



The Shofar

March, 2016

Congregation House of Israel

21 Adar I - 21 Adar II, 5776

Pulpit Leadership 2016

March 25 - Ross Sedler

April 1 - Dennis and Anita Williams

April 29 - David Reagler

May 27 - Dennis and Anita Williams

June 24 - Patti Fleischner

July 1 - David Reagler

July 8 - Dennis and Anita Williams

July 15 - Patti Fleischner

July 22 - Millie Baron

July 29 - Millie Baron

August 5 - Dennis and Anita Williams

August 12 - David Reagler

August 19 - Patti Fleischner

August 26 - Millie Baron

Note: If you are unable to serve the pulpit on a prescribed date, please exchange dates with someone else on the list.



Happy Purim

March 24, 2016

March 2016 Upcoming Events

Mon, Mar 7	11 a.m.	Sisterhood Meeting
Wed, Mar 16	7:00 p.m.	Yiddish Class

Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Chapin, 6:00 p.m. on Friday 4, 11, 18

Erev Shabbat Services with Ross Sedler, 6:00 p.m. on Friday March 25

Torah Study with Rabbi Chapin, 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 12, 19

Religious School, Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Thank You

We would like to Thank the following donors.

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Max Singer*

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Save Your Pennies!

Vilonia Middle School Class Launches 'One Cent, One Life' Holocaust Memorial Project.

The students in teacher Linda Knapp's seventh-grade pre-AP class at Vilonia Middle School have begun a special Holocaust memorial project called 'One Cent, One Life.'

In addition to their Holocaust research, the class plans to create a permanent display to commemorate those who died in the Holocaust. Between now and April 29th, their goal is to collect six million pennies to represent the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

The students will put 1.5 million of the pennies they collect into a permanent display at their school. The rest they will send to Jewish Federation of Arkansas to support Holocaust studies throughout the state, including the annual conference of the Arkansas Holocaust Education Committee, and to spread the message of tolerance and compassion.

The names of all contributing organizations and individuals will be included on the display. To contribute, bring all the pennies you've saved by the Federation office (18 Corporate Hill Drive, Suite 204, Little Rock 72205), and we will get them to the school. Or, click here to donate online. Checks can also be made out to "Vilonia Middle School Holocaust Project" and mailed directly to Vilonia Middle School, c/o Linda Knapp, 49 Eagle St., Vilonia, AR 72173.

This is a great opportunity to take all those pennies weighing down your pockets or hiding in your couch cushions and give them a greater significance by donating to help the young students at Vilonia in their efforts to memorialize victims of the Holocaust.

Questions? E-mail Linda Knapp at linda.knapp@viloniaschools.org or contact Marianne Tettlebaum at Jewish Federation of Arkansas at 501 663-3571 or director@jewisharkansas.org.

Stay tuned for a longer article on Linda Knapp, her students, and her dedication to teaching about the Holocaust.

From the Rabbi



I'm very pleased to report that CHI will be bringing a taste of Passover to two churches, St. Mary and First United Methodist, on Thursday evening, March 10 and Tuesday evening, April 12.

Father George Sanders and I will be leading a Model Seder for a RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation for Adults) class at St. Mary; Rev. Michael Mattox of First United, Rev. Gregory Nettles of AME Church, and I will lead another Model Seder at First United Methodist. Our Sisterhood will help provide the appropriate Seder dishes for these Interfaith occasions.

I feel, finally, in my fifth year in Hot Springs, that we are engaging fully in Interfaith activity. More ministers are becoming involved in the Fellowship we formed nearly five years ago. I plan to invite ministers to speak at our temple as well as to speak from their pulpits as well. This is an outgrowth of friendships thoughtfully sought and cultivated throughout my tenure in Hot Springs.

As with the relationships that have grown between our congregants and me over the years, the lesson is that very few programs and relationships pop up spontaneously. There is a lot of work, a lot of trust and community faith involved. Let's pray that all our relationships continue to prosper in the days ahead and that our community will continue to proceed from strength to strength and blessing to blessing.

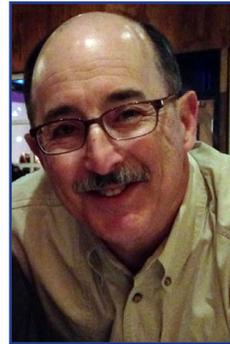


2015 Ambassador of the Year CHI member Lou Siegel (Right) with 2015 Chairman of the Board Forrest Spicher

The Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce at Hot Springs Convention Center

January 22 at 7:48am - Hot Springs

From the President



I would like to make this month's President's message be a thank you to our congregation and its membership. So many nods of appreciation should be given, but my column is just not long enough. A few need to be mentioned at this time.

Thanks to Rabbi Chapin for his spiritual leadership and his commitment to our congregation. Thanks to David Kirsch for his regular task of publishing our Shofar. Thanks to the members of our board for their collaboration to make our House of Israel stronger. Thanks to David Reagler for his weekly teaching of our Hebrew School. More thanks than can be imagined to our Sisterhood for the Onegs, the Seders, the Chanukah dinners, the Break Fast, etc.(you get my drift here). Thanks to both Legacy Committees (Karen Reagler, Sherrill Nicolosi, Mary Klompus and those on their committees) that are organizing and functioning for the perpetuation of our Temple. Thanks to those members who are leading from the pulpit when Rabbi Chapin is not here (Ross Sedler, Millie Baron, Yossi Baron, Patti Fleischner, David Reagler, Dennis and Anita Williams). Thanks to Marie and James for the excellent job they do taking care of our members. Thanks to those who attend Torah Study or Yiddish class (if you have not attended, you are missing an excellent opportunity for fun and fellowship).

These are but a few of the acknowledgements that should be given. Please take the opportunity to thank those in our small group who keep the engine running. If you are not doing your part, it is your loss!

Sisterhood



We had a delicious Sisterhood lunch provided by Gail Greenberg and Patti Fleischner. All those not coming to Sisterhood are missing out on some very good food and fun company. We discussed the Legacy Program and the work that the committee is beginning.

More to come as that progresses. Our Temple members have already raised over 6,000 pennies for the Vilonia, AR middle school project of raising 6,000,000 pennies for the 6 million Jews killed during World War II. Part of the money will be used to build a memorial at the school and the rest will be donated to the Jewish Federation of Arkansas. What a great project. Passover was discussed and we will get more details at the next meeting. Cindy Brown will present a program at the March meeting. Hope everyone can be there.

Life and Legacy Program

Attorneys, Sherrill Nicolosi and Karen Baim Reagler, and CHI President, Stuart Fleischner, met with Jewish Federation of Arkansas Director, Marianne Tettlebaum, to begin participation in JFAR's "Life and Legacy" program. The "L&L" program is designed to provide training, support and monetary incentives to motivate the Temple to secure after-life legacy gifts. This is a partnership program among JFAR, Jewish Federations of North America, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, to engage local Jewish organizations (such as CHI) to create and maintain legacy building programs.

Many congregants will leave a bequest in their Will or Trust. Some are unaware of the many methods of leaving a bequest for CHI. The program participation will allow all of us to enhance our knowledge of gifting, thereby raising the level of legacy giving to CHI, and other Jewish organizations we hold dear.

Stewardship is an important part of Jewish life. To join our team or learn more about after-life gifting, contact Stuart, Karen or Sherrill Nicolosi - (501) 922-2999.



Joanne Reagler taken Wednesday Feb 17th on the occasion of her birthday. The beautiful cake came from Ambrosia Bakery.

Thank you letter to Stuart Fleischner from Shelley C. Hubert, Director of Membership for the URJ

Dear Stuart,

Thank you for the December 2015 MUM membership support from Congregation House of Israel for the Union for Reform Judaism and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. It is a very exciting time at the URJ. We are refining our mission and refocusing on Strengthening Congregations, Audacious Hospitality, and Tikkun Olam. We are developing new ways of working: through consultation, community, and network services. Congregations, our core constituents, are enhanced by a new Leadership Institute, expansion of Communities of Practice, self-assessment programs, a suite of online tools, and consultative services. The Tent, a collaboration platform for the 21st century, with several thousand members, fosters open discussion groups and private group capabilities.

As we continue to implement and improve service offerings, we thank Congregation House of Israel for its role in catalyzing the Jewish experience in your local community and throughout North America. Thank you for your active participation in our sacred mission.

Special Event - Get Your Tickets Now

The Ouachita Speaker Series

is privileged to host this very

special presentation.



DORA KLAYMAN Holocaust Survivor

Teodora Rahela Basch was born in 1938. Her father, owned and operated a small brush manufacturing plant. Her mother was a teacher and her grandfather served as the community rabbi for more than 40 years.



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Teodora with her brother Zdenka and their Aunt Gazi, who sheltered them for most of the war. US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Teodora Basch Klayman. A Croatian prisoner with a Jewish star covered and taken into hiding by Teodora Basch. US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Teodora Basch Klayman.

".....but all that changed in April 1941, when Nazi Germany invaded Yugoslavia. At the event you'll learn of family arrests, deportation, life in hiding, being found and sent to Auschwitz and Klayman's eventual liberation, and life in the United States, where she worked for 30 years as a Maryland school teacher."

The Public is Invited!

Admission is FREE, but please
reserve your tickets at
www.HSVticketsales.com

or visit the office at:

Ponce Center office,
M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

www.OuachitaSpeakerSeries.com

March 9, 2016, 7:00 PM
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Ponce de Leon Center, 101 Desoto Boulevard
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

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March 9, 2016 7:00 PM Woodlands Auditorium, Hot Springs Village

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Michael Waxler	March 11
Melissa Casteel	March 15
Oded Grenman	March 18
John Hearn	March 21
Phyllis Hearn	March 21
John Blumbeks	March 22
SaraLee Stark	March 24
Carol Crow-Nanez	March 31

Anniversaries

Saralee Stark and Wayne Phillips	March 12
Elan & Jennifer Grenman	March 22
David & Glenda Kirsch	March 27

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- John Hearn
- John and Leslie Jamieson
- Carol Crow-Nanez
- John Blumbeks

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

If you are aware of anyone needing spiritual or any sort of assistance, please let Barbara Morgan know. Our Caring Committee is here to help all of our members in any way we possibly can.

Oneg Thanks

Thank you to the following for sponsoring an Oneg during the month of March:

Mar 4	Betty Forshberg Carol and Larry Levi
Mar 11	Hal and Sue Koppel David and Karen Reagler
Mar 18	Ira and Stephanie Kleinman Dennis and Anita Williams
Mar 25	Cynthia Rephan Michael and Sharon Waxler

Reminder: If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, bear in mind that it is YOUR responsibility to find someone to switch with and to advise Sharon Waxler of the change.

Passover Seder, Friday, April 22

Erev Shabbat services 5:30 p.m.
Seder is at 6 p.m.

Adult congregants and their guests
\$25.00/each
Children aged 13 through college age
\$12.50/each

Non Members
\$36.00 per adult
\$18.00 age 5 through college age, per child

Reservations in the form of a check to be made out to the CHI Sisterhood must be received by Friday April 15 to allow for adequate planning.

Please mail your check with the number of guests that are planning to attend to:

Ruth Sedler
152 Blue Heron Drive
Hot Springs, AR. 71913

Tables of 8 may be reserved.

March Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited March 4

Wolfe Gerber

Father of Elaine Gartenberg

William J. Brown

Uncle of Betty Forshberg

Herman Fleischner

Grandfather of Mark and Stuart Fleischner

Kaddish Recited March 11

Murray H. Forshberg

Father-in-law of Betty Forshberg

Jules B. Newman

Grandfather of Brad Wolken

Kaddish Recited March 18

Imy Marcus, Sr.

Father of Imy Marcus

Julia C. Widgerson

Mother of Sue Koppel and Ellen Eubanks

Kaddish Recited April 1

William "Bill" Eisenkramer

Husband of Kathryn Eisenkramer

Sandra Rans

Sister-in-law of Fred Korngut

Condolences

We mourn the passing of Harriette Korngut, beloved wife of Fred. She was one of those lovely people who radiated happiness and niceness. They moved to Ft. Worth around 6 years ago but always kept a membership at CHI. They had been married for 61 years. Fred is surrounded by his loving family and many friends.

May her memory be for blessing.

A Very Special Story

A grandson of slaves, a boy was born in a poor neighborhood of New Orleans known as the "Back of Town." His father abandoned the family when the child was an infant. His mother became a prostitute, and the boy and his sister had to live with their grandmother.

Early in life he proved to be gifted for music and with three other kids he sang in the streets of New Orleans. His first gains were coins that were thrown to them.

A Jewish family, Karnofsky, who had immigrated from Lithuania to the USA, had pity for the 7-year-old boy and brought him into their home. Initially giving 'work' in the house, to feed this hungry child. There he remained and slept in this Jewish family's home where, for the first time in his life, he was treated with kindness and tenderness.

When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnovsky sang him a Russian Lullaby that he would sing with her. Later, he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs.

Over time, this boy became the adopted son of this family. The Karnofskys gave him money to buy his first musical instrument, as was the custom in the Jewish families. They sincerely admired his musical talent. Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used these Jewish melodies in compositions, such as *St. James Infirmary* and *Go Down Moses*.

This little black boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family who had adopted him in 1907. In memory of this family and until the end of his life, he wore a star of David and said that in this family, he had learned "how to live real life and determination." You might recognize his name, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong.

Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish! And "Satchmo" is Yiddish for "Big Cheeks."

And I bet you did not know any of this.

You may be one person.

To One Person, you may be the world.

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