



The Shofar

September, 2015

Congregation House of Israel

17 Elul, 5775 - 17 Tishri, 5776



...In the seventh month, on the first of the month, there shall be a sabbath for you, a remembrance with shofar blasts, a holy convocation. -Leviticus 16:24

L'Shanah Tovah

The complete schedule of High Holiday Services is on page 5 and also on our website at www.hschi.org.

Schedule of Events

Fri	Sept 4	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat service with Dennis and Anita Williams
Sat	Sept 5	TBD	Selichot
Sun	Sept 6	9:30 am	Religious School
Fri	Sept 11	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Chapin
Sat	Sept 12	9:30 am	Torah study
Sun	Sept 13	9:30 am	Religious School
Fri	Sept 18	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Chapin
Sat	Sept 19	9:30 am	Torah study
Sun	Sept 20	9:30 am	Religious School
Fri	Sept 25	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Chapin
Sat	Sept 26	9:30 am	Torah study
Sun	Sept 27	9:30 am	Religious School
Sun	Sept 27	11:00am	Succot brunch

Thank You

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Things we Learned in Hebrew School:

1. The High Holidays have absolutely nothing to do with marijuana.
2. Where there's smoke, there may be salmon.
3. No meal is complete without leftovers .
4. According to Jewish dietary law, pork and shellfish may be eaten only in Chinese restaurants.
5. A shmata is a dress that your husband's ex is wearing.
6. Anything worth saying is worth repeating a thousand times.
7. Never take a front row seat at a Bris.
8. Next year in Jerusalem. The year after that, how about a nice cruise?
9. Never leave a restaurant empty handed.
10. Spring ahead; fall back; winters in Boca.
11. Gentiles leave and never say good-bye; Jews say good-bye and never leave.
12. Always whisper the names of diseases.
13. If it tastes good, it's probably not Kosher.
14. The important Jewish holidays are the ones on which alternate side of the street parking is suspended.

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From the Rabbi



Another Jewish New Year is upon us. 5776 years have passed since God created Heaven and Earth. And then, of course, the world of nature followed by Adam and Eve and the biblical stories of our people. The laws of science submit an entirely different course of cosmic and evolutionary events, but in terms of religious significance allow me to suggest that the biblical chronology has meaning for we Jews who are looking to relate to humanity's greatest text, the Bible.

We are a family, and to think of our biblical ancestors as less than that is to miss the intimate connection we have with our past. It begins with Adam, who lived from Year 1 to the age of 930 post-Creation. Noah was born in 1056 and lived until 2006. This means that Abraham, the father of Judaism, who was born in 1948 post-Creation, knew Noah! That must have been some reunion when those two parts of the family got together!

Did you know that when we speak of our ancestors, we hallow their names as we hallow the names of our deceased parents. We do this by adding the words *Zichronam Livrocha--* May their Memory be a Blessing. Again, this is Judaism's way of drawing us closer to our religious history. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Leah... all are part of our *mischpocha*. And the joy is that each New Year we have the privilege of re-entering their lives and gleaning new meaning from their timeless stories.

As we begin the New Year 5776, taking up again the narrative of our people, and remembering our link with generations past, we pledge to our own families a renewed commitment to Jewish ideals of family, prayer, study and helping others who have less than ourselves. As Jeanne and I begin our fifth year of service to CHI, we join all of you, our dear friends of Hot Springs, as we share together a New Year of friendship and service to our families and our community. May this be for all of us and our loved ones a New Year of happiness, fulfillment and peace.

Richard and Jeanne Chapin

Sisterhood



It's already August and we're praying for the weather that we had in February that we prayed then would go away. Our first Sisterhood meeting is going to be Monday, August 24th at 11:00 AM. Those of you that have already sent in your Sisterhood dues will get a free lunch. Those that haven't paid dues yet, come on anyway and we'll give you scraps and a chance to be a part of what makes our Temple so vibrant. We will be organizing the High Holy Days activities and hopefully getting caught up with old and new friends. Bring your volunteer sign-up pen because we need everyone's help.

I also want to extend thank you's to Mary Klompus and all of our members who so generously helped and brought food to Burgauer Hall to feed the family and friends of Bob Gartenberg, after the funeral service. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Elaine and all of her family at this sad time.

Rosh Hashanah Reception

There will be a Rosh Hashanah reception on Monday, Sept 14th at Stuart and Kay Fleischner's house from 3:00 to 5:00. Tashlich service will be at 4:00. The Sisterhood will provide munchies and drinks. We will have a Break-The Fast reception after closing services on Yom Kippur afternoon, September 22nd. Patti Fleischner will be in charge and members will be asked to bring food.

Rabbi Chapin would like to have a Succot brunch while he is still here so it is being planned for Sunday morning, September 27th in the back parking lot where the succot will be built. More details later.

October Sisterhood will be on Monday, October 5th at 11:00. Don't miss good food, good fellowship, and always lots of laughs.

Sue Koppel

You are invited to attend a
workshop featuring Phil DeVol:
A community sustainability expert and author of
Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for
Professionals and Communities



The goal of this workshop is to help us build a comprehensive approach to reduce poverty and to build a sustainable community in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

We will come away with ideas, plans, and commitments that will work toward making our community a better place to live, work, and do business.

September 25, 2015 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
at First United Methodist Church
Family Life Center, 218 Pratt Street

This workshop is part of the process of community goals to:

- Engage all classes, sectors, and political persuasions in the Bridges initiative
- Develop a comprehensive community approach to poverty
- Create a structure to support and maintain the initiative
- Provide innovative solutions to significant community issues

Registration fee is \$50

Please RSVP to: Ann Wilson
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High Holiday Service Schedule

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday	Sept 13	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service Oneg to follow
Monday	Sept 14	10:00 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
		3:00 p.m.	Reception at home of Stuart Fleischner
		4:00 p.m.	Tashlich Service

Yom Kippur Services

Tuesday	Sept 23	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre
Wednesday	Sept 24	10:00 a.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service
		3:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
		4:30 p.m.	Yizkor Service
		5:30 p.m.	Neilah Service
		6:00 p.m.	Havdalah & Break-the-Fast

Sukkot

Sunday	Sept 27	11:00 a.m.	Brunch in the Sukkot
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Simchat Torah

Friday	Oct 9	6:00 p.m.	Simchat Torah celebration
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DID YOU KNOW?

Everyone knows that Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the Jewish New Year and Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement. However, there are events before and after the High Holidays that you might not know about. Let's take a closer look....

Rosh Hashanah

Selichot or slichot are Jewish penitential poems and prayers, especially those said in the period leading up to the High Holidays, and on Fast Days. God's Thirteen Attributes of Mercy are a central theme throughout these prayers.

Tashlikh (meaning "casting off") is a long-standing Jewish practice usually performed on the afternoon of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, although it can be said up until Hoshana Rabbah. The previous year's sins are symbolically "cast off" by reciting a section from Micah that makes allusions to the symbolic casting off of sins, into a large, natural body of flowing water (such as a river, lake, sea or ocean).

The name "Tashlikh" and the practice itself are derived from the Biblical passage (Micah 7:18-20) recited at the ceremony: "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

Yom Kippur

In the Congregation

The heart of the Yom Kippur experience is congregational worship. It is a mitzvah to attend all the services on Yom Kippur, from Kol Nidre in the evening, throughout the next day, ending with N'ilah (concluding services) and the sounding of the shofar. A memorial service (Yizkor) is included on Yom Kippur, and Havdalah (a service of separation) is recited at the end of the day, following the sounding of the shofar. A joyous "break-the-fast" meal is served at the conclusion of services, either at the congregation or at home.

The Erev Yom Kippur service is called Kol Nidre, meaning "all vows," and refers to the special liturgical formulation chanted by Jews solely on Yom Kippur. It is a legal formula for the annulment of vows, which dates back

many centuries. The practice of reciting Kol Nidre probably began in about the 9th century C.E. Recited in a mix of Hebrew and Aramaic, the vernacular language of the time, Kol Nidre cancels and annuls all unintended vows made during the previous year. Traditionally, Kol Nidre is chanted three times, though only once in some Reform congregations. In many settings, the haunting melody is played on a violin, viola or cello. The threefold repetition most likely derives from the ancient practice of reciting all official proclamations three times. (Syme 25) During the chanting of Kol Nidre, the Torah scrolls are held by leaders of the community as the congregation stands together in silence.

Traditionally, in addition to Erev Yom Kippur, the entirety of the next day is spent in synagogue. The liturgy for the day of Yom Kippur includes powerful readings from the Torah, the core of Jewish teaching and practice, and Yizkor, a memorial service to remember our loved ones who have died and, perhaps, to draw from their memories the inspiration to be the best of what we can yet be.

The Days of Awe are about more than confessing our sins. They are an opportunity to envision our lives and our communities if we each become a little more caring with each passing year. On Yom Kippur morning, we read from the Torah portion entitled Nitzavim, in which we learn that meaningful Jewish lives are not too hard for us and not too far away if we are willing to choose a life of caring for each other. We also recite the Al Cheit, a prayer that recounts our sins: gossip, arrogance, exploiting the weak, and all the other missteps we took during the year just ended. The High Holidays are a time for t'shuvah, which is usually understood to mean repentance. But t'shuvah is much more than repentance. Its literal meaning is return and, indeed, t'shuvah is a return forward to something holy inside us that hasn't yet reached fruition, a return to the goodness and the caring that could have been and still can be. T'shuvah is our search to find the potential for good and for holiness that has been within us all along but somehow became hidden in the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Sources: Wikipedia and "Jewish Living: A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice" by Mark Washofsky

CHI Prayer Schedule

Our President Stuart Fleischner has asked me to remind everyone that we will have services on all Friday nights. Below is the schedule through the end of 2015 and includes Rabbi Chapin's weekends as well as guest Rabbis and volunteer lay leaders.

Thanks in advance to all of those who volunteered to be lay leaders for our wonderful congregation. Lets all show support for these great people.

September 4 -Dennis and Anita Williams
September 11 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
September 18 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
September 25 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
October 2 -Millie Baron
October 9 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
October 16 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
October 23 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
October 30 -Patti Fleischner
November 6 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
November 13 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
November 20 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
November 27 -Dennis and Anita Williams
December 4 -Rabbi Richard Chapin
December 11- Rabbi Richard Chapin
December 18- Rabbi Richard Chapin
December 25 -Ross Sedler

Our Cantor

Lex Rofes is a Jewish Educator who graduated from Brown University in 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in Judaic Studies. He currently works as Strategic Initiatives Coordinator for the Institute for the Next Jewish Future, a think-tank connecting change-oriented Jewish professionals working to innovate within the Jewish communal landscape. He also is in his first year of studies towards Rabbinic ordination through ALEPH -- the umbrella organization of the Jewish Renewal movement. He first came to Hot Springs through the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, where he served as an Education Fellow for two years. He couldn't be more excited to be returning to Hot Springs to share the High Holidays with Congregation House of Israel!

L'Shanah Tovah UM'tukah!



CHI wants to take this opportunity to thank Carol and Shelly Kleinman for all of their wonderful contributions throughout the years.

Photos from top left...

Shelly and Carol, Sharon Waxler/Mary Klompus and Shelly, Middle - Shelly, again Sharon and Mary, and Shelly and Carol.



Summer Camp

Tillie's Camp Story

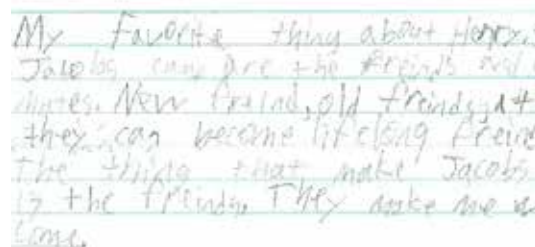
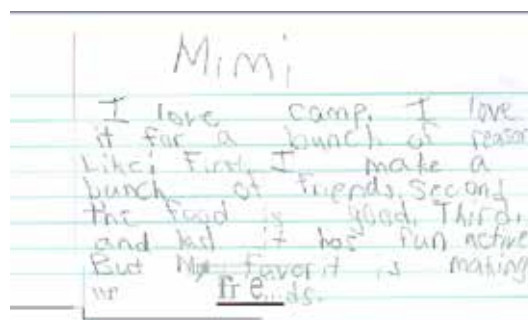
It was the first day of camp we were waiting in line to get in camp. I had met up with a few of my friends, Caroline Gill, Savannah Garst, and Hayden Miller, the rest of my friends at the end of the line would just have to, "Look for the U-Haul." The reason that was is because my dad, David Reagler owned a few U-Haul units (I forget where but in Arkansas) and since there were four of us each going to camp for a month we needed the U-Haul to haul our luggage.

So we were in Utica, Mississippi getting ready to go to Henry S. Jacobs Camp in the middle of June. After a few hours we had to get our health checks. When I got back from lice checks, temperature checks, and lots of questions all at once to my mom about me that she had to think about which stressed her, I caught up with my friends. What I asked then was not a question about how their year was but it was about where my best friend in the world was, "Where is Chloe?" But about five minutes before the gates opened Chloe's car came by and we hugged for a long time then my mom asked Chloe, "have you gotten your medical check?" Of course it was a no, so instead of riding into camp in my parents car with us she had to get her medical check which sucked.

So the six of us all got in the car and drove in the gates. I unpacked really fast and when Chloe came I helped her unpack and she was very grateful; then our parents left and we went to lunch which was great and included grilled cheese, tomato soup, and Fritos. Afterwards we learned some cheers for our unit during cheering sessions, then we had din-

ner and did our evening program which was cabin bonding. My cabin included of thirteen girls named Abigail Israel, Caroline Gill, Chloe Deitelzweig (ditel-sw-eye-gu), Emma Goldstien, Hanni Gerowin, Hayden Miller, Lilah Goldman, Savannah Garst, Sydney Shemper, Talia Buxbaum, Tillie Reagler (me), Zoe Rubenstein, and Zoey Rockoff, and my two counselors, Allie Hirsch and Julia Solomon.

It was a great session filled with many inside jokes, funny stories, and many more.



Thanks to the Reaglers - David, Karen and Tillie

Jewish Community Legacy Project

The board met with Noah Levine with the Jewish Community Legacy Project from URJ. He is going to help us plan for the future starting this fall. Mary Klompus will head this Legacy Committee and is in the process of recruiting the members of her committee. We already have a head start due to our Wall of History and Mary's recording of the membership testimonies last year.

Things we Learned in Hebrew School:

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15. Without Jewish mothers, who would need therapy?
16. If you have to ask the price, you can't afford it. If you can afford it, make sure to tell everybody what you paid
17. Laugh now, but one day you'll be driving a Lexus and eating dinner at 4:00 PM in Florida.

(Thanks to Mary Klompus)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Elaine Gartenberg	September 01
Madeline Bull	September 02
Susan Siegel	September 04
Etai Grenman	September 06
Lynda Kass	September 12
Wayne Phillips	September 24
Jerry Rephan	September 27
Jean Gershner	September 29

Anniversaries

David and Karen Reagler	September 13
Fred and Harriette Korngut	September 19

Oneg Thanks

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

Sept 4	Stephanie Kleinman and Phyllis Hearn
Sept 11	Kathy Klein and Stephen Kirsch
Sept 18	Ruth Sedler and Lynda Kass
Sept 25	Sharon Ball and Jerry Tanenbaum

Reminder: Carol Crow Nanez will be calling on Mondays to remind Oneg hostesses. If you have switched with someone else please let Carol (cashiniju@gmail.com) know.

Thank you.

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

John Hearn
Sally Nicolosi
Barbara Diebel
John and Leslie Jamieson

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

A Special Gift

Dennis and Anita Williams received a donation of 6 books. Among them were a Hebrew Bible and a book of translation English into Hebrew. The others were instructional in nature to learn Hebrew. The donation was from: Ilse Stritzke of Hot Springs. The books belonged to her son who was studying Hebrew.

Thomas Cooper Narramore Memorial Foundation

For members of our congregation who have expressed a desire to show their sympathy, support and to do something we have the following information.

The Wright and Naramore families have started a foundation in memory of Thomas. The memorial service was private last week.

Thomas Cooper Naramore Memorial Foundation
Hot Springs Area Community Foundation
P.O. Box 56
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902

September Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited Sept 4

Edward I. Rephan

Grandfather of Jerry Rephan

Kaddish Recited Sept 11

Margaret Gladstein

Aunt of Louis Kleinman

Sadye Fleischer

Grandmother of Mark and Stuart Fleischer

Sybil Fleishner

Aunt of Mark and Stuart Fleischer

Hannah Garland

Mother of SaraLee Stark

Leo Gartenberg

Father of Robert Gartenberg

Julius Berkun

Father of Ed Berkun

Kaddish Recited Sept 18

E. Alberta Williamson

Mother of Katherine Klein

Condolences

We mourn the loss of CHI member Bob Gartenberg, who passed away on July 28. Our condolences to his wife Elaine, as well as his children and grandchildren.

Contributions In memory of Bob Gartenberg:

Morey and Toni Silverman

Bart and Bonnie Newman

Ruth and Ross Sedler

Betty Forshberg

Joanne and David Reagler

Betty and Louis Kleinman

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Millie Baron and Mick Stoyanov

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Mark and Patti Fleischer

Memorial Plaques

If you are interested in a wonderful and meaningful way to memorialize a loved one, you may purchase a memorial plaque to be installed in the memorial niche in the Temple sanctuary. The cost for each plaque is \$250, and it takes approximately a month for completion once the order is placed.

For more information or to order a plaque, please contact Sue Koppel at 501/624-3986 or email at suebob@cablelynx.com.

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