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Mazel Tov to Suzy Weber

Recipient of the 2023 Irene Fox United Hebrew Ruach Award

Welcome Jim Susman

Incoming President of United Hebrew Congregation



Shabbat Schedule

In-Person, Zoom, Live stream, and Facebook

January 2024

Friday, January 5

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Children & Adult Birthday Blessing
7:30 p.m. Dessert Oneg

Saturday, January 6

Tevet 25 5784

Sh'mot

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Family Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 12

6:30 p.m. MLK Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 13

Sh'vat 3 5784

Va-eira

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Wahl
Son of Aaron & Deborah Wahl

Friday, January 19

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat
5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, January 20

Sh'vat 10 5784

Bo

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 26

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 27

Sh'vat 17 5784

B'shalach

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

February 2024

Friday, February 2

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Children & Adult Birthday Blessing
7:30 p.m. Dessert Oneg

Saturday, February 3

Sh'vat 24 5784

Yitro

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Family Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, February 9

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 10

Adar I 1 5784

Mishpatim

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Parker Crane
Son of Benjamin & Jill Crane

Friday, February 16

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat
5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, February 17

Adar I 8 5784

T'rumah

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, February 23

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 24

Adar I 15 5784

T'zaveh

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Abigail House
Daughter of Sanford & Dipali House

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



Adam Wahl

January 13, 2024
10:30 a.m.



Parker Crane

February 10, 2024
10:30 a.m.



Abigail House

February 24, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat

Come and Join us for Tot Shabbat every 3rd Friday of the month at 5:30pm in the Spielberg Chapel

January 19
February 16
March 15
April 19
May 17

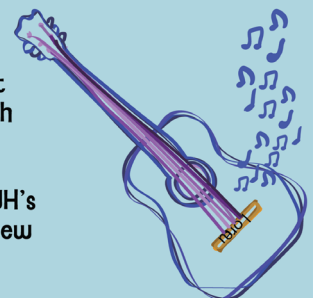


Family Shabbat

Saturdays 10:30am
Millstone Sanctuary

January 6
February 3
March 2
April 6

Together with our clergy and music specialist Greta Rosenstock, we'll celebrate Shabbat "camp style." Each Family Shabbat Service will have participation by UH's religious and Hebrew school students.



January & February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 31	January 1 New Year's Day School and Offices Closed	2 School Closed- Professional Development 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	3	4 10am Adult Hebrew 11am AGA 1:30pm Susan Kaplansky Book Club	5 6:30pm Shabbat Service 7:30pm Dessert Oneg	6 9am Torah Study 10:30am Family Shabbat Morning Service
7 4:30pm UH Upper Class: 11th & 12th Grade	8 1:30pm Chair Exercise- Zoom	9 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	10 7:30pm Whiskey & Wisdom	11 10:00am Adult Hebrew 11:00am AGA	12 6:30pm MLK Shabbat Service	13 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Adam Wahl
14	15 MLK - School and Office Closed	16 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	17 7pm Board of Trustees Meeting	18 10am Adult Hebrew 11am AGA	19 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 5:45pm Shabbat Nosh 6:30pm Shabbat Service	20 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
21 9am K-5 RS 11:15am K-2 Hangout 11:30am 6-10 RS 12:30pm 3-5 Hangout	22 1:30pm Chair Exercise- Zoom	23 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	24	25 10am Adult Hebrew 11am AGA	26 6:30pm Shabbat Service	27 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
28 9am K-5 RS 11:30am 6-10 RS	29 1:30pm Chair Exercise- Zoom	30 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	31	February 1 10am Adult Hebrew 11am AGA 1:30pm Susan Kaplansky Book Club	2 6:30pm Shabbat Service 7:30pm Dessert Oneg	3 9am Torah Study 10:30am Family Shabbat Morning Service 1pm Singing Bowl Meditation
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11 9am K-5 RS 11:15am K-2 Hangout 11:30am 6-10 RS 12:30pm 3-5 Hangout 5pm Holiday Cooking Series	12 12pm Senior Lunch 1:30pm Chair Exercise Class - Zoom	13 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	14 7:30pm Whiskey & Wisdom	15 10am Adult Hebrew 11am AGA	16 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 5:45pm Shabbat Nosh 6:30pm Shabbat Service	17 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
18	19 President's Day - School and Offices Closed	20 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	21 7pm Board of Trustees	22 10am Adult Hebrew 11am AGA	23 6:30pm Shabbat Service	24 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Abigail House
25 9am K-5 RS 11:30am 6-10 RS	26 1:30pm Chair Exercise Class-Zoom	27 1pm Crochet/Knit Group	28 6pm Intergenerational Game Night	29 10am Adult Hebrew 11am AGA	March 1 6:30pm Shabbat Service 7:30pm Dessert Oneg	2 9am Torah Study 10:30am Family Shabbat Morning Service

Save the Date
Celebration of Cantor Ronald Eichaker
Saturday, June 8, 2024
R&R Ranch

We look forward to celebrating the 25 years Cantor Eichaker has served United Hebrew Congregation as he becomes Cantor Emeritus. The celebration event is chaired by Stacy, Belle and Marie Rolfe. If you are interested in being on the celebration committee, please contact Stacy at stacyrolfe@me.com or the UH office at 314-469-0700.



Clergy Message - Cantor Eichaker



The Road Not Taken

By ROBERT FROST

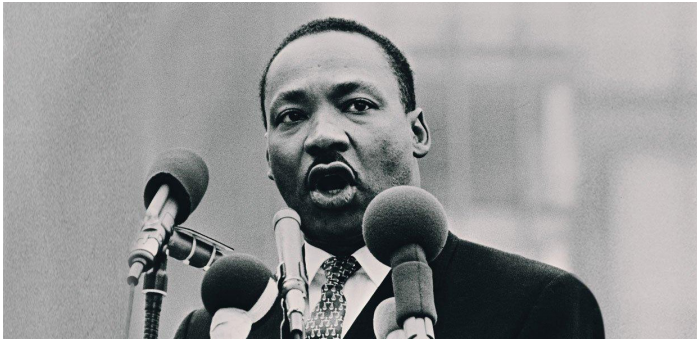
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,

Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.



MLK Shabbat

**Friday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.
In-Person and Livestream**

**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness:
Only light can do that. Hate cannot
drive out hate: Only love can do
that."**

As the Jewish year 5784 moves along, from 2023 now to 2024, I will be traveling a road that has been in front of me since I was 7 years old. Interesting how many of my scheduled destinations turned out to be places not laid out on my life's road map, but similes to that meticulously crafted life plan. Approaching a stop along my travels, I can take a moment to look back, but only for a brief moment, because the bend along my chosen road lays just a few months ahead; and I can see some untrodden grass in need of wear between now and then. The fortunes along my journey have been many and varied, none so elegant as the fortuitous partnership that was made in August 1984, when, those 40 years ago, she said "Yes". And, that road still laid out toward a long determined Promised Land, suddenly, just around the bend before me, led me down a different path but was clearly worn by other travelers who had been there before me. I became an us. We two became us four as we – now four – took a road less traveled – in our minds – to a place where circumstance and fortune would be a destination...a respite...a refuge...a forever home.

Today, as if in a wink and a sigh, the four became six, and then a two again. And in September, the two will finally merge into one; again, but not the one of 40 years – but one welded together by the searing heat of determinism pressed against the unalloyed rod of experience to form a continuous and unbroken love that has formed a permanent bond.

Destinations still lie ahead, mysteries remain to be explored, fortunes will be found, and lost along the way. What I know for sure is that, come September, a new song will be heard on the path. New feet will tread with a new purpose, bringing us a new presence. Sometime ages and ages hence, there may be heard a voice saying "They made a difference" for an ever so brief but happy time, they made all the difference; they could.

Shabbat Shalom and Happy New Year



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Message from Outgoing President- Sheryl Bauer

We all know the saying, "Time flies when you're having fun". Well, the last two years have flown by, and I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve as United Hebrew President. To be honest, some days were more fun than others, but for me, the best part of this experience has been getting to know our wonderful staff and getting

to know so many of you. I love walking into United Hebrew on any occasion, and feeling like I am home and surrounded by my UH family.

When I began my term as president, we embarked on a 6 year Long Range Strategic Plan that focuses on 3 key areas. (1) Revenues and Expenses, (2) Membership Retention and Engagement, and (3) Facility and Property. Thinking about these categories, 2023 was a very successful year.

Financially we ended our fiscal year in a very solid position as you heard in Rob's Treasurer's report. Our line of credit is lower than it has been in a decade, and our endowment continues to grow, even in a difficult market. We have had several generous donations, and we introduced our Thanksliving program to honor ourselves during the months of important milestones. I want to thank our treasurer, Rob Ormont, the Investment Committee and staff members, Cori Neidenberg and Jennifer Tucker, for their great attention to detail, accuracy in reporting and good investment decisions.

After some partnership cleanup, our membership is holding steady at about 831 families. I am proud to share that our Scroll of Honor is at its largest size ever with 76 participants. Our varied programs and events are supported by many congregants in person and online, and we have six Creative Connections groups that enjoy assorted interests. Our Camp UH event was a huge success as about 250 adults of all ages mingled while playing many games and dining in the UH mess hall. The Engagement Committee remains active with welcoming new members, knitting healing blankets, and writing caring notes to congregants. I want to thank the Camp UH Committee which was led by Judy and Bryan Babitz and Fran and Paul Kravitz, the Engagement Committee, the Tech Team and the Creative Connections groups, as well as staff members, Sari Levy, Elayne Grossberg, Esther Olson, Molly Ruder, Jessy Nelson, and Iris DeWoskin, for the engaging opportunities that involve our membership and community.

I am excited about the many improvements that have happened around our building and property. An assessment of our building was completed in May of 2022 by an outside consulting firm, and we are utilizing their report to proactively maintain our roof, HVAC and other key parts of our facility. In addition, classrooms received security improvements and fresh paint. Outside we

worked to enhance the lighting and grounds maintenance. Also, beautification projects have happened at our cemetery, in addition to much needed tree removal after we were impacted by a big storm last summer. Thank you to Dale Schwartz, Ben Cherry, Dave Spewak, Barry Krell, and Lexie Goldsmith and staff member, Jeff Schwartz, for working so hard to keep our building in great repair and for maintaining our cemetery property.

At United Hebrew, we stay committed to offering exceptional educational opportunities for our younger members. Our ECC staff participated in the Paradigm training to enhance their programming for the preschool. The religious school curriculum continues to be reviewed and improved to better meet the needs of our school age students. Thank you to Lauren Lourie, Lee Rosenberg, Laura Wildman, Angie Klenke, Greta Rosenstock, Rachel Rothwell, and our teachers for their commitment to youth education and engagement.

We are so fortunate to have such a strong clergy team who is always here for us in so many ways. Their involvement and leadership spans all facets of what happens at UH, and we would not be the vibrant and welcoming community without them. Thank you to Rabbi Rosenberg, Cantor Eichaker, and Rabbi Reinhart for their meaningful programs, educational opportunities and spiritual leadership, and to David Cohen for his musical support.

As you know, Cantor Eichaker will be retiring in August with 25 years of service at UH. While we can never replace him, I offer my thanks to the Cantorial Search Committee, led by Rob Levinson and Simcha Lourie, for their help in interviewing potential successors. No decisions have been made, and more details will be shared in the coming months. We are looking forward to honoring Cantor Eichaker with some musical artists throughout the year and a special gala on June 8th at R&R Ranch, which is the home of Stacy and David Rolfe. Thank you to Stacy and her daughters, Belle and Marie, for chairing this wonderful event. The gala committee is being formed now and we welcome your help.

We were blessed by the generosity of several larger memorial gifts in 2023. As I mentioned on Rosh Hashanah, if all goes to plan, our sanctuary and chapel will get a face lift next summer, to honor the memory of Fred Ashner. In addition, we have a beautiful new meditation garden on the driveway side of our building in memory of Robert Levy. A new Religious School Tuition Assistance Fund was created in memory of Stan Towerman.

As my term comes to a close, I want to thank the leadership team that always had my back. The Board of Trustees and Officers of UH work hard and make important decisions that impact all of us and the future of United Hebrew. I relied on their expertise and perspective on so many issues and I offer a huge thank you to this



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team of leaders. I want to give a special thank you to Fran Balk, Ben Cherry, Barry Sharon, and Bob Sterneck who are completing their terms on the Board, but hopefully are not completing their leadership at UH. I wish I could personally thank everyone who helps to make UH the vibrant community that it is, but that is a long list. I can tell you that UH is in great hands with Jim Susman at the helm. Jim and I have been friends and co-volunteers for many years, and I have zero doubt that he and our team of leaders will accomplish great things for UH.

In closing, I owe a special thank you to my family who has helped me in so many ways. I know my beloved Michael was always with me in spirit, and my children, Brian & Lindsay, Kevin and Dina, and Lindsey and Matt, were by my side at all times. Along with my four beautiful grandchildren, I am so blessed to have such a loving and supportive family.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity and experience.

Sheryl J Bauer



Rabbi Rosenberg's Remarks for Sheryl Bauer

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks of blessed memory teaches, "In Judaism to lead is to serve. Those who serve do not lift themselves high. They lift other people high."

Sheryl is the embodiment of this teaching. If you ask the staff, person by person, they will tell you that Sheryl has been their biggest supporter during the term of her presidency. To quote our staff, "she has been unwavering in her support, especially in the times of uncertainty." "She has always been able and willing to help and support, there's never a problem too big or too small." "We know she's always in our corner." "She's the epitome of leading by example, and I have yet to witness a task around the synagogue that she's unwilling to do. No matter what it is, she's always ready to roll up her sleeves and get to work. Even with her term as president ending, she reminds me every week that she will gladly help and thanks to her, I have learned that I can (and will!) ask for help."

Sheryl, you have been an incredible partner for the past two years. These past two years haven't been easy, are they ever in the life of a synagogue, but you have been thoughtful, kind, caring, and passionate as we've worked through each and every situation. As the staff have remarked over and over, you lead by example. You have taught us all what it means to lead with kindness and caring, and not just with words but with action. You are the first to jump in and do, whatever it takes to make UH the best it can be, this as Rabbi Sacks taught is leadership – to lead by doing and to lead by lifting up others. Thank you for lifting us up and for helping us to realize that teamwork, asking for help and working together is how we ensure the best and brightest future for UH.

I have been blessed, we all have been blessed by you and the blessings and light you bring to this world, and especially to UH. Mazal tov on completing this amazing task!



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Message from Incoming President- Jim Susman

Rabbi Rosenberg, Rabbi Reinhart, Cantor Eichaker, Sheryl, United Hebrew Board of Trustees, and members of the United Hebrew Congregation. I am honored that you put your trust in me to serve as the next President of the UH Board of Trustees and United Hebrew Congregation.

For those who don't know me, let me share a little bit about myself. I graduated from U. City High School and then went to Drake University. I am the fifth Drake graduate to lead United Hebrew, following Alan Wolff, Dan Raskas, Lexie Goldsmith, and Phil Frisher. While at Drake, I met Abby, and we were married in 1978. Abby, who is from Milwaukee, has been a parent educator for 31 years, and is currently with the Mehlville School District, and is a

Parents as Teachers Consultant for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. For the past 30 years, I have had my own company managing non-profit associations.

Abby and I have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. Our oldest son, Kenny lives in St. Louis and is a Data Analyst for the Parkway School District, splitting his time between Parkway North and Parkway Central High Schools. He has 2 daughters, Maddie and Cori, who attend Craig Elementary School. Our younger son, Scott, and his wife, Shoshy live in Kansas City. They have a son, Adam, and a daughter, Mollie. Scott is a Senior Software Engineer with the Garmin Technology Company. Both of our sons were Bar Mitzvahed at UH and have their Confirmation pictures hanging in the Messing Auditorium.

In addition to Abby and Kenny being here this afternoon I would like to welcome my sister Susie Gitt and her husband David, as well as my brother, Bob Susman, and his wife Shelby. And, yes, I am their younger brother.

Our life at United Hebrew began in 1989 when we joined the Temple. At various times I have been a member of the Board of Trustees, I served as President of the Temple's Brotherhood for many years, I chaired 2 of the Temple's golf tournaments, served on a Rabbinic Search Committee and currently chair the Security Committee. Abby has coordinated the Rosh Hashanah Tashlich service for many years and was part of the kitchen crew for the Temple's Noshes and for 25 plus years has participated in various community-based Interfaith Partnership programs and Dialogue groups.

As I look ahead into 2024, I see some wonderful programs on the horizon including sanctuary improvements and the continued growth of and expansion of our Creative Connections groups. We also will be saying goodbye to our longtime friend and colleague, Cantor Eichaker, as he transitions into an emeritus role here at United Hebrew after 25 years, and only the second Cantor at UH. And, as we say goodbye to Cantor Eichaker, we hope to welcome a new cantor sometime next summer.

Speaking of Cantor Eichaker, please save Saturday evening, June 8th to join us we celebrate his tenure at United Hebrew at the R&R Ranch. The event is being chaired by Stacy Rolfe, and her daughter Belle and daughter-in-law Marie so it's sure to be a wonderful, fun event.

The Millstone Sanctuary will see improvements during June, July and August as we replace the carpet, and chairs and make other cosmetic changes. But don't worry, Shabbat Services will still be held each Friday evening in a portion of the Messing Auditorium.

We continue to review and implement many of the suggestions that resulted from the development of our Long-Range Building Assessment report and to make improvements to our facility and campus as well as continuing to review and enhance the security of our building.

Our finances are improving but we can always do better. I want to thank those of you who are members of the Scroll of Honor and encourage others to step up and join the Scroll of Honor.

In addition to our normal income and expense line items relating to the Early Childhood Center, religious school, membership dues and programming we have made strides in enhancing our finances by renting portions of our building to organizations not affiliated with United Hebrew. Some of these groups include organizations hosting daylong meetings in the Messing auditorium or organizations hosting trivia nights. Similarly, our kitchen is now being rented to several bakers during the day and evenings. And the American Jewish Committee is renting office space within our building. All of these items help with our bottom line.

I'd be remiss if I didn't congratulate Suzy Weber on receiving the Irene Fox Ruach Award. Suzy, it's well deserved and thank you for everything you do for us.



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I would like to thank those board members who are stepping down from the board. They are: Ben Cherry, Fran Balk, Barry Sharon and Bob Sterneck. Likewise, I am glad to welcome our new board members, Sally Lang, Rob Levinson, Mindy Resnick, Amanda Towerman, Mark Witzling and Ted Kraizer who will be our Assistant Treasurer. Combined with our returning officers and board members, I believe UH is as vibrant as ever.

I also want to thank our many volunteers, who without you, we couldn't do the many things we do. Likewise, thank you to Cori Neidenberg, Lauren Lourie, Laura Wildman and Lee Rosenberg and their staffs who work tirelessly to ensure the smooth functioning of United Hebrew.

And, lastly, I want to thank Rabbis Rosenberg and Reinhart and Cantor Eichaker for their ongoing guidance and leadership.

Two years ago, at the congregational meeting when Sheryl was elected President, she closed her comments by assuring Phil Frischer that she would not follow in his footsteps by singing or playing the piano. As the incoming President, I can assure you that I won't be doing those things either nor will I follow in Sheryl's footsteps of doing the dishes after a Nosh, doing room set-ups, or raking leaves but I do look forward to working and talking with you to will make UH the best it can be.

Again, thank you very much for this wonderful honor.



Congratulations to UH's 2024 United Hebrew Officers and Board of Trustees

President: Jim Susman
Vice President: David Kaiser
Vice President: Arnie Sair
Vice President: David Spewak
Treasurer: Rob Ormont
Assistant Treasurer: Ted Kraizer
Secretary: Lindsay Melnick

Board of Trustees

Cheryl Banashek, Murray Fishman, Sally Lang, Rob Levinson, Mindy Resnick, Carolyn Satz, Helene Sherman, Amanda Towerman, David Wallace, Corey Wallis, Larry Weinberg, Bruce Weingart, and Mark Witzling

Active Life Members

Sheryl Bauer, Ed Becker, Rick Cornfeld, Paul Flotken, Phil Frischer, Ron Gieseke, Lexie Goldsmith, Burton Greenberg, Steven Laiderman, Dan Raskas, David Rosenstock, Steven Toybes, Lee Wielansky, and Leslie Yoffie

Thank you to Fran Balk, Ben Cherry, Barry Sharon, and Bob Sterneck who have completed their term of office.



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2024 Board of Trustees

Front Row: Sheryl Bauer (Past President), Lindsay Melnick (Secretary), Rob Ormont (Treasurer), Dave Spewak (Vice President), Jim Susman (President), David Kaiser (Vice President), Helene Sherman, Ted Kraizer (Assistant Treasurer)

2nd Row: Mindy Resnick, Amanda Towerman, Carolyn Satz, Ed Becker (Past President), Larry Weinberg, Rob Levinson, Cheryl Banashek, Sally Lang, Leslie Yoffie (Past President), Bruce Weingart, Phil Frischer (Past President), Rabbi David Reinhart, Rabbi Brigitte Rosenberg

3rd Row: Corey Wallis, David Rosenstock (Past President), Mark Witzling, Cantor Ron Eichaker, Cori Neidenberg (Executive Director)

Current Board members not pictured: Arnie Sair (Vice President), Murray Fishman and David Wallace



Treasurer's Report Remarks From Annual Meeting 12/10/23

Rob Ormont

On behalf of the officers, I would like to thank all of you for attending this year's annual meeting. During last year's meeting, I introduced 3 financial goals:

1. Maintain fiscal financial responsibility for both the United Hebrew and UH Cemetery Operating Budgets with the objective of reducing the overall deficit over time.
2. Reduce the line of credit balance.
3. Grow the Endowment fund balance.

I am pleased to report we have met or exceeded each of these goals so let's dive into each goal in more detail.

Reduce the overall UH operating deficit

As of June 30, 2023 (FY22-23) we finished the year at an Operating deficit of \$21k relative to an operating budget deficit of \$107k, or \$86k favorable to budget. This is primarily attributable to some one-time large donations and increased tributes, better than expected fundraising efforts, some employee turnover, and overall continued cost containment of our expenses. (EXCEEDS GOAL)

For the current fiscal year 23-24, we approved an operating budget deficit of \$105k. As of today, we are slightly behind pace relative to the budget. Not to be alarmed but this is primarily due to difficulty in projecting the timing of contributions and collection of partnership commitments. Many of you may be asking if we finished the year at a deficit of \$21k why do we have a budget deficit of \$100k?

As members of the Board, it is our responsibility to engage in continuous improvement and business optimization, requiring an ongoing evaluation of our organizational structure and resource requirements. With that said, we were able to hire more staff to ensure folks are working on the right things utilizing their strengths and expertise to help UH continue to prosper. Other components that weighed in include payroll increases for our staff, increases in insurance, benefits, etc.

As of June 30, 2023, the Cemetery Budget finished the fiscal year at a net operating loss of \$27k versus a net operating budget loss of \$2.5k. This is primarily attributable to less grave sales (a good thing) along with more expenses in supplies, maintenance, and unanticipated tree removable work. For fiscal year 23-24, we approved a nominal loss of \$3.4k and are currently on track to meet the budget.

The next two goals can be a bit more challenging. What is the best use of using excess cash? Pay down the line of credit or fund the endowment? In partnership with our investment committee and our financial advisors at Raymond James, it has been determined that we focus our efforts on paying down the line of credit given we are paying an interest rate of approximately 6.5% versus earning a low interest rate in a money market account.

The global economy is ever-changing, and we hope interest rates have peaked and will eventually subside in the future. Keep in mind this current approach is not set in stone and is re-evaluated any time we have excess cash.

Reduce the line of credit balance

The line of credit balance at the end of the fiscal year was approximately \$344k, significantly lower than the prior year and as of November 30th is \$244,831. So where did this excess cash come from? The money primarily came from 2 main factors: 1. We received our final Employee Retention Credit of \$294k. As you recall, the employee retention tax credit is a broad-based refundable payroll tax credit designed to encourage employers to keep employees on their payroll and whose businesses were affected by COVID. \$100K was used to pay down the LOC in July and the remainder was kept in the operating account to pay bills. In total we received \$582k. 2. In addition, we received a very large donor gift that is temporarily being used to pay down the LOC until the plans for the sanctuary "facelift" are finalized. In essence, once this decision is made, our Line of credit will arbitrarily go back up some.

Grow the endowment

As I mentioned, this goal is more heavily impacted by the global economy and other factors not necessarily in our control. Our endowment balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$7.9m versus the \$7.8m at the beginning of the fiscal year, thereby showing modest growth. Currently, as of Nov 30th it is at \$7.8m. (MET GOAL)

Of course, none of these achievements would be possible without the support, dedication, passion and leadership of our officers, Board of Trustees, clergy led by Rabbi Rosenberg, and our professional staff. I would like to personally thank Beverly Boucher, bookkeeper, who retired from UH after 22 years of service. With Beverly's retirement, we were able to create what I like to call our "dynamic duo" of financial integrity and oversight (Jennifer Tucker, Accountant and Cori Neidenberg, Executive Director). Between Cori's wealth of knowledge and leadership and Jennifer's strong accounting background, the two continue to innovate and improve processes. The transition has been seamless. This overall team effort allows us to continue to offer amazing programs for all of you to enjoy with your families. And remember, United Hebrew will always be here for you and your family, so it is up to us to make sure UH stays financially strong for years to come.

As Treasurer of United Hebrew, I would like to remind you that your 2024 partnership commitments were sent out on November 17. I encourage you to consider increasing your annual commitment or becoming a member of the Scroll of Honor which includes benefits such as, 2 tickets to our annual fundraiser, which this year is Cantor Eichaker's Retirement Celebration, and discounts at the UH gift shop! It is up to all of us together to make sure United Hebrew is here for years to come.



Irene Fox United Hebrew Ruach Award Presented to Suzy Weber

The Irene Fox Ruach Award was established to honor those who truly embody the spirit of United Hebrew. What does it mean to embody the spirit of United Hebrew? If you think about our past recipients, it is different for each. I believe it means that an individual member brings their unique gifts, qualities, and talents to our congregation to make it the vibrant, holy place that it is, and ultimately it is my hope that every member of our congregation brings themselves fully into this space. And yet we know that there are those special for whom we are truly blessed to have as part of this congregational family, because they give of themselves in ways that truly enhance the spirit of our congregational home.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel taught, "To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens."

While Suzy has an incredible mind and do love to hear her, she lives Rabbi Menachem Mendel's teaching. She is incredible kind, has an amazing heart, and boy is she listener. She notices things, hears things, and is the first to check in with people and make sure they're ok because by listening she heard that they might need some attention and care.

Yes, Suzy is a teacher at United Hebrew. She is a teacher of both new students and seasoned students – sharing her ruach as the music teacher of our Saul Spielberg early childhood center to teaching our youth and adults Hebrew. Suzy sprinkles every lesson with a little Jewish wisdom and love. Suzy is the perfect sounding board when there's a Hebrew question that needs answers and can problem solve anything and everything! She is beloved by her students. That is clear on Friday evenings and at UH programs when preschoolers are so excited to see Suzy and will run up to her for hugs. With her Hebrew students she is one of those special teachers who goes above and beyond. I love it when I see her on Shabbat morning at a bnai mitzvah, as I know she is there because she taught that student, and in her hand are the weber wintergreen mints which she hands out to her students and me either during the hakafah or after the service. And, for those who don't like wintergreen, she'll occasionally have cherry, or I recently learned that she sometimes even has favorite candy bars on hand for each student who brilliantly leads the Shabbat morning service, which they all do. And when Suzy finds out that someone is visiting Israel, she ensures they are made a shaliach mitzvah, a person sent on the mission of tzedakah, by giving the famous weber dollar (a bill shaped into a w."

Suzy is a member of our membership engagement team and specializes in welcoming. When a person or family joins United Hebrew, it is Suzy who welcomes them. She reaches out with a phone call and often drops off a challah, inviting the person or family to join her at UH for a service or program. Beyond welcoming new members, Suzy is an incredible greeter and

listener. She greets everyone with kind words and smiles. During the Holidays, you can find Suzy greeting everyone who comes to the Children's service. She is there with a hug, high five, or handshake. And she does the same afterward, always greeting her students and their families excited to hear what they are doing. If she hears that someone is in need, she's the first to jump in and help, with a phone call, alerting the clergy and staff, and even visiting those in hospitals and long-term care. And, when she hears people complimenting other's work, she is sure to make sure that people know their efforts are appreciated. She has a special way, of recognizing and appreciating those around her, which can significantly impact their sense of worth and in the case of fellow congregants motivate them to get involved and in the case of fellow staff and her students motivate them to go the extra mile. Thank you, Suzy, for sharing your incredible spirit, and for giving so much love, kindness, and care to our UH family. You are an inspiration, a teacher who teaches and leads by example, and your energetic, indomitable spirit (ruach), is a blessing to all of us and especially to United Hebrew.



Irene Fox United Hebrew Ruach Award Presented to Suzy Weber

Suzy's Remarks

Thank you. Such a beautiful and meaningful honor for this 65-year-old kid from Des Moines, Iowa who once climbed out the bathroom window at Hebrew School instead of going to express remorse to the principal, singing Hatikvah and being sent back to class with a Hershey Bar, which back in the good old Boomer days was believed to be a major cause of acne. My teacher commented on my report card that "Suzy has exploded this year like a little volcano." I responded with a handmade Chanukah card and signed it, "Love, Mt. Vesuzius". Early evidence of abundant ruach? Definitely, but certainly not the ultimate L'chi Lach, go out into the world and be a blessing moment in my life.

As a teenager, my best friend was my great grandmother, Eva Beckerman. We enjoyed countless hours just hanging out and talking in her room at the Iowa Jewish Home for the Aged. One day after kissing and hugging me goodbye, Bauba took hold of my hands, looked into my eyes and said, "Suzy, when you have something beautiful and special within, you must always treasure it and share it, but never give it up."

Nourished by Bauba's strength and love and wisdom, I went out into the world knowing that my something beautiful and special within was a generous endowment of all that was a blessing and memorable about the character traits and lives of my parents, Ruth and Jerry Engman and my grandmother, Betty Krantz. As each of them and Bauba were my pillars and guiding lights, so too was each one of them in the communities in which they lived.

I really wanted to wear one of my trademark Suzy t-shirts today, neatly layered of course over a collared button-down shirt. You know, the one with the word TEACHER emblazoned across the front and a big heart proclaiming, "If you think my hands are full, you should see my heart!" Today, as I celebrate fifty years in Jewish communal service thus far, yes, I began at age fifteen, I can share with you exactly what it means and how it feels to be blessed with a full heart. Memories from being a social worker and Director of Volunteer Services at Jewish Center for Aged, charged with the sacred task of being with our community elders on their journeys to the end of their days, and carrying on with their great and great great grandchildren as a Jewish educator here at United Hebrew – the happy stuff like singing Modeh Ani, Shema and Wheels on the Bus with our preschoolers, then in a few short years, accompanying them on their journeys to becoming b'nai mitzvah.

The best of the best moments were those when I could bring together the young and the old. Two days following our synagogue wedding in May 1996, Mark and I, joined by our parents, got married all over again in the garden at Jewish enter for Aged. The guests of honor were my JCA family and the Chaverim Class from our Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center. Given legs no longer strong enough to dance the hora, our

preschoolers carried out that joyous circle of life with the bride and my groom. And we all ate cake, sweetened by the magic of the moment, young and old together with frosting on our faces and fingers.

Grateful for the enduring and sustaining blessing that UH is in our lives, my groom, my bashert, Mark joins me in praying that the collective ruach of our entire UH family will ensure that United Hebrew continues to grow from strength to strength.

Kayn y'hi ratzon, so may it be!

Suzy Engman Weber



Upcoming Programs

Adult Education Opportunities

Our adult education classes are multi-access, both virtual and in-person.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study *Cantor and Rabbis*
Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Whiskey & Wisdom *Rabbi Reinhart*
Jan. 10 & Feb. 14 7:30 p.m.
We'll do a little bit of learning, enjoy some good whiskey, and, most importantly, meet new people and be in community!

Adult Intermediate Hebrew *Suzu Weber*
Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

Amateurs of the Great Assembly *Cantor Eichaker*
Thursdays 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
The Amateurs of the Great Assembly (AGA) invites you to begin a new course and format in adult learning. The 12-week course entitled "Creation Stories of the Ancient World" will feature an opening 30-minute video lecture by Professor Joseph Lam, Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, followed by a 60-minute round-table discussion led by Cantor Eichaker. The course will be supplemented with a course guide and lecture transcript for each session. These supplements will be provided via email attachments or for pick up in the Main Office by request. The AGA is a dynamic and growing population of life-long learners who engage actively in every topic and allow for divergent discussions related to the current course material. For further information, please contact Esther Olson, clergy assistant or Cantor Eichaker directly.

Intergenerational Game Night

Thursday, February 28

6:00 p.m. in the Kaplansky Center

Join United Hebrew for an Intergenerational Game Night! Bring your favorite games or play one of ours. Pizza and drinks provided, bring a dessert to share. Register on the UH website or by calling 314-469-0700

Holiday Cooking Series

Feb 11: Challah at 5pm

April 21: Passover at 5pm

May 19: Shavuot at 5pm

Join UH's own Jenny Stempel to learn some new holiday recipes! This family friendly series is perfect for anyone 8 and up. You can sign up for classes individually or for the whole series. They are \$36/project/class. Each family is one registration and will work together on one project. Class size is limited so sign up early! Single Adults and couples without children are also welcome. Contact Sari, slevy@unitedhebrew.org, with questions.

The Susan Kaplansky Book Club

UH Book Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Spielberg Chapel. You can join us for just one session if you like a particular book or come to all the sessions. There is no long-term commitment necessary.

This year's books include:

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- Jan 4: ***Sadie on a Plate*** by Amanda Elliot
Feb 1: ***The Four Winds*** by Kristin Hannah
Mar 7: ***Isaac's Story: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History*** by Erik Larson
April 4: ***Lessons in Chemistry*** by Bonnie Garmus
May 2: ***Lessons From the Edge: A Memoir*** by Marie Yovanovitch
June 6: ***The Widows of Malabar Hill*** by Sujata Massey

Chair Exercise with Joyce Hochberg

Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 8 - Zoom

Jan. 22 - Zoom

Jan. 29 - Zoom

Feb. 5 - Zoom

Feb. 12 - Zoom

Feb. - 26 - Zoom

Join us for an exciting and fun 50-minute movement class with Joyce Hochberg, who will lead an EASY and safe chair exercise routine to upbeat music. No experience is necessary, just wear comfortable, easy moving clothes and closed-toe shoes.

Welcome the Day—Breathe and Stretch!

Oh no! There goes the morning wake-up alarm! Ugh! Not every morning leaves you feeling like springing out of bed. What can we do to wake up our bodies for a fresh start of a new day?

1. Welcome in our day with intention--After our morning prayer of gratitude for a new day, inhale deeply through the nose for 4 counts; then exhale slowly for 4 counts. Do this breathing exercise 3 times.
2. Sit up in bed with your legs straight out in front of you, toes pulled back, and arms held out to the sides. (You can rest your back against the head board if needed).
3. Circle the arms forward 8 times. Reverse the movement 8 times.
4. Next-inhale for 4 counts and lift your arms straight up to the ceiling. Release the arms slowly down as you exhale for 4 counts.. Repeat this stretch 3 times.
5. Leg stretch-Clasp your hands under your thighs and slowly lean slightly forward until you feel a gentle stretch behind your legs. Keep your head in line with your spine-hold the stretch 8-12 seconds. Release the stretch and sit back up straight. Repeat this stretch 1-3 times.
6. Voila!!!---Say to yourself, "This will be an awesome day"



Upcoming Programs

Creative Connections

Make new friends or deepen existing relationship by joining one of our several small interest groups, collectively called Creative Connections. Do you have an idea for a Creative Connection group? We'd love to hear from you!

Contact Judy Babitz at judybabitz@aol.com.

Below are a list of the current groups and contact information:

Women's Group (age 45-65): Dipali House,
dipali_shah2000@yahoo.com

Climate Change: Diane Bleyer, bleyerd@hotmail.com or
314-402-3078.

Crafting: Jenny Stempel JLStempel@gmail.com.

Ready for Retirement? Men, let's come together to focus on finances, fun, food, and new friendships: Craig Bleyer,
314-402-5103 or email csbleyer@gmail.com.

Photography Group: Susan Keyes, wilkeypro@aol.com

UH Prime Timers: For all active senior singles who are UH members Judy Berger, 314-374-5199,
judy@ljmier.com, Marilen Pitler, 314-225-9723,
mpitler@prodigy.net

A Stitch and a Prayer

Crochet and Knitting Group

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Kaplanksy Center

Join Stitch and a Prayer to knit or crochet Blessing Blankets for UH members in need of healing and warm scarves for clients at the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. All skill levels are welcomed.



Singing Bowl Meditation

Feb 3rd, Pending weather. April 20th, July 6th
In the School Hallway at 1 p.m.

Experience a guided sound journey with Singing Bowls, gongs, rain sticks, drums and more.

Take time to rejuvenate and deepen your intentions as your mind settles and relaxes while listening to the sounds.

Bring items for personal comfort, i.e. pad or blanket, pillow and eye covering



SHABBAT ALIVE!

with UH Artist-in-Residence
Rick Recht

Friday, March 8
AT 6:30 PM



Leadership • Engagement • Ambassadorship • Development

Join the 1st Cohort!

January to March 2024 - 7 Sessions

UH LEADs (Leadership, Engagement, Ambassadorship, Development) is a 7-session program with the goal of creating and strengthening intentional community within United Hebrew. Through learning about synagogue structures, Jewish communal leadership, and, most importantly, United Hebrew, you will gain a greater understanding of and sense of ownership for our congregation; build deeper, more meaningful connections within the cohort and to UH; and feel empowered to be active and engaged members, even leaders, of our community; all in addition to developing leadership skills and furthering Jewish literacy/engagement.

The 7 sessions consist of 1 Shabbat (Saturday) retreat and 6 evening programs:

Sat 1/20 – 4 Hours (10am-2pm) – Opening Retreat

Introductory Session

About Our Congregational Community

Mission, Vision, and Values

Tue 1/30 – 7-9pm – What is Reform Judaism? (and other Jewish Orgs.)

Tue 2/6 – 7-9pm – Personal Leadership Style

Tue 2/13 – 7-9pm – Leadership Skills

Tue 2/20 – 7-9pm – Congregational Governance

Tue 2/27 – 7-9pm – Financial Responsibility of the Congregation

Tue 3/5 – 7-9pm – Being a Congregational Ambassador/Goal Setting

****If you need to arrive late or leave early or even miss a couple sessions, we understand. We know life is busy and expect the program to be worthwhile even with a couple of absences.****

For more information, or if you have any questions, contact Rabbi Reinhart at [dreinhart@unitedhebrew.org](mailto:dreinhardt@unitedhebrew.org).

Fill out this two-question form if you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity!

<https://tinyurl.com/UHLEADS>



K-12 Education and Engagement



United Hebrew Consecration

Friday, November 3, 2023

Mazel tov to our students on their first year of religious school at UH

Does Your Student Have Summer Plans?

How will you DO JEWISH this Summer? The best ways to keep and strengthen a Jewish connection is by going to a Jewish Summer Camp . . . then after your Sophomore year, head to Israel! Want to discuss your options, call, text, or email H. Lee Rosenberg.

In particular, United Hebrew is committed to support every high schooler in going to Israel. There are significant scholarships available to help make this a reality. Apply by January 31, 2024 for a scholarship from the Henrietta & Eli Spielberg Israel Scholarship Foundation Fund. <http://tinyurl.com/SpielbergIsrael>

UH also has a limited amount of funding to support Jewish Overnight Summer camping through the Perry and Shirleen Mehlman Camp Scholarship Fund. Apply by January 31, 2024. <http://tinyurl.com/Mehlmancamp>

Family Shabbat Dates

Join us for our monthly Saturday morning camp-style Shabbat service! All are welcome AND each grade is invited to help lead their service on the dates below.

Dates:

- January 6 – 2nd Grade
- February 3 – 6th Grade
- March 2 – 5th Grade
- April 6 – 3rd Grade

Saturday Mornings 10:00am-12:15pm

10:00-10:30 – Arrive/Final Prep

10:30-11:30 – Family Shabbat Service

11:30-12:15 – Oneg/Class Activity

For more information, contact Rabbi Reinhart at dreinhart@unitedhebrew.org

After Religious School

HANGOUTS

Join your religious school friends (in K-2 or 3-5) at United Hebrew for an hour of fun and games one Sunday a month! Food/snacks will be provided.

K-2nd

11:15am-12:15pm

SUNDAY

1/21

3rd-5th

12:30pm-1:30pm

(meet in the Youth Lounge)

Future Dates - 2/11 - 3/10 - 4/14



Perpetual Memorials

The Congregation
extends its sincere
condolences to the
families of

SHIRLEY INEZ APPEL
Grandmother of Dawn
(Ronnie) Thomas

MYRA ESTHER BOMZE

**KAY ROCHELLE
DIAMANT**
Sister-in-Law of Henry
(Marlene) Diamant

BERNICE FIDELHOLTZ
Mother of Marla (Alan)
Robbins
Grandmother of Diana
(Andy) Babitz
Grandmother of Alison
(Rick) Dieckhaus

FRED KODNER
Husband of Toni
Kodner

NORMA KOSLOW

**PATRICIA
PLATZELMAN**
Mother of
Andrew (Michelle)
Spielberg
Lisa (Michael)
Tennenbaum

**MARSHALL IRVIN
TRACHTMAN**
Father of Alec
Trachtman

ROBERTA WEISSMAN
Mother of Nancy
(Marc) Kessler
Mother of Lenny
Weissman
Mother of Scott
(Geri) Weissman
Grandmother of
Melissa (Cory) Gale

12/31/23 – 1/6/24

Jacob Murray Albert
Carolyn Sue Altman
Jack M. Arber
Nettie Bailin
Geraldine S. Barnholtz
Leslie Berger
Nancy Jane Berger
Gerald A. Berger
Morris Berk
Samuel Bing
David Block
Clara Block
Lillian Blumenfeld
Ethel Simon Blustein
Sarah Brooks

1/7/24 – 1/13/24

Joan Abrams
Esther Alper
Joseph Barg
Nathan Barg
Lee Baris
Harry Birenbaum
Bernard Bornstein
Eva Cohen
Bernard "Bernie" Cohen
Betty Lander Cowan
Rosanna Geishi Culp

1/14/24 – 1/20/24

Leopold Abraham
Miriam (Mary) Abrams
Lawrence L. Ashinoff
Lucille Berger
Sylvia R. Bierman
Theodore Birke
Jo Ann Bierman Black
Belle Block
Lillian Bolozky
Arthur Eugene Brimer
Nathan Burack
Charles Carl
Isaac Cohen
Blanche Sievers Cohen

1/21/24 – 1/27/24

Philip Albert
Anita S. Alexander
Sam A. Aronoff
Kurt Aschner
Armin L. Bain
Samuel Barnholtz
Harry Berger
Abraham Berk
Louis S. Block
Marvin Blum
Fred Bomze
Rachel F. Brilliant
Samuel J. Bronstein
Rose Florence Coplan
Frances Cremer
Rose Feldman

LeRoy Daniel Cohen
Harry Cohen
Lena K. Cohen
Harriet Cohen
Marie Cohn
Ann Lynn Cytron
Marjory F. Deitchman
Libbe Feigenbaum
Robert Feldman
Morris Flotken
Morris Friedman
Joseph C. Friedman
Harry W. Gast
Jack B. Gentle
Lena Gidlowitz
George Goldberg

Gloria Stern Ellis
Sigmund Esler
Geri Lynn Fox
Stan Friedman
Palmir Gilbert
Jack Gilden
Nathaniel M. Glick
Lottie Claris Glickman
Edna H. Goldenberg
Bess Catlin Green
Marcus Z. Hymes
Harry Kaiser

Lena Cohnberg
Benjamin Coplan
Paul B. Davis Jr.
Morris Eisner
Eli Ettlinger
Regina R. Feigenbaum
Hyman Feldman
Judith A. Finkelstein
Lillian Rachel Flegel
Jack Gittelman
Ida Goldberg
Max L. Goldberg
Phyllis Greenberg
Oscar Greenwald

Irvin Fisher
Dr. Lawrence Friedman
Ely Glazer
Martha Glazer
Elaine Goldstein
Renee Kligman Goodman
Jayne K. Goodman
H. Paul Goruch
Suzanna Hammerman
Morris Jaffe
Ethel Jasper
Arthur Weil Johnson
Harry B. Kaplan
Dr. Milton Kardesch
Berkley Kirschman
Jackie Bernard Kleban

Abe Goldstein
Cecelia Golluber
Samuel Gomberg
Herman B. Gottlieb
Rose B. Green
Charles S. Gross
Abe Handelman
Harry Jasper
Jacob Kotler
Shirley Kraus
Max Kusmer
Eli A. Kutten
Alex Lepowitch
Ida Levitt
Sylvan Levy
Louis P. Malpe

Esther Koplin Katz
Jacob Koplin
Anna Kretchmar
Bessie Kusmer
Mitchell Alan Lending
Gustav Levy
Francine Mariam
Roswell Messing, Sr.
Bertha A. Miller
Sylvia Moss
Ludwig Muhlfelder
Sue Pfeiffer

Joan Claire Hoffman
Anita Iskiwitch
Frank Kahn
Jack G. Kaiser
Gustav Katcher
Lawrence Kling
Ann Kopman
Celia Z. Kotler
May Kramer
Aaron Abraham Lebedun
Jerome Sylvan Levy
Theresa Marglous
Leon Markovsky
Minnie Millstone

Emil Koplin
Joseph Lasky
Frieda Levin
Blanche Levy
Mary C. Mamroth
Murry Aaron Marks
Alex Richard Mendelson
Roy M. Merinbaum
Goldie Gollin Millstone
Louis Moss
Essie Newman
Melvin L. Newmark
Marvin E. Nieberg
Ida M. Niss
Ida Polinsky Orenstein
Rose Oxenhandler

Sam Mariam
Bernard Martin
Perry L. Mehlman
Roswell Messing, Jr.
Helen Packman
Gertrude "Trudy" Paley
Kenneth I. Pollack
Rose Posen
Adeline Eichenberg Poslosky
Samuel Potashnick
Frieda B. Roudman
Fannie M. Rovin
Albert Saifer
Bess Schneider
Morris Schneider
Sophie Schneider

Sam Portney
Jane F. Richter
Jacob Sanofsky
Lucille J. Shanfeld
Loretta Mae Shulman
Anna Siegel
Shea Silberberg
Joe Sirkin
John J. Starr
Rose A. Stone
David Strauss
Marion Strauss

Lucille K. Pattiz
David Podolsky
Sarah Raben
Sadie Rosenthal
Benjamin G. Rubin
Leonard Sanofsky
Beulah S. Schneider
David Seslen
Fannie Brilliant Siegelman
Elma Sincoff
Alice Sincoff
Irvin Sokolik
Morris Stern
Ida Mae Stone

Marion E. Papy
Ida Frank Pian
Sara Siegelman Polleck
Ann Poscover
Sara C. Prelutsky
Herbert Raskas
Minnie Romansky
Dee Flotken Rosenthal
Peggy Grosberg Ross
Sidney Rubin
Pearl Sapin
Rose Bobbye Sarasohn
Harry Scallet
Eva Figlure Schnurman
David S. Schwartz
Henry Schwartz

Max Scholer
Ruth Seigal
Mayme E. Serkes
Sol Sincoff
Estelle Goodman Siteman
Herman Sokolik
Eva Esler Thesen
Rebecca Wagner
Margaret Wald
Florence Weinschelbaum
Clara Evans Weisman
Louis J. Wenneker
Genie Jasper White
Rose Pastel Wolff
Jeanne E. Zemliak

Herman Strifling
Jeanette Susman
David J. Unger
Minnette K. Weinstein
Ben Weisman
Bettie J. Wohl
Eugene L. Wolff
Anne Wolkowitz

Carol Haffner Strauss
Rebecca Warshasky
Allen A. Weintrop
Arnold Weintrub
Jennie Werner
Balbina Wild
Beverly June Yavitz
Clara E. Yawitz
Harvey Zucker

Melvin Scissors
Lazarus Seigle
Betty M. Silverman
Gertrude Goorman Stein
Jules B. Stone
Max Stone
Marshall H. Tamarkin
Lucy T. Vittert
Robert D. Wehmer
Louis Wolkowitz
Samuel Zabrack

Notification of Illness, Surgery & Hospital Visits

Due to HIPAA laws, United Hebrew is unable to gain access to patient information from local hospitals. We rely solely on word-of-mouth from family members and other congregants to make clergy visits. If you know someone in the hospital or desiring a visit from a clergy member, please contact us at 314-469-0700. Once received, the information will be entered into our system and shared with the clergy.



Perpetual Memorials

1/28/24 – 2/3/24

Dr. Edward J. Berger
Daniel Berk
Kay Bialock
Lee White Block
Lillian S. Brown
William "Bill" Carl
Leah H. Coffman
Jacob N. Crasilneck
Herman Esler
Herman Feigenbaum
Joseph Feldman
Rebecca D. Franklin
Miriam Aurnett Frieberger

Ida Friedman
John J. Gersmann
Elmer J. Gidlow
Celia Goldblum
Ruth E. Goldstein
Fred A. Goldstein
Louis Gollin
Arthur W. Guenzburger
Anne Sue Hilecher
Margaret Huber
Mendal Jacobs
Ida Jaffe
Freda S. Joseph

Howard I. Kaye
Leah B. Klamen
Etta Klayman
Grace Kraizer
Eva Lamberg
Sam Lazerwitz
Mollie Malpe
Sam Michelson
Jennie Miller
Sarah R. Miller
Gina Moss
Ben Muchnick
Sara Munies

Gene B. Pattiz
Lena Rosenblum Poger
Morris Polleck
Gary Stuart Poscover
Kay Preston
Bessie Rader
Benjamin Roman
Esther G. Rosen
Isidor Rosen
Dorothy H. Rosenblatt
Thelma Ross
Rebecca Rossen
Gertrude R. Roth

Sophie Rothstein
Fannie Rubin
Stanley P. Sakowsky
Dorothy M. Sapin
Joy Schetzer
Marvin Schneider
Gertrude Sherman
Sam Silverberg
Jack N. Simberg
Gus Slumsky
Morris Sophir
Sophia Goldblum Sosna
Virginia Spewak

Moses Stein
Blanche Steinberg
Esther Thurman
Goldie Torgove
Karen C. Towerman
Hannah Warshaw
Richard J. Weinstein
Benjamin Wexler
Eugene H. Wieder
Michael B. Winthrop
Esther Wolff
Rose Zucker

2/4/24 – 2/10/24

May Ruth Abramsky
Raye Ruth "GG"
Bankendorf
Rosa Beck
Dena Berger
Zelda Bidnick
Florence Block
Gertrude Gerthman
Betty Buffen
Davis W. Canis

Philip Crown
Robert F. Eichaker
Eva Engel
Sol H. Engel
Frances Feldman
Frank Fierman
Sam Finbloom
Arthur A. Fishel, Sr.
Faye Fox
Rowena Kram Friedman
Goldie Goldberg

Robert Goldman
Mary Goldstein
Scott Phillip Goldstein
Stephen A. Green
Sophie Greenwald
George Gus Grossman
Marcus Hoffner
Jeane Heller
Sophia A. Hoffman
Lionel J. Kaiser
Betty Schram Kanter

Mallie R. Kauffman
Betty Kaufman
Sanford A. Kravetz
David Laiderman
Stanley Laiderman
Dr. Abraham A. Margulis
Nathalia Latz Meyer
Mayer D. Mitchell
Bessie Moss
Lorene "Lori" Newmark
Mary Ann Millstone Pappas

Shirley J. Pasch
Morris Prager
Maxwell J. Rodenberg
Nat E. Rosenblum
Edward I. Roudman
Marion Schamest
Mollie Schneider
Aaron H. Shanvet
Helen Margulis Simon
Eunice P. Solomon
Debbie Lynn Soule

Sarah Steinberg
Anna R. Strauss
Monte L. Strauss
Bernhard Susskind
Dorothy S. Tamarkin
Jacob Urbach
Bernadine Winter
Judy Wolff

2/11/24 – 2/17/24

Shirley Askuvich
Sylvian Backerman
Samuel B. Barron
Lois L. Bauer
Elliott S. Bender
Rose Y. Biederman
Jack L. Binder
Frieda Blank
Jack Harris Brimer
Saul Herman Bronson
Blanche H. Burack
Mollie Cohen
Celia H. Cohen

Harriett Mae Dardick
Sarah Eisner
Mildred R. Feldman
Joseph Felsen
Marcus Fuhrer
Jennie R. Gardner
Minnie Getzlow
Abraham Ginsburg
Charles S. Goldberg
Emily N. Grafman
John Grossman
Abraham H. Grossman
Morris P. Harris

Alfred I. Harris
Rowena Henschel
Regina Holstein
Florence Hyatt
David S. Hyman
Celia Joseph
Bertha M. Klein
Phillip R. Kravetz
Blima Laba
Alexander Laventhal
Ronald Lending
Rachel Levy
Delphine Loomstein

Sylvia Adele Loomstein
Ida Magidson
Dr. Jack Mallen
Mark Mitgang
Harry S. Mosinger
David Mosinger
David Moulton
Phil Pizer
Dorothy L. Poslosky
Albert E. Rain
Sylvia Sidel Raymond
Maury E. Reichman
Louis K. Romansky

Harold Rosenberg
Rebecca H. Rosenblum
Dr. Joseph F. Roufa
Morris J. Rudman
Sadie Schiffer
Benjamin Schwartz
Siebert Schwartz
Mary Bassin Schwartz
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Mascots and Menorahs



Announcements

ThanksLiving

We're celebrating Life this year at UH with our "Life is Good" theme and our ThanksLiving campaign. It could not be simpler. During the month of your birthday or anniversary, make a donation to United Hebrew in the amount of whatever age or milestone you're celebrating... in other words, giving "thanks for living". If you're turning 50, donate \$50 for the ThanksLiving campaign. If you're celebrating your 10th wedding anniversary, make a \$10 donation. You can even donate in honor of your children or grandchildren. Or parents can encourage kids to make a tzdekah donation to UH in the amount of their age on their birthday, maybe from the proceeds of their birthday gifts. As we celebrate simchas in our lives, each month of the year is in competition against the other eleven months. The winning month will have raised the most money in honor of the celebrated simchas.

Sponsor a Dessert Oneg

In honor of your birthday, consider sponsoring a Dessert Oneg! Oneg sponsors make a donation to United Hebrew and receive recognition during our oneg on the 1st Friday of the month.



Don't Forget Your Mah Jongg Card Orders for 2024

It is time to order your 2024 Mah Jongg cards and help United Hebrew's Backpack Buddies program.

\$14 Standard size

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Get your order form in the UH office.

We would appreciate your orders as early as possible.

Deadline to receive orders is January 25, 2023

All orders will be mailed to you by the National Mah Jongg League around April 1, 2024

Contact Myra Ozersky (636-386-7835) with any questions.

United Hebrew now provides bulk snacks to Hanna Woods Elementary school, through Backpack Buddies, to provide snacks to students who would not otherwise have a snack while at school.



2022 Levy Fellow, David Kaiser, visits with Jim Susman and Bruce Weingart at the opening reception for the 2023 Levy Fellows of which they are a part.

Now in its second year, Levy Fellows helps to prepare a cohort of board members to advance their leadership role in their own organizations. Participants learn tangible skills, explore their own values and motivations, and establish a new community-wide network.



We are launching the UH Mezuzah Project. Our goal is simple: a mezuzah in every UH home.

To help, contact Art Zemon art@zemon.name or Judy Babitz judybabitz@aol.com.



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November 17

- Jason & Lauri Marks, Jonathan & Melanie Marks, Floryne Marks in memory of Murry Aaron Marks

Oneg Sponsors

November 3

- Barbara Becker in honor of Noah Sanders Bar Mitzvah
- Aaron & Debbie Wahl in honor of Aaron's birthday
- Ricky & Dani Dicker in honor of the consecration of Robert Melnick

Thanks to Dale Schwartz, Mike Ukman, Nina Goldberg, Jerry & Fran Goldberg for their help with our Senior Lunch!

Annual Meeting Dessert Reception, on December 10

Sheryl Bauer- Thank you to the outgoing & incoming officers & Board of Trustees

In honor of Suzy Weber receiving the Irene Fox United Hebrew Ruach Award

Maddie, Adam, Cori, & Molly Susman in honor of their grandpa, Jim Susman, becoming President of United Hebrew

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Nosh & Onegs

UH hosts a dessert oneg on the first Friday of the month when we celebrate birthday blessings and a nosh on the third Friday of the month when we celebrate anniversary blessings.

Please consider becoming a sponsor in celebration of your milestone or in honor, memory, or appreciation of a loved one. The dessert oneg is \$50 and the nosh is \$100 to sponsor. 314-469-0700 or egrossberg@unitedhebrew.org.

Winter Clothing Drive

UH will be collecting items for the 6th Annual Winter Outreach – a project of the St Louis Rabbinical and Cantorial Association. Items can be placed in the red bins at either entrance.

Desired donations include tightly woven blankets, adult jackets in larger sizes, casual men's clothing, men's belts, adult snow boots and work boots, children's clothing and jackets, underwear and undergarments for men, women & children, socks, hats, scarves, men's gloves in larger sizes, and toiletries.

The donation drive will run from November 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

Food Scrap Drop Off Creates Food for the Hungry

The Garden of Eden at the JCC grows more than 5,000 pounds of produce exclusively for the clients of the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. The Table to Garden Project collects food scraps on-site for the Garden's compost bin. Finished compost is added to the garden's beds and berms, saving the cost of buying compost and fertilizer while enriching the soil to grow heartier plants that yield healthier produce for families in need.

For a one-time fee of \$18 (no monthly fees), your family can participate in this tikkun olam project. For more information and to learn how you can pick up a Table to Garden bucket and start dropping your food scraps at the Garden of Eden, contact Myra Rosenthal, Master Gardener and Chair of the Garden of Eden at the JCC, myrasuer@gmail.com. You will receive an instructional email with all the info you need to get started and ongoing support during your participation in the program. Bonus: You will be signed up for the Garden of Eden weekly electronic newsletter which chronicles the progress of the garden, its volunteers, and the compost project (unsubscribe at any time).

Backpack Buddies & The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry

United Hebrew is proud to support the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry as well as our own Backpack Buddies program that benefits students at Hanna Woods Elementary and their families. Your donations to both are appreciated. Non-perishable food items can be placed in the grocery carts or red bins located at the sanctuary entrance and on the school side of the building.

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Individual gravesites

One marker for each individual or one marker for two people.





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