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Join the Fun

Friday, December 6, 2013

5:15 p.m.

Come celebrate the day after the end of Hanukkah with our always delicious latkes (made by and provided by Sisterhood).

Bring a dessert or side dish to share.

Rabbi Chapin will lead us in prayer afterwards in Burgauer Hall.

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Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”

‘Tis the Season. I refer not only to Christmas but to the month of December that for some reason has become a month noted for 31 days of fun. Office parties and private celebrations abound, and by the time New Year arrives, many are too tired to participate.



What is often overlooked, beginning with the holiday of Thanksgiving, is the religious nature of the festivals that punctuate our calendars at this time of year. From pilgrims to Maccabees to a commemoration of the birth of the Christian savior, people from all faiths join their communities in grateful prayers for the bountiful blessings bestowed upon them. The accompanying secular celebrations that culminate in the annual New Year’s “countdown in Times Square” are just that -- secular. Fun, but religiously insignificant.

What clergymen from all faiths seek is consistency in prayer and the performance of good deeds. December is no different in that regard than any other month of the year. Indeed, it was the inspiration of Judaism to take a secular event -- the defeat of the Syrian Greeks by the Maccabees in 167 B.C.E.-- and place it in a religious context. The Hannukah “miracle of lights” comes to us years later in the Talmud. The increase in sanctity by lighting one more candle each Hannukah evening, until we arrive at the eighth night, speaks to the importance of adding sanctity to everything we do in our lives. In other words, dear friends, as we continue to observe Judaism both in the temple and in our homes, remember the Hannukah tradition, adding holiness to our celebration of the Jewish holidays and festivals, and in the conduct of our personal lives. This practice will make us better Jews, and concomitantly, better people.

And let’s pray that the secular New Year 2014 will bring all of our families and friends at CHI a year of goodness, fulfillment, and peace.

From the President

Karen and I have a lot for which to be thankful. Our children play and learn and laugh. The roof over our heads holds out the rain, and keeps in the heat. We can make the ends meet most of the time, and we have a Jewish community in which to love and be loved.



This past Sunday during religious school, the lesson was about Hanukah, and recapped the story of the Maccabees and such. After the story, the lesson asked us to list some commandments from G-d. And then it asked us, “Which commandments from G-d are worth fighting for?”

And I’ve been thinking about this question since. Do we have to fight for anything? How much do we struggle each day? Are these struggles important or trivial?

We don’t go to bed hungry. Cholera, which results in vomiting and diarrhea, can kill a healthy adult in one day. Men don’t cave in our front door and attack or kill our loved ones. Our macaroni and cheese isn’t fancy, but it keeps us plump.

Every year, I enjoy this time of year. Although I am Jewish, I cherish watching the 1938 version of “A Christmas Carol”, and 1939’s “It’s a Wonderful Life.” It’s no coincidence that my two favorite movies were filmed during The Great Depression. Because then, folks had to really ask, “Which commandments from G-d are worth fighting for?”

So let’s eat our latkes. Let’s call our long lost neighbors and friends. Let’s hug our parents and children and cousins and uncles. Let’s cherish our Torah. Let’s remember which commandments from G-d are worth fighting for, and as Terry Kilburn, the actor who played Tiny Tim Cratchit wished, “G-d bless us every one.”

David Reagler

Sisterhood

We Can Do It!



Another month, another column for the Shofar -- another wonderful Sisterhood meeting!!

Thank you to **Patti Fleischner** for her wonderful review of the book "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" by Rachel

Held Evans. Even though none of us had read it, she did her usual "Patti magic" of presenting a lively review of the book. I'm in the middle of reading it now and am finding it as interesting as she promised.

Thank you to our luncheon hostesses, **Anita Williams and Karen Reagler** Delicious!!

We will be visited by our WRJ area director, Sooz Waxman, at our December meeting. She will be sharing with us some of the ways we can be more involved in WRJ as well as ways that WRJ can help our Sisterhood. Although we are not a large group, we are a very involved group. I guess you can say we are the "heart of CHI."

Please join us on December 6th for our latkes and prayers oneg led by Rabbi Chapin. Both the oneg and services will be held in Burgauer Hall starting at 5:15.

A very special thank you to James and Marie Woodfork who make sure that our temple is maintained, our onegs served and just plain take care of us!! We wish them a joyous holiday season.

Watch the mail for your invitation to attend the Tikkun Olam Awards dinner on February 1st where Federation will be honoring Mary Klompus. Let's all get out and show Mary how very much we appreciate her leadership and all that she does for our congregation.

See you next year!!!

Carol

ARZA - World Union

Enough Already

By Jerry Tanenbaum

Reform, Conservative, Renewal and Reconstructionist Jews believe deeply that the time is long overdue for the State of Israel to support, accept, and validate the authentic Judaism that we practice every day and everywhere in freedom—except in our beloved Jewish homeland of Israel.

Listen to the commitment that we in the Diaspora uphold daily --- unconditional support for the State of Israel, abiding solidarity with the citizens of Israel, unbending resolve in the battle against Israel's enemies, and unshakeable determination in the face of all those who wish Israel ill. At the same time, we hold firm to our own vision of what the Jewish state should and can be, and we proclaim our commitment to a two-state solution as essential to Israel's well-being and security. And willingly, lovingly, joyfully, we engage in the struggle to realize Israel's most cherished ideals.

But at the Western Wall, in rabbinical courts, at the bridal canopy, at funerals, in the founding and funding of our congregations, we are not equal in the Jewish people's homeland. Ultra-Orthodox Judaism is, of course, a legitimate choice for those who chose it, but it must no longer be the default position of the Jewish State. That does neither Judaism nor the State a service; quite the contrary.

In the free marketplace of Diaspora Jewish life, Orthodoxy and Progressive Judaism are both flourishing. Why be afraid of affirming the legitimacy of different authentic Jewish paths? Young Jews worldwide are searching for answers — and how they define their Jewish identities should be a choice of conscience of each Jew, and a source of renewal for the Jewish State. But instead, we come up against a rigid and parochial system.

I fell in love with Israel the first time that Pat and I were there in 1967. That does not mean that I agree with everything they do or say, but I believe strongly in pluralism.

We have enough enemies -- why are we fighting each other?

Jerry Tanenbaum

Mary Klompus - Our Tikkun Olam Award Winner

By Ben Klompus

Mary Klompus stands out. Not just because there aren't many Jews in Percy, Arkansas, but also because she embodies a rare combination of spirit, work ethic, and commitment to community that is Tikkun Olam.

Mary grew up on a farm in a small, rural town outside Hot Springs, Arkansas. As one of five siblings, Mary learned the importance of taking care of family, of doing good work for others and of working hard.

In 1973, she met her husband, Stuart (an airline pilot from Baltimore), who swept her off her feet and off the ground – literally, in a plane – and together, they landed in a small town in Virginia to being a life together. There they created a tight-knit family of four that have since propelled Mary and Stuart from 'mere' parents to 'famed' grandparents of a bunch of little boys.

Upon moving to Hot Springs in 1979, Mary quickly became involved with Congregation House of Israel, a small congregation in Hot Springs, where she met people who have become her lifelong friends and

a community that she has become devoted to. Within a few years of joining CHI, Mary was appointed Sisterhood president, and began what would become a long career of bringing people together to create a strong Jewish community.

While standing in any room of the synagogue, it is hard to find a space that Mary has not had her hand in improving. From the restored, one-of-a-kind stained glass windows that adorn the walls of the sanctuary, to the countless number of box lunch fundraisers (packed full of corn beef sandwiches), Mary's presence has been felt throughout the community.

Most recently, Mary spearheaded an effort to create a "Wall of History," a photographic exhibition that commemorates the long presence of Judaism in Hot Springs, as well as an extensive collection of oral histories of more than 60 congregants that tell the story in words and in voices of those community members who make up Hot Springs' unique Jewish community.

With a can-do- attitude and a commitment to building coalitions of people working together towards accomplishing important work, Mary is a force to be reckoned with.

Tikkun Olam – repairing the world – is evident in all of Mary's actions.

Her pace is hard to keep up with and her request is impossible to say no to.



(Editors Note: Ben Klompus is the VERY proud son of Stuart and Mary Klompus)

Being ‘Partly Jewish’

By Susan Katz Miller

Published in the NY Times, Oct. 31, 2013

In the course of a year, my family celebrates Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashana, Sukkot, Simhat Torah, Hanukkah, Passover and many Shabbats. We also celebrate All Saints’ Day and All Souls, Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. We are part of a growing movement to raise interfaith children with both family religions.

Many Jewish leaders and institutions consider this a terrible and potentially damaging choice — one that will confuse young people, create Jews for Jesus and ultimately contribute to the demise of Judaism. But as an interfaith child and an interfaith parent, I refuse to accept this blame, or subscribe to such pessimism. Both my experience and my research tell me that we are turning out young adults who feel deeply connected to Judaism, not through coercion, but through choice.

I thought about my family’s choices when the Pew Research Center released its report on American Jews last month. The report stirred controversy over the growing number of Jews who are unaffiliated with religious institutions and the concern that part of this alienation might be because of the high rate of intermarriage.

But few took note of the finding that 25 percent of intermarried Jews said they were raising children “partly Jewish by religion and partly something else.” Nationally, of an estimated 1.8 million children in homes with at least one Jewish parent, some 300,000 children are being raised with two religions. And in New York, Chicago, Washington and elsewhere, grass-roots communities are providing formal Jewish and Christian education programs for these dual-faith children, while also encouraging them to attend churches and synagogues.

The aim in these programs is not to blend or merge the two religions, but to help children understand the two distinct traditions: the common ground, the important differences and the intertwined history.

My husband was raised Episcopalian. He is the great-grandson of an Episcopal bishop. I was raised Reform Jewish by my Episcopalian mother and my Jewish father. I am a great-granddaughter of a New Orleans rabbi. Growing up, I experienced both the benefits and the drawbacks of being raised in one religion. Often, I felt marginalized as an interfaith child and had to fight to defend my claim to Judaism. For our son and daughter, now teenagers, my husband and I decided that we wanted them to feel that they could be at the center of an interfaith-families community, surrounded by other interfaith children, rather than trying to conform to a single religion in which they might, or might not, be accepted. And we wanted them to feel equally connected to both sides of their religious ancestry.



Why are other parents choosing this controversial pathway when most rabbis, ministers, and priests urge families to pick one religion? In researching my book on interfaith families, I surveyed more than 250 parents like me who had enrolled children in interfaith education programs. Parents told me they wanted their children to be “bilingual” in two religious languages, and to feel positive and self-confident about being

part of an interfaith family, rather than tolerated or on the periphery in a single-faith context. They also did not want one spouse to feel left out — to feel like an “out-parent” or guest in a church or synagogue, even as many religious institutions have become more welcoming to interfaith families.

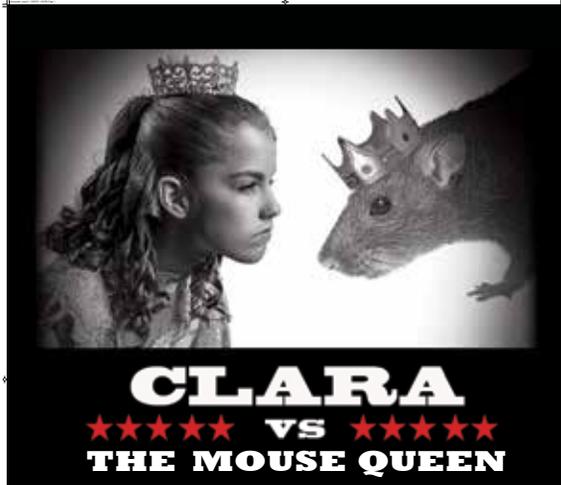
The interfaith children who grow up in interfaith communities, learning and celebrating both religions, are not lost to Judaism. My children have only one Jewish grandparent: by ancestry, they are “three-quarters” Christian, and their Judaism is through my father. Instead, we have taught them essential Jewish and Christian prayers, songs and rituals. Perhaps,

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The Nutcracker

November 29 - December 8

Kay and Sophie Fleischner will be performing in The Nutcracker



The Hot Springs Children's Dance Theatre presents

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A Christmas classic performed the world over, The Nutcracker Ballet is based on the story "The Nutcracker and the King of Mice" written by E.T. A. Hoffman. Although what is seen on the stage today is different in detail from the original story, the basic plot remains the same; the story of a young German girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King with seven heads.

Tickets are available now by calling the theatre or by visiting the full site for the Five Star Theatre. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner begins at 6:05 and the show begins at 7:00 p.m..

Holocaust Memorial Remembrance Project

By Joanne Reagler

Save The Date

March 20, 2014, the Interfaith Alliance Group, under the leadership of Rabbi Chapin, will hold our annual Commemoration, Hope and Peace Service honoring the memories of millions of Jews and others destroyed in Nazi Germany's discrimination blitz of Jews, homosexuals, gypsies, and mentally and physically disabled peoples. This genocide, the pinnacle of bullying and discrimination, has not ended.

Rabbi Chapin has been invited to again present a program to part of the Lakeside Middle School on discrimination and the Holocaust. This will probably be held during his late January visit to CHI.

Our committee, which is an made up of representatives of various religious denominations, is made up this year of Patti Fleischner, Sue Koppel, Carla Mouton, Reverend David Wilson, Joanne Reagler and Rabbi Chapin, is working on introducing into the Hot Springs School System a program called "No Place for Hate." Jodi Chalmers, principal of the Alternative School at Lake Hamilton Campus, is also trying to introduce this free anti bullying, anti-discrimination program in various schools in the area. The program is created by the Anti-Defamation League, a national non-profit group. If anyone in the congregation knows of a school in need of this program, please contact one of our committee.

In January, efforts will be made to locate a Holocaust Survivor to present programs in the Hot Springs schools. As the years go by and the survivors become fewer and older, it is more difficult to do this.

When George Washington Celebrated Thanksgivukkah

This is not the first American occurrence of the holiday.

By Eric Schulmiller

If you're one of the 9 million American adults who in any way identifies as Jewish (according to the recent Pew survey this includes anyone who has laughed at an episode of "Seinfeld" or sent back a meal at a restaurant), then you've undoubtedly heard of the Halley's comet of holidays, the Y2K of yuletides: Thanksgivukkah

Everyone seems to be talking about the rare convergence of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah and the American celebration of Thanksgiving, which, for the first time since 1888 and the last time for over 70,000 years, occurred simultaneously during the first day/second night of Hanukkah (depending on how long it takes before your turkey is done).

But while you may learn elsewhere how to make pecan pie rugelach or buy a Kickstarted turkey-shaped menorah, there's a deeper connection to be made between these seemingly disparate celebrations. Let's begin with the first Hanukkah: We read in the second Book of Maccabees, a late second century BCE text written (ironically?) in Greek to encourage the Jews of the Alexandrian diaspora to celebrate the Jewish victory against the Greeks which occurred forty years earlier:

"Maccabeus with his men, led by the Eternal, recovered the Temple and the city of Jerusalem... The sanctuary was purified on the twenty fifth day of Kislev... This joyful celebration lasted for eight days; it was like the Thanksgiving festival of Sukkot, for they recalled how only a short time before they had observed that holiday while living like animals in the mountains, and so they carried palm fronds and citrons, and chanted hymns of Thanksgiving to God who had so triumphantly led them to the purification of God's Temple. A measure was passed by the public assembly that the entire Jewish people should observe these days every year. "



So, according to II Maccabees, since Jews were too busy fighting a guerrilla war during the fall harvest festival of Sukkot, they made up for it with a "Sukkot in December" two months later, thereby creating a second eight-day holiday — this time giving thanks for a military success instead of an agricultural one. Therefore, the first Hanukkah was actually a delayed Thanksgiving, and so also technically the first Thanksgivukkah!

Let's jump ahead about 2,000 years, to the time of the American Revolution. After a critical victory over the British at Saratoga in the fall of 1777, the Continental Congress encouraged the colonies to celebrate a day of Thanksgiving, which all thirteen

colonies did, at the behest of General George Washington, on December 18th, 1777.

The Continental Congress continued to declare a yearly celebration of Thanksgiving in December throughout the War, and twice during the next five years the holiday overlapped with Hanukkah. The first American Thanksgivukkah occurred in

1779, when Thanksgiving fell on December 9th, as Jews lit the seventh Hanukkah candle. Two years later, on the heels of Cornwallis' surrender to Washington at Yorktown, Jews lit the second candle on December 13th, 1781, as they told the story of a tenacious band of soldiers who prevailed over the massive army of an oppressive empire.

On that same day, all Americans celebrated Thanksgiving, for, as Congress put it, "it hath pleased the supreme Disposer of all Events...remarkably to assist and support the United States of America in their important struggle for liberty, against the long continued efforts of a powerful nation."

A national day of Thanksgiving was an irregular occurrence during the first fifty years of the United States — moving back and forth from fall to winter to spring, when it was even declared at all. Madison's 1815 proclamation was the last National Thanksgiving for nearly 50 years. Then, in 1863, just over a month before delivering the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called for a national observance of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November.

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Weekly Parshah

December

[Vayigash](#)

December 7

Judah approaches Joseph to plead for the release of Benjamin, offering himself as a slave to the Egyptian ruler in Benjamin's stead. Upon witnessing his brothers' loyalty to one another, Joseph reveals his identity to them. "I am Joseph," he declares. "Is my father still alive?"

The brothers are overcome by shame and remorse, but Joseph comforts them. "It was not you who sent me here," he says to them, "but G-d. It has all been ordained from Above to save us, and the entire region, from famine."

[Va-y'chi](#)

December 14

Jacob desires to reveal the end of days to his children, but is prevented from doing so. Jacob blesses his 12 sons, assigning to each his role as a tribe: Judah will produce leaders, legislators and kings; priests will come from Levi, scholars from Issachar, seafarers from Zebulun, schoolteachers from Shimon, soldiers from Gad, judges from Dan, olive growers from Asher, and so on. Reuben is rebuked for "confusing his father's marriage"; Shimon and Levi for the massacre of Shechem and the plot against Joseph. Naphtali is granted the swiftness of a deer, Benjamin the ferociousness of a wolf, and Joseph is blessed with beauty and fertility.

[Sh'mot](#)

December 21

The Children of Israel multiply in Egypt. Threatened by their growing numbers, Pharaoh enslaves them and orders the Hebrew midwives, Shifrah and Puah, to kill all male babies at birth.

When they do not comply, he commands his people to cast the Hebrew babies into the Nile.

A child is born to Jocheved, the daughter of Levi, and her husband, Amram, and placed in a basket on the river, while the baby's sister, Miriam, stands watch from afar. Pharaoh's daughter discovers the boy, raises him as her son, and names him Moses.

G-d appears to Moses in a burning bush at the foot of Mount Sinai and instructs him to go to Pharaoh and demand: "Let My people go, so that they may serve Me."

Moses' brother, Aaron, is appointed to serve as his spokesman.

[Va-eira](#)

December 28

G-d reveals Himself to Moses. He promises to take out the Children of Israel from Egypt, deliver them from their enslavement, redeem them and acquire them as His own chosen people at Mount Sinai; He will then bring them to the Land He promised to the Patriarchs as their eternal heritage.

Moses and Aaron repeatedly come before Pharaoh to demand "Let My people go." Pharaoh repeatedly

refuses. G-d then sends a series of plagues upon the Egyptians.

The waters of the Nile turn to blood; swarms of frogs overrun the land; lice infest all men and beasts. Hordes of wild animals invade the cities, a pestilence kills the domestic animals, painful boils afflict the Egyptians. For the seventh plague, fire and ice combine to descend from the skies as a devastating hail.



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Tikkun Olam Awards



Watch your mail for your invitation to the 11th Annual Tikkun Olam Awards.

Please join and help Jewish Federation of Arkansas present Mary Klompus with this year's prestigious Tikkun Olam Award and to acknowledge all that she does for CHI.

Religious School

Even though it comes super early this year, all the children agree: Chanukah is their favorite holiday! In addition to regular school assignments and classroom work they've been busy preparing for the upcoming holiday. Some children made special surprise gifts to take home to family members, while other children made Menurkeys! A Menurkey is a Turkey Menorah, because this year Chanukah falls on Thanksgiving.

In addition to their exciting holiday preparations, the children have been studying Torah and learning Hebrew. If you see a third grader, just ask them their opinion of Cain and Abel! If all this wasn't exciting enough, the Religious School has something BIG planned. A giant 'Shalom Y'all' mosaic. Sophie Fleischner is lending her talents to the project and all the children are assisting.

Thanksgivukah

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America has observed Thanksgiving near the end of November every year since Lincoln's proclamation, which means that the only other moment in U.S. history when Hanukkah came early enough to correspond with Thanksgiving was in 1888, in the midst of the historically large wave of Jewish immigrants making their pilgrimage to the Golden Land across the sea, to avoid religious persecution in Russia and Eastern Europe.

On the surface, Thanksgivukkah 2013 seems to have a lot in common with the one in 1888 (minus the commemorative T-shirts). The country was still recovering from a massive storm that hit the eastern seaboard earlier that year. There was an intense rivalry between Democrats and Republicans, often leading to political stalemate as each side utilized massive political machines in an attempt to sway the delicate balance of power. Sharp divisions ran along religious, cultural and ethnic lines.

Economically, U.S. society was in the midst of the Gilded Age - a time of huge technological advances, great growth and prosperity, yet one also marred by a great economic disparity between the swelling ranks of the poor and the privileged upper classes.

In June of 1888, a poem was first published in the San Francisco Examiner. Ostensibly about baseball, perhaps there's a reason why the poem's full title is, "Casey at the Bat: A Ballad of the Republic." Read carefully, the text can be interpreted as an indictment of the failures brought about by the arrogant, calculated cynicism of 1888 - and is just as relevant today. Mighty Casey strikes out not because he was overmatched by the opposing pitcher, but because he passed up two perfectly good pitches because they "ain't my style." Despite the crowd's chants of "kill the umpire!" it is Casey who is unable or unwilling to venture forth any effort towards victory until it is too late. Author Ernest Thayer might as well have said (in 1888 or 2013), "I have seen the Mudville Nine, and it is us."

Editors note: Eric Schulmiller is Cantor of The Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore. Article reprinted from the November 29 edition of the Jewish Daily Forward.

Dr Joel Hoffman

Through the generosity of the Rosenzweig Fund for Interfaith Activities, Hot Springs welcomed Dr. Joel Hoffman for the week-end of February 8-10.

On November 8th, he spoke to our congregation about his book, "In the Beginning" followed by a very lively and informative question and answer session.

On Saturday, November 9th, Dr. Hoffman spoke at the First United Methodist Church on his new book, "And God Said" (how translations conceal the bible's original meaning).

Dr. Hoffman also spoke at our Torah Study on the 9th as well as to our students at Religious School on the 10th.

I think we will all agree that this was a wonderful week-end for ALL of Hot Springs.



Being 'Partly Jewish'

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they are "three-quarters" Christian, and their Judaism is through my father. Perhaps, having been given a love for Judaism and basic Hebrew literacy in childhood, they will choose at some point in their lives to practice Judaism exclusively. That would be good for the Jews. Or perhaps they will choose to be Christians or Buddhists or secular humanists who happen to have an unusual knowledge of and affinity for Judaism. That would also be good for the Jews.

I also surveyed 50 teenagers and young adults raised in interfaith communities. Most said they felt comfortable in synagogues and in churches. Of those who had chosen one religion, more had chosen Judaism than Christianity. And of those who maintain an interfaith identity, many more said they "lean Jewish" than Christian. My own community, the Interfaith Families Project of Greater Washington, is led by the Rev. Julia Jarvis and Rabbi Harold White. Ms. Jarvis told me, "I think actually we've made Judaism very attractive, because we're not trying to force these kids to stay Jewish — because it's a choice." Rabbi White agrees, adding that these interfaith communities "might even increase the numbers of Jews."

Dual-faith parenting is an exercise in letting go. We dare to give our children full knowledge of their religious backgrounds. We think it's working: for the parents, for the kids and even for Judaism.

Upcoming Events

Fri	Dec. 6	Chanukah Program Latkes and Prayers 5:15PM
Sat	Dec 7	Toreah Study-9:30 a.m.
Mon	Dec. 2	Sisterhood Mtg - 11am
Fri	Dec. 13	Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm Erev Shabbat Sve: 6:00 pm
Sat	Dec. 14	Torah Study 9:30 am
Mon	Dec 9	Board Meeting 5:30 pm
Fri	Dec. 20	Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm Erev Shabbat Sve: 6:00 pm
Fri	Dec. 27	Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm Erev Shabbat Sve: 6:00 pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Anniversaries

Kathryn and Bill Eisenkramer	Dec. 1
Imy and Harriett Marcus	Dec. 18
Brad amd Elaine Wolken	Dec. 28

December Birthdays

Sally Nicolosi	Dec. 6
Sophie Fleischner	Dec. 7
Ed Berkun	Dec. 17
Robert Gartenberg	Dec. 19
Sherrill Nicolosi	Dec. 20
Kim Baron	Dec. 22
David Major	Dec. 23
Joann Major	Dec. 30
Stuart Klompus	Dec. 31

The Apron Project

Have you seen our CHI cooks sporting new aprons? Our beautiful ***"Shalom Y'all"*** aprons come in a beautiful blue with white stitching all around. There is no charge for personalization on the pocket.

They make a wonderful gift not only for yourself, but for friends and family.

Please send your check made out to CHI Sisterhood to
Ruth Sedler,
152 Blue Heron Drive, Hot Springs 71913.

Thank you to **Diana Surf**as for her donation of aprons for this project.

Thank you to **Carol Crow-Nanez** for all of her hard work embroidering the aprons.

All proceeds will go towards Sisterhood projects improving our CHI facility.



Photo: Karen Reagler, Carol Kleinman and Anita Williams in their new aprons.

CHI Cookbook

Sisterhood and Temple are joining forces to create a fabulous cookbook!

We need EVERYONE'S help with this major fundraiser project.

Please submit your recipes to Patti Fleischner at her email address Fleischnerp@gmail.com

Or mail to her home address: 383 Peninsula Drive, Hot Springs Ar 71901

You can also give the recipes to Mary Klompus, Carol Kleinman or Ruth Sedler.

How to submit a recipe

1. No abbreviations
2. Make sure your name is on the recipe
3. Give category (example, main dish, appetizers, dessert)
4. Make sure all the directions are clear and easy to follow – No abbreviations.
5. One recipe per page if you are printing the recipe.
6. Note.... At the bottom of the recipe please add anything interesting about the recipe.

Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:

- Appetizers & Beverages
- Breads and Rolls
- Soup and Salads
- Desserts
- Vegetables and Side Dishes
- Cookies and Candy
- Main Dishes
- Holiday Foods

And a special Category

- His and Kids (this and that)

Submit as many recipes as you would like.

If you are interested in helping on any committee, please contact Patti or Mary. We need people to help type recipes for members that do not have computers.

Please try to have all recipes turned in by the January sisterhood meeting.

We need YOUR help to make this project a success.

Please get involved!



Oneg Recipes

Apricot Noodle Kugel

Posted on food.com, Nov 2002 by mandabears
Shared by Jo Carroll Lewald

Ingredients

16 oz cottage cheese
16 oz sour cream
1 cup sugar
5 eggs
1/2 cup of butter, melted
2 (16oz) cans apricot halves, drained
1 (12oz) package wide egg noodles, cooked and drained
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon sugar

Directions

1. In a large mixing bowl stir cottage cheese, sour cream, 1 cup of sugar, eggs and melted butter until well blended.
2. Chop 1 can of apricots
3. Stir chopped apricots and egg noodles into egg mixture.
4. Pour into a 13 x 9 pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray.
5. Top with rest of apricots cut into slices.
6. Mix cinnamon and 1 t sugar together and sprinkle over the top.
7. Bake for 1 hour@350 or until golden and bubbly.



Jo Carroll's note: I didn't use any low fat products.

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