert Oliva.

Oneg Shabbat Host: Rickie Lockwood and Robert Oliva, in honor of their upcoming marriage.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

MISHKAH T'FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE

Led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: “Sacrifice and Its Reward”

Music: David Bauman

Oneg Shabbat host: Carol Parham.

This year, we experienced the same, as David and Kathy went to New Orleans on Rosh Hashanah.

This time, though, a different plan laid behind the trip to New Orleans. Yes, being in the synagogue for High Holy Day services led by one's daughter is a unique experience, enhanced by the joy of welcoming the New Year surrounded by one's grandchildren, and David and Kathy had deprived themselves of those joys for our benefit for too long. At the same time, this year's trip was planned as part of a transition, as David steps down as the leader of our High Holy Day music.

The future of music at Congregation B'nai Israel is bright. We have welcomed our first-ever student cantor as a recurring presence in our midst. The Bauman Fund, now alongside the E. Lee Ronnel Fund for Cantorial Music and the Lilah and Ronald Mulkey Sacred Music Fund, enable us to assure the continuing high quality and deep meaning of our worship music.

And thankfully, David Bauman is not going anywhere. We look forward to his continuing to lead us in worship on Friday nights and to join in the ensemble on High Holy Days and other special occasions.

The quality and inspiration of music at Congregation B'nai Israel is and will always be built on the foundation that David Bauman built and a tribute to the inestimable gifts that David has bestowed upon our congregation with love. And we look forward to honoring David's incomparable contributions on a special occasion in the months to come.

As David and all of us transition to a new era, may David and our congregation continue to be blessed with good health and joy.

Faithfully,




Sukkot and Atzeret/Simchat Torah 5784 – 2023

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 pm

9:30am, Torah Study in the Library

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

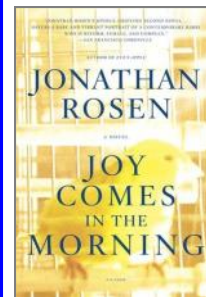
*Outdoor events at the Temple, including those held in the Sukkah, will not be livestreamed, as we do not have Wi-Fi outside.

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

SATURDAY MORNINGS IN OCTOBER

Shabbat Atzeret-Simchat Torah Morning: Saturday, October 7, Torah Study at 9:00 am, led by Rabbi Block; service, including Yizkor-Memorial prayers, led by Rabbi Block and Student Cantor Dubov

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by Rabbi Block throughout October. Shabbat Morning Services at 11:00 am, led by Rabbi Block on October 14 and 28. Led by Rabbi Block and Elana Arian on October 21.

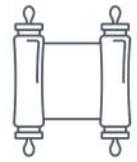


AL BARON BOOK CLUB

Sunday October 1 ~ 3 pm in the library

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

By Jonathan Rosen

SIMCHAT TORAH, CONSECRATION, SIDDIR 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 Grace Harris, Asher David Hillman, Jordyn Avery Johnson

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

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



The Bauman Music Fund presents..

Elana Arian

Artist-in-Residence

October 19-22, 2023

Thursday, October 19

**Singing and sharing dinner with our
Temple volunteers**

Friday, October 20

Musical Service with Sermon-in-Song, 6:15pm

Saturday, October 21

Leading Shabbat Morning Worship with Rabbi Block, 11am

Kiddush Lunch: "Music as Midrash," approximately 12pm*

Sunday, October 22

Musical morning with our Religious School Community, 9-11:30am

**There is no charge for Kiddush Lunch, but reservations are required, no later than close of business of Thursday, October 19, TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us or 501-225-9700.*

A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and prayer leader, Elana Arian is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. Elana's music is part of Jewish life across the globe.

Elana serves proudly on the faculty of Hava Nashira (Oconomowoc, WI), the Wexner Heritage Foundation (Aspen, CO), Shirei Chagiga (London, England), and as an instructor at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, where she teaches in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Elana has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Tanglewood, and perhaps most memorably, five separate appearances at the (Obama) White House.



HONORING OUR MEMBEERS OF 50 PLUS YEARS

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm hosted by Jan and Larry Alman

Services and a 50+ year blessing at 6:15 pm

Shabbat Dinner follows at 7:15 pm hosted by Becca and Andrew Perin

Dinner reservations are requested by Monday, October 30, 5 pm at \$18/person. After October 30 through November 2, reservations are \$25/person. Dinner is \$30 at the door. Children are \$10.00.

Fifty plus year members are our guests for dinner, put please RSVP, as reservations are required.

Mazel Tov to our family members who have been part of the B'nai Israel community for 50 or more years (in order of longevity):

Ann Storthz
Janice Thurow
Alan Thalheimer & Betsy Gray
Raida Snyderman
Toos & Arthur Pfeifer
Don Pfeifer & Maggie Hogan
Bettye Korenblat
Sallye Mann
Ann & Richard Williams
Candy Levy
Nancy and Tad Phillips
Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

Judy Grundfest
Dale Ronnel
Janet Franklin
Judy Pearlstein
Bonnie Nickol
Susan Lesser
Jerry Sherman
Judy and John Selig
Sandra Pruitt
Nan Selz
Evelyn Harberg
Ruthe Kaplan

Mozell Zimmerman
Beverly Wittenberg
Morris Levy
Harold Tenenbaum
Nancy and Claud Alexander
Barbara and Bruce Thalheimer
Carol Mendel
Karla and Larry Back
Loris and Jay Fullerton
Tracye and Larry Townley
Van Gates

If a name that should be on this list is missing, whether your own name, or somebody else's, please notify Eileen Hamilton, 501-225-9700 or ehamilton@bnai-isrel.us



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. 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 18th to designated high schools, we need that also.

Any questions? Contact Kirsta Nigro, kirstanigro1@gmail.com or at 501-425-9188, to let her know if you can help!



The Season of Our Joy and Fulfillment – Sukkot

Passover is the Season of our Freedom. Shavuot is the Season of our Encounter with the Divine. Now, at the beginning of October, we welcome Sukkot – the Festival of Huts – the Season of Our Joy and Fulfillment. It is a time of gratitude as we celebrate the ripening of fruit and grain. Here in Arkansas, we see the harvesting of crops – rice, soybeans, cotton, corn, wheat, and grain sorghum.

Our Temple community has gathered to celebrate the beginning of a New Year, Rosh Hashanah, and to seek atonement as individuals and as a community for our misdeeds and sorrows during the Days of Awe culminating in the Day of Atonement on Yom Kippur.

As I reflect on these gatherings at Temple over the past month, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude. Serving as your Temple's President has given me the opportunity to discover the depth and breadth of the Gifts of the Hand our members so willingly offer not only during the High Holy Days, but also throughout the year. At Yom Kippur, we recognized our volunteers by publishing the names of our congregants who have given of their time and talents over the past year. Reading that long list of names elicited so much joy and gratitude in my heart!

The generosity of our community's Gifts of the Hand extends across a broad range of areas: musicians, religious school teachers, Service & Torah Study lay leaders, office volunteers, Temple tour docents, Hebrew & B'nai Mitzvah tutors, Our House dinner volunteers, youth group, Oneg sponsors, Challah bakers, Shabbat dinner sponsors, Kiddush lunch sponsors, Afghan refugee volunteers, officers and board members, committee chairs and members for Adult Learning, Caring & Sharing, Cemetery Foundation & Family Assistance, Chronicle/Communication, Community Outreach, Ehrman Fund, Endowment Fund, Historical Archives, House & Grounds, Key Club, Kitchen, Membership & Social Engagement, Religious School, Music, Technology, Ritual, Security, Investments, Fundraising, Legacy, Teshuvah Task Force, Kulanu Initiative, and Sustaining Fund. The list could go on with other undesignated areas of service!

In conclusion, the members of our community come together and give of their time and talents as we strive to provide a warm and welcoming sacred space for study, worship, and assembly.

Blessed are you, my friends,
 In our moments of celebration together
 And our moments of service to each other.
 Blessed are You, God of all being,
 Source of our lives,
 Creator of joy and gratitude.

(*Giving Thanks* by Alden Solovy in *This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day* (2017))

Welcome to our newest members:

ברוכים
 הבאים
 Welcome
 BRUCHIM HABAIM

**Justin and Candice Hillman
 and children Asher and Ronen**
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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



On the first day of religious school, we all made OMG Jars. If you're wondering what that is, it's sort of undefined. But here was my idea: an OMG Jar would be a vessel to capture the many questions and moments that make us wonder about God. We cannot see God, so our jars have a mirror affixed to the bottom of each jar, so we can look at ourselves if we want to see God. As we all know, we were all created in God's image (*B'tzelem Elohim*). Then our students are encouraged to add things. Perhaps a moment when something so great happened (OMGoodness) and it should be recorded for posterity. And when we have a question, problem, or even dilemma (OHMyGosh), that can be added as well. Sometimes things are so awesome and unexplained, they can only be put into the OMG heading. And these things can be written down and kept, because they are so special or so life changing, they have no other place besides an OMG Jar. I asked our students if they added things or what they added. One replied she added money to save for tzedakah. One student didn't choose to share because it was private and meant between him and God. God is super hard to understand. Our concepts change as we change. Our ideas develop as we develop. Our faith waivers as we experience life – the good and the bad, the challenging and the amazing. No one has the 'right' answer when it comes to God. And no one can define someone else's feeling about God for them.

When I was in religious school as a kid, I don't remember talking about God much. I learned blessings, how to read Hebrew, facts about symbols and Jewish customs. But I never learned about how to understand God or develop my own feelings about God. I hope our year of learning together here at religious school will allow us to speak openly about God and learn more about how to communicate with God, and how God speaks to us. We have done so already with some stories, and today we reminded students to not judge a container by what is on the outside, rather what is contained within. God is in our hearts and minds; in our brains and in the world around us. And God is now in our jars. God takes up the room in the jar, but there is always more room to add in something, large or small, because God can help us navigate large and small questions and issues. We can breathe air in the jar and there is still room for God. And we can cram our jars full of treasures and trinkets, and yes, there will still be room for God. And if nothing else, we can always gaze at our own faces and know that we are all God's creations.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR OCTOBER:

Religious School dates for October: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Confirmation Class dates: October 4, 18, Nov. 1

Midweek Hebrew – Wednesdays on Zoom: October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1



Marla Shivers, on the arrival of her granddaughter, Margot Violet Shivers Crane, born to Jason Shivers and Melissa Crane in Buffalo, NY.

Charlene and Chuck Prousnitzer on the birth of their grandchild, Wesley Philip Prousnitzer, born on September 13 to Meredith and Gene Prousnitzer.

Adam Hoffman, whose son Sam, a senior at Parkview High School and a madrich (teaching assistant) in our religious school, was named a National Merit Semifinalist.



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

Judith Coffey
Jill and Steve Bauman
Alison and Virginia Vann
Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler

Shabbat Luncheon Hosts:
Emily Adams and Carmen Arick
Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Brian Marshall
- 2nd Janet Korenblat
Andrea Neloms
- 3rd John Selig
- 4th Suzi Davis
Scott Levine
Amber Thomas
- 5th Lauren Johnston
Heather Tolliver
- 7th Pat Highley
- 8th Susie Rosenthal
- 9th Neil Elenzweig
Steve Ronnel
Carole Weisbly
- 10th Jessie Curtis
- 12th Jordan Collins
Justin Collins
- 13th Annette Arnold
Allan Gold
Vivian Gold
Cheryl Streiff
- 14th Julie Shindler
Larry Townley
- 15th Joy Figarsky
Jay Marks
- 16th Billie Parker
- 17th Gus Block
- 18th Judy Pearlstein
- 19th Ed Figarsky
Dianne Richard
Leslie Singer
- 20th Russ Parish
- 21st David Gerson
Jo Lawton
Robert Rosen
- 22nd Jackie Bendorf
Beck Major
Susan Schnitz
- 23rd Jay Fullerton
- 24th Elizabeth Daniel
- 26th Mary Machen
- 28th Shelly Baron
Harper Johnson
Miranda Keith
- 29th Janet Crafton
Susan Willis

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 2 Laura and Brad Joseph 33 years
- Nov. 4 Dina and Patrick Ifrah 23 years
- Nov. 10 Jan and Larry Alman 39 years
- Nov. 22 Robynn Zinser & Jim Pfeifer 39 years
- Nov. 23 Marilyn and Earl Sorrells 38 years



Thank you to those who supported Key Club this High Holiday Season

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Rose and Eddie Back, Glenn Block, Audrey and Don Evans, Stanley Goldberg, Liz Cohen and Lauren Johnston, Susan and Robin West.

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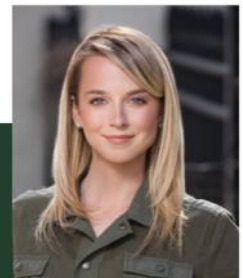
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“All of the people Israel are responsible for each other.” – Talmud Shevuot 39a.

Dear Friends,

Each year as we celebrate our High Holy Days, we take time to honor and celebrate the fullness of human experience – joy, repentance, abundance, faithfulness, and so much more. For many Jews here in Arkansas and around the world, that human experience includes struggling with addiction and substance use disorder. In particular, the use and abuse of opioids increasingly threatens the fullness of life that our faith promises and the *Tikkun Olam* that our faith calls us to. **We want to take the first step in addressing substance use disorder in our community and the stigma that often surrounds it, and we hope you will join us.**

On October 22nd, 2023, we are calling together the Jewish community of central Arkansas for an educational event to learn more about the science of addiction and its effects on the brain and body, and to hear personal stories of addiction and the joy that can be found in recovery. You will also have the opportunity to reflect on your own story with addiction – how it has affected you, those you love, work, and play with, and your community. You will also be trained on how to administer the life-saving drug Narcan, which reverses opioid overdose.

According to a Canadian study, 41.2% of Jews reported knowing someone currently struggling with an addiction, and 23.5% of respondents reported having a family history of alcohol or drug abuse. These statistics are echoed in a research study published in the *Journal of Addiction*. However, there is a persistent myth that addiction does not exist or is not as severe among the Jewish community, and “over the years, this long legacy of denial among Jews has resulted in unnecessary pain, heartache, and a great deal of alienation from Judaism by those suffering from addiction. It has also served to prevent some suffering Jews from seeking or accepting appropriate help.” (C. Glass, “Addiction and recovery through Jewish eyes,” in *Addiction and Spirituality: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, O. J. Morgan and M. Jordan, Eds., Chalice Press, St. Louis, Mo, USA, 1999)

We hope you will join us at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Synagogue Agudath Achim**, as we seek to educate, reduce stigma, save lives, and build a healthy community where all can thrive.

Blessings,

Sue Weinstein
Past President, Synagogue Agudath Achim

Annabelle Imber-Tuck
President, Congregation B’nai Israel

Rev. Katy Chambers
Associate Pastor, Pulaski Heights UMC



Addiction
An Educational Program
for the Jewish Community

When: Sunday, October 22nd, 2:00-4:00PM
Where: Synagogue Agudath Achim,
7901 W Capitol Ave., Little Rock

Special Guests: Mr. Jimmy McGill, former Director of
Peer Services, AR Department of Human Services and
Officer Tommy Norman, NLR Police Department

- Stories of addiction
- How opiates affect the brain
- Narcan training
- Share your own stories

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OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

October 6/7

Celina Adler
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October 13/14

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October 20/21

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Syd Waltzer

October 27/28

Bob Arnold
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Robert Joel Covin
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Ann Glubok
Gladys Ottenheimer Hirsch
Pauline Levy
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WE RECORD WITH
SORROW THE DEATH OF
OUR MEMBER

**REBECCA "BECKY"
BLASS**

wife of Gus Blass III

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.

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.

Thank you to those who sponsored security costs for this High Holiday Season:

- Jan & Larry Alman
- Rose & Eddie Back
- Shelley Ballew
- Rabbi Barry Block
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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.

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