

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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### THE RABBI SPEAKS

#### RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

The United States is a nation of immigrants—apart, of course, from Native Americans and people whose enslaved ancestors were brought here in chains. Still, few Americans identify as immigrants or are conscious of their immigrant ancestry. American Jews are the exception. Even if our families have been in this country for generations, and even if our immigrant ancestors were not Jewish, the Jewish immigrant experience is part of our self-understanding. For many American Jews, the highest *mitzvah*, the most important religious obligation, is “Remember the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt,” repeated in the Torah thirty-six times, in one form or another.

When we sit down to our Passover Seder this month, we will recite the Haggadah’s most important words: “In every generation, each person must regard themselves as if they personally were liberated from Egyptian bondage.” The Seder is not intended only to mark an event in our people’s mythic past. Instead, this dramatic liturgical meal has the goal of inspiring us to action.

That action has most often been directed outward, at people whose oppression is not based on their being Jewish. We often advocate for racial justice and LGBTQ equality. We cannot consider immigration policy without recalling that virtually all Jewish refugees seeking to escape Hitler’s Europe were barred from this country. Our concern is heightened because many Jews are people of color, LGBTQ folks, and immigrants; but we would be committed to these causes even if none among us were directly affected by them.

In the past, though, we have all too often forgotten that Jews, too, can still be oppressed because we are Jews. The quintessential strangers of history, we can find ourselves as outsiders in the world in our own day.

The last six months have provided a reminder that none of us wanted.

As we prepare for Seder once again, scores of Israelis remain in captivity as hostages of Hamas and other terrorist groups in the Gaza Strip.

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### WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN APRIL

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**  
**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Rabbi Barry Block, E. Lee Ronnel Student**  
**Cantor Aleksandra Dubov, and Rylee Krupitsky**  
**Sermon: “Let My People Go: Ukraine on the Brink”**  
Oneg Shabbat host: Galina & Michael Krupitsky, in honor  
of the Bat Mitzvah of Rylee Krupitsky  
Bimah Flowers: Jeri Axelroth  
Security Sponsors: Susan & Philip Axelroth,  
Darcy & Eugene Krupitsky

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**  
**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Rabbi Block**  
**Sermon: “The Perils of Childbearing in Arkansas”**  
Music: Jana Cohen and Sunny Baker  
Security Sponsor: Kelley & Mark McDonald,  
Patty & Herb Monoson

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**  
**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Rabbi Block and E. Lee Ronnel Student**  
**Cantor Aleksandra Dubov**  
**Sermon: “Let My People Go:**  
**The Plight of Israeli Hostages in Gaza”**  
Oneg Shabbat host: Nan Selz  
Security Sponsor: Debbie & Brad Diner,  
Liz Lucker & Mary Machen

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**  
**SHABBAT SERVICE**

**led by Rabbi Block**  
**Sermon: “Let My People Go:**  
**Israel’s Palestinian, Druze, & Bedouin Citizens”**  
Music: Jana Cohen, Jonathan Holland, Cheryl Streiff  
Security Sponsor: Susan & Mike Schmitz,  
Patricia & Barry Solomon



*(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)*

On October 7, some twelve hundred precious souls lost their lives because they were Jews or people living among Jews in the Jewish State. Jews in the United States and around the world face unprecedented anti-semitism, often thinly cloaked in opposition to Israel, adding to the threat that has mounted from the extreme right over the course of the last eight years.

Some people claim that our outward focus has diminished our ability to care for our own people. The overwhelming majority of American Jews, though, have rallied to support our people in Israel and to combat growing antisemitism.

As we celebrate our freedom on Passover this year, our abstinence from leavened foods reminds us that our Jewish forebears suffered hardships so that we might avoid them. We have a responsibility to our people who face oppression and bondage in 5784/2024, not only in ancient days. At the same time, we have the capacity to love our neighbors as ourselves, never to let our concern for our own people blind us to the suffering of others.

Now, we are still in bondage. One day, let all be free.

*Faithfully,*




Please join  
**RYLEE CLARE  
KRUPITSKY**

and her family in celebration  
as she is called to the Torah as a  
Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, April 6th  
10:30 am

Kiddush Luncheon follows

## SATURDAY MORNINGS IN APRIL

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

Please note that Torah Study will be abbreviated on April 6, ending at 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am, led by Rabbi Block on April 13, 20, and 27—with Cantor Dubov on April 20.

**Bat Mitzvah of Rylee Krupitsky:**  
Saturday, April 6th, at 10:30am

## Passover Morning Worship Services 5784/2024

**Tuesday, April 23, at 11:00 am**

Festival Morning Worship for the First Holy Day of Passover, led by Rabbi Block and Ellyn Polsky.

**Monday, April 29, at 11:00 am**

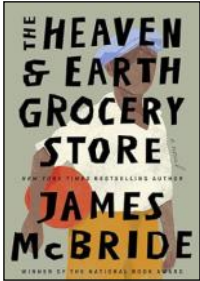
Last Holy Day of Passover, including Yizkor-Memorial Prayers, led by Rabbi Block and Jana Cohen

Both services will in the Library and will be available via Zoom with the Meeting Owl.

**Please note that our Temple offices will be closed on Tuesday, April 23 and Monday, April 29, in observance of the Holy Days of Passover.**

### RYLEE KRUPITSKY'S BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

For my mitzvah project, I have chosen the Humane Society. I am going to raise money and collect other things like pet food, towels, toys etc. Another thing I am doing for the Humane Society is I am going to volunteer there so I can help the pets in person. I am also going to donate a portion of the money I get from my Bat Mitzvah to the Humane Society. One of the reasons I am doing this for my mitzvah project is because our family got our dog from the Humane Society, and it has made us very happy. I want to be able to make others happy by adopting pets from the Humane Society. Another reason I chose the Human Society is because they rescue the animals and take care of them until someone can adopt them. In order to help me help the Humane Society I would appreciate you donating one or more of the items listed below. You can drop them at Temple B'nai Israel in the large box I have created in the lobby. We will then make sure that we then drop them off at the Humane Society. Please have all the items in the box by April 15. Thank you for donating and helping me with this project!



## AL BARON BOOK CLUB

Sunday, April 7

3:00 PM in the Temple Lobby

*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*

by James McBride

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.

**BECOME A DOCENT FOR B'NAI ISRAEL**

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.



*"Let all who are hungry come and eat"*

**Congregational Passover Seder**

**Join Temple B'nai Israel and the community for a beautifully catered Seder**

**Sunday, April 28 ~ 6:00 pm**

Please RSVP by contacting the Temple office at 501.225.9700

or [templesecretary@bnai-Israel.us](mailto:templesecretary@bnai-Israel.us)

Adult Member - \$36 Non-member \$45 Kids 10 – 18 - \$10

Kids under 10 eat free.

Vegetarian meals available by request.

The Seder is generously supported by the Charles, Freddie, and Sylvia Newfeld Fund

If the cost would prevent you from attending, please contact Rabbi Block at

[bblock@bnai-Israel.us](mailto:bblock@bnai-Israel.us)





## *L'dor vador* – From Generation to Generation

In *Pirkei Avot*, the rabbis describe how the *Torah* is passed from one generation to the next to form an ongoing chain of transmission: “Moses received the Torah at Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua, Joshua to the elders, and the elders to the prophets, and the prophets to [leaders] of the Great Assembly.” *Pirkei Avot*: 1:1. Likewise, included in the pivotal watchword of our faith, the *Sh'ma*, is the following commandment: “and you shall teach your children.”

In every generation, we Jews have been scrupulous about passing our traditions forward, knowing that Jewish survival depends on passing the torch to every generational link in the chain. The phrase *l'dor vador* (from generation to generation) has come to represent that sentiment. Each generation feels a personal responsibility to transmit The Teaching (*Torah*) to the next generation.

The transmission begins in the home, with parents, grandparents, and extended family coming together for Shabbat dinners. At the Passover Seder, the youngest child asks the question, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” That question is answered by retelling the Exodus story (*Haggadah*) throughout the course of the Seder meal.

Most of us live in communities where we are a minority. In that context, gathering together as a community becomes vitally important. We want our children to learn about their Jewish heritage and to be with other Jewish children. We have founded places of assembly, worship, and study (synagogues) and hired Jewish educators – Rabbis and other professional Jewish educators.

Here at Congregation B'nai Israel, we are fortunate to have the talent, creativity, and expertise of a professional Jewish educator. Earlier this year, Eileen Hamilton was recognized by the Association of Reform Jewish Educators for devoting 30 years to Jewish education.

The time is now for Congregation B'nai Israel to recognize Eileen Hamilton's constant commitment to Jewish education. Eileen has been an integral part of the transmission chain – *l'dor vador*! Our Religious School under Eileen's tutelage has ushered the next generation from Kindergarten to Bar/Bat Mitzvahs to Confirmation. From my interactions with many of these young people, they take pride in their Jewish identity and embrace their Jewish heritage.

We are planning to celebrate and honor Eileen's life-long commitment to Jewish Education at a CBI Spring Picnic in Murray Park on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (See Page 7 in this issue of the Temple Chronicle.) There will be no charge for attendance at the picnic. We just need [reservations](#) in order to have plenty of food and drink!

To show your family's appreciation for Eileen Hamilton and her continuing commitment to *L'dor vador* at Congregation B'nai Israel, please consider becoming a Picnic Sponsor. The Sponsorship Levels are: *Tzedakah* (\$18-\$99); *Tikkun Olam* (\$100-\$199); *Tzedek* (\$300-\$599); *G'milut Chasadim* (\$600-\$999); and *Tikvah* (\$1000+).

As the time for Passover nears, may you and your family come together for in-person Seder gatherings and continue the transmission of the Exodus story to the next generation – *L'dor vador*!


*Annabelle Imber Tuck*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Judith Coffey
2nd	Justin Young Phillip Young
3rd	Daisy Keith Amanda Williams
4th	Harry Ehrenberg Jr. Charles Newfeld Rickie Oliva
5th	Eowyn Davidson David Lowitz Betty Rosen
6th	Mark Strauss Tracye Townley
7th	Deanna Arrants Julian Keith
8th	David Pear Alexa Shemper
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27th	Katherine Hulett
28th	Mark Levi Julie Polsky
29th	Layla Bell Michael Krupitsky
31st	Isaac Mathew Aronson Shannon Davidson

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Noel & Joan Strauss	25 years
2nd	Nancy & Tad Phillips	17 years
5th	Eoin Dockter & Jessie Curtis	15 years
6th	Susan & Phil Axelroth	24 years
7th	Samuel Kauffman & Kathryn Tull	8 years
10th	Debbie & Brad Diner	26 years
11th	Jamie & Thomas McGarry	28 years
12th	Susan & David Lowitz	11 years
13th	Sandie & Aaron Lubin	35 years
15th	Isabella & Daniel Ticer	8 years
17th	Libby & Lee Thalheimer	44 years
19th	Kathy & Jack Grundfest	34 years
21st	Nancy & Claud Alexander	46 years
22nd	Heather & David Gerson	31 years
22nd	Sandi & Berry Uretsky	19 years
23rd	Deborah & Bernie Bevill	43 years
24th	Sunny & Eli Baker	9 years
24th	Charlene & Chuck Prousnitzer	43 years
24th	Aaron Rabirotff & Maureece Levin	9 years
24th	Susan & Sam Willis	14 years
25th	Melissa & Cidney Hulett	16 years
25th	Denny & Gary Ticker	44 years
26th	Galina & Mickael Krupitsky	45 years
27th	Jonathan Aronson & Lauren Appell	6 years
28th	Cori & Tim McGrath	24 years
28th	Alan Thalheimer & Betsy Gray	8 years
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31st	Betsy & Arnie Mayersohn	43 years




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- Stand together with our brothers and sisters during this most crucial moment in time
- Engage with Israeli Reform leaders and scholars for a learning experience and to offer support
- Converse with families of the fallen and the kidnapped
- Participate in hands-on volunteer activities
- Visit one of the communities affected by the actions of Hamas
- Meet with experts and learn more about the latest developments in the region
- Participate in Kabbalat Shabbat services with a local Reform congregation
- And much more...



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**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

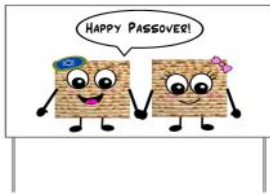
Be it further resolved that Congregation B'nai Israel pledges to work tirelessly to strengthen the ties between the United States and Israel, and to promote peace, security, and prosperity in the Middle East and beyond.

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



**CONGREGATIONAL  
ETHICS CODE** 

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



A long, long time ago, our people were enslaved in Egypt. By the grace of God and Moses as our leader, we were set free. We packed our bags, hastily made bread that did not rise, and set out on the journey of a lifetime. Each year at the Passover Seder, we are all supposed to put ourselves in the shoes of our ancestor who left slavery, wandered in the desert, and finally, reached the Promised Land. It is hard to put your feet in someone else's shoes – they are either too small, too large, too high, or too flat. The sandals of our ancestors were primitive and probably uncomfortable at best. And that is

the point. The discomfort of being a slave, then being a nomad, and of all the trials and tribulations of the journey are meant to remind us of the very arduous times. While sitting at a Seder with our family and friends is a pleasurable experience, if not for the food alone, we are asked to consider every one of the symbols on the Seder plate and table to take to heart the struggle of those who came before us. We eat matzah to represent how fast our ancestors must plan and move ahead. We are so lucky to have time to make decisions and to contemplate so much of what comes next. So many times, in our history, people have not had that chance. While it may not be as fun to eat matzah for 7 days as it is to eat whatever we want and desire, we should eat matzah and Passover foods to remind us that life is not always fun, or fair, and we cannot always have what we want and desire, all the time. For the week of Passover, we avoid leavened breads and other products that

rise such as our usual cakes and cookies, cereal, and snacks. But for these seven days we can have new things we do not usually purchase such as special Passover candies and cakes. Treat yourself to a new fruit this Passover season too. Keeping Passover does not mean to be punished. We remember the punishment of our ancestors as slaves and the punishment of being ruled by Pharaoh. But now we celebrate freedom – the freedom to make our own choices and to put ourselves in the shoes of those who had such a hard life. Giving up bread for a week is not hard. Slavery is hard. War is hard. Tragedies are hard. Eating matzah, compared to these examples, is just so easy. Enjoy.

**CBI Spring Picnic**  
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**APRIL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SESSIONS:**  
 Sunday, April 7, 14, 21, & 28  
 Confirmation Service Preparation:  
 April 10 & 24  
 Closing Day of Religious School:  
 May 5.

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

It's Purim season, and LAFTYs annual Purim Carnival for Religious School is in full swing. Filled with fun games and activities for the kids, LAFTY had a great time planning the event. Stations like face painting, "Pie Haman, fishing, and arts and crafts were a big hit, and kids accessed their competitive side with games like Gaga ball, cornhole, and axe throwing. Thank you to all members of the community who contributed to this amazing carnival, we couldn't have pulled it off without you! Whether it be by donating your time, money, or by sending your wonderful children to the event, the carnival wouldn't have been as fun without your help!

NFTY elections are right around the corner, so next year's LAFTY board is in the makings. We're all so excited to see who next year's leaders will be, and we're ready to welcome them with open arms! It's going to be a great election season for both Little Rock and the rest of NFTY SO.



**Muriel Lederman**, whose article, Type Scene: Sister Wives and More, was accepted for publication in the CCAR Journal.

**Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov**, on her forthcoming marriage to Student Rabbi Daniyel Berchenko.



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 Herman Loeb  
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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:




# 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.

The Jewish Federation of Arkansas and Congregations Agudath Achim and B'nai Israel present,

## AYA MARGALIT

Wednesday, May 1, 7pm  
 Congregation B'nai Israel



Aya Margalit is the Jewish Agency Senior Shlichah to Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, Texas and URJ Greene Family Camp. Aya is from Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak. On October 7, 2023, she lost many of her community members, former students, neighbors and friends. Since then, the goal of Aya's work has been to share her story, the story of her community and the greater Israeli community and her love of Israel.

One of Aya's students, Erez Calderon, was taken hostage by Hamas on October 7, along with his father, Ofer, and his sister, Sahar, 16. With the help of her Dallas community, Aya, her husband, and their three children returned to Nir Yitzhak in December, to keep a promise she had made to Erez's mother, Hadas, that when Erez came back, she would be there.

**Please join us in welcoming Aya to Little Rock as she shares her story about Erez, his family, her Nir Yitzhak family, and the Israel Envelope after October 7.**

*Dessert Reception after the Program  
 No solicitation*

## SHABBAT and Camp Send Off Blessings UNDER THE STARS

Friday, May 3 ~ Oneg Shabbat in the Amphitheater  
 at 5:45 pm

Worship Services at 6:15 pm

Camp Style Dinner follows.

\$10.00/person for reservations made by May 1.

\$15.00/person for later reservations.

