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United Hebrew Congregation

CARING FOR OUR TORAH

A lasting gift honoring
Michael and Stan Towerman

ELI ESHEL: SSECC SUPERSTAR

Celebrating a Pomegranate Prize recipient

SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH

Our fall celebrations in photos

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A new chapter in congregational music

CHANUKAH POP UP

2nd annual Wente's collab

FUN, FRIENDS, & FUNDRAISING

Two exciting events coming in 2027

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Better Together

A note from the communication desk

There's something special about being together. As fall turns to winter, we're looking forward to more opportunities to gather, celebrate, and enjoy one another's company. Chanukah is just around the corner, bringing the warmth of candlelight and the joy of shared traditions. We'll celebrate at UH and beyond with our second annual Chanukah Pop-Up at Wente's. Sometimes Jewish community looks like praying together, and sometimes it looks like dancing to the house band.

We also have some exciting events ahead that put the fun in fundraising! January brings Puzzles, Pizza, & Pints, followed by Chai on Laughter, our annual fundraiser featuring three stand-up comedians, in May. Both offer opportunities to make memories, build friendships, and support the congregation we love.

Looking through the photos and stories in this issue, I'm reminded of the many people who make UH what it is. From our High Holy Day celebrations to Sukkot and Simchat Torah, every gathering, act of generosity, and shared experience adds something to our story.

As we prepare to light the Chanukah candles, I hope you'll find time to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy all that UH has to offer. Whether you join us for worship, learning, laughter, or a night out, there's a place for you here.

After all, the best part of United Hebrew is the people who make it feel like home.

[Jen Newmark](#)

Communication Manager



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SHABBATS *Services And B'Nai Mitzvahs*

Please note the changing of evening Shabbat Service times as we shift into our fall and winter Shabbat schedule.

Torah Study Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Spielberg Chapel in person and on Zoom

Join our Online Services: [On our website](#)
[YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

NOVEMBER

6 FRIDAY

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

Dessert Oneg | 7:30 p.m.

7 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Margolis | 10 a.m.

13 FRIDAY

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

14 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Bender | 10 a.m.

20 FRIDAY

Tot Shabbat | 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh | 5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

21 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Nora Sprowls | 10 a.m.

27 FRIDAY

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

28 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Informal Shabbat Morning Service | 10 a.m.

DECEMBER

4 FRIDAY

Chanukah Nosh | 5:45 p.m.

Erev Chanukah Shabbat | 6:30 p.m.

5 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Family Shabbat Service | 10 a.m.

11 FRIDAY

Shabbat @ Home

Various times and locations

Kulanu Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

12 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Informal Shabbat Morning Service | 10 a.m.

18 FRIDAY

Tot Shabbat | 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh | 5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

19 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Informal Shabbat Morning Service | 10 a.m.

25 FRIDAY

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

26 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Informal Shabbat Morning Service | 10 a.m.



Kyle Bender



Nora Sprowls



Sam Margolis

SAVE THE DATE: Special Fun(d)raisers!

Bringing Our Community Together Through Fun and Fundraising

We're finding creative ways to bring our community together and support the congregation we love. Two fundraising events are on the horizon, offering laughter, good company, and memorable experiences that help sustain UH for generations to come.

These events are a team effort, with colleagues from all areas of UH bringing different talents and perspectives to

one shared goal: meaningful, enjoyable experiences that strengthen our community.

Fundraising doesn't have to mean a formal dinner or traditional appeal. Sometimes it's a night out with friends and a room full of laughter. Supporting UH should be meaningful and a lot of fun, too!

Watch our Sunday e-blasts, socials, calendar, and upcoming HaMakor for details!

Have Fun and Support UH at the Same Time!

Puzzles, Pizza, & Pints!

Saturday, January 23, 2027 | 6:30–10 p.m.

Grab five of your favorite people and join us for a Tu B'Shvat celebration that's part pizza party, part puzzle challenge, and part friendly competition!

Here's the challenge for each table of 6:

- 12 pints of beer per table (non-alcoholic drinks will also be available!)
- One large, 12-piece pizza
- One 300-piece puzzle
- First table to finish all three wins!

Will your team be puzzle pros, pizza champions, or the group still searching for that one missing piece while everyone else celebrates?

Come celebrate the holiday of the trees, support UH, and prove that your table has what it takes!

[Registration will open online soon!](#)

Chai on Laughter

Saturday, May 1, 2027 | 6:30–10 p.m.

Get ready for a night of big laughs and great company as United Hebrew welcomes **three outstanding stand-up comedians** for our annual fundraiser!

Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring Wali Collins, seen on The Late Show with David Letterman, HBO, and Comedy Central; Ophira Eisenberg, former host of NPR's Ask Me Another and host of Parenting Is A Joke; and Shaun Eli, an internationally touring comedian known for his clever observations and hilarious storytelling.

Mark your calendars for a night of laughter, community, and fun, all in support of United Hebrew! More information, including sponsorship levels and extended comedian bios, will be coming soon.

[Save the date for a great evening!](#)

MAZALS, TODAHS, & WELCOMES

Mazals

Mazal tov to Nancy & Eliot Planells on the marriage of their daughter Carmen to Ari Telesman and the engagement of their son Salvador to Hanna Pelletiere.

Mazal tov to Jennifer & Ken Pines on the engagement of their daughter Madison to Jess Rothberg.

Mazal tov to Eli Eshel on being a recipient of a 2026 Pomegranate Prize, which is designed to recognize emerging leaders in the field of education.

Mazal tov to Jonah Starenchak on being named a semifinalist for a National Merit Scholarship.

Mazal tov to Paige and Matthew Bernstein on the birth of their daughter Abigail.

Mazal tov to Gwynn (Don-z"l) on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Mason Robert Giesing. Parents are Heather & Adam Giesing.

Mazal tov to Jen Newmark, our Communication Manager, on her Maryville University Outstanding Alumni nomination.

Welcome!

Welcome to our New Members:

Eve & Micah Bensky, and daughter Jorry
Dr. Stephen Rosenberg
Elliott Shostak

Todahs

Thanks to our Shabbat sponsors!

Oneg Sponsors: October 2nd

Skobin & Stempel Families
in honor of Romi Skobin's Birthday

Herb & Eilene Schneiderman
in honor of their Anniversary,
Eilene's birthday
and in memory of all our loved ones

Arlene Goodman
in memory of Stan Towerman

Nosh: October 16th

Skobin & Stempel Families
in honor of
Maya Stempel's Birthday

Eileen & Mort House/Bettina
& Mel Weinberg
in honor of the wedding of
Mollie Weinberg & Antoine Schneider

Jodi Becker & Sam Sanders
in honor of Noah's 16th birthday

Thank you to our Volunteers:

Sheryl Bauer
Lexie Goldsmith
Dale Schwartz
Chris Tucker
Mike Ukman

Thank you to all our bakers:

Susan Keyes
Gail Kramer
Eileen Schneiderman
Linda Wallace

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Unique Treasures
**GIFT SHOP
SALE**
UP TO 50% OFF SELECT ITEMS



Nov. 11-13, 15

- 50% OFF Mudpie
- 50% OFF Stuffed Toys
- 25% OFF Mezuzahs
- 25% OFF Gary Rosenthal

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5787: RECAP

Thank You for Sharing the Season with Us!

We're filled with gratitude for this year's High Holy Days. It was wonderful to see familiar faces, welcome new ones, and gather for prayer, reflection, and connection. Thank you to everyone who joined us, in person or online, and to the volunteers, clergy, staff, and congregants whose time and generosity made this season meaningful.

The High Holy Days are a highlight of our year, but the warmth we share doesn't end when the holidays do! There are many ways to be part of UH year-round, from worship and learning to social gatherings, special events, and giving back. We hope you'll keep joining us, reconnect with friends, and make new ones. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Miss one of the HHD sermons? Want to replay them?
Check out our [YouTube playlist!](#) 🖱️



Thank you to our High Holy Day Volunteers:

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Stan Bunsick
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Mike Rosenblum
Lisa Rosenstock
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Clint & Deb Turley
Barry Wallis
Linda Waniewski
Barb Williams
Carmen Wolkowitz

Soloists

Laura Lebedun
Rob Levinson
Maya Levinson
Lailah Levinson
Nora Sprowls
Charlie Kramer
Barry, Corey, & Jady Wallis

Service Participants

Joe and Lisa Ackerman
Andy & Diana Babitz
Marcia Barasch
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Meredith Daniels
Reva Davis

THANK YOU TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL DONORS



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following people who contributed to this year's High Holy Day Appeal. Your generosity sustains the programs, traditions, and connections that make UH our Jewish home while ensuring a strong, vibrant congregation for our children, grandchildren, and generations yet to come.

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Henry & Jamie Levison
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Fran Levy
Marty & Carol Loeb

L'DOR V'DOR: FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

For 189 years, generations of members have helped make United Hebrew a place where we gather, care for one another, and truly belong. As Board of Trustees President David Kaiser reminded us on Rosh Hashanah, *“It takes all of us to give life to this congregation.”*

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Mickey Wasserman

Mark & Suzy Weber

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Sara Weiss

Rich & Cathy Wieder

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Eli Eshel: SSECC

The Pomegranate Prize is designed to recognize emerging leaders in the field of Jewish education by encouraging them in their pursuits and offering the resources and connections necessary to accelerate their development, deepen their self-awareness, and amplify their impact on the field.

Ten years ago, Eli Eshel moved with her family from Israel to St. Louis. They arrived knowing only a handful of people, and before long, United Hebrew and the Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center became home.

Eli began her journey at SSECC in the classroom, building relationships with children and families and creating spaces filled with curiosity, creativity, connection, and joy.

Then COVID hit, and like educators everywhere, Eli was suddenly asked to teach in an entirely new way. But Eli didn't simply move her classroom onto a screen: she reimagined it. Through innovative thinking, creativity, and lots and lots of connection, she found ways for young children and families to continue learning, wondering, creating, and feeling like they belonged together, even when they couldn't physically be together.

When we returned to school, that spirit of innovation didn't stop. Year after year, Eli continued to transform her classroom. She explored how the environment itself could become a teacher. She leaned deeply into children's interests, sensory exploration, storytelling, creative expression, and inquiry. She asked questions, took risks, reflected, changed things, tried again and invited those around her to do the same.

At the same time, Eli continued to invest in her own learning. She earned her BA in Early Childhood Education

from American Jewish University and is now pursuing her MA in Leadership in Early Childhood Education at Bank Street College of Education.

And somewhere along the way, the teacher who was transforming her own classroom began helping transform the classrooms of others.

“Over the millennia, those in each generation who have been invited into learning communities have given us new insights into our collective cultural and wisdom tradition...We are grateful to those who understood the importance of bringing new voices into the Jewish story...Their stories offer hope and optimism, which we all need now.”

*Joni Blinderman, Executive Director
of The Covenant Foundation*

Today, Eli serves as Pedagogical Leader at SSECC, partnering with our educators to think more deeply about children, environments, Jewish learning, documentation, and the why behind what we do. Beyond our walls, she serves as Director of Learning Experiences with The Paradigm Project, designing and facilitating professional learning and helping elevate the voices and work of Jewish early childhood educators across the field.

But what makes this recognition especially meaningful to us is that through all of that growth, Eli has remained

Superstar

Eli—the educator who notices the small things. Who sees possibility in materials others might overlook. Who listens carefully to children's ideas. Who asks one more question. Who believes that early childhood educators deserve to be seen as thinkers, researchers, leaders, and professionals.



Ten years ago, Eli and her family came to St. Louis looking for community. In the years since, she hasn't just found one; she has helped build one.

We could not be prouder to share that Eli Eshel has been selected as a recipient of The Covenant Foundation's Pomegranate Prize, an honor recognizing emerging Jewish educators who are making an impact in the field and demonstrating the potential to shape its future.

We have been lucky enough to watch that journey unfold right here at the Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center.

Eli, we are so incredibly proud of you. Thank you for pushing us to wonder more, look closer, think differently, and continue planting—and nurturing—the seeds of excellence in Jewish early childhood education. Mazal tov! What an extraordinary and well-deserved honor! 🌸

To learn more about the Covenant Foundation and the Pomegranate Prize, [read the article on their website here.](#)

About Eli

Eliana Eshel is a visionary educator, passionate about early childhood education, Jewish learning, and creative expression. She serves as pedagogical leader at the Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center of United Hebrew Congregation, where she partners with teachers and children to cultivate meaningful, inquiry-based Jewish learning experiences.

Eliana also serves as director of learning experiences with The Paradigm Project, where she designs and facilitates professional learning for Jewish early childhood educators while supporting collaborative inquiry and educational leadership. She co-leads the Stories from the Field initiative, which elevates educators' voices through reflection and storytelling. Drawing on her background in theatrical design, Eliana reimagines learning environments through storytelling and creative languages, creating spaces that invite wonder, relationship, and meaning-making.

Her work is guided by a commitment to shaping the future of Jewish education through reflective practice, relationships, curiosity, connection, and belonging. Based in St. Louis, Missouri, Eliana earned her BA in early childhood education from American Jewish University and certification in theatrical design from Kibbutzim College in Tel Aviv. She is currently pursuing an MA in leadership in early childhood education at Bank Street College of Education. 🌸

SUKKOT WEEKEND

We shook our lulavs, danced with the mascots, and celebrated Rabbi Rosenberg! From gathering in the sukkah to sharing laughter, traditions, and time together, this year's Sukkot was filled with joy, connection, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this year's Sukkot an extraordinary week of celebration at United Hebrew!



SIMCHAT TORAH 2026

"Turn it and turn it again, for all is contained in it." On Simchat Torah, we celebrated the joy of Torah, the beauty of our traditions, and the connections that bring us together as a community. As we completed one cycle of Torah reading and began anew, we were reminded that each year brings fresh perspectives, new discoveries, and opportunities to learn and grow.



Caring for Our Torah and Honoring Those Who Loved It

A Lasting Gift in Memory of Michael and Stan Towerman



Above: details from our Czech torah before restoration.
At right: the Towerman family with sofer and scrolls

Every time we take a Torah from the ark, we encounter words that have shaped Jewish life for generations. We read them, wrestle with them, teach them to our children, and return to them year after year. These live in our hearts and our minds, but the scroll itself, the physical parchment, ink, stitching, and wooden rollers, needs our attention too.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Towerman family, United Hebrew has recently completed important repairs to two of our Torah scrolls, ensuring that they can continue to be part of our congregation's worship and learning. Made possible by a generous gift in memory of Michael Towerman, this work honors both Michael and his father, Stan Towerman, two men who loved Torah and Judaism and who would have seen such beauty in helping preserve these scrolls for future generations. We are also grateful to all who have supported the Towerman Family Scholarship Fund for Youth Education in Michael's and Stan's memory.

The process began last spring, when a scribe from Sofer On Site visited United Hebrew to evaluate our scrolls. Their assessment revealed that, of the six Torah scrolls currently housed in our arks, only one was kosher, meaning fit for reading and use in services.

While we often associate the word “kosher” with food, it also describes a Torah scroll in good condition. Over time, ink naturally cracks and flakes, letters become damaged and fade, and seams weaken. These changes accumulate through both use and disuse, and, as a Torah scroll's condition deteriorates, it becomes harder to read and eventually is no longer kosher. This, then, requires the attention of a trained sofer, or Torah scribe. Left unrepaired, without regular and proper maintenance, a Torah scroll will continue to degrade until it must be buried.

Why does this matter? Because, beyond the material value, Torah is central to our Jewish lives. We bring our questions, our interpretations, and our experiences to its words, and we honor our tradition through the care we give to the physical scrolls from which we read. Maintaining kosher scrolls connects our congregation's worship to generations of Jewish communities, while ensuring that these sacred objects receive the attention they deserve.

With the Towerman family's support, we restored two additional scrolls to kosher status, bringing our total to three. These newly repaired scrolls range from 120 to more than 200 years old. Together with our Torah written in 2007,

they hold a remarkable span of Jewish life, connecting generations who read these same words long before us with those who are only beginning to discover them.



Our Holocaust Torah has been part of United Hebrew since the late 1970s. When we received it, the scroll was not kosher. It took its place in our ark as a survivor and a witness to the Jewish communities of Czechoslovakia and to generations who perished in the Holocaust. In our congregation, it has also witnessed the joyous Jewish life that has continued and grown since then.

Though it was not fully kosher, we occasionally read from this scroll. Its large lettering made it particularly helpful for a few of our B'nai Mitzvah students, and some families felt a special connection to it through their own roots in Czechoslovakia. These moments became part of the scroll's continuing story, as another generation found its place in the words of Torah.

With permission from the Memorial Scrolls Trust, we undertook the sacred task of restoring this special scroll. Now it is ready to take a fuller place in our congregation's worship, carrying both the memory of the communities it once served and the voices of those who read from it today.

The other restored scroll also received extensive care, including significant cleaning, repairs to external damage, and the careful restoration of broken and faded letters. Its old wooden rollers were replaced as well and

damaged parchment trimmed. Caring for these scrolls, which have been hugged, held, kissed, danced with and read from by generations of Jews, is a responsibility and a privilege, made possible by the Towerman family's generosity and especially meaningful as we remember Michael and Stan and their love of Torah.

This work also begins a new commitment to ongoing maintenance. Sofer On Site will provide annual visits to examine our scrolls and address their needs. Proper handling, rolling, and storage between those visits will help protect the parchment, lettering, and seams.

During a special congregational program, several members learned how to help care for our Torah scrolls. We hope to grow this group, and, if you are interested in participating, we can teach you. Future programs will offer additional opportunities to learn about our scrolls and share in their care.

We will rededicate these scrolls and thank the Towerman family at our Chanukah Shabbat celebration, Friday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. Just as the Maccabees rededicated the Temple, we will celebrate the renewal of something sacred and reaffirm our commitment to its place in our Jewish lives. It will be an opportunity to honor the history these scrolls carry, the generosity that made their restoration possible, and the future we will help shape together.

We are deeply grateful to the Towerman family for this lasting gift. In honoring Michael and Stan, their generosity has made it possible for us to open these scrolls, lift our voices in blessing, and continue to learn from them, generation after generation. 

To contribute to this cause and honor Michael and Stan Towerman, [donate here](#) and indicate "Torah care" in the notes or select, under Type, "Towerman Family Scholarship Fund."

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sukkah Sibling Derek Rusu

For the past three years, Derek Rusu has helped build the sukkah at United Hebrew, turning a volunteer project into an annual tradition with his brothers-in-law, Rob Levinson and Clint Turley. The project gives the three a chance to work together while helping UH prepare for Sukkot.

Derek and his wife, Sarah, moved to St. Louis from Dallas in 2020 after the birth of their first daughter. Sarah is originally from St. Louis, and the move allowed the couple to be closer to family. They now have three daughters, ages 6, 4, and 1. Their oldest is in first grade and attends religious school at United Hebrew, while the two younger girls attend the Saul Spielberg Preschool at UH.

Prior to Derek moving back to St. Louis and joining United Hebrew, Rob and Clint volunteered to build the Sukkah. When Derek became a UH member, they invited him to join them, and the three have been working together to build the Sukkah ever since. Equipped with ladders and a few mallets, they can now assemble the entire structure in about 1½ to 2 hours. "It was fun trying to figure it out at first," Derek said. "Every time we would do it, we'd kind of mix up the pattern, but eventually we'd fix it up so it would be set up properly. Now we have a system where we lay out everything perfectly, and we just get it put together quickly."

The family joined United Hebrew at Rob's recommendation and has enjoyed becoming involved in our community. Derek and Sarah especially appreciate that their daughters can participate in activities alongside their cousins. Those family connections have helped United Hebrew become a familiar and welcoming part of their lives in St. Louis.



Derek & Sarah Rusu with their children

Derek works as a software engineer at Centene and enjoys video games and woodworking. As a family, the five of them like visiting parks, hiking, and staying active. He is grateful to be back in St. Louis, where extended family gatherings are a regular part of life. Building the sukkah is one of the activities he looks forward to each year. ♡

The Spotlight is brought to you by the Lew and Cheryl Levey Volunteer Recognition Committee. If you have a suggestion for a volunteer to spotlight, please contact [Mindy Woolf](#).

Stay tuned for news on the 2027 Volunteer Appreciation Event!



Sukkah Siblings in action!

MUSIC NOTES WITH GRETA



It was wonderful to meet and reunite with many of you in my new role as Cantorial Soloist throughout the High Holy Day season. As we begin to find our new rhythm and settle into 5787, I am excited to share a bit of my vision for musical life at United Hebrew as Director of Congregational Music. Read on to learn more

about my musical philosophy and the new programs we are creating for our community.

For much of my career, my two biggest passions have lived in separate silos – Jewish music in one and choral music in the other (if you'd like to know more about the winding path that led me here – ask me anytime!). I have extensive training and experience in both 1) Jewish education, music, songleading, and ritual; and 2) secular music education and choral conducting.

I spent the last year living in Dublin, Ireland, pursuing a Master of Music in Choral Conducting. In this course, not only did I hone my conducting skills and ensemble technique, but I also organized and conducted two recitals of Jewish choral repertoire. Additionally, my dissertation, titled “Hava Nashira: Let Us Sing – Choral Tradition and Congregational Song in Jewish Ritual Practice,” explores the rich historical tradition of choral music in Jewish life, the evolution to contemporary congregational song, and suggestions for integrating the two styles in modern American Reform Synagogues. I am inspired to execute many of these findings and ideas at United Hebrew.

Together with the clergy and staff, we are already hard at work in developing innovative musical programming. We are revitalizing choral offerings for all ages, from our K–12 Youth Choirs, through our Adult Choir, with opportunities to rehearse and elevate our services and events throughout the calendar year. All are invited to engage more deeply with the community, connect to our shared musical heritage, and add their voices to our congregational music by joining one of the choirs at any time.

Beyond choral offerings, we are intentionally planning rituals to promote meaning and engagement. We prioritize congregational song and active participation in weekly Shabbat services. In addition, be sure to join us for occasional variations on a “typical” Friday night – such as musical Kabbalat Shabbat services, and Kulanu Shabbat. Both alternative Friday night services place music-making at the core of the Shabbat experience, rooting in our liturgical and folk music traditions, and encouraging every voice to contribute (don't miss the next Kabbalat Shabbat on November 20, and the next Kulanu Shabbat on December 11).

Early in my undergraduate choral methods course, I was given the assignment to write my educational philosophy. Mine has changed remarkably little since that time. At its core is connection. I believe making music with others allows us to deepen our connection to ourselves, our communities, those who came before us, those who will follow, and ultimately, the Divine. Tikkun olam calls us to “repair the world” by reuniting the Divine sparks that live within each person. One way we do this is by connecting our voices, and our lights, through collaborative music. I look forward to co-creating meaningful rituals and programs which increase our understanding of ourselves, our Jewish identities and traditions, and communities through song. ✨

Greta Rosenstock Kramer is UH's Director of Congregational Music and Cantorial Soloist.

Kulanu (meaning “all of us”) is an intimate and musical alternative Shabbat service, accompanied by an all-string folk band. There will be drinks, dessert, and time to connect after the service. Watch our Sunday e-blasts and social media for Kulanu related announcements!

Upcoming Kulanu Dates:

Friday, December 11, 2026

Friday, February 12, 2027

Friday, March 12, 2027

Friday, April 30, 2027

CONNECTING

Creative Connections

Find your people at UH. Creative Connections are small interest groups built around shared interests, activities and conversation. Have an idea for a new group? [Email Mindy Woolf](#) with your suggestions. Watch our Sunday eblasts for current programming.

United Women Connect (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
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UH Women Connect at the French Creperie event this fall.



Our Regular Programming

Check our online calendar for the most current dates.

Mahj Mondays

First and Third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Kaplansky Center.

Do you “Mahj?” Can you crack, bam, and dot? Find more info on dates and other Mahj [details here](#). Registration required.

New to Mahjong? No problem! Join us for a mini crash course from 6–6:20 p.m. on November 2 to learn the basics before play begins. [Email Mindy](#) to get set for these mini sessions.

A Stitch and a Prayer

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. For more information, contact [the office](#) at (314) 469-0700.

Stroll & Schmooze!

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9 a.m.

Cooler temps mean it's the perfect time to get outside and get moving! Come join us for a casual walk, some good conversation, and a chance to meet up with friends and make new ones. No pressure, no fancy workout—just a nice stroll and a little schmoozing! Email [Mindy](#) with questions.

Whiskey & Wisdom with Rabbi Reinhart

One Wednesday a month in the Kaplansky Center. Check the calendar for details and to register.

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!

Amateurs of the Great Assembly (AGA)

Thursdays at 11 a.m. 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](#).

The Susan Kaplansky Book Club

First Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Spielberg Chapel

Please note that the November book club meeting will be on November 12.

Join us for just one session if you like a particular book or come to all the sessions. Email [Angie Klenke](#) to register. View all the books for 2026–2027 [on our website](#).

COMING UP!

Learn how to make M'gulgalot Rolled cookies with Ophir.

Monday, November 9 | 6 p.m.

or

Wednesday, November 11 | 11:30 a.m.

M'gulgalot are delicious rolled cookies! They're a popular Israeli-style cookie, often made with a soft dough rolled around a sweet filling such as chocolate, dates, or cinnamon. Ophir, our Israeli shinshin, will teach us how to make them and tell us all about the cookie. We have two dates to bake with Ophir: Monday, November 9 or Wednesday, November 11.



Registration is limited and closes by Thursday, Nov. 5th.

Cost: \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members

[Register for Monday night here](#)

[Register for Wednesday afternoon here.](#)

Lights & Legacy Reception

Wednesday, December 2 | 7 p.m.

Scroll of Honor and Legacy Circle members are invited to join us for a special Lights and Legacy event on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Kaplansky Center. [RSVP to this event online.](#) Questions? Email [Galit Lev-Harir](#), Development Manager, at 314-469-0700, ext. 120

Purim Spiel Info Meeting!

Sunday, Nov. 15 | 1 p.m.

Find out the theme, roles, music, and rehearsal schedule for this year's Youth Purim Spiel! Reach out to [Greta](#) for info!

STLRCA Donation Drive

For the past eight years, the Jewish community has come together to gather winter coats and other items to donate to those in need. This year we are adding specific toiletries as we are supporting the International Institute. From **November 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027**, you can participate in the 9th annual collection project of the St. Louis Rabbinical and Cantorial Association (STLRCA). Desired donations include winter coats, socks, hats and gloves, for men, women and children of all ages. The most needed items are adult diapers, shampoo, baby wipes, deodorant and laundry detergent.

To participate, look for the donation bin at UH.

To volunteer to transport donations from our supportive organizations to the International Institute, please email Elise Krug at stlrca18@gmail.com.



2nd Annual Chanukah Pop-Up bar at Wente's

Tuesday, December 8 | 6-10 p.m.

Back by popular demand! We're thrilled to partner with Wente's again for our Second Annual Chanukah Pop-Up on Tuesday, December 8, from 6-10 p.m.!

Enjoy signature Chanukah cocktails, delicious bites, and more blue-and-silver décor than a Judaica store after inventory day! Dress in your Chanukah Best, with ugly Chanukah sweaters highly encouraged. The more festive, the better!

We'll have live music by Dangerous Mushrooms from 7-10 p.m., good vibes, great company, and a communal menorah lighting to celebrate the fifth night of Chanukah.

Let's make this a night worthy of eight! Stay tuned for more details. [Chanukah Pop-Up bar](#)



2027 Mah Jongg Cards

Proceeds from this bulk order benefit Community Service Programs sponsored by UH.
Please place your orders by February 1, 2027. All orders will be mailed to you by the
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**Contact the main office at 314-469-0700 or
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Endowments can be established outright during your lifetime or created through a planned gift in your estate plans. You may also choose to designate your endowment as a memorial or tribute to a loved one, ensuring their memory and values are carried forward through the life of our congregation. Contact [Galit](#) for more information on creating an endowment fund.

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Due to HIPAA laws, United Hebrew cannot gain access to patient information from local hospitals. We rely 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 shared with the clergy.

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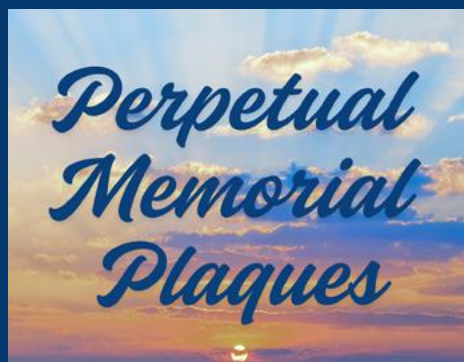
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Fay Urbach
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11/8/26 – 11/14/26

READ ON 11/13

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Hattie Fuhrer Block
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Louis Goldman
Lottie Golub
Regina Guenzburger
Herman Hirshberg
Dora Holtzman
Heim Alvin Jacobs
J. Melvin Jacques
Nettie Kahn
Benjamin Kauffman
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Marilyn Quicksilver Kopf
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Frieda Kraus
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Samuel Unterberger
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Harry Wald
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12/13/26 – 12/19/26

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12/20/26 – 12/26/26

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NOVEMBER 2026

1 SUNDAY

Religious School K-7 | 9 a.m.
K-2 Youth Choir | 11:30 a.m.
Grades 6-7 Youth Choir | 12 p.m.
Grades 3-5 Youth Choir | 12:30 p.m.

2 MONDAY

Mahj Mondays | 6:30 p.m.

3 TUESDAY

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

4 WEDNESDAY

Stroll & Schmooze | 9 a.m.

5 THURSDAY

AGA | 11 a.m.

6 FRIDAY

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.
Dessert Oneg | 7:30 p.m.

7 SATURDAY

Torah Study 9 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service and Bar
Mitzvah of Samuel Margolis | 10 a.m.

8 SUNDAY

Religious School K-7 | 9 a.m.
3rd Grade Family Day | 9:15 a.m.
Grades K-2 Youth Choir | 11:30 a.m.
Grades 6-7 Lounge Day | 11:30 a.m.
Religious School 8-10 | 11:30 a.m.
Grades 6-7 Youth Choir | 12 p.m.
Grades 3-5 Youth Choir | 12:30 p.m.
Beren Scholars | 12:30 p.m.

9 MONDAY

Make M'Gulgalot with Ophir | 6 p.m.

10 TUESDAY

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY

Make M'Gulgalot with Ophir | 11:30 a.m.
Whiskey & Wisdom | 7:30 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

AGA | 11 a.m.
Susan Kaplansky Book Club | 1:30 p.m.

13 FRIDAY

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

14 SATURDAY

Torah Study 9 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service and Bar
Mitzvah of Kyle Bender | 10 a.m.

15 SUNDAY

Religious School K-7 | 9 a.m.
7th Grade Family Day | 9:15 a.m.
K-2 Youth Choir | 11:30 a.m.
Religious School 8-10 | 11:30 a.m.
Grades 6-7 Youth Choir | 12 p.m.
Grades 3-5 Youth Choir | 12:30 p.m.
Purim Spiel Info Meeting | 1 p.m.

16 MONDAY

Senior Lunch Program | 12 p.m.
Mahj Mondays | 6:30 p.m.

17 TUESDAY

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

18 WEDNESDAY

Stroll & Schmooze | 9 a.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting | 6:30 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

AGA | 11 a.m.

20 FRIDAY

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

21 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service and Bat
Mitzvah of Nora Sprowls | 10 a.m.
Shabbat in Action | 11 a.m.

22 SUNDAY

Religious School K-7 | 9 a.m.
Grades K-5 Lounge Day | 11:30 a.m.
Religious School 8-10 | 11:30 a.m.
Beren Scholars | 12:30 p.m.

24 TUESDAY

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

26 THURSDAY THANKSGIVING

The building is closed

27 FRIDAY

The building is closed
Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

28 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service | 10 a.m.

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DECEMBER 2026

1 TUESDAY

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

2 WEDNESDAY

Lights and Legacy Event | 7 p.m.

3 THURSDAY

AGA | 11 a.m.

Susan Kaplansky Book Club | 1:30 p.m.

4 FRIDAY EREV CHANUKAH

Chanukah Nosh | 5:45 p.m.

Erev Chanukah & Shabbat

Service with the Youth Choir | 6:30 p.m.

5 SATURDAY CHANUKAH

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

UH Family Shabbat Service | 10 a.m.

6 SUNDAY CHANUKAH

Religious School K-7 | 9 a.m.

K-2 Youth Choir | 11:30 a.m.

Religious School 8-10 | 11:30 a.m.

Grades 6-7 Youth Choir | 12 p.m.

Grades 3-5 Youth Choir | 12:30 p.m.

Beren Scholars | 12:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting | 3 p.m.

7 MONDAY CHANUKAH

Mahj Mondays | 6:30 p.m.

8 TUESDAY CHANUKAH

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

Chanukah Pop Up Bar

@ Wente's | 6 p.m.

9 WEDNESDAY CHANUKAH

Whiskey & Wisdom | 7:30 p.m.

10 THURSDAY CHANUKAH

AGA | 11 a.m.

11 FRIDAY CHANUKAH

Shabbat @ Home Various Times
and Locations

Kulanu Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

12 SATURDAY CHANUKAH

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service | 10 a.m.

13 SUNDAY

Religious School K-7 | 9 a.m.

K-5 Lounge Day | 11:30 a.m.

Religious School 8-10 | 11:30 a.m.

Grades 6-7 Youth Choir | 12 p.m.

14 MONDAY

Senior Lunch Program | 12 p.m.

15 TUESDAY

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

17 THURSDAY

AGA | 11 a.m.

18 FRIDAY

Tot Shabbat | 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh | 5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

19 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Shabbat Service | 10 a.m.

20 SUNDAY

Religious School Grades K-7 | 9 a.m.

K-2 Youth Choir | 11:30 a.m.

Religious School 8-10 | 11:30 a.m.

Grades 6-7 Youth Choir | 12 p.m.

Grades 3-5 Youth Choir | 12:30 p.m.

21 MONDAY

Mahj Mondays | 6:30 p.m.

22 TUESDAY

Stitch & a Prayer | 1 p.m.

24 THURSDAY

AGA | 11 a.m.

25 FRIDAY BUILDING CLOSED

Shabbat Service | 6:30 p.m.

26 SATURDAY

Torah Study | 9 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service | 10 a.m.

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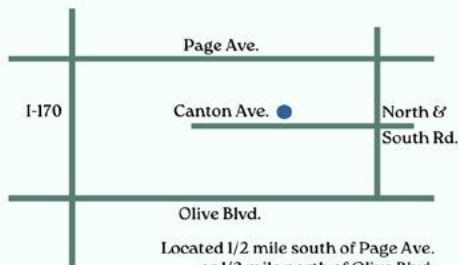
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