

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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THE RABBI SPEAKS RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

The Hebrew term for synagogue is *Beit K'nesset*, a community center. Yes, a synagogue is importantly a *Beit T'filah*, house of prayer, and *Beit Midrash*, a learning center. For Congregation B'nai Israel, I would also invent the term *Beit G'milut Chasadim*, a home base from which acts of loving kindness extend to congregants, visitors, and the wider community. Still, the term *Beit K'nesset* makes clear: Our priority is to gather the community.

Not long ago, at an event that included congregants and guests of all ages, a veteran past president remarked, "It's just like the good old days!" She was reveling in the joy of children, running around the Social Hall, playing, while adults mingled or gathered at tables to enjoy the food and one another's company, not necessarily in that order. Our past president recalled a time, years ago, when such fun—including the running, playing children, parents of school-aged children, and adults of all ages—was commonplace. I reminded her that it wasn't **exactly** "like the good old days," as the group gathered that day was considerably more diverse than what she recalled—and for that, she joined me in gratitude.

During the program year that has just ended, we added monthly Shabbat dinners and kiddush luncheons to our schedule. Yes, we always held such communal meals, but typically only when a program or holiday called for a meal. This year, we scheduled the meals, and only then did we add programs to them from time to time, but not always. Talented Temple chefs and generous non-cooks provided wonderful and diverse meals. Longtime friendships were renewed, and new relationships were formed.

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WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN JULY

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

FRIDAY, JULY 5
SHABBAT SERVICE

Led by Annabelle Imber Tuck

Music: Jonathan Holland, Brent James, Josiah Wheeler

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Martha and Charles Alman
Challah and Security provided by: Trudy and Jerry Jacobson in honor of their anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 12
SHABBAT SERVICE

Led by Krysten, Mark, Philip, and Sam Levin and Hallie Pingel and Fred Levin

Music: Jana Cohen, Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat Host: Nan Selz in memory of her father, Joe Selz

FRIDAY, JULY 19
SHABBAT SERVICE

Led by Lewis, Mira, and Milo Krain

Music: Jonathan Holland, Brent James, Josiah Wheeler

Oneg Shabbat host: Rita Fagan

FRIDAY, JULY 26
SHABBAT SERVICE

Led by Rabbi Barry Block

Sermon: "Zealotry in the Name of Israel"

Music: Jana Cohen, Perry Young

Oneg Shabbat Host: Esther Gordon



(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)

We did not need to take special steps to create community among our children and youth. Friendship-building is near the top of our Religious School’s priority list. When they’re honest, our young people tell us that they enjoy coming to Religious School, as that’s their primary opportunity to see Temple friends, many of them also Jacobs Camp friends, spread across a plethora of schools, throughout and beyond Pulaski County. The evidence is the large percentage of them who are eager to continue coming to Temple on Sunday mornings in high school.

Our new president, Bruce Greenberg, has articulated a goal of increasing the opportunities for Temple members—primarily adults, but sometimes also including children and youth—to come together socially, at the Temple or perhaps elsewhere as a Temple group. Building on the Shabbat dinners and luncheons of 2023-24, we will deepen our friendships and expand our social circles, enhancing the community of our *Beit K’nesset*.

Shalom,

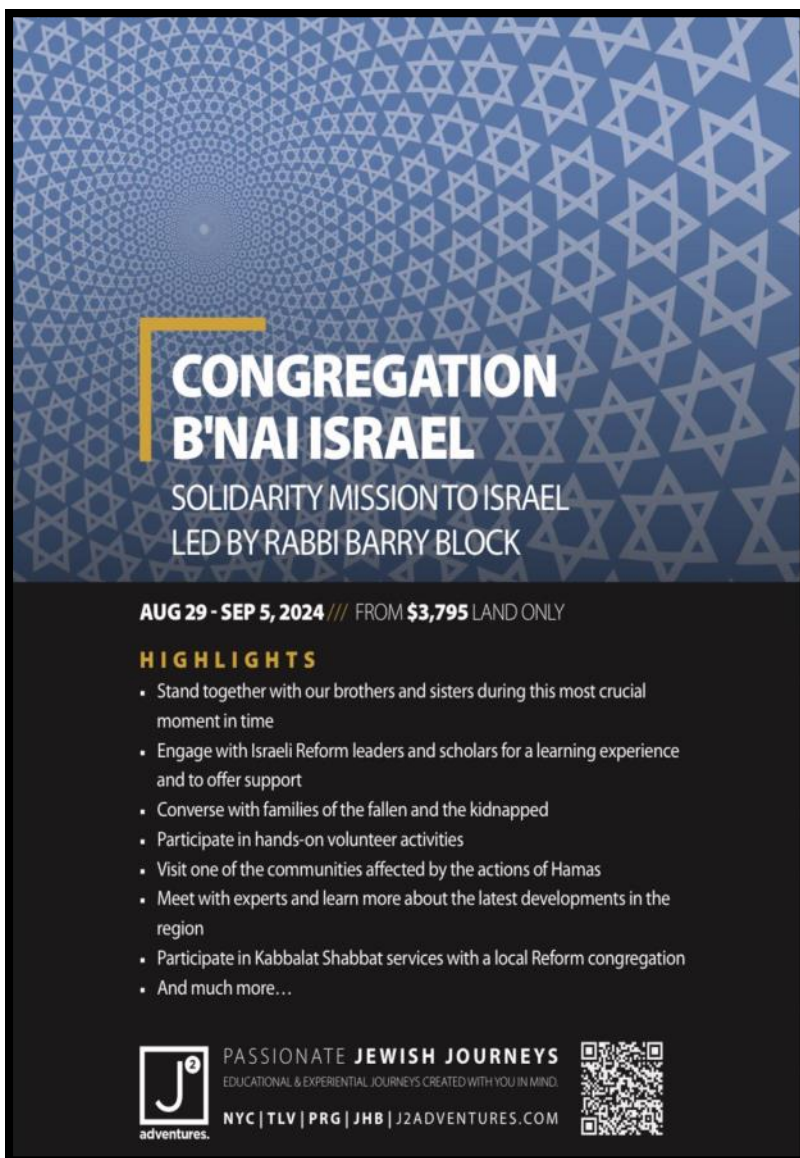



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SATURDAY MORNINGS IN JULY

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Noah Householder on July 6, Bruce Greenberg on July 13, Sam Kauffman on July 20, and Rabbi Block on July 27.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am, led by Ellyn Polsky on July 6, Daniel Block on July 13, Emily Adams and Carmen Arick on July 20, and Rabbi Block on July 27.




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- Stand together with our brothers and sisters during this most crucial moment in time
- Engage with Israeli Reform leaders and scholars for a learning experience and to offer support
- Converse with families of the fallen and the kidnapped
- Participate in hands-on volunteer activities
- Visit one of the communities affected by the actions of Hamas
- Meet with experts and learn more about the latest developments in the region
- Participate in Kabbalat Shabbat services with a local Reform congregation
- And much more...

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FROM S. BRUCE GREENBERG, PRESIDENT**HORIZONTAL LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT**

I am probably the least known person in recent memory to become President of the Temple. I am not from one of the families that have served the Temple community for many generations. I have no musical talent and so do not play a role in the wonderful Temple music programs. Nor do I have children in the religious school. Nor am I a supreme court justice.

Colin Woodard in his book *American Nations* described eleven rival cultures that make up much of North America. The book posits that original settlers created a culture that set a pattern for later immigrants to the same regions of the country and spread west as the country grew. Midlander culture developed first in my home city of Philadelphia and spread to the Midwest. Midlander culture is characterized by tolerance for different religious and ethnic groups and equality of citizens. Midlander culture prefers a horizontal leadership style in which strong hierarchy is anathema. My values are Midlander values.

I have two priorities for my time as President. I wish to create a more horizontal leadership style and increase social engagement among our congregants.

Traditionally, the President of the Congregation serves as Bimah Officer unless absent or ill. I plan to introduce a more horizontal leadership approach by having each member of the Executive Board perform this duty twice a year and each Trustee to perform this duty once a year. This will allow the Congregation to have a better idea of who are the leaders in the Congregation.

My second goal is to increase social engagement. Aristotle in his *Ethics* noted that friendship requires time and familiarity. Men cannot know each other till they have eaten salt together. A wish for friendship may arise quickly, but friendship does not.

Our society is rife with forces driving us to greater and greater isolation. Screen time has too often replaced real human interaction. Nobody really makes friends on Facebook.

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Join Temple community and volunteer at the

PEACE ACROSS FAITHS DINNER

Sunday, September 15, 6pm
Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

Volunteers Needed to:

- Welcome guests at the registration table
- Serve Dinner
- Prepare exhibit of Jewish ritual items
- Judge student essay contest

For more information or to volunteer, contact

Martha Alman, 501-831-0651 or speechmatters@icloud.com
Karen Sherman, 414-690-9377 or ksherman29@hotmail.com

ARKANSAS PEACE WEEK

Make Peace our Natural State

Congregation B'nai Israel has a long history of interfaith engagement, which we continue to nurture and celebrate in the twenty-first century. Now, interfaith relationships are more important than ever. We share this annual dinner with our friends at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church and the Madina Institute. Even at a challenging time for interfaith relations nationwide, our friendships have sustained us.

President's message continued...

Currently, Temple B'nai Israel has outstanding programs centered on Shabbat services, Jewish holidays and the religious school. The music programs and visiting rabbis have greatly enhanced these activities. In conducting about 25 individual dialogs with congregants of different ages and experiences, I found a need for increased social engagement. A significant number of our congregants identify strongly with their Judaism but are looking for a different kind of social engagement than offered by Shabbat services. Many ideas have come from the dialogs.

Below is a menu of ideas suggested to increase social engagement in our community.

Jewish foods around the world (Jews have developed unique cuisines wherever they have settled. An interest group would select a country or region and learn to prepare a meal using appropriate recipes. A luncheon would follow. The program can be repeated many times using different countries of regions. How about a meal of Persian Jewish food a month before Purim?

Mitzvah day (A community gathering during which mitzvot are performed. Suggestions include challah baking at the Temple and delivery to ill congregants, tree planting, and volunteer work at Our House)

Cocktail party in the Sukkah (a time to mingle and celebrate after the High Holy Days)

Young marrieds night out (Babysitting at the Temple while 3 to 5 couples eat out and develop closer relationships)

Game Night (This is a tradition from my synagogue up North that occurs on December 24th. Everything is closed so Jews get together to play board games and enjoy a nosh.)

Sunday morning activities for parents (table set up for games, monthly luncheon and learn on topic of interest to families)

Friday night babysitting (Coordinate with Rosh Chodesh to allow parents with small children to attend Shabbat services)

Small group Hebrew classes for adults (will need teaching volunteers as well as students. This could be done at the Temple or private homes.)

Adult education programs by Temple members with special interests (Lewis Krain is interested in the role of Jews in science fiction and I am interested in mythology. We plan to do a program that will include Jewish mythology from ancient times to science fiction movies.)

ROMEEO (retired old men eating out)

Movie night (We go to see a film with Jewish content at a local theatre.)

Please contact me if you are interested in being part of any of the social engagement programs listed above or if you want to suggest another program. A horizontal leadership style requires that I identify the people interested in a program and then allow them to shape the program.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:



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Clover Wagner

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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT STATUS OF AFFAIRS FROM ANNABELLE TUCK ~ June 18, 2024

Pursuant to the Congregation's Constitution and Bylaws, I am pleased to submit the following written report on "the status of affairs" at Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Over the past year, our congregation has welcomed 17 new member families, bringing the membership total to 307. I am pleased to report that many of these new members are young adults who will eventually assume leadership roles in our community.

As a House of Worship, the congregation has been blessed with good in-person attendance for Friday night services and Saturday morning services. The worship experience begins on Friday nights with an opportunity to visit with each other while enjoying delicious appetizers provided by Oneg Shabbat hosts, as well as Challah baked by volunteers. Music provided by our many volunteer musicians and Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov (once a month) beckons us into the Sanctuary for Kabbalat Shabbat services. In addition to Student Cantor Dubov, Cantor Kalix Jacobson and Cantor Rosalie Will brought their talents and voices to enhance our worship in the summer 2023.

This year our congregation also celebrated with (1) the family of Scott Hulett as he became a Bar Mitzvah; (2) the family of Milo Krain as he became a Bar Mitzvah; and (3) the family of Rylee Krupitsky as she became a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Scott, Milo and Rylee and to our entire sacred community!

As a House of Study, Saturday morning Torah study led by Rabbi Block and other volunteers elicits far ranging discussions in connection with each week's Parashat. Guest Scholars/Artists-in-Residence, including Rabbi Mary Zamore, Elana Arian, and Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Bialik, gave our congregants the opportunity to experience the richness of different teachers.

As a House of Assembly, Temple has hosted many gatherings this year -- the Rosh Hashanah Gala reception and Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast during the High Holy Days, a Reverse Tashlich service and Tikkun Olam project at Hindman Park, outdoor meals in the Sukkah, a lively Purim Shpiel, the annual community Passover Seder, a special dinner honoring 50+ year CBI members and monthly Shabbat dinners after services.

In the summer of 2023, Temple hosted The Interfaith Center's Friendship Camp -- a truly amazing gathering of children from many different faith traditions.

This year we commemorate the Sesquicentennial anniversary of Jewish Oakland Cemetery. The Cemetery Foundation planted twelve oak trees and twelve crepe myrtles honoring the past and expressing hope for the future. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of Richard Estelita and Larry Alman, there have been significant landscaping improvements, as well as much needed tree and shrub work. And, Cemify, a cloud based platform, now provides our congregation with the ability to access the cemetery map and burial records online from a laptop, smart phone or tablet. Several congregants purchased cemetery plots this year before a price increase approved by the CBI Board of Trustees became effective on May 31, 2024.

As a sacred congregation, the members of our congregation aspire to act according to the highest ethical standards. The CBI Brit Kehillah, rooted in the wisdom of our tradition, is a tool that will be our guide as we fulfill our responsibility to build a community of love and care. This values-based code of ethics, adopted this year by CBI's Board of Trustees, sets forth the principles and expectations for adherence to standards of conduct for our clergy, staff, congregants, visitors, and guests, whether participating in a CBI activity that is in the CBI building, online, or offsite.

The congregation's financial condition is good. The many hours of work devoted by Eileen Hamilton, Treasurer Shelly Baron and bookkeeper Cheryl Brown have brought our financial recordkeeping into the 21st century!

The CBI Board of Trustees met this year to consider and act upon a provision in Rabbi Barry Block's current contract which simply states the rabbi's term automatically extends unless the rabbi or CBI decides to end the contract on or before June 1, 2024. On February 20, 2024, after thorough executive session discussions, the board voted to forego notifying Rabbi Block that the Term of his contract with CBI would not be extended. In other words, the board voted to continue Rabbi Block's tenure with CBI until June 30, 2028. Rabbi Block's rabbinate has been a positive experience for CBI, and we look forward to his continued contributions to our vibrant community.

Last but not least, the Temple building is approaching its 50th year of serving as our congregation's House of Assembly, House of Worship, and House of Study. The need for major repairs and renovations is looming on the horizon. Once in every Generation, there comes a time to plan for needed building repairs and renovations. That time is now. Because the current funds in the Temple's Sustaining Fund will not be enough to cover all the needed capital repairs, it will be necessary to establish a capital campaign committee for the purpose of securing gifts and pledges. May we at Congregation B'nai Israel continue the 150-year legacy of those who came before us by generously contributing to the maintenance of our beloved "sanctuary"!

In closing, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of CBI over the past two years. Mere words do not adequately convey my heartfelt gratitude to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, as well our A-Team Staff -- Rabbi Barry Block, Eileen Hamilton, Lane Boyd, Cheryl Brown, Erica Ellis -- for their support, assistance, and patience. I humbly believe that my successor, Bruce Greenberg, will find that "the status of affairs" at Congregation B'nai Israel is good!

Look at how many campers and staff we had at Jacobs Camp during first session 2024!



Back row, left to right: Milo Krain, Eden Willis, Cici Singer, Zev Kleinman, Andrew Stafford, Jack Gold, Jacob Kleinman, West Kleinman, Vivian Gold
Middle row: Silas Curtis, Sam Levin, Charlotte Rudofsky, Archer Dockter, Vivian Rudofsky, Phillip Levin, Gabe Elson, Edward Stafford, Parker Lowitz, Max Perin, Harriet Baker, Daisy Keith, Julian Keith
Front row: Rabbi Block, Lilah Goldman, Mimi Reagler, Louis Reagler, Rafael Levi
Not pictured: Noah Cardona, Harper Harris, Hannah Reagler

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION, AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

It is a tree of life to all who hold fast to it; its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace.

Imagine standing on a giant board game of LIFE. It was fun playing it, in the day. You never knew what luck would come or the next card chosen. If I remember correctly, the game LIFE was pretty good and never too devastating at the end. It was fun and exciting. I recall wanting to play it repeatedly. I sometimes imagine that we are all standing on one big game board, call it LIFE, and the same cards are being picked. Some will be good news and good decisions, while others will be challenges and setbacks. I also imagine the giant game of LIFE, Jewish version, where each step of the way we must make the right choices based on Jewish values – MIDDOT. Truly, we do navigate our life and our life choices on what is ‘right’ and the answers to what ‘is right’ comes from our Jewish teachings.

This year as we ‘stroll on down the road’ or ‘take the fork in the road’, or even ‘choose the road less traveled’, there will be a Jewish teaching to help us go the right way. That ‘right way’ is called DERECH ERETZ – literally meaning taking the way of the land. Even broken down more, it’s having good manners – showing respect, and good conduct.

In life, there are many ways to react to situations. We can loudly erupt, bully, and intimidate. We can laugh it off – sometimes by being cavalier or by embarrassment. We can choose to cry or retreat, or confront. We can reason with a calm demeanor and explain our actions to others in a way they have not considered for themselves. There are so many expressions and ways, and methods, and tactics. Whittled down however, we can use Jewish judgment in all the scenarios. What do our teachers and sages say? What advice can I glean from those who have come before me and maybe, just maybe encountered these same dilemmas. What does modern commentary tell me about what we do today? What can I learn from Torah and the stories so discussed for generations teach me about my conduct and outlook for life?

We have something very special for us by being Jewish. We have texts and resources and guidance, tried and true, and tested for centuries. We can and should use those lessons to make our daily decisions, in the moment, and then use them again, when we travel the unknown path of life. It’s no game. But we’ll be ready.

**SHABBAT SANDWICH #3:
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SHABBAT SANDWICH...**

**Blessings Family Fun Candles
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Meet us on Fridays at 5:45 pm for Oneg Shabbat. Then join in the sanctuary for the candles, kiddush, and blessing of the children, and then off to learning, fun, and family time. Bring a packed dinner of your favorite sandwiches – all things ‘Shabbat delicious’, just for you.

**2024/2025 SHABBAT
SANDWICH DATES.**

September 13

October 18*

December 15,**

January 17

February 14

April 4

* **Pizza in the Hut/Shabbat under the Stars/Camp B’nai Israel**

****Hanukkah Celebration for whole congregation**

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In honor of the college graduations of Jordan Collins, Isabella Ifrah, and Hallie Pingel
In honor of the project SEARCH graduation of Teddy Ferguson
Rabbi Barry Block

Levy Camp Scholarship Fund

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In honor of Michael Krupitsky's birthday
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BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Prepared by the Social
Outreach Committee

The Social Action committee is preparing backpacks filled with school supplies for underserved children in the Little Rock School District. **The cost is \$36 per backpack and you may sponsor as many as you wish!**

We will be assembling the backpacks at Temple in August—before school begins. Join us for the fun! If you are not available to “stuff the backpacks” but would be willing to deliver them to area schools, we need your help also!

Send a check to Temple and write “backpacks” in the memo line, or you may call the office at 501.225.9700, and charge the amount to your account. Questions: Kirsta Nigro—kirstanigro1@gmail.com

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Nathan Bernstein
Melanie Nodelman
- 2nd Robynn Zinser
- 3rd Merrick Fagan
Serena Wolf
- 4th Meg Marion
- 5th Carol Mendel
- 9th Galina Krupitsky
David Shindler
- 10th Arduse Sonnier
- 11th Laura Bogoslavsky
- 12th Rebecca Ivanovsky
- 13th Douglas Meyer
- 14th Rochelle Goldsholl
Toos Pfeifer
- 16th Beth Levi
- 17th Karin Waugh
- 18th Joanne Matson
Patricia Monoson
Cori McGrath
Alan Thalheimer
- 19th Chris Strauss
- 20th Teddy Ferguson
- 21st Alyce Zottoli
- 22nd Morris Levy
- 23rd Daniel Ticer
- 24th Destiny Adams
- 25th Sam House
Henry Kramer
Nancy Rosen
- 26th Carmen Arick
- 27th Kathey Ehrenberg
Hannah Lopas
- 28th Parker Lowitz
- 29th Bruce Thalheimer
- 30th Saoirse Davidson
Jane Goff
Sylvia Ehrman Green
Joy Liaw
Noel Strauss
- 31st Justin Axelroth
Hannah Reagler
Mimi Reagler



Lauren Appel Aronson and Jonathan Aronson on the birth of their son, Eli Hines Aronson. Congratulations also to grandparents, Betsy and Jim Aronson. Eli is also the grandson of Janet Aronson.

Annabelle Imber Tuck, who was elected President of The Mussar Institute. The Mussar Institute is a nonprofit organization committed to nurturing personal growth, spiritual development, and ethical mindfulness through Mussar, an ancient Jewish tradition.

Julie and David Shindler, on the arrival of their granddaughter, Ava Danielle, born to Cara and Alex Shindler, in Memphis. Congratulations also to Ava Danielle's great grandmother, Judy Grundfest.

Mike Ronnel, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recycled Materials Association.

Suzanne Klimberg and Sam Storthz, on the arrival of their second grandson, Greyson Austin Curzon, born to Spencer and Andrew Curzon. Congratulations also to Greyson's great-grandmother, Ann Storthz.

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 1	Barry Goldman and Donna Kirkwood	10 years
August 6	Matthew Lopas and Susan Clark	24 years
August 8	Marina and Mikhail Ivanovsky	32 years
August 11	Linda and Eugene Pfeifer III	29 years
August 11	Tracie and Phillip Spivey	22 years
August 17	Sheri and Micky Simon	44 years
August 24	Silvana and Ariel Berlinski	33 years
August 26	Sheila and Richard Bronfman	35 years
August 28	Peggy and LR Jalenak	69 years
August 30	Betsy and James Aronson	27 years
August 30	Melanie and Jeff Nodelman	26 years
August 31	Jane and Scott Levine	38 years

JULY YAHRZEITS**JULY 5/6**

Sadye Backal
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 Clare L. Goodman
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 Joseph Scholem
 Joe Sloofman
 Rose Froug Smulian
 Lt. Harold Tenenbaum
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 Florence Wald

JULY 12/13

William B. Adams
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 Bertha Sanders Cohen
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July 12/13 continued...

Susan Rodell
 Isaac Rosen
 William "Bill" Sachs
 Fred Selz
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 Bobette Thalheimer
 Lynn Zoldessy

JULY 19/20

Annette Baim
 Jacob L. Cohen
 Carrie Doolittle
 Sonya Fertel Dumont
 Martin Ferguson
 Lewis Fram
 Gus M. Gans
 Rita Gartenberg
 Raphael Levy
 David Lockwood
 Juliet Kronberg Lyons
 Cusie Pfeifer
 Bertram W. Roberts
 Debbie Sharp
 Michael Vogler

JULY 26/27

Joan Komiss Fried
 Owen Simon Gerson
 Joseph Gurdin
 Ida Gurinsky
 Rosa K. Heiman
 Ruth Itzkowitz
 Leon Israel Jacobson
 Noland Blass Jr.
 David Knopping
 Jack May
 Barry Meyers
 Florence Navra
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 M. R. Carb Sr.
 Max Maughan Sr.
 Bruce Thalheimer Sr.
 Janet Stern
 J. H. Dooley Weil
 Eugene Weinstein
 Eddy S. Weintraub
 Virginia Zinser

**WE RECORD WITH SORROW THE DEATH
 OF OUR MEMBER**

FRAN EISEMAN

**WE RECORD WITH SORROW THE DEATHS OF
 OUR MEMBERS' RELATIVES**

JOSEPH LEWIS

Grandfather of Andrea Neloms

MARILYN WEINSTEIN

HERBERT DICKER

Father of Aliza (and Jeff) Brown

MARK GROSS



Oakland Jewish Cemetery

Sesquicentennial Year
1874-2024

Dear Members of Congregation B'nai Israel,
effective May 31, 2024 the purchase price of a single cemetery space
in Oakland Jewish Cemetery is now \$1250.00.

If you are interested in purchasing a space or spaces, please
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