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United Hebrew Congregation

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Congregation Achdut Yisroel  
Established in St. Louis in 1837  
First Jewish Congregation  
West of the Mississippi River

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# February 2026 Notes

February may be cold, but we're heating up at UH! This month, we'll kick off Mahj Mondays (postponed from January due to weather) and our Shabbat @Home program. Did you volunteer at UH this year? Be sure to RSVP for our Volunteer Appreciation event! Charlie Kramer will join us as our artist in residence at the end of the month. He has a jam-packed weekend of prayer, music, and learning planned for us. We have several opportunities to participate in Purim celebrations, from baking to our J-Pop Purim spiel to a more adult pre-Megillah social. Join at whatever speed you like.

Check out photos from one of our recent events, consider a book recommendation from our UH Library, and stay in the know about everything happening at UH.

Most questions can be answered by emailing us at [temple@unitedhebrew.org](mailto: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

Shabbat services will begin at 6:30pm  
Join our online services:

[On our website](#)  
[YouTube](#)  
or [Facebook](#)

### Friday, February 6

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service  
and Birthday Blessings  
7:30 pm Dessert Oneg

### Saturday, February 7 *Yitro*

9 am Torah Study  
10 am Family Shabbat Service

### Friday, February 13

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

### Saturday, February 14 *Mishpatim*

9 am Torah Study

### Friday, February 20

5:30 pm Tot Shabbat  
5:45 pm Shabbat Nosh  
6:30 pm Disney © Shabbat Evening Service  
& Anniversary Blessings

### Saturday, February 21 *T'rumah*

9 am Torah Study  
10:30 Shabbat in Action! Mitzvah Morning

### Friday, February 27

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service with  
Charlie Kramer

### Saturday, February 28 *T'tzaveh*

9 am Torah Study with Charlie Kramer

## Torah Study

**Saturdays at 9 am**  
**in the Spielberg Chapel**  
*In person and on Zoom*

## Mussar & Mindfulness with Rabbi Rosenberg

**Saturdays, 11:30 am–1 pm in the  
Millstone Library**

*February 14, March 7, April 4*

Join Rabbi Rosenberg for a study of Mussar, a spiritual practice focused on cultivating inner virtues for personal improvement. Explore how Mussar can bring balance and wisdom to your life. Each class is stand-alone. [Register online.](#)

## Intermediate Adult Hebrew

**Thursdays at 10:00 am**  
**in the Millstone Library**

Adult Hebrew reading with Cantor Richman. We will focus on prayer literacy, navigating the prayer book, as well as deep understanding and discussion. RSVP to [Esther Olson.](#)

## 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.](#)





# 2026 CHAI SOCIETY ANNUAL EVENT

Saturday, April 25, 2026  
6:30-10:30 pm  
United Hebrew Congregation  
13788 Conway Road

Individual Tickets  
Early Bird \$95 by March 15 Regular \$120  
All RSVPs and Digital Tribute  
Book Deadlines due by April 1

## HONOREES

Diane & Craig Bleyer | Ben Cherry | Reva Davis  
Rob Levinson | Rob Ormont | Linda Wallace



## EVENT CHAIRS:

Melanie Marks and Judy Ormont

## EVENT COMMITTEE:

Amy Herman, Stacey Shostak, Dipali House, Meredith Cherry, Rachel Katcher, Lindsay Melnick, Erin Vaughn

## THANKS TO OUR 2026 CHAI SOCIETY GALA SPONSORS!

### HONOR ROLL

Robyn & Don Cherry

### ALL AMERICAN

Caravus  
Terry & Paul Flotken  
Felicia Malter  
Jonathan & Melanie Marks  
Brigitte & H. Lee Rosenberg

### SPIRIT SQUAD

Judy & Rob Ormont  
Cathy & Rich Wieder

## VALEDICTORIAN: \$5,400

- Table for 8 Guests
- VIP Parking for 4 vehicles at event
- Full page ad in digital tribute book shared at the event and on our website
- Games & tasting pass for each guest
- HHD Reserved parking and 2 reserved seats

## DEAN'S LIST: \$3,600

- Table for 8 guests
- Full page ad in digital tribute book shared at the event and on our website
- Games & tasting pass for each guest

## HONOR ROLL: \$1,800

- 4 guest admissions
- Half page ad in digital tribute book shared at the event and on our website
- Games & tasting pass for each guest

## ALL AMERICAN: \$1000

- \$550 for 1 guest admission
- \$1000 for 2 guest admissions
- Quarter page ad in digital tribute book shared at the event and on our website
- Games & tasting pass for each guest

## SPIRIT SQUAD: \$360

- \$360 for 2 guest admissions
- \$180 for 1 guest admission
- Name listing in digital tribute book shared at the event and on our website

## TRIBUTE BOOK

Digital Tribute Book Deadline: April 1

<b>FULL-PAGE AD</b>	\$400
<b>HALF-PAGE AD</b>	\$200
<b>QUARTER PAGE AD</b>	\$100
<b>NAME LISTING</b>	\$36

## BAR SPONSOR: \$3,600

- 2 admissions to the event
- Prominent signage placement and recognition in all event materials, social media posts and email communication
- Full page ad in digital tribute book shared at the event and on our website
- Collaborate on signature cocktail

[Register for tickets or become a sponsor here.](#)

Please consider supporting UH by becoming a sponsor or purchasing a tribute or business ad in the Chai Society Tribute Book.

Check out our website for additional information or send questions to [temple@unitedhebrew.org](mailto:temple@unitedhebrew.org)



## Our First Mitzvah Morning!

We held our very first Shabbat in Action: Mitzvah Morning, and our kitchen was full of energy! We spent the morning preparing a delicious dinner for Room at the Inn. Between the chopping and prepping, there was laughter and great conversation. It's amazing what happens when a community comes together to make the world a little brighter.

Laughter, good company, and a shared mission, this is what Shabbat is all about. Want to join us for the next one? We need volunteers to help organize and lead these rewarding Shabbat activities. If you feel inspired to help plan a project, please contact [Rabbi Rosenberg](#) or [Sari Levy](#). Find more information and [register here](#).



# Todah & Mazels

## Nachas News

**Lauren Lourie** will receive the 2026 JProStL Educator Award at the Annual JProStL Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11 at the Staenberg Family JCC from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Doors open at 11 am. JProStL, an initiative of Jewish Federation of St. Louis, is the professional association for staff who work throughout the St. Louis Jewish Community. The theme of the event is “Taking Care of Community.” A special presentation will be made to Scott Biondo and the Community Security Team. In addition, **Julie Gibbs** will receive the 2026 Career Achievement award along with eight other peer award recipients. For information about all of the honorees and to learn about sponsorships, visit [JFedSTL.org/JProStL26](http://JFedSTL.org/JProStL26). Luncheon registration and opportunities for tributes will open in late January. To learn more, contact Marci Mayer Eisen, [Meisen@JFedSTL.org](mailto:Meisen@JFedSTL.org), 314-442-3810.



## Welcome New Members!

Rob, Bekah, Simon & Eleanor Kuten

Melissa Shultz/Brian Waeckerle, Ari & Remy Waeckerle

## Thanks a Lot!

Thank you to our Senior Lunch Volunteers!

Dale Schwartz

Mike Ukman

Susan Silver

Jim & Stephanie

Jen Newmark

Esther Olson



# Noteworthy

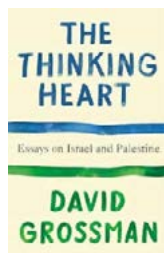
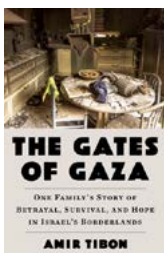
## UH Book Nook

Did you know there are new books about Israel in the UH library? The events of October 7, 2023 were a watershed in the State of Israel. What happened? How could this happen? Check out a new book in the UH library to learn more.

[The Gates of Gaza: A Story of Betrayal, Survival, and Hope in Israel's Borderlands by Amir Tibon](#)

[While Israel Slept by Yaakov Katz and Amir Bohbot](#)

[The Thinking Heart: Essays on Israel and Palestine by David Grossman](#)



## Rebuilding Beth Israel Congregation

Historic Jackson, MS synagogue Beth Israel Congregation is closed indefinitely after a catastrophic fire was set in their library. You can donate to their [rebuilding fund here.](#)



# All About Shabbat @ Home

## Why we're doing this

At United Hebrew, we know that meaningful community is built through relationships, not only in the sanctuary, but around tables, in living rooms, and through shared experiences.

Shabbat @Home is a Friday evening Shabbat dinner initiative designed to create smaller, more personal spaces where people can slow down, connect, and feel known.

By gathering in homes every 6–8 weeks, we are strengthening the fabric of our congregation, one table at a time.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Shabbat @Home?

Shabbat @Home is a Friday evening Shabbat dinner program in which UH members open their homes to host small Shabbat gatherings. These dinners create opportunities for meaningful conversation, connection, and shared Shabbat rituals in a warm, informal setting.

### When does Shabbat @Home take place?

Shabbat @Home gatherings take place on Friday evenings. Hosts choose the timing that works best for them. It may be: before Friday night services, during services, or after services

There is no single required start time; flexibility is intentional and allows each host to shape the evening in a way that feels comfortable to them.

*The Shabbat @Home dates are February 13, March 27, May 8, and June 26.*

### Will there still be Shabbat services at the synagogue?

Yes. There will still be a Shabbat evening service, and on Shabbat @Home weekends, there will be a Shabbat morning service in the sanctuary the following day. Shabbat @Home is meant to complement, not replace, our communal worship.

## Participation & Matching

### How do I participate?

All hosts and guests must sign up through the Shabbat @Home forms on the UH website. This allows the synagogue office to manage matching and communication.

### Do I sign up to attend a specific home?

No. Guests do not sign up for a specific home. The synagogue office matches hosts and guests based on the information provided. If you believe someone you know may be hosting and would like to be matched with them, you are welcome to include their name in the comments section of the form. While we cannot guarantee specific placements, we will do our best to honor requests.

### How are hosts and guests matched?

Matches are made by the synagogue office using details from the registration forms, including: household makeup and ages of children, dietary needs and allergies, accessibility considerations, location, preferences noted in comments. Our goal is to create welcoming, comfortable groupings that support meaningful connections.

### When will I receive the details?

Once matches are finalized, both hosts and guests will be notified by email. Hosts will then reach out directly to their assigned guests before Shabbat to share timing, menu plans, and any additional details.

## For Hosts

### What is expected of hosts?

Hosts agree to open their homes for one Friday evening Shabbat dinner. There are set dates, which can be found on our website. Hosting is meant to feel manageable and welcoming.

Hosts are asked to: set the timing and tone for the evening, provide the dinner or main dish (potluck-style meals are welcome and encouraged if preferred), contact assigned guests before Shabbat.

### Do I need to know how to lead Shabbat?

No. Shabbat @Home is designed for people of all experience levels. The focus is on connection, not expertise. United Hebrew will provide a Shabbat kit with candles, challah, special challah cover, blessings, and conversation starters.

### Do I have to host more than once?

No. We are asking hosts to commit to hosting just once. Hosting again is entirely optional.

### Can I invite people I know?

Hosts may invite guests they already know along with others who the office will assign.

### I'm interested in hosting. How do I get started?

Wonderful! Fill out our [host sign up form](#) and we will reach out.

## For Guests

### What is expected of guests?

Guests are asked to arrive on time, participate respectfully, and help create a warm Shabbat atmosphere. If requested, guests may bring a side dish, dessert, or beverage.

### Do I need to know how to lead Shabbat?

No. Shabbat @Home is designed for people of all experience levels. The focus is on connection, not expertise.

### What if I have dietary needs or accessibility concerns?

Please note these needs on your registration form so we can make an appropriate match.

### I'm interested in being a guest.

Wonderful! Fill out our [guest sign up form](#) and we will reach out.

## I still have questions

If you're unsure whether hosting or attending is right for you, or if you'd like to talk through logistics, please contact [Sari Levy](#) or [Rabbi Rosenberg](#). We're happy to help!



# Expanding Our Musical Vision: Updates

We are thrilled to announce that **Greta Rosenstock Kramer** will be joining United Hebrew Congregation this July as our Cantorial Soloist and Director of Congregational Music.

This announcement is about both welcome and continuity. Many in our community already know Greta well. She has served as Music Specialist in our religious school and directed our youth choir. Over the past several years, she has been on our bimah many times, helping to lead services, Tot Shabbat, and Family Shabbat. Her deep roots in this congregation inform her understanding of our community's values and traditions, and of what matters most to us. Music on the bimah, its quality, its balance of contemporary and traditional repertoire, and its role in shaping meaningful prayer, remains central to our communal life. Greta brings strong, trained musicianship and a deep respect for the way music supports worship. She understands prayer as something we enter together, grounded in familiarity, intention, and shared voice.

Greta shared these words about her new role: "I am honored and excited to serve as Director of Congregational Music and Cantorial Soloist at United Hebrew. As a long-time congregant, I am inspired by the opportunity to help shape the next chapter of the music program which has played such a large part in shaping my personal Jewish practice and identity. My diverse professional background as an educator, conductor, leader, and performer in both Jewish and secular music spaces allow me to bring a unique creative vision to a community rich with music and connection. My priority is to foster innovative, engaging, and participatory experiences for the whole community which honor the traditions and customs of UH I grew up with, while also supporting growth and creative expansion both on and beyond the bimah. I am looking forward to making meaningful, Jewish experiences through music with you and your families soon, and often!"

The hiring committee was impressed by Greta's depth of experience in Jewish music, education, and communal leadership. In addition to her experience at United Hebrew, she has served as a Cantorial Soloist for Shabbat and High Holy Days, collaborated closely with clergy and musicians, and thoughtfully crafted services that are engaging, spiritual, and rooted in text and tradition. Her work reflects both musical excellence and pastoral sensitivity.

Greta's background includes significant experience in Jewish education and youth engagement. She has taught and designed tefillah experiences for students, instructed b'nai mitzvah students in Torah trope, built choral programs for children and teens, and strengthened cultures of communal singing in schools and synagogues. She has also worked extensively with Lab/Shul in New York City, where she helped lead ritual, mentored b'nai mitzvah students, and trained as a storaheller, bringing creativity, curiosity, and depth to Torah learning.

In her conversations with the committee, Greta articulated a philosophy that brings all this experience together. She spoke about what she calls the "80/20 rule" for music on the bimah: 80% familiar and grounding, no more than 20% new. This philosophy reflects a deep respect for minhag hamakom, the customs and musical culture of United Hebrew, while allowing for thoughtful growth.

Beyond the bimah, Greta will focus on musical programming and engagement throughout the congregation. She is excited to develop opportunities for people of all ages to make music together, including choirs for adults, teens, and younger children; accessible singing and jam sessions; concerts and musical gatherings; and exploration of

instrumental music. When people sing together outside of worship, they arrive more confident, more connected, and more ready to participate fully in prayer.

The hiring committee sought the qualities we have always valued in sacred musical leadership: warmth, caring, approachability, and empathy; deep musical training across styles and traditions; and strong collaboration with clergy, staff, and community. Greta impressed the committee not only with her résumé, but also with her enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and the care with which she spoke about shaping both services and programs with intention.

## About Greta Rosenstock Kramer

Greta Rosenstock Kramer is a conductor, educator, and ritual leader who deepens connections and creates meaningful Jewish experiences through music. A St. Louis native and longtime congregant of United Hebrew Congregation (UH), Greta is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at the Technological University (TU) Dublin Conservatoire (expected summer 2026). While studying under Dr. Bernie Sherlock, Greta is the assistant conductor of the TU Dublin Chamber Choir, sings with the award-winning New Dublin Voices, and is focusing her master's dissertation on Jewish choral music.

Prior to beginning her master's degree, Greta served as the Music and Drama Educator at Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School and as the Music Specialist at UH. She also served as Cantorial Soloist for High Holy Days at Temple Beth El in South Bend, IN (2022-2024), and has led many of their Shabbat services (2020-2025). She has recently presented sessions on effective choral practice and Jewish repertoire at professional conferences at the state and international levels. Greta also previously lived in New York City, where she served multiple Jewish communities, schools, and camps as a music director, ritual leader, and educator, including Lab/Shul and Society for the Advancement of Judaism. In addition, Greta has sung with several professional ensembles in St. Louis and New York City, and frequently performs in professional regional musical theater productions, such as the Muny and New Jewish Theatre. Greta holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Kentucky.



We are deeply grateful to the members of our Hiring Committee for their dedication and discernment: Cheryl Banashek, Sheryl Bauer, Craig Bleyer, Reva Davis, Alison Diechhaus, Paul Flotken, Phil Frischer, David Kaiser, Leslie Kittredge, Ted Kraizer, Sally Lang, Rob Levinson, Gail Levine, Carol Loeb, Abby Spencer, Jaime Sprowls, Jim Susman, Amanda Towerman, David Wallace, Bruce Weingart, and Leslie Yoffie.

Greta is thrilled to be returning to the United Hebrew community in this role. We look forward to welcoming her this summer and to continuing, together, a life of prayer and community filled with beautiful music, shared voices, and joyful song.

*With gratitude and anticipation,*

Rabbi Brigitte Rosenberg, Senior Rabbi

David Kaiser, President

# Charlie Kramer's Residency

## Artist-in-Residency Weekend with Charlie Kramer February 27–March 1, 2026

Legally blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa, Charlie Kramer unites, magnetizes and elevates those around him. Recently featured in USA Today, Charlie is Disability Life Coach, helping his clients gain vital self advocacy skills, independence, and acceptance; ultimately bringing success to their careers and relationships.

As a certified accessibility professional (CPACC), an internationally touring speaker and performer, Charlie shares his story and powerful message of inclusion, self-respect and equity. Charlie has consulted with over 50 organizations, helping them to develop accessible spaces, practices and products for their employees, community members and customers with disabilities.

To learn more about Charlie and his offerings, visit [charliekramervision.com](http://charliekramervision.com).

**Throughout the weekend, Charlie will lead us in:**

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service:** Friday, February 27, 6:30 p.m. – Welcoming Shabbat with Charlie's magnetic, intimate songleading
- **Torah Study:** Saturday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. – What does it Mean to Be Blind? Exploring text through the lens of disability awareness and radical inclusion. Charlie will break down one of our most miss-translated blessings, and engage participants in a discussion of what our tradition tells us it means to be blind.
- **Singing in the Dark:** Saturday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. – An unforgettable experience of communal singing, meditation, and transformation. We all have something that challenges us. Charlie is blind with only 4% of his total vision remaining. He has no peripheral vision and is completely blind at night. Join us in a journey of the senses, blindfolding ourselves to experience the present moment without our

sight. Charlie will guide you through deeply feeling the challenges in your life, guiding you to new perspectives through song, prayer and meditation. This experience includes Havdalah. [Register here.](#)

- **Religious School:** Sunday, March 1 (prior to Purim Carnival) – Charlie will lead religious school t'filah and engage our young learners with music, storytelling, and lessons about embracing our authentic selves

Charlie's message is one of hope, empowerment, and celebration. Through his work as both an artist and disability coach, he reminds us that our unique differences are not limitations but gifts to be shared with the world.

Join us for a weekend that promises to elevate our spirits, deepen our connections, and open our hearts to new ways of seeing.



## Mishloach Manot

Prices start at \$18 for 5 gift bags or send them to all of UH for \$360!

Visit [The Purim Project](#). Check your email for your username and password. Make your selections and pay online by the deadline of Monday, February 16.

Giving gifts of food is a mitzvot of Purim, and the UH Purim project makes it easy. Choose the recipients, write a message, and we take care of packing and delivering the gift bags in time for Purim. You can send these gifts to your UH friends & relatives, the clergy, UH board, your child's class and teachers, or to the whole congregation! You also have the option to "turn on reciprocity" for \$36 and automatically sending a bag to anyone who sends one to you!

Each family will receive one bag with a message from everyone who is sending them Purim wishes. Additional bags may be purchased.

Ordering options:

### **Send to members of the UH Community:**

- First recipients (choose up to 5 recipients for one flat price): \$18
- Every recipient thereafter: \$5 each

### **Send to the SSECC community: \$118**

### **Send to the entire UH community: \$360**

### **Send to anyone who sends one to you: \$36**

More special group options are available!

- Purchase additional Purim Bags to give to people not affiliated with UH
- Have UH pack a bag for you to give: \$8 per bag

If you need help ordering, please call the UH office at 314-469-0700 for assistance

## Hamantaschen Bake

### **Thursday, February 26**

6:30–8:30 p.m. | Messing Auditorium

Join us for an evening of hamantaschen baking, fun, and community. Learn how to make your own dough, fold the cookies into triangles, & make specialty hamantaschen. All ages are welcome. The class will be led by UH's own Jenny Stempel.

\$15 per person. [Register here.](#)

## Purim Spiel

### **Sunday, March 1**

10:45 a.m. | Millstone Sanctuary

Hamans (BOO!) have always haunted our Jewish world, oppressing us and feeding off our fear, until Fighters arose to defend us. Jews born with voices that could drive back the darkness, singing songs of courage and hope.

But Fighters are more than warriors. Our music ignites the soul and brings people together. With this connection, the first Fighters established a shield to protect our world, the Magen. In every generation, new Fighters are chosen to fulfill our ultimate duty, a barrier of faith so strong it is impenetrable, that will keep Hamans (BOO!) from our world forever, the Golden Magen. Come and experience the Megillah and hear the story of ESTR/X, a Fighter who defeated Haman (pause) in Shushan, Persia. [Find more info here.](#)

## Purim Carnival

### **Sunday, March 1**

11:30 a.m. –1 p.m. United Hebrew Congregation

Join us for our 2026 Purim Carnival! You won't want to miss! Costumes for all ages are encouraged!

**Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door**

(adults do not need tickets)

**Meal tickets are \$7 each**

**OR become a Purim Carnival Sponsor**

**Hamantaschen Sponsorship - \$72**

Game recognition, 1 wristband entry, \$14 food cash

**Shushan Sponsorship - \$180**

Game recognition, 2 wristband entries, \$21 food cash

**Esther Sponsorship - \$360**

Game recognition, 4 wristband entries, \$35 food cash

**Raffle Tickets**

\$5.00 each / 4 raffle Tickets \$10.00 / 10 Raffle Tickets \$20.00

[Get your tickets here.](#)

## Purim Social

### **Monday, March 2**

7–8 p.m. | Kaplansky Center

Celebrate Esther and Mordechai and step into a Purim state of mind at our Shushan Social! Join us for an evening of joy, laughter, and Purim mischief as we channel courage, resilience, and the triumph of good over evil, J-Pop Haman Hunters-style. Enjoy a light Purim nosh and some creative J-Pop cocktails. Costumes are encouraged (idols, heroes, villains, and secret identities welcome) as we celebrate together.

Love to bake? Think you make the best hamantaschen in town? Put your skills to the test in our Hamantaschen Bake-Off! Whether your filling is classic, creative, or daringly unexpected, we want to taste it. All levels of baking expertise welcome! To enter and receive full details, contact [Sari Levy](#).

Come for the cocktails, stay for the community, and help us hunt down Haman (BOO!!) one hamantasch at a time! [Register here.](#)

## Purim Megillah Reading

### **Monday, March 2**

8–9 p.m. | Millstone Sanctuary

Join us for our annual reading of the megillah as we usher in the celebration of Purim with UH clergy and congregants telling the story of Esther and the Jewish people. Prior to the reading, enjoy dessert and "adult" beverages at our Purim Social.

## Purim Volunteers Needed!

It takes a lot of time and people power to put on our amazing Purim events! We have several opportunities to help.

Volunteer to help out at the carnival, donate goods for the cake walk, or create a Raffle Basket.

[Mishloach Manot Packing & Delivery](#)

[Purim Carnival Volunteers](#)

[Cake Walk Donations](#)

[Raffle Baskets](#)



# Matbucha with Ofir!



## In The Kitchen With Our Shinshin!

Thank you to Ofir for teaching us how to make matbucha!  
We had a delicious and fun evening together.



# Connecting

## A Stitch and a Prayer

### Crochet and Knitting Group

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. | Kaplansky 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. From beginner to pro, everyone is welcome. We also accept blankets and scarves that are made at home and brought to the UH office. 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. Email [Angie Klenke](#) to register. This year's books include:

February 5: *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Vargese

March 5: *James* by Percival Everett

April: *Holiday, NO BOOK CLUB*

May 7: *My Dear Hamilton* by

Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

June 4: *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books*

by Kirsten Miller

## 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](#).

### Women's Group (age 45–65):

Contact [Dipali House](#)

### Ready for Retirement? Join the Men's Group

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

## Senior Lunch Series

Save These Dates!

**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



## Mahj Mondays

February 2, 9, & 23, March 30, April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27  
7 p.m. | Messing Auditorium

Do you "Mahj?" Want to learn? Join us for Mahj Mondays and we'll teach you! Can you crack, bam, and dot? Find more info on dates and other [details here](#).

## Ani Ma'amin: I Believe: Monthly Conversation Series

Sunday, February 8, 2026 | 9:30–11 am

This is a program in building relationships, practicing the art of conversation, and creating a community of depth, care and respect. Join Rabbi Rosenberg for a monthly conversation based on our theme for the year, Ani Ma'amin. Every session includes a short Jewish text or teaching to spark reflection, and we will break into small groups for conversation, before we come back together for a closing thought. You can join us for one or all sessions. Find more information and [register here](#).



## Whiskey & Wisdom with Rabbi Reinhart

Wednesday February 11 | 7:30 p.m. | Kaplansky Center

Come for the whiskey; stay for the Torah! Or the other way around. Either way, we'll do a little bit of learning, enjoy some good whiskey, and, most importantly, meet new people and be in community! [Register here](#).



## Chair Exercise with Joyce Hochberg

Join Joyce for chair exercise class the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month on [Zoom](#). Email [Angie Klenke](#) or call her at 314-434-3404 for more information and class dates.

## NEXT MONTH! Adult Cantillation Class

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# VOLUNTEER

SPOT  
LIGHT DIANNE ELFENBEIN  
SHERYL FELDMAN  
& CARLA ROSEN

How many women does it take to appreciate a book? You might say “one,” and merely read it by yourself. But the three leaders of the Susan Kaplansky Book Club see it differently. Dianne Elfenbein, Sheryl Feldman and Carla Rosen all joined the group because of their personal love of reading and find that each member of the club brings a new perspective, a particular point of view and their own experience that enhances every book that they study. But before we talked about their leadership roles, I wanted to learn their background stories to share with you.

We began our conversations with the typical St. Louis Jewish Geography: Where did they go to high school? Dianne responded with Bethlehem High School in Delmar, New York, upstate near Albany. She met her husband, Jerry, when they were students in a chemistry class shared by Radcliffe and Harvard, where each was enrolled. They each became physicians and spent their entire careers in academic medicine. In 2010 they moved to St. Louis to be nearer to their son and his growing family, who happened to



be members of UH. That’s when Dianne met Susan Kaplansky, z’l, who had initiated and organized the UH Book Club along with Fran Kravitz, and the rest is history.

Carla Rosen, a graduate of New Trier West High School in Glenview, Illinois, met her husband, another Jerry, on the University of Illinois bus that took students back and forth from Chicago. When they married in 1975, they moved to St. Louis so he could attend Washington U. Law School and they lived in married student housing, joining UH because the style of services was reminiscent of Congregation Beth Emet, where her family belonged. Carla found her avocation as a volunteer and leader in Women’s American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training), which is where we became acquainted, meeting at Midwest District conventions when I lived in Highland Park, Illinois. What’s more, we discovered that one of her first cousins, Sheri Eisman, was a sorority sister of mine at Bradley. I love these small world stories. Carla has worked as a reading teacher and considers herself a “book junkie,” even volunteering as a sorter of donated books for the Greater St. Louis Book Fair.

Finally, Sheryl Feldman is University City, born and bred. She met her husband, Charlie, in high school when she was a leader in Star of David BBG, and he was active in the David Ben Gurion chapter of AZA. While she was raised in a Conservative congregation, her

older sister was a member of UH, and that’s where they joined when they married 55 years ago and raised three children. Sheryl also taught religious school here and served as a song leader, now volunteering in the gift shop on Thursday afternoons along with her book club involvement.

All three of the women had several traits in common: first and foremost, they are voracious readers who find that discussing books with others has expanded their interests in both fiction and non-fiction and broadened their understanding of historical events. Some of the participants are former English majors and/or teachers who bring their experience and expertise to the meetings, which they find of value. Next, they appreciate the new friendship with the other ten to fifteen participants, who are all Jewish but not all UH members. They agree that with the addition of each new member to the group, new ideas and new energy are seen. All new participants are welcomed.



Interestingly, unlike many book clubs of which I’ve heard, no refreshments are served. The excitement is in the conversation, not the treats. Not even a cookie? When asked whether they considered their leadership a mitzvah to UH, they were all self-deprecating.

Providing an outlet to others for learning and creativity is also a gift to themselves. Each woman found their participation to be a personal opportunity rather than a volunteer task.

Particular credit was given to Angie Klenke and Sari Levy, our administrative assistant for schools and programming and our membership engagement manager, respectively, for their help in keeping the program active. Angie handles the month-to-month administration, and Sari collates and manages the data when club members choose and vote on the books to be read the following year. Truly, it takes a village.

So, if you are looking for companionship, fun and intellectual stimulation (but no cookies), stop into the library at 1:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, except for this coming April. And if you happen to get hooked on reading and make a new friend, well, that’s a story of success, in my book.

– Sherilyn Krell

*The Spotlight is brought to you by the Volunteer Recognition Committee. If you have a suggestion for a volunteer to spotlight, please contact [Sari Levy](#).*

*Photos: Left, Dianne Elfenbein and Carla Rosen. Photo credit: Jen Newmark. Right, Sheryl Feldman, provided by Sheryl.*



# VOLUNTEER

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# February Congregational Calendar

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9 am-1 pm</b> Religious school <b>1 pm</b> Teen Hangout <b>5 pm</b> MS Youth Lounge Night @ B'nai Amoona	<b>2</b> <b>Tu BiSh'vat</b> <b>7 pm</b> Mahj Mondays	<b>3</b> <b>1 pm</b> Crochet/Knit Group - Kaplansky Center	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10 am</b> Adult Hebrew Library <b>11 am</b> AGA- Chapel <b>1:30 pm</b> Book Club	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Scout Shabbat Service <b>7:30 pm</b> Dessert Oneg <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>ONEG</b></div>	<b>7</b> <i>Yitro</i> <b>9 am</b> Torah Study - Chapel <b>10 am</b> Family Shabbat Service
<b>8</b> <b>9 am-1 pm</b> Religious school <b>9:30 am</b> Ani Ma'amin Monthly Discussion <b>Multiple Hangouts</b> - check RS eblasts	<b>9</b> <b>12 noon</b> Senior Lunch Series @ Shaare Emeth <b>7 pm</b> Mahj Mondays	<b>10</b> <b>1 pm</b> Crochet/Knit Group - Kaplansky Center <b>1:30 pm</b> Zoom Chair Exercise Class	<b>11</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Whiskey & Wisdom - Kaplansky Center	<b>12</b> <b>10 am</b> Adult Hebrew Library <b>11 am</b> AGA- Chapel	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service <b>Shabbat@Home</b> Various Locations	<b>14</b> <i>Mishpatim</i> <b>9 am</b> Torah Study - Chapel <b>11:30 am</b> Mussar & Mindfulness
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>President's Day</b> <b>School and Offices Closed</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1 pm</b> Crochet/Knit Group - Kaplansky Center	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting <div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>BOARD</b></div>	<b>19</b> <b>10 am</b> Adult Hebrew Library <b>11 am</b> AGA - Chapel	<b>20</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Tot Shabbat <b>5:45 pm</b> Shabbat Nosh <b>6:30 pm</b> Disney Shabbat Service <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>NOSH</b></div>	<b>21</b> <i>T'rumah</i> <b>9 am</b> Torah Study - Chapel <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat In Action! Mitzvah Morning
<b>22</b> <b>9 am-1 pm</b> Religious school <b>1 pm</b> Teen Hangout <b>3:30 pm</b> Volunteer Appreciation Event	<b>23</b> <b>7 pm</b> Mahj Mondays	<b>24</b> <b>1 pm</b> Crochet/Knit Group - Kaplansky Center <b>1:30 pm</b> Zoom Chair Exercise Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10 am</b> Adult Hebrew Library <b>11 am</b> AGA - Chapel <b>6:30pm</b> Hamentaschen Bake	<b>27</b> <b>Charlie Kramer Artist-in-Residence</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service with Charlie Kramer	<b>28</b> <i>T'zaveh</i> <b>Charlie Kramer Artist-in-Residence</b> <b>9 am</b> Torah Study - Chapel <b>7 pm</b> Singing in the Dark

## TOT SHABBAT

3RD FRIDAYS @ 5:30 PM

February 20    April 17  
March 20    May 15

## FAMILY SERVICES

SATURDAYS @ 10 AM

February 7    April 11  
March 7

# Disney SHABBAT

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

TOT SHABBAT - 5:30  
SHABBAT NOSH - 5:45  
DISNEY-INSPIRED  
MUSICAL SERVICE - 6:30

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\*Linda Wallace becoming  
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Linda Kusmer

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## UH LIVESTREAMING

*in memory of:*

\*Charles Jay Hilton  
Judith Richter

*In Honor Of:*

\*Diane & Craig Bleyer becoming  
2026 Chai Society Honorees  
\*David Kaiser becoming president  
of United Hebrew Congregation  
Marilen Pitler

*in appreciation of:*

\*Art Zemon taking photographs  
David & Sharon Kaiser

## THANKSLIVING:

*January*

Floryne Marks 90th birthday  
Ross Adams 42nd birthday

# Poetry Corner

## The Water In Your Well

*a poem for Parashat Chayei Sara by Rick Lupert*

*and she will say, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels'*

I didn't have much growing up  
but I have everything now and  
I'm glad to give the excess away

I didn't have much growing up –  
No vehicle, or lunch money  
No annual family vacation  
No reason to go on an airplane  
No family, really. If I dropped a dime  
on the cafeteria floor and it rolled away  
I felt that loss. I would show up to the well  
with no cup. I never had a cup.

But I have everything now –  
Two vehicles under the roof  
I know the seats inside airplanes  
like I know the back of my cat's paw  
Family in more states than I have the  
time to calculate. If I drop a dime  
I put it inside the Tzedakah box and  
there are plenty more dimes where  
that one came from. I show up to the well  
prepared. I've got a cup with my name on it.

I'm glad to give the excess away –  
I once donated an old car to the radio  
I'm happy to pay for your dinner  
Your concert tickets, your mail-order nuts  
If you let me in, I'll put your name on  
the family tree. Whenever they say  
can you help fund, I'm already mailing  
them dimes before they finish their sentence.  
I'm permanently perched at the well  
with a water bucket. You'll be sated before  
you even know you are thirsty.

Los Angeles poet [Rick Lupert](#) has been involved with poetry since 1990. He is a Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net nominee, and he created Poetry Super Highway, Haikuniverse, and hosted the Cobalt Cafe reading for almost 21 years which has lived on as a popular Zoom series since March of 2020.

His work is regularly featured in print and online at the [Los Angeles Jewish Journal](#). Contact Rick to ask about readings, workshops, commissions, having him share poems at your services or event, or just to say "hi" at [info@JewishPoetry.net](mailto:info@JewishPoetry.net).



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*The Congregation Extends Its Sincere Condolences  
To The Families Of:*

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Husband of Elaine Banashek  
Father of Michael (Cheryl) Banashek

## **CRAIG EPSTEIN**

Husband of Jo Ellen Epstein  
Brother of Ellen (Ernest) Abramson  
Brother of Gary (Karen) Epstein

## **VICKI FENSTER**

## **MARY ANN HUTKIN**

## **DONALD "DON" LOOMSTEIN**

Husband of Gwynn Loomstein

## **ELIZABETH H. MAYER**

Grandmother of Weston (Amy) Manley

## **BEVERLY POPKIN**

Sister of Audrey Rich

**Condolences are listed for members and their immediate relatives.  
In addition, only immediate relatives of the deceased who are  
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## **Notification of Illness, Surgery & Hospital Visits**

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# Perpetual Memorials

**2/1/26 – 2/7/26**

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Rosa Beck  
Daniel Berk  
Kay Bialock  
Zelda Bidnick  
Florence Block  
Gertrude Bothman  
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**2/8/26 – 2/14/26**

**READ ON 2/13**

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**2/15/26 – 2/21/26**

**READ ON 2/20**

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Shirley Askuvich  
Sylvian Backerman  
Jennie Baron  
Lois Bauer  
Elliott S. Bender  
Dr. Max John Bierman  
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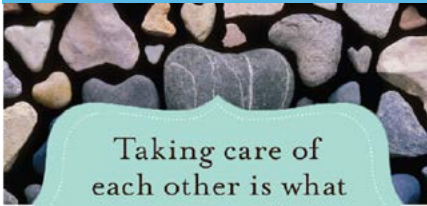
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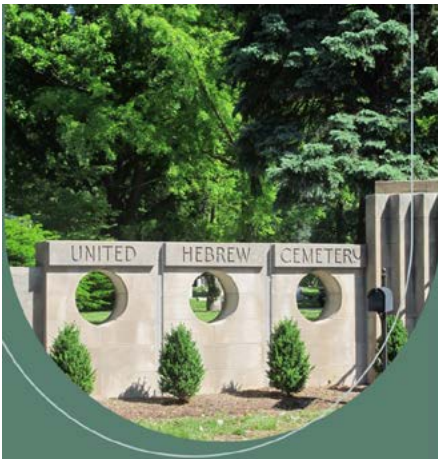
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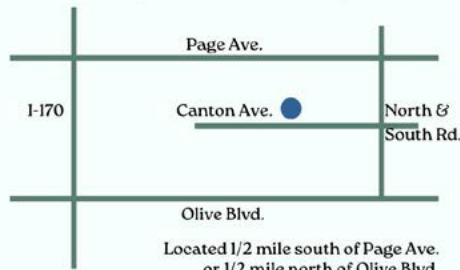
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