

UJCBR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE RABBI

Happy Secular New Year!

What a wonderful first full year for me with UJCBR. I have learned, I have invented, I have prayed, I have celebrated, I have mourned, I have built relationships, and together we have thrived. I look forward to another exciting year as we enter 2024 together.

In a few short months, 2024 will bring us some exciting changes; we will move into our new home and begin to turn it into our sacred space. With a change like this comes excitement and possibility, but also apprehension and sadness. At the end of February, we will officially say goodbye to the Jefferson Highway sanctuary. A space that has become our first unified mishkan – tabernacle, dwelling place for God in our community. And in March we will begin to learn how best to use our new space and with your help begin to turn it into our sacred home.

Change is full of blessings and growing pains. The need to find balance between remaining rooted and embracing change can be seen in Judaism itself. While our tradition requires us to be loyal to our ancient teachings and practices, we also need to apply Torah law to our new set of circumstances in every generation. The first commandment given to the Jewish people in the wilderness when leaving slavery in Egypt, the commandment that began to solidify our peoplehood, was to mark and celebrate the new moon. Like the moon, which goes through periods of waxing and waning, the Jewish people constantly experience growth and change.

The Talmud tells us that to change our place (position) is to change our fortune. According to Abraham's mazal (fortune), he wasn't supposed to have children, but God told him to change his name and his place of residence, and through his faith and determination to succeed, he became the father of a great nation; us, the Jewish people.

So now, we too, embark on a journey to continue building upon our strong foundations and continue to go from strength to strength.

I invite you to join me to continue this conversation about moments of change in our Jewish traditions and texts to help us learn from the past to conquer this moment during the Lifelong Learning classes that I will teach on Sunday January 7, and Sunday February 4 at 2:00 PM.

-Rabbi Smiley



LETTER FROM THE *PRESIDENT*

Thinking back over 2023, our second year as the Unified Jewish Congregation of Baton Rouge, was amazing and I am proud of all we have done and accomplished:

- 52 Shabbats with Friday night and Saturday morning services every weekend
- 45 Shabbat Torah studies
- 5 B'nai Mitzvah
- Music by Charlene Gubitz, Michelle Cox, Joey Roth, Michael Roth
- Beautiful and meaningful High Holiday Services
- Preparing for Elul
- Tashlich in the park
- Sukkot with services and meals in the Sukkah
- Simchat Torah – unrolling a Torah around the sanctuary
- Tisha B' Av with "Lament and Learning"
- Community second night Passover Seder
- Shavuot Shabbat and Sushi
- Special Shabbats for Sisterhood, Hadassah, Scouts, and Veterans
- Downtown Jewish Cemetery project and CemSite startup
- Corned beef sandwich sale
- Israeli folk dancing
- Jewish Book Club
- 7 Geaux to Shul programs
- Program on cyber security
- Installation of Rabbi Smiley
- Parlor meetings with Rabbi
- Religious School with over 75 students
- Rayner Early Learning Center
- Purim Spiel and carnival
- Mishloach Manot distribution
- Chanukah celebrations
- Turkey Train
- Mitzvah Day
- Big Brother shopping spree
- 6 new member families
- Lifelong learning courses
- Confirmation class trip to Washington, DC
- 10 students in confirmation class
- Mah Jongg night
- University professors' group formed
- New Rayner Center director
- Nearing completion of new campus
- Department of Homeland Security grant
- American Rescue Plan Act grant for Rayner Center

Even though I have undoubtedly forgotten some events, it's clear UJC BR is a tremendously active and dynamic community. This list, of course, doesn't include the numerous personal and private encounters that occur almost daily as part of congregational life. These activities are possible because of the hard work of our professional staff consisting of Rabbi Smiley, Heather Bourgeois, our Executive Director, Julie Tepper, Religious School Director and Latonia Douglas, Rayner Center Director. Emeritus Rabbi Barry Weinstein graciously helps us whenever we ask or need him. Cathy Duplechin, Erin Canezaro and James Hickman provide the support we need to keep our operations running smoothly.

In addition to our staff, we are indebted to so many of you, our members, who volunteer your time and energy to all that we do. Some of you help in the office, assist with religious school, participate on committees, cook, make and sell sandwiches, run a St. Patrick's Day parking lot, pressure wash sidewalks and help with aspects of services. All of these, everything you do, is appreciated enormously.

Looking back is one thing. Looking ahead to 2024 is electrifying. March 23 -24 we will dedicate our new campus during a weekend of activities. In 2024, we are committed to growth - growth in our personal Judaism, our congregation membership, our opportunities for study and learning and our participation in congregational life.

Help us. Join us. Talk to us as we continue to build our community together.

Wishing everyone very Happy New Year and 2024.

Steve

Rowan Hutchison

will become a Bar Mitzvah the weekend of January 12th and 13th at UJCBR. His proud parents, Jennifer and Jacob Hutchison, grandparents Donna and Jak Kunstler and his brother, River hope you will join us in celebration.

Rowan is a seventh grader at Bluff Middle School. He plays point guard for his school basketball team and is an avid fisherman. This year, Rowan will be going into his Talmidim year at Henry S. Jacob's Camp.

Rowan is building a Gaga ball pit for the playground of our new synagogue as his Mitzvah Project. You can help Rowan by volunteering to help build or by contributing to his fund-raising campaign.

To volunteer please email:

Gagapit2023@gmail.com

To Donate: <https://gofund.me/56e617d1>

Bar Mitzvah Weekend Services

Friday, January 12 @ 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 13 @ 10:30AM

Kiddush Luncheon to Follow



January 12-13



UJCBR Annual Meeting

January 21 2:00 PM UJCBR Social Hall

All members in good standing are eligible to attend and vote.
We hope you will be able to attend the meeting in person.

You may also attend via ZOOM access. Please email the office at office@ujcbr.org for access to the Zoom meeting.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of minutes
4. Reports
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Report of nominating committee and vote for new board members
8. Adjourn



Hanukkah Event



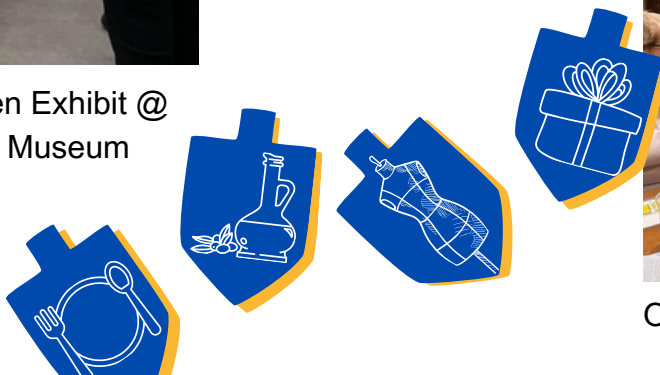
Women Fashioning Women Exhibit @
LSU Textile & Costume Museum



Lunch at la Madeleine



Olive Oil Tasting





Hanukkah at the Governor's Mansion

Rabbi Smiley along with her husband, Rabbi Josh and daughter, Elianna were invited to light the menorah for the first night of Hanukkah. Elianna brought Governor Edwards some gelt, a dreidel, and directions to play dreidel. What a treat!

Experiencing Change in Jewish Text and Tradition



Lifelong Learning with Rabbi Smiley

Sunday, January 7
Sunday, February 4
2:00 PM

Joshua Abadie

becomes Bar Mitzvah
Save the Date!

Joshua

Will lead services and be called up to the Torah
followed by lunch on

*Saturday, February 17
10:30 A.M.*

*Unified Jewish Congregation Baton Rouge
9111 Jefferson Hwy*

Rachel & Justin Abadie

Honored Grandparents:
Ellen & Yigal Bander
Donna & Jeff Montagino
May we only share in Happy occasions

2ND ANNUAL HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Everyone got together to celebrate the festival of lights! Some fun activities included: glam photo booth, picture frame decorating station, and even a bracelet station with Henry S. Jacobs Camp!



Some other fun activities everyone participated in were high stakes dreidel, where they played dreidel for chips to trade for prizes. Shipley's also came to help make and fill sufganiyot.



FINIHSG OFF 2023 STRONG!

Pre-K made edible menorahs out of fruit loops, pretzels, marshmallows, and edible play dough with Rabbi Smiley. They came out beautiful AND yummy!!



2nd grade learned about the jewish calendar and when they were born!

1st grade leaned about prayer and wrote a thank you note to G-d for what they were grateful for



After the lesson, 3rd grade joined Jeremy and Jacob to learn some hebrew. They went through their hebrew book and reviewed the hebrew letters!



4th and 5th grade learned about G-d's most important laws

6th and 7th grade learned about authority and leadership





Spring Series

January 28, 2024

Künstlers in Paradise

Cathleen Schine

Künstlers in Paradise, by Cathleen Schine is a cross-generational saga. It's a tale of one family's history lived in two imperfect paradises – their fairytale home in Vienna before the Nazis began marching in the streets, and the California paradise known as Tinseltown, where three generations of Kunstlers were relocated to in 1939.

2024 Dates

January 28
February 18

March 17
April 21

May 19

The Jewish Book Club meets once a month, generally on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The group is open to everyone ~ men and women. Come and join even if you haven't read the book. We read and discuss books with Jewish themes. If you have questions or suggestions for future books, please contact Susan Smolinsky (hahtool@cox.net)

Big Buddy Shopping Spree



**Donations
still being
accepted**



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and who donated to the Big Buddy Shopping Spree!

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Unified Jewish Congregation | Baton Rouge



Spring Series

Sunday Nights at 7:00 PM

January 14th February 11th March 10th April 14th May 12th
January 28th February 25th March 24th April 28th

Contact David Kirshner: dkirsh@lsu.edu; 225-284-7595, for more information. All ages, experience levels, singles, couples, families welcome.



**JEWISH
ENDOWMENT
FOUNDATION
OF LOUISIANA**

YOUTH & CAMPING : GOLDRING JEWISH SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

The Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana is pleased to announce that the Goldring Family Foundation has made a generous commitment to continue to underwrite the Jewish Summer Camp Experience Incentive Grant program for its 25th year.

This incentive grant provides up to \$1,500 for a Jewish child to attend a Jewish nonprofit sleepaway summer camp for the very first time. Eligible criteria for JEF funding, the children must be:

- Currently in grades 1 through 9
- Residents of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas or the Florida Panhandle
- Has never attended a nonprofit Jewish sleepaway summer camp

This program has helped send over 1,700 children to Jewish summer camps since 1999.

Please reach out to Sierra Sager, Board and Grants Manager with any questions. Phone: 504-524-4559
E-Mail: Sierra@jefno.org

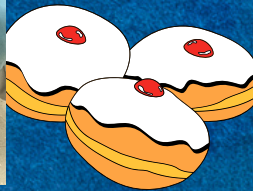
Applications open October 2, 2023, and the deadline to apply is March 1, 2024.

The application and eligibility requirements are available by clicking the "Youth & Camping" tab on the [JEF website](#).

[Apply Now](#)

The Rayner Center

Rayner celebrated Hanukkah with our families. It was an amazing event led by our Rayner staff. We enjoyed learning with Rabbi Smiley, music, activities, and food!



The Rayner Learning Center enrolls students ages 3 months to Pre-K. Call Latonia Douglas, Director of the Rayner Center for more information (225) 924-6772.



[Apply for Enrollement](#)

Check out our [website!](#)



Buy Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the 18th Annual Baton Rouge Jewish Film Festival.

The Festival has become one of the outstanding entertainment and cultural events of the city. If you've been to previous Festivals, you know the quality of the films and speakers. If you have not attended the festival, don't let another opportunity go by.

Order tickets online at www.BRJFF.com or call the Manship Theatre box office at 225.344.0334. Follow the Festival on Facebook, too, for the latest updates.

Already a lifelong fan? Consider becoming a Patron. Patrons get free tickets to the Saturday night show as well as tickets to the pre-show dinner upstairs at the Shaw Center's 3rd floor Turner Gallery. Contact the Federation office at 225.379.7393 for information on becoming a Patron of the Baton Rouge Jewish Film Festival.

See you at the movies!

Featuring



A tender and eye-opening tribute.

**REMEMBERING GENE WILDER
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 7:00**

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A powerful account that lays bare the devastating heartbreak of a 2016 terrorist attack that took place in the heart of Tel Aviv.

CLOSED CIRCUIT
THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 7:00



NOT QUITE KOSHER
SATURDAY, JAN. 13, 7:30

Buddy comedy / road movie wrings plenty of heart from a most unlikely friendship.



VISHNIAC
SUNDAY, JAN. 14, 3:00

"The closer you look at the world, the bigger it becomes."



2023 In Review



Meg Kantrow
January

2023 Bat & Bar Mitzvahs



Leo Abraham
January



Asher Finkelman
August

January

ANNUAL MEETING



UNITED AGAINST HATE



Assistant U.S. Attorney for Civil Rights Katherine Green reached out to our community to host one of the first of these programs in the country and the first in Louisiana

AT RAYNER

Our Pre-K kiddos
used microscopes
to take an up close
look at their
surroundings



February

Sisterhood Hamantaschen Bake and Take



Scout Shabbat



Rabbi Smiley Installation Weekend



Team Yellow Plate. - 1st Place Winners - Greg in Honor



March

Geaux to Shul Painting with a Twist



**UJCBR members gathered to paint a spring scene of blooming tulips
Members brought creative perspectives to the composition with their unique color
palates**



Berg Family Holocaust Memorial Museum Trip



**Confirmation students
traveled to Washington
DC with Rabbi Smiley
and Religious School
Director, Julie Tepper**

Purim Carnival



April

Passover

UJCBR welcomed over 80 members and their guests to our first Congregational
Second Night Seder



Our Seder Coordinators, Janet Black, and Debbie Cavalier prepared a delicious meal. They recruited volunteers to help cook and prepare special components of the Seder plate.



Junk Food Sedar



The entire Sunday school was able to sit down and celebrate Passover together. They all participated in the seder, BUT it wasn't any normal seder. It was with JUNK FOOD!



Mitzvah Day MAGICAL MENSCH MANIA



To begin Magical Mitzvah Day, we all gathered in the sanctuary to start off our day of giving back with tefillah!



Sisterhood

of the UNITED JEWISH CONGREGATION | BATON ROUGE



The UJCBR Sisterhood hosted a delightful flower-arranging activity. The event was a great success, with attendees creating stunning arrangements.

May



Yom Ha'Atzmaut Sameach!

Happy 75th Independence Day to Israel!

Our littles at the Rayner Center enjoyed celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut Sameach with a parade and Israeli flags. Students colored their own flag to take home and share with their families.



Summer!

Religious School at Camp!



August



Micah Hart was our game show host! We shared stories, learned about histories, made new connections, and best of all, had a great time creating new memories together!

High Holidays

September & October



Rosh Hashanah, Tashlich Extravaganza, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah!



MUSICAL BINGO



2023 KINDERGARTEN CONSECRATION

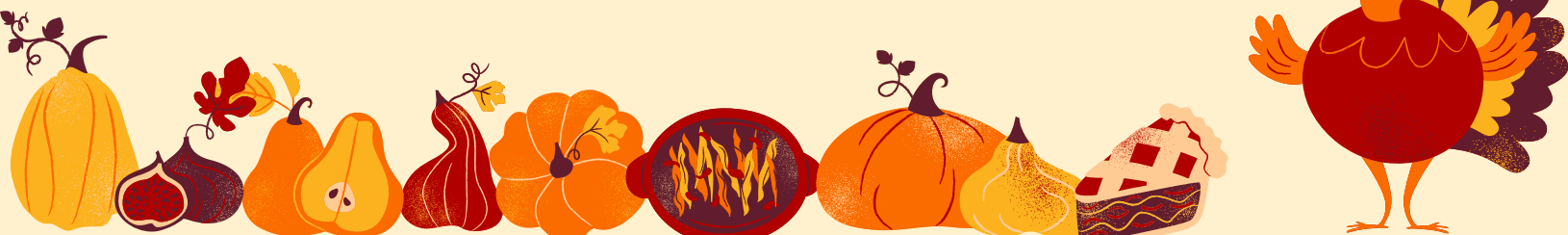
PIZZA IN THE HUT PETTING ZOO SNOW BALLS



November

220
TURKEYS!

PLAY MAH JONGG





Dedicate & Celebrate

March 22 - 23, 2024

Save the **NEW** Date

for a weekend of celebrations at our newly renovated building on Kleinert Ave. on March. 22 - 23, 2024!

Events include a musical Friday night Shabbat service and oneg, Shabbat morning services and a deli lunch, and a dedication party with Havdallah, music, food and entertainment for adults and children.

We need help! This is a congregation event and we need your time and talent to make it happen. Please see this form and let us know what you can help with.

Volunteer

3354 Kleinert | Our Future Home

BUILDING UPDATES



It is hard to believe that we are near completion of our new home! We are making significant progress and expect to be finished by the end of January.

We invite you to take a [virtual tour](#) of the building to get a feel for our new space.

Check out all that has happened since completing this video tour in November:

- Enhanced job site security by adding fencing and ensuring gates and buildings are locked when not in use.
- Installed store front glass in both new and renovated buildings.
- Added awnings over windows and installed a covered walkway.
- Installed new lighting at the entrance of the new building.
- Stained glass installation has begun.
- Initiated the installation of the architectural ceiling in the sanctuary, featuring Stars of David.



- Commenced construction of the Ark and Torah table; both to be completed by the end of January.
- Completed installation of new flooring throughout the renovated area.
- Tiled bathrooms and installed partitions/vanities in both new and renovated areas.
- Successfully completed AV installation in the sanctuary, including screens, projectors, and cabling.
- Finalized selection of playground equipment and currently working on the site plan and installation timeline.
- Installed security cameras inside and outside the building.
- Initiated the construction of the perimeter fence, expected to be completed within the next two weeks.
- Commenced landscaping with bed preparation, irrigation, and planting; tree pruning underway to address oaks and pines throughout the property.

The Sisterhood and Chabad Present

Chabad at LSU and Greater Baton Rouge and Unified Jewish Congregation of Baton Rouge Sisterhood invites you to

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A Taste of Shabbat

Create a stunning set of floral resin candleholders and enjoy a delicious salad bar

Sunday, January 28th AT 4:30 PM



\$20/person before Dec 15th
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At the Hilltop Arboretum 11855 Highland Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70810
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JANUARY / 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Years Day -- Office Closed	2	3	4	5 6P Shabbat Service	6 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service
7 9:30A Religious School 11A 8th Pre-Confirmation 12P Confirmation 2P Life Long Learning with Rabbi Smiley	8	9	10 Baton Rouge Jewish Film Festival	11	12 6P Shabbat Services: Rowan Hutchison Bar Mitzvah Weekend	13 10:30A Morning Service Rowan Hutchison becomes Bar Mitzvah Baton Rouge Jewish Film Festival
14 7P Israeli Dancing Baton Rouge Jewish Film Festival	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- Office Closed	16	17	18	19 6P Shabbat Service	20 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service
21 9:30A Religious School 11A 8th Pre-Confirmation 12P Confirmation 2P UJCBBR Annual Meeting	22	23	24 Tu B'Shevat at Sundown	25 Tu B'Shevat	26 6P Shabbat Services Music with Michael and Joey Roth	27 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service
28 9:30A Religious School 11A 3rd Grade Family Ed 4:30P Sisterhood Rose & Resin 7P Israeli Dancing	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY

1 Religious School
 1 Israeli Dancing
 4 Religious School
 4 Life Long Learning with Rabbi Smiley
 11 Israeli Dancing
 17 Joshua Abadie becomes Bar Mitzvah
 25 Religious School
 25 Israeli Dancing

January

Happy Anniversary

1 Wendy and Michael Herschman
3 Kim and David Deitch
13 J'on and Barry Blumberg
14 Ellen and Marc Sager
20 Michelle and David Bassham
21 Deborah Salazar and Gregg Lubritz
24 Lynn and Felix Weill
31 Ellen and Yigal Bander

Happy Birthday

1 Genevieve Morgan
1 David Bassham
1 Donald Kaufmann
2 Samantha Marino
2 Georgia Lacey
3 Marion McKnight
3 Debbie Cavalier
3 Steven Abramson
3 Martha Littlefield
3 Clay Weill
4 Charlie Roth
4 Rick Weil
5 Abi Betch
5 Barbara Stockner
6 Nat Marks
6 Benjamin Hausmann
7 Deborah Sternberg
7 Leah Perdue

8 Emelie Alton
8 Neil Tepper
8 Susanna Dampf
9 Ben Valentine
9 Jack Dampf
9 Mark Hausmann
10 Sarah Hughes
11 Pam Piha-Paul
11 Vera Spalatin
11 Daniela Kaplan
12 Sutton Wallace
12 Carter Aldridge
13 Tessa Berkowitz
13 Patty Abraham
13 Sean Ritchey
13 Mike Rubin
13 Lillian Tepper

14 Susan Kantrow
14 Randy Goldich
14 Daniel Dietz
15 John Dupaquier
15 Bryce Cohen
15 Terry Howey
7 Olivia Brunner
17 Allyson Bombet
17 Sheryl Brown
18 Sandy Bertman
18 Tara Weinstein
20 Jessica Fletcher
21 Fiona Mactiule
21 Robin Blanche
22 Beatrice O'Gorman
23 Alec Hirsch
23 Ayan Rubin
23 Joy Lewis

24 Morrie Breyer
24 Joshua Abadie
26 Lauren Adams
26 Max Levy
27 Heather Folks-Givens
28 Daniel Simon
28 Steven Labens
29 Julie Cherry
29 David Silver
29 Nathan Levy
30 Amanda Bullman
30 Alvin Rotenberg
30 Michael Tepper
30 Carol Anne Blitzer
30 Harold Silverman
31 Deneashia Comeaux
31 Laurie Maas

Zichronam Livracha

*May their memories
be a blessing*



January

Jahrzeit Remembrance

5 JANUARY/25 TEVET 12 JANUARY/3 SHEVAT

Bennie Deitch	Herbert Jenkins
Abraham Hutt	Evelyn Plonsker
Leonard Wolf Sheffler	Joan Seidenbach Berenson
Mildred S. Suffrin	Louis Turchen
Louis Liss	Esther Slipman
Rose Katz Pushker	Robert Blumberg
Vivian Quine	Ruth Dunn
Violet Wolf	Ethel Emmich
Dora Miller	Ilene Burton
Barbara Howey	Sylvia Rusoff
Kenneth Palmer	Corinne Strauss Kaufman
Karoly Aczel	Herbert Barton
Sophie Mann	Robert Beck
Dula Mae Roby	Gerald Bienn
Edith Brenner	Ethel Landau Jacobs
Louise Gartner	Joseph W. Samuels
Ivan Greenspan	Doris Levy Weill
William Hutt	

19 JANUARY/10 SHEVAT

Sylvia Scolnick
Louis Liss
Samuel Plonsker
Ronald St. Pierre
Herbert Barton
Abe Levine
Ralph Marks
Vera Mundt Miller
William Molle
Jennie Haltzman
Josh Yellen
Ruth Fenton
Kate Katz Glazer
Sarah Hiedovitz
Lisa Bertman Pate
Sharyn Silverstein
Lola Spiller
Michael Carpenter
Levis S. Levy
Laz Abraham
Gabriel Hausmann, Sr.
Carol Lewis Marx
Bessie Goldberg Mehl

26 JANUARY/ 17 SHEVAT

Hilda Maretsky Caplan
Theodore Hoffman
Harold Rubin
Sylvia Steiner
Fannie Zaglin
Julia Abraham Bombet
Murray Davis
Rabbi Marvin Reznikoff
Dottie Smith
Alvin Labens
Rebecca Novick Labens
Abe Lichtenstein
Fernand Katz Eader
Nathan Kramer
Joan Miriam Samuels
Alex Karnofsky
Max Kizelstein
Bruce Dunham
Barbara Perry
Ricky Stockner

Donations

GENERAL DONATIONS

In memory of

Jo Ann Bender from **Anonymous**
Jo Ann Bender from **Carol Lise Rosen**
Jo Ann Bender from **Carol Marx**
Jo Ann Bender from **Dr. Harold & Laurie Brandt**
Jo Ann Bender from **Gwen Dugas**
Ann Jean Raffie from **Jack & Elinor Goldberg**
Julius Raffie from **Jack & Elinor Goldberg**
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Jo Ann Bender from **Josh & Lindsey Burton**
Lee Caplan from **Lee & Brenda Berg**
Jo Anne Bender from **Mark Brookner**
Jo Ann Bender from **Mitch Rayner & Elizabeth Clubb**
Jo Ann Bender from **Richard & Susan Lipsey**
Jo Ann Bender from **Ronnie & Nat Marks**
Jo Ann Bender from **Sidney & Carol Anne Blitzer**
Jo Ann Bender from **Steven & Monica Winkler**
Marsha Peal from **Richard Flicker**
Jo Ann Bender from **Brenda & Lee Berg**
Leonard Nachman from **Brenda & Lee Berg**
Bernie Flicker from **Richard Flicker**
Jo Ann Bender from **Dany & Seth Kaplan**
Jo Ann Bender from **Janet & Don Bonaventure**
Jo Ann Bender from **Laurie & Dale Maas**

UJCBR FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of

Jo Ann Bender from **David & Robbie Rubin**
Shirley Judge from **Dr. Ronald & Louann Bombet**
Jo Ann Bender from **Dr. Ronald & Louann Bombet**

In honor of

Lynn Weill's birthday from **David & Robbie Rubin**
Rabbi Smiley, Rabbi Leighton & Eliana from **Richard Flicker**
Ellen Folks from **Mitch Rayner & Elizabeth Clubb**

GENERAL DONATIONS

In honor of

Rabbi Smiley for all of her hard work from **Shalom Hurrey & Lynn Schechter**
My sister, Carole Schnieder's birthday from **Richard Flicker**
Mitch Rayner from **Richard Flicker**
Rabbi Barry on his birthday from **Richard Flicker**
Nathan Levy from **Richard Flicker**
Richard Lipsey from **Richard Flicker**

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Leonard Nachman from **Randy & Donna Goldrich**

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In memory of

Jo Ann Bender from **Felix and Lynn Weill**

SYLVIA STEINER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In memory of

Jo Ann Bender from **Edward & Elaine Simon**
Jo Ann Bender from **Sherry Mayer**

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of

Jo Ann Bender from **J'on & Barry Blumberg**

CONDOLENCES

Jo Ann Bender

December 8, 2023

mother of Ralph Bender

May her memory be a blessing



Mike and Ayan Rubin's latest thriller,
published by
the University of Lafayette Press, is
now out and available through local
bookstores and on Amazon.



"A gripping, propulsive thriller I couldn't put down."

Ellen Byron, USA Today Best-Selling Author

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Baron Birtcher, LA Times Best-Selling Author

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