

THE RABBI SPEAKS



RABBI BARRY BLOCK

Dear Friends:

Mental illness is real illness. Having a mental illness does not particularly dispose people to commit heinous mass murders, as some have hideously suggested. People living with mental illness need to know that they are welcome at the Temple, that their rabbi is available to them, and that they are entitled to excellent mental

healthcare. Blessedly, I have never suffered from severe mental illness. Nevertheless, I view my regular appointments with my psychiatrist and psychologist just as I do consultations with my ophthalmologist or dermatologist: I have real and potential challenges to my health, and I am blessed with the resources to seek care from qualified practitioners.

Mental illness has been much in the news lately. Perpetrators of mass gun violence are routinely written off by some as mentally ill, both when evidence points to mental illness as a factor and when it does not. When some of us – notably, our youth, participating in the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism's *L'taken* Social Justice Seminar – speak about gun violence with our Arkansas elected officials in Washington, we often find that our only common ground is agreement that we need to improve access to mental health care.

Still, nothing has been done. Accessing mental health care in America is often challenging, especially for poor Americans – a problem that is particularly acute in Little Rock and even worse in Arkansas more broadly. Worse, framing mass murder through the lens of mental illness unfairly stigmatizes those who seek mental health care. I worry about the willingness of Americans to seek mental health care when I see mental illness conflated with the depravity that inspires a man to travel ten hours, write and arrange perfectly-timed release of a hate-filled manifesto, and carry out a well-planned, racially-motivated mass murder.

Our traditional prayer for healing, *Mi Shebeirach*, asks for *refuah*, healing, of both *guf*, body, and *nefesh*, spirit. The ancient rabbis who composed this prayer lived in a time before mental illness was identified, so they were not able to distinguish between mental and spiritual illness. When our prayer asks for *refuat ha-nefesh*, it is asking for the healing of mental illness.

We know, of course, that prayer is an important, but insufficient, path to healing. Health care is also needed. Whether a person is living with depression or bipolar disorder, anxiety or schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder or post-traumatic distress – or substance use disorder, which is every bit as much a

Worship at a Glance

Friday, September 6

Mishkan T'filah Service, led by Benjamin Casciano and Rabbi Block, at 6:15pm

Sermon: "The Death Penalty Torah and in 2019"

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, Elizabeth Cohen, Richard Estelita, and Charles Friedman

Candles & Kiddush: Shelley, Jonathan, Benjamin, and Andrew Casciano

Reader: Susan Berey

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: The Casciano Family, in honor of Benjamin on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah

Pulpit Flowers Sponsor: The Casciano Family, in honor of Benjamin on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah

Security Sponsor: Debbie and Brad Diner

Saturday, September 7

Abbreviated Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, 9:30-10:15am

Shabbat Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Casciano, at 10:30am

Security Sponsor: Shelley and Jonathan Casciano

Friday, September 13

Mishkan HaLev Service in preparation for the High Holy Days, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15pm

Sermon: "Lincoln's Lessons as the High Holy Days Approach"

Music: David Bauman

Candles & Kiddush: Emily Adams & Carmen Arick

Reader: Debbie Bentley, in celebration of her birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Security Sponsor: Dale and Lee Ronnel

Saturday, September 14

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30am

Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00am

Friday, September 20

Mishkan HaLev in preparation for the High Holy Days, led by Rabbi Block, at 6:15pm

Sermon: "The Immigrant's Gratitude"

Music: Jeffrey Neuhauser

Candles & Kiddush: Trudy and Jerry Jacobson, in celebration of Jerry's birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Jacobson Family in honor of Jerry Jacobson's 85th birthday

Security Sponsor: Mac Lyons

Saturday, September 21

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30am

Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00am

The Rabbi Speaks continued...

mental illness as the others I've listed – all are entitled to excellent mental health care.

May we all work together to build a society that reduces the stigma faced by all who live with mental illness and a nation that assures adequate mental health care for all.

Faithfully,

Rabbi Barry H. Block



Worship at a Glance continued...

Friday, September 27

Mishkan HaLev Service in preparation for the High Holy Days at 6:15 pm, led by Rabbi Block
Milestone birthday blessing of Larry Miller

Sermon: "Those Who Are Not Standing Here This Day"

Music: Emily Adams, Richard Estelita, Charlie Friedman, Meg Marion, and Josiah Wheeler

Candles & Kiddush: Anne and Larry Miller, in celebration of their birthdays

Reader: Arnie Nachmann, in celebration of his birthday

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor: Sisterhood

Saturday, September 28

Torah Study, led by Rabbi Block, at 9:30 am
Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Block, at 11:00 am

Yizkor Eloheim

We record with sorrow the death of...

OCTAVIA PEREZ BAQUERO

mother of Rivka (Maria Rosa) Ehrenberg and
mother-in-law of Harry Ehrenberg, Jr.

CORLISS "CORKY" SCHROEDER

President's Message

Charlie Brown said, "Sigh... there goes another summer, Snoopy!" It's so hard to believe that the summer has come to a close and kids are back in school. I hope everyone had a great summer and that the transition back to school has been a smooth one. Some of you have kids that started college and I know the mixed emotion this evokes! I'm thinking of all of you.

Speaking of school, I want to thank Jill Bauman and the Social Action Committee for successfully completing the backpack project. Jill and crew delivered 192 backpacks to students in need of school supplies to various Little Rock Elementary Schools. It's nice to know that we are helping those in need in our community.

Although summer is typically a little quieter around the Temple this didn't really prove to be the case this year. Eileen and Keila have been working diligently on the transition from our member management software, Chaverware, to our new software Rakefet. This has been quite an undertaking and I am so appreciative of their hard work and attention to detail. I hope you will continue to be patient with us as we complete this transition. We have also had another building project with replacing the two chillers this summer which was no small undertaking. One has been successfully replaced and the other should be delivered and installed soon. I am convinced that Eugene Krupitsky could start his own Heat and Air Company with all of the knowledge he has gained through the countless hours of supervision of this project. Thanks to Eugene and all who helped with this.

I have another change to announce. Perry Young resigned as Treasurer of the Temple Board due to health issues. I am so happy and grateful to report that he is recovering well!! I know you join me in thanking Perry for all of his countless hours and hard work this past year. I am also extremely grateful to Janet Korenblat for agreeing to step in as Treasurer for the year ahead. Janet has a background in accounting and has served as a Treasurer for several non-profits and we are in the most capable of hands!

We had many volunteers who stepped up to the plate, or rather the Bimah, to lead us in Shabbat Services while Rabbi Block was away on sabbatical and at Jacobs Camp. Thank you so much Eileen Hamilton, Ellyn Polsky, Meg Marion, Carmen Arick and Emily Adams, Emily Lewis, Lynn and Bruce Greenberg, Valeria Faber, Eoin Dockter, Mickey Loeb, and Annabelle Imber Tuck!! Your services were meaningful and much appreciated. We also welcomed Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell for a Shabbat weekend. She was able to come in part due to a generous contribution from the Dr. Wilma Diner Memorial Fund for Jewish Education.

Thanks everyone for a great summer! I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Carol P. Parham, President

High Holy Days 5780-2020

Selichot Eve – Saturday, September 21

- 6:45 pm Selichot in P.J.s
- 8:30 pm Selichot Program for Teens and Adults
- 9:30 pm Selichot Reception and Havdalah
- 10:00 pm Selichot Service, including changing of the Torah covers, led by Rabbi Block and David Bauman with Merrick Fagan, Shofar
Dedication of white Torah cover in memory of Richard “Dick” Orgel, father of Amanda (and Martin) Ferguson.

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 29

- 8:00 pm Evening Service - Rabbi Block will speak on, “The Law Is According to Hillel”
Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with Temple Choir and Organ Accompaniment and Sermon Anthem by Temple Volunteer Musicians
Merrick Fagan, Shofar
Gala Reception, Hosted by Sisterhood, following the service.
Security Sponsor: Janet and Scott Korenblat

Rosh Hashanah Day – Monday, September 30

- 9:00 am Children’s Services, led by LaFTY, Eileen Hamilton and Rabbi Block, Temple Volunteer Musicians; and Merrick Fagan, Shofar
- 10:00 am Morning Service - Rabbi Block will speak on, “The Trouble with Celebrating the Civil Rights Movement”
Temple Volunteer Musicians
Merrick Fagan, Shofar
- 4:00 pm Tashlich - At the home of Terri Moore and Jeffrey Neuhauser, 8 Chenal Circle
Led by Rabbi Block with music by Jeffrey Neuhauser; and Merrick Fagan, Shofar

Erev Yom Kippur - Tuesday, October 8

- 8:00 pm Kol Nidre - Rabbi Block will speak on, “Jonah, Not Noah: Yom Kippur’s Prophet”
Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with Temple Choir and Organ Accompaniment
Kol Nidre chanted by David Bauman, Richard Estelita, and Charles Friedman

Yom Kippur Day – Wednesday, October 9

- 9:00 am Children’s Service, led by LaFTY, Eileen Hamilton, and Rabbi Block
- 10:00 am Morning Service - Rabbi Block will speak on, “Jewish Power and Powerlessness”
Volunteer Temple Musicians
- 12:15 pm My Jewish Journey Yom Kippur Symposium – featuring talks by congregants Phil Axelroth, Amanda Ferguson, Joy Figarsky, and Mac Lyons on the role that Judaism and Congregation B’nai Israel play in their lives; as well as instrumental selections, offered by David Bauman and Charlie Friedman
- 1:15 pm Yom Kippur Study, in the Library: When a Jew Gains Power: Cautionary Talmudic Tales
- 2:30 pm Healing & Renewal / Torah Service - Featuring the Shechinotes, leading a creative service
- 4:15 pm Yizkor-Memorial Service Rabbi Block will speak on, “Do You Still Feel Me Hugging You?”
Temple choir with organ accompaniment and Temple Volunteer Musicians
- 5:30 pm Neilah-Concluding Service- Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with Temple choir and organ accompaniment, with David Bauman providing music for Havdalah
Merrick Fagan, Shofar
- 6:30 pm Break-the-Fast Reception, hosted by Men’s Club

White Torah Cover to Be Dedicated to the Memory of Richard Orgel

On Selichot Eve, Saturday, September 21, Amanda, Martin, and Teddy Ferguson and our congregation will dedicate one of our magnificent new white Torah mantles in memory of Amanda’s father, Richard “Dick” Orgel. Amanda’s mother Terry Orgel—plans to join us as we honor this sacred dedication during the changing of the Torah mantles to white for the High Holy Days during the Selichot Service at 10:00pm.



You will be star struck by the LaFTY led Children's service for the High Holidays. You can't get enough...

Children’s Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Join LaFTY for fun and spirited led services for the High Holidays on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning at 9:00 am. Childcare is available (free) during adult worship by reservation.



Shanah Tova
From B'nai Israel Staff

*Rabbi Barry Block
Eileen Hamilton
Milton Boyd
Keila Patton
Brandon Grace*

Dear Congregation B'nai Israel,

We look forward to the High Holy Days as a welcome "time out" with family and friends. As we return to our Temple to seek personal answers and to reconnect with our faith, we also renew our commitment to Congregation B'nai Israel.

As you know, for many years the Temple Key Club has provided funds to help defray the Temple's budget deficit. We need your support and generosity this year as in years past. Your special donation will be recognized in the High Holy Day booklet, which will be distributed at services.

Please send your check by September 20, 2019.

Key Club donations *must* be received in our office by the due date to ensure that your name appears in the booklet.

Your gift ensures that our Temple will remain a center of Jewish life, worship and education in Arkansas.

Carol Pfeifer Parham, Temple President
Carmen Arick, Immediate Past President, Key Club Chair

KEY CLUB COMMITMENT LEVELS:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Key Club	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600 Gold Key Club
<input type="checkbox"/> \$350 Silver Key Club	<input type="checkbox"/> \$900 and above Platinum Key Club



The Month of Elul a B'nai Israel Congregational Project

As we begin the prelude to the High Holy day season, we begin with the introspective month of Elul. This Hebrew month that precedes Tishri, the month of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, allows us the time and space to reflect on who we are, where we have been for this past year and where we are headed into the new year of 5780.

We return to the commitment of our core values and make amends to those whom we have hurt, knowingly or unknowingly; and focus our next moves to make improvements for ourselves, toward others, and for the world.

THIS YEAR, PARTICPATE IN AN ELUL, SELICHOT, NEW YEAR'S DISPLAY OF OUR 5780 RESOLUTIONS, HOPES, PROMISES – AND EVEN DREAMS.

As you enter the Temple this High Holy day season from September 1 – October 9, write on a provided pennant shaped piece to be displayed in our B'nai Israel continuum. It's anonymous so no worries.

Share something you plan to make a commitment to this year – a promise to yourself, a resolution, an apology, whatever moves you. We will visually be able to see how we ALL can reflect and move forward as a community into a new – healthy, prosperous, exciting, and positive New Year of 5780.

Shanah Tova

HIGH HOLIDAY BABYSITTING

Offered Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Day

Please send your check and reservation form **by September 23**. Child care is FREE, but reservations are a must for planning purposes. Babysitters must be hired in advance.

Babysitting is available for children ages 6 weeks to 10 years. The number of sitters will be based on the number of reservations by September 23rd. No drop-ins. Please bring all needed items: diapers, snacks, extra clothes, etc.



PARENT(S) NAME: _____

CELL PHONE(S): _____

Child/ren's Names

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

Please reserve a space for my child/ren for the following services:

Rosh Hashanah Morning:
Sunday, 9/29 @ 10:00 am _____

Yom Kippur Afternoon:
2:30 pm _____

Yom Kippur Morning:
Wednesday, 10/9 @ 10:00 am _____

Yizkor and Neilah:
4:15 pm _____

Please be sure to note any special needs/issues on your reservation form

HIGH HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE TO HELP THOSE AT RISK



In lieu of The High Holiday Food Drive, please support any or all these worthy organizations who feed those in need or at risk. **GIFT CARD** collection boxes will be set up in the lobby – drop one card or many this season of renewal. Gift cards can be of any amount (please write the denomination on the card)

LUCIE'S PLACE has one mission: **To ensure lifelong acceptance, stability, and success for LGBTQ young adults experiencing homelessness in Central Arkansas.** Only with your support, we're able to provide three essential services for our members, ages 18-25: safe living environments, job training, and counseling services.

Each year since its opening in 2015, 50-70 LGBTQ young adults receive life-saving services and support at our drop-in center in the heart of downtown Little Rock. Lucie's Place owns a home with 8 beds, specifically for LGBTQ young adults who need a place to stay! Residents can take advantage of a safe, affirming home with full living expenses covered while we support them in developing skills for future independence.

THE VAN serves those in need by going to the people. We visit current homeless camps, search for new camps, comb alleyways, check under bridges, and seek out people deep in the woods, etc. We take supplies such as food, water, clothing and hygiene products to people where they are. The One, Inc. seeks to build relationships with members of the homeless community so that we may then identify barriers to obtaining income and housing, and help our friends move beyond their homelessness. We are dedicated to being relational, as opposed to programmatic.

HOPE RISES provides holistic services to women impacted by addiction, trauma or incarceration to improve their health and well-being and provide opportunities for personal growth and empowerment.

OUR HOUSE focuses on long term solutions to homelessness is to not only to serve those who are homeless, but also to give extended support to former residents and those in danger of becoming homeless. In 2012 we created the Central Arkansas Family Stability Institute or CAFSI program to provide comprehensive support and services to help families avoid homelessness. CAFSI focuses on empowering clients in five key areas: Housing Stability, Financial Stability, Employment Stability, Educational Stability, Mental Wellness.

Potluck is food rescue for Arkansas.

OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE: *Save good food from being wasted* and use it to feed hungry people. Potluck rescues millions of pounds of a wide variety of *healthy food that would otherwise be thrown away*, saving it for those who need it the most. Rescued food is distributed **free of charge** to a large and growing network of nonprofit community food programs. Potluck is proof that the smart idea of food rescue can be transformed into a fully-functioning and efficient operation that helps feed Arkansans in need.

Yom Kippur Memorial Booklet

The High Holy Days are upon us, and once again, we will offer a 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 to our relatives and friends, will be available at the Yizkor Service.

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. **Submit information to the Temple Office no later than Friday, September 13.**

If name entries and payment are not in by September 13, the names will not appear in the booklet. Your \$54.00 donation allows up to six names to be memorialized; names over six will be \$5.00 per name.

Names of Deceased to be Memorialized:

Remembered By:

Please mail checks to Temple B'nai Israel Attn: Memorial Booklet 3700 N. Rodney Parham Rd Little Rock, AR 72212. If your account is in good standing you may charge this to your account*; please contact the Temple Office at 501.225.9700 or by email templesecretary@bnai-israel.us *3% card fee does apply

From the Educator

Imagine you go through any day with the disposition of what you eat. Those who enjoy pickles would be perpetually sour. Those who love lemons also sour and puckered all the time. And those with a sweet tooth, would always be nice and sugary in their outlook. The thing is, most people have an array of tastes, and fluctuate with their choices in food – therefore, our moods change. I guess popcorn would make us ‘salty’; processed food would make us ‘fake’; and oatmeal would bring us to ‘mushy’ and ‘sentimental’. Silly, right? At Rosh Hashanah we eat sweet apples dipped in honey and challah to ensure a sweet year ahead. But does that really ensure the sweetness for the coming year? Is that enough?

As we enter this season of repentance and reflection, we are forced to look at ourselves introspectively and realize that we all have many moods. Some better than others. Consider goals for this year that are attainable and feel good.

- Delete social media that is not feel-good: stop comparing yourself to others.
- Look for mentors and learn from others.
- Play with small toys on your desk and allow yourself to relax while at work.
- Plan game nights with friends – consistently.
- Apologize, but not over-apologize and forgive yourself.
- Try new things and write down your goals.
- Volunteer – many organizations need you, including your Temple.

Self-improvement is gradual and different for everyone. Eat the foods that nourish your soul and improve your mood – because we all need you in your best form for the new year – sweet, sour, pickled, spicy or tangy. Enjoy the sweetness of apples and honey this Rosh Hashanah.

From the Administrator

Eileen Hamilton

Are there things you would like to see happen at Temple? Do you have good ideas and want to share? Those who are currently chair-people of committees may want your ideas and help. We are taking a closer look at our existing committees and seeing that there is limited room for more to get involved. If you have an interest, a great idea for a new program, or even an idea for new efficiency, get involved. If you have seen something work elsewhere, bring that energy to B'nai Israel. It just may work. There are a ton of good innovations out there and your experiences can be brought home to your congregation. Whether the idea is in fundraising, entertainment, social, or even financial, your opinion and expertise are welcome. I hope to hear from many of you in the near future as we begin the new year of 5780 with energy, reinvigoration, and creativity for B'nai Israel – a small, yet thriving center of activity.

2019 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter

Parents: To obtain our 2019 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter--requesting that schools excuse Jewish students' absence on Rosh Hashanah, Monday September 30; and on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 9--please contact Keila in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us.

If necessary, Keila is able to provide a personalized version of the letter, i.e., specifically addressed to your child's school and including your child's name.

A vision for a new school year at
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL



A NEW YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING AND COMMUNITY

**Religious School began on
August 25, but registration
is still open for new students.
Call the Temple office.**

Religious school dates for September:
September 8, 15, 22, 29: 9 am – 12 pm

Confirmation dates:
September 4, 18: 6 – 8 pm

From Jill Bauman, Social Action Chair

A big thank you to all of you who helped with the backpack project this year! We assembled almost 200 backpacks and delivered them to 7 elementary schools in the Little Rock school district. Thank you to the following who assembled the backpacks-Loris Fullerton, Carol Parham, Trudy and Jerry Jacobson, Ellen Lowitz and Bari Himelfarb. Thank you to the following who helped deliver: Trudy and Jerry Jacobson, Joyce Ellen Knickerbocker and Aaron Lubin. A huge thank you to all of you who sent in generous checks!! We could not do this without all of you!!

LaFTY

NfTY So. SummerFest at Jacobs Camp
August 30 - September 2

Shalom B'nai Israel! LaFTY is getting a great start to this school year! In August we had our first board meeting, with our new board: **Daniel Block** (President), **Louis Reagler** (Programming VP), **Lilah Goldman** (Social Action VP), **David Ronnel** (Religious and Cultural VP), **Sydney Shemper** (Membership VP), **Tillie Reagler** (Communications VP), and **Hallie Pingel** (Ex-Officio). We learned how to be more effective leaders in our greater Jewish community, discussed our personal and board goals, and came up with new and fresh ideas for the events we will be having this year. When discussing how to be more effective leaders, we made a *brit kehillah* to hold ourselves accountable. If and when we slip up and get frustrated there is always something to remind us of what to do in tough situations. Along with our first board meeting, we also had our first LaFTY event of the year in August! Lunch was graciously provided by Rabbi Block in honor of our first meeting. It was a great time for everyone to see their friends who they had not seen in a while. We are very excited for our upcoming events this month. On both September 15th and 22nd we will start off with an exciting LaFTY activity and then planning for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur children services. We hope to see all LAFTYites there!

- Daniel Block
LaFTY President 5779-5780

Upcoming LaFTY events:

Sunday, September 15: meeting and children's services prep.

Saturday, September 21: Selichot Program led by LaFTY.
Reception hosted by LaFTY parents.

Sunday, September 22: meeting and children's services prep.

Save the date: Sunday, October 13: Sukkot Potluck and bring a



Attention Members with College Age Children!

We are starting a new COLLEGE CONNECTION email to those who are interested in hearing about what's going on at Temple, reading interesting Jewish related articles, memes and more, and receiving cool Jewish play list suggestions. Send us your college students' email address to be included.

Send current email addresses to
valeriafaber@gmail.com any time now or after the semester begins

Mazel Tov

to **Kathy and Jack Grundfest**, parents, and **Judy Grundfest** and **Gayle Slager** grandmothers, on the engagement of Blair Grundfest to Adam Orlansky.

to **Emily Lewis** and family on the birth of Reuben Meir Wolf. Proud parents are Mimi Lewis and Daniel Wolf.

to **June and Edmond Freeman** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Lauren Roe, born to Abigail (Freeman) and Will Hancock, of Frisco, Texas.

Mah Jongg Mania at Congregation Agudath Achim

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Check in at 11:15 am; play begins promptly at 1:00 pm.

Door prizes, Lunch, Refreshments

For more information call 501-352-5120 or 231-9513

**THANK YOU TO
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VOLUNTEERS:**

*Aniko Diamant
& Ian Alman*



SELICHOT IN PJ'S

Join other families in the tradition of *Selichot* – the soothing, prayerful, preparation before the high holidays.

Music, prayers, crafts and cookies and milk.

September 21: 6:45 – 7:30 pm

RSVP to ehamilton@bnai-israel.us.

Come in pajamas.

YAHREITS: SEPTEMBER 2019

SEPTEMBER 6

Sam M. Abeles
Maurice Abowitz
Sidney H. Bloom
Eva Brint
Toney Dante
Charles Dante
Miriam Sanders Dickinson
Harry Diner
Martin Dreyfus
Erwin Gartenberg
Ben Greenberg
Rose Hamburger
Max A. Heiman
Max J. Heiman
Sophie Knopping
Minna Zwirn Lachmann
Shepp Lesser
Sarah Dante Lindenberg
Rachel Maer
Bluma Marks
Edwin Henry Mendel, Sr.
Grace Bloom Menkus
Hannah Gurinsky Moses
Alan A. Parker
Rosa Rosen Pasternack
Bess Pearl
Gertrude M. Pfeifer
Isidore Pop Pinkus
Esther Besser Schneider
Max Schott

Howard Schwander
Ella Mae Sonnier
James Wm. Spears
Pauline Stern
Eugene J. Towbin
Leah Samuel Weil
Joseph Weil
Gene Willis

SEPTEMBER 13

Jeffrey L. Baskin
Leo Besser
Harriet Caplan
Sally Cohn
Henry Friedman
Rosa Wolf Goldstein
Solon Morris Hart
Bernice "Bunny" Heyman Hart
Diane Lee Hoffman
Paul D. Hunter
Jerry M. Karr
Jerome Liebman
Elizabeth Levy Loebner
Jennie C. Nussbaum
Linda Pinkus
Philip C. Prousnitzer, Sr.
Dortha M. Robinson
Winifred B. Schwartz
Max Snyderman
Carolyn S. Tenenbaum
Morris Weller

SEPTEMBER 20

Jerry Aldrich
Samuel Alexander Block
Carolyn H. Bluthenthal
Hallie Ottenheimer Cohen-Steinhart
Mollie Dessent
Arthur Donner
Powell Dungan
Lasker Ehrman, Jr.
Karoline Feibelman
Clara Pfeifer Frankel
Sylvia Tucker Friedman
John Hayden Futrell
Carl Gross
Cherie Hertel
Rachel Amalia Jacobi
Joseph Jacob Kaufman
Jerome S. Levy
Betty Lyons
Lester S. Marks
Louis A. Narkinsky
Michael S. Ostrow
Lena Pasink
Bessie Pasink
Janet Loeb Pfeifer
Charles Rodell
Sam Morris Vogel
Mildred Strauss Weintraub

SEPTEMBER 27

Isadore Besser
Laura Heilbron Binder
Samuel R. Cohn
Ella Navra Ehrenberg
Elizabeth Fein
Louis B. Goldberg
Sarah Levy Jacobson
Fannie Bennett Kaufman
Freda Koppel
Roscoe C. Kory
Nathan A. Lewis
Louis Mayersohn
Helen Fels Rubel
Hettie Hartman Rubenstein
Mabel C. Sanders
Bertha Frank Shrader
Melvin L. Spear
Joe Storthz, Jr.
Abe Thalheimer
August Simon Vogel, Jr.
Samuel Wolff
Arnold Zeno

Trying to Rid Your Home of Old Jewish Books?

Many of us possess old Jewish books, sacred in nature, but for which neither we nor anybody else has any future use. Sometimes, folks drop these books at the Temple, but the congregation has no use for these books either.

Thankfully, Jewish tradition ordains a sacred procedure for de-accessioning sacred books that can no longer be used. It's called *genizah*, and it refers to burying those books, including even an old Torah Scroll that can no longer be used, in the cemetery.

Rabbi Block plans to conduct a ceremony for the burial of books in our Temple section of Oakland Jewish Cemetery on Sunday, October 6, following "Standing on Their Shoulders," which begins at 9:30am. Please bring old Jewish books directly to the cemetery that day, and we will bury them along with others that we have been storing in the Temple for that purpose.

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September 2019

Elul 5779/Tishri 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Elul 1 NFTY - So Summer Fest at Jacobs Camp	2 Elul 2 NFTY - So Summer Fest at Jacobs Camp Labor Day Temple Offices Closed	3 Elul 3	4 Elul 4 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	5 Elul 5 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 6:00 pm Love Thy Neighbor at St. Mark's Episcopal Church 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	6 Elul 6 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan T'filah Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Casciano	7 Elul 7 9:30 am - 10:15 am Abbreviated Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Casciano
8 Elul 8 8:30 am - 9:30 am Continuing Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 10:30 am "Spiritual Preparation for the Fall Holy Days," Adult Learning Session 2	9 Elul 9 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	10 Elul 10 11:30 am Coffee, Cake and Conversation 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	11 Elul 11	12 Elul 12 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	13 Elul 13 CHRONICLE DEADLINE 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan HaLev Shabbat Service	14 Elul 14 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm Schmoozerana
15 Elul 15 8:30 am - 9:30 am Continuing Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 10:30 am "Spiritual Preparation for the Fall Holy Days," Adult Learning Session 3 12:00 pm LaFTY Meeting - Children's Service Rehearsal	16 Elul 16 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	17 Elul 17 7:00 pm Board Meeting	18 Elul 18 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class	19 Elul 19 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Torah Lunch & Learn 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm HHH Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	20 Elul 20 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan HaLev Shabbat Service	21 Elul 21 9:30 am - 10:45 am - Torah Study 11:00 am - Shabbat Morning Service 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm - Beginning Hebrew 6:45 pm - Selichot in PJs 8:30 pm - Selichot Program for Teens and Adults 9:30 pm - Selichot Reception and Havdalah 10:00 pm - Selichot Service
22 Elul 22 8:30 am - 9:30 am Continuing Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Religious School 9:30 am - 10:30 am "Spiritual Preparation for the Fall Holy Days," Adult Learning Session 4 12:00 pm LaFTY Meeting - Children's Service Rehearsal	23 Elul 23 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	24 Elul 24	25 Elul 25	26 Elul 26 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Judaism 101	27 Elul 27 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Mishkan HaLev Shabbat Service	28 Elul 28 9:30 am - 10:45 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm Beginning Hebrew
29 Elul 29 8:30 am - 9:30 am Continuing Hebrew 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Religious School 9:30 am - 10:30 am "Spiritual Preparation for the Fall Holy Days," Adult Learning Session 5 8:00 pm - Rosh Hashanah Eve Services and Gala Oneg Reception	30 Tishri 1 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Children's Service 10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 4:00 pm Tashlich at Neuhäuser Residence	CHRONICLE DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 13 FOR OCTOBER ISSUE				

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Arthur Haut Bill Rubenstein	2 Ruthe Kaplan Becca Perrin	3 Selz/Barrier A'99 Esther Gordon Eva Levi	4 Laura Joseph	5 Bonnie Clinton Kennon Goldsholl Karen Mackey
6 Rebecca Cowie Kirsta Nigro Trudy Jacobson Matthew Chrisman	7 Mikki Deininger	8 Jerry Bendorf A'72 Brent Reiss A'05 Bernie Bevill Tracie Spivey	9 Nancy Kahn Caitlin Reiss	10 Becky Blass Katie Gruber Sonya Hamilton	11 Justin Axelroth A'14 Kitty Rubenstein Gayle Slager Daniel McGrath Solee Wilons	12 Judy Selig
13 Frank Richard A'08 Marty Boyle Jesse Kane	14 Bruce Thalheimer A'73 Larry Back Peggy Jalenek	15 Jane Levine Brett Gastman	16 Ryburn/Samuels A'16 Emily Adams Liz Lucker	17 James Aronson	18 Amsler/Krain A'98 Ariel Berlinski	19 Lenka Horakova Sheri Simon
20 Gus Blass, III A'82 Art Pfeifer A'59 Elizabeth Cohen Fillis Stober Steve Strauss	21 Scott Korenblat A'89 Jack Gold Baylee Stevens	22	23 German Morales A'06 Eugene Pfeifer, III Lou Tobian Caroline Krupitsky	24 Rebecca Glover Andy Lawton Luci Rodell	25 Laura Gold Joseph Berleant	26 Zucker/Boyle A'85 Anna Marks Rafael Levi
27 Joseph Wolfe A'11 Claud Alexander Jack Grundfest Barry Solomon Caroline McGrath	28 Patrick Ifrah	29	30 James Moses	31 Steve Bauman Jonathan Dranoff		

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L'Shanah Tovah!

Happy New Year (almost)!

The High Holidays are fast approaching, and we need YOU to make our celebrations special.

Please help with as many of the following as you can, and let us know by calling Kirsta Nigro at **501-425-9188**

Help with:

TEMPLE Rosh Hashanah Reception (Times to be announced)
Set-up (Sunday morning, September 29th)

Bring cookies/cake (Please make portions bite sized!) to be delivered to Temple by Friday, September 27th

Donate money to cover costs of food & flowers and Bimah flowers

(Please send check with note to the Temple office what you would like to sponsor):

\$18___ \$36___ \$50___ Other \$_____

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Name:

Thanks in advance! This will be a sweet year!

Jonathan and Shelley Casciano
invite you to join them as their son

Benjamin Saul

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, September 7, 2019
at 10:30am
Temple B'nai Israel

My *Bar Mitzvah*, a celebration of my becoming an adult in the Jewish community, will take place this September. Since my *Brit Milah*, my family and the surrounding Jewish community have taught me that an essential part of being a Jew is to make the world a better place. Performing Mitzvot, or good deeds, helps us work toward this goal. Doing a Mitzvah means genuinely and generously providing assistance to others in need, or simply extending deep kindness to others. I have also learned through my Jewish education, that the highest form of a Mitzvah is when it is done in an anonymous fashion. This prevents the recipient from being indebted to the donor.

As I become a Bar Mitzvah, I would like to perform a kind act for others involving music. My fellow music students (from Adventure in the Arts program at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church) and I will perform an informal recital for residents at the Briarwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. In this case, we will be seen, so we won't achieve complete anonymity, although none of us has any direct connection to any of the residents. I hope that the happiness that we could provide through our music would be one way to make a difference in someone's life. My great-grandmother lived in a nursing home for a period of time. I am aware of how happy she became when my family would visit. I hope that this project could brighten someone's day in the same way.

B' Shalom,
Ben Casciano



**GET SOCIAL FOR A POT
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**Saturday,
September 14 • 6:00 pm**

"A Price Above Rubies"



Sonia (Renée Zellweger) is a married Hasidic woman in Brooklyn, N.Y., whose husband, Mendel (Glenn Fitzgerald), is inattentive. She begins having an affair with Mendel's brother, Sender (Christopher Eccleston), who allows her to work in his jewelry business. There, she meets a Puerto Rican artist and designer named Ramon (Allen Payne), with whom she finds a strong connection. When Sender learns of her affection for Ramon, he sets out to ostracize her from her husband and family.

Bring a dish that serves 8. No RSVP is needed.
Facilitated by Tim Kessler and Meg Marion

Questions?

Contact Tim at 479-283-5923 or kesslertimothy@gmail.com
Contact Meg at 501-951-3345 or meg.marion@icloud.com

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We are attempting to fill the dates from now
until the end of the calendar year.

The cost is \$120.00. Consider your upcoming occasions at temple.
Contact Keila – templesecretary@bnai-israel.us to choose a date.

Dates available for this fall and winter until December.

Sept 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 22, 29

December 6, 13, 20, 27

Dates after the new year are also available for choosing.

**Other sponsorship dates for
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:
September 30, October 8/9.**

**Sponsorship costs will vary for those holidays.
Thank you.**

Welcome New Members!

**We wish to extend a warm welcome to
our newest members:**

Denny and Gary Ticker
denny.ticker@gmail.com

Sarah Stack and Jason Frisbie
frisbiestack@gmail.com

Colten Pilgreen
coltenpilgreen@gmail.com

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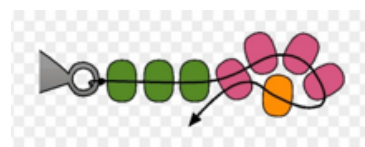
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Thank you so much to the 2019 Little Rock and Hot Springs Dream Street Staff! These teens work selflessly at Camp Dream Street, a one week sleep away camp for children with physical and related cognitive disabilities located on the grounds of Henry S. Jacobs in Utica, MS. Dream Street provides an environment for children with disabilities to simply be children. Your teens on staff give us a unique volunteer commitment in that they are on duty 24 hours a day for the duration of camp. Given the special needs of our campers, each staff member is assigned an individual camper and the pair participates in all meals, programs, and day to day activities together. We are always impressed with your teens' dedication, enthusiasm, compassion and selflessness, and we will always appreciate their services!

If you would like any additional information on Camp Dream Street and how you can help spread awareness, donate to our program, refer other teens in your community please email us at info@dreamstreetms.org. We are also on Facebook and Instagram! We can't wait for the summer of 2020!



Start saving your PAPER TOWEL rolls....

We will create a special SUKKOT FAMILY BEAD PROJECT this year to adorn our Sukkah in October. We will need the following supplies which can be brought to the temple any time through the high holidays:

- Empty paper towel rolls
- All design of wrapping paper (plain, with print, etc.) small pieces needed to cover the paper towel roll

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Coffee, Cake and Conversation

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 11:30 am

Congregation B'nai Israel Library

"Discussion of the basics of Medicare parts A, B, C, and D,
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in line with JFAR's upcoming Medicare Open Enrollment Workshop"

Presented by: Yair Jaccoby

Contact Jewish Federation of Arkansas social worker Kelsey Dugger
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