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### THE RABBI SPEAKS

#### RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

“Death by Israel sermon” is a dreaded phenomenon in much of the Jewish world. It describes the ramifications for rabbis who frankly share their perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In some communities, rabbis who do that will come under harsh criticism—sometimes from the right, sometimes from the left; and all too often, both.

I have not faced this problem since coming to Congregation B'nai Israel. While I don't doubt that some people disagree with my positions about Israel from time to time, that hasn't been expressed disagreeably.

Of greater concern to me over the years has been apathy about the Jewish State, home to over seven million of our people alongside more than two million others, with another three million Palestinians in the West Bank and two million in Gaza. Typically, the only negative reaction I have received when I've spoken about Israel has been from those who wished I would talk about something else!

All that changed after October 7. For some months, I spoke about little other than Israel and the impact of the war that resulted from Hamas's brutal terror. Congregants have been eager to learn more about Israel, and we have provided a variety of programs to facilitate that—for adults, teens, and children.

As one studies Jewish history, we find that both universalism and particularism—the impulse to focus on all of humanity and to focus specifically on the Jewish people—have waxed and waned and often existed in tension. Even in the Bible, prophetic books that suggest greater universalism are found alongside books like Ezra and Nehemiah, which are stridently particularistic.

Historically, at times when our people has been more threatened, Jews have typically been more

### WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN MARCH

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

**MEMBERSHIP SHABBAT**

**led by Rabbi Barry Block and E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor, Aleksandra Dubov, and our new members**

Oneg Shabbat hosts: Jan & Larry Alman

Security Sponsor: Audrey & Don Evans, Becca & Andrew Perin

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Rabbi Block**

**Sermon: “Dressing for Temple”**

Security Sponsor: Shirley & Bill Friedman, Loris & Jay Fullerton

Oneg Shabbat host: Esther Gordon

Bimah Flowers: Stacey & Mike Ronnel, in memory of  
Barbara Stern

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Eileen Hamilton**

Music: Richard Estelita

Security Sponsor: Julie & David Shindler

Oneg Shabbat host: Julie & David Shindler, in honor of the  
birthdays of Judy Grundfest, Kathy Grundfest, Lauren Grundfest,  
Hudson Shindler, and in memory of Alan Shindler

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Rabbi Block**

**Sermon: “Sacrifice and National Unity  
in Israel and America”**

Security Sponsor: Alexandra Ifrah, Scott Jordan

Bimah Flowers in memory of E.L. Scharff by Amber, Britt, Sara,  
& Anna Claire Mock

Oneg Shabbat host: Eileen & Larry Hamilton

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Rabbi Block and E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor  
Aleksandra Dubov, and Jonathan Holland, soloist**

**Accompanist: Brent James**

**Sermon: “Reimagining Haftarah”**

Oneg Shabbat host and security sponsor: Regina & Perry Young

*(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)*

Nevertheless, the Houston congregation in which I was raised was vociferously anti-Zionist even at the height of the Holocaust, as were some members of Congregation B'nai Israel.

At this time of deep concern for our people in Israel and of rising antisemitism in North America and around the world, our attention to the Jewish people is rightly heightened. At the same time, we would be remiss if we took this opportunity as one to withdraw from the society in which we live. We can and must raise our voices to resist oppression right here in Arkansas and across the United States, even as we act in support of Israel and our Jewish people.

Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, of blessed memory, who led this congregation with distinction from 1926 to 1963, did just that—advocating for racial and social justice in Arkansas while enunciating his concern for oppressed Jews around the world and calling for a Jewish State. We should do no less.

Faithfully,



## SATURDAY MORNINGS IN MARCH

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Rabbi Block March 2, 9, 23, and 30 and by Noah Householder on March 16.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am, led by Rabbi Block March 2, 9, 23, and 30 and by Emily Adams & Carmen Arick on March 16.

### KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 30 following services hosted by Meg Marion.

There is no charge for lunch, but your reservation is required for planning purposes.

## Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel Presents: “Poems for Our Days: Israeli Poetry Since October 7th” With Dr. Rachel Korazim Sunday, March 3, 9:30-10:45am, via Zoom

Rachel describes the session:

The calamity of October 7<sup>th</sup> and the war that followed has left Israel and the Jewish world in shock and despair. The unimaginable became our reality. As more details of the horror unfold, as we are facing the painful daily losses in battle and above all the plight of the hostages and their families, we find ourselves less and less able to talk about it. The expression most commonly used is *אין מילים ein milim* – No Words. And yet – there are those who struggle and find words to express pain and anger, despair, and abandonment.

In our session, we will read and discuss poetry written these very days. The poems are often raw and painful, while at the same time full of love and even hope. Some are written in forms of prayers such as a new “Kadish,” many reference biblical motifs such as the *Akeida* (Binding of Isaac) or Joseph in prison. Others address the new “correct” language, since one cannot say any more simple things like “I am Okay,” or the two most horrible words in Hebrew nowadays: “*הודו לפרסום*” released for publication” that precede the names of the fallen soldiers in Israeli media. The poems come from different parts of Israeli society and reflect a large variety of voices, with new ones added weekly.

*Rachel Korazim is a Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Rachel opens for her audiences a window to Israeli society through literature; through stories, poems and songs of the best of Israel’s writers, she invites listeners to engage with Israel in an innovative way.*

*Rachel teaches at Israel’s well known learning centers such as Pardes and the Shalom Hartman Institute as well as numerous world Jewish communities. Rabbi Block has studied with Rachel at the Shalom Hartman Institute. Our congregants Emily Adams and Carmen Arick have most recently studied with her during their visit to Israel to bear witness to the ongoing tragedy.*

*In her free time, Rachel enjoys scuba diving in the cenotes of Playa del Carmen in Mexico and the amazing coral sites of the Red Sea.*

*Rachel is also a very active grandmother of eight grandchildren who all live in Israel.*





## NOW IS THE TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE RABBI BARRY BLOCK'S COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

Rabbi Barry Block came to Congregation B'nai Israel in July 2013 to serve as our congregation's spiritual leader. Over the course of his tenure, he has offered a wide variety of sermon topics to foster a welcoming, wide-open tent at CBI. Thanks to his outreach, talented guest artists have brought an extra helping of *Ruach* to our liturgical experiences. Rabbi Block has excelled as a teacher of Torah and recruited prominent guest speakers, thereby allowing our members to experience many different voices and perspectives. He

has excelled in pastoral care by maintaining contact with congregants who are ill or bereaved, as well as family members who have assumed care-taking responsibility. Rabbi Block's care and concern is heartfelt, never faltering even when he is not in Little Rock. For birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and confirmation classes, he has included the entire congregation in the celebration of these joyful occasions at weekly Shabbat services. Rabbi Block has been a strong advocate on social justice issues. I realize that this advocacy may have felt uncomfortable for some of our members. Jewish tradition, however, has always encouraged our rabbis to comfort *and* challenge us.

It is a given that every person has their strengths and weaknesses. Rabbi Block is no exception! Over the past few years, there have been several administrative challenges, including tech support for equipment and staffing. These challenges made Temple operations extremely difficult for both Rabbi Block and Eileen Hamilton, Director of Administration, Education, and Youth Engagement. Through hard work and deliberate planning, we have seen improvements in dealing with these challenges.

Rabbi Block has indicated that he plans to retire from service as a congregational rabbi in July 2028. The current term in the contract between CBI and Rabbi Block was authorized by the congregation at its Annual Meeting in 2020 and includes the following provision:

“The term of this agreement shall be for four (4) years commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2025 (“Term”). The term shall extend for an additional three (3) years, unless either party notifies the other no later than June 1, 2024, that it does not wish to extend the Term. The three (3) year extension would run from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.”

In less legalese language, this provision means simply that the rabbi's term automatically extends unless the rabbi or CBI decides to end the contract. With the approach of the contract's June 1, 2024 notification deadline, the board met to discuss what action to take.

The board has a duty to consider any rabbi's contract seriously. Adhering to a thoughtful process is essential. With this in mind, I instituted the decision-making process with the Executive Committee (EC). We met on January 8, 2024. The EC agreed to submit the matter to CBI's Board of Trustees at its next meeting.

The current CBI Board of Trustees is diverse, featuring long-time members, new members, millennials, boomers, doctors, lawyers, educators, businesspeople, and retirees. During my tenure as President of CBI, I can confirm that the members of this board express their opinions without hesitation, and that there is no lack of different perspectives! In other words, this board actively represents the diversity of opinions in our congregational community.

The next CBI Board of Trustees meeting was held on January 16. All 18 members were in attendance. After concluding the regular agenda, the Board went into Executive Session. The discussion was thorough, civil, and respectful. To give board members time to reflect before taking a vote, I recommended taking a vote at the next board meeting. All agreed with that recommendation.

The Board of Trustees next met on February 20. Once again, at the conclusion of the regular agenda, the board went into Executive Session. After another thorough and civil discussion, the board voted to forego notifying Rabbi Block that the Term of his contract with CBI would not be extended. In other words, the board voted to continue Rabbi Block's tenure with CBI.

My hope is the information shared in this article provides our members with (1) the assurance that Temple leadership has complied with CBI's Constitution and By-Laws, and (2) an explanation of the reasoning behind Temple leadership's decision to extend the Term of Rabbi Block's contract for an additional three years. Of course, I welcome hearing from anyone who may have questions or comments about this decision-making process.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Rabbi Block and express gratitude for his service to our congregation. His rabbinate has overwhelmingly been a positive experience for CBI, and I look forward to his continued contributions to our vibrant community. I hope you will join me in a collective mazel tov to our rabbi!

**Congregation B'nai Israel and the  
Membership Committee**

cordially invite you to

**Shabbat Services and Dinner**

in your honor as a prospective member

Friday, March 1

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm

Services at 6:15 pm

Dinner follows

There is no charge for dinner for new or prospective members, but please RSVP by February 26.

Each new member family will be asked to participate in the service and will receive a welcome gift bag at the dinner.

*RSVP to 501.225.9700 or  
[templesecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:templesecretary@bnai-israel.us)*



**New Member Shabbat, March 1, 2024**  
**Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm with Services at 6:15 pm**  
**Dinner follows to honor all new members.**

Lauren Appell Aronson and Jonathan Aronson, and Isaac and Sam

Sunny and Eli Baker, and Harriet and Alma

Judi Coffey

Val Habrock

Jo Sears Harkins

Candice and Justin Hillman, and Asher and Ronen

Sam House

Noah Householder

Ilyse Kroman

Rose LeCompte

Susan and David Mack

Maureece Levin and Aaron Rabirotff

Katherine Stark and Jason Kennedy, and Abby

Isabella and Daniel Ticer, and Elizabeth

All are welcome to join us for dinner on March 1.

Dinner hosts are Kirsta & Keith Nigro and Krysten & Mark Levin

Dinner is complimentary for all new and prospective member families.

Dinner reservation should be made as soon as possible. \$25/person until Feb. 28; then price at the door is \$30/person

Questions about Membership Shabbat, contact Social Engagement Chair, PerryYoung—  
[perryyoung@earthlink.net](mailto:perryyoung@earthlink.net)

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1st Richard Bronfman
- 3rd Karla Back  
Glenn Block  
Anna Moses
- 4th Susan Lesser
- 8th Paul Spitzberg
- 9th Kathy Bauman  
Sandi Uretsky
- 10th Gary Ticker
- 12th Jay Lazerowitz
- 14th Alaia Smouni  
Robert Vogel  
Judith Zinser
- 15th Bettye Korenblat
- 16th Lee Harris
- 17th Hallie McGarry  
Barbara Spitzberg
- 19th Laura Bushman  
Susan Strauss
- 21st Darcy Krupitsky
- 24th Len Johnson
- 26th Jamie McGarry  
Marilyn Robison  
Phyllis Storthz
- 27th Ann Storthz
- 29th Josiah Wheeler

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

10th	Karin and Ron Bara	13 years
13th	Melanie and Bill Siegel	38 years
14th	Stacey and Mike Ronnel	22 years
23rd	Regina and Perry Young	19 years
25th	Ellen Korenblat & Luke Kramer	26 years

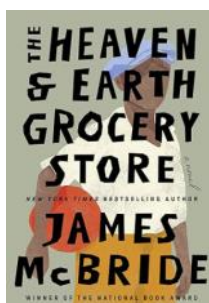


*To our new member families:*

**Lauren Appell Aronson & Jonathan Aronson**

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**AL BARON BOOK CLUB**  
 Sunday, April 7  
 3:00 PM in the Temple Lobby  
*'The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store'*  
 By James McBride



**Don Pfeifer**, on marriage of his grandson, Jacob Oneal Sutter, to Madison Jean Stephens.

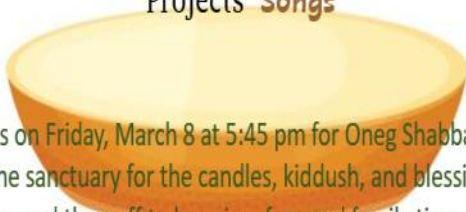
In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows.

**SHABBAT SANDWICH #2:**  
**Program with Young Families and**  
**Children especially for Young**  
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**SHABBAT SANDWICH...**

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Meet us on Friday, March 8 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.

**LAFTY NEWS, MIRA KRAIN,**  
**LaFTY President**



LAFTY has been having a wonderful time packed full of fun activities. Last month, in February, we had an art program with Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, where we learned about the power of street art and how it can be used to enact social change - especially in Israel. During this program, we saw pictures of and discussed many examples of Israeli street art and then had the chance to create our own on our amazing new chalkboard wall. The LAFTY Teen Lounge is now full of bright colors and shining hopes for the future. This month, we are heading to the NFTY SO (Southern) Spring Kallah! Our members are so excited to go and reconnect with our many friends from throughout the South and beyond! There are several LAFTY members who are active in parts of the planning process, whether they be on the ‘SO’ board or committees, so it is safe to say LAFTY is doing a great job of representing the Little Rock Area in NFTY SO.

**MARCH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**  
**SESSIONS:**

Sunday, March 3, 10, & 31  
 No religious school on March 17 & 24—  
 spring break  
 Confirmation Class Dates:  
 March 6 & 27  
 March 31: PURIM CELEBRATION

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE**  
**ANNUAL LAFTY PURIM CARNIVAL**

**Sunday, March 31: 10:30—12:00 pm**

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

**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A**  
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**youth group put on this extraordinary event.**

**Carnival Admission is FREE**  
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**To become a Purim Carnival sponsor, please**  
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**miraCK08@outlook.com**



# Adult Purim Shpiel Flori...duh: Track Suits & TikTok

## MARCH 24, 2024

6:00 PM SHMURRICANES & GATOR GROG

6:30 PM SCRUMPTIOUS DINNER -- NOT BUBBE'S EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

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



We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers prepare Oneg Shabbats, dinner, and lunches for so many occasions. The participation has increased exponentially, and each presentation has been gracious and lovely. The time and care in the preparation of the nosh or meal is greatly appreciated by all and nothing goes unnoticed. This month, we will celebrate our new and potential members at a Shabbat Dinner hosted by team Kirsta and Keith

Nigro, and Krysten and Mark Levin. Thank you to all the generous chefs and hosts we have had this year so far: Rita Fagan, Debbie Brady, Annabelle Tuck, Carmen Arick and Emily Adams, Janet Korenblat and Jan Alman, Bruce and Lynn Greenberg, Becky and Jay Marks, Ellyn Polsky and Debbie Bentley, Bonnie Nickol, Nan Selz, and Martha Alman, Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler, and Rabbi Block. We look forward to a couple more meals ala Lafty, Julie Shindler, and Meg Marion before the end of May.

There has not been a lot of discussion about meals and meal planning here at Temple unless you're one of the chefs. At B'nai Israel, we do not keep 'kosher', nor do we have a kosher kitchen. Nonetheless, we do NOT ever offer pork or shellfish products for our meals. We also do not order in pork or shellfish products such as shrimp in Chinese food or pork-based pepperoni or sausage on pizza. We all make our dietary choices personally, but when at Temple, a special and holy place embedded in Judaism in every way, we respectfully keep those 'traditionally prohibited' foods on the outside. In our policy for rentals, we use the term 'the CBI kitchen observes biblical kashrut.' There is no serving of shellfish, pork products, and catfish.

At any time, if you are providing food for an event at Temple and have a question about its permissibility, please feel free to contact us. We are here to work with you and ensure an appropriate experience for all, to the best of our ability. We sometimes err by omission and sometimes we err on the side of caution. We all try our best, but in the end, we take these times to make them into teachable moments for all, and to ensure that we respect from where we have come.

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In honor of the birthday of Doris Krain

In honor of the birthday of Dale Ronnel

In honor of the birthday of Milton Baer

In honor of the birthday of Bonnie Nickol

In memory of Sandy Shapiro

In memory of Lance Bogoslavsky

In memory of Mary Lou Cohn

Wishes for an easy move to a new city for Emily Lewis

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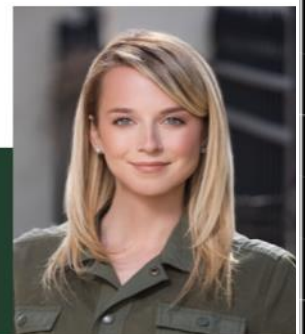
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**MARCH YAHRZEITS****March 1/2**

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**March 8/9**

Florence Marie Angel Allison  
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 Lilian Kay Eisman  
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 Steven Gofforth  
 Sara Kempner Goodman  
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 Karen McKim  
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 A. Dan Phillips  
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 Edith Ottenrider Sachs  
 Rina Beatrice Saltman Miller

**March 8/9 continued**

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 Jacob Slutsky  
 Gertrude Paul Solomon  
 Nathan Ehrlich Steppach Cole  
 Barbara S. Stern  
 Charlotte Storthz  
 Eleanor Pfeifer Strauss  
 Tracey Altschul Strauss  
 Louis Wolsey  
 Esther Zeno

**March 15/16**

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 Rosa Cohn  
 Otis Dante  
 Joseph Earl Flowers  
 Frances Frank  
 Sylvia R. Friedman  
 Arnold S. Goodman  
 Al J. Goodman Jr.  
 Earl Hammond  
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 Pete Yoder  
 Mathilde Zwirn

**March 22/23**

Hortense Rudolph Back  
 Rose Balkin  
 Shirley Weinstein Cohen  
 Geraldine Defrance  
 Herman Ehrenberg  
 Nathan H. Ehrlich  
 David G. Falk

**March 22/23 continued**

Alfred Fendler  
 Theodore R. Fox  
 Joseph Geller  
 Irene Goldman  
 Rose Besser Gould  
 Miriam Graber  
 Nell Gray Greenbaum  
 Edna Kahn Kempner  
 Sophie Kempner  
 Daniel B. Kohn  
 Harry Lasker Sr.  
 Israel Louis Safferstone  
 Eduard L. Scharff Sr.  
 Bernice Weisman Sherman  
 Maurice Herbert Soltz

**March 29/30**

Lena Koff Bresler  
 Sophie Cohn  
 Charles H. Elias Sr.  
 Maurice J. Friedman  
 William Clyde Glover  
 Dave Grundfest Sr.  
 Jennie Hartman  
 Max Jacob Hasson  
 Roland Joseph Lanoue  
 Rose H. Lasker  
 Mervin L. Leibs  
 Aida R. Levi  
 Edith Pfeifer Loeb  
 Albert Hughes McCann  
 Otto Olson  
 Peter Phillips  
 Leon Pinkus  
 Norman Riemer  
 Daniel Sanders  
 S. Clifford Scholem  
 Alma Jacobs Scott  
 Dorothy Singer  
 Ruby Thalheimer Smith  
 Lilyan Stern  
 Susan Stroock  
 Judy Taliaferro  
 Fanny Thalheimer  
 Hyman Ticker



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

***DR. LANCE BOGOSLAVSKY***

*husband of Laura*

***MARY LOU COHN***

**WE RECORD WITH SORROW  
THE DEATHS OF OUR  
MEMBERS' RELATIVES**

***MARY ALEETA REED***

*mother of Heather Tolliver*

***SANDER SHAPIRO***

*father of Susan (Mike) Schmitz*

**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. Take a photo with your phone and open up the amazing program.



**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://www.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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Congregation B'nai Israel, established in 1866, is a historical center of Reform Judaism in Little Rock and Arkansas. Our exquisite building houses treasures of art, stories, and history to be shared with those who want to learn more about Judaism. Often tour groups from local churches request a tour as part of their Confirmation class curriculum. If you are interested in leading these tours and lessons about Judaism, the congregation's history, and about our unique House of Worship, please contact the office. Training will be scheduled with our existing docents.