

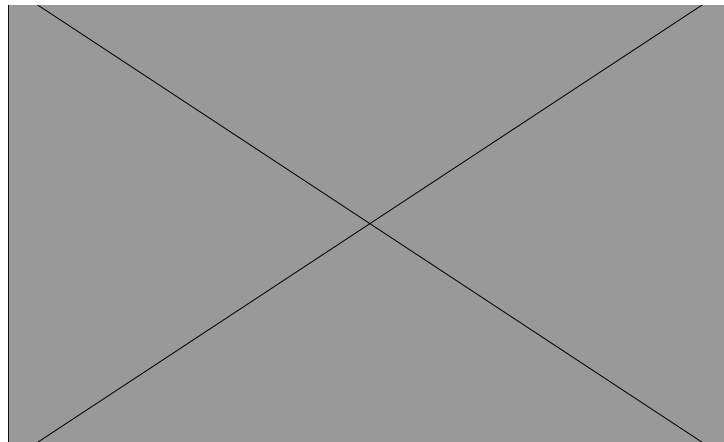


The Shofar

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Congregation House of Israel

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A special Passover Message from Rabbi Chapin

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April 2016 Upcoming Events			
Mon	April 4	11:00 am	Chi Sisterhood Meeting
Mon	April 11	5:30 pm	Chi Board meeting
Fri	April 1	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with Dennis and Anita Williams
Fri	April 8, 15, 22	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Chapin
Fri	April 29	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with "The Sisterhood"
Sat	April 9, 16, 23	9:30 am	Torah Study with Rabbi Chapin
Sun	All	9:30 am	Religious School with David Reagler

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Parsley, Ruth, Passover and it's
Thyme
to make your Passover Reservations!

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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

Davar

"A Matter for Discussion"



If it's Spring it must be Passover. That is a statement of absolute truth. Pesach can only occur in the Spring -- it's biblically ordained. This helps us understand why the Jewish calendar is so complicated.

But Model Seders can still be conducted in the Winter. A few weeks ago I was privileged to conduct a Seder at St. Mary of the Springs. Father George Sanders and I, and some 200 members of that beautiful Catholic church, enjoyed a Seder Service, a Seder meal, good companionship, and much joy. A number of people studying Roman Catholicism for the purpose of conversion also attended the event. A number of women from our Sisterhood, led by Sue Koppel, prepared the Haroses, eggs and other Seder condiments.

The only perplexing part of the service involved the Afikomen. What should I give the young people (who were few in number) as a reward for looking and finding the hidden Matza? Let's remember that this was an Interfaith Seder. Walking through Kroger's a light went off. And so, after the Afikomen was discovered I presented the children with chocolate Easter Bunnies!! I assured them that they could be consumed as it was not yet the holiday.

On Tuesday evening, April 12, I will be conducting another Model Seder at First United Methodist Church along with Rev. Michael Mattox and Rev. Gregory Nettles of AME Church. I anticipate a similarly joyous evening at the Church.

Interfaith events not only promote religious understanding of our different religions; they bring the entire community closer together. May our efforts in the community continue to bear fruit for all.

Warmest Wishes,
Richard Chapin

Sisterhood



We had a very fun and interesting Sisterhood meeting this month. Cindy Brown from the Federation came and spoke about how to deal with difficult people. Very interesting and informative. Saralee and Wayne were hostess and host and we had a delicious meal.

Thanks to both of you. We didn't even make Wayne put on a skirt. Rabbi Richard conducted a mock Seder at St. Mary's Catholic Church and was so warmly greeted. There were close to 200 people in attendance and so many of them came to thank us so much for sharing this with them. You would all have been proud of Rabbi Richard and especially his gift to the children who found the Afikoman. Five pound chocolate Easter bunnies!! Brilliant. Our team of charosis makers included Ruth Sedler (who also separated over 200 pieces of parsley for each person's plate), Sharon Waxler (who, along with Betty Kleinman, graciously came to St. Mary's and helped me divide up the horseradish for each person, get out the matzos and fix the Seder plates for each table. There were 25 tables), Betty also made charosis. Also Betty Forshberg and Anita Williams. Yea to the apple choppers!! Patti Fleischner roasted eggs to go on each Seder plate. Thank you, thank you ladies. Couldn't have been done without you. And if you're resting on your laurels, DON'T, because we have another mock Seder at First Methodist Church plus our own Seder coming up so I will be nagging very shortly. Get your aprons out. We've got a busy month coming up.

Best Regards,

Sue Koppel

From the President



The festival of Pesach, with all its many customs, traditions, and observances, is central to Jewish life. It commemorates the Jewish People's being freed from bondage and becoming a nation, and it celebrates the enduring human quest for freedom.

It is a holiday with great historical significance and continually unfolding meaning, for within the celebration of historical redemption is the hope and the promise of ultimate redemption, the time when all humankind will be redeemed to live in freedom and tranquility in a world dominated by justice, filled with compassion, and enveloped in everlasting peace.

A special custom before Passover begins is a from of Tzedakah [charity] called ma'ot chitim. This insures that those that cannot afford to purchase essential provisions for the holiday will have enough money to purchase matzoh I encourage you to consider this custom when making your holiday contribution. In addition to supporting our Synagogue, please donate to Jackson House or our local Food Bank to fulfill a form of this tradition

Happy Passover!!!



Seder Meal

Members of the Congregation House of Israel, Sue Koppel, front, prepares unleavened bread while Sharon Waxler, back left, and Betty Kleinman prepare beet horseradish for an Instructional Seder Passover Seminar at St. Mary's Church.

Courtesy of the Hot Springs Sentinel Record

From: Michelle L. Malashock
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2:38 PM
Subject: Shabbat Shalom!

I am with Congregation Etz Chaim in Bentonville, and I was writing in the hopes that you would publicize an opportunity to write in our new Torah at the Jewish Food Festival -- perhaps in your newsletter (digital or printed) or on your website and/or Facebook page?

We'd love any members of yours who are traveling to the Food Festival to participate or stop by the booth to learn more.

Here is the suggested language and I am attaching a photo to use if you'd like of a recent writing event. Please let me know if this is something you can do! :) Feel free to holler with any questions. We really appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Michelle Malashock

Complete the 613th Commandment at the Jewish Food & Cultural Festival.

Did you know that writing a new Torah is the 613th commandment? Stop by the Project 613 booth at the Jewish Food & Cultural Festival on Sunday, April 10, anytime from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to complete this rare mitzvah and support Project 613, a fundraiser to support programming at Congregation Etz Chaim in Bentonville. For a minimum \$50 donation, you can dedicate a part of our new Torah and write in the actual scroll with a sofer (scribe) right at the festival. There will also be foods from the Bible available to purchase. The festival is being held at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. For more information, contact cecproject613@gmail.com.



The Signing of the Scroll
Project 613

Getting to Know



Millie Baron

The only reason I let David use this really bad picture of me is because I love those rocks in the background!

Those are very important rocks to me. They belong to my temple! I have vivid memories of that day that

is captured in one of the photos on the Wall of Fame in Burgauer Hall, the one with people holding shovels for the ground breaking for the new sanctuary. And those rocks have continued to be a comforting reminder to me that when I am at the temple, I am where I belong.

So many happy memories, from my confirmation class with Susi Rosenzweig, to Youth Group president with Dr. Hal and Sue Koppel as advisors (boy were they cool back then!!!), a beautiful wedding, two very special baby namings (yep, Shelly and Adam!) so many holidays too numerous to count, and even some funerals to round out the balance of life.

I have served as Sisterhood President several times (with another term fast approaching!), served on the temple board several times, including a term as president, taught Sunday school for 18 years, and now I find myself on the circuit of lay leaders helping out with Friday night services when our rabbi is not with us.

I think this resume makes my point very obvious: this congregation has played a major role in my life and I look forward to many more happy years of helping to make it thrive for generations to come. When I'm not at temple, my husband Mick and I run Ambrosia Bakery. We are soon approaching our 20th anniversary of the bakery - just one more reminder of how time does fly!

Meetcha at the rocks!

Congregation House of Israel

Rabbinical History

1956 - present

1956 - 1974	Rabbi Albert Michels
1974 - 1981	Rabbi Percy Selvin Goldberg
1983 - 1985	Rabbi Thomas Friedman
1986 - 1988	Rabbi Jay Heyman
1988 - 1989	Student Rabbi Brett Isserow
1989 - 1991	Rabbi Angela Graboys-Rudner
1991 - 1994	Rabbi Matthew L. Friedman
1994 - 2001	Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman
2001 - 2002	Student Rabbi Debra Dressler
2003 - 2007	Rabbi Vicki Hollander
2007 - 2011	Rabbi Jerome Fox
2011 - 2016*	Rabbi Sheldon Kleinman
2011 - 2017*	Rabbi Richard Chapin

* *Part Time*



Sunday, April 10th, 2016
War Memorial Stadium

To see more information about the Festival click [the link below.](#)

<http://www.jewisharkansas.org/jewish-food-and-cultural-festival/>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Lou & Susan Siegel April 01
Michael & Sharon Waxler April 27

Birthdays

Barbara Morgan April 04
Paula Alan April 05
Larry Levi April 07
Jeff Schlosberg April 07
Maya Grenman April 09
Annette Baim April 14
Brian Waxler April 14
Rachel Gordon April 16
Stuart Fleischner April 22
Betty Kleinman April 23
Jennifer Grenman April 26
Gary Lax April 29
Cheryl Cohen April 30

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- John Hearn
- John and Leslie Jamieson
- Carol Crow-Nanez
- John Blumbeks
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Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

Todah Rabah

To **The Sisterhood** - for coordinating the food efforts for the mock seders at St. Mary's and the AME Church.

To **David Kirsch/Shelly Kleinman/Anita Williams** for producing "The Shofar" every month.

Oneg Thanks

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

- April 1 David and Cheryl Cohen
Mark and Patti Fleischner
- April 8 Jerry and Fran Rephan
Wayne Phillips and Saraee Stark
- April 15 Stuart and Mary Klompus
Jerry and Jodi Chalmers
- April 22 None - Passover Seder - 5:30 pm
(Reservations Required)
- April 29 Ross and Ruth Sedler
Stuart and Mary Klompus (Sisterhood Shabbat)

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.

April Yahrtzeits

Kaddish Recited April 1

Roslyn Kirsch
Mother of David Kirsch

Kaddish Recited April 8

Eva Brown
Mother of Betty Forshberg

Max Prushansky
Father of Carol Kleinman

Bertha K. Marcus
Mother of Imy Marcus

Luman Sheets
Father of Mary Klompus

Kaddish Recited April 15

Craney Bellin
Mother of Ruth Sedler

Lonnie Pederson
Nephew of Cheryl Cohen

Bernard Rephan
Father of Jerry Rephan

Kaddish Recited April 22

Sam Savel
Grandfather of David Cohen

Irma Chalmers
Mother of Jerry Chalmers

Kaddish Recited April 29

Howard Schlesinger
Husband of Barbara Schlesinger

Robin Rans
Niece of Fred Korngut



This Torah breast plate was donated to our temple by Larry And Carol Levi. The breast plate was originally donated to the McGhee temple in memory of Larry's grandfather, Joseph Weisman. They also donated a lovely pink and silver tablecloth. Many thanks for sharing these treasures with our temple.

Take me out to the Seder
(To the tune of, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game!")

Take me out to the Seder
Take me out with the crowd.
Feed me on matzah and chicken legs,
I don't care for the hard-boiled eggs.
And it's root, root, root for Elijah
That he will soon reappear.
And let's hope, hope, hope that we'll meet
Once again next year!

Take me out to the Seder
Take me out with the crowd.
Read the Haggadah
And don't skip a word.
Please hold your talking,
We want to be heard.
And let's, root, root, root for the leader that he
will finish his spiel
So we can nosh, nosh, nosh and by-gosh
Let's eat the meal!!!

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