

# THE TEMPLE CHRONICLE

## THE RABBI SPEAKS RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

I am old enough to remember America's bicentennial in 1976, the year of my Bar Mitzvah. I recall an undiluted celebration, shared by virtually all Americans.

The nation was coming out of significant crises, the Vietnam War and opposition to it as well as criminal wrongdoing by the President and the people around him, ending in his resignation. 1976 was an election year. The President was not universally beloved, and he would go on to lose the election, but his detractors did not sit out the celebration.

1976 was also a time when American Jews perceived this country to be a historically unique refuge for our people. No longer did the choices seem to be between living in Israel or putting up with constant harassment or worse. Antisemitism never completely disappeared, of course. Still, fifty years ago, violent antisemitism was rare, Jews were newly welcome in social arenas previously closed to us, and support for Israel was generally uncomplicated. We celebrated the bicentennial joyfully.

In those days, pride in America, and in being American, was nearly universal and most often felt uncomplicated. Patriotic pride was displayed, for example, at my early childhood home, where an American flag flew on every national holiday, as it did on so many others. Yes, we were aware, if not as conscious as we

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### WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN JULY

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm

Services at 6:15 pm

#### July 3

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: "America at 250"

Music: Jana Cohen and Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat Host: KatyBeth Coleman

In honor of Jacobs Camp

#### July 10

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: "Zionist from Afar"

Music: Sunny Baker and Josiah Wheeler  
accompanied by Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat Host: Kirsta & Keith Nigro

In appreciation to Congregation B'nai Israel and  
your support of the

Back-to-School Backpacks Project

#### July 17

Shabbat Service led by Lewis Krain

Music: Jana Cohen, Teddy Ferguson, and Josiah  
Wheeler,

accompanied by Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat Host: Michael Roberts  
in celebration of his birthday

#### July 24

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block

Sermon: "Building the Third Temple"

Music: Isabella Ifrah and Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Lynn & Bruce Greenberg  
in honor of their anniversary

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should have been and are today, of American white supremacy and the horrors of slavery and Jim Crow, but we thought those inequalities to be largely in the past—like antisemitism, a scourge we imagined to be fading completely away.

This year’s semiquincentennial, an unwieldy word describing the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding, feels more complicated. Many Americans are increasingly conflicted about the nation’s goodness. Antisemitism is dangerously on the rise on both ends of the political spectrum. While some argue that racial equity, diversity, and inclusion have led to discrimination, others despair of what their cancellation might mean for equal opportunity. While some contend that immigration has changed America’s character and complexion for the worse, others insist that narrowing pathways to legal immigration and citizenship revokes America’s most fundamental promise. Worst of all, Americans increasingly view their political adversaries not as patriotic rivals but as enemies of our nation.

No country is without flaws or strife, and America never has been. Among the nastiest elections in our history was in 1800, pitting two founding fathers against one another, with the victor being a great man who nevertheless perpetuated slavery despite knowing it was immoral.

On this extraordinary milestone for our country, let us celebrate all the good that America has brought to the world and specifically to the Jewish people. We ought to be able to rejoice, and even to exult together, across our disagreements, striving to work together toward the goal of a better America as it approaches its tricentennial in another fifty years’ time.



Faithfully,

Note: Much of this article is excerpted from a recent sermon.

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July 31

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block  
Sermon: “Another People in the Land”  
Music: Jana Cohen  
Oneg Shabbat Host: Rita Fagan in celebration of her Birthday

**Saturday mornings in July:**

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Rabbi Block on July 4 and 25, by Lee Razer on July 11 and by Bruce Greenberg on July 18.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am in the Library, led by Rabbi Block on July 4 and 25, by Annabelle Imber Tuck on July 11 and by Emily Adams and Carmen Arick on July 18.

**Don’t Get Fooled by a Fake Email Pretending to Be from Rabbi Block**

From time to time, Temple members receive a suspicious email, purportedly from Rabbi Block, saying that he needs help from that member. If the member responds, they are given directions to buy gift cards and send them to the email address from which the email has come.

This is called a phishing scheme, and it happens to congregations of all kinds, Jewish, Christian, and otherwise, as well as to other organizations. These schemes are perpetrated by scraping the internet for email addresses, do not come from Temple accounts, and are not caused by any breach of our system.

**Rabbi Block will never email an individual member asking for money or gift cards.** Rabbi Block’s email is bblock@bnai-israel.us. He does also have a personal Gmail account, but he does not use it for Temple business.

If you receive an email, and you’re not sure it’s from Rabbi Block or the Temple, please email Rabbi Block at bblock@bnai-israel.us or call the office, 501-225-9700.

# Congregation B'nai Israel at Jacobs Camp - Session 1



Front row, left to right: Harriet Baker, Daisy Keith, Ava Harris, Jaxon Horn, Sloane Williams, Lucas Pearlstein, Julian Keith. Middle row: Samuel Levin, Eden Willis, Archer Dockter, Harper Harris. Preston Williams, Back Row: Silas Curtis, Andrew Stafford, Philip Levin, Mira Krain, Rabbi Block, (unidentified photobomber), Raelynn Williams, Gabe Elson, Sadie Elson, Lily Gordon. Not pictured: Natalie Gerdes, KatyBeth Coleman, R.N.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was not clear until a few months ago that I would assume the presidency of the Board of Trustees at B'nai Israel. I was serving as the Executive Vice President by rule because Lewis had assumed the role of Presidency earlier than expected. I had not yet committed, and I had to make a choice. I remember very vividly speaking to Lewis on the morning following the arson attack on the congregation in Jackson, MS. That event highlighted a significant responsibility of the presidency, the safety of our congregation, but it also served as a reminder of how important my Judaism is to me and helped me make the decision that I would make this commitment. With the current state of affairs, I believe it is critical that we remain a strong and vibrant congregation that is a welcoming place for everyone in our community to have a spiritual home to practice Judaism and a place to find community.

Over the next two years, we will focus on connecting with our membership to determine our long-term goals and vision for this congregation. We will begin to plan for the retirement of Rabbi Block in the Summer of 2028, and we will be tasked with selecting his successor. We have a lot of work to do, and luckily, we have a dedicated and hard-working group of board members and volunteers who will help us outline our vision and tackle these responsibilities.

I am honored to serve as the president of this strong and vibrant congregation, and I recognize the important responsibility that this office holds. I look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming months as we lay our foundation for the future and continue to celebrate the wonderful ongoing services and programming that this congregation offers. I hope to see you at Temple soon!

- Shelly Baron



## Upcoming Long-Term Planning Process

At the Annual Temple Meeting, we outlined the upcoming long-term planning process to better understand the needs of the Congregation and identify factors that will help in choosing a new Rabbinic leader after Rabbi Block's retirement from the Congregation in July of 2028. Although the formal process of finding the next clergy leader will not begin until the summer of 2027, the Congregation will begin the process of outlining our collective vision after the High Holidays. Beginning in late Fall, a small group of Congregants, chaired by Eugene Krupitsky, will engage the Congregation in the following process:

- Late Fall of 2026** – Host a series of town halls in Congregants' homes to evaluate the current state of the Temple, areas for improvement and determine the characteristics they find important in a future clergy leader
- Winter of 2026-27** – Analyze the information received from the town hall conversations and develop a survey to go to all Congregants
- Spring 2027** – Survey sent to all Congregants to determine the biggest areas of improvement for the Temple along with identifying key characteristics for future Rabbinic leadership that will help shape the Rabbinic Application Search Process
- Late Spring/Early Summer 2027** – Rabbinic search committee chosen
- Summer 2027 – Spring 2028** – Rabbinic search process including submitting application to the CCAR, interviewing candidates, selection of finalists and recommendation to the Congregation

If you are interested in hosting a town hall in your home or in serving on the initial group that will gather data to guide the Rabbinic Search process, please email Eugene Krupitsky at [ekrupits2@gmail.com](mailto:ekrupits2@gmail.com).



Rabbi Block and Shelly Baron attended LifeQuest of Arkansas's annual congregation appreciation lunch. Photo by Doris Krain.

## President Lewis Krain's Annual Report, June 16, 2026



This year's report is very positive. It has been primarily a physical improvement and restructuring year at CBI.

Michael Roberts and Luke Frauenthal continue to work to make the office an organized and efficient machine.

This year we have adopted a model of using company contractors for services rather than individual contractors. You've seen this for a good portion of the year as we moved from off-duty police to RS for our security needs. This move helps guarantee coverage when a scheduled security officer is ill or unavailable, and also gives greater accountability, as we can call a supervisor for any issues. We have moved to a similar model for cleaning services, which will start soon.

Building maintenance remains a significant portion of our office efforts. We have completed the HVAC project, and in addition re-roofed a good portion of the Temple. Both of these had unexpected complications that added new maintenance efforts, but Michael handled those diligently, as well as Eugene Krupitsky, whose ability to manage the HVAC system remotely borders on magical. Similarly, we undertook needed updates to security, fire safety, and internet. These are hopefully invisible changes to most of the congregation but trust me that they were significant efforts on the part of the staff. We even had issues with some overly amorous crows outside the sanctuary and offices, but that has been dealt with.

I am proud of the Bluetooth audio system in the sanctuary, made possible by Pat and Barry Solomon. It has not always worked as promised, but that is a tech issue, and Michael continues to work to iron this out.

Congregation membership numbers are roughly stable, though new memberships far outweigh resignations, which represents overall growth for CBI. Religious school enrollment grew this year, and we had an amazing run of B'nai Mitzvah. Through a quirk of statistical variance this upcoming year will have few B'nai Mitzvah, but trust me, a bunch are coming up.

Our volunteers remain the heart of this place, and we depend so much on them. We lean heavily on our music and food prep volunteers, led by Jana Cohen and Rita Fagan. I want to thank everyone who led a Friday or Saturday service in the rabbi's absence. I want to thank those that take the lead on a yearly event, such as Perry Young for our very successful New Members Dinner and Meg Marion for the Purim Spiel. If you've donated for an Oneg Shabbat, Kiddush Lunch, or a Security sponsorship, you are a hero to this congregation and please stand up. I know I've forgotten several people, so please forgive me.

I would like to spotlight a few high points from our committees:

Last year we began providing Religious School Educators with the Institute of Southern Jewish Learning's religious school curriculum. This was the first full year this was available and the feedback from our teachers was very positive

We were very fortunate to have Cantor Lisa Levine throughout the year. Her creative and multicultural approach to our musical services were both inspirational and educational every time. Next year we return to the Student Cantor model as we welcome Kayla Gitlin. Both of these cantors are made possible through the ongoing support of the E. Lee Ronnel Endowment.

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We have begun an exciting archives collaboration with the Riverlands Jewish Archive out of Western Kentucky University. I wrote a column about that one so please look back on that for details.

Security has been an ever-growing concern this year, as antisemitism around the country has been on the rise. Last year we did construction on our main entrance and this year our new gate has been installed. We are still tinkering with the gate functionality, but it will soon be up and running to restrict vehicle access when our Temple is empty. Fencing around the perimeter is upcoming. These additions are the result of tireless work but our Security Committee, co-led by Carol Parham and Brian Rosenthal. Also invaluable in this was Dave Grundfest, who lent his expertise to the design and planning.

We are always in need of volunteers for our critical committees, including Security, House and Grounds, Cemetery, Ritual, and others. We need to do a web site revision to keep our community face up to date. If you're interested in any of these or just want to find out more about what you can do, please ask Rabbi, Luke, or myself and we'll be happy to throw your name in the pool. Additionally, if you're interested in Congregation Leadership on the Board of Trustees or even Executive Committee, please let me know so we can forward your name to the Nominating Committee for the next year.

We have two members of the Board of Trustees departing the Board at the end of their terms: I'd like to warmly thank Mark Himelfarb and Perry Young for their hard work during very stressful times. We are welcoming three new Board members: Morris Estep, Krysten Levin, and Elli Samuels. Sam Willis and Trudy Jacobson are joining the Board to fill rolls of those who are either promoted or stepped down this year. Shawn Williams is stepping up to serve as Secretary and Dan Roda as Treasurer. Darcy Krupitsky has very generously agreed to continue to bring her management and numbers expertise to the Executive Committee, now as Administrative Vice President, and Shelly Baron is positioned to be the best President this congregation has seen in a while. The Executive Vice President Role remains TBD right now, but we will hopefully fill that role soon. I thank all of these individuals for stepping up to leadership in our congregation, as I know each one of them will be a great addition. Annabelle Imber Tuck and Sam Kauffman are graduating from the Executive Committee; I wish them well and thank them both profoundly for their service, wisdom, and humor. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for shepherding these transitions; that committee was Rita Fagan, Carol Parham, Mark Levin, Trudy Jacobson, Annabelle Imber Tuck, Shelly Baron, and myself.

Lastly, I really want to thank all the people who supported me in the role of President. It came earlier than expected and I wasn't quite ready, so thank everyone for your patience as I got myself up to speed. First, thanks to Bruce Greenberg for the orientation; our first six months of Sunday meetings were invaluable preparation. I want to thank the Rabbi for his flexibility in adapting to my own communication and problem-solving style. I want to thank Rita Fagan not just for her constant presence in the kitchen, but also for her very calm Past President advice. I want to thank Past Presidents Carol Parham and Carmen Arick for remaining engaged and being a listening ear when I needed it. Annabelle Imber Tuck has been such a source of wisdom in the past couple of years; I can only hope to approximate her helpfulness for Shelly in the next year. I am of course a Nepo Baby in this congregation, so I want to thank Doris for her unwavering support and always telling me I was doing a good job, even when I just visibly fell over myself on the Bimah. It has been the highest honor to serve this congregation, which I firmly believe has the best membership on either side of the Mississippi River.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

I've spoken many times in this space about the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute for Southern Jewish Life (ISJL), our education partner. Our Religious School faculty has been using the excellent curriculum designed by ISJL for a couple of years now, and we've been impressed with the scope of topics, versatility, and breadth of associated activities provided by the organization – things like life cycle events, our relationship with the state of Israel, prayer, holidays, and current events. In addition to these resources, the good folks at ISJL have always made themselves available to me, Rabbi Block, and our teachers whenever we've had questions, needed advice, or wanted help designing programs to fit the specific needs of our school.

As many of you know, ISJL's offices at Beth Israel, Jackson, Mississippi's only synagogue, were heavily damaged due to an antisemitic arson attack just last February. Despite this, our partners at ISJL never missed a beat in supporting us (and a host of other schools across the South) even as they dealt with such a massive and shocking tragedy. It is with this in mind that our CBI faculty delegation gears up for this year's ISJL Southern and Jewish conference in Charlotte. The theme this year is *B'yachad*, which means "together" or "united," and we couldn't think of a better theme.

Being resilient in the face of increasing antisemitism is something we talk and think about a lot here at CBI. I am thankful for, and grateful to, our Security Committee Chair (and past Temple President) Carol Parham, committee member Brian Rosenthal, and our Executive Committee members, past and present, who make security at the Temple a priority every day.

Our faculty is looking forward to meeting Jewish educators from across the region, comparing classroom styles and methods, and attending three days of packed seminars, prayer sessions, and various mixers. As I was choosing my own list of sessions to attend, I was happy to see many focused on small congregations, and I decided to make that my own personal focus this year. Watch this space for a recap in the August edition of the Chronicle!

There's nothing more important to us than providing a safe, thorough, and FUN Jewish education here at CBI. We are looking forward to bringing back a lot of energy and good ideas from Charlotte, and we are already excited for our 2026-2027 school year!

With gratitude,

Michael Roberts  
Temple Administrator

Michael Roberts, our Temple Administrator, attends the Institute of Southern Jewish Life's annual Southern & Jewish Conference with Religious School faculty members Lee Harris, Heather Tolliver, and AG Findley in Charlotte, North Carolina.





**BACK TO  
SHUL**

**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
2026 - 2027 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!**

**Sundays 9:00 AM - 11:30AM**

Register by August 1 for \$475.

Indicate scholarship requests on application form.

*Click the pencils below to access our online registration form.*

Please call 501.225.9700 or email  
lfrauenthal@bnai-israel.us  
to sponsor snacks and or  
security for our upcoming  
Religious School year!

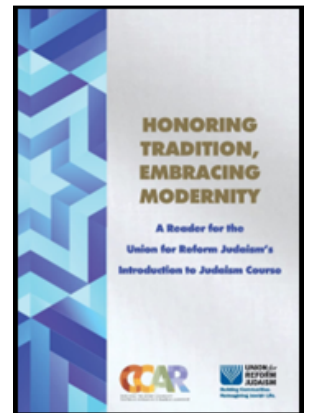


### **Judaism 101 Begins on August 13**

Judaism 101 is our congregation's course for those seeking comprehensive introductory learning about Judaism. Rabbi Block is the primary teacher for this program, which meets in the Library on Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm. All are welcome to this program, conducted with the rigor of an undergraduate college course but requiring no prior knowledge.

Judaism 101 students range from congregants who have been Jewish all their lives to non-Jews in relationships with Jews, from those contemplating conversion to Judaism to those eager to be well prepared to raise Jewish children.

The course is free for Temple members, with a cost of \$100 for all others. For all students, the book for the course, *Honoring Tradition, Embracing Modernity: A Reader for the Union for Reform Judaism's Introduction to Judaism Course*, may be purchased from the Temple at our cost. (Couples taking the course together pay only one tuition fee and are welcome to share the book. For non-members, the cost of the book is in addition to the registration fee.) For more information, please contact Rabbi Block, bblock@bnai-israel.us, and be sure to provide your number in the email. For registration and book purchase, please contact Luke in the Temple office, (501)225-9700 or LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us.



## **SPONSOR A BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK**



Join us for our annual drive to send backpacks and supplies to underserved children in the LRSD: \$36. Send a check to Temple and write "backpacks" in the memo line, or call the office at 501.225.9700.

We will assemble the backpacks at Temple in August and deliver the backpacks to schools in time for LRSD first day for students which is Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Please direct questions to Kirsta Nigro, kirstanigro1@gmail.com

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nathan Bernstein
- 2 Robynn Zinser
- 3 Merrick Fagan  
Serena Wolf
- 4 Meg Marion
- 5 Carol Mendel
- 9 Galina Krupitsky  
Corbin Otwell  
David Shindler
- 10 Arduse Sonnier
- 11 Laura Bogoslavsky
- 12 Carlos Duarte  
Mary Otwell
- 13 Douglas Meyer  
David Sheldon
- 14 Rochelle Goldsholl  
Toos Pfeifer
- 16 Beth Levi
- 18 Joanne Matson  
Cori McGrath  
Patricia Monoson  
Alan Thalheimer
- 19 Chris Strauss
- 20 Teddy Ferguson
- 22 Morris Levy
- 24 Destiny Adams
- 25 Samson House  
Nancy Rosen
- 26 Carmen Arick
- 27 Kathey Ehrenberg  
Hannah Lopas
- 28 Parker Lowitz
- 29 Bruce Thalheimer
- 30 Jane Goff  
Joy Liaw  
Noel Strauss
- 31 Justin Axelroth  
Hannah Reagler  
Mimi Reagler



To Fred Levin on the birth of his grandson: William Lee Levin, born to Alexis and Seth Levin in Huntsville, Alabama.

## AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/1	Donna Kirkwood & Barry Goldman	12th
8/2	Mary & Corbin Otwell	6th
8/6	Susan Clark & Matthew Lopas	26th
8/11	Tracie & Phillip Spivey	24th
8/11	Linda & Eugene Pfeifer	31st
8/17	Sheri & Micky Simon	46th
8/24	Silvana & Ariel Berlinski	35th
8/26	Sheila & Richard Bronfman	37th
8/28	Peggy & L.R. Jalenak	71st
8/30	Betsy & James Aronson	29th
8/31	Jane & Scott Levine	40th

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Berry  
Michael Anderson  
KatyBeth Coleman  
Amanda & Robert Rhodes

Pride Shabbat is always an exciting time for Congregation B'nai Israel. This year we were particularly delighted to welcome Rabbi Isaama Goldstein-Stoll the the Union for Reform Judaism's Director of Youth Organizing, who spoke on "The Blessings of a Diverse Congregation" and led a workshop "More than Good Intentions: How to Avoid Hurting Others."



**Come Cook with Us!**  
**In July we will prepare dinner at Our House on Wednesday, July 22**

Each month, a dedicated group of volunteers from Congregation B'nai Israel, with a generous grant from the Pfeifer Community Outreach Fund, prepares an evening meal for the people in residential transition at Our House Shelter. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the congregation and the community! If you would like to know more, please call:

Bev Wittenberg: 501.773.4289

**JULY YAHRZEITS****July 3 / 4**

Sadye Backal  
 Ron Bara  
 Chris Barrier  
 Barbara Behnke  
 Eli Bennett  
 Raymond E. Block Sr.  
 Max Bushman  
 Doris Meyer Cohen  
 E. Charles Eichenbaum  
 Joseph A. Franklin  
 June Freeman  
 Avrome David Goldberg  
 Monte Barry Goodman  
 Daniel H. Jacobi  
 David Knopping  
 Emmanuel Krupitsky  
 Howard David Levine  
 Ellen Lux  
 Raymond Maer  
 Sarah Marcus  
 Ida Navra  
 Eugene M. Pfeifer, Sr.  
 Jamie Cohn Reutlinger  
 Dora Paley Ronnel  
 Moe Louis Sachs  
 Dr. John M. Samuel  
 Jessie Sanders  
 Selma Loeb Sanders  
 Joseph Scholem  
 Ada Lee Shack  
 Rose Froug Smulian  
 Lt. Harold Tenenbaum  
 Joe I. Wagner  
 Florence Wald

**July 10 / 11**

Flora Fay Barrier  
 Jerry Brown  
 Mannie Ehrenberg  
 Esther Lasker Ehrman  
 Dave Grundfest, Jr.  
 Albert Harrison-Wilkinson

*July 10 / 11 continued*

Frankie Hawthorne  
 Malcohn Katzenstein  
 Lee A. Kretchmar  
 Judy Lanksy  
 Dr. Richard H. Lewis  
 Michael S. Loeb  
 Madolyn Levy Marks  
 Allan Mendel  
 Lazarus Isar Palnick  
 Susan Rodell  
 Isaac Rosen  
 William "Bill" Sachs  
 Louis A. Snyderman  
 Max Gerald Ticker

**July 17 / 18**

William B. Adams  
 Annette Baim  
 Isabel R. Blass  
 Beatrice G. Block  
 Bertha Sanders Cohen  
 Jacob L. Cohen  
 Carrie Doolittle  
 Rita Gartenberg  
 Meyer Kaufman  
 Raphael Levy  
 David Lockwood  
 Shirley Gallos Lockwood  
 Juliet Kronberg Lyons  
 Bruce Moore  
 Cusie Pfeifer  
 Bertram W. Roberts  
 Fred Selz  
 Debbie Sharp  
 Bobette Thalheimer  
 Michael Vogler  
 Lynn Zoldessy

**July 24 / 25**

Noland Blass, Jr.  
 Sonya Fertel Dumont  
 Martin Ferguson  
 Joan Komiss Fried

*July 24 / 25 continued*

Gus M. Gans  
 Rosa K. Heiman  
 Ruth Itzkowitz  
 Leon Israel Jacobson  
 Jack May  
 Barry Meyers  
 Travis Roberts  
 Miriam Julia Selz  
 Henry Silbernagel  
 J. H. Dooley Weil  
 Eugene Weinstein  
 Eddy S. Weintraub  
 Virginia Zinser  
**July 30 / August 1**  
 Irene Joseph Brooks  
 M. R. Carb, Sr.  
 William "Bill" Eiseman  
 Jacob N. Fine  
 Owen Simon Gerson  
 Teanie Green  
 Joseph Gurdin  
 Ida Gurinsky  
 Hugo Heiman  
 Karl Kahn  
 Melvin John Kempner, Sr.  
 Rene Levy  
 Betty Brinker Lipson  
 Sophia Kahn Lyons  
 Marian Matson  
 Georgia Maughan  
 Max Maughan, Sr.  
 Phillip Provenzale  
 Norman Rabkin  
 Martha Rosenthal  
 Bernice Sanders  
 George Seligman  
 Leonard M. Stern, Jr.  
 Janet Stern  
 B.J. "Jerry" Tanenbaum  
 Bruce Thalheimer, Sr.  
 Sarah Itty Ticker  
 Carolyn Waltzer

## DONATIONS

### Yahrzeit Fund

- In memory of Cynthia Wise  
David Shell & Family
- In memory of Sam Nickol  
David Mendel
- In memory of Theodore M. Sanders  
Keith Maddison
- In memory of Jacob Selz Brown & Miriam  
Anne Brown  
Nan Selz
- In memory of Belle Spiegelman  
Pat & Barry Solomon
- In memory of Nina Krupitsky  
Galina & Michael Krupitsky
- In memory of Leatrice "Lit" Block Rosen  
Nicolina & Ronald Rosen

### Endowment Fund

- In memory of Mark Schlesinger  
Jennifer & Steve Ronnel
- In celebration of Raida Snyderman's 104th  
Birthday  
Carol & Chester Storthz

### Bauman Family Music Fund

- In honor of Cantor Lisa Levine's year of service  
Debbie Brady
- In memory of Jerry Jacobson  
Rickie Lockwood Oliva & Robert Oliva
- In memory of Jerry Jacobson  
Marcy A. Noodell & Corey M. Kirshenbaum
- In memory of Jerry Jacobson  
Dr. & Mrs. Monty Fein
- In memory of Jerry Jacobson  
Anna Marks
- In memory of Jerry Jacobson  
Galina & Michael Krupitsky
- In memory of Jerry Townley  
Trudy Jacobson
- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Lynne Logue Dowler & Martha J. Logue
- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Patty & Doug Reid
- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Kathy Bauman
- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Anna Marks
- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Martha & Charles Alman

### Bauman Family Music Fund Continued

- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Cathey & Hal Gordon
- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Galina & Michael Krupitsky
- In memory of Steve Bauman  
Jennifer & Steve Ronnel

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- In appreciation of Rabbi Barry Block's birthday  
blessings  
Rickie Lockwood Oliva & Robert Oliva
- In appreciation of Rabbi Block  
Anonymous
- In appreciation of Rabbi Block  
Pamela Peiser
- In memory of Claude Alexander  
Van Gates
- In memory of Stephen Adrian Blanksteen  
Bonnie Nickol

### Storthz Religious School Enhancement Fund

- In memory of Ann Storthz  
Jackie & Jerry Bendorf
- In memory of Phyllis Storthz  
Jackie & Jerry Bendorf

### Levy Fund for Camp Scholarships

- In celebration of B'nei Mitzahs Eli Krupitsky, Eden  
Willis, & Eleazar Palladino  
Annabelle Imber Tuck
- In honor of High School & College Graduates  
Bobbie & Rabbi Eugene Levy
- In honor of Nancy Rousseau's Retirement  
Bobbie & Rabbi Eugene Levy

### Leibs Memorial Scholarship Fund

- In celebration of Raida Snyderman's 104th  
Birthday  
Debbie & Donnie Friedman, Jackie Liebs  
Bendorf & Jerry Bendorf, Andrea & Ben  
Stadman

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### **Yizkor Elohim**

*We record with sorrow the death of our  
member's relative:*

**Stephen Adrian Blanksteen**  
father of Shelly Blanksteen

## DONATIONS

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### **Vogel Family Caring & Sharing Fund**

In memory of Betsy Gray

Galina & Michael Krupitsky

In memory of Barbara Helene Kagan

Rickie Lockwood Oliva & Robert Oliva

In memory of Jerome Bruce Giniger

Rickie Lockwood Oliva & Robert Oliva

In honor of Micky Simon's 71st Birthday

Rickie Lockwood Oliva & Robert Oliva

### **Other Donations**

#### **Temple General Fund**

In honor of Lewis Krain's Presidency

Rickie Lockwood Oliva & Robert Oliva

In honor of Lewis Krain

Bonnie Nickol

In honor of Shelly Baron

Bonnie Nickol

In appreciation of Shavuot hospitality

Arne Abel

In memory of Jerry Jacobson

Lester & Lynne Stern

#### **Pride Shabbat Sponsorships**

In celebration of Pride Shabbat

Emily Adams & Carmen Arick

In celebration of Pride Shabbat

Richard Estelita & Charlie Penix

In celebration of Pride Shabbat

Carol Fields

#### **Oneg Shabbat Sponsorships**

In celebration of their wedding anniversary

Jennifer & Lee Razer

## **June Volunteers**

### **Kiddush Hosts and Co-Hosts**

Katherine Palladino & Carlos Duarte

See Pride Shabbat Kiddush Sponsorships in

Donations

Rita Fagan,

Amanda & Shawn Williams,

Lee & Ricky Harris

### **Kitchen Volunteers**

#### **Oneg Shabbat Hosts**

Karen Sherman with Ellyn Polsky and Doris Krain

Tim Kessler and Josiah Wheeler

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