

THE TEMPLE CHRONICLE

THE RABBI SPEAKS RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

Abraham and Sarah are said to have kept their tent open on all four sides, ever ready to welcome guests. Even in the immediate aftermath of circumcising himself, Abraham sat at the entrance to the tent, running out to greet guests as soon as he saw them coming from afar.

While I don't recommend auto-circumcision(!), we can all emulate our OG* patriarch and matriarch by welcoming newcomers at Congregation B'nai Israel. Every congregation, of every faith, likes to think of itself as warm and welcoming. Not long ago, I saw a beautiful example that demonstrated to me how deeply the welcome has penetrated our community.

On a B'nai Mitzvah Shabbat morning, our congregant Karen Sherman brought guests to the service and kiddush luncheon—a mother and a son, new to Arkansas, living in Hot Springs. Karen had met them in the community, and she suggested that they come to Temple, where the son would find peers and a robust education program.

Before lunch was over, they had decided that the son would start Religious School the next day, which was excellent timing, since it was the first day of the new school year.

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*If you don't know what this means, ask somebody under 40.

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN October

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

Friday October 3

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block
Sermon: "Seeking Forgiveness
after Yom Kippur"

Music: Jana Cohen and Perry Young
Oneg Shabbat Host: Rickie Lockwood
Oliva & Robert Oliva
In loving memory of Iris Oliva

Friday October 10

Shabbat Sukkot Under the Stars, led by
Rabbi Block, followed by "Pizza in the
Hut" Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah, and
Camp B'nai Israel
Music: Jana Cohen

Oneg Shabbat Host: Rabbi Barry Block

Friday October 17

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block
Sermon: "Created in God's Image"
Music: Ellyn Polsky and Perry Young
Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Tina & Nate
Bernstein

Friday October 24

Shabbat Service, led by Silas Curtis,
Rabbi Block, and E. Lee Ronnel Cantor
Lisa Levine
Sermon: "Lacking Shared Language"
Accompanist: Kathy Cooper
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: The Family
of Silas Curtis

Friday October 31

Shabbat Service led by Lewis Krain
D'var Torah: Lee Razer
Music: Jana Cohen
Oneg Shabbat Host: Elli Samuels
& David Sheldon

The Rabbi Speaks, continued from page 1

Dad was with his wife and son the next day, and before the morning was out, the family had joined the congregation, and we had scheduled the son's Bar Mitzvah for October 2026.

What really struck me, though, was when I saw the boy with his classmates, singing *Or Zarua* with Cantor Levine in the Sanctuary at the end of the morning. Our longtime students know some rowdy Jacobs Camp *shtick* for that song. and our newest seventh grade student was standing between two classmates who went to Jacobs last summer, all of them belting out the song and *shtick* in one another's faces. In just hours, our grades 6-7-8 class had made its newest member realize that he **belonged** at Congregation B'nai Israel.

Sadly, that experience is not universal. Several of our converts tell me that, while people are friendly to them at Temple, and they have bonded with other converts, they are rarely if ever invited to celebrate holidays or other aspects of Jewish life with congregants who were raised as Jews. Our converts have learned a great deal about Judaism, but **doing** Judaism is new to them, even several years after conversion. For example, they know **about** Seder, but preparing and leading a Seder, even just for their own families, is daunting.

I am eager to end this bifurcation of our congregation into converts, on the one hand, and long-time congregants or folks who were raised Jewish elsewhere, on the other. If you would like to be partnered with a conversion candidate, please contact me, bblock@bnai-israel.us. We have new Jews of all ages and family situations. Some are single, others are individuals or couples with several children, with a variety of other family configurations. You have wonderful future friends out there—an individual, couple, or family who is embracing our faith and our community, eager to be invited to join you and yours for whatever Jewish celebration you enjoy most. The benefit will be mutual!

Faithfully,



Saturday Mornings in October

Bar Mitzvah of Silas Curtis,
Saturday, October 25, at **10:30am**,
led by Silas, Rabbi Block, and
Cantor Levine in the Sanctuary.

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led
by Rabbi Block on each Shabbat
morning in October. Please note
that Torah Study will be
abbreviated on October 25, ending
at 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am
in the Library, led by Rabbi Block
on October 4, 11, and 18.

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Silas Curtis

Shabbat Morning, October 25 at **10:30am**
Followed by a Kiddush Luncheon hosted by
The Family of Silas Curtis. All are welcome!



Silas is working with
Grandma's Animals,
which is the only small
exotic mammal rescue in
the South. This shelter is
run by "Granny," who
foots the cost of exotic
animal veterinary care as
well as the day-to-day

upkeep. Silas helps clean up,
feed, and socialize the animals
for adoption. If you would like
to help Granny, please visit
her wishlist or contact Silas to
learn how to make a donation.



September Gratitude

*Gratitude for volunteer service on the High Holy
Days will be expressed in the November Chronicle.*

Oneg Shabbat Hosts

Findley

Katherine Stark & Jason Kennedy
Jane Goff

Luke Frauenthal & Michael Roberts

Office Volunteer Support

Bonnie Nickol

Doris Krain

Esther Gordon

FROM PRESIDENT LEWIS KRAIN

My Perspective on Friday Services Before I was President:

I drive up to the Temple and park in the lot. Walking in I pass the security guard and head to the Oneg, important because I've been working all day and need a snack, but I don't think too much about who provided it or what it means. I say hello to the people I recognize, mostly my Mom's friends, and though there are some people I don't recognize, I don't feel it's my place to speak to them, so I don't. We sing *Hamotzi* and I scarf down a piece of Challah, then it's into the sanctuary. As we start the service there's a brief audio glitch, a slight delay, then we get rolling. The service goes by quickly as I'm mostly lost in my own thoughts, and I head home with the sense that another Shabbat has passed.

My Perspective on Friday Services now that I'm President:

I drive up our newly modified driveway, which will soon have a gate and a fence. I reflect on the hours of work our Security Committee has put in to improve building safety. I park in the President's spot, which is a pretty cool perk of being a leader in this Congregation. Walking into the building I nod to the security officer, and I think about the weekly expense that it costs to provide this protection; each week is the result of a security donation from a conscientious congregant. I scan the Oneg table, made possible by support from another congregant, usually in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or similar life event, and it's humbling that they choose to share that with us. The Oneg has been prepared by a kitchen volunteer and set up by Luke as one of the last tasks of his busy week. As the crowd filters in I notice there are some people here who I don't recognize. As shy as I can be, it's my job to introduce myself and make them feel welcome. I'm fascinated to find they are from out of state on a cross-country driving trip; they found us online and stopped in to have someplace to worship for the Sabbath. It's an inspiring tradition we have where a stranger can just stop in and be part of our community for worship. I've also gotten to know so many many more of the regular congregants now, and enjoy seeing the familiar faces of generational members mixing with our newer Jews by choice. Together we sing *Hamotzi* and break challah (the result of hours of work from one of our regular challah bakers), and then we all head into the Sanctuary.

Since I'm on the Bimah now, I enter the Sanctuary through the music room. There I say hi to the two volunteers it takes to make the Friday service work each week: someone to run the streaming feed and someone to run the soundboard. Without these folks, the service would be us on the Bimah talking and singing to ourselves.

The service starts and as tired as I am at the end of the week, I know that Jana and her musicians are putting in a lot more energy than I do, but they make it look so easy. At some point I usually think "I could probably do the singing for one of these," before realizing how ridiculous that thought is. Jana says that her mic is low on batteries. Michael, who at this point in the evening is here on his own time as a Congregant, nevertheless jumps up and switches it out because he's always ready to troubleshoot an issue. At the center is Rabbi Block: MC, scholar, director, producer, and organizer of all this chaos. From the Bimah I love to scan the crowd and ponder the relationships I've forged with these congregants and how much I've grown to care about all of them. As the service wraps and I fold up my Tallit, I head home with a renewed feeling of connection not just to our building and our congregation, but also to the generations of Jews before us who've spent their Friday evenings just like this.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

It has been several years since I blew a *shofar*, and I admit my nerves were running high as I stepped out in front of our religious school to sound it during our first session in the month of *Elul*. Luckily, several of our students had taken a turn before me, so I was able to ride the wave of their courage and give it my best. Afterward, Rabbi Block encouraged me: "It's not about the beauty of the sound, it's about fulfilling the *mitzvah* of hearing it."

I think we can all take those words to heart. Every Sunday our faculty arrives with their lessons ready to go, knowing that things are never going to be perfect. I am always impressed by their ability to think quickly, modify plans, and keep the classes going, even when things don't always go to plan. Because it isn't about making things perfect, it's about showing up and doing the best job we can as educators. And our faculty excels at this.

As we enter the High Holy Days, our natural tendency is to feel we must fix all the things we did wrong throughout the past year. This can be overwhelming! But just like my imperfect *shofar* skills, it isn't about reaching some impossible standard: it's about improving, learning, and performing *mitzvot* whenever we have the opportunity to do so. When we look at things this way, the holidays become less an anxious obligation and more a chance to create new and special memories with our Congregation B'nai Israel *mishpacha*.

As it is said in *Pirkei Avot*, it is not our duty to finish the work, but neither are we at liberty to neglect it. Our teachers never neglect the work of passing along a firm foundation of Jewish learning to our students, and my most ardent wish is that this work NEVER be completed – because that means future generations will always be here at the Temple to learn.

L'shanah Tova,
Michael Roberts
Operations Manager

THIS ISRAEL TRIP IS FOR YOU!

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WINTER 2025







December 23 - December 31. Join a group from Congregation B'nai Israel, led by Operations Manager Michael Roberts. If you are interested in this very low-cost way to travel to Israel and serve our people, please contact Michael, 501-225-9700 or mroberts@bnai-israel.us.



SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2025
GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING!

One day every year, over 10,000 people around the world participate in The Global Day of Jewish Learning. In hundreds of synagogues, JCCs, and other communal institutions, Jews of all backgrounds connect with one another through the shared study of our sacred texts. Held annually in Little Rock since 2010, this year study's theme, 70 Faces of Torah, celebrates Judaism's embrace of multiple and competing perspectives to enrich our understanding of the world, Torah, and ourselves. Join us in community as we learn together with each other and with thousands of other Jews around the globe.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!

YOM KIPPUR 5786 (2025)

Wednesday, October 1
Yom Kippur Eve

8pm – Kol Nidre Service

Sermon: "Light on a Very Narrow Bridge"

Thursday, October 2
Yom Kippur Day

9am – Yom Kippur Children's Services,
 led by LAFTY

10am – Yom Kippur Morning Worship
 Sermon: "Getting It Right, Doing It Right"

12:15pm – "My Jewish Journey"
Symposium

with speakers Audrey Evans, Sam Kauffman, Eugene Krupitsky & Heather Tolliver

1:30pm – Yom Kippur Study
 Why Do We Read Jonah on Yom Kippur?

3:30pm – Yom Kippur Afternoon
Torah Service

4:15pm – Yizkor/Memorial Service
 Sermonette: "Meaningful Yesterdays, Important Tomorrows"

5:30pm – Neila/Concluding Service

6:30pm – Break-the-Fast

Music throughout the High Holy Days will be coordinated and led by Jana Cohen, Russ Parish, and Josiah Wheeler, with the participation of additional Temple volunteers and professional musicians. Merrick Fagan will sound the shofar.

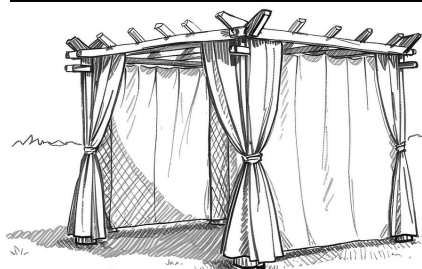
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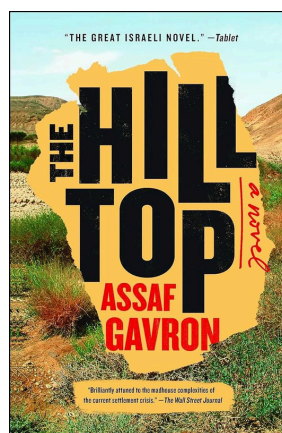
***Donations for a Lovely Break-The-Fast
 are still Gratefully Accepted.***



**Kiddush
 Luncheon in
 the Sukkah**

**Hosted by The Vogel Family
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Saturday, October 11,
 following Shabbat Morning Services
 No charge, but reservations requested by
 contacting Luke, 501-225-9700 or
 LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us, no later than close
 of business on Wednesday, October 9.

**Al Barron Book Club**

Sunday, October 19
 3:00pm, in the lobby

The Hilltop by Assaf Gavron

"Mordantly funny and deeply moving, this novel about life in a West Bank has been hailed as brilliant."
 -The New York Times Book Review

Sukkot and Atzeret/Simchat Torah 5786 – 2025 At-a-Glance**

Sunday, October 5

Sukkah Building, 9am – All Welcome!
Snacks provided! Join Scott Jordan, our
Sukkah Building Chair, in erecting our
large, beautiful Sukkah for the holiday.
No expertise needed!

Monday, October 6, 5:30pm

Mark the beginning of Sukkot with a
brief ritual and **pot-luck** dinner in the
Sukkah

Tuesday, October 7, 11am

Festival Morning Service for the First
Day of Sukkot, in the Sukkah*

Friday, October 10, 5:45pm

Oneg Shabbat in the Sukkah
Shabbat under the Stars*

Pizza in the Hut, service in the Mendel
Amphitheater and Camp B'nai Israel,
with special guests, Henry S. Jacobs
Camp Director Anna Herman and her
team

Saturday, October 11

9:30am: Torah Study in the Sukkah*
11am: Shabbat Morning Service in the
Sukkah*
Carmen Arick will chant from Kohelet,
the Book of Ecclesiastes
12pm: Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah,
hosted by the
Vogel Caring & Sharing Fund

Sunday, October 12

9am-11:30am: Religious School
students visit the Sukkah
1pm: LAFTY hosts the Multifaith Youth
Group in the Sukkah

Monday, October 13, 5:30pm

Consecration Reception and Atzeret-
Simchat Torah Eve Celebration, with
special guest artist, Joe Buchanan

Consecration of our newest Religious
School students. Siddur (prayer book)
dedication for our 3rd graders. Yad
(Torah pointer) presentation to all
celebrating
B. Mitzvah in 5786 (2025-26).

Thursday, October 14, 11am

Atzeret-Simchat Torah Service,
including Yizkor –Memorial prayers

***Outdoor events at the Temple,
including those held in the Sukkah,
will not be livestreamed,
as we do not have WiFi outdoors.**



****In the event of inclement weather, all events
planned for the Sukkah will be held, but will be
moved indoors at the Temple.**

Jewish Foods around the World: A Cooking Club

The next event will be preparing dinner at **3:30** in the Kitchen to be enjoyed in the Sukkah on **October 5!**

The menu includes:

- Harira, Spiced Moroccan Vegetable Soup with Chickpeas & Lemon
- Samsa Pastries with Beef
- Samsa Pastries with Squash
- Carrot Salad
- Apple Kuchen
- Frozen Watermelon Lemonade



The event is open to anyone in the Temple community interested in learning how to prepare these Jewish foods. For further information text

Bruce Greenberg
(501) 766-2474.



Religious school teachers & students explore and learn.

DANCE AND SING WITH SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE JOE BUCHANAN!

Celebrate with our Students!

Atzeret-Simchat Torah Eve
Monday, October 13

5:30 PM - Consecration Reception

includes kid-friendly food that should suffice for supper for children (and for adults with kid-friendly palates)

Celebration to Follow!

- Consecration of our newest Religious School students!
- Siddur (prayer book) dedication for our new Hebrew students!
- Yad (Torah pointer) presentation to those celebrating Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 5786 (2025-26)



Joe Buchanan's participation is made possible by a generous grant from the Sam and Ann Storthz Religious School Enhancement Fund.



"Let them build Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."
Congregation B'nai Israel
Little Rock, Arkansas



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To Be Consecrated

- Isaac Aronson
- Madison Harris
- Jack Perin

To Receive a Siddur

- Mollie Axelroth
- Layla Bell
- Jaxon Horn
- Daisy Keith
- Caroline Krupitsky
- Parker Lowitz
- Eleazar Monchada
- Max Perin
- Aliya Vang

To Receive a Yad

- Silas Curtis
- Eli Krupitsky
- Sam Levin
- Raelynn Williams
- Eden Willis

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12 noon – 1:30

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1st Brian Marshall	9th Steven Ronnel Carole Weisbly	17th Gus Block	28th Shelly Baron Harper Johnson Miranda Keith
2nd Janet Korenblat Andrea Neloms	10th Jessie Curtis	18th Judy Pearlstein	
3rd John Selig Holden Oren Teeter	13th Annette Arnold Allan Gold Vivian Gold	19th Edward Figarsky Dianne Richard	29th Janet Crafton Flavia Jacobs Susan Willis
4th Suzi Davis Scott Levine Amber Thomas	Justin Hillman Susan Mack Cheryl Streiff	19th Leslie Singer Russ Parish	30th Katherine Stark
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8th Susan Rosenthal	16th Billie Parker	24th Elizabeth Daniel	
		26th Mary Machen	



NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Laura & Brad Joseph	November 2	35th
Patrick & Dina Ifrah	November 4	25th
Jan & Larry Alman	November 10	41st
Katherine Stark & Jason Kennedy	November 21	4th
Robyn Zinser & Jim Pfeifer Jr.	November 22	41st



Adult Learning: Elul: A Time for *Chesbon HaNefish*. Crystal Taller, Adara Taller, Emily Adams, Carmen Arick, Glen Block, KatyBeth Coleman & Shawn Williams.

Nina Reiss, who was honored on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-one years of service to our country in the United States Air Force. Her career in service will continue as she assumes the role of Industry Liaison for the National Guard Association of the United States.

Milton Baer, on the birth of his grandson, **Henry Jacob Baer**, son of Jason and Sadie Baer, in Danville, Illinois.

The Community Outreach Committee will fill **Thanksgiving Baskets** with food for underserved families. We are asking for donations. Each basket can be sponsored for \$36. Sponsor as many as you like by sending a check to the Temple office, or applying the amount to your bill. Call 501.225.9700 or email lfrauenthal@bnai-israel.us. If you would like to assemble or deliver the baskets to designated high schools, we need that also. Any questions? Contact Kirsta Nigro, kirstanigro1@gmail.com or at 501-425-9188, to let her know if you can help!



OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

October 3 / 4

Celia Adler
Isadore Besser
James S. Binder
Laura Heilbron Binder
Neva Bistolfi
Rosetta Stifft Blass
Helen Lockwood Eichenbaum
Stanley Fine
Jean Goldberg
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Manie Schuman
Bertha Frank Shrader
Melvin L. Spear
Samuel Wolff

October 10 / 11

Alice Kramer Altheimer
Phillip G. Back
Pauline Blass
Sybill Griffith Block
Eva Bresnik
Morris N. Donner
Lee Greenberg
Kim Grundfest
Kimbrelly Carol Jordan
Theodore Kokes
Renee Rothenstein Leff
Elizabeth Pfeifer Levy
Maxwell Joseph Lyons Sr.
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Harry Rubenstein
Lawrence Rudolph
Thelma Imogene Sawrie
Shirley Levin Sherman

October 10 / 11 continued

Dr. Fay Miller Sloan
Fred M. Smoler
Cynthia Weintraub Weber
Mae Louise Strauss White
Lillian Wuntch
Samuel Young

October 17 / 18

Garrett Asher
Jerome Averbuch
Joe Berger
Rabbi David L. Blaustein
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Bessie Brown Carb
Berta Rosenberg Cohn
Adolph Gruner
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Pearl G Rosen
Patsy Stern Rubin
Eva Dreeben Safferstone
Bertha Alyce Shlenker
Henry Edward Spitzberg
Irving Spitzberg
Ray Edward Streiff, Jr.
George Wolff
Philip Wuntch

October 24 / 25

Vernon L Adams
Nathan Axler
Elizabeth Weitzenhof Blass
Jonas Hirsch Epstein
Joshua Epstein
Tillie Feibelman
Robert Flemming
Dorothy Berger Goldberg
Dolores Greenberg
Gladys Ottenheimer Hirsch
Robert Jacobson

October 24 / 25 continued

Rosa Kahn
Arthur E Korenblat
Minnie Frank Lasker
Bernard Levi
David Baer Levi
Sidney Solomon Mack
Max Meyer Moses
Joseph Pasink
Jewel Altschul Pollock
Mervin Reines
Charles Rocker
Louise Belle Rudolph
Andrew Scallet
Mike Seligman
Dr. Rita Slutsky
Ben S. Thalheimer
Syd Waltzer

October 31 / November 1

Bob Arnold
Anna Attias
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Robert Joel Covin
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Flora Seisel Dreyfus
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Esphyr Slobodkina in her studio, ca. 1950.
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Cecil Beaton, Louise Nevelson, 1978.
Cecil Beaton, Vogue, © Condé Nast.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2025 | 5:00 TO 8:00PM
at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts

Architects of Being: Louise Nevelson and Esphyr Slobodkina
Curator Conversation, Dinner, and Docent Tours

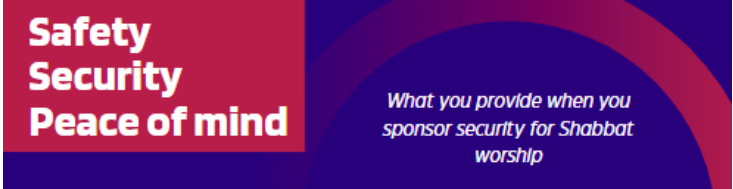
The evening is presented in partnership with the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts and the Jewish Federation of Arkansas to offer guests an opportunity to engage with art, history, and storytelling in a deeply meaningful way.

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