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THE RABBI SPEAKS

RABBI BARRY BLOCK



Dear Friends,

“Let the old year and its curses end.”

Those words from the Talmudⁱ sound like a prayer, but in fact they’re an explanation. You see, each year, on a Shabbat shortly before Rosh Hashanah, we read a Torah portion that is full of curses threatening the Jewish people. The sages wondered why all those curses are read at this season. A rabbi named Resh Lakish answered, “In order that the year may conclude together with its curses.”

We know the curses all too well, long before we read that Torah portion. 5784 has been the most catastrophic year for the Jewish people since the end of World War II. The year will end at sundown on Wednesday, October 2, but we cannot expect that 5784’s curses will end with the shofar’s calls. Hamas has been tremendously weakened, but Hezbollah, Iran, and the Houthis have enormous capacity and boundless desire to destroy Israel and the Jewish people. The terrorists’ useful idiots in North America and around the world, antisemites and ignoramuses who call to “globalize the intifada,” will continue to challenge our people around the globe.

The prophet Zechariah, though, calls the Jewish people “prisoners of hope.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Zechariah was speaking to the Children of Israel at a time that was even more distressing than 5784. The Jerusalem Temple had been destroyed. The entire Israelite ruling class had been exiled to Babylon, where they famously “lay down and wept for Zion.”ⁱⁱⁱ The people left behind in Judea were faithful neither to God nor to our tradition, so they were in the process of assimilating out of existence.

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WORSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm

Services at 6:15 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 SHABBAT SERVICE

Led by Alice Levin, Rabbi Block, and E. Lee Ronnel
Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov

Sermon: “A Nation Like All the Others”

Accompanist: Kathy Cooper

Flower & Security Sponsors: Corbin & John Levin, in honor of Alice

Oneg Shabbat Host: Kirsta & Keith Nigro in honor of Alice

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 MISHKAN HA-LEV SHABBAT SERVICE for the month of Elul

Led by Rabbi Block

Deployment Blessing of Senior Airman Spencer Nodelman

Sermon: “Who Should Defend the Country?”

Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Rickie and Robert Oliva

Music: Jana Cohen and Perry Young

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 MISHKAN HA-LEV SHABBAT SERVICE for the month of Elul

led by Rabbi Block and E. Lee Ronnel Student Cantor
Aleksandra Dubov

Sermon in Song: Cantor Dubov’s High Holy Day Favorites

Accompanist: Diana Brandon

90th Birthday Blessing of Jerry Jacobson

Oneg Shabbat hosts: The Jacobson and Cohen Families in honor of Jerry’s 90th birthday

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 MISHKAN HA-LEV SHABBAT SERVICE for the month of Elul

Led by Rabbi Block, with special guest speaker, Professor

Samuel G. Freedman, “A Yankee in the Jim Crow Car:

How One Year in the South Formed Hubert Humphrey,”

followed by Shabbat Dinner

Music: Josiah Wheeler

Accompanist: Kathy Cooper

(The Rabbi Speaks continued from front page)

Then, in Zechariah’s lifetime, our ancestors were stunned by an apparent miracle. Cyrus the Persian conquered the Babylonians and permitted the Israelites to return and rebuild the Temple.

The Jewish life that emerged in the Second Temple period would look very different from what came before the Babylonian conquest. Academic Bible scholars tell us that the Torah was largely written at this period, creating a timeless and boundaryless guide for our people’s service of God in that day and for millennia into the future.

One calamity of Jewish history after the next has been followed by creativity and growth. On each occasion, the beginning of the healing and recovery was challenging and halting. Still, repeatedly, our people did not merely survive, but thrive. If we are to be imprisoned as the new year begins, then, let us be prisoners of hope.

Faithfully,

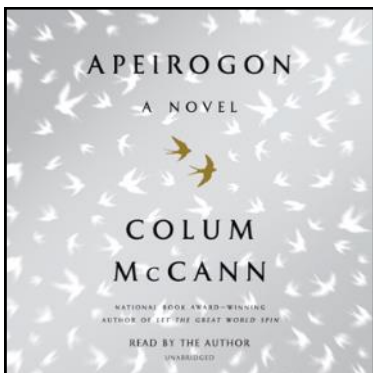


ⁱMegillah 31b.
ⁱⁱZechariah 9:12.
ⁱⁱⁱPsalms 137:1.

AL BARRON BOOK CLUB

Sunday, October 20 in the Temple Sukkah

APEIROGON



Based on a true story of two fathers, Israeli and Palestinian, who lost their daughters due to senseless violence.

**SATURDAY MORNINGS
IN SEPTEMBER**

Shabbat Morning Worship for the Bat Mitzvah of Alice Levin: September 7 at 10:30am.

Shabbat Torah Study at 9:30am, led by Rabbi Block on September 7, 21, and 28, and by Rose LeCompte on September 14. Please note that Torah Study will be abbreviated on September 7, ending at 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Worship at 11am, led by Annabelle Imber Tuck on September 14, by Rabbi Block and Cantor Dubov on September 21, and by Rabbi Block.



Please join
**ALICE GWENDOLYN
LEVIN**

and her family as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah on September 7, 2024 at 10:30 am.

Kiddush reception follows the service.

Alice is assembling personal care bags for non-profits in Lafayette and Little Rock. Please bring your travel sized personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, etc.) to the collection box at B’nai Israel on September 7.



Bruce Greenberg will conduct office hours about twice a month for congregants to express their ideas or concerns. Office hours are casual (no appointments necessary) and will be conducted on Sunday mornings in the Temple lobby from 11-12. The next office hours will be on September 15.

FROM S. BRUCE GREENBERG, PRESIDENT

MY SACRED TORAH

The Scheidt Seminar for incoming presidents of Reform Congregations emphasized the sacred aspect of temple leadership. Individuals were encouraged to develop their own personal sacred Torah. The prayer Eilu D'varim in Mishkan T'filah concludes with the words: "But the study of Torah encompasses them all." For this prayer to be, the true Torah must encompass more than the Chumash, Prophets, and the Writings. Talmud and rabbinic writings are also insufficient.

Writing in the mid-17th century, Spinoza recognized the Chumash as a composite of short stories assembled by men rather than the divine work of God transcribed by Moses. This revelation is largely accepted in modern times but was rejected by his contemporaries. Spinoza did not reject God but looked deeper for meaning than earlier men and women. Spinoza had a vision of God inspired not only from ancient texts but modern knowledge. He expanded the meaning of Torah far beyond all other commentators. So why do yeshivas teaching outdated myths thrive and the study of Spinoza texts are largely restricted to academics?

Spinoza sought truth and, in many cases, found profound understanding that resonates today in science and philosophy. However, his is the world of the individual. An individual can achieve Nirvana for themselves but not for others. We live in communities and connect to each other through our actions. Spinoza saw rituals as empty relics of superstition. Spinoza missed the importance of human relationships. Rituals are shared experiences that connect people into communities. The specifics of the rituals are not important but are a means of connecting people. The rituals are the threads that form the fabric that is community. We do not need to agree with the message of lyrics or even understand the words that we pronounce in Hebrew or Aramaic to feel the connection.

My sacred Torah is defined by the integration of study and experience. A sacred Torah must include both sacred writings of Judaism but also modern knowledge. When an apparent conflict is present, I will choose the truth, just as Spinoza chose truth over a popular but false conventional narrative. I will side with Einstein over Rashi every day.

Spinoza lived at the dawn of modernity, but we have the advantage of centuries of enlightenment. We can add modern knowledge of anthropology and sociology to better understand the need for human connection in transmitting a culture from generation to generation. This type of human connection is more difficult for me than reaching Nirvana because I cannot do it by myself. This remains the greatest work in progress in my life.

The sacred Torah is not given but must be earned. Modernity demands that we include new knowledge, not just the hard sciences like physics and biology, but anthropology, archeology, psychology, social science and history. All of these must be applied to create a living personal Torah that is sacred.



“Yankee in the Jim Crow Car: How One Year in the South Formed Hubert Humphrey”

Special Guest Speaker
Award Winning Author
**PROFESSOR SAMUEL
G. FREEDMAN**

Friday, September 27,
during Shabbat evening
worship at 6:15 pm

Followed by Shabbat
Dinner with Professor
Freedman

Dinner is hosted by Rita
Fagan.

Samuel Freedman teaches journalism at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism. He is the author most recently of *Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights*, for which Prof. Freedman was awarded the 2024 Hillman Prize for Book Journalism. In the book, Prof. Freedman describes Humphrey’s relationships with both Black and Jewish leaders, inspiring him as a young man to dedicate his public service to combatting racial and antisemitic discriminations, decades before he would become the 38th Vice President of the United States. Among Humphrey’s Jewish teachers was Alvin Rubin, who he met when he spent a year as a graduate student at LSU, where he confronted Jim Crow and was influenced by Prof. Rudolph Eberle, on exile-by-choice from Nazi Germany.

Prof. Freedman will be in Little Rock as part of the CALS Six Bridges Book Festival. B’nai Israel is grateful to CALS for helping to make Prof. Freedman’s visit to us possible.

In February 2024, Prof. Freedman delivered the annual Fritz Bamberger Lecture at Hebrew Union College– Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

**RSVP for dinner to our office at 501.225.9700 or Templesecretary@bnai-israel.us.
Dinner Cost if reserved before September 25: \$18/person, \$10/child.
Cost if reserved after September 25: \$25/person. Cost at door: \$30/person.**



Adult Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel presents...
Responses to Bereavement in Israel and the Palestinian Territories
 Seeking Renewal in the Month of Elul, Preparing for the High Holy Days
 Sunday mornings at 9:30am

September 8

Hostage Parents: View the Speeches by the Parents of Omer Neutra at the Republican National Convention and by the Parents of Hersh Goldberg-Polin at the Democratic Convention and Discuss with Rabbi Block

September 15

The Parents Circle-Family Forum, live on Zoom from Israel and the Palestinian Territories (*see bios on next page*)

September 22

Meet Elana and Eyal Kaminka, parents of Yannai Kaminka, killed in action on October 7, 2023
 Live on Zoom from Tzur Hadassah, Israel

September 29

Meet Khitam Abu Bader and Hasan Haj, providing perspectives of Arab Citizens of Israel, Live on Zoom from Israel

The **Parents Circle - Families Forum** is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization made up of more than 750 bereaved families. Their common bond is that they have lost a close family member to the conflict. But instead of choosing revenge, they have chosen a path of reconciliation. Through their educational activities, these bereaved members have joined together to take tens of thousands of Palestinians and Israelis on journeys of reconciliation. It is often raw and always emotional. But out of these interactions, comes change. Not the kind of change that makes headlines, but a more personal and profound shift in perspective.

As a joint Israeli-Palestinian peace organization, the PCFF models constructive dialogue around shared values. Even since October 7th, 2023, its staff, members, and thousands of participants are still committed to peace and a way forward that centers around empathy and humanization. The PCFF focuses on the shared value of the sanctity of human life. This conversation brings our attention to the values that Palestinians and Israelis can agree upon even in the darkest of times.

Elana and Eyal Kaminka are members of Kehillat Shir Chadash, the Reform congregation in Tsuru Hadassah, Israel. Longtime coexistence activists, their world was turned upside down on October 7, 2023, when their eldest son, Yannai, was killed in action, heroically protecting basic trainees under his command, Israelis camping on the beach, and the residents of Kibbutz Zikkim. Elana Kaminka is an Israeli involved in multiple grassroots peace initiatives. She is a member of the secretariat of **Tag Me'ir**, an organization that supports individuals and families who are victims of racist violence, and volunteers as a driver for an organization called **Humans Without Borders**, which provides transportation to Israeli hospitals for Palestinian children with illnesses.

Khitam Abu Bader is responsible for program development for the Ma'oz South Initiative, collaborating with local leaders. She develops and implements strategic initiatives aimed at fostering regional development in the Negev. **Hasan Haj** is an educator at Hatzmichim, the Israeli Violence Reduction Organization. He delivers courses for teachers and runs workshops to make the classroom a more comfortable place for everyone. He also works at Beit HaGefen, a Jewish-Arab multicultural center in Haifa, guiding and mentoring teenagers, educators and visitors in that mixed Jewish-Arab city. Khitam and Hasan come to us through the Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues (IATF), a professional resource center on Arab citizens of Israel created by major American Jewish organizations and foundations to American Jewish promote discourse and engagement on these issues that is informed by the complex realities and current developments on the ground.

Hear the Stories and Please of the Bereaved in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

September 15, 9:30am, via Zoom

The Parents Circle – Family Forum will introduce us to Bassam Aramin and Ayelet Harel



Bassam Aramin lives in the West Bank. At the age of 17, he was incarcerated and spent 7 years in an Israeli jail. He went on to study history and holds an MA in Holocaust studies from the University of Bradford, England. He became a member of the Parents Circle in 2007 after losing his 10-year-old daughter Abir, who was killed by an Israeli border policeman in front of her school. Bassam devotes his time and energies to his conviction for a peaceful, nonviolent end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine and to Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation. Bassam is the former Palestinian Co-director of the Parents Circle – Families Forum and is the current international spokesperson. He is featured in *Apeirogon*, which our Al Barron Book Club plans to discuss in the Sukkah on Sunday, October 20.



Ayelet Harel is Israeli and lives in Givatayim. In 1982, Ayelet’s brother, Yuval, was killed while serving during the Lebanon War. Ayelet was 16 at the time. She joined the Parents Circle after a 20 year career as a TV and film producer. Ayelet is the producer of the documentary film *Two Sided Story*. The film follows an encounter group of 27 Palestinians and Israelis who participated in the Parents Circle’s Parallel Narrative Experience project.

The Parents Circle – Families Forum (PCFF) is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization of over 700 families, all of whom have lost an immediate family member to the ongoing conflict. Moreover, the PCFF has concluded that the process of reconciliation between nations is a prerequisite to achieving a sustainable peace. The organization thus utilizes all resources available in education, public meetings and the media, to spread these ideas.



Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD: Our Scholar-in-Residence for Yom Kippur

Rabbi Dalia Marx, PhD, is to be our Scholar-in-Residence on Yom Kippur. She will offer a Prayer for Israel during our Kol Nidre service on Friday evening, October 11 at 8pm. On Yom Kippur Day, she will deliver the sermon during the 10am morning service and will lead the Yom Kippur afternoon study session.

Marx is the author, most recently, of *From Time to Time: Journeys in the Jewish Calendar*, first published in Hebrew in 2018 and now available in an English edition, not merely translated but prepared for North American Jews by Marx and CCAR Press. She is the lead editor of the Israeli Reform *siddur* (prayer book), *Tfillat HaAdam*.

Rabbi Dr. Dalia Marx is the Rabbi Aaron D. Panken Professor of Liturgy at HUC-JIR’s Taube Family Campus in Jerusalem. Her visit to us is made possible by generous grants from the Lois G. Stern Library Fund and the Robert Sakon Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund.

ARKANSAS PEACE WEEK & THE INTERFAITH CENTER PRESENT:

PEACE ACROSS FAITHS



Cultivating a culture of peace

HOSTED AT:
WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 6400 KAVANAUGH BLVD

An Annual Interfaith Dinner

September 15, 2024
 5:30 - 8:00 PM


Join us in celebrating peace from different religious and non-religious perspectives. We will pray, share a vegetarian meal, and kickoff Arkansas Peace Week together.

Free and open to the public. Childcare and pizza dinner for children provided.

JOIN US

Find us online
 arkansaspeaceweek.com
 theinterfaithcenter.org

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Sharing The Light



Thursday, September 5, 2024 | 6PM
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 1000 N Mississippi St, Little Rock, AR

Also join us online at on
The Interfaith Center Youtube page

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. All are welcome!

For more information, visit theinterfaithcenter.org.

ARKANSAS PEACE WEEK

Make Peace our Natural State

Arkansas Peace Week is a program of activities with a mission to educate and promote peacemaking in our society and raise awareness of organizations working to build a lasting peace in Arkansas. Arkansas Peace Week is conducted by a coalition of local, national and international organizations, faith groups, and individuals, with a mission to promote peace and justice.

Arkansas Peace Week is planned in coordination with the nationwide Campaign Non-Violence Week of Actions.



Join us on Sunday, September 8 at 2:00 pm
 in the Temple Library for the third session of Congregation B'nai Israel's

“EVERY VOICE, EVERY VOTE” CAMPAIGN

Congregation B'nai Israel is participating in this nonpartisan program with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism to enhance voter turnout by sending postcards to registered voters and by encouraging voter registration in our congregation.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FIRST SHABBAT SANDWICH FOR THE YEAR—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 5:45 PM FOR ONEG, 6:15 PM FOR SHABBAT BLESSINGS, AND PROGRAM AND

SHABBAT SANDWICH #3:
Program with Young Families and Children especially for Young Families and Children.

HERE IS WHAT WE LIKE IN OUR SHABBAT SANDWICH...

Blessings Family Fun Candles
 Kiddush Challah Learning Friends
 Love TEMPLE Stories Memories
 Projects Songs

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.

Thank you to our backpack sponsors and Community Outreach Chairs, Krista and Keith Nigro

- Jan and Larry Alman
- Shelley Ballew
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- Gus Block
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- Becky and Jay Marks
- Dale Ronnel
- Annabelle Imber Tuck

NFTY SOUTHERN FALL CONCLAVE



Date of conclave

NOVEMBER 15TH-17TH

Date of next meeting

SEPTEMBER 8TH @11:45

About Conclave

Conclave is an annual event where NFTY Southern teens come together for the weekend of learning, fun, social, and so much more.

We need YOUR help

How you can help us:

If you run into any pieces of literature, art, or ideas that symbolize or represent our theme, please take pictures of them and send them to us! (Message us if you have any questions)

Our theme: The survival of Jews throughout time

Other positions you can take part of to help us out:

Social Action

Research and find volunteer programs that need our help and evenly distribute the number of people at each organization. Do you already volunteer somewhere and if so, where? What are your favorite social action programs/projects?

Housing

We are seeking families to welcome their homes to our teens for the weekend. Do you have extra room in your house to house 2-3 teens for the weekend? If not, please ask others if they have room to host at their house! Please consider housing 2-3 teens for the weekend or ask others if they can host at their house!

Food

Help plan the meals for Friday's dinner, Saturday's lunch, Sunday's to-go breakfast, and SNACKS!

DONATIONS

Endowment

In memory of Eleanor Wolff
Angela VanZandt Bumpass
In memory of S. Lasker Ehrman Sr, Sylvia
Berger Ehrman, and Lasker Ehrman Jr
Sylvia Ehrman Green

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

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In appreciation of Rabbi Block
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In appreciation of Richard Estelita
Miriam & Leonard Hasson
In memory of S. Lasker Ehrman Sr, Sylvia Berger
Ehrman, and Lasker Ehrman Jr
Sylvia Ehrman Green

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In memory of Elaine Luber
Tracye and Larry Townley

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In memory of Elaine Luber
Marilyn Sorrells

Hallie Cohen Miller Archive Fund

In memory of June and Edmond Freeman
Richard Estelita & Charley Penix

Leibs Memorial Scholarship Fund

For a student in need of Religious School
Debbie & Bradley Diner

Levy Fund for Camp Scholarships

In honor of Tracye Townley's special birthday
Bobbye and Rabbi Gene Levy

Religious School Security Donations

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Suzy and Rohit Dhall
Krysten and Mark Levin
Soraya and Lee Rudofsky

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

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Lane Boyd ~

laneboyd@gmail.com

David Sheldon and Elli Samuels ~

ellisamuels@gamil.com

Deepwoods.david@gmail.com



Jill and Steve Bauman, on the engagement of their son, Jay, to Allie McGrath.

Terry Orgel, on the birth of a great-grandson, Oliver Knox, born to Megan and Kace Pappert in Houston.

Bruce Greenberg, who received the Gold Medal from the North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Ruthe Kaplan Jason Kennedy John Levin Becca Perin Elizabeth Wagner	21 st	Jack Gold
3 rd	Esther Gordon	23 rd	Caroline Krupitsky Eugene Pfeifer III Lou Tobian
4 th	Laura Joseph	24 th	Rebecca Glover Andy Lawton Luci Rodell
5 th	Bonnie Clinton	25 th	Laura Gold
6 th	Matthew Chrisman Rebecca Cowie Trudy Jacobson Kirsta Nigro	26 th	Rafael Levi Anna Marks
7 th	Michelle Deininger	27 th	Claud Alexander Jack Grundfest Caroline McGrath Barry Solomon
8 th	Bernard Bevill Tracie Spivey	28 th	Patrick Ifrah
9 th	Nancy Kahn Caitlin Reiss	30 th	James Moses
10 th	Sonya Hamilton	31 st	Steve Bauman

11 th	Bari Himelfarb Daniel McGrath
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12 th	Judy Selig
13 th	Martin Boyle
14 th	Larry Back Harriet Ruth Baker Peggy Jalenak
15 th	Jane Levine
16 th	Emily Adams Elizabeth Lucker
17 th	James Aronson
18 th	Ariel Berlinski
19 th	Sheri Simon
20 th	Elizabeth Cohen Steven Strauss

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8 th	Jackie & Jerry Bendorf	52 years
11 th	Jamie & Justin Axelroth	10 years
13 th	Dianne & Frank Richard	16 years
14 th	Barbara & Bruce Thalheimer	51 years
18 th	Lewis Krain & Sylvia Amsler	26 years
20 th	Candice and Justin Hillman	8 years
20 th	Toos & Art Pfeifer	65 years
21 st	Janet & Scott Korenblat	35 years
21 st	Deanna Arrants & Clayton Ward	7 years
26 th	Ben Teeter & Amber Thomas	5 years
26 th	Martin Boyle & Karin Waugh	39 years
27 th	Angelica & Joe Wolf	13 years
28 th	Rickie & Robert Oliva	1 year

SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS**SEPTEMBER 6/7**

Sidney H. Bloom
 Eva Brint
 Charles Dante
 Toney Dante
 Miriam Sanders Dickinson
 Harry Diner
 Martin Dreyfus
 Erwin Gartenberg
 Rose Hamburger
 Max J. Heiman
 Sophie Knopping
 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
 Rosa Rosen Pasternack
 Gertrude M. Pfeifer
 Isidore Pop Pinkus
 Esther Besser Schneider
 Max Schott
 Dr. Howard Schwander
 Ella Mae Sonnier
 James William Spears
 Pauline Stern
 Dr. Eugene J. Towbin
 Joseph Weil
 Leah Samuel Weil
 Gene Willis

September 13/14

Leo Besser
 Harriet Caplan
 Sally Cohn
 Henry Friedman
 Rosa Wolf Goldstein
 Bernice Bunny Heyman Hart
 Solon Morris Hart
 Diane Lee Hoffman
 Paul D. Hunter
 Jerry M. Karr
 Dr. Nathan A. Lewis
 Dr. Jerome Liebman
 Elizabeth Levy Loebner

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Maxwell J. Lyons II
 Jennie C. Nussbaum
 Linda Pinkus
 Philip C. Prousnitzer Sr.
 Dortha M. Robinson
 Winifred B. Schwartz
 Max Snyderman
 Alexandra Streiff
 Carolyn S Tenenbaum
 Morris Weller

September 20/21

Jeffrey L. Baskin
 Samuel Alexander Block
 Carolyn H. Bluthenthal
 Hallie Ottenheimer Cohen-Steinhart
 Mollie Dessent
 Patricia Dicker
 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
 Dr. Jerome S. Levy
 Betty Lyons
 Lester S. Marks
 Louis A. Narkinsky
 Michael S. Ostrow
 Bessie Pasink
 Lena Pasink
 Janet Loeb Pfeifer
 Charles Rodell
 Daniella Imber Vanderzant
 Sam Morris Vogel
 Mildred Strauss Weintraub

September 27/28

Isadore Besser
 Laura Heilbron Binder
 Samuel R. Cohn
 Ella Navra Ehrenberg
 Norman Shepherd Gilbert
 Louis B. Goldberg
 Sarah Levy Jacobson
 Fannie Bennett Kaufman
 Freda Koppel
 Dr. Roscoe C. Kory
 Iris Borrok Oliva
 Dorothy Riemer
 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



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

IRENE PALNICK

FRANCES FENDLER

***ROSLYN SONDR
 DRUCKER YOUNG***

*Mother of Perry (Regina)
 Young*

*Grandmother of Sophia,
 Justin and Philip*

CEMIFY FOR OAKLAND JEWISH CEMETERY

Check out the mapping system at Oakland Cemetery. Find our loved ones graves and get a lay of the land and history of our beautiful cemetery by using the QR code. Take a photo with your phone and open up the amazing program.



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 contact the Temple office by phone at 501-225-9700 or by email at templesecretary@bnai-israel.us



Registration is open for the Fall Term and classes begin on Monday, September 16, 2024.

You may download the current class brochure and registration form and mail your registration to LifeQuest, P.O. Box 25523, Little Rock, AR 72221, or register online or by telephone.

Online registration is first come, first serve, while mailed or telephoned registrations are processed during business hours. There are extremely limited spaces available in our classes for those who choose paper registrations; therefore, we recommend registering online.

Save the Dates

Winter registration opens on December 10, 2024. Winter term begins January 13—March 6, 2025.

REPORT AN ANTISEMITIC OR BIAS INCIDENT

We all have a responsibility to report and respond to antisemitism or hate when we see it.

TO REPORT AN ANTISEMITIC OR HATE INCIDENT, VISIT:

ADL.ORG/REPORTINCIDENT-KULANU

IF YOU FEAR FOR YOUR SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

What should I report?

You should report any incident you perceive as antisemitic, biased or hateful.

Here are some examples:

- Antisemitic or other hateful graffiti in public places, including synagogues and schools.
- Vandalism of religious artifacts such as mezuzahs or menorahs and holy places.
- Online harassment, including hateful social media posts and emails. Remember to take a screenshot!
- Verbal harassment, including emails and voicemails.
- Media-based incidents, including antisemitic or hateful content in a news story.
- White supremacist propaganda.

Make an impact in the fight against antisemitism and hate.

Scan this QR code to report an incident:



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Your donations support so many of B'nai Israel's programs in so many areas.

All donations to B'nai Israel are appreciated!

To reduce our administrative costs, donations of \$10.00 and less will not be acknowledged to the donor or recipient separately by mail or email but will continue to be gratefully acknowledged in the monthly Chronicle.

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