

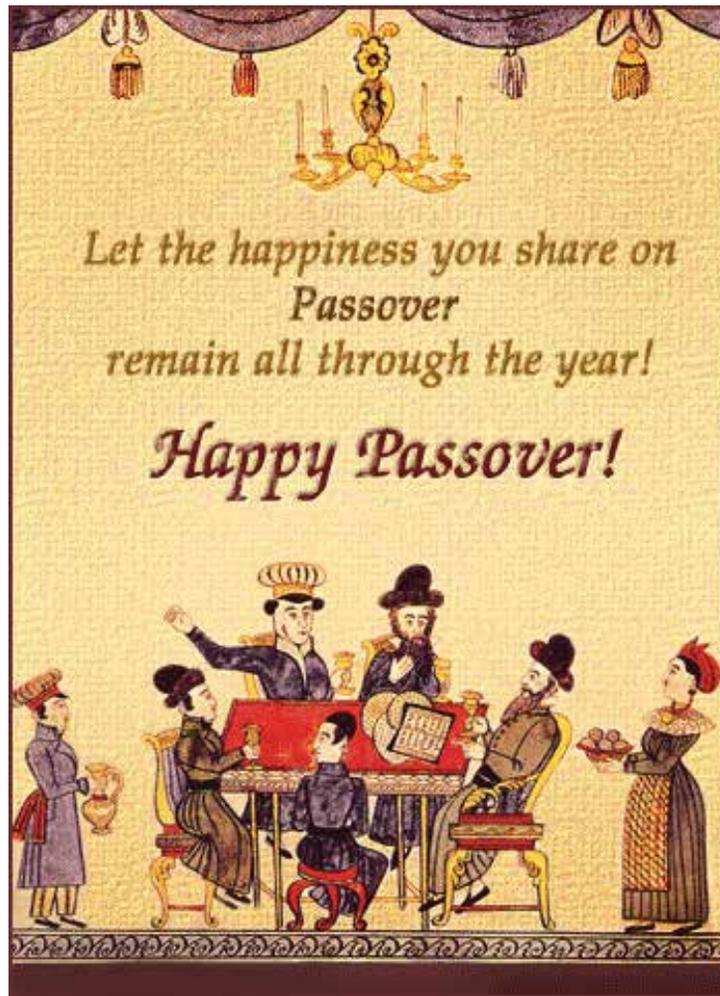


The Shofar

April, 2015

Congregation House of Israel

12 Nisan - 11 Iyar, 5775



Schedule of Events

Fri	Apr 3	5:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
		6:00 pm	Passover seder led by Rabbi Chapin
Sat	Apr 4	9:30 am	Torah Study
Fri	Apr 10	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Chapin
Sat	Apr 11	9:30 am	Torah Study
Sun	Apr 12	9:30 am	Religious School
Fri	Apr 17	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Kleinman
Fri	Apr 24	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat service with Rabbi Kleinman

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Welcome to our CHI Mensch Society

A short while ago, we sent a letter to people with a connection to CHI – former members, students, friends, etc – inviting them to join our CHI Mensch Society.

This very special membership is only available to people who live outside the Hot Springs area but would like to have a connection to the congregation.

May I take this opportunity to welcome our Mensch Society members to date:

Ann Rosenzweig
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Al and Donna Tanenbaum
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If you know of anyone who might be interested in continuing the rich Jewish tradition of education, faith and community service that Congregation House of Israel brings to this area, please have them call Stuart Fleischner at 501/262-5308 or

From the Rabbi



One of the most frequent phrases in our liturgy reads “Zecher Litziat Mitzraim” (“As a remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt”). In the Ten Commandments God is described as the “One who brought us out of the land of Egypt” (Ex. 20:2); in the Kiddush for the Sabbaths and Festivals as well as in the third paragraph of the Shema, we employ the same phrase. The words, each time they are recited, transport us to our Seders as we commemorate the historical festival of Pesach.

And so we arrive, once again, eternally committed to celebrate the Passover Seder by gathering as a community and reading the Haggadah. The formula is exquisitely simple: “One must look upon oneself as if he/she had come out of Egypt personally.” The essential principle is the remembrance and commitment to the principle of freedom -- not just our historical freedom we earned through God’s redemption of the ancient Israelites -- but freedom for all who suffer under the yoke of bondage.

The Haggadah, which tells the Passover story, ingeniously embraces an age-old Jewish ideal that we must worship God both through prayer and study. Thus the Passover celebration is observed primarily as a teaching lesson, in which Jewish history, Jewish literature and Jewish religion are co-mingled. The Seder, which means “order,” maintains its ancient structure. It is we, the Jewish people, who, by re-interpreting its narrative through our generations and the generations to come, obligate ourselves to keep our tradition vibrant and alive.

April third is a Friday evening. Join us for our Shabbat Passover celebration.

Jeanne and Richard Chapin

Sisterhood



It seems like we just started our Sisterhood year, and here we are with just two meetings to go.

We will have our April meeting on April 20 in **Burgauer Hall**. Sisterhood will provide lunch to everyone as our gift to you. Our new officers will be introduced and we can start planning for next year.

On May 1, our Shaliach, Lior Ron, will be speaking to our congregation. With all that is going on in the world today, I’m sure she will have a lot of information to share as well as be able to answer any questions we are sure to have. We will have a brief ceremony presenting our slate of officers for next year.

For our final meeting of the year on May 4, we will have a wine and cheese reception for Dr. Nancy Hendricks who will review her newest book, “Terrible Swift Sword: Long Road to the Sultana”. She will speak in costume and spotlight the role Jewish people played during the Civil War. Proceeds from this program will include a donation to the Garland County Historical Society. This will be an evening meeting and open to the public. There is no charge, but donations will be cheerfully accepted.

I want to thank Sisterhood for giving me the opportunity to serve as President. I am always amazed at how much we do and how much we all enjoy doing it together.

Hope everyone has/had a wonderful Passover Holiday surrounded by loved ones and friends.



ARZA - World Union

Jerry Tanenbaum to Step Down as Yad B'Yad Chair.

Rabbi Roberto Graetz to Become Next Task Force Leader

All of us connected with the World Union for Progressive Judaism in 50 countries and 1200 communities around the world join in joyful songs of praise for Jerry Tanenbaum, Chairman of the WUPJ's Yad B'Yad Task Force, who will step down in May at the WUPJ's CONNECTIONS 2015 conference.

Rabbi Roberto Graetz, a native of Argentina and the rabbi of Temple Isaiah of Lafayette, California, will become the new Chairman of Yad B'Yad.

Under Jerry Tanenbaum's chairmanship of Yad B'Yad, the Latin American Progressive community thrived.

A decade ago, there were just a few Progressive/Reform congregations in Latin America. Today, there are so many more. This growth has occurred as a result of the tenacity of the WUPJ's leadership in the region, as well as the dedication of a North America-based WUPJ support team, Yad B'Yad (Hand-in-Hand) that was created by Steve and Sandy z"l Breslauer and Jerry and Pat z"l Tanenbaum.

During the Tanenbaum era, Yad B'Yad has facilitated the flowering of the Latin American community through missions, fundraising and strategic planning.

With the help of Yad B'Yad, the WUPJ-Latin America region has been able to send emerging leaders to the Saltz Center in Jerusalem for training.

In addition, Yad B'Yad has provided the means for cantors to establish the La Shir B'Nefesh cantorial chorale, which travels throughout Latin America, performing Judaic music.

Other highlights of Jerry Tanenbaum's tenure include the beginning of the translation of the Plaut Torah Commentary into Portuguese; the hiring of a full-time executive director and working with Fundacion Judaica in Argentina to expand the WUPJ's impact in the community.

Jerry Tanenbaum has chaired Yad B'Yad since its inception, and has supported, sustained and led the task force with verve and dynamism. Jerry Tanenbaum, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, also served as the Chair of the North American Board of the World Union.



He will be honored for his leadership and vision at a festive program on May 14. At that time, the Yad B'Yad Fund will officially be changed to the Jerry and Pat (z"l) Tanenbaum Yad B'Yad

Fund for Latin America.

The celebration will include tributes from long-time friends and associates, musical performances by Latin American performers and by Jerry's grandson, a noted musician.

Regarding Rabbi Graetz, he served as rabbi in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro and was the WUPJ's first Director for Latin America, prior to arriving at Temple Isaiah 1991.

As one who is intimately involved in Progressive Jewish life in Latin America, Rabbi Graetz is uniquely positioned to take the reins of Yad B'Yad and lead it to an even greater impact in the region.

The World Union and its leadership expresses profound gratitude for the selfless work of Jerry Tanenbaum and sends hearty congratulations to Rabbi Roberto Graetz.

We know that our Latin American congregations will benefit and prosper from the continued contributions of Yad B'Yad.

Weekly Parhiot

April

Shemini

April 18, 2015

Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as Kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to consume the offerings on the Altar and the Divine Presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy.

G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption.

Tazria/M'tzora

April 25, 2015

The Parshahs of Tazria and Metzora continue the discussion of the laws of tumah v'taharah, ritual impurity and purity.

Tzaraat (often mistranslated as "leprosy") is a supra-natural plague, which can afflict people as well as garments or homes. If white or pink patches appear on a person's skin (dark pink or dark green in garments or homes), a kohen is summoned. Judging by various signs, such as an increase in size of the afflicted area after a seven-day quarantine, the kohen pronounces it tamei (impure) or tahor (pure).

A person afflicted with tzaraat must dwell alone outside of the camp (or city) until he is healed. The afflicted area in a garment or home must be removed; if the tzaraat recurs, the entire garment or home must be destroyed.

When the metzora ("leper") heals, he or she is purified by the kohen with a special procedure involving two birds, spring water in an earthen vessel, a piece of cedar wood, a scarlet thread and a bundle of hyssop.

Acharaei Mot/K'doshim

May 2, 2015

Following the deaths of Nadav and Avihu, G-d warns against unauthorized entry "into the holy." Only one person, the kohen gadol ("high priest"), may, but once a year, on Yom Kippur, enter the innermost chamber in the Sanctuary to offer the sacred ketoret to G-d..

The Parshah of Kedoshim begins with the statement: "You shall be holy, for I, the L-rd your G-d, am holy." This is followed by dozens of mitzvot (divine commandments) through which the Jew sanctifies him- or herself and relates to the holiness of G-d.

Emor

May 9, 2015

The second part of Emor lists the annual Callings of Holiness—the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nisan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nisan; the bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the second day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day; a "remembrance of shofar blowing" on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival—during which we are to dwell in huts

for seven days and take the "Four Kinds"—beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the "eighth day" of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret).

Next the Torah discusses the lighting of the menorah in the Temple, and the showbread (lechem hapanim) placed weekly on the table there.



Purim, 2015



All photos by Karen Reagler, Mother of Queen Esther



On March, 12, we all celebrated the Commitment Ceremony of Saralee Stark and Wayne Phillips

Mazel Tov!

Shaliach Visit, May 1

On Friday, May 1st, we will have the honor and privilege to welcome Shaleach, Lior Ron, to our congregation for Friday night services. She will be accompanied by Marianne Tettlebaum of the Jewish Federation.

Lior is 27 years old and is from Natanya. Her goal is to connect as much as possible between Jewish people abroad as well as in Israel. She has strong beliefs that showing people Israel through her eyes will make them want to be involved.

With all that is going on in the world today, she is willing and eager to answer questions about the situation. Among the subjects she would be more than happy to discuss are the following:

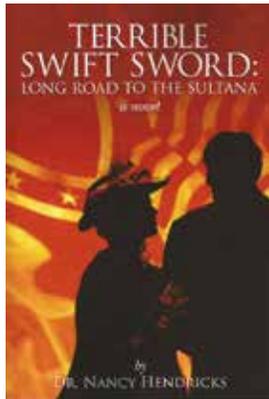
- Israel vs Palestine narrative
- Israel society and culture
- The IDF (general information, minorities in the army and women in the IDF)
- Israel politics



We hope that we will have a good representation of our membership and show her how much this small town in Arkansas cares about Israel.

Ruth and Saralee will be presenting the oneg that night. Please feel free to bring a 'nosh' to share.

Author brings Civil War story to Congregation House of Israel



This month, the new book about the Civil War by Dr. Nancy Hendricks of Hot Springs Village is being released. 'Terrible Swift Sword: Long Road to the Sultana' has been called 'Gone With the Wind' meets 'Titanic.' Hendricks will appear in costume and in character for a program spotlighting the role of

Jewish people during the Civil War at Congregation House of Israel, 300 Quapaw, Hot Springs, on Monday evening, May 4, at 7 p.m. Books will be available for purchase, and a signing will follow.

The event will include a wine-and-cheese reception, and is open to the public. Admission is free, but donations will be appreciated. A portion of receipts from the program will be donated to the Garland County Historical Society.

Along with a book tour, Hendricks will be on the road at national programs commemorating the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War in April of 1865. Hendricks says, "So many average people were caught up in the cataclysm of war. One of them was Emanuel Burgauer of Hot Springs who fought for the South, was a prisoner of war, and went on to be a founder of Congregation House of Israel in Hot Springs. In fact, audience members on May 4 will see his name on the wall of the social hall, which brings the story close to home. These are stories few people know."

That may be about to change with the publication of Hendricks' new book. In the prestigious Kirkus

Reviews, it is called a "... riveting novel. Her solid research enables her to evoke the atmosphere of the times, from the mundane to the horrible. The story's characters, particularly the women, are well-drawn, and the dialogue is true to life. She also effectively brings out the struggles of characters such as a Jewish peddler named Stieglitz. An often vivid, heartbreaking story full of great historical detail and human pathos."

Hendricks says she was honored to be reviewed by the nationally-renowned Kirkus, adding, "I am so glad the review also noted that the book underscores kindness that appears in unexpected places. The story is inspiring and uplifting. It involves the role of faith in adversity, compassion in wartime, the miracle of enduring love, and the strength of the human spirit."

The book, which is the result of ten years' worth of research, includes fascinating true details such as women Civil War soldiers, a Confederate plot to destroy New York City, and the plight of Jewish families in the mid-South. Hendricks says the book will appeal to general audiences who like a good

story as well as those interested in little-known history, the Civil War, and true-life inspiration. She is available for Civil War programs throughout 2015 at houses of worship, civic organizations, and book clubs.



Hendricks, author of the book Senator Hattie Caraway: An Arkansas Legacy, is well known for her portrayal of Senator Hattie Caraway of Arkansas, the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. She has spoken at a number of area groups, and also travels nationwide with her program, Hattie to Hillary: Women in

Politics.

Hendricks is an award-winning author who received the Pryor Award for Arkansas Women's History, Arkansas Governor's Arts Award, and White House Millennium Award for her writing.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Barbara Morgan	Apr 4
Larry Levi	Apr 7
Jeff Schlossberg	Apr 7
Annette Baim	Apr 14
Brian Waxler	Apr 14
Rachel Kleinman	Apr 16
Jordan Chalmers	Apr 18
Stuart Fleischner	Apr 22
Betty Kleinman	Apr 23
Gary Lax	Apr 29
Cheryl Cohen	Apr 30

Anniversaries

Lou and Susan Siegel	Apr 1
Carli and Chris Baker	Apr 27

Oneg Thanks

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

April 3	Congregational Seder
April 10	Sherrill Nicolosi Joanne Reagler
April 17	Fran Rephan Cynthia Rephan
April 24	Cheryl Cohen Carol Crow-Nanez

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 Carol Kleinman of the change.

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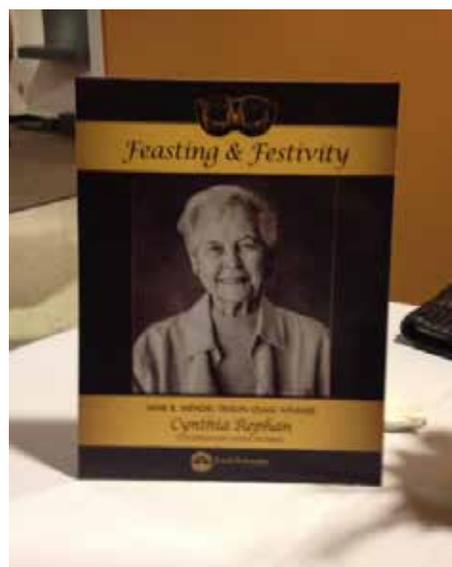
JEWISH
Food & Cultural
festival

Sunday, April 26th, 2015

War Memorial Stadium
Little Rock, AR

The festivities kick off with a classic Jewish breakfast of lox, bagels and cream cheese, plus blintzes and kugel, at 8:30 a.m. The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.

Admission to the festival is free.



Our Tikkun Olam honoree, Cynthia Rephan at the annual dinner presentation. Photo by Ruth Sedler

April Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Recited April 3

Sandra Rans
Sister of Harriette Korngut

Yahrzeit Recited April 10

Max Prushansky
Father of Carol Kleinman

Bertha K. Marcus
Mother of Imy Marcus

Luman Sheets
Father of Mary Klompus

Yahrzeit Recited April 17

Craney Bellin
Mother of Ruth Sedler

Bernard Rephan
Father of Jerry Rephan

Sam Savel
Grandfather of David Cohen

Yahrzeit Recited April 24

Irma Chalmers
Mother of Jerry Chalmers

Albert Marshall Wise
Father-in-law of Jerry Tanenbaum

Condolences

We mourn the loss of long time CHI member, **David Major**, who passed away on Sunday, March 15. Our condolences to his wife JoAnn, his family and friends.

Todah Rabah

Millie Baron for all her wonderful breads, cakes and cookies

Oded Grenman for transporting Rabbi Chapin to and from the airport each month

Our March Jackson House team – **Sue Koppel, Sharon Waxler, Stuart and Mary Klompus and Carol Kleinman**

Everyone who helped make our Seder such a wonderful event

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- Bill Eisenkramer
- David Reagler
- John and Leslie Jamieson
- Barbara Diebel
- Louis Kleinman
- Louise Levy
- Sally Nicolosi
- Edith Reiter
- Norm Bushee

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

In Human Relations:

The 5 most important words are: "I am proud of you."

The 4 most important words are: "What is your opinion?"

The 3 most important words are: "If you please."

The 2 most important words are: "Thank you."

Smallest word: "I"

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