

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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## TEMPLE

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### THE RABBI SPEAKS

#### RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

Rabbi Eric Gurvis tells the story of a benefactor who offered to build a new synagogue for the community, with one condition: Nobody in the community would see the plans for the synagogue until after it was built!

On the day of the new synagogue's dedication, the community marveled at the building's singular beauty—the stunning tapestries, the exquisite windows, and the magnificent holy ark. As evening approached, though, and the sun began to set, people began to notice that no lighting was installed in the sanctuary! How could that be? How would people see when they gathered for worship at night?

The benefactor stepped forward and explained: “You’re right. I did not install lighting in the sanctuary. However, I have a lamp for each of you, and hooks have been attached to the synagogue walls, one for each person. Each time you come to the synagogue, bring your lamp. The hook is waiting for your lamps. You will bring the light into the sanctuary.”

We are living at bleak time for the Jewish people in Israel, here in the United States, and around the world. To state the obvious, your rabbi always wants you to come to Temple. In this moment, though, we **need** to be together, each of us bringing our light, to dispel the sadness and horror we have experienced since October 7—for victims, hostages, and internal refugees in Israel, to be sure, and also for ourselves as we face antisemitism at a level unprecedented in most of our lifetimes.

Please join us on January 5 and 26 for worshipful music and prayer, lighting and warming the Sanctuary at a time when the nights are long and cold, with Aleksandra Dubov, our E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor. Please join us on January 12, to hear from Dr. Joseph Margolick about his time in Israel volunteering with Magen David Adom, bringing light to the Jewish State.

### WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN JANUARY

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

**MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE**  
Led by Rabbi Barry Block and E. Lee Ronnel  
Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov  
Sermon: “Women at War, in Ancient Egypt and  
Contemporary Israel”  
Oneg Shabbat host: Ruthe Kaplan,  
in memory of Phil’s birthday  
Security Sponsor: Terry Orgel

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

**MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE**  
Led by Rabbi Block  
Special Guest Speaker Dr. Joseph Margolick  
reflects on his experience volunteering with  
Magen David Adom in Israel  
Music: Jana Cohen and Friends, accompanied by  
Perry Young  
Security Sponsors: Carol Parham,  
Shelley Ballew

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

**MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE**  
led by Rabbi Block  
Sermon: “Confronting the Tenth Plague”  
Music: Jana Cohen  
Oneg Shabbat Host, Bima flowers, and Security  
Sponsor: Trip, Steve, and Susan Strauss  
in memory of Shirley Strauss

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

**MISHKAH T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE**  
led by Rabbi Block and E. Lee Ronnel Student  
Cantor Aleksandra Dubov  
Sermon in Song: Songs of War and Deliverance  
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Doris Krain and Bonnie  
Nickol in honor of their special birthdays  
Security Sponsor: Dan Roda

*(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)*

After that January 12 service, we will light up the social hall with Shabbat dinner, hosted by Becky and Jay Marks, an opportunity for us to share our light with one another.

Every Sunday at Religious School, our students, faculty, and madrichim light up the Temple with learning and joy under the leadership of Eileen Hamilton. Our volunteers—singing, cooking, leading, and so much more—bring light to us all.

The winter solstice has passed. Even though the coldest part of winter is likely yet to come, the minutes and then hours of daylight will increase each day this month. Each of us can be partners with God by bringing our own light to Congregation B'nai Israel every Shabbat and every day in between. The “hooks” for our lights are installed.

*Faithfully,*



### **Dr. Joe Margolick to Reflect on Volunteering in Israel at Services on January 12**



In November, our congregant, UAMS trauma surgeon Joseph Margolick, M.D., spent three weeks in Israel, volunteering with Magen David Adom. He has graciously agreed to share his experience with our congregation during Shabbat services on Friday, January 12.

Joe is much to be commended, as is his wife, Lauren, who held down the fort in Little Rock with their daughter Ari.

Please join us to hear Joe’s experiences and to celebrate his safe return with Lauren and Ari at a Shabbat Dinner to follow the service. Our hosts for dinner will be Becky and Jay Marks.

Please make reservations for dinner by January 10 for the cost of \$18.00/adult. After that date, the cost increases. To make reservations, call Temple office at 501.225.9700 or email TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us by Jan. 10.

## **SATURDAY MORNINGS IN JANUARY**

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by Rabbi Block each Saturday morning in January.

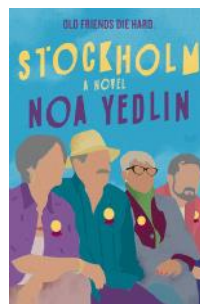
Shabbat Morning Worship at 11:00 am, led by Rabbi Block each Saturday morning in January, together with Cantor Dubov on January 6 and 27.



### **Cantor Dubov to Present Sermon in Song: Songs of War and Deliverance**

Each year, when we *Parashat B’shallach*, the Torah portion that includes the Song of the Sea, which our ancestors sang upon crossing the Sea of Reeds on dry land, we celebrate *Shabbat Shirah*, the Sabbath of Song. This year, that Shabbat falls on January 26-27, and Aleksandra Dubov, our E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor, is appropriately scheduled to be with us that Shabbat!

At the Friday evening service on January 26, Cantor Dubov will plan to present a sermon in song: “Songs of War and Deliverance.” Please plan to be with us for this very special Shabbat worship experience.



### **AL BARON BOOK CLUB SUNDAY, January 21st**

**3:00 PM IN THE  
LIBRARY  
STOCKHOLM**

By Noa Yedlin

Avishay is up for the Nobel Prize for Economics. But there’s just one problem—he’s dead. His four closest friends agree that the well-earned prize must stay within his grasp, and so conspire to conceal Avishay’s corpse until the committee’s announcement. The potential of a glorious legacy for their late friend – and by extension, for them all – is only a mere eight days away. What could go wrong? How far will this foursome go to help their friend die a winner?



## Another New Year – Time to Express my Gratitude

Another New Year – 2024 – has arrived. The earth in the Northern Hemisphere now begins to experience longer periods of daylight. We are emerging from darkness with small incremental increases of sunlight. Before we know it, spring will bring Arkansas out of the grey of winter into a bursting sea of green trees!

As I reflect on this past year, my heart swells with gratitude for the time and talents so many congregants give to maintain the Temple's facilities and foster a welcoming and safe place for our members and guests. With that in mind, it seems like a perfect time to highlight a few of our volunteers who have taken on monumental tasks over the past year.

Did you know that Janet Korenblat has singlehandedly engineered a kitchen remodel project? Janet not only pushed for funding, but she also spent hours with the contractor planning out what needed to be done and staying on top of every detail throughout the construction project. Thanks to her devotion to this Temple, we should have an updated kitchen this month!

Obviously, improvements to the Temple's financial operations, if done properly, will not be generally known to the entire congregation until the Annual Meeting each June. Our current Treasurer, Shelly Baron, saw a need for several improvements in our accounting system and the budget process, as well as arranging for a new part-time bookkeeper and a new CPA. This just describes the "top of the iceberg". In essence, Shelly has brought our financial record-keeping into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

The Temple building has undergone several improvement projects necessitated by the need to provide better security in these times of rampant antisemitism: New front doors, window treatments, increased numbers of surveillance cameras, with all this integrated by computer for ease of communication with law enforcement. Carol Parham and Brian Rosenthal put their shoulders to wheel, consulted with the FBI and local law enforcement about priority needs, obtained funds for those priority needs from the Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation, and secured quotes from contractors. All of this has been done since the Colleyville synagogue hostage crisis in January 2022. Most recently, a security assessment has been done by Secure Community Network (SCN). Carol and Brian have given their all to provide a safe place for our community to come together!

When I originally asked Carmen Arick to propose a Community Covenant (Brit Kehillah) for our congregational community, she did not know that her charge would be expanded in the fall of 2022. Eventually, I appointed a Teshuvah Task Force (TTF) chaired by Carmen Arick along with Dr. Brad Diner, Elizabeth Cohen, Nan Selz, Carol Parham, and Rabbi Barry Block. The Teshuvah Task Force was charged with two goals: first, to understand where the congregation 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. Since the beginning of the TTF's work, it created an opportunity for congregants to meet and share their own experiences and feelings. As we approached the High Holy Days this year, the TTF arranged for Rabbi Mary Zamore, the Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network and a nationally recognized expert on ethics and safe places, to offer programs during the weekend of Selichot. The TTF has now presented its recommendation for a Community Covenant (Brit Kehillah) to the Board of Trustees. This recommendation is based on extensive research gleaned from other congregations, the URJ, and conversations with our congregants. The dedication and commitment shown to this community by Carmen Arick and all members of the Teshuvah Task Force is both amazing and humbling!

In the Mussar tradition, we are told to keep two notes in our pockets; one note says, "I am dust and ashes", and the other note says "The world was created for me." Those reminders point out that humility must stand on a foundation of self-esteem. Eventually, our physical bodies will be "dust and ashes". One of the first tasks that faced the founders of Congregation B'nai Israel was to secure ground for a cemetery. The Sesquicentennial of Oakland Jewish Cemetery will be in 2024. Larry Alman is currently Chair of the Cemetery Foundation, and Richard Estelita oversees family assistance. Richard has been working for months to update our cemetery records and arrange for a cloud-based cemetery management software that will enable our members to open the Oakland Jewish Cemetery map and click on an individual plot to view burial information, photographs, and related documents. Richard has also spearheaded the revision of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Deed Templates, and Cemetery fees. Once again, the dedication and commitment of Richard Estelita and Larry Alman to the proper maintenance of our cemetery and cemetery records is a lasting gift to the past and future of our community.

On behalf of the entire congregation, let me express my heartfelt gratitude to our members highlighted in this article and to all our volunteers who give their time and talents so generously.

Wishing each of you a Healthy and Happy New Year 2024  
Annabelle Imber Tuck, President



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

We all have perceptions of things. That person was not dressed appropriately. His hair is too long. Her voice is too loud. Children should sit quietly at services. Do not double dip. The list goes on and on and to be honest, it is hard to live in this world with so many opinions about what is polite, and proper, and the 'right' way. I have my own thoughts and perceptions too, and of course, my views are right too. Even though I know there are two, if not more, sides to every discussion. I have worked in temple life for 30 years, and the discussion about children and services has stayed the same. We want children to participate and be at Temple, but many want them to sit quietly. Yes, my own mother gave us the 'stink eye' plenty of times for not sitting still in services. My brothers were punished by not being able to go to the Oneg Shabbat once for messing around during services.

Anyway – upon asking our young families about their desire to attend services on Fridays, some of the comments came back that they felt uncomfortable because others judged them. They felt self-conscious about the stares and perception of their children's movements and noises during services. Therefore, they choose not to come. And when our older members ask, 'where are the young people' because they love the idea of youth in Temple...well this could go round and round for days – about who said what, and who had the 'stink eye,' and what is right and what is wrong. And in the end, there is no right or wrong answer. The right idea, of course, is to welcome everyone – of all ages, and all habits, and idiosyncrasies – double-dippers, the loud, the quiet, the playful, and the stoic, all in one room to observe Shabbat, in whatever way feels right. I delivered words many times from the pulpit, with my two year old on my hip. He saw me on the Bima, and he had no other idea other than being with me. I balanced the best I could to work and be his mom. I wanted him to feel Shabbat by being in the sanctuary and for him to be part of the community, but it was not easy sometimes when he cried and fussed to come to his mommy. My husband did his best, but when a toddler wants his mom, it is all over. I wish

we could all remember those times when we were in that place and boat. I remember traveling with two kids under four on a plane, by myself. I am sure the other passengers saw me coming.... some with smiles, others cringing.

In January, we are going to start a young family/young children Shabbat experience again in the same fashion as the previous Shabbat Kids Club, this time called Shabbat Sandwich, which wraps up all our Shabbat experiences between our two pieces of bread/challah. We all have different things we add to sandwiches, different condiments, some people like sandwiches thicker, and others grilled or toasted. We all have special components we add to make them exactly right for ourselves. I hope you will take all that is delicious to you and add it to your Shabbat experience as we navigate what makes Shabbat a balanced and delectable 'cuisine' for all congregants, of all ages and styles, and of course, opinions.

### JANUARY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES:

Sundays, January 7, 14, 21, 28

Confirmation Class: Wednesday, January 10 & 24

### New Shabbat Program with Young Families and Children especially for Young Families and Children.



#### HERE IS WHAT WE LIKE IN OUR SHABBAT SANDWICH...

Blessings Family Fun Candles  
Kiddush Challah Learning Friends  
Love TEMPLE Stories Memories  
Projects Songs

Meet us on Friday, January 26 at 5:45 pm for Oneg Shabbat. Then join in the sanctuary for the candles, kiddush, and blessing of the children, and then off to learning, fun, and family time. Bring a packed dinner of your favorite sandwiches – all things 'Shabbat delicious', just for you.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1st Sam Levin
- 2nd Adam Hoffman
- 3rd Alma Baker  
Catherine Norwood  
Dale Ronnel
- 4th Bonnie Nickol
- 5th Charles Alman  
Eoin Dockter  
Bruce Greenberg
- 6th Stacey Ronnel  
Janice Thurow
- 7th Ellen Korenblat  
Becky Marks
- 8th Greyson Reiss
- 9th Martha Alman
- 10th Tricia Gold  
Clara Spivey
- 11th Aniko Diamant
- 12th Nancy Alexander
- 14th Jo Sears Harkins
- 15th Shirley Friedman
- 16th Elaine Lowens
- 17th Harper Harris
- 18th Rylee Krupitsky
- 19th Jude Schlesinger
- 20th Debbie Brady  
Eileen Hamilton  
Jack Perin
- 21st Ellyn Polsky
- 22nd Capi Peck
- 23rd Jill Bauman  
Keith Nigro
- 25th Charlotte Rudofsky  
Vivian Rudorsky

*Birthdays continued....*

- 26th Andrew Casciano  
Sean Gibson  
William Siegel
- 27th Isabella Ifrah
- 28th Howard Bresnik
- 29th David Shell

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- February 6 Judy and John Selig 42 years
- February 14 Rivka and Harry Ehrenberg Jr. 10 years
- February 14 Lee and Ricky Harris 7 years
- February 16 Betty and David Rosen 47 years
- February 18 Elaine and Rick Lowens 20 years
- February 19 Becca and Andrew Perin 12 years
- February 19 Melinda and Lou Tobian 29 years
- February 21 Alison and Austin Vann 10 years



**LaFTY NEWS, by Ben Casciano,  
Religious and Cultural Vice President**

Three or four times a year, LaFTY does a social action project. We recently participated in an event at the Historic Arkansas Museum where we ran an exhibit on Judaism in Arkansas. Our families brought a variety of Jewish ritual items that we explained to the visitors. Children at the museum played the dreidel game that we had set up. We had about 300 visitors. Overall, it was a positive experience for us and our visitors, but I must recognize how fortunate we were. When I was heading to and participating in the event, I worried about the safety of our youth group amid increased hatred directed at Jews. This makes me realize, though, how important our exhibit was. It can be dangerous to be publicly Jewish, but educating the community about us is how we can work to combat hate.

The following weekend, LaFTY hosted the first ever “Latkes, Lox, and Laffs” event and had several friends from school over. We made latkes and sufganiyot, played a few games (some of our own invention,) lit candles, and explained Hanukkah to our guests. LaFTY stayed for a lock-in immediately after. We provided a fun and educational experience for our guests.

We are in a hard time now, but that will not stop LaFTY from having Jewish experiences and interacting with the community. We must continue to educate those around us.

## DONATIONS

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Anonymous  
In memory of Bill Eiseman  
Fran Eiseman

### Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Sheila Fine  
In memory of Don Gordon  
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In memory of Elsa Rosenthal  
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In memory of Flora S. Franklin  
Jane and Bob Goff  
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Nan Selz  
In memory of Justin Komiss  
Patty and Herb Monoson  
In memory of Dr. Ray Biondo  
Mary Biondo  
In memory of Bertie Mack  
Susan and David Mack  
In memory of Ted Baer  
Milt Baer  
In memory of Alvin Strauss, Jr.  
Tracye and Larry Townley  
In memory of Rita Slutsky  
Galina and Michael Krupitsky  
In memory of Barbara Schlesinger  
Kelli and Scott Schlesinger and family  
In memory of Eleanor Gross  
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In memory of Catherine Nachmann  
Pat Highley and Arnie Nachmann  
In memory of Janet and Arnold Mayersohn and  
Bettye and J.W. Fullerton  
Loris and Jay Fullerton

### Endowment Fund

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Stacey and Mike Ronnel  
In memory of Phil Kaplan  
Jane Lovett Holt  
In memory of Jerry Sherman  
Jo Ellen Hartman

### Storthz Religious Education Fund

Dr. Rosana Diokno and Dr. Ron Sanders  
In memory of Jerry Sherman  
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Anna Marks  
In memory of Joan Allenberg Giraud  
Ann and Phyllis Storthz

### Meir Chayim Camp Scholarship Fund

Tom Slatton  
Dr. Rosana Diokno and Dr. Ron Sanders

### Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund

In honor of Chairperson Janet Korenblat and for  
providing the wonderful Hannukah luncheon of  
December 12th.  
Van Gates

### Wilma C. Diner Fund for Education

In memory of Jerry Sherman  
Debbie and Brad Diner

### Salinger Landscape Fund

In memory of Irving Spitzberg  
Peggy Klug

### Levy Camp Scholarship Fund

In honor of Keith Nigro's birthday  
In honor of Scott Levine's birthday  
In honor of Laura and Allan Gold's 50th anniversary  
In memory of Joan Allenberg Giraud  
In honor of Larry Townley's birthday  
Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

### Pfeifer Community Outreach Fund

Shelley Ballew

### Security Donations

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### RESOLUTION CONCERNING CREDIT CARD USE AT CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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**NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW!**  
Thank you for all the generous support received since last month.

**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.

**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.

**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](https://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:



## JANUARY YAHRZEITS

### January 5/6

Louis Blass  
 Clara Zinn Block  
 Max Block  
 Ray Solmson Bluthenthal  
 Barbara Brookes  
 Dr. Wilma C. Diner  
 Jennie Book Diner  
 Sarah Harris Donner  
 Lucille K. Ehrenberg  
 Eva Morris Elias  
 Clarence Randel Epstein  
 Warren Faupel  
 Norman N. Fein  
 Irma Frankel  
 Bettye Fullerton  
 J.W. Fullerton  
 Lillian Brenner Gealt  
 Yale I. Glubok  
 Richard Steven Hillman  
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 Maurice Joseph Jacobson  
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 Hollis Pruitt  
 A. Allen Quick  
 Brooks Rosen  
 Mary Rubin  
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 Pauline Ticker

### January 12/13

David Alexander  
 Blanche Alman  
 Sol Alman  
 Sophie Ceitlin  
 Mabel Cohen  
 Larry Dumont  
 Debbie Friedman  
 Mary Julia Heczal  
 Doris M. Hoffman  
 Charles W. Kaiser  
 Rabbi J. Aaron Levy  
 Max Lifshitz

### Jan. 12/13 continued

Edward Meyers  
 Renee Miller  
 Arthur Pfeifer  
 Morris Phillips  
 Joanne Reagler  
 Maurice Roby  
 Annette J. Sanders  
 Harry Schneider  
 Sam Schwartz  
 Sylvia Schwartz  
 Mamie Dreeben Spear  
 Birdie Razeper Tenenbaum  
 Mollie Liffland Utter  
 Sol Waldman  
 June M. Wolf

### January 19/20

Gus Blass  
 Alice Young Camp  
 Barnett H. Cohen  
 Ernest E. Ellman  
 Mary E. Gans  
 Sarah Gold  
 Marx Goldstein  
 Martin Greenberg  
 Marion Lee Levy  
 Jane B. Mendel  
 Leonard J. Ottenheimer  
 Miriam Zavadoff Rabkin  
 David Reagler  
 Anita Scherer Reikes  
 Ralph Reutlinger  
 Morris H. Rosen  
 Jeanette Rubin  
 Dan Schwartz  
 Sydell Siegel  
 Gertrude M. Solmson  
 Adrienne R. Steppach  
 Moses O. Stern  
 Jess B. Thalheimer  
 Haskell Wolff

### January 26/27

Stephen Biller  
 John F. Bolts  
 Arthur Bott  
 Rebecca Navra Cohen  
 Pauline R. Crum  
 James Davidson  
 Carolyn Schott Ducker  
 Molly Fleisig  
 Flora Oppenheimer Fox  
 Ellen Rae Kaufman  
 Fannie Safferstone Klein  
 Lionel H. Kohler  
 Ruth Goldman Kretchmar  
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**WE RECORD  
 WITH SORROW THE DEATH  
 OF OUR MEMBER**

***JEROME SHERMAN***

*father of Karen Sherman*



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

***SAUNDRA NELOMS***

*mother of Andrea Neloms*



**JACOBS CAMP**

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**★ BENEFITS OF WORKING AT JACOBS CAMP**

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- Self Discipline
- Multi-tasking
- Interpersonal Communication
- Managing Up
- Leadership Development
- Conflict Resolution
- Teamwork
- Flexibility
- Ability to Have Fun

**The Light Does Not Go Out**

Pictured below is Yaakov Tyberg, nephew of Ellyn Polsky, cousin of Julie Polsky, Sadie and Gabe Elson. Yaakov is lighting Hanukkah candles inside of their armored vehicle in Gaza as he serves the IDF in this time of war.



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.**

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- ◆ WILMA C. DINER FUND
- ◆ LEIBS REL. SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- ◆ STERN LIBRARY FUND
- ◆ LUBER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- ◆ STORTHZ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND
- ◆ KIMBRELY CAROL JORDAN MEMORIAL FUND
- ◆ E. LEE RONNEL FUND FOR CANTORIAL MUSIC
- ◆ MEMORIAL FUND FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH
- ◆ LEVY FUND FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH
- ◆ TEMPLE MEIR CHAYIM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- ◆ GRUNDFEST ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- ◆ PFEIFER ISAACSON FUND FOR YOUTH GROUP
- ◆ BAUMAN FAMILY MUSIC FUND
- ◆ MULKEY FUND FOR HHD MUSIC
- ◆ HALLIE COHEN MILLER ARCHIVE FUND
- ◆ MEMORIAL PRAYERBOOK FUND
- ◆ CHARLES NEWFELD FUND FOR INTERFAITH RELATIONS
- ◆ SISTERHOOD LEGACY FUND



**Alex Daniel**, B'nai Israel Board of Trustees Member and religious school committee chair, who was awarded Teacher of the Year at Episcopal Collegiate School.

**Liz Lucker and Mary Machen** whose son, Spencer Lucker, received a 2024 Purpose Award from Purpose Jobs, celebrating individuals who are making the world a better place. The award states that Spencer's 'work is centered on bringing diverse groups together to solve structural problems. He's mission-driven and focused on building authentic partnerships.'

**Stanley Goldberg**, on his 95th birthday, from his sister, Faye.