



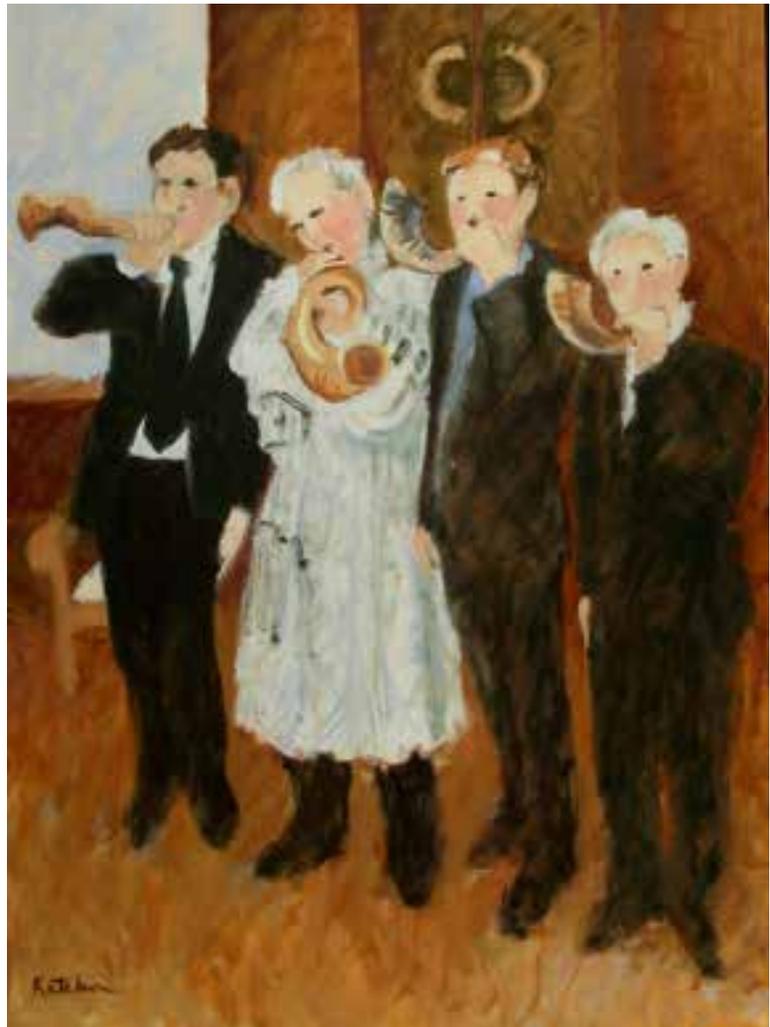
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## From the Grenman Family

Our family wants to extend our gratitude for all of the support, love and prayers that the Congregation has provided each one of us. Sharona was an amazing woman, and it is very comforting to know that you each respected and appreciated her and continue to do so for us.

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# Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



*Rabbi Richard Chapin*

## A New Year

Throughout my rabbinic career I have spent a considerable amount of time trying to distinguish the celebration of the Jewish New Year from the secular New Year. Indeed, if we examine the Mishnah we will find that there

are actually four New Years commemorated in the Jewish calendar, but understanding that will not dispel the idea that for most of us the night of December 31st is always a significant moment in our lives. Whether we watch the gaudy celebration in Times Square on our televisions, or celebrate the beginning of the year 2013 with family and friends, we all acknowledge, exactly at midnight on New Year's eve, the passing of the year(s). I put that “s” in parentheses because as we get older we recognize not only the increasing of our years on earth but also our mortality. And that, of course, brings us back to Judaism, which “teaches us to number our days so that we may get a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90).

Perhaps that is why so many people take out gym memberships in the month of January. The passing of time is a frightening prospect. It is advisable to take better care of ourselves so that we may enjoy many New Year's eves to come. At the same time, let us all take note of our spiritual condition as well. How are we faring in our careers? Do we have good relationships with our family members? Do we care for others who are in need? Are we good friends and neighbors? Positive answers to these questions will also add years to our existence. And that is what we wish for ourselves and for each other as the secular New Year arrives.

Jeanne and I wish all of you a happy and fulfilling 2013, and may we move forward together, a united community, in the days and years to come.

# From the President



*David Reagler*

## ... and Now For Something Completely Different

I think it's time to search the planet for folks with a connection of some kind with Congregation House of Israel and Jewish life in Hot Springs.

We are looking for people who lived in Hot Springs at some point in their life and belonged to CHI, participated in the religious school, became bar/bat mitzvah here, or have relatives from here.

Shelly Kleinman and Sharon Ball will create a “Friends of Congregation House of Israel Hot Springs” page, and we will get started.

Our goal here is to re-build a community of a congregation that is as old as the Union of Reform Judaism.

With the excellent work of Mary Klompus and the entire team, we are focusing on our past. Jewish life in Hot Springs has a rich history, and it is time to start teaching our children as well as the members of our congregation about our Synagogue as well as Beth Jacob's history.

How did Levi Hospital get started? Why is Levi Towers here? What is the tie with B'Nai Brith? What relationship do these organizations have with Congregation House of Israel?

We will be sending emails, letters, questionnaires, and so forth in the coming months.

If you have an interest and want to participate in some way, please email me – [david@arkansasrecords.com](mailto:david@arkansasrecords.com). This should be an adventure!

Fondly,

*David*

## Religious School

### Religious School Happenings

By Karen Johnson

The Religious School program spent December in a flurry of activity making preparations for an early Hanukkah. Along with practicing their blessings, the children learned about the miracle of the oil and created matchstick holders out of clay. The children also enthusiastically provided the decorations and much of the entertainment for the annual holiday festival. Wow! What a talented group they are! Special thanks must be given to Sophie Fleischner for organizing the skits, Stuart Fleischner for crafting the table centerpieces, and Millie Baron for putting together the talent show.

The children will be taking a winter break from Religious school, but when they return, they will be very busy again. On January 11, the children will present Shabbat Around the Table, a family-friendly Shabbat experience. And then the children will gear up for Tu B'Shevat and Purim.

## Sisterhood

**We Can Do It!**



### Thank You

By Ruth Sedler

Thank you to everyone who made the Hanukkah party such a success. From the latke committee headed by Karen Reagler to the talent that launched our evening to those who made up the audience and brought side dishes and desserts, everyone contributed. A very big THANK YOU to James and Marie who cleaned up the kitchen after we spent 3 hours frying latkes. Great Job. I know we all wish Marie a speedy recovery after her knee replacement surgery on December 11, 2012. We are looking forward to her return and are thankful that James is filling in for her.

This month's meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 11 a.m. in Burgauer Hall. Our program will be given by Madeline Bull on the Summit School where she is a teacher. She is rushing over on her lunch break so we all need to be on time and ready to hear what she has to share with us as soon as she arrives so she can get back to work. We will work the business meeting and lunch around her schedule. Our lunch hostesses are Barbara Morgan and Saralee Stark. Sue Koppel has agreed to chair the Seder Dinner for the first night of Passover which is March 25. Dinner will be at 5:30. Please come and hear what Sue has planned and be prepared to volunteer your services to make this a wonderful event.

As a Sisterhood we congratulate our sister Carol Kleinman and her husband on winning the Congregation House of Israel Tikkum Olum award for their service last year. We are all proud and thankful for all of the service they have given over the past year. The Arkansas Federation Dinner honoring all the recipients in the state will be January 19, in Little Rock. Please visit the Arkansas Jewish Federation web site, <http://www.jewisharkansas.org>, for more information and to purchase tickets if you do not already receive their newsletter.

January is a big event month with the reception to

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## Weekly Parshah

### January

#### Sh'mot

#### **January 5, 2013**

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

#### **January 12, 2013**

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.

#### Bo

#### **January 19, 2013**

The last three of the Ten Plagues are visited on Egypt: a swarm of locusts devours all the crops and greenery; a thick, palpable darkness envelops the land; and all the firstborn of Egypt are killed at the stroke of midnight of the 15th of the month of Nissan. The death of the firstborn finally breaks Pharaoh's resistance and he literally drives the Children of Israel from his land. Before they go, they ask their Egyptian neighbors for gold, silver and garments, draining Egypt of its wealth.



The Children of Israel are commanded to observe the anniversary of the Exodus each year by removing all leaven from their possession for seven days, eating matzah, and telling the story of their redemption to their children.

#### B'shalach

#### **January 26, 2013**

Soon after allowing the Children of Israel to depart from Egypt, Pharaoh chases after them to force their return, and the Israelites find themselves

trapped between Pharaoh's armies and the sea. G-d tells Moses to raise his staff over the water; the sea splits to allow the Israelites to pass through, and then closes over the pursuing Egyptians.

In the desert, the people suffer thirst and hunger and repeatedly complain to Moses and Aaron. G-d miraculously sweetens the bitter waters of Marah, and later has Moses bring forth water from a rock by striking it with his staff; He causes manna to rain down from the heavens before dawn each morning, and quails to appear in the Israelite camp each evening.

*To read more complete descriptions of the weekly parsha, visit the CHI Website at [http://hschi.org/Parsha\\_lp.html](http://hschi.org/Parsha_lp.html)*

## Looking Back in the Forward

### January 27

#### 100 Years Ago in the Forward

Police say that the gang of thieves they caught breaking into the large Manhattan pawn shop on Grand Street near Forsyth Street is responsible for a large number of recent break-ins and robberies. They also said that the gang had some of the most advanced safecracking tools they had ever seen. Among the arrestees were 28-year-old Joseph Cohen, 32-year-old Joseph Wolf and 25-year-old Harry Gold, all residents of Brooklyn. The police noted that this group didn't engage in the usual method of safecracking, namely blowing off the door with dynamite. Instead, the thieves used a different method that involved specially designed wires and tools with which they were able to pop open the safes and then leave without a trace.

#### 75 Years Ago in the Forward

Leon Trotsky, in an interview with the editors of *Der Veg*, a Yiddish newspaper in Mexico City, said it saddens him that he never learned Yiddish, mostly because he wanted to be able to read the Yiddish press. In his youth, he said, it was thought that the Jews would assimilate and disappear into the cultures of their respective countries. But the current political situation, driven as it is by nationalism and anti-Semitism, requires a different view. "The people," Trotsky said, meaning the Jews, "cannot exist with a territory. Zionism is based on that idea, but it is not clear that it can solve the Jewish problem. The conflict between the Jews and the Arabs is tragic. But I do not believe that the Jewish question can be solved by rotten capitalism under the control of British imperialism."

#### 50 Years Ago in the Forward

The Arab leaders of Gaza City have sent Israeli military administrators a petition requesting that they reopen businesses and industries that have been forcibly closed, most notably the fishing industry. Gaza's leaders are asking for Israeli cooperation on an economic basis. The city elders of Khan Yunis have sent an official document thanking the Israelis for their cooperation in helping their local industries and for maintaining security. They have also sent requests for the Israelis to remain in Gaza and to continue their administration of it.





## Sisterhood

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unveil the Wall of History on Friday January 4, the Shabbat around the table (RSVP are requested) sponsored by the Religious School on Friday January 11 and the Tikkum Olam dinner in Little Rock on Saturday January 19. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend all of these different and wonderful events.



*Thank you to Carol Crow-Nanez for a delightful program on her racing silks business. We were all impressed by the beautiful samples she showed us.*

## Refuah Shelemah

*Please remember to contact Carol Kleinman or Betty Forshberg 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.*

*The following people are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Louis Kleinman  
Marie Woodfork**

## ARZA - World Union

### **Four Women of the Wall arrested amid 'escalation of restrictions' on Jewish women's rights.**

*This is the kind of garbage that we are facing in Israel and why we need to support the WUPJ and ARZA*

*Excellent coverage of this in Ha'Aretz. This incidence brings into bold relief the challenges facing Israel/diaspora relations as well as egalitarian yearnings and Israel Declaration of Independence aspirations vs. reality.*

*One of the four women detained was Reform Rabbi Elyse Frishman who was a primary editor of the current Prayer book ( grey or gold ) that we are using in our congregation.*

*~ Jerry Tanenbaum*

### **World Union for Progressive Judaism calls for third prayer section at Western Wall where men and women can pray together.**

The World Union for Progressive Judaism expressed outrage on Friday at the latest arrests over Hanukkah of members of Women at the Wall, and urged the Israeli authorities to create a third section of prayer at the site where women and men could pray together.

Four women were detained by Israel Police on Friday morning, after donning tallitot, or prayer shawls, at the Western Wall. The women arrived with Women of the Wall, a group of Jewish women who fight for the right to wear tallitot, pray, and read from the Torah out loud at the Western Wall.

"How ironic that as Jews around the world celebrate the victory of spirit over forced assimilation, that Jews who want to pray have their rights denied by an ultra-Orthodox hegemony," the World Union for Progressive Judaism, an international umbrella organization of the Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist Jewish movements, said in a statement. "We call upon the State to heed its own Supreme Court and find a resolution. Until that happens, Israel still fails to live up to the ideals upon which it was founded, as a haven for Jews everywhere."

The first woman detained on Friday was Women of the Wall board member Rachel Cohen Yeshu-

run, who refused to remove her prayer shawl as she entered the Western Wall Plaza. According to other members, she was detained and interrogated even before she approached the holy site, accused of disturbing the public order and of obstructing a police procedure.

The other three women – Rabbi Elyse Frishman of Barnert Temple in Franklin Lakes, N.J., and two 18-year-old British women participating in a World Union sponsored Netzer gap-year program in Israel – were held and interrogated. According to a statement by Women of the Wall, all four refused to sign an admission of disturbing the public peace and were released after three hours.

Women of the Wall representatives said they were told by police that a new decree had been issued that morning, forbidding women to enter the plaza with Jewish holy articles – tallitot, or prayer shawls, and tefillin, or phylacteries. "This new decree is a clear escalation of the restrictions on women's rights at the Western Wall and has no legal basis, especially in a public space like the plaza," the organization said in a statement. "The Western Wall Heritage Foundation, led by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz and all-male, all ultra-Orthodox directing board, has been known to issue similar impulsive decrees in the past and to hold the police responsible for enforcing such arbitrary decrees in attempts to limit women from praying freely at the holy site."

Women of the Wall, an organization created nearly 25 years ago, holds prayer services at the Western Wall every Rosh Hodesh, the beginning of each Hebrew month. Friday's prayer services were meant to mark the beginning of the month of Tevet. The World Union for Progressive Judaism expressed "sadness" at the treatment received by the four women arrested by Israeli policy. "These women, and all other there," it said, "were simply trying to pray." The WUPJ statement added: "We support the efforts of the Women of the Wall and our hearts, and our support, go out to those who stood up in the face of injustice for the sake of the greater Jewish community."

The arrest of Woman of the Wall Chairwoman Anat Hoffman two months ago sparked an outcry around the non-Orthodox Jewish world. Hoffman had testified following her arrest that police, who locked her up in jail overnight, had treated her roughly. Last month, six women were detained at the monthly service.



## Bimah Honors

**January 4**

*Sue and Hal Koppel*

**January 11**

*Timo and Karen Johnson*

**January 18**

*Susan Siegel  
David Reagler*

**January 25**

*Saralee Stark  
Larry Levi*

## Oneg Recipes

## Oneg Thanks



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

**January 4**

*Stuart and Mary Klompus*

**January 11**

*Sunday School Shabbat Around the Table*

**January 18**

*Madeline Bull  
Diane Goltz  
Lou and Susan Siegel*

**January 25**

*Larry and Carol Levi  
Louise Levi*

**Reminder:** If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, please find someone to switch with and then let Carol Kleinman know so the information printed in the bulletin will be correct.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries

David and JoAnne Major Feb 5

### Birthdays

Ken Baim	Feb 1
Louis Reagler	Feb 2
Tillie Reagler	Feb 2
Kathy Klein	Feb 10
Adam Baron	Feb 11
Diane Goltz	Feb 12
Elan Grenman	Feb 13
Joanne Reagler	Feb 17
David Reagler	Feb 18
Mark Levi	Feb 19
Imy Marcus	Feb 21
Ian Nicolosi	Feb 21
Mark Koppel	Feb 22
David Burge	Feb 23
Carli Waxler	Feb 23

# Remembrance: February Yahrzeits

~ Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing ~

## Kaddish Recited on February 1

**Paul Forshberg**

*Husband of Betty Forshberg*

**George Z. Ginsburg**

*Grandfather of Millie Baron*

**Caroline Suhl**

*Grandmother of Michael Waxler*

**Rosalie Eisenkramer**

*Mother of Bill Eisenkramer*

**Helena Peterson**

*Mother of Cheryl Cohen*

**Lewis Goltz**

*Father of Diane Goltz and Susan Siegel*

**Ira Gershner**

*Husband of Jean Gershner*

## Kaddish Recited on February 8

**Milan Mandel**

*Step-father of Lenny Mendel*

**Pinhas Grenman**

*Father of Oded Grenman*

**Samuel Newman**

*Grandfather of Millie Baron*

**Rose Ginsburg**

*Grandmother of Millie Baron*

**Eric Ross**

*Father of Elaine Wolken*

**Max Singer**

*Father-in-law of Lenny Mendel*

## Kaddish Recited on February 15

**William Boswell**

*Father of Anita Williams*

**Stella F. Weisman**

*Mother of Louise Levi*

## Memorial List

**Bertha Moscowitz**

**Ewell Weinberg**

**Sylvia Wuhlsohn**

**Stefan Benedikt**

**Louis Grusmark**

**Joseph King**

**Max Wetzler**

**Morris Uzick**

**Evelyn Friedlander**

**Fred Kupperman**

**Evelyn Hemrich**

**Laura Darch**

**Anna King**

**Herzl Friedlander**

**Joseph H. Klyman**

**Brigitte Schoenfeld**

**Isaac Moretsky**

*If you have an addition or correction relative to the Yahrzeit lists, please notify us by sending an email to [info@hschi.org](mailto:info@hschi.org).*

# January 2013

## 19 Tevet 5773 - 20 Shevat 5773

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[Candle Lighting, §Observance End, Printed December 20, 2012/7 Tevet 5773 for Little Rock, AR]

## Schedule of Services

*Unless otherwise specified, all Erev Shabbat services are at 6 pm, led by Rabbi Chapin and preceded by an Oneg Shabbat at 5:15 pm. All Saturday morning Torah Studies are at 9:30 am.*

January 4	Erev Shabbat Service
January 5	Torah Study
January 11	Erev Shabbat Service
January 12	Torah Study
January 18	Erev Shabbat lay-led service by Shelly Kleinman
January 25	Erev Shabbat lay-led service by Shelly Kleinman
February 1	Erev Shabbat lay-led service by Shelly Kleinman
February 8	Erev Shabbat lay-led service by Shelly Kleinman

## Upcoming Events

### January

Friday, Jan 4	6:00 pm Erev Shabbat service followed by unveiling of Wall of History
Monday, Jan 7	11:00 am: Sisterhood Meeting. Speaker is Madeline Bull
Friday, Jan 11	Shabbat Around the Table sponsored by Religious School
Saturday, Jan 19	Tikkun Olum awards of Jewish Federation of Arkansas

### February

Friday, Feb 8	Erev Shabbat service and reception honoring new members. Sponsored by Sisterhood
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