

# CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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## TEMPLE

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### THE RABBI SPEAKS

#### RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

In December, when the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) held its sesquicentennial celebration, it was presented with two petitions, signed by a total of over eleven hundred young adults, demanding that the Union call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The signatories identified themselves as “URJ alumni,” which seemed to mean that they were young people who had grown up in URJ congregations, camps, and youth programs, principally NFTY. URJ leaders responded admirably, seeking not to shun a segment of our Movement’s young adults, even as they forcefully declined to call for ceasefire. Our Reform Movement supports Israel’s right to defend itself, destroy Hamas’s capacity to continue to terrorize Israel and Israelis, and seek the release of hostages brutally taken captive on October 7.

Perhaps I missed some, but I did not find young people from Congregation B’nai Israel among those demanding ceasefire.

I have a theory about why I didn’t see names of our own young people on that list:

1. A substantial majority of our young people spend several summers during their formative years at Jacobs Camp, often continuing into the college years as staff members. There, they come to know dozens of Israeli staff members. They know Israel through relationships with Israelis. When Israel came under attack, our young people reached out to, and heard back from, their friends in Israel. They were worried about their friends much more than geopolitical debates.
2. Many of our young people travel to Israel in high school with their Jacobs Camp friends. Others go to Israel on Birthright or other programs when they’re a little older. Birthright isn’t for everyone, and I have happily supported a young person who grew up in our congregation who wanted to go on a more progressive program that took a frank look at West Bank Occupation. For most, it’s their first overseas trip.

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### WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE



#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN MAY

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**

#### SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS SHABBAT SERVICE

In honor of High School Seniors and Religious School Faculty, Blessing of Jacobs Campers and Staff

**Led by Rabbi Barry Block**

Music: Teddy Ferguson and Jonathan Holland

Accompanist: Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat hosts: Tricia, Jerry, Jack and Vivian Gold  
Security Sponsors: Cheryl Streiff, Sandi and Barry Uretsky

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

#### SHABBAT SERVICE

**led by E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov**

Accompanist: Diana Brandon

Sermon in Song

Security Sponsors: Luci and Dan Rodell,  
Soraya and Lee Rudofsky

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

#### LAFTY SHABBAT SERVICE

**led by LAFTY and Eileen Hamilton**

Music: Sunny Baker

Oneg Shabbat hosts: Amber Thomas and Ben Teeter  
Security Sponsor: Frances Fendler

**FRIDAY, MAY 24**

#### SHABBAT SERVICE

**led by 5784/2024 Confirmation Class—Benjamin Saul Flaxman, Caroline An Goldsholl, and Mira Chloe Amsler Krain — with Rabbi Block and E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov**

Accompanist: Diana Brandon

Oneg Shabbat and Flowers: Confirmation Parents  
Security Sponsors: Kelli and Scott Schlesinger

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

#### SHABBAT SERVICE

**Led by Rabbi Block**

Sermon: “Blessings and Curses in the Lives of Palestinian, Bedouin, and Druze Citizens of Israel”

Music: Elizabeth Cohen, Josiah Wheeler, Perry Young  
Oneg Shabbat host: Amanda Orgel

Security Sponsors: Richard Estelita and Charley Penix

*(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)*

3. Israel isn't just some other country to them. It's a place they know and have come to love—even if the love is complicated, just as it is for many Israelis, just as love for America is complex for many Americans.
4. Our young people know what it means to be in the minority. Part of the magic of Jacobs Camp is that these children and teens, who spend most of the year as one of a very small number of Jewish kids in their schools, suddenly find themselves in an environment where they do not have to explain what being Jewish means. Virtually everyone is Jewish! They appreciate that respite, and they understand the value of a nation where the majority population is Jewish, with Judaism “in the air.”

Each year at this season, Israel observes יום הזיכרון (Yom HaZikaron) Memorial Day, the day before יום העצמאות (Yom HaAtama 'ut, Independence Day. I like to say, “Imagine that our Memorial Day were on July 3. Perhaps the focus would be on those who have given their lives for our country, as it is in Israel, not on pool parties and barbecues.” This year, more than ever, Israelis will mourn their losses, our losses, before breaking into muted celebrations of Israel's independence. Let us grieve and then celebrate alongside our people in Israel, praying for better days ahead.

Faithfully,



*Federal Judges meet with Tal Becker, diplomat, advisor, and international law expert who played a leading public role on the legal team defending Israel in the case brought before the international Court of Justice by South Africa accusing Israel of Genocide in January 2024. Judge Rudofsky is in the front row, far right.*



*Judge Rudofsky introducing Reuven Rivlin, who served as the tenth President of Israel, 2014—2021.*

## SATURDAY MORNINGS IN MAY

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Rabbi Block on May 4 and 25, by Rose LeCompte on May 11, and by Noah Householder on May 18.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am, led by Rabbi Block on May 4, by Cantor Dubov and Annabelle Imber Tuck on May 11, by Emily Adams and Carmen Arick on May 18, and Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov on May 25.

## Kiddush Luncheon

**Saturday, May 25, 12:00 pm**

Featuring Congregation B'nai Israel Member

**The Honorable Lee Rudofsky**

Federal District Judge, Eastern District of  
Arkansas

Reflecting on his experiences participating in  
the World Zionist Congress Federal Judges  
Mission to Israel

Hosted by Lynn and Bruce Greenberg

No charge, but reservations required by contacting  
Lane, 501-225-9700 or

[TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us)

*See photos below...*

*Federal Judges participating in the March 2024 World Zionist Congress Mission to Israel met with Israelis affected by the October 7 assaults, saw towns affected by Hamas, and heard from specialists on international legal matters.*





**AL BARRON BOOK CLUB**

**Sunday, May 26**

**3:00 PM in the Temple Lobby**

*The Wolf Hunt*

By Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

Award-winning author Ayelet Gundar-Goshen returns with a timely and suspenseful exploration of the fault lines in a community, a school, and a family, as a mother begins to suspect her teenage son of committing a terrible crime. Israeli immigrants, the family has now lived in the U.S. long enough that they consider it home. But after a brutal attack on a local synagogue shakes their sense of safety, Adam enrolls in a self-defense class taught by a former Israeli Special Forces officer. There, for the first time, he finds a sense of confidence and belonging.



# CBI Spring Picnic

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**Sunday, May 5 @ 5PM**

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

**AYA MARGALIT**

**Wednesday, May 1, 7 pm**

**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 Yitzchak. 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 Yitzchak 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 Yitzchak family, and the Israel Envelope after October 7.

Dessert Reception after the Program.



**Service of Confirmation**  
**Shabbat Eve, Friday, May 24, 2024**  
**Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm, Service at 6:15 pm**  
**led by the 2023-2024 Confirmation Class**

**Benjamin Saul Flaxman**

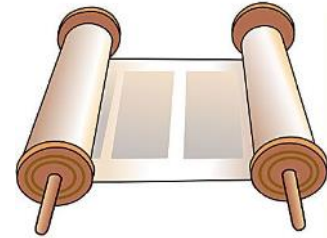
Son of Jill and Jon Flaxman  
 63 Deauville Circle, 72223

**Caroline An Goldsholl**

Daughter of Cherry Landfair and David Goldsholl  
 36 Ivers Drive, 72223

**Mira Chloe Amsler Krain**

Daughter of Sylvia Amsler and Lewis Krain  
 215 Crystal Court, 72205



Dessert Reception to Follow the Service, hosted by Confirmation Parents

**Our High School Graduates 2024**

<u>High School Graduates</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Headed To:</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Sam Hoffman	Parkview High School	University of Arkansas	Adam Hoffman Meredith and Briac Riddle
Jules Ifrah	Pulaski Academy	University of Mississippi	Dina & Patrick Ifrah
Tess Kramer	Central High School	Undecided	Ellen Korenblat & Luke Kramer
Rafael Levi	Parkview High School	Gap Year	Beth Levi Duff Campbell
Hannah Rose Lopas	Conway High School	Hendrix College	Susan Clark & Matthew Lopas
Hannah Reagler	Arkansas School for Math, Sciences, and The Arts	College of William and Mary	Karen & David Reagler
Mimi Reagler	Hot Springs World Class HS	Washington University	Karen & David Reagler
Alexa Shemper	Pulaski Academy	University of Alabama	Lori & Josh Shemper

**Our College Graduates 2024**

Jordan Collins	Hendrix College	Daughter of Joannie Collins
Isabella Ifrah	Hendrix College	Daughter of Dina & Patrick Ifrah
Hallie Pingel	University of Central Arkansas	Daughter of Krysten & Mark Levin and Jeff Pingel



*If we have additional high school or college graduates, whom we have missed in this listing, we apologize and ask you to notify Lane in the Temple office, 225.9700. We will acknowledge them in the June Chronicle.*



**“Let Them build me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.” Exodus 25:8**

Our first congregational home (a small room in the Ditter Building on East Markham between Rock and Cumberland) was dedicated in 1867. Shortly thereafter, the congregation bought a lot on Center Street where the new Temple was built and dedicated in 1872. Following the purchase of property at Fifth and Broadway, Congregation B’nai Israel’s new home was built and dedicated in 1897.

The 1930’s brought the Great Depression, causing personal financial hardship for congregants as well as the congregation. By 1935, both the sanctuary and the altar were in a dilapidated condition and needed major repairs. At the instigation of Rabbi Ira Sanders, donations to a Rebuilding Fund began to pour in. During construction the High Holy Days of 1936 were held at Second Presbyterian Church, the beginning of a long relationship with that congregation. The newly remodeled sanctuary was dedicated in 1937.

After World War II ended in 1945, a report to the congregation’s annual meeting stated the Temple building was almost 50 years old, and the building was falling apart from the roof to the foundation. Repairs to renovate and refurbish the Temple were completed in 1947. This was immediately followed by another major building project: The “Temple House” – consisting of a large auditorium, ten classrooms, a library, and a kitchen, dedicated in 1949. The Joseph Goetz Memorial Room, originally dedicated in 1952, was remodeled into the Memorial Chapel in 1955. (The Micah-stained glass windows created for that chapel now hang above the upper lobby area in our current congregational home.) Another comprehensive renovation, including the installation of air conditioning, was completed for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation in 1966.

In June 1972, the property owned by the congregation at Capitol and Broadway was sold. During the last service at that location, the Torah scrolls were removed from the Ark, the Eternal Light was extinguished, the Shofar was sounded, followed by a recessional out of the beloved building. The final prayer closed with these words: “Blessed were we in our coming in. In our leaving, may we now and ever more be a blessing unto one another.” The Temple building was demolished in August 1972.

Once again, Second Presbyterian Church offered to share its facility with our congregation until the construction of our new Temple was complete. Beginning in the fall of 1972, the congregation purchased the property on Rodney Parham Road, approved the design for the building, and raised \$1,000,000 through gifts and pledges, which when added to the funds secured from the sale of real estate, brought the final cost of the building and property to approximately \$1,700,000. Our new Temple building was completed and dedicated in 1975.

Beginning in the late 1990’s, it became clear that our “new” Temple building needed major renovation. The planning process included “Town Hall” style meetings, designated top priorities, preparation of specs and pricing for the proposed improvements, and the approval of a “Once in a Generation Capital Campaign”. That successful capital campaign exceeded its fundraising goal. It raised enough money to pay for planned improvements (Tenenbaum Center, Teen Lounge, Archives, Amphitheatre, and renovations to the existing building and grounds), and replenish the Sustaining Fund to support future capital repairs and improvements as our Temple facility continues to age. When this work was completed, the Temple was rededicated in September 2008.

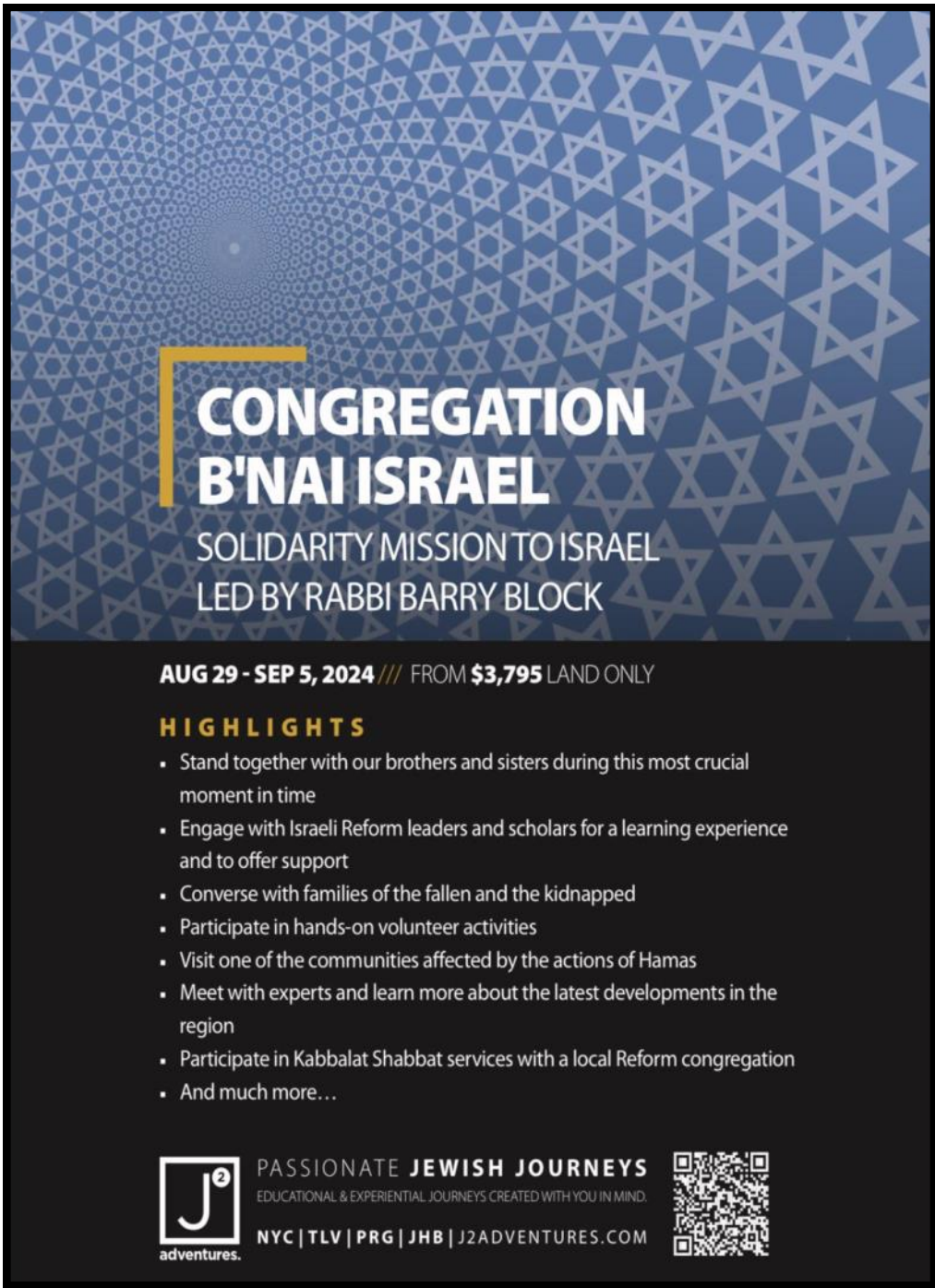
You may be wondering why I have retold the 150 + year history of our congregation’s efforts to build and maintain “a sanctuary”! The answer is simple: The Temple building is approaching its 50<sup>th</sup> year of serving as our House of Assembly, House of Worship, and House of Study. The need for major repairs and renovations is looming on the horizon. Just to mention a few of the items that currently need to be refurbished, renovated, or replaced: (1) Water treatment in the 50-year-old piping for the original air conditioning system; (2) Classroom rehabilitation; (3) New electrical service, including LED lighting for the Sanctuary, eliminating the need to replace bulbs annually; (4) Refurbishment of Foyer sitting area; (5) IT/Video upgrade in Social Hall/Tenenbaum Center; (6) Conversion of current Chapel—which, for security reasons, can no longer be used as a chapel—into special exhibit area; (7) New Chapel and (8) New design/use for playground area.

Once in every Generation, there comes a time to plan for needed building repairs and renovations. That time is now.

As the planning begins, it is important for leadership to hear from you. What items would you like to be included on the repair/renovation list? What items should be prioritized?

We, of course, need to discuss how to pay for all that will need to be done. The Sustaining Fund alone cannot pay for it all. Plans for that are in the earliest stages of development but rest assured that work that is necessary to prevent danger to our building and the people who worship, study, and work here will not be delayed, but no other work will be authorized without available funds.

*Annabelle C. Ingham Lusk*




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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 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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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.



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



According to Careers Advice Online and my sister in law, Sue, the average person will change careers five to seven times during their working life. Current trends report those in the current workforce may change their job or career every year, which means someone could be in their tenth job by their early forties.

I was a *Madrichah* in high school, I taught religious school in college when able, continued to teach Sunday and midweek Hebrew during my first job in Washington, DC, and in 1993, I secured my first educator position in New Orleans. I had no previous director experience, so I was offered a one year contract, and I took it. I just had to prove myself. Contract after contract, I worked at that same job for 21 years. I was offered another director position in Delaware the very next year, but it was too far to go back and forth to NOLA, as my kids were still in high school. So I taught a year at the local day school...and then I noticed an educator opening in Little Rock. And you know the rest of the story.

That makes two educator jobs for me in 30 years' time. I am certainly not the 'new norm'. I do, however, feel like I have bragging rights, and I also feel very fortunate for this accomplishment. I attribute this working with great rabbis and cantors and other supportive staff. Let's not forget working under at least 15 Temple presidents.

I usually like going to work, and I like what I do. I get frustrated, worn out, disenchanted at times, but at the end of the day, I bounce back from the motivation of seeing children learning and exploring, while I think up a new program idea. Taking time to stop and chat with members is always important, and it's amazing what you learn from them—it's all about the relationships. I can safely say that I have learned more than I have taught over the years.

I do not know the secret to remaining in the same job or career for most of one's life, but I can tell you that being a Jewish educator and working in synagogue life (in the words of Larry David) is 'pretty, pretty, good!' My job pursuits remain to look for the next innovative idea, inspires me to create, and finally it has kept me young at heart by working with children of all ages.

### MIRA KRAIN BECOMES THE NFTY SOUTHERN REGIONAL PROGRAMMING VICE PRESIDENT! MAZEL TOV, MIRA!



On March 31, LaFTY ran the annual Purim Carnival for the religious school. The children had a great time and we had fun running it. They look up to us as we did years ago.

We ran a number of classic activities plus a new one: axe throwing. We had no shortage for desserts for the cake walk. A favorite from last year, Gaga, was also back. I cannot even think of anything that could have been improved.

Thank you to those who contributed to the carnival or made a donation/sponsorship to LaFTY. It was a great fundraising event and LaFTY depends on generous donations to run our events for Temple teens and give them the experience of Judaism.

We just cleaned graves at Oakland Cemetery for our fourth quarter social action project.

Hope to see all of you at LaFTY Shabbat on May 17.

*Ben Casciano, Religious and Cultural VP*

## SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

Friday, May 3

Honoring Graduating High School Seniors,  
Religious School Faculty, Blessing of Jacobs  
Campers and Staff

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm; Services at 6:15 pm  
in the Amphitheater

Outdoor dinner follows the service

Reservations by  
May 1 = \$10/  
person.

Reservations on May 2 = \$15/person.

\$20/person at the door

## DONATIONS

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Peggy Greenbaum  
Gus Block  
In memory of Harold Ceitlin  
Gertrude and Dan Casciano  
Anonymous

### Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Peter Phillips & Barbara Phillips  
Bev Wittenberg, Josh Phillips, Lauren Blaire  
In memory of Gertrude Mossovitz Levin  
Fred Levin  
In memory of Ola and Mervin Leibs  
Jackie and Jerry Bendorf  
In memory of Arthur D. Rosenthal  
Byron and Susan Kantrow  
In memory of Sue Maddison  
Keith Maddison  
In memory of Abraham Alan Shindler  
Lesley Shindler and Stephen C. Hughes  
In memory of Audrey Miller Poritzky  
Anne and Larry Miller  
In memory of Joe B. Selz  
Nan Selz  
In memory of David Axler  
In memory of Tillie Greenberg  
Lynn and Bruce Greenberg  
In memory of Michael Mack  
Susan and David Mack

### Bauman Family Music Fund

In memory of David Bauman  
Rebekah Scallet and Joseph Stafford  
In memory of David Bauman  
Martha and Charles Alman

### Storthz Religious Education Fund

In honor of Susan Lesser's birthday  
Trudy and Jerry Jacobson

### Endowment Fund

In memory of Sandra Blackard Levin  
Fred Levin

### Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund

Esther Gordon

### Levy Camp Scholarship Fund

In honor of the special birthdays of Aaron Lubin,  
Susan Lesser, and Ann Storthz  
Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

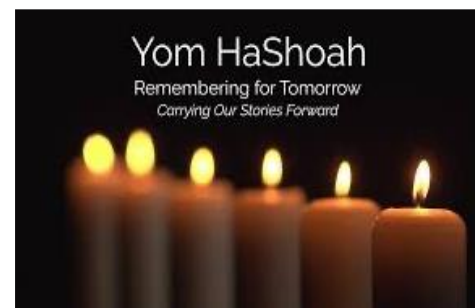
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Monday, May 6 at 7 pm

Congregation B'nai Israel, Little Rock

An observance of Lives Lost and  
Voices of the Second Generation: Their Objects,  
Their Stories.

*If this Torah could talk?  
If these candlesticks could talk?  
If these photographs could talk?  
If these objects could talk or "walk and talk"... taking them  
on their journey...*

A Presentation by Marry L. Paul, PhD, Executive Director, IFAR  
(a project completed through Partnerships@Gather, JAFI, and PNA)



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Lee Rudofsky
- 2nd Betsy Aronson
- 3rd Jim Pfeifer  
Emerson Reiss  
Abbey Shoemaker  
Mozell Zimmerman
- 4th Amanda Orgel
- 6th Art Pfeifer  
Raida Snyderman
- 7th Sarah Johnson  
Scott Jordan
- 8th Jerry Gold  
Madison Harris
- 9th Arleen Marshall  
Micky Simon  
Chester Storthz
- 10th Eddie Back  
Matt Johnson
- 11th Byron Kantrow  
Ilyse Kroman  
Eugene Krupitsky
- 12th Scott Korenblat  
James Mickens
- 13th Lilah Goldman  
Mike Schmitz
- 14th Susan Clark
- 15th Ron Bara  
Sallye Mann  
Timothy McGrath  
Carol Storthz
- 16th Shelley Blanksteen  
Sadie Elson  
Lewis Krain
- 18th Tom Sharp
- 19th Evelyn Harberg
- 20th Jonathan Holland
- 21st Larry Hamilton
- 22nd Denny Ticker
- 23rd Solomon Brotman  
Heather Gerson
- 24th Suzanne Klimberg
- 26th Susan Axelroth

ברוכים  
הבאים  
**Welcome**  
BRUCHIM HABAIM

**New Member  
Family**

**Daniel Roda and  
Elizabeth Michael  
and son, Paul.**

**[djroda@gmail.com](mailto:djroda@gmail.com)**

*June birthdays continued...*

- 27th Rabbi Barry Block  
Ava Harris  
Alice Levin  
Elaine Luber  
Marilyn Ronnel
- 28th Larry Alman
- 29th Devon Webb
- 30th Laurie Arnold

## SCOTT ROSE GARDEN by Jim Pfeifer

Leonard Scott's hobby was roses! Not just any roses, but the type which wins prizes at serious flower shows! When a Temple member was ill or celebrating a happy occasion, Leonard would clip roses from his backyard garden and bring amazement to the recipient..

Leonard, a Harvard Law School grad who practiced law for over 50 years in Little Rock, was devoted to Temple B'nai Israel, serving it in many ways.

In celebration of his life, his son Leonard Jr. and his wife Mary, have recently expanded and renewed the Leonard Scott Rose Garden in front of the Temple (on the way to the parking lot).

Stop and smell a rose and think of Mr. Scott on whose shoulders we carry on our beautiful Temple and devotion to our faith.



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Martha and Charles Alman	44 years
June 2	Rose and Eddie Back	33 years
June 4	Soraya and Lee Rudofsky	18 years
June 15	Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy Amanda and Marc Williams	55 years 28 years
June 18	Lauren and Joseph Margolick	8 years
June 18	Mischelle and Mark Strauss	31 years
June 22	Audrey and Don Evans	57 years
June 27	Loris and Jay Fullerton	32 years
June 28	Leslie and Sol Brotman	44 years
June 30	Krysten and Mark Levin Allison and Jeffrey Lux	17 years 18 years

**MAY YAHRZEITS****MAY 3/4**

Dennis Braunfeld  
 Eph Epstein  
 Greg E. Kempner  
 Julie F. Schott  
 Bessie Davis Block  
 Sarah Lefkowitz Brandt  
 Charlotte Ross  
 Harold Zimmerman  
 Mary J. Lewis Barrett  
 Esther Dreyfus  
 Nina Krupitsky  
 Lucille Hiller Levine  
 Lillian Muchnick  
 Edward S. Baer  
 Sidney M. Brooks  
 Nathan Lubner  
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 Paul Greenberg  
 Celia Lifshitz  
 Doris Heilbrun Pfeifer  
 Sam J. Storthz Sr.  
 Edmond Freeman  
 Eleanor Hasson  
 Lou B. Hoffman  
 A. Allen Weintraub  
 Marjorie L Baer  
 Rose B. Kory  
 Emily S. Lasker  
 Clara L. Lewis

**MAY 10/11**

Louis Frankenstein  
 Michael Schach  
 Larry Schwartz  
 Josie Wasserman  
 Isabel F. Cohen  
 Meyer 'Mike' Davis  
 Paul Diamant  
 Manuel D. Pollock  
 Marti Shlenker  
 Dylan Besser  
 Gus Blass II  
 Velma Block  
 Linda Fitzhugh  
 Charles Taliaferro  
 Edward Bennett  
 Louis Cecil Cohen  
 Emelie Zeno  
 James Coffey  
 Isaac Kronberg

*May 10/11 continued...*

Alan E. Pollack  
 Louis Rubel  
 Ashtyn Lane Russell  
 Carrie Ottenheimer Berger  
 William Hamburger  
 Joseph L. Loebner  
 Curtis E. (Gene) Loftin  
 Lois Gottlieb Stern  
 Henry Zwirn

**MAY 17/18**

Sadee Alexander Bauman  
 Jane Stern Dreeben  
 Ray S. Scholem  
 Rose Weil Dungan  
 Leon Marks  
 Agnes Lafont Meyers  
 Stephanie Goldberg  
 Philip Cohn  
 Dorothy Darline Yates Davis  
 Anna Smulian Froug  
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 Henry Spear

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 Cantor Sanford Cohn  
 Fred King  
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 Percy L. Scholem  
 Anna Cooper

*May 24/25 continued...*

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 Sabina Loewenberg Block  
 Hulda Phillips  
 William Samuel Shanklin  
 Linnie H. Bott  
 Charlotte Kempner Goodman  
 Shirley Barron  
 Ray Fender  
 Olive Stern Hart  
 Tony Mobly

**MAY 31/JUNE 1**

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 Melissa Estelle Gruner  
 Richard Thurow  
 Hattie Kuehn Weisman  
 Joseph Weisman  
 Bruce Besser  
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 Kenneth Joseph Mirloff  
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 Marvin Krochock  
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Brooke and Cory Daniels on the birth of a daughter, Aviendha Haseltine Daniels.





# Oakland Jewish Cemetery

*Sesquicentennial Year*  
1874-2024

Dear Members of Congregation B'nai Israel,  
Effective May 31, 2024 the purchase price of a single cemetery space in Oakland Jewish Cemetery will be increasing from \$750.00 to \$1,250.00. If you are interested in purchasing a space or spaces at the current price, please contact the Temple office by phone at 501-225-9700 in time to reserve and make your payment by May 31, 2024, the last day of our fiscal year.

## ANNUAL GIFT OF THE HEART FORMS

Gift of the Heart and Gift of the Hand forms were mailed and emailed to our members on April 19 and April 23. The completed forms with your pledge for the 2024/2025 fiscal year are due back in our office by May 13.

We appreciate everyone who returns their pledge form and choices for volunteer engagement. **IF** your pledge form is not received by May 13, an automatic 3% increase will be added to your annual pledge amount from last year.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: JUNE 18 ~ 6:00 pm

Save the date for Congregation B'nai Israel Annual Meeting and installation of officers. Slate and other details will be publicized in our weekly E-blast in the upcoming weeks and in the June Chronicle.

## 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.

