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THE RABBI SPEAKS

RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

Visual art inspires our congregation every time we gather to worship in the Sanctuary. That sacred space was envisioned by architects Noland Blass, Jr. and Eugene P. Levy, both of blessed memory. The architects were not responsible, of course, for the trees that we see through the windows before us, but they did make the significant design decision that virtually all of the east wall of the Sanctuary should be glass, floor to ceiling, and they did urge Temple leadership to leave the property in its natural state. Though the Sanctuary is only about fifty yards from Rodney Parham Road, worshipers in the Sanctuary see only the natural world when we are gathered during daylight hours. We behold the environment of the Natural State in its ever-changing “attire” across the four seasons. The holy ark, its tapestry and its gates, evoke powerful symbols of Judaism, as do the tapestries in the back of the room. Over the years, I have been delighted and surprised to notice something new, particularly in looking at the ark, though I’ve seen it hundreds of times.

Many congregants have remarked that *Mishkan HaNefesh*, our High Holy Day prayerbook, is a work of visual art.. Yes, many of the prayers in those books are poetry that is art in itself, but that’s not what I mean, and I’m not even referring to the full-page wood-block art. Those gold and silver volumes are works of art in their color and design, enhancing the worship experience.

During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, when we could worship only on Zoom, we longed for our Sanctuary, but our services were beautified by CCAR Press’s “Visual T’filah” to accompany our prayerbook, *Mishkan T’filah*. The artwork that accompanied the prayers, serving as our on-screen prayerbook, is “Paper T’filah,” visual biblical commentary created by Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik. Many congregations use this extraordinary artwork year-round, not only when services have to be held on Zoom only. In less beautiful sanctuaries than ours, Isaac’s evocative creations are projected on screens, enhancing worship with visual art.

On February 2-4, members and guests of all ages will have the opportunity to interact with paper midrash and its creators, Rabbi Shawna and Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik. They will speak about that on Friday night. Then, on Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning, adults, teens, and children of our congregation will be the artists!

See next page

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE
Led by Rabbi Barry Block**

**Guest Artists in Residence: Isaac and Rabbi
Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik**

“A Visual Sermon on Parashat Yitro”

Music: Jana Cohen, Teddy Ferguson, Brent James
Wedding Blessing of Joy Figarsky & Jay
Lazerowitz

Oneg Shabbat hosts: Joy Figarsky & Jay
Lazerowitz in honor of their marriage
Security Sponsor: Kelli & Scott Schlesinger

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE
Led by Rabbi Block**

Sermon: “Abortion in Torah and in Arkansas”
Music: Liz Cohen, Jonathan Holland, Sunny Baker
Oneg Shabbat host: Pat Highley & Arnie Nachmann
Security Sponsor: Nan Selz

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE
led by Milo Krain, Rabbi Block, and E. Lee
Ronnel Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov
Sermon: “Securing the Sanctuary”**

Farewell Blessing of Emily Lewis
Oneg Shabbat host: Doris Krain in honor of Milo
Flowers and Security sponsors: Sylvia Amsler &
Lewis Krain in honor of Milo’s Bar Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
MISHKAN T’FILAH SHABBAT SERVICE
led by Rabbi Block**

Sermon: “All the People of Israel”
Music: Perry Young, Jonathan Holland, Sunny
Baker, Josiah Wheeler
Oneg Shabbat Host: JFAR in honor of Marcy Paul,
new Executive Director
Security Sponsor: Annabelle Imber Tuck

(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)

The details are inside this *Chronicle*. Rabbi Shawna and Isaac emphasize that **everyone** can be the artist. No skill, talent, or experience is required. You do, however, need to make a reservation, as materials and space will be limited, except that there will be room for all Religious School students, faculty, and parents on Sunday morning.

Please join us to enhance the already magnificent visual art of Congregation B'nai Israel!

Faithfully,




SATURDAY MORNINGS IN FEBRUARY

Torah with Knives, by Rabbi Shawna and Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik, will serve as our Torah Study and Shabbat Morning Worship on February 3. Reservations required and limited to thirty people. Secure your reservation by contacting TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us or 501-225-9700.

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Rabbi Block on February 10, 17, and 24. Please note that Torah Study on February 17 will be abbreviated, ending at 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Worship on February 10 and 22 at 11am, led by Rabbi Block

Bar Mitzvah of Milo Krain: Saturday, February 17, at 10:30am

Please share in our joy as our son
MILO JOSEPH AMSLER KRAIN

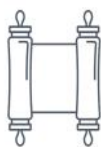
is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, February 17

10:30 am

Kiddush Luncheon follows

Sylvia Amsler and Lewis Krain



JEWISH NATIONAL FUND-USA

Invites you to

**BUILD TOGETHER: JNF'S
RESILIENCE PLAN FOR THE
GAZA ENVELOPE-USA**

**Featuring speaker: RUSSELL ROBINSON, CEO,
Jewish National Fund**

Thursday, February 27, 6:30 pm—registration

7:00—8:30 pm—program and reception

Program held at Congregation Agudath Achim

Program is in partnership with Congregation Agudath Achim,
Congregation B'nai Israel, and Jewish Federation of Arkansas



MILO KRAIN'S BAR MITZVAH PROJECT

Milo will be helping to run the little free pantry at Unity Martial Arts (the dojo where he practices Cuong Nhu, a form of martial arts). The charitable arm of Unity is called Solid Stance, and they are part of the **EngageAR Little Free Pantry program**. Outside the dojo there is an old newspaper dispenser (one of 100 of these that were distributed around the state of Arkansas for this purpose) that is used to distribute food and personal care items. Information about the program and the items collected for the pantry can be found here: www.engagearkansas.org/littlefreepantryproject.

Donations are collected at the dojo on an ongoing basis. Milo will be responsible for keeping the pantry stocked by checking it a few times per week, then gathering items from the indoor storage shelves to restock the pantry. He would be happy to collect donations from the Jewish community to help keep the storage shelves stocked.

ASPIRING TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF LOVE AND CARE by Annabelle Imber Tuck

The ethical covenant at Mt. Sinai fostered strength and resilience in our ancestors. Similarly, I believe the time has come to foster strength and resilience for this sacred congregation through the adoption of a community covenant, **a Brit Kehillah**. Under the able leadership of Carmen Arick, the Teshuvah Task Force researched and developed a proposed Community Covenant (**Brit Kehillah**) for Congregation B'nai Israel.

With some minor revisions, the CBI Board of Trustees has now approved the proposed Community Covenant (**Brit Kehillah**). This covenant embodies an **aspirational** values-based code of ethics. As stated in the introduction to the covenant, it is a tool, rooted in the wisdom of our tradition, that will guide us as we seek to fulfill our responsibility to build a community of love and care.

The overarching values in this Brit include:

B'tzelem Elohim – Every human being is created in the Divine Image
K'dushah – Holiness; “You shall be holy, for I the Eternal your God and holy.”

*Lev. 19:2. To be holy (Kadosh) is to be set apart from the ordinary (chol).
 In aspiring to holiness, we commit to act in God’s ways by striving to adhere
 to the highest ethical standards in our behaviors and attitudes.*

Yosher – Honesty

Kavod – Honor. Our behavior should cause others to view us, our synagogue,
 and the Jewish people with favor.

Tzedek – Justice. CBI believes everyone entering our sacred space has the right
 to feel safe and respected. We believe we are morally and ethically responsible for one another.

Rachamim – Compassion



A list of bullet points under each of these overarching values sets forth specific ways in which we will seek to conduct ourselves individually and as a sacred congregation. Once again, please note that this **Brit** is **aspirational** in nature. As a “work in progress”, each of us individually and as a congregation knows that it is not for us to complete the work. But, neither should we desist from trying to conduct ourselves in accordance with the values of **B'tzelem Elohim, K'dushah, Yosher, Kavod, Tzedek, and Rachamim**.

A copy of the entire Community Covenant (**Brit Kehillah**) is available in this edition of the Temple Chronicle, as well as on the CBI website. In the coming weeks, I hope that you will review the community covenant and share your thoughts with me and any officers or board members. As a living document, the CBI **Brit Kehillah** will be amended and updated as lived experience requires.

My prayer is that we, individually and as a congregation, will participate in building a community of love and care. The CBI **Brit Kehillah** can serve as our inner North Star; that is, providing direction and helping us stay on course. Through our journey together, we can nurture strength and resilience in each other and in this sacred community.

With many of us feeling fear and anxiety as conflict on the national and international stage seems to be spiraling out of control, the eternal question arises: What can we do to help ourselves and each other amid so much pain and suffering? In other words, how do we as individuals and as a community respond?

Do we retreat into despair, cynicism, or nihilism? Or do we follow the example of our ancestors when they escaped physical slavery in Egypt, only to be faced with forty years of wandering in the desert? Mt. Sinai is the symbolic “high place” where all of us (those present at that time and all future generations) entered into a covenant with each other and with the Source of Existence. That covenant reflects certain eternal ethical values. Just as we initially “missed the mark” at Mt. Sinai (the Golden Calf), we reflect on our own misdeeds every year during **Yom Kippur**, with the understanding that **Teshuvah** opens the door to rebirth or renewal. Our tradition in the **Pirkei Avot** teaches that we are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are we free to desist from it. We don’t give up or fall into despair. We try again and again and again!

What is the “Secret Sauce” in Judaism? It is the belief that we are “works in progress” and that it is our responsibility to make the world a better place (**Tikkun Olam**). In short, we keep hope alive from generation to generation.

So, how does our sacred community keep Hope alive amid an exponential increase in threats against Israel and in antisemitism worldwide? I don’t pretend to have a “silver bullet” answer, but we have the power to keep Hope alive in our community by coming together and being there for each other. With each other’s help and support, our strength and resilience can be nurtured to withstand these dark times. Our people over the ages have seen dark times come and go. We don’t let the Light go out! May we go from strength to strength in the journey of life.

TO READ THE BRIT KEHILLAH DOCUMENT: [CLICK HERE](#)



Join ISAAC & RABBI SHAWNA B2 at CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL in LITTLE ROCK for



A PAPER MIDRASH WEEKEND!

FEBRUARY 2-4, 2024

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO OR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT
TEMPLESECRETARY@BNAI-ISRAEL.US OR 501-225-9700

FRI 5:45PM: SHABBAT SERVICES WITH VISUAL POP CULTURE TORAH SERMON
SAT: "TORAH STUDY WITH KNIVES" PAPER CUTTING WORKSHOP & "STREET ART" TEEN WORKSHOP
SUN: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: FINGERPRINT MOSAICS



THIS PAPER MIDRASH WEEKEND IS MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY A GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE LOIS G. STERN LIBRARY FUND

SEE EVEN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS ON PAGE 6

Kiddush Lunch – Saturday, February 3 following 'Torah Study with Knives' with Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, Kiddush lunch hosted by Rabbi Barry Block
Reservations for Torah Study are required.

Lunch is at no charge, but reservations are requested by Jan. 31

*Torah Study with Knives and services are combined for this special program.

Shabbat Dinner—Friday, February 2 following services Hosted by Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler
Meet our artists in residence, Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik

Reservations due by Jan. 31 for \$18/person.
After 1/31 to 2/1, the price increases to \$25/person.
Price at the door, \$30.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Gus Blass III
Tess Kramer
Lee Thalheimer
Kathryn Tull
Sam Vogel Jr.
- 2nd Sheree Meyer
John Oakes
Harold Tenenbaum
- 3rd Cidney Hulett
- 4th Muriel Lederman
- 5th Gay Block
Astrid Dockter
Susan Lowitz
- 6th Daniel Berleant
- 8th Leonard Hasson
Sydney Lowitz
- 9th Stephen Rousseau
Brian Storrie
- 13th Joyce Franklin
- 14th Emily Hooks Vaughn
Aaron Lubin
- 15th Joan Collins Irwin
- 16th Kelli Schlesinger
- 17th Julianne Grundfest
- 18th Kathy Grundfest
Franklin Richard
- 20th Nancy Rousseau
- 21st Melissa Coffey Hulett
William H. Friedman
- 22nd Brooke Daniels
- 24th Natalie McGarry
Angelica Wolf
- 25th Jerry Bendorf
Jenny Boshears
- 26th Leah Elenzweig
Joseph Margolick

Birthdays continued....

- 26th Arnie Mayersohn
- 27th Ellen Lowitz
- 28th Eli Krupitsky
Michelle Lemaire
Earl Sorrells
- 29th Brad Joseph
- 30th John Sokora
- 31st Donald Evans
Trip Strauss

SAVE THE DATE TO HONOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

Friday, March 1 for Services followed by a Shabbat Dinner in their honor.

The Shabbat Dinner is hosted by Kirsta and Keith Nigro and Krysten and Mark Levin.

Reservations are required by February 28.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

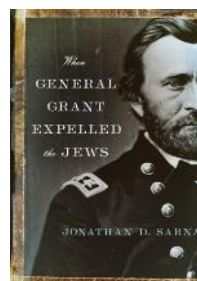
- March 5 Kirsta and Keith Nigro 15 years
- March 11 Elizabeth and Alex Daniel 13 years
- March 20 Joanne and Charles Matson 31 years
- March 21 Jill and Jon Flaxman 25 years
- March 22 Luci and Don Rodell 44 years
- March 25 Eileen and Larry Hamilton 29 years
- March 26 Alena and Aaron Cousins 13 years
- March 28 Susan and David Mack 43 years
- March 29 Joan and Larry Nafe 44 years
- March 30 Rebecca and Alan Kauffman 40 years

AL BARON BOOK CLUB

**Sunday, February 25
3:00 PM in the Temple Lobby**

‘WHEN GENERAL GRANT EXPELLED THE JEWS’

By Jonathan Sarna



On December 17, 1862, just weeks before Abraham Lincoln announced the Emancipation Proclamation, General Grant issued what remains the most notorious anti-Jewish order by a government official in American history. Never before had Jews become an issue in a presidential contest and never before had they been confronted so publicly with the question of how to balance their "American" and "Jewish" interests. Award-winning historian Jonathan D. Sarna gives us the first complete account of this little-known episode—including Grant's subsequent apology, his groundbreaking appointment of Jews to prominent positions in his administration, and his unprecedented visit to the land of Israel. Sarna sheds new light on one of our most enigmatic presidents, on the Jews of his day, and on the ongoing debate between ethnic loyalty and national loyalty that continues to roil American political and social discourse.

creating

meaningful

Jewish moments

and bringing out the artist in each participant. ...



SIGN UP NOW FOR AN AMAZING WEEKEND OF TORAH CREATIVITY with Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, artists in residence

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

See below for the full schedule of events for the weekend. Reservations are required for some of the workshops. Space is limited for some of the programs/workshops.

*** Torah Study and Services in one unit on February 3.
Plan on being present for the whole time/thing starting at 9:30 am.**

Paper Midrash is a unique opportunity for our community to be immersed in a fusion of Jewish scholarship and creative expression with Isaac & Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik as our artists and scholars in residence.

This isn't just any weekend; this is an extraordinary experience carefully curated to elevate your community's spirit. Imagine a weekend where every moment is a masterpiece — a canvas painted with excitement, discovery, and shared passion. Brace yourselves for a weekend that transcends the ordinary, where each workshop and presentation is a highlight.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, February 2: Oneg Shabbat and Services beginning at 5:45 and 6:15 pm, followed by Shabbat Dinner, hosted by Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler.

VISUAL SERMON by Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik during the dinner.

Reservations* are requested by Wednesday, January 31. \$18.00 person until 1/31, then the price increases.

SATURDAY, February 3, 9:30am-12pm: "Torah Study with Knives" will serve as our Torah Study AND Shabbat Morning Service. It will be a papercutting workshop for adults and teens (limit 30). Take your artwork home.

Reservations* are required, as space is limited. The workshop is free.

Kiddush Luncheon follows the workshop with the artists. Lunch hosted by Rabbi Barry Block. Reservations* are requested for planning purposes. No charge for lunch.

Afternoon "Street Art Prophecy" spray paint project for youth group and all in 6 - 12 grades. (Limit 30). Learn about Tel Aviv street culture and create original stencil art for a group wall art project. Time to be announced.

SUNDAY, February 4, 9:00 am: "Fingerprint Mosaic: project for Religious School students and parents. Together, create a keepsake mosaic Tallit for our sanctuary. All hands (fingerprints) on deck for this special creation.

***Please make reservations by contacting the Temple office, TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us or 501-225-9700.**

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

I often feel overwhelmed by passwords, usernames, and codes in general. I cannot tell you how many times I am locked out of a website or portal because I just cannot keep up with how many passwords, their iterations, and intricacies there are to keep our business private and secure. Then we have the double authentication process for banking. Now we have a new security system to watch the monitors and check them in case of a breach, and the coding and decoding of the entry doors. I have a big notebook of all the details, yet somehow, the one I need is not written down or it has changed or expired. My head is overflowing with information, and sometimes I can remember random facts and trivial tidbits, but I cannot remember my own address, the last 4 of my SSN for just a minute, and then it all comes back to me because these are important details of my life. Where did the information go for that split second and from where was it retrieved?

On any given Sunday morning, we have a lot of information to share with our students. We pack it in tight, changing subjects and activities as much as every 20 – 30 minutes. We have so much to cover in such a short time. And then our students leave. And go on their way to school, sports practices, and music lessons, just to name a few all week. And then once again on Sunday morning, we throw Jewish learning at them again. Sometimes teachers are astounded about what was ‘not learned’ week to week, and how it is even possible that all that we went over just one week ago is now lost.

Or is it? Perhaps it has been stored in a special place only to be called upon again in the future. Like a secret password or username. I am becoming surer about this phenomenon the longer I am a Jewish educator. I tell teachers to not judge themselves too harshly; one never knows when that information will pop out and emerge as a miraculous moment of clarity. Will it become the subject around the dinner table, of a paper in college, or even impetus for a future career? Or will it be useful when our students grow up and have the confidence to teach religious school themselves, no matter where they live?

I know that a number of students will walk away from their religious education and never use it or talk about it. I also know that many will grapple with recalling the information when they want it and need it; and will regret that it was so far stored away, and it is so hard to call it up to the forefront. But I also know that it sticks with us, and even if it is tucked away and written down somewhere else, or we need to reset that password, the information is stored well within us all. What was not stored can be added...Jewish learning is for a lifetime.

FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES:

Sundays, February 4, 11, 25

Confirmation Class: Wednesdays, February 7 and 21

No religious school on February 18



LAFTY NEWS, by Roxy Sonnier, Programming VP

You know what time it is!
LaFTY Month rundown!

This month LaFTY has been and will continue to be wild. We had a meeting to brainstorm the Purim Carnival, and if you would like to help we are accepting donations and would really appreciate it! We want this year to be our best year yet! Following that meeting, the board members kept busy with planning future meetings and get-togethers! Speaking of which, at the end of January we will be having a fun party to celebrate the birthdays of our members! We'll be going ice skating to get our winter sports time in while it's still cold out. So HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JANUARY BABIES! Before January, we had a long break full of fun and celebration! While the break was fun it feels INCREDIBLE to be back! LaFTY had fun with our snow days while keeping up with school. Starting off February with a BANG, we will hold a fun program with Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynnejard-Bialik called "Israel Street Art Prophecy" where we can add some great decoration and color to our LaFTY room walls while learning all about what is going on in Israel right now and Israeli culture. We hope all teens in our congregation will join us.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL LAFTY PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 31: 11:00—12:30 pm

More details to come about all the fun to be had.

**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A
PURIM CARNIVAL SPONSOR to help our
youth group put on this extraordinary event.**

**Carnival Admission is FREE
with a donation to LAFTY!**

**Includes unlimited games and lunch for all
religious school students.**

**To become a Purim Carnival sponsor, please
contact Mira Krain—miraCK08@outlook.com**



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February 2/3

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 Janice Brewer
 Roy B. Dumont
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February 16/17

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**WE RECORD
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*husband of Kathy
 brother of Steve Bauman (Jill)
 nephew of Judy Grundfest
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Sandy Levin
*wife of Fred
 mother Kirsta Nigro (Keith)
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 Grandmother of Hallie Pingel,
 Philip, Sam, John Austin, and
 Alice Levin.*



**WE RECORD WITH
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 OUR MEMBER'S
 RELATIVE**

HAROLD CEITLIN

Brother of Bonnie Nickol

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

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:



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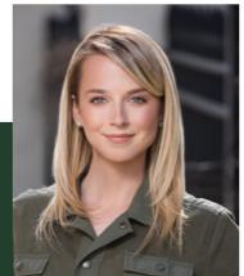
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Joy Figarsky and Jay Lazerowitz,
on their recent marriage.

Annabelle Imber Tuck, who was honored with the Rector Award by Fifty for the Future. This esteemed award is bestowed annually to a Central Arkansan or group of individuals who has made significant civic contributions over the course of their career.

Micky Simon, who was appointed to the Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of **Sam Kauffman**. Sam has moved onto the Executive Committee in the role of Secretary.