

THE TEMPLE CHRONICLE

THE RABBI SPEAKS RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

On Rosh Hashanah we shall proclaim, **“Today, the world begins anew.”**

Those words, taken from our prayer book, suggest that Rosh Hashanah is more than the world's birthday or the beginning of a new year. The Hebrew for that sentence, “Today, the world begins anew,” is היום הרת עולם (*hayom harat olam*), which could be read as, “Today is the world's pregnancy”—or, as a colleague has expressed it, “Today, the world is pregnant with possibilities.”

I have experienced pregnancy only second hand, of course, but here's what I know: Pregnancy is exhilarating, exhausting, nerve-wracking, exciting, uncomfortable, and sometimes painful. More often than not, it ends in miscarriage—mercifully, that frequently happens before a person even knows they're pregnant. Sometimes, pregnancy is planned, sometimes not. Some pregnancies must be terminated. The pregnancies we celebrate, those that result in the births of healthy children, constitute a minority.

Nobody can fully control the outcome of a pregnancy—not the pregnant person, and not their health care providers. Yes, that health care team will recommend a myriad of actions to take and not to take, and those will increase the likelihood of a healthy outcome, but they will not guarantee it.

So it is with our own special Jewish day that is pregnant with possibilities. We are taught, and we

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WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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

September 4

Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Block
Sermon: “Choosing Life in 2026”
Music: Jana Cohen and Perry Young
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Joanne Matson, Meg Marion, Tracie & Phillip Spivey, in memory of those buried at Oakland Jewish Cemetery, including Phil Kaplan and Sam Nickol, who will be featured in “Standing on their Shoulders”

September 11

Rosh Hashanah: Please see High Holy Day Schedule, p. 6

September 18

Shabbat Shuvah, Shabbat of Repentance, Service led by Rabbi Block, Hebrew Union College Golden HaNasi Fellow Student Rabbi Yossi Elmackias, and E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Kayla Gitlin
Blessing of Ruthe Kaplan and Julie Kaplan, as she prepares to move to Kansas City
Sermon: Rabbi Elmackias
Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Friends of Ruthe Kaplan

September 25

Shabbat Sukkot Under the Stars, led by Rabbi Block, followed by “Pizza in the Hut” Shabbat dinner in the Sukkah & Camp B'nai Israel
Music: Sunny Baker and David Korenblat
Oneg Shabbat Host: Rabbi Barry Block
More information on Pages 8 & 9.

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וּתְשׁוּבָה וּתְפִילָה וְצִדְקָה מֵעִבְרִין אֶת רַע הַגְּזֵרָה (ut'shuvah ut'tz'dakah ut'filah ma'avirin et roa hag'zeirah)—“Through return to the right path, through prayer and righteous giving, we can transcend the harshness of the decree.”

The promise that “we can transcend” an unwelcome outcome is not assurance that righteous living, giving, and prayer will prevent unpleasantness in the new year. In every likelihood, whatever troubles we bring with us to Rosh Hashanah will be with us after Yom Kippur and beyond—our physical ailments, our emotional anguish, and the world’s injustices that harm and upset us. It’s a promise all the same.

We can look at the world with new eyes, gaining a new perspective. We may set an intention to change something specific in our lives, and the result may indeed be positive, or at least better than had we not made that change. We may find new joy, new learning, new love in the new year.

External forces—the troubles of our world, the invisible workings of bacteria and viruses, and other people’s behavior, for example—do impact our lives. Rosh Hashanah is a reminder that the world remains nevertheless “pregnant” with possibilities for us to choose goodness. Let our High Holy Days empower us to gift ourselves the greatest possibility of sweetness throughout the year to come.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu,

Sam H. Block

Saturday Mornings in September

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Rabbi Block on September 5 and by Rabbi Elmackias on September 19 and 26.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am in the Library, led by Rabbi Block on September 5, by Rabbi Block, Rabbi Elmackias, and Cantor Gitlin on September 19, and by Rabbi Block and Rabbi Elmackias on September 26



Religious School has started and students are eager to learn.



Temple Board members, Religious School faculty, Temple staff, and interested congregants and guests attend Be Aware and Combating Active Threat Training with Jason Knight of Secure Communities Network.

Photo by Rabbi Block

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we prepare for the coming High Holidays, we prepare to celebrate and to reflect, on the coming year, and on the previous year. While we as individuals and families prepare for the observance of the holidays, the Temple staff, leadership, and volunteers are busy preparing for services, preparing the building, preparing the meals, and preparing to welcome congregants through the doors safely on many occasions.

It is by far the busiest time of year for our congregation, and during this time, we ask a lot of our congregants. We ask for additional gifts of the heart and gifts of the hand as we support Key Club and the Memorial book as well as prepare for many services, meals, activities, and welcoming congregants and guests safely into our sacred space. It is no secret the Temple B'nai Israel is blessed with generous volunteers who give their time and money, but this time of year, it can feel like the Temple is asking a lot of you.

However, as we move into the coming year, it is my hope that what you receive from B'nai Israel outweighs our requests for support. I hope that the support so many of you provide is meaningful to you, and I also hope you feel that this community we belong to and are supporting is significant to you and your families.

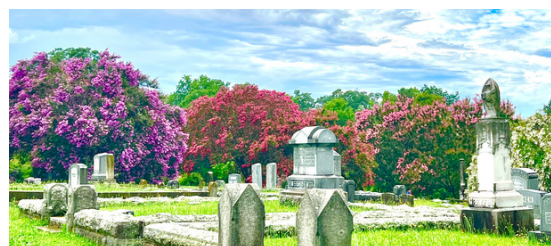
It's hard to believe that I have been a member of this congregation for over 20 years now! During that time, I've built many relationships that are important to me; however, as I begin my presidency, I'm aware that there are still so many more people to meet and get to know. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends over the coming weeks. I know many of you may only join us in the building during this time of year, but I hope that you do join us, and I hope that you will find additional opportunities to gather together with friends old and new.

With gratitude and hope for the coming year, *L'shana Tova*.

Shelly

“Standing On Their Shoulders” Features Phil Kaplan and Sam Nickol, of Blessed Memory

Please join us for “Standing on Their Shoulders” on Rosh Hashanah Afternoon, **Saturday, September 12, beginning at 4pm**, and followed by Tashlich, led by LAFTY, and burial of sacred books that can no longer be used. We will then enjoy a Rosh Hashanah congregational picnic in our beautiful, historic cemetery.



You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet Temple members who are no longer with us, as professional actors deftly bring them to life at Oakland Jewish Cemetery. This popular program will showcase Phil Kaplan and Sam Nickol, both of blessed memory. “Standing On Their Shoulders” is written and produced by Meg Goldenberg Marion and Joanne Matson.

This gathering is for all ages and is our children's service for Rosh Hashanah.

Remember to bring sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses—and above all, your picnic dinner. Water will be provided.

This program will be held in the Social Hall at Temple in the event of rain.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

When it comes to filling this space with Religious School news, there's no month I enjoy more than September – because after months of preparation, conferences, meetings, and registration forms, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS BACK! It's always so exciting to see that mix of new and familiar faces on the steps as our students and faculty gather together to join our voices in song. And what a first day we had!

In addition to welcoming our new kindergartners and older students who have decided to pursue their Jewish education with us this year, we also had some new faces here among our faculty. Jennifer and Lee Razer joined us this year as co-teachers for our 6th and 7th grade students, and I feel very blessed to have them with us this year. We also said hello to our new *madrichim*: Reed Henderson, Philip Levin, and Raelynn Williams. Seeing our young people go from being in classes to helping lead them is always a good feeling.

We were also very fortunate to be able to work with sofer Yonathan Reches, who is in town to do some much-needed maintenance work on our beloved Torah scrolls. Yonathan held educational sessions with each of our classes, teaching them about the Torah in a way that we're not usually able to do. And I learned a lot about parchment, ink, writing styles, and other fascinating facts about what it takes to keep a Torah kosher.

Our second session was to be just as exciting as the first, as we will be joined by our E. Lee Ronnel Cantorial Music Fund Student Cantor Kayla Gitlin. Our kids always respond so well to music, especially the songs they sing each summer at Jacobs Camp, and Student Cantor Gitlin is not only well-versed in all those old favorites, she's sure to bring us a host of new tunes to love!

There are many things Congregation B'nai Israel does to improve our community, from partnerships with organizations like Our House to our backpack and Thanksgiving donation drives. But to my mind, our Religious School ranks near the top of the list of services the Temple provides. Those shy faces walking into school for the first time on Sunday will one day sit on our Board of Trustees, lead prayers, and take the Judaism they learned here into the wider world. And I am humbled to be part of that.

With gratitude,

Michael Roberts

Temple Administrator



LAFETY gathered for its first planning meeting of the year. Pictured, left to right: Philip Levin, Reed Henderson, Milo Krain, Religious & Cultural VP, Sadie Elson, President, Rylee Krupitsky, Communications VP, A.G. Findley, Advisor



Our Torah Scrolls have been repaired by *sofer* Yonathan Reches who also gave presentations to the Religious School and gave members of the congregation an opportunity to perform the 613th mitzvah: writing a Torah Scroll.



Our Evening of Selichot Saturday, September 5

7:00pm – Learning for Adults and Teens

- “Judaism Has Martyrs? Yes, and We Can Learn from Them”

8:30pm – Dessert Reception

9pm – Selichot Service

- Prayers Seeking Forgiveness in Preparation for the High Holy Days
- Changing Torah Scrolls into Their High Holy Day Whites
- Sound of the Shofar



Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance



We are preparing the Book of Remembrance with tributes to our beloved departed whose memories are consecrated at our Yizkor Memorial Service. This booklet will be available at the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur Day. 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.**

2026 High Holy Day School Excuse Letters

Parents and teachers: To obtain our 2026 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter--requesting that schools excuse Jewish students' and teachers' absence on Yom Kippur, Monday, September 21--please contact Luke in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us. By request, Luke will provide a personalized version of the letter, i.e., specifically addressed to your school(s) and including the name(s) of the teacher or student(s) to be excused.

Remember Your High Holy Day Security Passes!

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. If you would like to request a pass for yourself, a guest, or if you are a nonmember, please call 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!

All Are Cordially Invited

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

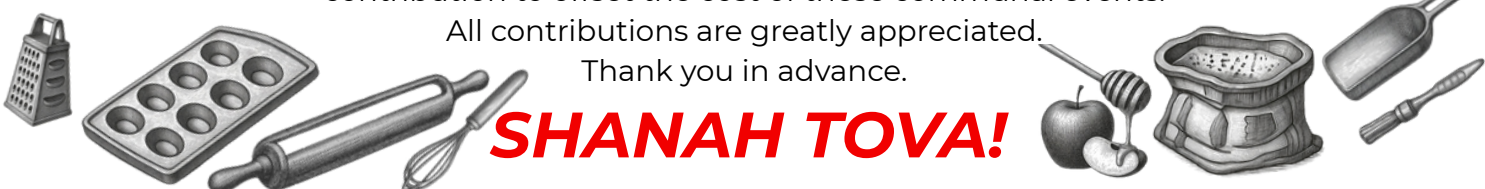
The Break the Fast follows the closing service on Yom Kippur Day, Monday, September 21

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

7:00pm – Selichot Program and Service

Friday, September 11 – Rosh Hashanah Eve

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

Sermon: “Righteous Like Noah”

Saturday, September 12 – Rosh Hashanah Day

10am – Rosh Hashanah Morning Worship

Sermon: “Imperfect Torah, Imperfect People”

**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.

Sunday, September 20 – Yom Kippur Eve

8pm – Kol Nidre Service

Sermon: “A More Perfect Union”

Monday, September 21 – Yom Kippur Day

9am – Yom Kippur Children’s Services

10am – Yom Kippur Morning Worship

Sermon: Student Rabbi Yossi Elmackias

12:15pm – “My Jewish Journey” Symposium

with speakers Tim Kessler, Thais Miller, Elli Samuels, and Sam Willis,
punctuated by instrumental music.

1:30pm – Yom Kippur Study

Student Rabbi Yossi Elmackias

3:30pm – Yom Kippur Afternoon Torah Service

4:15pm – Yizkor/Memorial Service

Sermonette: “A Complex Memory”

5:30pm – Neila/Concluding Service

6:30pm – Break-the-Fast

Rabbi Block and E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor Kayla Gitlin will officiate at all High Holy Day services, accompanied by volunteer singers and volunteer and professional instrumentalists. Student Rabbi Yossi Elmackias will participate on Yom Kippur.

Book Talk in the Sukkah Featuring Judy Batalion, Author of:

The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos

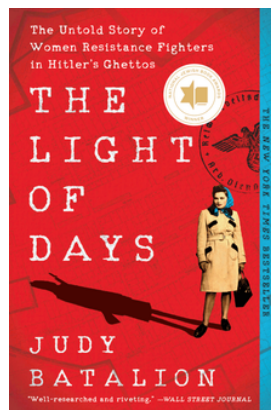
and now...

The Last Woman of Warsaw

Thursday, October 1, 6pm

Hors d'oeuvres to be served.

No charge or reservation required.



Judy Batalion is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Light of Days* and other books of award-winning nonfiction. Her debut novel, *The Last Woman of Warsaw*, was published earlier this year.

A Montreal native with a background in the history of science and a PhD in art history, Batalion has worked as a curator, researcher, editor, lecturer, comic, emcee, script-reader, dramaturge, performer, actor, producer, and translator. She transformed her experiences into essays and articles for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Vogue*, *Salon*, the *Jerusalem Post*, and other publications.

Batalion's visit to Congregation B'nai Israel was facilitated by Temple member Thaïs Miller and Central Arkansas Library System, where she is slated to speak on Friday, October 2.

Celebrate Lifelong Learning! 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

10:00–11:30a.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

10:00-1:30p.m. Celebration Lunch in the Great Hall, please purchase a ticket, \$45, by 10/7/26

Awards Presentations including: Eve Shackelford Yancey Volunteer Award

Winners: Doris Krain and Ellen Lowitz

**LifeQuest is run by volunteers, please contact us to hear about our current volunteer needs:
501.225.6073 lifequestofarkansas.org**

Sukkot and Atzeret/Simchat Torah 5787 – 2026 At-a-Glance**

Sunday, September 13

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 or experience needed!

See Below: Volunteers constructing the Sukkah in 2025.



Friday, September 25, Shabbat & Sukkot Eve

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
More information on page 10.

Saturday, September 26, Shabbat & 1st Day of Sukkot

9:30am: Torah Study in the Sukkah*
11am: Shabbat & Sukkot Festival Morning Service in the Sukkah*
12pm: Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah, hosted by the Vogel Caring & Sharing Fund
More information on page 10.

Sunday, September 27

9am-11:30am: Religious School students visit the Sukkah

Monday, September 28

7pm It's Election Year...In Israel, Too! Explore the intricacies of Israeli elections with Rabbi Block & hear how Rabbi Elmackias will be voting and why.
Dessert refreshments.
More information on page 11.

Wednesday, September 30

6pm Join our friends from Arkansas Culture and Dialogue Center for Supper in the Sukkah.
More information on page 11.

Thursday, October 1

6pm Book Talk with Judy Batalion, author of *The Last Woman of Warsaw* and *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos*. Hors d'oeuvres.
More information on page 8.

Friday, October 2, 5:30pm

Consecration Reception & Atzeret-Simchat Torah Eve Celebration
Consecration of our newest Religious School students. Siddur (prayer book) dedication for our 3rd graders. Yad (Torah pointer) presentation to our student celebrating a Bet Mitzvah in 5787.

Saturday, October 3, 11am

Shabbat and Atzeret-Simchat Festival 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.

Rejoice with the Torah at Services on Friday October 2 and Celebrate with our Religious School Students who will be

Consecrated:

Alma Baker
Drake Curzon
Sydney Lowitz
Ari Margolick

Receiving a Siddur:

Harriet Baker
Natalie Gerdes
Ava Harris
Lucas Pearlstein
Sloane Williams

Receiving a Yad:

Harper Harris



Shabbat Under the Stars

Friday, September 25

Oneg Shabbat, 5:45pm;

Worship services led by our Religious School Class
Grades 6-7; 6:15pm, in the Mendel Ampitheater,
to be followed by a pizza dinner al fresco in the Sukkah.

Salads, sides, and desserts provided by
the families of Religious School Students in Grades 6-7.



followed by Camp B'nai Israel Games

There is no charge for children 9 years old or younger.

All others:

\$10 per person for reservations made by

Wednesday, September 23;

\$15 without a reservation.

Please let us know of any dietary needs.

August Gratitude

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Tish &
Morris Estep, Kat Stark &
Jason Kennedy

Kiddush Hosts: Dale Ronnel,
Trudy Jacobson, Jana
Cohen, Dina Ifrah, Isabella
Ifrah, Teddy Ferguson, David
Korenblat, Perry Young,
Timothy Kessler & Josiah
Wheeler

Kitchen Volunteers: Rita
Fagan

Musicians: Jana Cohen,
Teddy Ferguson, Isabella
Ifrah, Perry Young

Service Streamers: Abbey
Shoemaker, Carolyn Adams-
Price

Editors: Rita Fagan, Bonnie
Nickol, Lynn Greenberg,
Carolyn Adams-Price

Religious Action Center

Postcard Volunteers: Ruthe
Kaplan, Martha Alman,
Karen Sherman, Glenn
Block, Gynger St. Clare,
Reecie Levin, Aaron
Rabiroff, Doris Krain, Ellyn
Polsky, Howard Bresnik,
Trudy Jacobson, Audrey
Evans, Bonnie Nickol, Rabbi
Block, Daniel Block, Dani
Poloner

Our House Crew, July:

Jim Pfeifer, Ron
Lanoue, Trudy
Jacobson, Bev
Wittenberg, Becky &
Jay Marks

Kiddush Luncheon in the Sukkah

Hosted by the
Vogel Family Caring & Sharing Fund

Saturday, September 26,
following Shabbat Morning Services
in the Sukkah

No charge, but reservations requested
no later than close of business
on Wednesday, September 23.
by contacting Luke,
LFrauenthal@bnai-israel.us
501-225-9700

Welcome Back, Student Rabbi Yossi Elmackias!

Yossi Elmackias, a rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Jerusalem slated for ordination on November 6, who so inspired our congregation when he was with us in late May-early June, is set to return for Yom Kippur and Sukkot, September 16-October 4. This time, his wife Hedva plans to join him.

Congregants will have multiple opportunities to learn with Student Rabbi Elmackias. For example, he will offer the sermon on Yom Kippur morning, teach the Yom Kippur afternoon study session, chant Torah and Haftarah on Yom Kippur and Shabbat, and speak about the upcoming Israeli elections. Additional opportunities are being arranged at this writing.

Elmackias's residency with our congregation and Rabbi Block is made possible by HUC's Golden HaNasi Fellowship, which pairs Israeli rabbinical students with North American Reform rabbis and congregations for mentoring and mutual exposure—enhancing the student's knowledge of North American Reform Judaism and our familiarity with our Israeli Reform Movement. While HUC bears the lion's share of the expenses for the residency through the Golden HaNasi Fellowship, local expenses Little Rock will be made possible by a generous grant from our congregation's Lois G. Stern Library Fund.



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

What's Next for Israel: Elections on October 27 Monday, September 28, 7pm, in the Sukkah

Will Israeli voters retain the country's current direction and leadership, or will they chart a new course? Explore the workings of Israeli elections, very different from our own, with Rabbi Block, and hear about the parties and potential future leaders of Israel through the lens of our Hebrew Union College-Jerusalem Golden HaNasi Fellow, Student Rabbi Yossi Elmackias, Education Director of Rabbis for Human Rights.



*Dessert Refreshments, No charge,
No reservation required.*



Our Sukkah is a temporary shelter that symbolizes the transience of life and our dependence on God. During the harvest festival of Sukkot, we are honored by the presence of guests in our Sukkah! So we have invited our friends from the Arkansas Culture and Dialogue Center to join us for:

Supper in the Sukkah Wednesday, September 30 at 6pm.

Please RSVP, by Monday, September 28 to lfrauenthal@bnai-israel.us or call 501.225.9700

You may remember visiting ACDC for a Ramadan Iftar dinner or their Turkish Food Festival. We hope that you will join us in welcoming them for a fun and meaningful evening.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Ruthe Kaplan	20	Elizabeth Cohen
	Jason Kennedy		Steven Strauss
	John Levin	21	Jack Gold
	Becca Perin	23	Caroline Krupitsky
	Elizabeth Wagner		Eugene Pfeifer III
3	Esther Gordon		Lou Tobian
4	Laura Joseph	24	Rebecca Glover
5	Bonnie Clinton		Luci Rodell
6	Matthew Chrisman	25	Laura Gold
	Rebecca Cowie	26	Rafael Levi
	Trudy Jacobson		Anna Marks
	Kirsta Nigro		Katelyn Rhodes
7	Michelle Deininger	27	Jack Grundfest
8	Bernard Bevill		Caroline McGrath
	Veronica Dodson		Barry Solomon
	Chad Fusco	28	Patrick Ifrah
	Tracie Spivey	30	James Moses



Jana and Perry Cohen whose child Charlie Cohen was married to Morgan Martin.

Trudy Jacobson, whose grandchild, Cantor Kalix Jacobson, was installed as the spiritual leader of Temple David, Monroeville, PA.

Michel Liedermann, whose youngest grandson, Alex Estrougo, was certified as a rabbi at the Edmond Safra Temple in Aventura, Florida.

9	Nancy Kahn
	Caitlin Reiss
11	Bari Himelfarb
12	Judy Selig
13	Martin Boyle
14	Larry Back
	Harriet Ruth Baker
	Peggy Jalenak
	Levi Wayne Smith

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11	Bari Himelfarb	10/8	Jackie & Jerry Bendorf	54th
12	Judy Selig	10/11	Jamie & Justin Axelroth	12th
13	Martin Boyle	10/13	Dianne & Frank Richard	18th
14	Larry Back	10/14	Barbara & Bruce Thalheimer	53rd
	Harriet Ruth Baker	10/18	Sylvia Amsler & Lewis Krain	28th
	Peggy Jalenak	10/20	Candice & Justin Hillman	10th
	Levi Wayne Smith	10/20	Toos & Arthur Pfeifer	67th
15	Jane Levine	10/21	Janet & Scott Korenblat	37th
16	Emily Adams	10/21	Deanna Arrants & Clayton Ward	9th
	Liz Lucker	10/26	Karin Zucker & Martin Boyle	41st
17	James Aronson	10/27	Angelica & Joseph Wolf	15th
18	Raymond Weiner	10/28	Rickie & Robert Oliva	3rd
19	Sheri Simon	10/31	Cory & Brooke Daniels	4th

SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS

September 5 / 6

Jonathan Biller
Rebecca Blass
Sidney H. Bloom
Toney Dante
Harry Diner
Martin Dreyfus
Rose Hamburger
Minna Zwirn Lachmann
Shepp Lesser
Sarah Dante Lindenberg
Ann Henriette Selig Lubin
Rachel Maer
Edwin Henry Mendel, Sr.
Grace Bloom Menkus
Hannah Gurinsky Moses
Myles Oliver
Alan A. Parker
Gertrude M. Pfeifer
Isidore Pop Pinkus
Max Schott
Dr. Eugene J. Towbin
Joseph Weil
Leah Samuel Weil
Gene Willis
Marjorie C Wise

September 11 / 12

Leo Besser
Harriet Caplan
Charles Dante
Miriam Sanders Dickinson
Erwin Gartenberg
Rosa Wolf Goldstein
Bernice Bunny Heyman Hart
Solon Morris Hart
Max J. Heiman
Diane Lee Hoffman
Paul D. Hunter
Maxwell J. Lyons II
Rosa Rosen Pasternack
Philip C. Prousnitzer Sr.
Harry Reich
Dr. Howard Schwander
Ella Mae Sonnier
James Wm. Spears
Pauline Stern

September 11 / 12 continued

Alexandra Streiff
Carolyn S Tenenbaum
Morris Weller
Wanda Wilkins

September 18 / 19

Samuel Alexander Block
Carolyn H. Bluthenthal
Hallie Ottenheimer Cohen-Steinhart
Sally Cohn
Mollie Dessent
Patricia Dicker
Arthur Donner
Lasker Ehrman, Jr.
Karoline Feibelman
Clara Pfeifer Frankel
Henry Friedman
Sylvia Tucker Friedman
John Hayden Futrell
Rachel Amalia Jacobi
Jerry M. Karr
Joseph Jacob Kaufman
Dr. Jerome S. Levy
Dr. Nathan A. Lewis
William Wolf Lipson
Lester S. Marks
Louis A. Narkinsky
Jennie C. Nussbaum
Michael S. Ostrow
Bessie Pasink
Lena Pasink
Linda Pinkus
Sandra Pruitt
Dortha M. Robinson
Charles Rodell
Winifred B. Schwartz
Max Snyderman

September 25 / 26

Samuel R. Cohn
Powell Dungan
Ella Navra Ehrenberg
Norman Shepherd Gilbert
Louis B. Goldberg
Carl Gross
Cherie Hertel
Freda Koppel
Renee Rothenstein Leff
Betty Lyons
Janet Loeb Pfeifer
Hettie Hartman Rubenstein
Joe Storthz, Jr.
Abe Thalheimer
Daniela Imber Vanderzant
Sam Morris Vogel
Mildred Strauss Weintraub
Arnold Zeno

Yizkor Elohim

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

Mary Ann Thomason
mother of Jill Flaxman

Edwin Cowley
*grandfather of Noah
Householder*

Marinetta McDonald Dicker
*sister-in-law of Aliza
(and Jeff) Brown*



DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Anita Levinson Fox
Fred Levin

In memory of Avrome David Goldberg &
Jean Goldberg
Ellen Goldberg

In memory of Flora S. Kaufman
Keith Maddison

In memory of Isaac Pareira
Keith Maddison

In memory of Malcolm Rosenthal
Susie & Brian Rosenthal

In memory of Retta Baer
Milt Baer

In memory of Sam Strauss, Jr.
Nancy Sadick

In memory of Sophie Knopping
Anne & Larry Miller

Sustaining Fund

In celebration of Joanne Matson's Birthday
Candy Levy

Mayersohn Fund

In memory of Lauren Berkman Margolick
Bonnie Nickol

In memory of Susan Axelroth
Bonnie Nickol

In memory of Ron Bara
Bonnie Nickol

Bauman Family Music Fund

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Thursday, September 3, 2026 | 6 PM

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
1000 N Mississippi St, Little Rock, AR

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.

The Interfaith Food Festival will follow the service with delicious vegetarian dishes prepared by local caterers and faith communities.

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

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