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THE RABBI SPEAKS

RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

Congregation B'nai Israel has been richly blessed over the course of two years by the voice and by the presence of our inaugural E. Lee Ronnel

Student Cantor, Aleksandra Dubov. As we prepare for Cantor Dubov's service to our congregation to come to an end, I hope that you will **join me to celebrate Cantor Dubov at a Kiddush Luncheon in her honor on May 31, following Shabbat morning services.**

We have much to celebrate.

When Cantor Dubov came to us in August 2023, she was new to cantorial school, having just completed Hebrew Union College's Year in Israel program. At the same time, we were new to hosting a cantorial student for weekend visits, but even more than that, **Cantor Dubov has been the first sustained cantorial presence in our congregation's 159 year history!**

Amidst the dizzying array of coursework and recitals that over-fill a cantorial student's schedule, Cantor Dubov relentlessly mustered the energy to serve our congregation with her heart and soul. She was eager to learn our congregation's customs and to lead services with me in a way that would be familiar to all in attendance.

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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 2

Shabbat Service

LAFTY Shabbat,

Honoring our LAFTY Seniors

Music: Jana Cohen, Teddy Ferguson
and Sunny Baker

Oneg Shabbat Host: Regina & Perry Young in celebration of
the birthdays of Justin & Phillip Young

Security Sponsor: Debbie & Dr. Brad Diner in celebration of
their anniversary 27th

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Shabbat Under-the-Stars

Honoring our Religious School Teachers,

Followed by Shabbat Dinner for all ages

Music: Josiah Wheeler and Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat Host: Darcy Krupitsky & Jamie Axelroth &
families, in honor of Religious School Teachers

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Shabbat Service

Led by E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor

Aleksandra Dubov

Accompanist: Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat Host: Sandi & Barry Uretsky
in Celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: "Changing over Time"

Oneg Shabbat Hosts:

Music: Richard Estelita, Perry Young & David Korenblat

Oneg Shabbat Host: Amber Thomas & Ben Teeter in
Celebration of Magnolia Teeter's Birthday

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Block

and E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov

Accompanist: Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat Host: Galina and Michael Krupitsky in
Celebration of their 46th Wedding Anniversary

(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)

Then, our student cantor did something even better: She challenged us. She has offered us the opportunity to consider new styles of prayer and worship music. She has provided inspiring and stimulating recitals as sermons-in-song. She has interacted with each Bar or Bat Mitzvah and their family, enhancing the beauty and meaning of their special Shabbat celebrations. And she has enhanced the *ruach*, the spirit, in our Religious School, building Jewish music literacy among the children of our congregation.

When I was in my second and third years of rabbinical student in Los Angeles, I served a congregation in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on a biweekly basis. I loved that community, and I remain connected to several members. Still, over the course of two years, the travel became exhausting, even for a twenty-four-year-old! Air travel has not become easier in the last thirty-five years, and Cantor Dubov is getting married this summer. She needs a placement closer to home, and she has found one. The Village Temple will be blessed to have her, and it's a short walk from Hebrew Union College.

This month, our congregation will enjoy Cantor Dubov's presence twice—May 16-18, when she will lead as solo clergy while I'm away celebrating my son Daniel's college graduation, and May 30-June 2, an extended visit for Shabbat and Shavuot, including Confirmation.

Let's savor every note!



SATURDAY MORNINGS IN MAY

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Rabbi Block May 3, 10, 24, and 31 and by Bruce Greenberg on May 17.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am, led by Rabbi Block on May 3, 10, and 24, by Cantor Dubov with Emily Adams and Carmen Arick on May 17, and by Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov on May 31.

A Fond Farewell to Cantor Dubov

Kiddush Luncheon Honoring our

E. Lee Ronnell Student Cantor 2023—2025

Aleksandra Dubov

Saturday, May 31, 12:15 pm

Hosted by Ruthe Kaplan, Bonnie Nickol, Dale Ronnel, and Nan Selz

No charge, but reservations requested by
Wednesday, May 28.

Please let us know of any special dietary needs.
contact Luke at 501-225-9700, LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us

A Belated thank you to our March **Oneg Shabbat** Hosts.

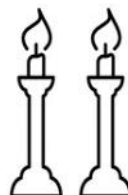
Our April hosts were thanked in the April Chronicle

March 7: Carol Parham

March 14: Annabelle Imber Tuck

March 21: Rita Fagan

March 28: Reecie Levin & Aaron Rabirotff



Oneg Shabbat is a beautiful way for our congregation to come together.

Join us and Celebrate!

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel presents...

Receiving the Torah Once Again: Mind and Body

With Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov

Shavuot Eve, Sunday, June 1, 7:30pm
Mendel Amphitheater, weather permitting

Study, embodied practice, campfire,
and ice cream!

This event will be our *Tikkun Layl Shavuot*,
our Shavuot Eve Study Session

**SHAVUOT MORNING SERVICE WITH YIZKOR
MONDAY, JUNE 2**

**LED BY RABBI BLOCK AND
E. LEE RONNEL STUDENT
CANTOR ALEKSANDRA DUBOV**

IN THE LIBRARY AT 11:00 AM

SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

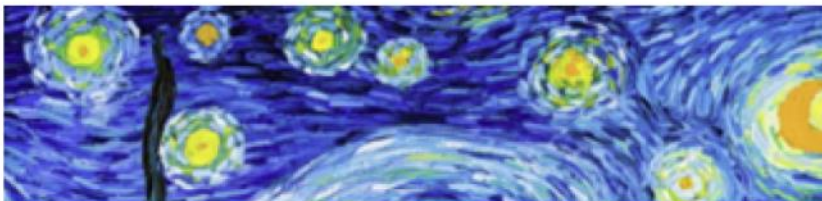
Honoring our Religious School Faculty

Friday, May 9

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm,

Mendel Amphitheater Patio;

Services at 6:15 pm Mendel Amphitheater



Shabbat Dinner *al fresco* on the

Mendel Amphitheater Patio, approximately 7pm

Dinner Hosted by Susan Clark and Matt Lopas

Please make your reservation for dinner by contacting Luke,

LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us or 501-225-9700.

No Charge for Religious School Faculty

All others: \$12 per person for reservations made by end of business on Wednesday, May 7. \$17 for reservations made on Thursday or on Friday before noon. \$22 at the door. Please let us know of any special dietary needs.

**Service of Confirmation
Shavuot Eve, Sunday,
June 1, 5:00pm**

*Reception to Follow the Service,
hosted by Confirmation Parents*

Andrew Casciano

Son of Shelley Blanksteen and Jonathan
Casciano

12 Huntington Road, 72227

Samir Dhall

Son of Suzy Dhall and Rohit Dhall
513 North Pine Street, 72205

Sadie Elson

Daughter of Julie Polsky and Phil Elson
6 Christopher Cove, 72223

COOKING CLUB

**JEWISH FOODS AROUND THE
WORLD**

*In the Temple kitchen Sunday
morning*

on June 1st

Jews living throughout the world
have developed unique cuisines.

Congregation members and friends
are invited to join in creating a meal
featuring dishes from around the
world. We will be preparing a
Shavuot luncheon. The menu is not
yet complete but will include cherry
soup, berekas and cheese cake. If
you are interested in participating in
this activity, please text either Lynn
or Bruce Greenberg for more
information.

Lynn: (501) 416-4586

Bruce (501) 766-2474

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Sarah Gerdes—Natalie Faye & Vivian Mae
gerdessarah@yahoo.com*

Meet our E. Lee Ronnel Cantor for 2025-26: Cantor Lisa Levine



Congregation B'nai Israel will be blessed to welcome Cantor Lisa Levine as our E. Lee Ronnel Cantor for 2025-26. Cantor Levine's first visit with us is scheduled for August 23-25, and she is slated to be with us for twelve weekends through June 2026, with ten of these weekends including Religious School on Sunday morning.

Cantor Levine builds bridges through music within and between communities as a composer, author, poet, chaplain, yoga teacher & worship artist. Cantor Lisa hails from Bakersfield, California, where she began playing guitar at the age of 8 and singing in her Temple Beth El choir! She was a UAHC Camp Song Leader and NFTY officer in her youth group. Lisa went on to earn her B.A. from University of California-Irvine and spent her Junior year abroad in Israel, studying at the Reuben Academy of Music and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Cantor Lisa went on to graduate school from the Hebrew Union College's Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, where she earned her Cantorial Ordination.

In her varied career, Cantor Levine has served large and small congregations around the country and become a well-known composer of Jewish worship and healing music. Her catalogue includes 12 CD recordings and a choral series published by Transcontinental Music Publications. Her Book/DVD/CD *Yoga Shalom* was published in 2011 by URJ Press. A 500-hour registered Yoga teacher, Cantor Levine has become known for her Yoga embodiment meditation practices and sacred chant. Her poetry appears in dozens of publications, including *The Torah: A Women's Torah Commentary*, and *Women of Reform Judaism's Covenant of the Heart* series among many others. Her most recent CD, *This Holy Place*, is a journey of the spirit which includes anthems and prayers for everyday mourning and celebration!

Ordained as Rabbinic Pastor through Aleph Alliance for Jewish Renewal, Cantor Lisa serves as a chaplain at assisted living and nursing homes and hospitals in Montgomery County, Maryland. She has led seven Humanitarian Jewish Missions to Cuba and lectures and performs about her many concerts there. Cantor Lisa serves on the National Board of Ezra Uganda Assistance, a non-profit dedicated to supporting the faithful Jewish village of Namutumba in Uganda. She also volunteers her time on the Boards of the Rabbinic Pastors Association and Aleph Board of Governors. Cantor Lisa lives in Brookeville, MD north of Washington D.C., where she shares her life with her husband Andy, grown children Emily and Louis, puppies Elliot and Frankie and a lazy tomcat Gizmo.

Learn more: www.cantorlisalevine.com

From Lewis Krain, President

This may surprise people who know me (or maybe not) but despite being an extrovert, I'm really a homebody. I prefer to spend my free time in my own space, reading or watching TV or playing games. Once I'm at home, it takes a lot to get me out of the house again. Being in a leadership role of Congregation B'nai Israel has pushed me to engage in a lot more activities than I'm generally used to.

All that is by way of confession that I wasn't really looking forward to going to the Congregational Seder two weeks ago. Passover is one of my favorite holidays because it's celebrated at home (see above paragraph), so going out to the Temple mid-week to do a big event Seder didn't seem up my alley. Nevertheless, it's one of my duties to represent the Board at these events, and I think it's critical to be there to support the Rabbi, staff, and volunteers who put so much work into every one of them.

What ended up happening was a scenario that has unfolded for me several times since I've become president: I felt obligated to attend an event, I showed up a little hesitant, and then I ended up glad I had invested the time. I had a really good time at the seder. The crowd was in a great mood, the Rabbi led the service with a sense of casual fun, and the food was excellent. I sat with some people who I don't normally get a chance to spend much time with and I learned a bit about them and their Passover traditions.

It's become apparent to me that before I took this role, I had only scratched the surface of what our congregation offers. Being president has been a lot of work, but I'm grateful that it's shown me the depth of our events and programming. There is so much going on at the Temple, from holiday celebrations to Torah study to adult learning to cultural exploration and discussion. I don't expect everyone to do all of these things, but I wonder if, like me, some people don't always take the opportunity to give these events a chance to impress them. So for this month I issue a challenge: I challenge you to bring yourself to one event you wouldn't normally attend, and see if you gain a new perspective from it. Shoot me an email and let me know how it went, or just tell me when you see me there, even if I do look a little hesitant at that particular moment...

April at Congregation B'nai Israel Religious School!

What was it like all those years ago in Egypt, when the Israelites began gathering their supplies for a leap of faith into the unknown? One can imagine the anxious feelings, mixed with the joy that can only come with a first taste of freedom after centuries in bondage. After a fun and flour-filled J-Food session with our Religious School, I can say that excitement and trepidation were certainly the order of the day for us!

It seems simple: take flour and a bit of water, mix it thoroughly, roll flat and bake. But there's just one catch: The entire process can only take 18 minutes! Fingers and forks were flying, and a stopwatch (certainly historically accurate) kept time as we rushed our fresh matzot into the oven, gave them a flip, and finished the baking, all before any leavening could occur.

There's something special about seeing an ancient tradition being practiced by our next generation. It brings a newness to the ritual to everyone involved and serves as a reminder that our children are not only the builders of the future, but the keepers of our past. We didn't quite make enough for 40 years in the desert, but the foundations were laid for 40 years (and more!) of learning.

Michael Roberts
Operations Manager



Purim Shpiel Thanks!

Due to a *Wicked* combination of time, technological issues, and a new guy behind the keyboard, a very vital piece was left out of your April Chronicle. While we regret the oversight, we're even happier to shine a spotlight directly on these Congregation B'nai Israel Superstars!

Ginormous Shpiel Thanks: This year, WPS stands for **A Wicked Popular Shpiel** and Woo Pig Sooie—fitting with Coach Calipari's Razorbacks heading to the Sweet Sixteen! Coach Cal got a shoutout in our WPS since Mordechai, Esther's teacher and basketball coach, had been dubbed "The Jewish John Calipari."



Like basketball, our Purim Shpiels are all about teamwork! Huge thanks to everyone who made this year's show unforgettable, including the hilarious and talented Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov as Esther, powerhouse soloists Jana Cohen & Josiah Wheeler, the return of Russ Parish, and our annual featured soloist, Teddy Ferguson!

The Shpielers: Glenn Block, Howard Bresnik, Jana Cohen, Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov, Tracy Grinstead-Everly, Teddy Ferguson, Tim Kessler, Meg Marion, Joanne Matson, Russ Parish, Marla Shivers, Josiah Wheeler, & Perry Young
The Band: Kathy Cooper, Teddy Ferguson, & Scott Southern

The Writer/Producers/Editor: Howard, Jana, Meg, & Joanne. Edited by ChatGPT.

The Meal: Rita Fagan, Queen
 Debbie Brady, Darcy Krupitsky, Keith Nigro, Kirsta Nigro,
 Carol Parham, Annabelle Imber Tuck

The Libations: Merrick Fagan, Cocktail Inventor
 Beth Diaz

Tech & whatnot: Lauren Johnston: Slide creator
 Kennis Ellis, Noah Householder, & Michael Marion

Temple staff: Lane Boyd, Milton Boyd, & Michael Roberts

Elizabeth Michael and Dan Roda on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Elizabeth Roda, on April 10, 2025.

Duse Sonnier, whose daughter Roxy won the state championship in Skills USA's competition for her presentation of health care action skills. Congratulations also to Roxy's grandmother, Debbie Bentley.

Audrey and Don Evans, whose grandchild, Addie Evans, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa in advance of their graduation from Brandeis University in May.

Rabbi Barry Block, whose son Daniel has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa in advance of his graduation from Brandeis University in May. Congratulations also to his grandparents, Gus Block and Gay Block & Billie Parker. Daniel is also the son of Toni Dollinger.



Congregational Seder Thanks!

Rita Fagan, Kitchen Leadership
 Carol Parham, Kitchen Support
 Debbie Brady, Kitchen Support
 Meg Marion, Roasted Eggs
 Jana Cohen, Charoset
 Alison Vann, Flower Donation
 Jennifer Jacobs, Set-up Assistance

Congregation B'nai Israel enjoyed a Festive and Meaningful Congregational Seder led by Rabbi Barry Block. A huge thank you goes out to the Seder Volunteers who mustered a tremendous volunteer effort you mustered to make our Congregational Seder such a beautiful success.

The matzah ball soup was delicious, and the matzah balls were light and fluffy, just like Bubbie insisted they should be. The charoset was sweet. The tables were beautiful, and every special need was accommodated. We had a larger group than in most recent years, and everyone had a meaningful celebration. We could not provide the Seder the way that we do, at the comparatively modest cost we charge, without the extraordinary volunteer effort. The weekend continued with even more festive Pesach delicacies provided by Rita Fagan at both our Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush Luncheon.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st	Lee Rudofsky	14th	Evalyn Berleant
2nd	Elizabeth Aronson		Susan Clark
3rd	Eli Hines Aronson		Shoshanna Metilly
	James Pfeifer Jr.	15th	Ron Bara
	Emerson Reiss		Sallye Mann
	Abbey Shoemaker		Timothy McGrath
	Mozell Zimmerman		Carol Storthz
4th	Amanda Orgel		Shawn Williams
6th	Arthur Pfeifer	16th	Shelley Blanksteen
	Grant Rosenthal		Sadie Elson
	Raida Snyderman		Lewis Krain
	John Mackey Weber	18th	Tom Sharp
7th	Sarah Johnson	19th	Evelyn Harberg
	Scott Jordan	20th	Marnie Golden
	Rebecca Lackie		Jonathan Holland
8th	Jerry Gold	21st	Larry Hamilton
	Madison Claire Harris	22nd	Denny Ticker
	Hadar Metilly	23rd	Solomon Brotman
9th	Arleen Marshall		Heather Gerson
	Michael Simon	24th	Hannah Estep
	Chester Storthz		Suzanne Klimberg
10th	Edward Back	26th	Susan Axelroth
	Matt Johnson	27th	Barry Block
11th	Byron Kantrow		Ava Harris
	Eugene Krupitsky		Alice Levin
12th	Scott Korenblat		Marilyn Ronnel
	James Mickens	28th	Larry Alman
13th	Lilah Goldman	29th	Devon Webb
		30th	Laurie Arnold

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Martha and Charles Alman	45 years
2nd	Rose and Eddie Back	34 years
4th	Soraya and Lee Rudofsky	19 years
15th	Bobbie and Gene Levy	56 years
	Amanda and Marc Williams	29 years
18th	Joseph Margolick & Lauren Berkman Margolick	9 years
22nd	Audrey and Don Evans	58 years
27th	Loris and Jay Fullerton	33 years
30th	Allison and Jeffrey Lux	19 years
	Krysten and Mark Levin	18 years

DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Eleanor H. Wolff
Adrienne Grossbard

In memory of Joe B. Selz
Nan Selz

In memory of Abraham Alan Shindler
Lesley Shindler Huges, Stephen C.
Hughes and Family

In memory of Ruby Thalheimer Smith
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In memory of David Axler
Bruce and Lynn Greenberg

In memory of Tillie Greenberg
Bruce and Lynn Greenberg

Bauman Family Music Fund

In honor of the marriage of Allie and Jay
Bauman

Anne and Larry Miller

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of the Naming and Blessing of
Carlie Elizabeth Brooks Otwell
Mary and Corbin Otwell

In honor of the marriage of Allie and Jay
Bauman

Steve and Jill Bauman

In memory of Dan Rutman
Gus Block

In honor of Ben and Andrew Casciano
Gert and Dan Casciano

Ann and Sam Storthz Religious Education Fund

In memory of Ann Storthz
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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 beau-
tiful cemetery by using the QR code.

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



May 2/3

Edward S. Baer
 Bessie Davis Block
 Dennis Braunfeld
 Sidney M. Brooks
 Jennie Marie Nichols
 Crafton
 Eleanor Hasson
 Peter Klikna
 Debra Kozuch
 Nina Krupitsky
 Doris Heilbrun Pfeifer
 Isaac F. Roubein
 Max Isaac Sweeting
 Harold Zimmerman

May 9/10

Shirley Freman Zeffrin
 Marjorie L. Baer
 Dylan Besser
 Gus Blass II
 Velma Block
 James Coffey
 Meyer "Mike" Davis
 Paul Diamant
 Linda Fitzhugh
 Louis Frankenstein
 Abraham Rozyn
 Ashtyn Lane Russell
 Larry Schwartz
 Marti Shlenker

MAY YAHREZEITS**May 16/17**

Sadee Alexander Bauman
 Bena Schwartz Biondo
 Dorthy Darline Yates Davis
 Jane Stern Dreeben
 Rose Weil Dungan
 Stephanie Goldberg
 Joseph L. Loebner
 Curtis E. (Gene) Loftin
 Leon Marks
 Agnes Lafont Meyers
 Irene Pareira Sanders
 Cynthia K. Shell
 George Zinser

May 23/24

Melanie Adams
 Sabina Loewenberg Block
 Linnie H. Bott
 Cantor Sanford Cohn
 Joyce S. Ehrenberg
 Amanda Levine
 Irvin Levy
 Judith Citron Liebman
 Joyce Everett Lopas
 Richard D. Maughan
 Al Schumann
 Daniel Young

May 30/31

Dorathy Dreeben Block
 Karen Clark Keller
 Henry Myar Franklin
 Marvin Krochock
 Tony Mobly
 Mary Pearlstein
 Joyce Ritirato
 Earl Sorrells
 Richard Thurow



**WE RECORD WITH SORROW
 THE DEATHS OF OUR
 CONGREGANT'S RELATIVE**

Jane Kahn Moses
 Mother of Jimmy (and BJ) Moses

Our High School Graduates 2025

Name	Parent(s)	Graduating from	Headed to
Benjamin Casciano	Shelly Blanksteen Jonathan Casciano	Little Rock Central High School	U of Alabama
Roxy Sonnier	Arduse Sonnier	Little Rock Central High School	U of Arkansas Pulaski Tech
John Mackey Weber	Erin Yokem Pete Weber	Benton High School	Hendrix College
Justin Young	Regina & Perry Young	Little Rock Central High School	Davidson College
Phillip Young	Regina & Perry Young	Little Rock Central High School	Lehigh University

Our College Graduates 2025

Name	Parents	Graduating from
Daniel Block	Rabbi Barry Block Toni Dollinger	Brandeis University
Henry Kramer	Ellen Korenblat & Luke Kramer	University of Arkansas
Hallie McGarry	Jamie and Thomas McGarry	University of Arkansas
Daniel McGrath	Cori and Tim McGrath	Northwestern University

If we have additional high school or college graduates, whom we have missed in this listing, we apologize and ask you please to notify Luke in the Temple office, 225-9700 or LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us. We will acknowledge them in the June Chronicle.



The Temple Archives has a need to borrow a portable record player which plays 78-1/2 rpm records. The Archives has a sermon by former Rabbi Ira Sanders recorded in this format. This is the only known recording of the longtime spiritual leader of CBI. Please contact the Temple office if you can help with this!





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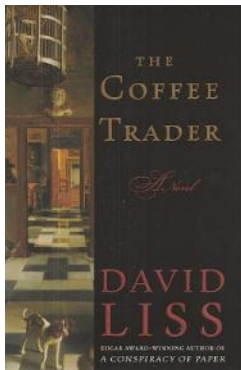


Oakland Jewish Cemetery

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 is now \$1250.00.

If you are interested in purchasing a space or spaces, please
contact the Temple office by phone at 501-225-9700
or by email at templesecretary@bnai-israel.us



AL BARRON BOOK CLUB

Sunday, June 15
at 3pm, in the
lobby

The Coffee Trader
by
David Liss

REPORT AN ANTISEMITIC OR BIAS INCIDENT

We all have a responsibility to report and respond to antisemitism or hate when we see it.

TO REPORT AN ANTISEMITIC OR HATE INCIDENT, VISIT:

[ADL.ORG/REPORTINCIDENT-KULANU](https://adl.org/reportincident-kulanu)

**IF YOU FEAR FOR YOUR SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS,
CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.**

What should I report?

You should report any incident you perceive as antisemitic, biased or hateful.

Here are some examples:

- Antisemitic or other hateful graffiti in public places, including synagogues and schools.
- Vandalism of religious artifacts such as mezuzahs or menorahs and holy places.
- Online harassment, including hateful social media posts and emails. Remember to take a screenshot!
- Verbal harassment, including emails and voicemails.
- Media-based incidents, including antisemitic or hateful content in a news story.
- White supremacist propaganda.

**Make an impact in the fight against
antisemitism and hate.**

Scan this QR code to
report an incident:



SUPPORT AND STAND WITH ISRAEL!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

10:30 am - AT CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

JOIN JFAR AND CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
FOR TWO VERY SPECIAL EVENTS

★ ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY - YOM HAZIKARON ★

(children under 9 will participate in other activities in the classroom area)

COMMEMORATE AND HONOR THE MEMORIES
OF ISRAEL'S FALLEN SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS OF TERROR IN ISRAEL



<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-hazikaron-israels-memorial-day/>

★ YOM HA'ATZMAUT-ISRAEL'S 77th INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

(family celebration with games, activities & Israeli lunch)



<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-haatzmaut-israel-independence-day/>

RSVP: Marcy@jewisharkansas.org

JFAR Israel Events committee: Martha Alman, Stephanie Batsarah, Rabbi Mark Biller, Etti Biton, Michal Margalit
Fitzpatrick, Candice and Justin Hillman, Zvi Katz, Julie Polsky, Ellyn Polsky, & Michael Roberts

ANNUAL GIFT OF THE HEART FORMS

Gift of the Heart and Gift of the Hand forms were mailed and emailed to our members in late April. 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: TUESDAY JUNE 17 ~ 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.



Share Temple B'nai Israel with our Neighbors

BE A TEMPLE DOCENT



And Learn More about the Temple Yourself in Training!

To let us know you are interested, please contact Luke, 501-225-9700, LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us. Training with Ron Lanoue will be scheduled at your convenience.

Our Congregation has played an important and often leadership role in the advancement of social justice issues in Arkansas beginning even before Rabbi Sanders' transformative tenure, 1926-1963.

So many people come through our doors looking to learn about the congregation and about Judaism.

This interest in the Jewish People continues to this day. Dale Ronnel, Trudy Jacobson, Emily Lewis, and Ron Lanoue have offered countless tours over the course of many years. Now is the time to expand our cadre of docents who can guide our visitors on their visits to Temple.

Requests for tours most often fall on Fridays in advance of services.

**Safety
Security
Peace of mind**

*What you provide when you
sponsor security for Shabbat
worship*

Congregation B'nai Israel is committed to the safety of our Temple.

Will you help us keep our sacred Temple safe for worship? Your donation is greatly needed and appreciated more than ever.

Contact Luke at LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us or 501.225.9700 to select a date.

Sponsor Shabbat evening or morning worship for \$180.00.

LEAVE A LEGACY
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL



DONATIONS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROSITY TO YOUR TEMPLE

Your donations support so many of B'nai Israel's programs in so many areas.

All donations to B'nai Israel are appreciated!

To reduce our administrative costs, donations of \$10.00 and less will not be acknowledged to the donor or recipient separately by mail or email but will continue to be gratefully acknowledged in the monthly Chronicle.

ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

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In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

In appreciation of: _____

Other: _____

Send acknowledgment to: _____

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