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THE RABBI SPEAKS Rabbi Barry Block

Dear Friends:

"All beginnings are difficult," wrote the medieval Torah commentator Rashi.



On March 13, we livestreamed worship services from the Temple Sanctuary for the first time in our

congregation's history, and we did so on 24 hours' notice. My part was easy: Stand on the *bimah*, lead the service, and deliver the sermon I had prepared for that occasion in the early days of our facing a global pandemic. Admittedly, I was also nervous: Would people be able to see and hear us? How would people respond to worshiping remotely? What if the system failed?

Thankfully, Eileen Hamilton, together with Richard Estelita and Tim Kessler, had the technical aspects under control. In the months that have followed, they have undertaken measures to improve the service technically. Eileen prepares gorgeous slides, so that worshipers at home may participate more actively in the service. Richard and Tim selected new equipment, and Richard has seen to upgrading the WiFi signal in the Sanctuary, improving the audio-visual experience at home. We have had extraordinary support from lay leaders, beginning with our immediate past president, Carol Parham, and our new president, Amanda Ferguson. And our members have been forgiving ofand often, have expressed gratitude for - a less-thanperfect online worship experience.

Now, we look to do something else for the first time: To provide a meaningful, enriching, and beautiful High Holy Day experience to our congregation and guests. With new members of their team - Scott Jordan and Jeff Nodelman, with perhaps others to come—Eileen, Richard and Tim are looking to further upgrades.

WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

Shabbat worship will continue, Friday nights at 6:15pm, with Shabbat Torah Study on Saturday mornings at 9:30am, via Zoom livestream only, until further notice. If you do not receive Temple emails and would like to listen to the service on the telephone, please contact Keila for instructions, 501-225-9700.

SERVICES IN JULY

FRIDAY, JULY 3 UPB - SINAI EDITION Guest Speaker: Phil Kaplan Music: David Bauman

> FRIDAY, JULY 10 MISHKAN T'FILAH Music: Jana Cohen

FRIDAY, JULY 17 MISHKAN T'FILAH Services led by: Annabelle Imber Tuck Music: David Bauman

SATURDAY, JULY 18 Torah Study led by: Meg Marion and Amanda Ferguson

FRIDAY, JULY 24 MISHKAN T'FILAH SERVICE AND B'NOT MITZVAH OF MADOLYN AND SADIE TOWNLEY Music: Jana Cohen

SATURDAY, JULY 25 SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & B'NOT MITZVAH OF MADOLYN AND SADIE TOWNLEY Music: Jana Cohen 10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 31

MISHKAN T'FILAH Music: Richard Estelita and Meg Marion

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Richard, our Ritual Committee Chair, and I have met with David Bauman and Elizabeth Cohen, our current and future volunteer Music Directors, to begin working out the music for the High Holy Days, with more musicians to become involved soon. I expect our High Holy Day worship to be far more seamless than weekly live stream.

Many of us have seen music videos compiled during the pandemic, with different singers and instrumentalists performing in different locations, and then mixed, with the ability to see and hear all the musicians in sync. We have increasing confidence that we can do that, too! Expect to see and hear our volunteer musicians, and to hear our professional High Holy Day choir, without endangering anybody's health, during these High Holy Days.

Years ago, a close friend who is a banking executive gave me a chart to describe the stages of developing a project. Team members typically start with high enthusiasm but low knowledge. Often there's a frustrating period, when enthusiasm ebbs and knowledge is growing slowly. Ultimately, with any successful project, the team enthusiastically celebrates that its members know what to do to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

Our Temple is not a bank. The High Holy Days are profound spiritual moments, not a new system of online banking. Nevertheless, learning from one discipline can bolster another. I am confident that our staff and volunteer team will develop High Holy Day worship worthy of the glorious history and devoted congregants of Congregation B'nai Israel, as we serve God, celebrate the new year, and seek repentance.



Phil Kaplan to Speak on Racial Justice on July 3

In celebration of Independence Day, Temple member Phil Kaplan will address the congregation during Shabbat Eve services, speaking on: "American Jews and the Struggle for Racial Justice."

Kaplan is an attorney who has practiced in the areas of employment law, civil rights, and business litigation since he was first licensed as an attorney in Massachusetts in 1962. He currently practices with Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon, & Galchus, P.C.

The *Encyclopedia of Arkansas* writes, "Influenced by the Little Rock Central High School desegregation crisis, Kaplan moved to Little Rock in 1968. [He] began is career in class-action cases in 1970 with Holt v. Sarver, for which he was appointed attorney representing the inmate population of the Arkansas prison system. Judge J. Smith Henley ultimately ruled that certain aspects of the existing prison system in Arkansas were unconstitutional."

Kaplan has chaired the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. Most recently, Little Rock Mayor Frank D. Scott, Jr. appointed him to "a nine-member committee that will conduct an independent review of the Little Rock Police Department,"

according to an Arkansas Democrat-Gazette report.

Rabbi Barry H. Block





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MAZAL TOV TO:

Marilyn and Gene Weinstein on the birth of their great-grandson, Jackson Theodore, born to Edie and Josh Weiss in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mazal Tov to Steve Weinstein on the birth of his grandson, Noah Brookes Weinstein, born to Brookes and Corrine Weinstein in Chicago. Mazal tov also to Noah's great-grandparents, Marilyn and Gene Weinstein.

MAZAL TOV TO:

Muriel Lederman and Brian Storrie upon the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Orly Susanna White on June 13, in Chapel Hill, NC.

> Becky Marks, elected President of the Twentieth Century Club.



Back to School Backpacks!

Our world is certainly looking different these days. The Social Action Committee is continuing with our yearly project of providing backpacks and school supplies to the students in the Little Rock school district. So, we are still asking for donations. Each backpack is \$36 but we will accept donations in any amount. The process of assembling the backpacks and the delivery may be different this year. But we guarantee supplies will be needed by students and we will get them delivered! Details to follow as we have more information. Stay well and safe! Any questions, email Jill Bauman at jarb223@yahoo.com or call or text at 501-960-8686. Thank you as always for your generosity.



Please join Amie Marshall, and Jessica & David Townley for the B'not Mitzvah of Madolyn and Sadie Townley July 25, 2020 – 10:30 am

> Zoom Link will appear in Weekly e-blast

Maddie and Sadie arranged a food drive for their mitzvah project during Coronavirus. They collected from all their neighbors and friends and donated the items to the Food Bank to help others.

Did you know you can get your Chronicle by e-mail? If you receive a paper copy of the Chronicle, and would prefer to only receive it by e-mail, please let us know. Send an email to templescretary@bnai-israel.us or call us at 501-225-9700

Religious School ~ Keeping the Connection



Dear Friends,

Religious School ~ Keeping the Connection The Hebrew word for connection is *kesher*. When we call someone on the phone, the verb is to *l'hit-ka-sher* – to make connection. It is a reflexive verb denoting an action – something we do to make something happen. One person calls, the other answers. Hopefully the relationship continues back and forth.

Religious School will not be able to open for in person classes right away this fall due to the safety of all. Although being together and making a connection is well needed at this point and we all yearn to return to normal procedure. We have no choice other than to be patient and allow all signs to tell us that we are safe to be in classrooms and learn in one space.

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. Obviously like everything else, it is different. We will have classes for Team 7/8 and Team 9/10 via Zoom on a regularly scheduled basis and continue in our curriculum. While the learning will not be hands-on, the learning will continue with great planning and execution. As for our younger grades, Teams K/1, 2/3, and 4/5/6 we will plan family learning sessions to ensure all can get on Zoom and learn and complete assignments alongside an adult. Religious School will also continue sending out weekly information and activities beginning on August 23 for at home discussion and study. Most importantly Zoom onto Shabbat services on Fridays as a family. Nothing is better or can take the place of having community together in the building, but in time, I believe that can happen. Until that day, please stay connected and be part of the action verb of connecting.

We count on all of you to come together in the continuum of Jewish education – always and under all circumstances.

Keep your eye out for exact details of our plans and program. Please take the time to register now for the fall online Zoom sessions, family education, projects, and so much more. We miss you and thank you for being part of B'nai Israel, Jewish education – for now and for our future. Shalom.

Eileen Hamilton, Director of Administration, Education, and Youth Engagement

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st	Nathan Bernstein	17th	Karin Waugh Zucker	1st	Donna Kirkwood and Barry Goldman - 2014
2.1	Melanie Nodelman	18th	Joanne Matson Cori McGrath	5th	Ellie and John Moore - 2006
2nd	Robynn Zinser		Patty Monoson	6th	Susan Clark and Matthew Lopas - 2000
3rd	Serena Grace Wolf		Alan Thalheimer		Rachel and Jon Dranoff - 2006
4th	Meg Marion	19th	Nancy Ryburn Chris Strauss	8th	Marina and Mikhail Ivanovsky - 1992
5th	Carol Mendel	20th	Teddy Ferguson	11th	Linda and Gene Pfeifer - 1995
8th	Rachel Dranoff	22nd	Morris Levy		Tracy and Phil Spivey - 2002
9th	Galina Krupitsky David Shindler	23rd	Brina Daniels	14th	Kathy and David Bauman - 1999
10th	Arduse Sonnier	25th	Henry Kramer	17th	Sheri and Michael Simon - 1980
11+h	Roxy Sonnier	26th	Nancy Rosen Carmen Arick	18th	Phyllis and Edward Kaplan - 1968
11th	Laura Bogoslavsky Fox Vukmirovic	27th	Laurence Gerson	24th	Silvana and Ariel Berlinski - 1991
12th	Suzanne Dhall	201	Hannah Lopas	26th	Sheila and Richard Bronfman - 1989
	Rebecca Ivanovsky	29th	Bruce Thalheimer	28th	Peggy and L. R. Jalenak, Jr 1955
13th	Doug Meyer Nina Reiss	30th	Joy Berleant Saoirse Davidson	30th	Betsy and James Aronson - 1997 Melanie and Jeff Nodelman - 1998
14th	Rochelle Goldsholl Toos Pfeifer Jerry Sherman	31st	Jane Goff Noel Strauss Justin Axelroth	31st	Jane and Scott Levine - 1986
16th	Beth Levi	5150	Leah Goldsholl		

The purpose of the Congregation B'nai Israel Legacy Society is to secure the future of our Reform Jewish congregation. Legacy gifts are deferred gifts that will benefit Temple B'nai Israel by sustaining our congregation for future generations. No gift is too small and every gift is a testament to your Jewish heritage.

Legacy gifts might include:

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Legacy donors become members of the Congregation B'nai Israel Legacy Society. If you would like more information on making a legacy gift, please leave your name with the Temple office (225-9700) and a volunteer will contact you.

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	AND FAY S. PFEIFER COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND ~ e Congregations' Social Action Committee and the Religious School that Rock community.				
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RABBI'S DISRETIONARY Congregation at the Rabbi	FUND ~ to be used for the purposes set out by the Board of the I's discretion.				
To provide scholarships to institutes, and other progra	MAYERSOHN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND ~ o members (including youth members) to attend seminars, conventions, ams that, in the judgement of the Board of Trustees, will advance the members for the benefit of the Congregation.				

For the support of education, education and camp scholarships, educational programs/events:

- **DR. WILMA DINER MEMORIAL FUND FOR JEWISH EDUCATION** ~ supports education programs for adult learning and educational programming for adults.
- **OLA AND MERVIN LIEBS MEMORIAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** ~ to be used for Religious School Scholarships.
- **LOIS G. STERN LIBRARY FUND** ~ to be used to add or replace books in the Temple Library; and for education programs held in the library setting.
- **HARVEY LUBER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND** ~ to be used by the Confirmation Class to participate in L'Taken after fundraising effort have been exhausted.
- **SAM J STORTHZ II RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY FUND** ~ to be used to enhance Religious School programming at the discretion of the educator.
- KIMBRELY PARKER JORDAN FUND- supports professional learning for Director of Education.
- **MEMORIAL FUND BENEFITTING EDUCATION AND YOUTH** ~ to be used to enhance the religious school experience and to assist students in the religious school to camp.
- **RABBI EUGENE AND BOBBYE LEVY FUND FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH** ~ to provide financial aid to Congregation B'nai Israel Religious School students wishing to attend Jacobs Camp.
- **TEMPLE MEIR CHAYIM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND** ~ to be used for scholarships to URJ Jacobs Camp at the discretion of Congregation B'nai Israel's Rabbi.
- **DAVE GRUNDFEST JR. ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** ~ To be used for educational scholarships to Israel for deserving youth.
- **ROSA PFEIFER ISAACSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND** ~ to be used for members of the Youth Group to defray the cost of attending regional and national Youth Group sanctioned events and conferences.

For the support of music and music programs:

- **BAUMAN FAMILY MUSIC FUND** ~ to be used to provide support and enhance the music offerings and programs of the Congregation.
- LILAH S. AND PHILIP MULKEY FUND ~ to be used to pay the professional High Holy Day choir.

For support of history, archives, and prayer books:

- HALLIE COHEN MILLER ARCHIVE FUND ~ to be used for improvement and enhancement of the Temple Archives.
- **MEMORIAL PRAYER BOOK FUND** ~ to be used to add to or replace those Prayer Books used by the Congregation at its Religious Services.

To support special programs:

- **THE CHARLES NEWFELD FUND FOR INTERFAITH RELATIONS** ~ to be used to support the congregational Seder and other programs that are interdenominational.
- **THE SISTERHOOD LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND (SLEF)**~ to be used as support for the Temple's PJ Library commitment, the Temple kitchen, and the Temple's children and family endeavors.

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YAHRZEITS - JULY 2020

JULY 3

Sadye Backal Eli Bennett Raymond E. Block, Sr. Max Bushman Doris Meyer Cohen E. Charles Eichenbaum Joseph A. Franklin Avrome David Goldberg Clare L. Goodman Monte Barry Goodman Al J. Goodman, Sr. Daniel H. Jacobi Emmanuel Krupitsky Raymond Maer Sarah Marcus Ida Navra Matilda Pareira Eugene M. Pfeifer, Sr. Jamie Cohn Reutlinger Dora Paley Ronnel Moe Louis Sachs John M. Samuel Lou M. Samuel Jessie Sanders Selma Loeb Sanders Joseph Scholem Ada Lee Shack Rose Froug Smulian Harold Tenenbaum Joe I. Wagner Florence Wald **Eugene Wallis**

May God comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

JULY 10

Evelyn Axler Flora Fay Barrier Rose Braunfeld Mannie Ehrenberg Esther Lasker Ehrman Gus M. Gans Dave Grundfest, Jr. Albert Harrison Wilkinson Malcohn Katzenstein Aaron Katzenstein David Knopping Lee A. Kretchmar Michael S. Loeb Madolyn Levy Marks Lazarus Isar Palnick Susan Rodell Isaac Rosen Joe Sloofman Louis A. Snyderman Gene Wallis

JULY 17

William B Adams Isabel R. Blass Beatrice G. Block Bertha Sanders Cohen Jacob L. Cohen Rita Gartenberg Hirsch Jacobi Meyer Kaufman Raphael Levy Shirley Gallos Lockwood David A. Lockwood Juliet Kronberg Lyons Bertram W. Roberts Fred Selz Debbie Sharp Bobette Thalheimer Michael Vogler Lynn Zoldessy

JULY 24

Noland Blass, Jr. Sonya Fertel Dumont Joan Fried Rosa K. Heiman Leon Israel Jacobson Richard H. Lewis Vera Nelson Jack May **Barry Meyers** Florence Navra Dorothy Schwander Miriam Julia Selz Henry Silbernagel J. H. Dooley Weil Eddy S. Weintraub Virginia Zinser



JULY 31

Chester Borrok Irene Joseph Brooks M R Carb Sr. Pearl Dranoff Ben Fendler Jacob N. Fine Owen Simon Gerson Teanie Green Joseph Gurdin Ida Gurinsky Hugo Heiman Rose Itzkowitz Karl Kahn Melvin John Kempner, Sr. Rene Levy Sophia Kahn Lyons Marian Matson Philip Pfeifer Phillip Provenzale Martha Rosenthal **Bernice Sanders** George Seligman Janet Stern Leonard M. Stern, Jr. Bruce Thalheimer, Sr. Carolyn Waltzer

YIZKOR ELOHIM

WE RECORD WITH SORROW THE DEATH OF

MARY PEARLSTEIN Daughter-IN-Law of Judy Pearlstein And Granddaughter-IN-Law of Ruth Itzkowitz

AND

KELSEY DUGGER-RAGLAND IFAR SOCIAL WORKER AND FRIEND OF

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

PAST-PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

And just like that....it's over. These past two years have flown by and I have to say there has never been a dull moment.

First of all, I probably would have laughed if someone had told me we would be facing the challenge of navigating a worldwide pandemic in the final quarter of my term. However, thanks to Rabbi Block, Eileen Hamilton, and the executive committee, as well as the Board of Trustees, I believe the transition to streaming services for the first time in our Congregation's history has been relatively seamless. That said, there's been a tremendous amount of work and creativity behind the scenes by many. Richard Estelita, Tim Kessler and others have been key players in making it happen. Meg Marion even adapted by making bite-size Challah balls that could be picked up using a toothpick. We have a received a lot of positive feedback about the services, with some even stating that they've started attending Torah study on Saturday morning because they can do so in their jammies. We had our first ever Confirmation via livestream from the Temple while the confirmands were in their homes. Rabbi Block led a lovely service and concluded it by blessing the confirmands with the priestly benediction which was then repeated by the parents as they stood behind them with their hands on their children's shoulders. It was a very meaningful and special Confirmation.

And now on to some Temple business. I am so proud we offer Health Insurance benefits to our employees. Rabbi Block contributed to this effort by reducing a portion of his benefits to help this fit within the budget. That reduction was 100% Rabbi's idea, clearly showing his passion for and support of the staff which is greatly appreciated. Also, most of you know that we have replaced our HVAC system. I am so grateful to Eugene Krupitsky for overseeing this project. It was a huge undertaking and we couldn't have done it without him. Eugene can't be talked into coming back on the Board at this time but he still shows great dedication to the Temple in many ways. He provides great support as a past Treasurer and was kind enough to present the financials tonight on behalf of Janet Korenblat, our current treasurer. Thank you so much, Eugene.

Other changes include our change from Chaverware, our previous membership management software, to Rakefet. This was no small undertaking and it is almost fully live now. This change is saving the congregation thousands of dollars a year while at the same time is a big improvement to our membership management.

I am proud of our engagement with the community in many ways. We continue to provide backpacks filled with school supplies and Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. I know you all join me in thanking Jill Bauman for heading up the Social Outreach Committee. We also provided meals to Our House up until the time that the pandemic struck and visitors were no longer allowed. When Janet Korenblat, who is the Chair of Vogel Caring and Sharing Fund realized that Our House would be substantially impacted by the restrictions, she mobilized and provided breakfast for two weeks to Our House, with thanks to the Eugene M. Pfeifer, Jr. and the Fay S. Pfeifer Community Outreach Fund. Eileen Hamilton...where do I start? Eileen has been my rock and friend. She has gently nudged me when I needed nudging, which is more often than I care to admit. I have referred to her as the task master with the yellow pad but she is much more than that. Eileen is caring, clever, funny, and the best at all she does. You have kept me on track and I will be forever grateful. It is so fun to see Eileen interact with the students, which I know is her passion. She has maintained contact with the students and LAFTY through a variety of Zoom meetings and games. Of course, Rabbi Block participated in these meetings, as well. Eileen even had the idea to drop off buckets with art supplies to students asking them to "pay it forward" by refilling them and leaving them as a surprise on someone else's doorstep. The way you have kept in touch with the students through this unprecedented time has been amazing.

Rabbi Block, I have really enjoyed our sacred partnership and am happy to call you my friend. I believe we have been a good balance for each other and am so glad that we have been able to help each other and work together to do what is best for our Congregation. You have always been so willing to help me and you give good, sound advice. It has been wonderful for me to receive feedback about your compassionate pastoral care for each of our members. You do so much for our congregational community which is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I also want to thank the Executive Committee for their dedication to our Temple. They are all wise and caring volunteer leaders. In addition, I want to thank my trusted set of advisors who have been there for me behind the scenes. You know who you are and I am so grateful that I could call upon you when needed. I want to thank my husband, Greg, who has supported me throughout my term. Amanda, I know you'll do great as our new President and don't forget that there are a lot of folks around you to offer support and assistance when you need it.

Finally, I know this is a difficult time for all of us, some more than others. Please remember that we are all in this together and that your Temple is here for you. I am sure you all read the piece that our past-President, Dr. Brad Diner, was kind enough to write for us titled "Managing Corona Virus Stress". The last bullet point in his piece states "spirituality and religious adherence through prayer and meditation can create feelings of safety and contentment. Doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with G-d has for centuries been guiding principles to find serenity and peace". I pray you all find serenity and peace in the days ahead. I have truly enjoyed the honor of being President of the Congregation.

Thank you very much.

Shalom, Carol Pfeifer Parham, Past President

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In memory of Naomi Zottoli, on her birthday Vicki Gladstone

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In honor of the birthday of Leon Marks Jim Pfeifer and Robynn Zinser In gratitude for Carol Parham and her service to our congregation as President Richard Estelita and Charley Penix

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In memory of Velma F. Block and Charles D. Taliaferro Glenn Block and Marla Shivers

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In honor of Carol Pfeifer Parham, with love and pride of her presidency, done so well Toos and Art Pfeifer In honor of Amanda Ferguson, our new Temple President Richard Estelita and Charley Penix

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ADMINISTRATOR

From the Administrator \sim

By now you have received your invitation to register for Rakefet Hybrid on-line to gain access to your Temple account. We encourage you to set up an account no matter how you choose to give to the Temple. Checks and phone calls are always welcome...but as you know, so many transactions take place on-line for convenience. You can view your statement, check upcoming family Yahrzeits, make donations, and more. We can communicate with you more efficiently too. We have received calls from members who really like the system and have used it successfully already. While others have called to mention their apprehension to changing their ways. Either way is fine with us – and believe it or not, we love to hear from our members by phone. Amongst all the business calls we make and receive, a big part of working at the Temple is talking to our members and catching up a bit. The personal connection is ever so important at this time but should and hopefully will continue when we are back to normalcy again. We hope you will not feel that this new Rakefet online technology will in any way take away from our personal connection to you - our members. If anything, we hope new technologies and methods will strengthen our relationships. If you have questions about the sign on to Rakefet, just be in touch. We are happy to hear from you.

Eileen Hamilton



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