

The Shofar

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Congregation House of Israel

Rabbi Jerome Fox

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Rabbi's Message



"My Favorite Megillah Verse"

The Megillah (scroll) of Esther is mostly a fun-filled novella, very much enacted on the human level. Indeed, God is not explicitly mentioned in this entire scroll (a fact that almost barred it from canonization in the Bible). Usually, one does not search the book of Esther for preachable

passages. However, over the years one verse (Esther 4:16) kept vying for my attention. After Haman's genocidal plot becomes known, Mordecai goes to Esther urging her to intervene with King Ahasuerus. Even the Queen may not enter the king's throne room uninvited. Such hutzpah could indeed lead to the Queen's execution. Mordecai tells her she must summon the courage to take the chance both to save herself and her people. Esther prays and fasts and resolves to take that chance. She declares the memorable sentence: *Ka-asher avaditi, avaditi*- "If I perish, I will perish". In this year's Purim shpeil, the actress portraying Queen Esther, Alitza Cabibi-Wilkin, was required to say the verse clearly in both Hebrew and English (which she did with fine skill). I even made a sign which was held up at the appropriate time. For next year's Purim play, my wife, Carole, has already written a song incorporating this verse.

So, for all this fanfare, what does the verse mean? To me, it means that there are times when we must put considerations of safety and tranquility aside and take a risk for the greater good. Soldiers in war are asked to do this routinely. Political and religious leaders must sometimes risk their jobs and livelihoods to stand up for what they believe.

In politics, especially those here in America, elected officials

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April Services

Friday April 2

Shabbat Hol ha-Mo'ed Pesah
Rabbi's topic: *Ham and Cheese on Matzah*

Friday April 9

Shabbat Shemini
Torah service and D'var Torah
Holocaust remembrance prayers will be read.
A large number of students and parents from
First United Methodist Church will be attending
services.

Saturday April 3

10:30AM service for Shabbat and Pesah.
Hallel and Yizkor prayers will be said fol
lowed by Kiddush luncheon

Friday April 16

Shabbat Tazria-Metzora
Monthly Family Service

Friday April 23

Shabbat Aharei-Mot-Kedoshim
Rabbi's topic: *The Law is the Law*

Friday April 30

Shabbat Emor
Rabbi's topic: *Perfectly Imperfect*

4:15-5:15 Weekly Torah Study

5:15-6:00 - Oneg Shabbat

6:00 - Services

**Come See What You Can
Do For Sisterhood
Come See What Sisterhood
Can Do For You!!**

Next meeting April 12, 2010

11AM

Hope to see YOU there!
Come be a part of the most exciting and
active group in our Community.

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to:

The family of past Hot Springs resident, **Ellen Schwartz Edelson** who passed away in Fort Myers, Florida of lung cancer.

May Her Memory be for a Blessing

April Events

Saturday	April 3	10:30AM	Saturday morning service for Shabbat and Pesach. Hallel and Yizkor prayers will be said. Kiddush luncheon follows.
Thursday	April 8	11:15AM	Rabbi Fox speaks at Good Samaritan in Hot Springs Village
Saturday	April 10	7:30PM	Schmoozers and Fressers at the home of Cynthia Rephan, 600 Pakis #27. Topic: "Jews of the South"
Sunday	April 11	2PM	Holocaust Ceremony and Genocide essay contest winners at Garland County Library
Monday	April 12	11AM 5:30PM	Sisterhood luncheon and meeting CHI Board meeting
Sunday	April 18	12 Noon 4:30PM	Mangal - Israeli barbeque and games in honor of Yom ha-Atzmaut (Israel's 62nd anniversary) Religious School board meeting
Tuesday	April 27	5PM	Holocaust Service at Woodlands Auditorium in Hot Springs Village

Israeli Dancing	4:30PM	4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29
Religious School	9:30- 12Noon	4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25
Adult Liturgical Hebrew	2:30-4PM	4/18, 4/25
Choir	12:30-2PM	4/25
Choir Practice	4:30PM	4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29
Adult Modern Hebrew	6-7:30PM	4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28
Afternoon tutorials*		4/1, 4/7, 4/8, 4/12, 4/14, 4/15, 4/19, 4/21, 4/22, 4/26, 4/28, 4/29

***Please let the Rabbi know if your child will not be able to attend their afternoon tutorials.**

Sisterhood

WHAT IS GOING ON IN SISTERHOOD!!!

Monday, April 12, is ELECTION DAY at Sisterhood's 11 AM luncheon meeting!! All sisterhood members are invited and urged to please come and participate in choosing your new slate of officers for May, 2010, to May, 2012!! The executive committee of Sisterhood is presenting the following slate: Carol Kleinman, president, Jo Carroll Lewald, vice president, Betty Kleinman, treasurer, and Gail Greenberg, secretary. Of course, nominations from the floor are welcome.

The program for our April 12th meeting will be a book review and discussion of "THE BOOK THIEF", a marvelously touching novel, by Marcus Zusak that will be led by Patti Fleischner. Whether you have read it or not, you will find it provocative. Though it is somewhat difficult to get involved in, once you have read 35 pages, you will not be able to put it down. This is Sisterhood's second book review this year and promises to be a thought provoking and meaningful program. And as, usual, lunch will be served.

This has been a year of "New and Improved" for your Sisterhood. Please mark your calendars for a [new Gala Sisterhood Installation of Officers Ceremony on Monday, May 3](#), at 11 AM. Gail Greenberg has created a new installation of officer's service. There will be other surprises at this affair which ends the 2009/2010 Sisterhood luncheon programs until August, 2010. Invite family or friends to this meeting – just please be sure to notify us ahead of time so that there will be enough food. Come congratulate your new officers who will have the honor, privilege and responsibility of leading us for the next two years!

Thanks to Millie Baron and her wonderful group of Sisterhood hostesses on March 13, our annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service was exceptionally beautiful. Suzanne Berkowitz, the new Director of the Jewish Federation of Arkansas from Little Rock, delivered an inspiring sermon. In addition, one of the choirs from the reform temple in Little Rock known as the **Schechinotes** sang an uplifting service with **David Bauman** on the keyboard, Schechinotes leader, **Jana Cohen** on guitar & and **Dr. Charles Friedman** on the violin accompanying them. Thanks go to all the hostesses for providing a sumptuous Oneg for our entire congregation and a great dinner for our guests afterwards before they returned to Little Rock. We are indebted to the Bauman Music Fund of Little Rock for making it possible for this group to be with us that evening.

On March 29th Gail Greenberg will once again be the chairperson for a community Seder. She will assign preparation of foods to the families who have reserved seats and will be attending. Everyone is welcome!

Last but not least, if you were one of the sixty four people who attended Sisterhood's March dinner meeting honoring Rosa Blum, you know what an inspiring event it was. Our heartfelt thanks go to our wonderful Sisterhood

members **Sharon Waxler, Elaine Wolken, Carol Kleinman, Sonia Burris, Carole Fox, Millie Baron, and Barbara Morgan** and all the others who helped provide the food, decorate the tables and serve the wine and appetizers, the great meal, and the desserts. Rosa's presentation was a celebration to life. She is a SURVIVOR, not only of Hitler's Nazi Germany's concentration camps, but a survivor of cancer, of losing a child, of rearing and loving a disabled child and throughout it all smiling, loving others, and sharing with everyone her zest for living. Rosa championed the use of counseling and therapy, the importance of taking care of yourself physically and mentally, and above all appreciating the value of every child.

If you missed the program, you can look up Rosa Blum, Holocaust Survivor, on the internet. Through the Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance, the Sisterhood's Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project was able to bring Rosa to Garland County where she spoke to approximately 2400 students and adults. Her message to children everywhere is to love your parents and tell them so for her because she was deprived of being able to do that as a child. By her example, she lights the way for others to find joy in living.

On Sunday, April 11 at 2 PM your Holocaust Remembrance Educational project, in conjunction with our partners Garland County Library, the Rosenzweig Fund for Inter-Faith Activities, and REGARD will hold a gathering to commemorate the lost of the lives of the 6 million Jews and the other millions who lost their lives in the Holocaust. This will be an hour long, free program at the Garland County Library. Our entire congregation is invited to come and act as hosts and hostesses to the community. Rabbi Fox will light a yarzeit candle and offer a prayer for Yom HaShoal. Carla Mouton will present the winners of the Genocide Essay Contest. The winner will read his/her essay, and all the students will be honored who made the effort to write and study this project. Sisterhood will provide refreshments.

Sisterhood thanks everyone who has supported the Holocaust Project and all of our various activities. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project Fund or the Sisterhood Fund at any time as a memorial or to honor a loved one, can do so by writing a check to Congregation House of Israel Sisterhood, specify which Fund you want it to go to, and mail it to Betty Kleinman, Sisterhood Treasurer, 101 Glenridge Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71901. Only with the support and participation of our membership and the congregation's membership, have all these things been accomplished. THANK YOU!!

Joanne Reagler,
CHI Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Annual Dinner

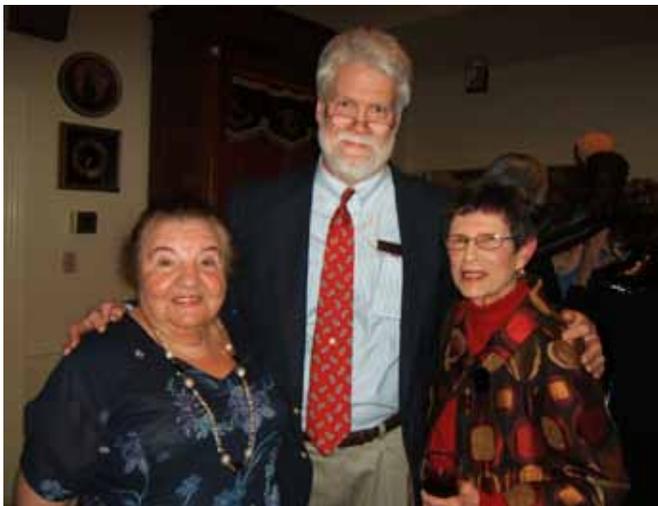
On Monday, March 1st, over 65 guests joined to welcome Rosa Blum, a Holocaust survivor from Dallas. Rosa was in Hot Springs through a program arranged by our Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project Committee. During her stay, she visited six area schools to present programs on the Holocaust.

Rosa was kind enough to speak to our Sisterhood members and guests and to tell her story of life during the Holocaust and her wonderful life in Dallas with her husband and son. Her story is an inspiration to us all about survival and making the most of each day of our lives.

Thank you to all who helped to make this such a wonderful evening.



Poncho and Wayma Rowe visiting with Cynthia Rephan



Rosa Blum with Holocaust Remembrance Project Chairperson, Joanne Reagler and Project partner, John Wells



Adam Baron and Rosa Blum



Our hostesses, Elaine Wolken, Carol Kleinman and Sharon Waxler serving dinner to our guests



Jerry Rephan and Rosa Blum

Sisterhood Shabbat Service

Friday, March 12th, was the annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service. Services were conducted by various members of our Sisterhood. Suzanne Berkovitz, Executive Director of our Sisterhood. Suzanne Berkovitz, Executive Director of Arkansas Jewish Federation, presented an inspiring sermon on taking chances in your life and being open to change.

To add to the enjoyment of the Congregation, The Shechinotes (the Little Rock Sisterhood Choir), chanted our prayers and sang many of our favorite melodies.

Following services was a very festive Oneg and a dinner held before our guests took the bus back to Little Rock.

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the evening such a success.



Arkansas Federation Executive Director, Suzanne Berkovitz giving the sermon at services



CHI President, Millie Baron, leading us in Kiddush



CHI Sisterhood President, Joanne Reagler leading us in prayer



The Shechinotes chanting during services

Thank You

Tribute Funds are a meaningful way to celebrate, congratulate, honor, recognize, praise, remember or commemorate anyone on any occasion.

The following donations were received in March:

General Fund

Gus and Patricia Blass II

Louise Levi - *In memory of Bernice W. Sherman*

Hal and Sue Koppel - *In memory of Julia Wigder-son*

Fred and Harriette Korngut - *In memory of Sandra Rans*

Fred and Harriette Korngut - *In memory of Robin Rans*

The following donations were received *in memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*:

- **Carl A. Keys Jr.**
- **Ken and Annette Baim**

Building Fund

Sherrill Nicolosi - *In memory of Sally Friedlander Boley*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Bill and Kathryn Eisenkramer - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

John and Janet Gillham

Religious School Fund

Shelly and Carol Kleinman - *In memory of Max Prushansky*

Holocaust Education Fund

Larry and Carol Levi - *In honor of Joanne Reagler's birthday*

Buy a Brick Program

Jean Gershner

Todah Rabah

To these wonderful volunteers who helped out in March:

To our hamentaschen bakers:

- **Lynn and Machya Adkins**
- **John Ore Bennett**
- **Bridget and Alitza Cabibi-Wilkin**
- **Chris Cedric**
- **Jodie and Zach Chalmers**
- **Stuart and Sophie Fleischner**
- **John Lew**
- **Daniel Olmut**
- **Anita and Dennis Williams**
- **Jeanne and Rachel Wright**

To **Margel Ya'akov** for fixing the CHI kitchen sink

To our Megillah Schpeilers:

- **Lindsey Achtley** (King Ahasuerus)
- **Cody Parker** (Bigthan)
- **Sheldon Tremelle** (Teresh)
- **Alitza Cabibi-Wilkin** (Queen Esther)
- **Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin** (Haman)
- **Zak Cabibi-Wilkin** (Mordecai)
- **Sophie Fleischner** (Vashti)

To **Karen Reagler and Barbara Morgan** who supervised the Purim lunch and to everyone who brought a contribution

To **Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin, David and Karen Reagler, Dennis and Anita Williams and Sonia Burris** who delivered Shallah Manot.

To **Dennis Williams** for substituting for Rabbi Fox at Religious School on March 21

To **Win Bowman** for leading services in Rabbi Fox's absence on March 19

To **Carole Fox** for chanting the blessing for the new month of Nisan on March 13

To **Stuart Fleischner** for subbing for Rabbi Fox at Sunday School on March 7

To our wonderful Sisterhood hostesses for the special Oneg on March 12 - **Joanne Reagler, Jo Carroll Lewald, Carol Kleinman, Gail Greenberg, Jerry Tanenbaum and Millie Baron**

To **Suzanne Berkovits**, Executive Director of JEAR, for addressing the congregation at the Sisterhood Service

Rabbi's Message

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are always campaigning for the next electoral victory. At the ASMSA gala banquet last night (3/14/10), there were close to a dozen state politicians there campaigning for the next election. The need to constantly campaign and the huge amounts of money that modern campaigning demands makes politicians very susceptible to special interest lobbies which provide the coveted dollars needed by the politician, provided that they vote the way the lobby wants them to vote.

Our nation and our planet face very grave issues for the future. Wouldn't it be wonderful if politicians were free to declare like Esther, ka-asher avaditi, avaditi, voting their consciences on issues such as health care, campaign reform, and ecology? - "I'm truly doing what I think is best for America and the world, and if I'm not re-elected, so be it."

Rabbi Jerome Fox

"Livin to Ride"

At the April 2 Gallery Walk, Mark and Patti Fleischer will host an art exhibit, at Lauray's, featuring the photography of Jo Carroll Lewald.



The show, entitled, "Livin' to Ride" will feature those who ride horses, motorcycles and those who want to ride.

This is Jo Carroll's first exhibit in the Hot Springs area. She is a new member of our congregation and

has been a professional photographer for over 30 years.

These exciting photographs will be on display at Lauray's for 30 days.



Welcome New CHI Members



Diane is a native of Arkansas who recently "came home." She was born in Little Rock, and spent her early years in Hot Springs on Lake Hamilton. My family moved to Little Rock and I lived there until my father, Sely Seligman, passed away. She and her mother, Vicki Seligman,

moved to California to be near her family but always came back to Hot Springs and Little Rock to visit.

"My story is one of those, you can take the girl out of Arkansas but you can't take Arkansas out of the girl so when Les and I married in 1977 I brought him here and have been bringing him here ever since."

Les was born and raised in Los Angeles where his family were members of a Conservative Synagogue. His first visit to Arkansas, Central Arkansas was experiencing a record breaking heat wave and he instantly wilted as we disembarked on the tarmac in Little Rock (before jet ways). It would be several years before we would get him back to Arkansas but over the years of splitting our time between homes in California and Arkansas he has grown to love the people and the way of life in Hot Springs

A few years ago they purchased the 1920 Italian Renaissance Revival building constructed of hand-hewn Arkansas granite located at Ouachita and Hawthorne in Hot Springs across from the Garland County Courthouse. The renovation of this historic location known as the HampWilliams Building has been a labor of love. It is now 60% leased with a portion of the building occupied by the Culinary District, a store front version of their California business, Surfes Restaurant Supply & Gourmet Food, located in Culver City, CA. Future plans include moving the fulfillment distribution center for the www.culinarydistrict.com website from California to the centrally located Hot Springs building.

Les and Diane have two children. Their daughter, Shelby Surfes is a Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Specializing in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles and Therapy West Clinic. She also teaches graduate classes at the University of Southern California. Son, Steven Surfes works as Vice President of the Surfes Group and plans to move to Hot Springs in May after his graduation from Pepperdine University where he will be receiving a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

For those who have not had an opportunity to enjoy lunch at the Culinary District, it is a delightful experience. It is such fun to roam the store and see all the great kitchen and entertaining utensils available. Their gourmet food section is fantastic and their freezer is stocked with all sorts of delicacies!!

Care and Concern

Refuah Shelemah

Prayers are offered for the physical and emotional health of members, family and friends at services on Friday. *We wish Refuah Shelemah to:*

Kevin Adkins - *Husband of Lynn Adkins*
Ken Baim - *Husband of Annette Baim*
Bill Bowman - *Husband of Win Bowman*
Win Bowman - *Wife of Bill Bowman*
Sharona Grenman - *Wife of Oded Grenman*
Ruth Kahn - *Mother of Karen Weinberg*
Stanley Kahn - *Father of Karen Weinberg*
Andrea Kleinman-Parker - *Daughter of Louis and Betty Kleinman*
John Wells - *Friend of Congregation House of Israel*
Roz Zoblotsky - *Wife of Harry Zoblotsky*

Please remember to inform the Caring Committee - Carol Kleinman, Win Bowman - if you or someone you know is ill, in need of help or has experienced a death in the family. We are here to help.

If there is anything you want or need, please contact one of us and it would be our pleasure to help you and your family:

Carol Kleinman	(501) 922-3194
Win Bowman	(501) 622-6876

Coming to Hot Springs

On June 13th, The Rosenzweig Fund for Interfaith Activities is hosting Amy-Jill Levine.

She is a Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. A self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt," she has a strong commitment to eliminating anti-Jewish, sexist and homophobic theologies.



Please mark your calendar to attend what promises to be an interesting evening and an opportunity to meet this renowned teacher of both the Old and New Testaments.

The Time is Almost Here Amir Gwirtzman Concert



Everyone should be receiving a letter and tickets to sell for the Amir Gwirtzman Concert. May 1 is rapidly approaching so please sell as many tickets as you can and tell everyone you know about it. If you need more tickets contact Millie Baron or go by Ambrosia Bakery to get more tickets. See videos of his performances by going to www.youtube.com and searching for Amir Gwirtzman.

Advance tickets can also be purchased at the following places: Ambrosia Bakery, Big J's Pizza Shack, Culinary District, Hot Springs National Park Dental, Lauray's The Diamond Center, Koppel & Hall Dentist, Morgan Stanley, Stephens Jewelers, Temperance Hill Security Storage, The Toy Chest, Westgate Security Storage Hot Springs Village and at the Temple. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Ticket prices are Adult \$10, Student \$5 and VIP \$20. The VIP ticket includes special seating and admission to a wine and cheese party at Carole Katchen's studio with an opportunity to meet and talk to Amir. Carole did a wonderful painting of Amir which she is allowing us to sell. I have included an image of the painting in this edition of the Shofar.

We are working hard to get the word out through emails, press releases and use of all local media. If you have any special contacts or ideas on how to spread the word please contact me at alfredlewald@gmail.com or call me at 622-3104.

We are selling ads in a program for \$200 a page or divisions of that. Annette Baim and David Reagler have successfully sold over 10 pages of the 13 pages we have to sell. If you know of someone you think would be interested in buying an ad or if you are interested in buying one please contact them.

Alfred Lewald

April Yahrtzeits

We honor the memories of the following people during the month of April:

Kaddish recited April 2

Max Prushansky	3/28 (Nissan 13)
<i>Father of Carol Kleinman</i>	
Patsy Kallsnick	4/1
Jetta Benedikt	4/2
Hattie Kleinman Travis	4/2
Michael Goldenberg	4/2
<i>Brother of Sonia Burris</i>	

Kaddish recited April 9

Adolph Uzick	4/3
<i>Cousin of Regina Faulkner</i>	
Eva Brown	4/4
<i>Mother of Betty Forshberg</i>	
Don Kallsnick	4/4
Bertha K. Marcus	4/7
<i>Mother of Imy Marcus</i>	

Kaddish recited April 16

Hilde Heimlich	4/10
Harold Gottlieb	4/13
Milton S. Meyer	4/15

Julius Rosofsky	4/15
<i>Father of Carole Fox</i>	

Kaddish recited April 23

Alfred M. Cohen	4/18
Sam Zipkes	4/19
Laurence Lockwood II	4/19
Jayne Earl Kilby	4/20
<i>Mother of Howard Kilby</i>	
Julius Leiber	4/21
Irma Chalmers	4/22
<i>Mother of Jerry Chalmers</i>	

Kaddish recited April 30

Albert Marshall Wise	4/26
<i>Father-in-law of Jerry Tanenbaum</i>	
Fannie Hurwitz	4/26
Carrie Fellheimer Weil	4/28
Howard Schlesinger	4/28
<i>Husband of Barbara Schlesinger</i>	
Sadye Levy	4/29
Robin Rans	4/30
<i>Niece of Fred Korngut</i>	

May their memories all be for a blessing

When we are dead, and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. Let it not be said that life was good to us, but rather, that we were good to life.

Oneg Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sponsored an Oneg Shabbat during the month of March:

What better way to celebrate special events or just share for Friday night as we welcome the Shabbat as a family.



Oneg Hosts/Hostesses for April

4/2	Pesach	Betty & Louis Kleinman Stephanie & Ira Kleinman
4/3	Saturday AM	Pearl & Jerry Roth
4/9		Sue & Hal Koppel Gail & Irv Greenberg
4/16	Family	Mary Beth & Brian Trubitt Karen & David Reagler
4/23		Joanne & David Reagler Sharon & Oded Grenman
4/30		Kate Tobakos Sharon & Michael Waxler

If you cannot host a scheduled Oneg, please arrange for another congregant to take your place.

President's Message

Powerful Programming Packs Parking Lot!

WOW – what an incredible start to spring we've had with some very wonderful programs! The problem of finding a parking spot in the Garden began with the great turnout for the fabulous Purim festivities. Then it was on to the Sisterhood evening meeting where so many people were fortunate to hear our Holocaust speaker Rosa Blum who presented an amazing program. I am positive that everyone left that night with spirits soaring after hearing her romantic tales of true love in a thriving marriage of over 60 years! And that was followed by another great Sisterhood event, our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Our congregation was treated to an evening with accomplished musicians on the violin, keyboard, and guitar and the sweet voices of over ten women who came from Little Rock to celebrate Shabbat with our congregation. We were also treated to a special sermon that was delivered by the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Arkansas, Suzanne Berkovits. And more inspiring words were sprinkled upon us as Suzanne shared her experience with the aftermath of Bernie Madoff in relation to Hadassah in Florida and how she found her opportunity to move to Arkansas...

I could go on and on, but the point is that there is a lot of enthusiasm and spirit in the air that will help us soar into our next big upcoming events. We are hoping that you will join us for the fun! Please check out these following events:

The Israeli Independence Day BBQ on Sunday, April 18th – Please plan to join us in our newly landscaped Garden of Life. We'll be putting tables and chairs outside so hopefully we'll be enjoying a pleasant spring day in our beautiful new venue!

“Inhale-Exhale” – A World Wind of Music on Saturday, May 1st - We're really counting on you for this one!! Hopefully you all received your letter about the concert that we are sponsoring with Amir Gwartzman. We mailed

four tickets to sell to all of our members, but we are really counting on everyone selling at least ten tickets. It should be a very easy sale because this concert is going to be fabulous! And it is very reasonably priced for such a world-renown artist. So please put your thinking caps on to see who you could sell a ticket to. We have not had a major fund raising event like this at the Temple in years and we're asking everyone to do their part to help make this a success. We are counting on you!

Golden Membership Night on Friday, June 11th - Mark your calendars now for this special Shabbat service to honor all of our members who have belonged to our Temple for over 50 years.

Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, June 13th. Please add this to your calendar as well. It's an important time to be “in the know” about our Temple life.

I also want to mention a very special **THANK YOU** to all of our members who not only returned their Pledge Forms, but also raised their membership dues. Almost 50% of the forms we received back had increases. Please know that we all appreciate your vital support of our congregation! And yes, we are still waiting on a few more Pledge Forms to be returned. So if it's **YOU** that we're waiting on, now is a great time to take action.

Hope to see you all soon at Quapaw and Market!

Millie Baron

President

Board Members:

Ken Baim
Yossi Baron
Stuart Fleischer
Betty Forshberg
Ira Kleinman
Shelly Kleinman
David Reagler
Joanne Reagler
Jerry Rephan
Jerry Tanenbaum
Elaine Wolken

Mazel Tov

To **Oded and Sharona Grenman** on the marriage of their son, Elan to Jennifer Owen.

To **Carmi and Sonny Kolker** on the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Atchley to Kenneth Wells.

To **Lindsey Atchley** on the marriage of her mother, Lisa to Kenneth Wells.

To **John and Janet Gillham** on the marriage of their daughter, Kelly to Justin Carrol.

To **Daryn and Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin and Family** on the birth of their new son/brother born March 24th.

Religious School

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

We're all refreshed from Spring Break and ready for a full month. In April, Pre-Gan will be learning about Yom HaAtzma'ut, Tze'ar Ba'alei Chayim, and Shavuot; Gan will study Moses, Pesach, & Yom HaAtzmaut, as well as the letters Resh, Shin, Sin & Tav; Dalet will learn about Pesach, Elijah, Yom HaShoah, Jeremiah, Yom HaAtzmaut, Daniel, and Tikkun Olam; while Vav will study Pesach, the Song of Songs, Havdalah, Tisha B'Av, Lamentations, Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom HaAtzmaut. We'll have a special T'fillah for Yom HaShoah, and the older children will have an Israeli City Diorama activity. We hope to see you all at the Yom HaAtzmaut Mangal on the 18th, celebrating not only Israel's Independence, but also Tel Aviv's Centennial!

Sunday May 16th

Get Ready
for the
Jewish
Food &
Cultural
Festival!



Music, food, art, children's area, history, friends, fun.
Early bird breakfast 8:30 - 10:00 am; Festival 10 am - 4 pm. Volunteering at the festival is fun! [Email](#) the federation, or call 501-663-3571.
You are needed!

Proceeds to benefit the greater communities.

Special advanced sale tickets available. Please click [here](#) to complete the online form, or mail your check to the address shown below. \$20 will buy \$25 in food and drink tickets.

We will hold your tickets at the will call ticket booth.

No limit on advance purchases, but please mail before May 1st, 2010 to:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Yom Huledet Sameach!!

- Carole Fox 4/6
- Larry Levi 4/7
- Annette Baim 4/14
- Brian Waxler 4/14
- Rachel Kleinman 4/16
- Lillian Bruckner 4/16
- Jordan Chalmers 4/18
- Stuart Fleischner 4/22
- Betty Kleinman 4/23
- Alexander Wright 4/23
- Gary Lax 4/29



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mazel Tov!!

- John and Janet Gillham 4/5
- Bill and Kate Tobakos 4/10



Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin... CHI Congregant of the Month



Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin was exposed to the traditions of a variety of cultures while growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana, and continued to build on these experiences by living in many different communities. After graduating from Tulane University, she went to graduate school in Philadelphia, ending with

a doctorate in Clinical Psychology with concentrations in Organizational, School, and Family Psychology. After a stint of living in Israel, she worked as a School Psychologist in New Hampshire before travelling in England and Europe, where she met her future husband, Daryn. His Kiwi roots changed her plans from returning to Israel to moving to the other end of the world - Auckland, New Zealand. Life next took her to London, England for a few years, before she returned to New Orleans to be near family. That lasted until Hurricane Katrina changed things again, and Bridget rather randomly chose Hot Springs as a good place to which to evacuate. Finding the area to be lovely and the congregation to be such a warm, caring community, the family opted to stay put and has quickly set down roots.

Bridget has been teaching religious school and Hebrew to children and adults for 19 years, in Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, Progressive, and Communal settings and is currently both a teacher in and the Director of the CHI Religious School. Most of her time is now spent homeschooling her 5 children and there should soon be a notice for the bris of her 6th. Having moved to the natural state, Bridget has been moving toward a more natural lifestyle and so has been doing more cooking and making things from scratch. She is also an avid reader and crafter and has recently been selling fresh backyard eggs, knitted items and other crafts at the Spa City Local Farm Market Co-op. Bridget also enjoys volunteering and has been involved in temple and organizational life in various locations, including chairing the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students - a 25,000 member organization. She is now involved with the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, Herb N'League, the Hot Springs Beautification Commission, and Hot Springs Homeschoolers (an organization she created), in addition to her CHI activities. She enjoys the Sisterhood, recently chaired the CHI Education Committee, and currently serves on the CHI Events Committee as well as the Sisterhood Holocaust Remembrance Committee. Bridget and Daryn currently live in a noisy, busy household with their children, 2 cats, 1 turtle, 4 lizards, 8 fish, and 20 chickens.

Yom ha-Atzmaut Celebration



Come celebrate Israel
Independence Day and the
Centennial Birthday of Tel Aviv

With
Mangal
Israeli barbeque and games

Sunday April 18 at Noon
CHI Pavillion
(inside if raining)

Join us for this gala celebration in honor of Israel and Tel Aviv. We will be having games for young and old and will be barbecuing chickens. Please bring a salad or dessert to go with the barbecued chickens.

Rabbi has made a replica of the City of Tel Aviv which will be on display in Burgauer Hall.

For further information, contact David Reagler at 870/208-4495 or david@arkrecords.com.



Remembrance Days For the Holocaust

Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project

Sunday
April 11, 2010
2PM

Garland County Library
1427 Malvern Avenue
Hot Springs

Partnering With:

Garland County Library
Rosenzweig Fund for
Interfaith Activities
REGARD

To commemorate the loss of the lives of the 6 million Jews and the other millions who lost their lives in the Holocaust. This will be an hour long, free program hosted by CHI for the entire community.

Carla Mouton will present the winners of the Genocide Essay Contest.

Refreshments will be provided by Sisterhood.

Yom Hashoah

A Service of
Remembrance

TUESDAY
APRIL 27, 2010
6 PM

Woodlands Auditorium
DeSoto and Balboa
Hot Springs Village

Sponsored by Interfaith
Council of Hot Springs Village

For more information
contact Carol Kleinman at
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that we avoid repetition."*

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If you have any comments or suggestions for The Shofar, please let either Karen Holcomb or Carol Kleinman know.

Upcoming meetings or Temple events? Please let us know so we can put them in The Shofar.

Remember - Shofar deadline is the 20th of the month, so please have all articles, reminders, etc. sent to Karen prior to that date.