

THE TEMPLE CHRONICLE

THE RABBI SPEAKS RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

At the Annual Meeting, Eugene Krupitsky described the upcoming succession planning process, as the congregation prepares for my retirement on June 30, 2028.

Eugene's plan is healthy and admirable.

Months after my arrival as your rabbi, I wrote a blog for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, entitled, "We Are All the Interim Rabbi." No, I did not mean that I anticipated being here only a year or two. Instead, I meant that Congregation B'nai Israel is not "my" congregation, in the sense that it belongs to me or needs to be a reflection of me. Instead, the congregation belongs to its members.

I wrote to my colleagues: "Even our most lasting and well-remembered impact would likely have happened, in one form or another, had somebody else been in 'our' pulpit." Adapting words that Joseph speaks to Pharaoh when the king says he needs Joseph to interpret his dream, I wrote, "Without me, God (and unseen forces of history) will see (to the congregation's) welfare."

I will of course not be at any of the parlor meetings to discuss the congregation's future. When the time comes for rabbinical search, I will make myself available to sing the congregation's praises to any candidate who inquires, but I will not express views about any candidate to the search committee or any other member of the congregation.

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN AUGUST

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm

Services at 6:15 pm

August 7

Shabbat Service led by Phillip Spivey

Music: Isabella Ifrah

accompanied by Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat Host: Tish & Morris Estep

August 14

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block
Daniel Block, Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, will speak on, "Pursuing Justice for the World's Poorest People."

Music: Josiah Wheeler and Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:

Annabelle Imber Tuck

August 21

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block
Sermon: "Repairing the Torah Scrolls"
Music: Jana Cohen and Teddy Ferguson
accompanied by Kathy Cooper

Oneg Shabbat Host:

Kat Stark & Jason Kennedy

August 28

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block and E.
Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Kayla Gitlin

Music: Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat, Flowers, and Security
Sponsors: Steve, Trip, and Susan Strauss, in
memory of Sam Strauss, Jr.

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I do, by contrast, plan to continue to be your rabbi right up to June 30, 2028.

In part, that's because it's not in my nature to be a "short timer," slacking off as my time in a role approaches its end. More importantly, that's because I love being this congregation's rabbi.

There's something else, too, which may resonate with others who have been in a profession a long time. I have been energized by new challenges that have come along at different stages of my rabbinate at Congregation B'nai Israel. From the beginning, I realized that, unlike in my prior congregation, where I had younger rabbinical and cantorial colleagues, I would not be exposed to different ways of doing things. After I had my "sea legs" here, and my second and subsequent contracts afforded me a month's sabbatical each summer, I have placed a priority on continuing rabbinical education and interaction with colleagues, albeit usually from a distance, with a special focus on colleagues younger than I.

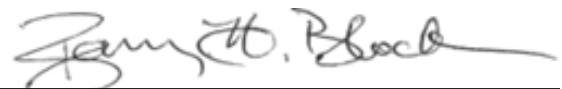
The last several years have presented challenges that I did not anticipate, but which have helped me continue to grow. For example:

- The Covid-19 pandemic required me to provide rabbinic services to the congregation without gathering in person for an extended period. I was surprised when I found the challenge interesting and even exciting, inviting creativity, much of which has remained with us post-pandemic.
- The E. Lee Ronnel Fund for Cantorial Music has enriched my rabbinate almost as much as it has benefited the congregation. Mentoring a student cantor is a serious responsibility and an exciting opportunity.
- I had been a supervisor, primarily of rabbis, cantors, and educators, in my previous position. However, I had never supervised a Temple Administrator until 2025, and that has been a tremendous gift. Working with Michael and Luke, first in partnership with Lewis and now with Shelly, I have endeavored to become the collaborative leader I always hoped to be.

I have little doubt that the next two years will provide still more challenges and opportunities for growth, for the congregation and for me, right up to the end of my fulltime career.

I concluded that 2014 article for my colleagues: "If we see ourselves as an interim rabbi, for four years or forty, we can leave our congregations healthy. That's an intentional double entendre: both the rabbi and our congregation need to be healthy at the end of a rabbi's tenure. When an interim rabbi leaves, after two years or twenty, the congregation can be primed to welcome a new rabbinical leader, to continue its history into the future, from strength to greater strength."

Faithfully,



Don't Get Fooled by a Fake Email or Text Pretending to Be from Rabbi Block

From time to time, Temple members receive a suspicious email or text, 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 or text 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. He texts only from his own personal cell phone number, area code 210. 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.

E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Kayla Gitlin's First Visit Is August 28-30



We look forward to welcoming our new E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor, Kayla Gitlin, for her first visit, August 28-30. In addition to leading Friday night and Shabbat morning services with Rabbi Block, Cantor Gitlin will meet with Rabbi Block and Jana Cohen to prepare for the High Holy Days and will begin to enhance our Religious School year with song!

Currently a second-year cantorial student at Hebrew Union College (HUC) in New York, Cantor Gitlin is a 2019 graduate of the University of Connecticut. Having served Westchester Reform Temple and URJ Crane Lake Camp as a Jewish educator and song leader, she worked as a visitor services associate at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in New Orleans in 2024-25, giving her the opportunity to lead services at Touro Synagogue and Congregation Gates of Prayer.

Cantor Gitlin plans to be with us for the High Holy Days as our principal soloist, collaborating with Temple volunteers and professional instrumentalists.

Saturday Mornings in August:

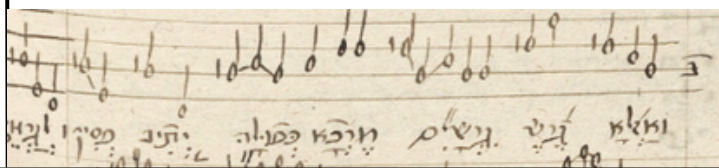
Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30 am, led by Rabbi Block on August 1, 15, 22, and 29 and by Sam Kauffman on August 8.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11:00 am in the Library, led by Rabbi Block on August 1, 15, 22, and 29 and by Annabelle Imber Tuck on August 8.

Please Join us in Welcoming E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Kayla Gitlin at a Kiddush Luncheon following Morning Services on Saturday, August 29th

The Kiddush Luncheon is hosted by Trudy Jacobson and Dale Ronnel.

There is no charge, but please RSVP to the Temple at 501.225.9700
lfrauenthal@bnai-israel.us
or click on the sheet music to access the online form and let us know you will be there; be sure to include any dietary needs.



Make a Nonpartisan Difference on Election Day!

In partnership with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the Women of Reform Judaism, and the Center for Common Ground's Reclaim our Vote Campaign, Congregation B'nai Israel volunteers are sending postcards to Virginia voters in support of three ballot measures:

- Reproductive Freedom Constitutional Amendment: Provide a state constitutional right to reproductive freedom, defined as "the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all matters related to one's pregnancy"
- Freedom to Marry Constitutional Amendment: Repeals the state constitution's ban on same-sex marriage
- Freedom to Vote Constitutional Amendment: Restores ability to vote to people with felony convictions who have been released from prison

You can help!

Come to Temple on Sundays in August, 11 am - 12 pm.

Want to help, but late Sunday morning isn't the best time? Contact Bonnie Nickol, project captain, bnickol@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Although programming at the Temple slows down in the summer months, the work of our staff and volunteers continues at full strength. As we begin to gear up for the approaching holidays, there is of course preparation for the many services and programs we experience over the weeks, but there is also a tremendous amount of preparation that goes into maintaining and improving our building and grounds as well as our security.

I am not the first to write about what an undertaking it is to maintain our building, but I do think it's important to continue to recognize what it takes to support that effort. **Our staff is diligent in making sure the building is in order and secure, and we have some very dedicated volunteers to support this effort.**

Over the past few months, the Temple has undergone multiple improvements – some you will notice and some you will not, but all of these projects have taken a tremendous amount of time and effort from our staff and volunteers, and I'd like to highlight a few here.

The most recent **HVAC improvement project** is nearly completed. The contractors are in the final stages, and this is intended to improve the comfort of the building and the efficiency of our energy use. **Eugene Krupitsky** has chaired this project and our ongoing HVAC improvements for many years, and I am grateful for his ongoing efforts to modernize our systems, improve occupant comfort, and save energy/utility costs while doing so.

You may have noticed our **new security gate** that was recently installed at the Temple entrance, but it is now fully functioning and is able to be closed overnight and when the building is not in use to better protect our campus and our staff. **Carol Parham and Brian Rosenthal** have been working to improve the safety of our building and the people it serves for years, and this is just the latest project they have completed. While many of the projects they have supported are physical, there are countless other items they have worked on with our staff to keep us all safe, and for that I am extremely grateful as well. The safety of all who enter our "gates" is one of the most important responsibilities we have.

Our House and Grounds chair, **Janet Korenblat**, works endlessly to ensure our building is functioning well, that we are on top of preventative maintenance, and that the house and grounds is comfortable for both our members and guests. Over the summer, Janet has been working on **lighting improvement projects** as well as **new landscaping** around the security gate. She has also been working with **Jan Alman** to **update the main foyer**, and we are excited for the upcoming reveal! Thank you to both Janet and Jan for their work and expertise in design.

Additionally, we have retained a new professional cleaning service that began in July, and after a deep clean and their weekly services, the building is shining! This transition was facilitated by **Michael Roberts**. As the Temple Administrator, Michael oversees the day-to-day operations and ensures all staff, vendors, and volunteers are coordinated. This takes a significant amount of attention to detail and communication, and I truly appreciate his diligence in this role. As we move into the period of the year where our building is most used, **please join me in observing and appreciating these extraordinary efforts.**

-Shelly Baron



BACK TO SHUL

Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel Presents:

Jewish Approaches When Life Hurts

Program for Elul, in Preparation for the High Holy Days

Sundays in Elul: August 16, 23, and 30 and September 6
from 9:30am - 10:45am,
in the Temple Library,
Led by Rabbi Block

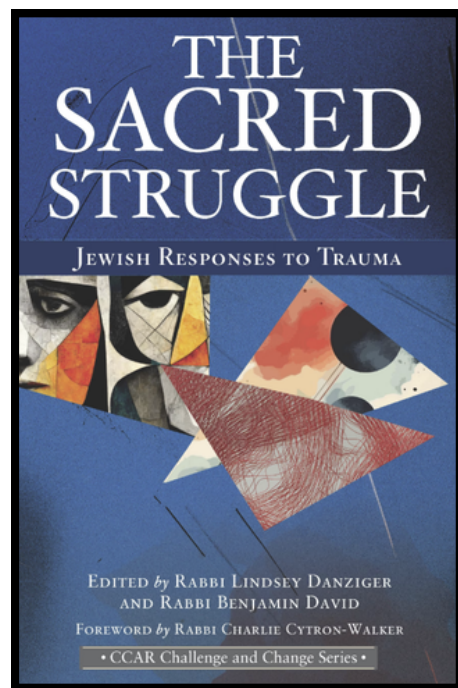
August 16: Illness

August 23: Violence—Personal,
Local, Global

August 30: Loss in the Family—
Divorce, Infertility, Bereavement

September 6: Natural Disaster

This course is based on The Sacred Struggle: Jewish Responses to Trauma, which is available from CCAR Press or wherever you buy books. Advanced reading is not expected, but the book is rich and recommended!



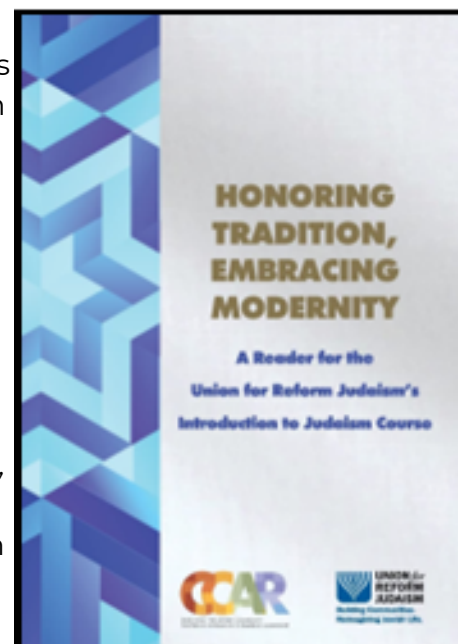
Judaism 101 Begins on August 13

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 phone number in the email. For registration and book purchase, please contact Luke in the Temple office, (501)225-9700 or LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us.



Make Plans for the High Holy Days

5787 Begins at Sundown on Friday, September 11

High Holy Day Security Passes will be arriving soon!

For High Holy Day Services, we will have a welcome table. Members of the Board of Trustees will request to see a security pass or photo ID. Members will be mailed a letter including security passes for their family members. If you misplace your passes before the High Holy days, or if you would like to request a pass for yourself, a family member, or guest, or if you are a nonmember wishing to request a pass, please contact the office at 501-225-9700 or email mroberts@bnai-israel.us

Please Note: Anyone, including members and guests, arriving without a security pass will be requested to present a valid form of photo ID to enter our services.

We ask for your understanding about these procedures.

They are necessary to make our Temple safe for these meaningful High Holy Days!

Congregation B'nai Israel Key Club - The Key to Our Future 5787



The pillars of *Teshuvah*, repentance, *T'fillah*, prayer, and *Tzedakah*, charity, are key components of the High Holy Days.



The Key Club is Temple B'nai Israel's Traditional High Holiday Tzedakah Campaign to support our congregation's annual budget. The Gift of the Heart contributions only cover a portion of the Temple expenses. We ask that you make your pledge before Monday, August 31, to ensure that your name is acknowledged in the printed Rosh Hashanah bulletin.

Key Club Commitment Levels:

Platinum Key Club - \$1000

Gold Key Club - \$600

Silver Key Club - \$400

Key Club - \$200

Your gift will help our Temple remain a center for Jewish life, worship and education in Arkansas.

Shelly Baron, President

Lewis Krain, Immediate Past President

Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance

As we look forward to the High Holy Days, we are beginning to prepare the special Book of Remembrance with tributes to our beloved departed whose memories are consecrated at our Yizkor Memorial Service on the Day of Atonement.

This booklet, a fitting expression of devotion and respect for our relatives and friends, will be available at the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur Day. The Yom Kippur Memorial Service is a hallowed tradition of our faith. We hope you will want to observe this sacred custom that combines the *mitzvot* of loving memory and *tzedakah*.



Six names may be memorialized for \$54.00 and additional names at \$5.00 per name. Names are due to the Temple office by calling or emailing by Monday, September 15.

All Are Cordially Invited

The Congregational Rosh Hashanah Gala follows services on Friday, September 11

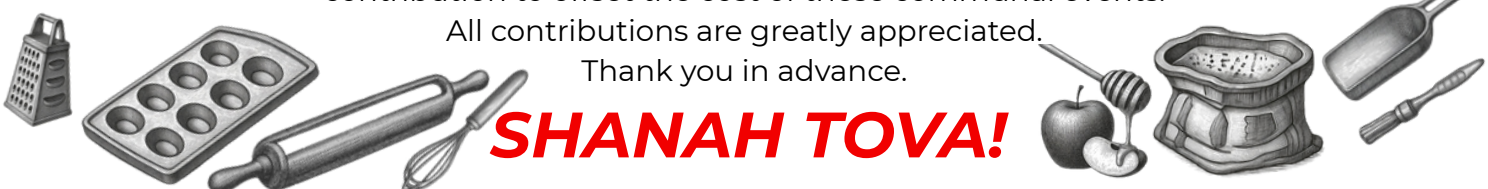
The Break the Fast follows the closing service on Yom Kippur Day, Monday, September 21

You can participate by attending, contributing, and or baking. Please deliver baked goods to the Temple kitchen by Thursday September 10. You may also mail or call the office to make a financial contribution to offset the cost of these communal events.

All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

SHANAH TOVA!



High Holy Days 5787-2026

Saturday, September 5

7:30pm – Selichot Program and Service

Friday, September 11 – Rosh Hashanah Eve

8pm – Rosh Hashanah Eve Worship and Gala Oneg Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 12 – Rosh Hashanah Day

10am – Rosh Hashanah Morning Worship

4pm – Tashlich Gathering, “Standing on Their Shoulders,”
and a picnic in our beautiful Oakland Jewish Cemetery.

*This event, open to congregants and guests of all ages, will include
Rosh Hashanah activities designed for children and led by LAFTY.*



A portion of *Le Chofar*, 1915, Marc Chagall

Sunday, September 20 – Yom Kippur Eve

8pm – Kol Nidre Service

Monday, September 21 – Yom Kippur Day

9am – Yom Kippur Children's Services

10am – Yom Kippur Morning Worship

12:15pm – “My Jewish Journey” Symposium

1:30pm – Yom Kippur Study

3:30pm – Yom Kippur Afternoon Torah Service

4:15pm – Yizkor/Memorial Service

5:30pm – Neila/Concluding Service

6:30pm – Break-the-Fast

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

It has been summer break for our students, but our Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) faculty has been hard at work preparing for a fantastic 2026–2027 Religious School year. I have spoken with nearly all our teachers about their plans for the upcoming term, and I am thrilled by the creative ideas floating around to make Jewish education fun, engaging, and deeply relevant for our kids. As part of our preparation, I recently traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, to attend the Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) "Southern and Jewish" conference alongside teachers Heather Tolliver, Lee Harris, and Findley. Marking our second year at the conference, it was wonderful to reconnect with familiar faces and forge meaningful new friendships.

The conference itself was an intense, three-day whirlwind of music, prayer, and in-depth educational seminars across a wide variety of subjects. We studied Talmud with Maharat Rori Picker Neiss, Senior Vice President and Rabbi in Residence at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, exploring how being an exceptional educator goes beyond just sharing knowledge—it is fundamentally about how we build deep relationships with our students, colleagues, and community. We also learned beautiful new melodies for ancient prayers with song leaders like Beth Goldstein, ISJL Curriculum Manager, and Carla Friend, Founder of Tkiya Music, while workshopping practical ideas to ensure our classrooms are inclusive and welcoming for students of all backgrounds.

Of particular interest to our staff was an incredible session with Nachama Moskowitz, Director of Curriculum Resources for the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and creator of Onward Hebrew. While we are already incredibly proud of our students' Hebrew skills, her immersive method offers exciting new ways to bring vocabulary alive through physical movement, direction, and *t'filah* (prayer). We are always looking for dynamic ways to integrate vocabulary into the classroom, and her approach gave us fantastic inspiration.

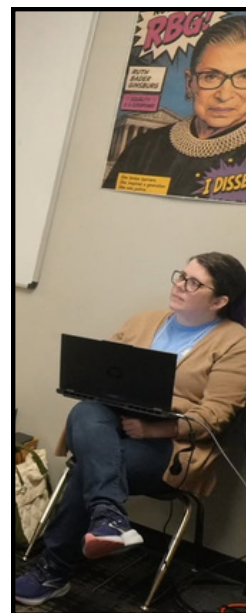
Just like our first trip to Jackson in 2025, the camaraderie we built during our road trip to Charlotte (yes, indeed, we drove!) was just as valuable as the seminars themselves. I am beyond proud to work with such a dedicated faculty here at CBI. We cannot wait to welcome everyone back in September and share all the exciting things we have in store for the first days of school!

With deep gratitude,

Michael Roberts

Temple Administrator

B'nai Israel Religious School teachers and students are superheros who brought Jewish representation to the Interfaith Center's Friendship Camp





Celebrate 45 Years of Lifelong Learning!

Join us for an Ice Cream Social 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Second Presbyterian Youth Building on Tuesday August 4

The Fall Class Brochure will be available at on August 10th ;
Fall Registration begins August 25th ;
Fall Term begins on September 14th.

45th Anniversary: Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive in Little Rock

Educational Symposium - Free and open to the public, in the Sanctuary

9:00-9:50 a.m. Dialogue with Rex Nelson and John Brummett
10:00-11:30 a.m. "Finding Truth in a Fractured Media Landscape"
Moderator: John Brummett
Panelists: Steve Barnes, Independent print/broadcast journalist
Andrew DeMillo, Arkansas Advocate
Alan Leveritt, Arkansas Times
Lee Wolverton, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Celebration Lunch - \$45 ticket, please purchase by October 7, 2026

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Awards Presentations:
Great Hall including: Eve Shackelford Yancey Volunteer Award
Winner: Doris Krain

LifeQuest is run by volunteers, please contact us to hear about our current volunteer needs:

LifeQuest of Arkansas 501-225-6073 info@lifequestofarkansas.org

Al Barron Book Club

Sunday, August 30, 3:00pm,
In the Lobby

Address Unknown

by: Katherine Kressman Taylor

Originally published in Story magazine in 1938, *Address Unknown* became an international sensation. Credited with exposing the dangers of Nazism to American readers early on, it is also a scathing indictment of fascist movements around the world and a harrowing exposé of the power of the pen as a weapon.



Security Trainings

As part of our partnership with Secure Community Networks, Congregation B'nai Israel will host the following security training opportunities for everyone in the community.

August 23 in the Temple Library

1 p.m. BeAware: An Introduction to Situational Awareness

BeAware is designed as a 60-90-minute program, offered virtually or in person, to teach the principles of situational awareness in your everyday life. Topics include defining situational awareness and its importance, understanding awareness levels, making good decisions, and identifying suspicious circumstances. This course is designed for every member of the community.

2:30 CATT: Countering Active Threat Training

CATT is designed as a 60-90-minute program, offered virtually or in person, to teach the principles of responding during an active shooter (or active threat) event. This course follows the national standard curriculum: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT with additional focus on how we can better prepare to persevere in an active threat environment. This course is designed for every member of the community.

To join virtually, please scan the QR Code.



SECURE COMMUNITY NETWORK



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Benjamin Casciano
Ronen Pierce Hillman
Abigail Susan Kennedy
Sam Storthz III
- 2 Betty Moses
- 5 Sunny Baker
Deborah Bevill
- 6 Dave Grundfest III
Andrew Perin
- 10 Andrew Stafford
- 11 Jimmy Moses
Aurelia Taller
- 12 Silas Curtis
Rhonda Eisenhower
Jerard Stern
- 13 Laurence Miller
Barry Uretsky
- 16 Richard Harris
Anne Miller
- 17 Janet Franklin
Loris Fullerton
- 18 Jeff Brown
- 19 Michael Anderson
Scott Hulett
Susan West
- 21 Jan Alman
- 22 Jennifer Ronnel
Alexa Strauss
- 23 Scott Schlesinger
Alison Vann
- 24 Alexandra Chrisman
Max Perin
- 25 Arnold Nachmann
Brian Rosenthal
Joseph Wolf
- 27 Katherine Ehrenberg
Chuck Prousnitzer
Virginia Kate Vann
- 28 Michael Kaiser
- 29 Jeff Rosenzweig
Barbara Thalheimer

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/1 Jennifer & Steve Ronnel 30th
- 9/2 Sarah & Len Johnson 20th
- 9/3 Karen & David Pear 31st
- 9/3 Anne & Larry Miller 59th
- 9/5 Rebekah Scallet & Joseph Stafford 16th
- 9/6 Darcy & Eugene Krupitsky 17th
- 9/7 Cherry Landfair & David Goldsholl 29th
- 9/9 Joy Liaw & Daniel Berleant 38th
- 9/10 Meg & Michael Marion 37th
- 9/11 Nancy & Bob Rosen 60th
- 9/20 Barbara & Paul Spitzberg 48th

MAZAL TOV!



David Rosen, who was inducted into the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame.

Janet and Scott Korenblat, on the arrival of their first grandchild, Rivi Rue, a daughter born to Macy & Tyler Korenblat.

Congregation B’nai Israel in Israel this Summer!

Our own Milo Krain (center) and Reed Henderson (right) traveled to Israel this summer with URJ’s Yallah! Israel in a group from Jacobs Camp. Pictured with them at left is Hersh Lewis, grandson of Temple member Emily Lewis



Congregation B'nai Israel at Jacobs Camp - Session 2



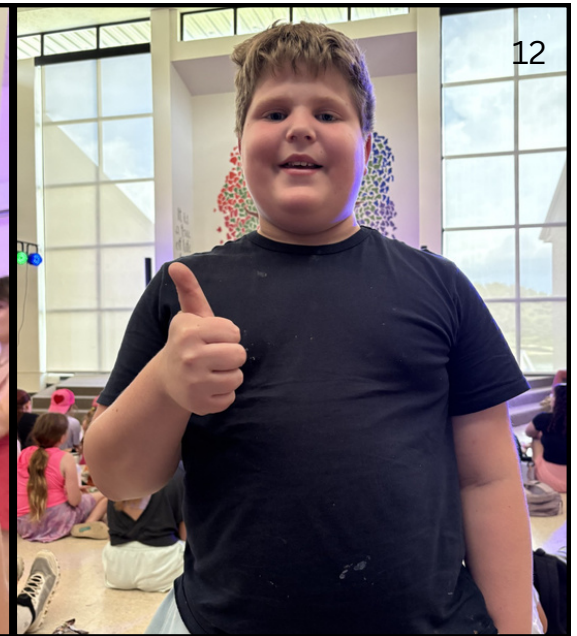
Front row, left to right: Parker Lowitz, Mollie Axelroth, Caroline Krupitsky, Rylee Krupitsky, Eli Krupitsky, Jackson Korenblat, Max Perin; Back row: Rabbi Block, Mira Krain, Eli Goldman, Zeb & Jacob Kleinman from Hot Springs

Temple Volunteers

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: KatyBeth Coleman, Lynn & Bruce Greenberg, Rita Fagan, Kirsta & Keith Nigro, Michael Roberts. **Kitchen Volunteers:** Rita Fagan, Janet Korenblat, Carol Parham. **Musicians:** Sunny Baker, Jana Cohen, Teddy Ferguson, Josiah Wheeler, Perry Young. **Torah Study and Service Leaders:** Emily Adams & Carmen Arick, Bruce Greenberg, Lee Razer, Annabelle Imber Tuck. **Sound Operators:** Teddy Ferguson, Josiah Wheeler. **Service Streamers:** Carolyn Adams-Price, Bruce Greenberg, Abbey Shoemaker. **Editors:** Rita Fagan, Lynn Greenberg, Bonnie Nickol. **LifeQuest Volunteers:** Carolyn Adams-Price, Karin Bara, Rabbi Barry Block, Trudy Jacobson, Doris Krain, Lewis Krain, Sheri Simon, Annabelle Imber Tuck, Dick Williams. **Archives:** Jim Pfeifer, Phillip Spivey, Clover Wagner, Abbey Shoemaker. **Friendship Camp:** Gabe Elson, Findley, Lee Harris, Ellyn Polsky, Heather Tolliver. *The July Our House Crew will be acknowledged in the September Chronicle.*

Kirsta & Keith Nigro have assembled the Back-to-School Backpacks that are waiting for delivery.





AUGUST YAHRZEITS

August 7 / 8

Jack Barrier
Herbert Besser
Julian G. Blass
Janie M. Bushman
William Arnold Bushman
Margaret Cohn Caplan
Grete Zwirn Cohn
William Cohn
Ann E. Ehrlich
Myer Kaplan
Elizabeth Ruebel Kempner
Dr. Oscar Kozberg
Marcus Simon Kronberg
Cyril Rose Lee
Betty Prousnitzer
Hattie F. Prousnitzer
Annie Rephan
Laura Richard
Malcolm Rosenthal
Mildred A. Scholem
Eugene John Stern
Joseph Martin Tenenbaum
Sidney Thalheimer
Rose Waldman
Marlis Wheeler
Fanny S. Whitney
Ann Williams

August 14 / 15

Retta Baer
Carol Banks
Meredith Weinstein Baskin
Mose Bennett
Ida Besser
Francis Simon Brier
Eva Brint
Jack Diner
Lydia F. Ehrenberg
Dorothy Tenenbaum Grundfest
Louis Kauffman
Flora S. Kaufman
Sophie Knopping
Max Lichtenstadter
Sheldon M. Luber
Richard E. Orgel
Isaac Pareira

August 14 / 15 continued

Clarence P. Pfeifer
Mendell 'Bub' Pincus
James Z. Sachs
Hortense Sancier
Henrietta O. Siesel
Anita Simon
Richard A. Sirvint
Pete Slager
Robbie Blackburn Vogel
Sol Weisman
Harlan Simon White

August 21 / 22

Harold Diner
Su Easley
Tillie Feldman
Frances Shane Fendler
Anita Levinson Fox
Lena Kurlansk Gates
Rosa Gruner
Dr. Jerome Liebman
Samuel Louchheim
Jake L. Marcus
Bluma Marks
Abraham Ottenheimer
Harry William Pfeifer
Harry Louis Phillips
Paul E. Pollock
Sollie J. Salinger
Zerlena M. Salinger
William Max Shocket
Rosalyn Snyderman
Marcia Solomon
Sol Thalheimer, Jr.
Andrew Vogel
Jannell Dillon Wilson

August 28 / 29

Jeffrey L. Baskin
Libby Shack Cohn
Joann Dante
S. Lasker Ehrman, Sr.
Sylvia Berger Ehrman
Dan Eichenbaum
Hannah Elkan
Lt. Robert Russell Fox
Henry Hans Hamburger
Karen Hillman
Muriel Helen Balsam Kohn
Herbert Sidney Levy
Joe Navra, Jr.
Clara Pfeifer
Elsie Rocker
Laura Young Safferstone
Julia R. Simon
Sam Strauss, Jr.
Brunette Siesel Thalheimer
Roslyn Sondra Drucker Young

Yizkor Elohim

*We record with sorrow the deaths
of our members:*

Lauren Berkman Margolick

*Wife of Joseph Margolick, Mother
of Ari Marie Margolick and Noa
Rebecca Margolick*

Susan Axelroth

*Wife of Phil Axelroth, Step-Mother
of Darcy (and Eugene) Krupitsky,
Grandmother of Rylee Krupitsky,
Eli Krupitsky, and
Caroline Krupitsky*



DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Chris Barrier, Fred Selz, &

Miriam Selz

Nan Selz

In memory of Steve Blanksteen

Roberta Gordenstein

In memory of Bella Levy

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In loving memory of Ron Bara

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Thursday, September 3, 2026 | 6 PM

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
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Come together for an interfaith celebration of hope featuring music, prayer, and wisdom from diverse traditions.

The celebration will be followed by the Interfaith Food Festival.

Service will also be streamed on The Interfaith Center Youtube page

Khentrul Lodrö Thayé Rinpoche will share words of wisdom to inspire faith in the power of loving kindness and compassion. Serving as an abbot of one of the oldest monasteries in Tibet and as the director of Katog Choling, a retreat center in the Ozark mountains of AR - he travels across the globe guiding communities of dharma practitioners and sharing the ancient wisdom of the Buddha's teachings in a complex modern world.

For more information, please visit theinterfaithcenter.org



This year's speaker is Khentrul Lodrö Thayé Rinpoche, a Tibetan Buddhist monk and teacher. Khentrul Rinpoche is director of *Katog Choling*, a nonprofit organization based in the United States, and he oversees more than twenty Buddhist practice groups around the world and a large retreat center in the mountains of northwest Arkansas.

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Want to donate a drink or dessert? Please email Rita Fagan at ritafagan@att.net.

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