



The Shofar

February, 2014

Congregation House of Israel

1 Adar - 28 Adar, 5774

Friday, January 31

**Ordination Ceremony for
Shelly Kleinman
Services Conducted by Rabbi Chapin**

5:15 - Soup and salad dinner

**6:30 - Ceremony followed by
Dessert Reception in Burgauer Hall**

Saturday, February 1

**Jewish Federation of Arkansas Tikkun
Olam Awards at the Clinton Center,
Little Rock. This year's honoree from
CHI**

Mary Klompus

Thank you Mary for all you do!!

Sunday, February 2

**CHI Annual Congregational Meeting.
NOON, Burgauer Hall**

Potluck Brunch prior to the meeting

**Please attend and make
YOUR voice heard**

Friday, February 7

**Religious School Dinner Service
starting at 5:15 p.m in Burgauer Hall,
conducted by our students and Rabbi
Chapin. The Religious School will
be providing a wonderful vegetarian
pizza. Please bring a salad to share.
Dessert will be provided.**

**Our students have prepared a very
special service which they will lead
from the stairs of the stage.**

Thank You

We would like to thank the following donors (as of January 20, 2014)

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In honor of the ordination of Shelly Kleinman

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Thank you

Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



Beginning in February, in Florida, I'll be teaching a four-week course on Winston Churchill. With each book of biography and history that I read, I become more and more convinced that Winston Churchill was the preeminent leader both in the defense of

Britain and the Free World from the scourge of Nazism. What a debt we owe him. After Lord Balfour's declaration in favor of a Jewish National Home in Palestine (1917), Churchill identified and supported Jewish settlement in HA'ARETZ (THE LAND), identifying with Zionism and the Zionist cause. In the midst of the 1956 Suez Canal crisis he wrote: "I think it is a wonderful thing that this tiny colony of Jews should have become a refuge to their compatriots in all the lands where they were persecuted so cruelly, and at the same time established themselves as the most effective fighting force in the area."

That statement is still applicable today, nearly six decades later. General Ariel Sharon's life was a testament to Israel's grit and determination to survive and flourish despite the presence of so many adversaries. Yet our attachment to Israel, the language of our biblical ancestors, and the subject of Zionism, is an enormously complicated subject. There has never been a simple path that has ensured our continued presence in the Mideast. Study the career of Ariel Sharon. He adapted in many ways to the changing circumstances of the times, particularly with respect to the Arabs.

Allow me to suggest an extraordinary book just published by one of the editors of the newspaper HA'ARETZ, Ari Shavit. Called "My Promised Land", it recounts the settlement of Israel by our people in the modern era, that is from the late

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Sisterhood



Despite freezing temperatures, a little ice and lots of howling winds, Spring is truly in the air!!

This month we will celebrate the holiday of sweethearts with a special wine and chocolate luncheon

on February 3rd. Our hostesses are Jo Carroll Lewald and Carol Crow-Nanez. Please bring your favorite chocolate to share.

In January, Jo Carroll and Anita shared with us their stories of the roads they each took towards conversion. Thank you, ladies, for sharing your stories.

Our March meeting will be our annual Levi luncheon chaired by Betty Forshberg. The entertainment for this luncheon will be announced at the February meeting.

In May, we will be having our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. We are hoping to have our Israel Shlichah join us for this service as we celebrate Sisterhood as well as Mother's Day.

Our Cookbook is coming along with well over 300 recipes to be included. If you haven't sent your recipe in yet, please contact Mary Klompus or Patti Fleischner. This is a wonderful project with all proceeds benefitting CHI.

As always, YOUR SISTERHOOD is busy planning activities for our congregation. Please step up to the plate and get involved.

Thank you for all you do to make Congregation House of Israel all that it is today and for all the tomorrows to come.

ARZA - World Union

Anonymity is a funny thing. Sometimes, when nasty remarks are posted on the internet under the veil of anonymity, it is a sign of cowardice. Other times, anonymity offers the cover needed to push back against oppression.

In IRAC's legal struggle against Kol BaRama, the Israeli public radio station that targets the religious public and does not broadcast women's voices, the plaintiffs were the many anonymous religious women who spoke out against this practice. Today IRAC has learned that their voices will once again be heard on all of Israel's public airwaves.

Kol BaRama has exercised discriminatory practices against women's freedom of expression for years, refusing to employ women, feature women as anchors, or allow women to be interviewed or to call in to shows. However, while they limited women's voices, they did not limit programming geared towards women. The segment on domesticity called Eshet Chayil, for example, featuring cooking recipes and exercises to do after giving birth, was run by men.

IRAC conducted an anonymous survey among 500 women representing a cross section of the religious community to ask them what they thought of the station's policy. When the survey showed that over 30 percent of the women were offended by these practices, IRAC filed, on behalf of Kolech (an Orthodox feminist organization), a class action suit against the station for refusing to allow women's voices to be aired.

The phrase Kol BaRama, which literally means "a voice is heard on high," comes from the book of Jeremiah when Rachel is crying for her children. How ironic that this radio station, named after the voice of our matriarch Rachel, has sought to limit the voices of women since its inception. But this station will no longer be allowed to force women to remain anonymous and fax in questions to be read aloud by men. Together, we have restored the original meaning of Kol BaRama: the voices of women are here to be heard.

Oneg Thanks



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

- Feb. 7 Ira and Stephanie Kleinman
Dennis and Anita Williams
- Feb. 14 The Grenman Family
Stuart and Mary Klompus
- Feb. 21 Jerry Tanenbaum
Sharon Ball
- Feb. 28 Ross and Ruth Sedler
Lynda Kass

What better way to celebrate Shabbat or special events than with the CHI Community.

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.

Rabbi Chapin's Schedule January - June 2013

Please note that Rabbi Richard will be in Hot Springs conducting services at CHI for the following periods:

Jan. 23 - Feb. 9

March 13 -23

April 10 -20

May 15 - 25

June 12 - 22

All other services will be conducted by Shelly Kleinman.

Upcoming Events

Sat	Feb 1	Torah Study - 9:30 a.m.
Sat	Feb 1	Tikkun Olam Award at Clinton Center honoring Mary Klompus
Sun	Feb 2	Religious School
Sun	Feb 2	Annual Congregational meeting and potluck brunch - 12 Noon
Mon	Feb 3	Sisterhood Valentine's celebration - 11 a.m.
Fri	Feb 7	Religious School Shabbat Dinner and Service led by Rabbi Chapin and Religious School students - 5:15 p.m.
Sat	Feb 8	Torah Study - 9:30 a.m.
Sun	Feb 9	Religious School
Fri	Feb 14	Erev Shabbat Services
Sun	Feb 16	Religious School
Fri	Feb 21	Erev Shabbat Services
Sun	Feb 23	Religious School
Fri	Feb 28	Erev Shabbat Services

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Anniversaries

David and JoAnn Major Feb 5

February 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

Save The Date

JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 28
War Memorial Stadium

Little Rock

From the Rabbi

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19th century MOSHAV and KIBBUTZ -- agricultural dwelling places for our early settlers -- through the amazing advances in technology and industry that Israel is known for today. But this is not a simple tale of continual achievement by immigrant Jews and Sabras (native-born Israelis). This narrative takes into account our relationship with our Arab neighbors. It is explicit in its criticisms of Israeli policy, and in many places, difficult yet compelling to read.

But that is what study brings: depth and clarity of understanding. Take the time to know our people and our nation through the many sources available to us. Israel, like our eponymous father, Jacob/Israel, "strives with God" every day and endures. We who support her should take the time to understand who She is and, concomitantly, our relationship to Her.

From the President



The past few years as president of the board for Congregation House of Israel have been a pleasure.

Our members shine in many ways. We are unique, eccentric, funny, joyful, brilliant, and sometimes, a pain in the tuchus.

The congregation is in terrific shape, in my opinion. We have great leadership, and many opportunities to grow. I believe we will strengthen our roots with Levi Hospital, Levi Towers, Quapaw Historical District, interfaith relationships, Hot Springs Village, and many more areas of our community.

As with all non-profits, finances will always be a challenge, but I have no doubt that we will remain a strong and healthy Jewish community for years and years.

Thank you so much for your patience with me over the past years. Between board meetings, onegs, holidays, services, social events, religious school, and just running into you around town, you have all made Hot Springs "Home Sweet Home."

Fondly,

David

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*
- *Frances Iverson*
- *John and Leslie Jameson*
- *Kate Tobakas*
- *Maara Wolfe*
- *Shelly Kleinman*

Congregation Cookbook

Cookbook Recipes, Memorial and Honorarium Submissions

Work on our CHI cookbook is progressing well and to date Mary Klompus reports over 300 recipes received and in the process of being proofed. Please send your recipes in as soon as possible!

We are also excited to offer our membership the opportunity to memorialize or honor a loved one in the personal pages of the cookbook. Many of us remember or know a real «baleboosta» and this is an opportunity to share his or her story. This is not reserved for women alone however; quite a few men have been or are known for their excellent culinary skills! A full page can be purchased for \$100.00 and this can include a black and white photograph. A half page is also available without a picture for \$50.00. We will reserve the right to edit the memorial copy if necessary but will secure final approval from each individual before submitting for print.

Proceeds from the memorial pages will help offset the production cost of the cookbooks.

Joanne Reagler has volunteered to collect these pages. Please contact her at jreagler@yahoo.com to reserve a memorial or honorarium page as soon as possible. The final date for ALL submissions to the cookbook is MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3. This will leave our committees two short weeks to prepare everything for submission.

Our hope is that this temple cookbook will provide a wealth of Jewish information and history as well as delicious recipes. We are excited to announce Carole Katchen has graciously volunteered to design our cover!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted recipes and volunteered. Each contribution is important and we are working hard to insure this cookbook exceeds all expectations and is one our Sisterhood will be proud of!

Your Sisterhood

Remembrance: February Yahrzeits

~ *Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing* ~

Kaddish Recited on Feb 7

Milan Mendel

Father of Lenny Mendel

Pinhas Grenman

Father of Oded Grenman

Samuel Newman

Grandfather of Millie Baron

Bertha Moscovitz

Ewell Weinberg

Kaddish Recited on Feb 14

Eric Ross

Father of Elaine Wolken

Rose Ginsburg

Grandmother of Millie Baron

Max Singer

Father-in-law of Lenny Mendel

William Boswell

Father of Anita Williams

Jason Kandel

Cousin of Stuart Klompus

Ani Hannah Grenman

Mother of Oded Grenman

Dr. William Harvey Cowan

Sylvia Wuhlfsohn

Stefan Benedikt

Louis Grusmark

Kaddish Recited on Feb 21

Stella F. Weisman

Mother of Louise Levi

Joseph King

Max Wetzler

Morris Uzick

Evelyn Friedlander

Fred Kupperman

Evelyn Hemerich

Laura Darch

Kaddish Recited on Feb 28

Sally Friedlander Boley

Mother of Sherrill Nicolosi

Pearl Gartenberg Lippert

Aunt of Robert Gartenberg

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