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United Hebrew Congregation

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September 2025 Notes & News

September is here with its seasonal smells of apples and crayons. School is back in session. The countdown to High Holy Days is down to weeks, and we have an exciting month of programming & events to get you in the right frame of mind as Elul continues. Try a Mussar class, study Haftarah, or go hands on in a workshop: these and more opportunities are all available.

This month, we feature another dedicated volunteer in our Volunteer Spotlight; we share our many ways to connect in person before and during High Holy Days; we hold each other up in community through condolences, tributes, and perpetual memorials; we also share ways to contribute and financially support our UH mishpocha.

You can reach us via email at temple@unitedhebrew.org or by calling the main office at (314) 469-0700.

[Jen Newmark](#)
[Communication Manager](#)

Shabbat Services | In Person & Adult Education & Online

Shabbat Services in September 2025

Shabbat services will begin at 6:30pm

Join our online services:

[On our website](#)

[YouTube](#)

or [Facebook](#)

Friday, September 5

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Birthday Blessings

7:30 pm Dessert Oneg

Saturday, September 6

Ki Teitzei

8:45 am Torah Study

Bat Mitzvah of Maya Levinson

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, September 12

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service with

speaker Uri Keidar of Israel Hofsheet

Saturday, September 13

Ki Tavo

8:45 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, September 19

5:30 pm Tot Shabbat

5:45 pm Shabbat Nosh

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, September 20

Nitzavim

8:45 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, September 26

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 27

Vayeilech

8:45 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

Torah Study

Saturdays at 8:45 am in the Spielberg Chapel

In person and on Zoom

Adult Hebrew

Adult Hebrew is on hiatus during the High Holy Days. Please stay tuned to our eblasts and our congregational calendar for updates.

Amateurs of the Great Assembly

**Thursdays at 11:00 am
in the Spielberg Chapel**

This weekly “round table” discusses topics of Jewish content and thought. The current topic is “The Beginnings of Judaism” by Professor Gafni. For further information, please contact [Esther Olson](#).

Mazel Tov to our Bat Mitzvah!

Saturday, September 6

Maya Levinson, daughter of Becky and Rob Levinson



New Faces at UH!

Welcome Brian Vail!

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new Youth Group advisor, Brian Vail to the UH team!

Brian joined United Hebrew Congregation with a deep love for Jewish life and a passion for helping teens and Jews of all ages connect Jewish history, traditions, and values to their everyday lives. As a proud Jew-by-Choice, he brings a unique perspective that blends fresh curiosity with reverence for our shared heritage.



He earned his Associates of Arts and Sciences degree from St. Charles Community College before entering the workforce and discovering Judaism as both a spiritual home and a calling. Brian believes that sustaining Jewish life for the next generation is sacred work and is dedicated to creating spaces where every young person feels a genuine sense of belonging. Whether exploring a text together or discovering new ways to live out ancient values, Brian strives to make Judaism a source of connection, pride, and joy.

Welcome Ofir!

We also welcome Ofir to the UH team as our shinshin!

The Shinshinim program is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and local Jewish organizations with the support of the Lubin Green Foundation.

The Shinshinim are Israeli teen emissaries who have recently graduated high school; they spend a year volunteering in Jewish communities abroad. They build lifelong bonds with host families and community members, inspire greater understanding of Israel and its culture, and deepen our collective connection to the Jewish homeland.



From Ofir: “Shalom everyone! My name is Ofir and I am the new Shinshin at United Hebrew. I live in Binyamina which is a town near Haifa in the north of Israel.

In my free time I really love to play soccer, tennis and volleyball with my friends and of course spend time with my family.

I heard St. Louis has a great soccer team which is my favorite sport. I am really excited to meet everyone and looking forward to a meaningful and impactful year as a Shinshin.

WELCOME TO UH!

L'SHANAH TOVAH

May it be a year of justice and sustenance.

Teshuvah invites us to return to what matters most—dignity, compassion, and care for others.

During these days of reflection, we are called to stand with those facing hunger and work toward a better future.



Discover how you can make a difference at [MAZON.org](https://www.mazon.org).

MAZON needs your support in the fight to end hunger. Together, we know it's possible. Join us.

Right now, 47 million people in the United States are struggling with hunger — more than ever before. Behind that number are real people: single mothers skipping meals so their children can eat, seniors choosing between groceries and medicine, veterans who served our country but can't afford dinner. At MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, we believe this is a moral crisis — and one we can end.

No one in this country should go hungry. Together, we can make that vision real. PLEASE NOTE: If you choose to dedicate your donation, you will see options to write a personalized message and send a card or an email upon completion of your donation. To learn more about MAZON, please visit their [website](https://www.mazon.org).



Announcements

Welcome New Members

Jonathan, Lexie & Wesley Doss

Don Kohn

Andy, Leslie, Jaxon & Nova Schainker

Cyrile Wilson

Religious School Registration

The early bird discount has passed, but [registration](#) for the 2025-2026 school year is still open! Email [Samantha](#) or text her at (314) 439-1314 with questions.

Thanks to our Nosh & Oneg Sponsors!

Oneg Sponsor - August 1, 2025

Carol Berkin – in memory of Mark Richard Wohl

Nosh Sponsor - August 15, 2025

Iris & Alan DeWoskin – in honor of Iris's 83rd Birthday



Marking October 7th

October 5, 2025
5:00 pm



October 7 Community Gathering

On Sunday, October 5, 2025, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis invites you to join our community as we mark two years since the October 7, 2023 attacks. We will honor the memory of the lives lost and stand together in tribute to the strength and resilience of the Israeli people.

All are welcome to this interactive and meaningful gathering, designed to unite our community in remembrance, solidarity, and hope.

5:00–6:30 pm Interactive Experiences for All Ages

7:00 pm Program Begins

The program will be at a convenient location. The exact address will be shared before the event.

Light Kosher snacks will be provided. No cost to attend.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY.

For security, no large tote bags or backpacks will be permitted. Only small purses will be allowed into the venue. Security staff will inspect all bags. Guests with prohibited items will be asked to return them to their vehicles. Security reserves the right to refuse admission or eject any person whose conduct is deemed disorderly, disruptive, or in non-compliance with our event policies.

Please contact (314) 442-4018 with any questions. To register, visit [the Federation event page](#).



Elul Shabbat Speaker Series

Elul Adult
Education
Series

Bring your lunch and join Rabbi Reinhart and Rabbi Rosenberg for these learning opportunities. Each session can stand on its own. Come for one or all as we explore how these sacred readings continue to shape our hearts and our High Holy Days. **All sessions are 12:30–2:00 p.m. in the Millstone Library.** Please see [our website](#) for more information.

Torah of the Days of Awe: Stories that Shape Us with Rabbi Rosenberg

The High Holy Days are framed by powerful Torah readings—narratives that ask us to wrestle with beginnings, tests of faith, ritual, community, and the meaning of holiness. In this two-part Elul series, we'll dive into the iconic Torah texts of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Why these stories? What do they reveal about how we return, renew, and repair?

Session 1: In the Beginning, A Test Saturday, August 30

Creation and the Binding of Isaac—Rosh Hashanah's Torah stories and the tensions they hold. What does it mean to begin again? What does faith require of us?

Session 2: A Tale of Three Readings Saturday, September 13

Leviticus 16, Nitzavim, and Leviticus 19—how the Yom Kippur Torah readings move us from sacrifice to covenant to ethical holiness, and why the Reform movement changed what we read.

It's Good to Be a Prophet: Learning from the Wisdom of the Haftarah for the Holy Days with Rabbi Reinhart

Join Rabbi Reinhart for these in-depth explorations of the Haftarah portions for the Holy Days.

Session 1: Rosh Hashanah: Hannah's Prayer was Answered, Might Ours be Too?

Saturday, September 6

We'll learn the story of Hannah, examine her prayer, and consider some of the allegorical and metaphorical lessons we might learn from her example as we contemplate the themes of the High Holy Days.

Session 2: Yom Kippur: ...But is It? The story of Jonah and more

Saturday, September 20

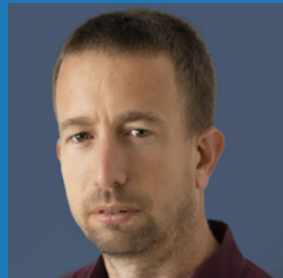
We'll focus on the fascinating tale of Jonah and the Whale, re-imagining the "Big Fish" and deliberating over the role of fate and divine force, while asking the question, "Is it good to be a prophet?"



Shabbat Speaker, Uri Keidar Friday, September 12, 6:30 pm

Our Jewish Federation is part of a JFNA collaborative called iRep, a coalition of 28 Jewish Federations and Foundations that work together to promote respect for diverse expressions of Judaism in Israel. Israel Hofsheet is one of several organizations that iRep supports. We welcome Uri Keidar on Friday, September 12 to speak to us about his work during our Shabbat service.

Israel Hofsheet (Be Free Israel) is the largest non-partisan civic movement that works to change policy and legislation in religious-state relations in Israel. They promote freedom and pluralism in the public sphere.



Uri Keidar

Uri Keidar is the Executive Director of Israel Hofsheet, the largest advocacy organization in Israel in the field of religious freedom and Jewish pluralism. Israel Hofsheet works with Members of the Knesset, Ministers, and Government Officials to promote liberal policies in the field of Religion and State, and also promotes change through Municipal politics and Change-Makers training. The organization also creates national campaigns that move the needle around public opinion on these ideas. It also promotes Bottom-Up change as it conducts hundreds of Jewish weddings a year without the Chief Rabbinate's involvement, making it the most prominent organization in Israel to do so.

Before this role, Uri spent over seven years in leading positions in civil society organizations and politics, both in elected and professional positions. Uri grew up in Kibbutz Givat Brenner, where he now lives with his wife, Ayelet, and their children, Imri, Adam, and Eytan. Uri earned his BA in political science and communications from Ben Gurion University of the Negev, where he served as the elected Chairperson of the Student Union, and also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Tel Aviv University. He completed his military service as a tank commander in the IDF's armored corps, where he still serves in active reserve duty.



Weekday Elul Adult Education

Join Cantor Richman and Rabbi Rosenberg for these exciting learning opportunities. Each session can stand on its own. Come for one or all as we explore how these sacred readings continue to shape our hearts and our High Holy Days. Please see [our website](#) for more information.

Elul Adult
Education
Series

Liturgical Poems (Piyyutim) from Around the World with Cantor Richman

Thursdays, September 4 and September 11, 10:00 a.m.

What can we learn from these sacred texts and how can they help us embrace the spirit of Elul, the month leading up to the High Holidays?

Join Cantor Richman to explore the modern artists bringing these piyyutim to life and enjoy listening to different musical interpretations from around the world. Come to one or both sessions. Please see [our website](#) for more information.

Holy Prep: A Heart Awakening for Elul Mussar Series with Rabbi Rosenberg

**Mondays (Sept. 8, and Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm)
& Tuesdays (Sept. 9, and Sept. 16 at 2 pm)**

In the continuation of this three-part Mussar series, we'll explore a path of middot (soul traits) to help soften, strengthen, and awaken the heart as we move toward Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please see [our website](#) for more information.

Session 2: Anavah (Humility) Sept. 8/Sept. 9

Balancing self-worth and self-restraint; walking with grounded presence.

Session 3: Bitachon (Trust) Sept 15/Sept 16

Letting go into what we cannot control, while holding fast to hope.

High Holy Days Services 2025 Schedule

Selichot

Saturday, September 13

Selichot Service

9:00 pm, Millstone Sanctuary,

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 22

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

7:30 pm, Millstone Sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah Day

Tuesday, September 23

Children's Service

9:00 am, School Hallway

Morning Service

10:00 am, Millstone Sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah in the Orchard

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Eckert's Millstadt Fun Farm

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24

Morning Service

10:00 am, Millstone Sanctuary

Tashlich

12:00 pm, Lake on Ladue Rd.

Memorial Service at the Cemetery

Sunday, September 28

10:00 am, UH Cemetery

Kol Nidrei

Wednesday, October 1

Kol Nidrei Service

7:30 pm, Millstone Sanctuary

Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 2

Children's Service

9:00 am, School Hallway

Morning Service

10:00 am, Millstone Sanctuary

Followed by early memorial service

Yom Kippur Moments of Meaning

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Afternoon, Memorial and Concluding
(Neilah) Services

4:00 pm, Millstone Sanctuary

Sukkot

Erev Sukkot Service in the UH Parking Lot

Monday, October 6 6:30 pm, UH lot

Morning Service Tuesday, October 7

9:00 am, Millstone Sanctuary

Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah & Consecration

Monday, October 13

6:30 pm, Millstone Sanctuary

Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 am, Millstone Sanctuary

For more information on the High
Holy Days please check our [website](#).



VOLUNTEER

SPOTLIGHT: CRAIG BLEYER

This September, we shine our Volunteer Spotlight on **Craig Bleyer** for his exceptional dedication and his passion for community engagement.

Craig lives the value of mitzvot through numerous roles at United Hebrew. In 2022, he founded the Men's Group for pre-retirement-aged members, which he now chairs. He organizes educational speakers covering social, medical, and financial topics for the group and hosts social gatherings that foster learning and connection. His inclusive leadership style ensures that "ALL are welcome."



He also co-chairs the Engagement Group with Amanda Towerman, focusing on helping members find meaningful ways to get involved. Craig works closely with Sari Levy on Membership Outreach, warmly welcoming new members and overseeing Special Interest Groups to boost engagement.

His volunteer efforts extend to education; he recently co-taught a teen class on antisemitism with Rabbi Rosenberg. His participation in Rabbi Reinhart's leadership retreat led to the launching of a program bridging UH Preschoolers and Religious School students.

Craig also serves on the Board of Trustees, works on the livestream team, and has even graced the stage in UH's musical productions. A New York native, Craig found his home at UH in 1995 with his wife, Diane Potashnick Bleyer, whose family spans four generations at UH. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is a Senior at Maryville University, studying Strategic Communication. She helps out at UH's preschool and enjoys singing at services. Their adult sons, Brandon and Alec, work in NYC in Investment Banking and Consulting.

Craig's philosophy is: "You don't have to be a leader, chairperson, or officer to make a difference. There is a place for everyone to get involved—it's all about giving back, connecting, and building community."

Thank you, Craig, for your inspiring commitment to UH! The Spotlight is brought to you by the Volunteer Recognition Committee. If you would like to shine a spotlight on a volunteer, please contact [Sari Levy](#).

Storytellers

Welcome Back Doni & Eric!

"Storytellers" is a brand-new intimate duo performance with Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg - a profound night of heartfelt music, timeless stories, and mighty Jewish spirit.

After over a decade of making music together, Doni and Eric have created a new and transformative acoustic experience - writing and gathering songs and stories that have shaped the Nefesh Mountain journey. These special performances explore their vast repertoire spanning 7 albums of original Bluegrass, Folk, Jewish, Country, Americana music.

The "Storytellers" experience also features a 'behind the scenes' look at the stories and inspirations from their songs as Zasloff and Lindberg interweave their own muses, tales from the road, and personal experiences into the show.

While Doni and Eric continue to tour with the 6-piece Nefesh Mountain Band playing venues and festivals worldwide, the "Storytellers" duo show was created as a special intimate experience aimed at bringing communities together with love in these tender and complicated times.

We look forward to having them back at UH! To learn more about the Storytellers series, check out their [website](#).



Connecting

A Stitch and a Prayer

Crochet and Knitting Group

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

Stitch Blessings and Build Friendships—Stitch and a Prayer invite you to join us in crocheting or knitting Blessing blankets for UH members in need of healing and scarves for clients at the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry while enjoying the warm friendship of others. Whether you are a seasoned stitcher or wanting to learn, everyone is welcome. We also gratefully accept blankets and scarves that are made at home and brought to the UH office. The group meets every Tuesday at 1:00 in the Kaplansky Center. For more information, contact [Sari Levy](#) at (314) 469-0700.

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. Join us for just one session if you like a particular book or come to all the sessions. There is no longterm commitment necessary. This year's books include:

September 4: ***The Berry Pickers: A Novel***

by Amanda Peters

November 6: ***The Dovekeepers*** by Alice Hoffman

December 4: ***The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History***
by Sharon McMahon

Words of Wellness by Joyce Hochberg

Exercise And Our Joints: What is a joint? A joint is a point where two or more bones meet.

Our joints allow for various movements such as bending and straightening an elbow. Examples of joints include the shoulder, elbow, knee and jaw.

Joints and Exercise Regular exercise has long-term positive effects on keeping our joints healthy. Exercise strengthens the muscles surrounding our joints. Exercise also promotes blood flow to the joints allowing us to do our daily activities with greater ease.



Senior Lunch Series

Save These Dates!

September: *We're on break for High Holy Days*

October 20, 2025: United Hebrew Congregation

November 17, 2025: Congregation Shaare Emeth

December 15, 2025: Congregation Temple Israel

January 12, 2026: United Hebrew Congregation

February 9, 2026: Congregation Shaare Emeth

March 9, 2026: Congregation Temple Israel

April 20, 2026: United Hebrew Congregation

May 18, 2026: Congregation Shaare Emeth

June 15, 2026: Congregation Temple Israel



UH Singers Meeting

Thursdays until the High Holy Days, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Spielberg Chapel

Join Cantor Shirel Richman every week until the High Holy Days. No experience necessary.

Creative Connections

Make new friends or deepen existing relationships by joining one of our several small interest groups, called Creative Connections. Do you have an idea for a Creative Connection group? We'd love to hear from you! Contact [Sari Levy](#).

Here are our current groups:

Women's Group (age 45–65): [Dipali House](#)

Ready for Retirement? Men, let's come together to focus on finances, fun, food, and new friendships:
[Craig Bleyer](#), (314) 402-5103

UH Prime Timers: For all active seniors who are UH members, contact [Judy Berger](#), (314) 374-5199; [Marilen Pitler](#), (314) 225-9723; or [Sara Weiss](#) at (314) 971-4291

Our September outing will be on September 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Missouri Historical Society Library & Research Center, located in the old United Hebrew on Skinker. It will focus on UH. Lunch will follow at Frontenac Hilton, Provinces.



Congregational Calendar September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Aug <i>Elul 7</i> 7:30pm Nar-Anon Family Groups	Sept. 1 <i>Elul 8</i> Labor Day School & Offices Closed	2 <i>Elul 9</i> 1 pm Crochet/Knit Group	3 <i>Elul 10</i>	4 <i>Elul 11</i> 10 am Liturgical Poems 11 am AGA 1:30 pm Book Club 6:30 pm UH Singers	5 <i>Elul 12</i> 6:30 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Dessert Oneg ONEG	6 <i>Elul 13</i> <i>Ki Teitzei</i> <i>Bat Mitzvah of Maya Levinson</i> 8:45 am Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Morning Service 12:30 pm It's Good to Be a Prophet
7 <i>Elul 14</i> 9:00 am K-5 Religious School 11:30 am 6-10 Religious School 1 pm Jr/Sr Youth Group Hangout 7:30 pm Nar-Anon Family Groups	8 <i>Elul 15</i> 6:30 pm Holy Prep	9 <i>Elul 16</i> 1 pm Crochet/Knit Group 2 pm Holy Prep	10 <i>Elul 17</i> 7:30 pm Whiskey & Wisdom	11 <i>Elul 18</i> 10 am Liturgical Poems 11 am AGA 6:30 pm UH Singers	12 <i>Elul 19</i> 6:30 pm Shabbat Service Shabbat Speaker Uri Keidar of Israel Hofsheet	13 <i>Elul 20</i> <i>Ki Tavo</i> 8:45 am Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Morning Service 12:30 pm Torah in the Days of Awe 7 pm Selichot Evening Event 9 pm Selichot Service
14 <i>Elul 21</i> 9 am K-5 RS 11:30 am 6-10 RS 11:15 K-2 Hangout 12:30 3-5 Hangout 12 pm Beren Scholars 1 pm Jr/Sr Youth Group Hangout 7:30 pm Nar-Anon Family Groups	15 <i>Elul 22</i> 6:30 pm Holy Prep	16 <i>Elul 23</i> 11 am Prime Timers outing 1 pm Crochet/Knit Group 2 pm Holy Prep 6 pm Challah for the Holidays 7:30 pm Nefesh Mountain "Storytellers" concert	17 <i>Elul 24</i> 6:30 pm Board of Trustees mtg BOARD	18 <i>Elul 25</i> 11 am AGA 6:30 pm UH Singers	19 <i>Elul 26</i> 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat 5:45 pm Shabbat Nosh 6:30 pm Shabbat Service NOSH TOT SHABBAT	20 <i>Elul 27</i> <i>Nitzavim</i> 8:45 am Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Morning Service 12:30 pm It's Good to Be a Prophet
21 <i>Elul 28</i> 9 am K-5 RS 11:30 am 6-10 RS 1 pm Jr/Sr Youth Group Hangout 7:30 pm Nar-Anon Family Groups	22 <i>Elul 29</i> Erev Rosh Hashanah Noon Dismissal SSECC 7:30 pm Evev RH service	23 <i>Tishrei 1</i> Rosh Hashanah School & Offices closed 9 am RH children's service 10 am RH morning service 1:30 pm RH in the Orchard	24 <i>Tishrei 2</i> Rosh Hashanah 10 am 2 nd day RH service 12 noon Taschich	25 <i>Tishrei 3</i> 11 am AGA	26 <i>Tishrei 4</i> 6:30 pm Shabbat Service	27 <i>Tishrei 5</i> <i>Vayeleich</i> 8:45 am Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Morning Service
28 <i>Tishrei 6</i> 9 am K-5 RS 10 am Memorial Service @ UH Cemetery 11:30 am 6-10 RS 1 pm Jr/Sr Youth Group Hangout 7:30 pm Nar-Anon Family Groups	29 <i>Tishrei 7</i>	30 <i>Tishrei 8</i> Please check eblast for info on crochet/knit group	Oct. 1 <i>Tishrei 9</i> Kol Nidre Noon Dismissal SSECC 7:30 pm Kol Nidre service	2 <i>Tishrei 10</i> Yom Kippur School & Offices closed 9 am YK children's service 10 am YK Morning & Early Memorial Service 1:30 pm YK Moments of Meaning 4 pm afternoon, Memorial & Neilah service	3 <i>Tishrei 11</i> 6:30 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Dessert Oneg ONEG	4 <i>Tishrei 12</i> <i>Haazinu</i> 8:45 am Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Morning Service



Check our online [calendar](#) for the most current information.

Giving Opportunities & Tributes

Support UH

We're celebrating life with our ThanksLiving campaign. During your birthday or anniversary month, make a donation to United Hebrew equal to your age or the milestone you're celebrating, giving "thanks for living." For example, if you're turning 50, donate \$50 to the ThanksLiving campaign. If you're celebrating a 10th wedding anniversary, contribute \$10. You can even donate in honor of your family members.

TO DONATE

you can make a [ThanksLiving donation on our website](#).

Dessert Oneg & Shabbat Nosh

In honor of your birthday, anniversary, special event, or just because, consider sponsoring a Dessert Oneg or Shabbat Nosh! Make a donation (\$50 for an oneg or \$100 for a nosh) to United Hebrew and receive recognition during our oneg on the 1st Friday of the month or our nosh on the 3rd Friday of the month.

TO CONTRIBUTE

call the office at (314) 469-0700 or email [Elayne Grossberg](#)

Tributes From 7/10/25 – 8/10/25

CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

In Appreciation Of:

- *Nathan Daniels Bar Mitzvah
- *Rabbi Reinhart
- *Rabbi Rosenberg
Meredith & Kevin Daniels
- *Haley Hirsekorn's Bat Mitzvah
Tammi & Steve Laiderman

In Honor Of:

- *Samantha Lega's Bat Mitzvah
Sherry & Lenny Simpson

In Memory Of:

- *Leonard Bain
Wendy Bain

ADA & FRANK FRIEDMAN YOUTH GROUP FUND

In Memory Of:

- *Mike Newmark
Alan & Iris DeWoskin

GENERAL FUND

In Appreciation Of:

- *UH & the clergy for their service at Maury's funeral
Lorrie Poscover
- *United Hebrew
Jay Lebcowitz

In Honor Of:

- *Samantha Lega's Bat Mitzvah
David & Suzie Shoub
- *Rick Cornfeld's birthday
Steven & Sharlene Toybes
- *Layla & Davin Rosch's B'nai Mitzvah
Myron & Eleanor Holtzman

In Memory Of:

- *Shirley Summerfield
Shelley Pincus

JABLON YOUTH FUND

In Memory Of:

- *Michael Newmark
Felicia Malter

STANLEY LAIDERMAN FUND

In Memory Of:

- *Shirley Summerfield
Joel Iskiwitch

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In Memory Of:

- *Mike Newmark
Steve & Lexie Goldsmith

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In Memory Of:

- *David Deleal
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In Memory Of:

- *Gertrude Garber
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Bev Golder
- *Joyce Kabak
Don & Karen Weinberg

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Ed Spielberg

- *Bill Susman
Karen Eddinger

- *Adele Trugman
Burt Greenberg

- *Paula Weintraub
Stephen & Ellen Katz

- *Sonia Gross Wolff
Burt Greenberg

OPPER-ROSENBERG YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL FUND

In Memory Of:

- *Beverly Rosenberg
Stephen Rosenberg

United Hebrew Cemetery



BOGO Plot Sale

August 1 through December 31, 2025
For UH Members: Purchase two plots for the price of one or 50% off one
For non-members: 15% off each plot

Contact:
Binyomin Mazer
 Cemetery Director
 (314) 427-5900.



Giving Opportunities & Tributes continued

MAX AND IDA ORENSTEIN SAFETY & SECURITY FUND

In Honor Of:

- *Special anniversary of
Jerry & Carla Rosen
Jim & Abby Susman
- *Marriage of Jeremy Lang
Jim & Abby Susman

In Memory Of:

- *Michael Newmark
Marilen Pitler
- *Irv Zwibelman
Myron & Eleanor Holtzman

SAUL SPIELBERG EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

In Honor Of:

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Mitzvah
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Graves of the Fathers and Memorial Practices

Interested in memorial customs? Check out this article from Temple Emanu-El in Dallas:

Kever Avot is the custom of visiting the graveside of parents or close relatives and taking part in a prayer service at the cemetery. The theme of the prayers is peaceful eternal rest for the departed and an invocation for G-d's aid to the living based on the pious deeds of the dead performed in their lifetime.

Judaism does not encourage "praying to the dead" and the custom of Kever Avot was, therefore, limited to special occasions; the day of the Yahrzeit, before Rosh Hashanah and during the 10 Days of Awe culminating in Yom Kippur, gravesite pilgrimages take on an even higher level of significance because they come at a time of spiritual soul-searching and renewal.

The tradition of visits before the High Holy Days began in the 14th century. More recent Jewish history recounts regular pilgrimages to the burial sites of revered rabbis and loved ones in Sephardic

and pre-World War II European Jewish communities on the anniversary of a death, fast days and other times during the year. Visitors showed love and respect for the departed and prayed for the soul's safe journey.

Some religious and ethnic communities have their own unique customs for Kever Avot. The Kaddish, which affirms the living's relationship with G-d and elevates the souls of the deceased to their final resting place, is typically recited along with El Malei Rachamim, a plea for rest for the soul that originated in the Jewish communities of Western and Eastern Europe.

Sephardic Jews perform Kever Avot on erev Rosh Hashanah, so they begin the holidays with a sense of connection with their families. They recite the Hashkavah, a memorial prayer with separate texts for men and women, and Yih'yi L'ratzon, in which they ask the deceased to pray on their behalf for forgiveness and a good year. Persian Jews add Psalm 119, a Hebrew acrostic in which family members read the stanzas that begin with the letters in their loved ones' names. They also bring flowers and rose water to the grave, in accordance with Iranian tradition, and spices (minei besamim).

Other customs include placing stones on the grave to mark the visit, which some believe dates to ancient times when piles of stones were used to indicate burial sites. Giving tzedakah on behalf of the deceased is also customary since Jewish tradition teaches that those dwelling in God's presence cannot perform this mitzvah.

For more info, visit this article from the [Jewish Journal](#).



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