



# The Shofar

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## Congregation House of Israel June 2011/Iyyar, 5771



Of special interest to the CHI congregation:

**Sunday, 12 June**

**6:30pm Pre-Concert Talk** - Hot Springs Fieldhouse – included with concert ticket

**7:30pm Festival Symphony Orchestra & Chorus** – Hot Springs Fieldhouse – \$15  
Mendelssohn: *Elijah*, Opus 70

### June 2011 Services

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday schedules are as follows:

4:15 Torah Study

5:15 Oneg

6:00 Service

Friday June 3            Shabbat Naso  
Lay-led service

Friday June 10        Shabbat Be-Ha-alotekha, Family Service  
For Shabbat and Shavuot

Saturday June 11    Saturday Morning service  
9:15 Torah study, Service 10:30 am, followed by  
Kiddush luncheon at noon

Friday June 17        Shabbat Shelakh Lekha  
Døvar Torah and Torah reading

Friday June 24        Shabbat Korah  
Rabbi's topic: How to Wield Powerö

### Bimah Honors

This month's honors are as follows:

June 3 - Anita and Dennis Williams

June 10 - Ruth Sedler and Saralee Stark

June 17 - Yossi Baron and Ira Kleinman

June 24 - Betty Forshberg and Barbara Morgan

## Meeting and Class Schedule

**Temple Board Meeting** Monday, June 6, 2011 5:30 pm

### Afternoon Tutorials:

Monday and Wednesday after noon June 13, 15, 20, 22

### Activities schedule:

Sundays:

Choir : 1 ó 2:30 pm

AE Liturgical Hebrew: 2:00 -4:00pm

(No AE class or choir on 6/5, or 6/26)

Wednesdays, June 15,22

6-7:30 pm AE Modern Hebrew

(No AE class on June 1, 8, or 29)

Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23 (no session 6/2,30)

4:30 Israeli Dancing

Saturday . Monday May 21- June 6 . Rabbi and Carole on vacation.

Office closed on June 8 for Shavuot

Saturday June 26 . Tuesday June 28 . Rabbi and Carole at ISJL Education conference in Jackson, Mississippi

Tuesday June 28 . Tuesday July 5 . Rabbi and Carole at Jacobç Camp in Utica, Mississippi

Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> Lay-led service

*Be sure to consult our calendar at <http://www.conghouseofisrael.org> for updates!*



### ***RABBI'S MESSAGE***

õA õTanõakh Quiltõ

One of the customs of Shavuot (the holiday that celebrates the giving of the Torah) is called

õTikkun Leil Shavuotõ. This, traditionally, is an all night study session in which one reads sections of every book of the Hebrew Bible (the Tanakh) as well as sections from each tractate of the Talmud.

About a decade ago the URJ published a whole plethora of Tikkun Leil Shavuot materials.

In this spirit, the religious school will be working on a Tanakh Quilt. õTanakhõ is the acronym for the Hebrew Bible (also called the Old Testament by the Christians). The word Tanakh is made up of three letters standing for the 3 parts of the Hebrew Bible. The *tav* is for the -Torahõ

The *Pentateuch* or the Five books of Moses. The *nun* represents the second section, the Neviõim - the

Prophets and the *Kaf* (khaf) is for the Ketuvim ó the Sacred Writings.

Our Tanakh quilt will have approximately 27 foam panels for each of the major books of the Bible. Each will contain the name of the book in Hebrew and English and a picture illustrating a major narrative or theme from that book. The students can either draw their own illustrations or choose from hundreds of pictures Iõve Xeroxed from many Biblical text books. Theyõll be working on this project May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the last session of Sunday school. On Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>, when we will be celebrating Shavuot, they can add a few last minute touches during the oneg that Friday. Then at the Family Services each will come forward and explain the content of the book(s) he/she illustrated.



## **The Holocaust Memorial, May 1, 2011**

Despite inches of rain, some hail, and dreary grey skies, on Sunday afternoon May 1st in the elegant, peaceful environment of the Anthony Chapel in Garvan Gardens, children and adults of different faiths, colors, and beliefs, gathered together for the first interfaith service recognizing that each of us can contribute to peace in our own time and combat prejudices and hate in our own way.

Rabbi Jerry Fox, Congregation House of Israel, Reverend Leon Massey, Roanoke Baptist Church, Reverend Emeritus David Wilson, First United Methodist Church, Reverend C. B. Baker, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and Reverend John McCallum, First Baptist Church all addressed the gathering denouncing the evils of genocide, hate and prejudice.

Reflective music was provided by Laura Rosenberg and Mara Magdalene. Carla Mouton, Moderator of the Event, Mrs. Mary Watermann, Miss Kathryn Garner, Ms. Deborah Wright, and Minister Cheryl Batts, President and Founder of PHOEBE (öPeople Helping Others Excel by Exampleö) each participated in contributing soul-searching prayers and readings.

The Holocaust Remembrance Educational



Laura Rosenberg and Mara Magdalene

Project and Congregation House of Israel, the sponsors of this event, express our deepest thanks to all of these individuals who contributed so much to making this first ecumenical coming together to commemorate Hope and Peace on the International Day of Remembrance of the 12 million victims of the Holocaust such a special occasion. We also thank the Sentinel-Record for contributing to the success of the event.

Serving with John Wells, Director of Garland County Library, and Joanne Reagler, who co-chair this committee, were Carla Mouton, Sue Koppel, Mary Watermann, Laura Rosenberg, Patti Fleischner, and Carol Kleinman. Betty Kleinman acts as treasurer of the funds of the Holocaust Committee. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project can do so by mailing a donation to Joanne Reagler or Betty Kleinman, 300 Quapaw, Hot Springs, AR 71901.

During the fall, 2011, the committee plans to arrange Holocaust Survivor visits to our local schools and other educational groups in the area.

Joanne Reagler, Co-Chairperson,

Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project,  
Congregation House of Israel Sisterhood



Rabbi Fox and Anna Antonini

Below: Carla Mouton and John Wells



Right: A famous music box made in a Polish camp during WWII



Sisterhood News

Welcome to the Sisterhood column. I am Ruth Sedler, the newly installed president of Sisterhood. My husband, Ross, and I moved to Hot Springs fulltime about a year ago. Our newly installed secretary, Kathy Kline, is an Arkansas girl who has recently come home to Arkansas, settling in Hot Springs Village.

Along with returning officers Jo Carroll Lewald, Vice President, Betty Kleinman, Treasurer, and Carol Kleinman, immediate past President we are hoping for a bright new year of Sisterhood.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat was a wonderful start to my presidency. There were so many wonderful women who read in both Hebrew and English that I am afraid to try to list them as I might forget someone. Patti Fleischner did a fantastic job in not only choosing the service, but in passing out parts and involving everyone who came for the service. A lovely Oneg was provided through the efforts of many of those attending. Thanks ladies I felt honored to be part of such a lovely event. A special thanks to Rabbi Fox for participating and being there to help us over any rough spots.

Our theme for the year is “A Sisterhood for Everyone: Come together to learn about new friends and to discover new facets of old friends.” Jo Carroll has come up with the wonderful idea of

a series of programs presented by our members themselves that will help us to get to know each other and the skills and talents that are unique to each of us. She has also offered to chair, with her husband Alfred , a book club for both men and women with the theme of Jewish Literature. With everyone’s help it should be an interesting, revealing, educational and most of all a fun year.

**Our first meeting of the year will take place on Monday August 29, 11 am** at Congregation House of Israel. Please plan to attend. Catch up with friends you have missed over a busy summer and help plan the preparations for High Holy Days and the coming year.

Watch your mail this summer. We will be mailing an early invitation to join Sisterhood. This year we are asking that you mail in your dues before the first meeting. We are hoping to have an enthusiastic response and are offering a free lunch at the first meeting for those who have mailed in their dues by August 15.

Thanks to everyone in advance for coming together and participating in your sisterhood.

Ruth Sedler

### Rabbinical Search Committee

The Rabbinical Search Committee is composed of the following members: David D. Reagler, Hal Koppel, Sharon Waxler, Sherrill Nicolosi, Jerry Rephan, Mark Fleischner and Ross Sedler. The Committee has already met on 3 occasions and anticipates having submitted a completed application to the Rabbinical Placement Commission by the time this Shofar is distributed. The qualities that the Committee has listed on that application as being most important to the Congregation include: approachability, enthusiasm, interest in education at all levels, accepting of diversity, warmth, interest in interfaith and social action involvement, and ability to connect with and comfort members throughout the spectra of age, social position, and tradition preference.

The Search Committee is eager to receive comments and suggestions from the Congregation. A specific E-mail address has been created to receive your input on this matter: [chisearchrs@gmail.com](mailto:chisearchrs@gmail.com). If E-mail is not available to you, please contact by mail at: Search Committee, 152 Blue Heron Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

We will endeavor to keep the Congregation updated on our progress.

### **There's an App for That!**

The Jewish Publishing company Behrman House has been moving into the digital age quite a lot lately and their newest product is *iTorah Blessings* - good for honorees called to the bimah during the High Holidays, or for anyone who wants to learn, or simply brush up on, the blessings before and after the reading of the Torah. *iTorah Blessings* also includes the *Shehecheyanu* and the blessing of a parent for a child. You can play each word as you touch it, listen to yourself practice, or watch a video with all the details of how to have an aliyah or how to decorate the Torah. *iTorah Blessings* is available with other Behrman House apps (like *iShabbat*, *iMah Nishtana*, *iHanukkah*, *iComfort* (for mourning), and *Jewish & Me* - a matching game for preschoolers) on iTunes.

### **Religious School News** from Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin

<http://sites.google.com/site/chireligiousschool/>

May was a busy month, with the Yom HaAtzmaut Mangal and the Lag B'Omer Bonfire at which Shlichah Shelly taught us quite a bit about Israel, not to mention graduation!

While we won't have regular Sunday classes over the summer, we will work on finishing our Shavuot Tanakh Quilt at the one on June 3rd so that we can tell you all about it at the Shavuot service on the 10th.

Also, quite a few of us will be attending Jewish summer camp this year, in order to learn more about living Judaism, meet other Jewish children, get some exercise, and have a lot of fun in a Jewish context. If this is a cause you'd like to support, our CHI Sisterhood has the Berkun Fund, which provides non-need-based grants to children attending Henry S. Jacobs Camp, and the Jewish Children's Regional Service provides need-based scholarships for students to attend any approved Jewish summer camp. Both are worthy avenues for tzedakah.

### **THANK YOU to our generous donors:**

**Steve and Clarissa Kirsch**, in honor of Jerry Tanenbaum's Sherut L'Am Award;

**Cynthia Rephan**, in honor of Jerry Tanenbaum's Sherut L'Am Award and for the recovery of Bob Gartenberg;

**Ruth Sedler**, yartzeit in memory of father Charles Bellin;

**Louise Levi**, yartzeit in memory of father Joe Weisman;

**Wanda Turner**, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Louis and Betty Kleinman**, in honor of Jerry

Tanenbaum receiving the Sherut L'Am award

**Carol and Shelly Kleinman**, to the Religious School in honor of Jerry Tanenbaum receiving the Sherut L'Am award.;

Fred and Harriet Korngut, in memory of Dora Korngut

Carol and Shelly Kleinman, to the Religious School, in memory of Nancy Kleinman.

### **TODAH RABBAH TO:**

Dennis and Anita Williams for supplying the hot dogs and buns and for doing the grilling, and Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin, for help with preparing the Mangal barbeque on the May 8<sup>th</sup>.. Thanks also to those who brought the delicious side dishes; Carol Kleinman, for spearheading the HSV Holocaust service on May 4<sup>th</sup>;

Joanne Reagler and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee for the beautiful service at Garvan Gardens [see pg.3]

All who attended and volunteered at the Jewish Food Festival. Wasn't that fun?

All who helped with the Lag ba Omer Bonfire with Shelly Amitzur on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Matthew and Zak Cabibi-Wilkin who took parts in the Sabbath liturgy on 5/13/11.

Pearl and Jerry Roth, who helped Rabbi Fox man his booth at the Jewish Food Festival in Little Rock May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you all so much for your service to our Temple.*

### **June 2011 Yahrzeits**

Kaddish recited each Friday following the date

<b>June 3</b>		Arthur Welcher	6/16
Hyman Wexman	5/30	Earl Wright	6/16
Edward M. Granoff	5/31	Helen Benedikt Mehaffy	6/17
Bertha Newman	5/31		
Mary Benedict	6/1	<b>June 24</b>	
Nancy Kleinman	6/1	Patricia Tanenbaum	6/18
Lawrence Fox	6/2	Rose Margolis Sockel	6/20
		Sadie Singer	6/21
<b>June 10</b>		Jeff Kahn	6/23 Sivan 30
Emma Loeb Mendel	6/5	<b>July 1</b>	
Dora Korngut	6/7	Stuart Z. Perkoff	6/25
Gloria Lax	6/7	Bessie Greenfield	6/25 Tammuz 3
Jacob London	6/9	Vicki Seligman	6/26
Fay Kirsch	6/9	Morris Nathan Bauman	6/27
Harry Kupperman	6/9	Sadie Gottlieb	6/28
Samuel Schudmak Sr.	6/10	Louis Brown	6/28
		Molly Berkun	7/1
<b>June 17</b>		Sely Seligman	7/1
Tikva Baron	15 Sivan		
Dave Lockwood	6/11		
Leon L. Levy	6/11		
Victoria Leiber	6/11		
Charles Sedler	6/13		

Please consider making a contribution to the Temple in memory of your loved one.

### ***In Our Thoughts and Prayers at This Time:***

Joseph Korngut  
Linda Svartman

Bill Eisenkramer  
Earl Hudson

Ellen Rephan  
Bob Gartenberg

Andrew Tobakos  
Carmi Tompkins

**June Birthdays**

Erwin Lax	6/3	Rachel Wright	6/22
Shelley Kleinman	6/4	Kathryn Eisenkramer	6/23
Noah Jennings Klompus	6/7	Yossi Baron	6/28
Carol Kleinman	6/8	Herman Bruckner	6/30
Ben Klompus	6/8	Jerry Chalmers	6/30
Andrea Kleinman-Parker	6/9		
David Reagler	6/11	Yom Huledet Samech !!	
Al Tanenbaum	6/12		
Mary Beth Trubitt	6/17		
Mary Klompus	6/20		

**Wedding Anniversaries**



Ira & Stephanie Kleinman	6/8
Mark & Patti Fleischner	6/12
Anthony & Sherrill Nicolosi	6/14
Mary & Stuart Klompus	6/15
Ross & Ruth Sedler	6/16

Happy Anniversary!

**Mazel Tov!**

To Brett Faulkner, for winning the Director's Award for most outstanding band student at the Lake Hamilton Jr. High Band. accompanied by a scholarship to go to Henderson Band Camp. Brett, 15, has composed percussion pieces for the band and holds First Chair in percussion.

Brett's other achievements this year include 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Optimist Club 2011 Oratorical Contest, and being the first Lake Hamilton Jr. High student to pass the IC3 Internet and Computer Global Certification.

Go Brett!



**Oneg Hostesses/Hosts for June**

- June 3- Cynthia Rephan, Jerry Rephan
- June 10 - Millie Baron & Mick Stoyanov
- June 11 - (Sat. am service) Stu & Kay Fleischner
- June 17 - Elaine & Brad Wolken, Carol & Shelly Kleinman
- June 24 - Alfred & JoCarroll Lewald, Sharon & Mike Waxler
- July 1 - Anita & Dennis Williams, Ed Berkun

*Thanks so much for your service and hospitality!*

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*From Sue Koppel and our volunteers at the Jackson House:*

I have been listening to the recurrence of politics as we all have on the television. It was mentioned the way our current president was able to fund raise with small donations from many people. I've seen that happen at our organization. I wanted to tell you about one lady in particular.

ðMiss Eulað has been sending Jackson House \$10.00 every month for many years - I have been here 11, so it's been longer than that. Eleven years times ten dollars is \$1320. I can utilize my ability to purchase food where one dollar equals three plus, so that then becomes \$3960+. Her legacy at Jackson House is that she has helped to feed literally 400+ families of four for a week with her donations. That is something to be proud of and feel good about. And that is just one

person giving what she can. Of all the things we do, feeding hungry people is our priority.

Even small donations of a few food items, a few clothes, household items or a few dollars makes all the difference to those in need. It's proof that working together we can make a huge impact in the lives of those around us. If you want to leave a legacy of making a true impact in your community-one that you are proud of having a part in- think about Jackson House. We remain true to our mission to focus on the basic human needs of those in crisis. We are good stewards of what you give to us, having the most impact possible each and every day. We don't just say it - we do it. We are ***a place to care and be cared for.*** Ask Miss Eula - she knows. Please call 623-4048 or see our web site [www.jacksonhouse.org](http://www.jacksonhouse.org).