

# The Shofar

July 2010  
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Congregation House of Israel

Rabbi Jerome Fox

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## Rabbi's Message



**"It's out, the air is cleared"**

Thank you to 89 year-old veteran reporter, Helen Thomas. Perhaps due to dementia, she said out loud on video-tape what, I suspect, many of the so-called peace activists and

members of the New Left are too smart to say out loud. Ms. Thomas said: "The Israelis should go back to where they came from and get the hell out of Palestine". Her interviewer asked her: Where should they go?" - "Oh, back to Poland, Germany, the U.S." she answered. This 89 year old pro-Palestinian syndicated columnist later apologized. But the cat was out of the bag. As of Monday, June 7th, she has resigned from her seat at the White House Press Corps.

This is truly what Israel is facing. After 62 years of independence, there are still voices calling for its destruction

The furor this month centers on the "aid ships" sent to help blockaded Gaza. Israel responded correctly as any sovereign state would have done. Perhaps the Israeli army miscalculated and should have sent more special forces to subdue the Turkish ship 'peacefully'.

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## Services

**Friday July 2 - Parashat Pinchas**  
Lay-led service - No Torah study

**Friday July 9 - Shabbat Matot-Mazei**  
Family service

**Friday July 16 - Shabbat Hazon (Devarim)**  
Torah service and D'var Torah

**Saturday July 19**  
Monthly Shabbat morning service  
followed by Kiddush luncheon

**Friday July 23 - Shabbat Nahamu-Va-Ethanan**  
During services, readings and songs for Tishah B'Av will be included.

**Rabbi's topic: "The Third Commandment)**

**Friday July 30 - Shabbat Ekev**  
Rabbi's topic: "Prayer, the long and the short of it."

**4:15-5:15 Weekly Torah Study**

**5:15-6:00 - Oneg Shabbat**

**6:00 - Services**

## Rabbi's Message

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I am reminded of what a former West Virginia congregant, Harry Berman, often said. "Israel is the only country on earth forbidden to make a mistake." Any miscalculation could prove fatal – or at least, as in this case, an opening for Israel haters to further bash and delegitimize the Jewish state.

I am convinced that all of these so-called peace activists Adam Shapiro, Greta Berlin (two people of Jewish origin?) the son of a former High Point congregant, the producers and writers of the film Voices from Israel shown at the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival last October, do not want a small Palestinian state living peacefully along side Israel, but the replacement of the Jewish state of Israel with a Muslim Palestinian state.

Thank you, Helen Thomas, for inadvertently clearing the air!

*Rabbi Jerome Fox*

## Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to:

**The family of Pancho Rowe**, long-time friend of CHI and supporter of the Holocaust Remembrance Educational Projects

**Yossi Baron** on the loss of his mother, Tikva Baron

**Bill Bowman** on the loss of his brother, John Bowman

*May Their Memories Be For a Blessing*



## July/August Events

Saturday	July 19	10:30AM-12 Noon	Monthly Shabbat morning service followed by kiddush luncheon
Sunday	July 18	4PM	Religious School Board meeting
Tuesday	July 20		Tishah B'Av
Monday-Friday	Aug. 2-6	10AM-12 Noon	Summer Torah School Topic: The prophets of Israel demand justice and compassion
Friday	Aug. 6	12 Noon	Biblical luncheon with skits and presentations (open to the entire congregation)
Sunday	Aug. 15		Opening day of Religious School
Monday	Aug. 30	11AM	First Sisterhood meeting/luncheon
Israeli Dancing/ Adult Liturgical Hebrew Choir		4:30PM 2:30-4PM 12:30-2PM	7/15 7/22, 7/29 7/18, 7/25 7/18, 7/25
Choir Rehearsal Adult Modern Hebrew Afternoon tutorials*		5:30PM 6-7:30PM	7/15, 7/22, 7/29 7/14, 7/28 7/12, 7/14, 7/15, 7/22, 7/26, 7/28, 7/29*

**Please let the Rabbi know if your child will not be able to attend their afternoon tutorials.**

# Sisterhood

## It's Almost Time --

It's hard to believe the summer is just about over. Hope everyone had a wonderful vacation season.

YOUR Sisterhood is busy planning for our first meeting of the year. Hope everyone (old members, new members and hopefully lots of prospective members) will be at the meeting on Monday, August 30th at 11AM. Our hostesses (Joanne Reagler and Sue Koppel) promise a wonderful lunch as we all plan together activities and programs for the 2010-2011 year.

Sisterhood is responsible for hosting the Oneg for Erev Rosh Hashanah as we begin this most holy time of the year. In addition, we will be planning our Break the Fast Oneg after the Shofar blows on Yom Kippur.

I hope everyone will come to this meeting filled with ideas and suggestions for this new year. We had some really great programs last year -- book club discussions led by Patti Fleishner, Valentine Luncheon hosting the residents of Levi Towers, just to name a few.

The first meeting of the year is when we plan our events for the coming year. I hope you will all join us as we plan our programs for the new year.

Sisterhood is a wonderful organization, and we participate in so many of the programs at CHI.

Hope to see everyone at the luncheon/meeting. Your Board looks forward to your participation and ideas.

See you on August 30th!!

*Carol Kleinman*



## Project Backpack - We Did It!!

Thank you so much to all of the Sisterhood members who so generously donated to Project Backpack.

Because of YOUR generosity, we raised a total of \$198 to be donated to this very worthy cause. This will cover the cost of approximately 25 backpacks.

Project Backpack is a non-profit tax exempt organization. Their mission is to help students and their families have a positive start to the new school year by providing students with the supplies necessary.



**Come See What You Can Do  
For Sisterhood  
Come See What Sisterhood  
Can Do For You!!**

**First Meeting of the Year  
Monday, August 30th, 11AM**

**Hope to see YOU there!  
Come be a part of the most  
exciting and active group in  
our Community.**

## Thank You

**Tribute Funds** are a meaningful way to celebrate, congratulate, honor, recognize, praise, remember or commemorate anyone on any occasion.

The following donations were received in June:

### General Fund

**Dennis & Anita Williams** - In honor of Becky Trubitt's graduation

**Louise Levi** - In memory of Joe Weisman

**Dr. Stuart & Kay Fleischner** - In memory of Tikva Baron

**Mike & Sharon Waxler** - In memory of Tikva Baron

**Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox** - In memory of Tikva Baron and John Bowman

**Yossi & Kim Baron and Darlene Smalley** - In memory of Tikva Baron

**Irene Holt** - In memory of Tikva Baron

**Fred & Harriette Korngut** - In memory of Ruth Holtzmann

### Backpack Project

- **Jean Gershner**
- **Hal & Sue Koppel**
- **Shelly & Carol Kleinman**
- **Lou & Susan Siegel**
- **Diane Goltz**
- **Stuart & Kay Fleischner**
- **Louis & Betty Kleinman**
- **David & Joanne Reagler**
- **Lenny & Norma Mendel**

### Holocaust Education Fund

**Shelly & Carol Kleinman** - In memory of Marcia Prushansky

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Dennis & Anita Williams**

**Louis & Betty Kleinman** - For the unveiling of Helen Kleinman

**Win & Bill Bowman**

## Todah Rabah

To these wonderful volunteers who helped out in June:

Thank you to those who worked so hard to clean up the Religious School area on May 23rd:

- **Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin**
- **Stuart Fleischner**
- **David Reagler**
- **Anita Williams**
- **Dennis Williams**
- **Margel Yaakov**

To our wonderful Choir for their performances on May 14th and May 21st:

- **Carole Fox (director)**
- **Alitza Cabibi-Wilkin**
- **Bridget Cabibi -Wilkin**
- **Pearl Roth**
- **Margel Yaakov**

To **Carole Fox** for leading the congregation in the Hallel on Saturday, June 12th

To **Sophie Fleischner** for leading the congregation in Kiddush and Motzi on Friday, June 11th

Alitza and Zak Cabibi-Wilkin for taking parts in the family service on June 18th

## In the News

**Sally Nicolosi** will return to Camp Jacobs second session as a camp counselor. **Ian Nicolosi** will again be working as a unit head for the camp.

## Annual Meeting of Congregation House of Israel - June 13, 2010

President Millie Baron called the meeting to order at 11:03 and welcomed everyone. Twenty-two people were in attendance.

Rabbi Jerry Fox gave the D'var Torah which was the haftorah portion of the week's readings.

The minutes of the annual meeting of 2009 taken by Joanne Reagler were not read, but were approved by the board at its July 2009 meeting.

President Baron thanked the outgoing board members: Ira Kleinman, Stuart Fleischner, Ken Baim, Jerry Rephan who were not in attendance. Joanne Reagler is outgoing in her capacity as Sisterhood President.

President Baron presented the names submitted by the nominating committee to fill the vacant positions: Joanne Reagler, Alfred Lewald, and Anita Williams. Carol Kleinman will serve in her capacity as Sisterhood President. Hal Koppel moved that the slate be accepted, the second was by Gail Greenberg.

Officers of the new Temple board are the following:

Millie Baron, President  
David Reagler, Jr., Vice President  
Anita Williams, Secretary  
Elaine Wolken, Treasurer

Elaine Wolken gave the financial report for the period January through May 2010. We had income of \$50,519.25, an increase of 15.13 percent over the same period a year ago, but we had a net loss of \$5,066.84. The cash balance varies, and building improvements include landscaping and the memorial garden. Please see the Treasurer's report (attached) for details.

Jerry Tannenbaum asked why we keep records for the calendar year instead of the fiscal year, e.g. July 1 – June 30. Elaine said that we changed a long time ago because it was simpler, but that she would send fiscal year statements to board members.

Gail asked why postage was so high. Dennis suggested that it might be related to the fund raiser. Elaine was not sure.

Hal Koppel asked about the net loss. The response was that expenses, while less than the same period a year ago, were greater than income.

Susan Siegal, Temple historian and financial advisor, gave the report on the invested assets of the Temple. As of the end of May the five funds had \$572,293.98, a 7.2 percent increase over the same period last year. We are off since October 2007, but we are back up in 2009. Brad and Elaine Wolken and Ed Berkun are the Financial Committee.

President Baron says that committee membership is being shuffled.

Ritual Committee chair is Stuart Fleischner. Gail Greenberg, Brian Trubitt, and Carole Fox are the choir for the High Holy Days.

House Committee chair is Yossi Baron. In the last year we have had the addition of the Pavillion courtesy of Jerry Tanenbaum, the cover over the back door, and new kitchen windows dedicated to the High Holy Days choir. In addition the back door and lights in the sanctuary were repaired. In addition, Mary Klompus, landscape sub chair, has contracted with Johnny Breckling to do the grounds maintenance for the front and back areas of the Temple.

David Reagler will attend ISJL and will schedule a work day before High Holy Days.

Rabbi Jerry Fox reported on his activities and those of the religious school and adult education which have all been very active. See his attached report for details of what has been done and for plan for 2011.

Membership chair has been Ira Kleinman. During his time we acquired three new families: Alfred and Jo Carol Lewald, Kate and Bill Tobakos and Drew, and Diana and Les Surfas.

Carol Kleinman is the chair of the Caring Committee. Please notify her about anyone in distress.

Jerry Tanenbaum is the ARZA chair.

Herman Bruckner commented that the article in the Sentinel Record about Amy Jill Levine never mentioned us. But someone else said that since the Rosenzweig Fund was the sponsor, mentioning us wasn't really important.

Joanne Reagler gave the Sisterhood report. Sisterhood has 46 paid members and 10 associate members. Ending balance is \$4330.48. These are working funds and do not include religious school and several other special funds. See attached report for details.

Sisterhood received two awards at Women of Reform Judaism International Biennial in Toronto in November: The Or Ami Award - Light of My People – and an attendance award for increase of over ten percent in membership. Holocaust Remembrance Project was presented as part of the workshop at that time. New Officers for 2010-2011 are the following: Carol Kleinman, President; Jo Carroll Lewald, Vice President; Betty Kleinman, Treasurer; and Gail Greenberg, Secretary. See the report for details.

Comments by President Millie Baron

Membership letters were sent in January: Nine members chose to increase their dues, but most did not.

Attendance – Many people are not as involved as we need for people to be.

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## Care and Concern

### Refuah Shelemah

Prayers are offered for the physical and emotional health of members, family and friends at services on Friday. *We wish Refuah Shelemah to:*

**Kevin Adkins** - Husband of Lynn Adkins  
**Bill Bowman** - Husband of Win Bowman  
**Win Bowman** - Wife of Bill Bowman  
**Ruth Kahn** - Mother of Karen Weinberg  
**Stanley Kahn** - Father of Karen Weinberg  
**Andrea Kleinman-Parker** - Daughter of Louis and Betty Kleinman  
**Dr. Irwin Lax** - Husband of Debbie Lax  
**Ann Rosenzweig**  
**Jack Tanner** - Husband of Phyllis Tanner  
**Mara Wolf** - Daughter of Sonia Burris  
**Roz Zoblotsky** - Wife of Harry Zoblotsky

Please remember to inform the Caring Committee - Carol Kleinman, Win Bowman - 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.

If there is anything you want or need, please contact one of us and it would be our pleasure to help you and your family:

Carol Kleinman (501) 922-3194  
 Win Bowman (501) 622-6876

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Yom Huledet Sameach!!

- Alitza Cabibi-Wilkin 7/2
- Lou Siegel 7/3
- Bill Tobakos 7/5
- Mattea Fleischner 7/6
- Rosalind Zoblotsky 7/10
- Ethel Rosenberg 7/11
- Susie Greenberg 7/13
- Sue Koppel 7/13
- Alan Lax 7/17
- Sophia Anreder 7/22
- George Lasky 7/25
- Ken Rosenzweig 7/31
- Ann Rosenzweig 7/31

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mazel Tov!

- Millie Baron & Mick Stoyanov 7/14
- Herman and Lil Bruckner 7/28



## Congregational Meeting

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Carol Kleinman and Elaine Wolken are working on new membership rosters.

Carol Kleinman does the Shofar, and Millie thanked her for her work. Carol Fox commented that the Congregant of the month is a good article and asked who writes it. Millie said that it was anonymous.

Three questions:

What are three things you like most about the Temple?

What three things can be improved?

What are you willing to do to strengthen our congregation?

Pearl Roth says that she met several Jews who didn't know there was a congregation.

Millie said that one good thing about this last year is that we have had a lot of publicity.

Anita Williams asked, "Who is a member?" People who pay dues are members, but we also welcome everyone. People who pay dues can vote.

We have a policy manual with by laws, and cemetery and religious school rules, etc.

The Amir Gwartzman fund raiser was successful, and we want to continue to do others. Our goal will be \$10,000.

Over \$7,000 was raised in the Sustaining Fund, and \$4400 for the Jacobs Camp Scholarship Fund.

Meeting adjourned.

# July Yahrtzeits

*We honor the memories of the following people during the month of July:*

**Kaddish recited July 2**

Molly Berkun 7/1  
*Mother of Ed Berkun*  
 Charles Festinger 7/2  
*Observed by the Lax Family*  
 Marcus London 7/2  
*Observed by Jsy Leiber*

**Kaddish recited July 9**

Henry Fellheimer 7/3  
 Ruth Holtzmann 7/4  
*Mother of Harriette Korngut*  
 Dorine Calcoate 7/4  
*Mother of Dennis Williams*  
 David Partegal 7/6  
 Morris Schlesinger 7/6  
*Father-in-law of Barbara Schlesinger*

**Kaddish recited July 16**

Celia Samuel 7/11  
 Isaac Kaufman Sockel 7/12  
 Charles Rosenfield 7/12  
 Bess Weinberg 7/13

Else Wetzler 7/14  
 Fred Levinger 7/15  
 Emma S. Mendel 7/15

**Kaddish recited July 23**

Samuel Fabricant 7/18  
 Albert Mendel 7/18  
 Evelyn Edelstein 7/18  
 Betty Kupperman 7/19  
 Marcus Papanek 7/19  
 Sara Grusmark 7/20  
 Frances Geschmay Levin 7/22  
*Aunt of Bob Gartenberg*

**Kaddish recited July 30**

Jack M. Miller 7/24  
 Sandra Gayle Boley 7/24  
*Sister of Sherrill Nicolosi*  
 Flora Lockwood 7/24  
*Grandmother of Diane Goltz*  
*Grandmother of Susan Siegel*  
 Marcia Prushansky 7/24  
*Mother of Carol Kleinman*  
**Leo Fielschmidt 7/26**  
**Charles Leiber 7/27**  
**Maxwell C. Papanek 7/27**  
**Abraham Hurwitz 7/28**  
**Dr. Jacob B. Glenn**

**May their memories all be for a blessing**

*When we are dead, and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. Let it not be said that life was good to us, but rather, that we were good to life.*

## Oneg Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sponsored an Oneg Shabbat during the month of June:

What better way to celebrate special events or just share for Friday night as we welcome the Shabbat as a family.



## Oneg Hosts/Hostesses for July

**If you cannot host a scheduled Oneg, please arrange for another congregant to take your place.**

7/2	Lil & Herman Bruckner Jodi & Jerry Chalmers
7/9	Family Service Madeline Bull Stephanie & Ira Kleinman
7/10	Saturday Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox
7/16	Sue & Hal Koppel
7/23	Diana & Les Surfes
7/30	Patti & Mark Fleischner Jeanne Wright

## CHI Congregant of the Month... Dennis Williams aka John Dennis Williams

On my mother's side, I am at least fourth generation native to Arkansas. I was born in Little Rock while my father was overseas serving in the Army. My grandmother's parents were farmers in White county when she was born in the late nineteenth century. My father retired in 1961 after serving thirty-two years active duty with the Army, and my family settled in Rogers, Arkansas, when I started junior high school. I have a B.S.E. with double majors in general science and mathematics and a minor in library science, plus M.Ed. with a major in instructional technology. Both degrees are earned from the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville). From Henderson State University, I earned a B.B.A. with a major in accounting.

Currently, I am starting my third year as high school librarian at Prescott High School, Prescott, Arkansas. This is after teaching high school algebra for several years in Prescott.

My formal education in Judaism began in the spring of 1973 and has continued today with liturgical Hebrew with Rabbi Fox. By choice, I am Jewish. My formal conversion was in the spring of 1976 at Temple B'Nai Israel in Little Rock. In the spring of 1977, I had an adult Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'Nai.

I first met Anita when I was teaching with the Little Rock Public Schools. When we first started dating and later married, I was a librarian at Hall High School in Little Rock. Anita's and my first date was a "blind date" arranged by a very good friend of Anita, and it was to a Pesach seder.

Our involvement with Congregation House of Israel began with an invitation to attend services by a fellow Lion Club member, Brian Trubbitt. Anita and I met the congregation and fell in love with its warmth and diversity. We joined the congregation when Rabbi Vicki Hollander was the Rabbi for CHI. Even though we have no children in religious school (Our only daughter lives in Brooklyn, NY), I serve on the Religious Education Board because of my commitment to education, and I see the children along with their parents as my extended family. Education is one of the 613 commandments (Deuteronomy Chapter 6). I am very thankful for CHI Sisterhood for its strong support of and to commitment to Religious School.

## Photographer Wanted

I have had requests from so many of our congregants to keep inserting photos from our various activities in the Shofar.

Being totally camera challenged, in addition to not always being at Temple functions, I am looking for someone (or a couple of someones) to take a few pictures at each event (especially those of the Religious School) and send them to me to be included in the Shofar.

Our little monthly newsletter has come so far over the past few years thanks to article ideas and contributions from our congregation.

Let's take the Shofar to the next level by including pictures from our events so everyone can see all of the fun and exciting "happenings" at Congregation House of Israel.

Thanks to all of you (in advance) who email me the pictures -- [litelady1@yahoo.com](mailto:litelady1@yahoo.com) or [litelady1@sbc-global.net](mailto:litelady1@sbc-global.net).

*Carol  
Klein-  
man*



## The High Holidays 2010

Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 8-10

Yom Kippur - Sept. 17-18





# President's Message

Thank you for taking the time to help us with your input and I hope to see you all soon at Quapaw and Market!

*Millie Baron*

**President - Congregation House of Israel**

As I write this month's article for the bulletin and review my notes from last month's Annual Temple meeting, I am pondering the meaning of our attendance numbers this year. We were a mighty crowd of a little over 20 people. Could that possibly mean that everyone is so perfectly pleased with all aspects of Temple life that they just didn't feel the need to attend? Or did we simply have a scheduling fiasco with summer vacations, the start of camp, the Rosenzweig speaker, etc? Don't be surprised if you see a change headed your way for our Annual Meeting as we look for ways to include more people in the workings of our Temple.

Board Members 2010/2011

- Millie Baron – President
- David Reagler – Vice-President
- Elaine Wolken – Treasurer
- Anita Williams – Secretary
- Carol Kleinman – Sisterhood Representative
- Yossi Baron
- Betty Forshberg
- Shelly Kleinman
- Alfred Lewald
- Joanne Reagler
- Jerry Tanenbaum

It also strikes me as very exciting that this is actually the third time in one year that I have written about a new beginning: At Rosh Hashanah, in January for the new secular year, and now as we begin a new year for the Temple! We have a new Board in place with the following new members: Alfred Lewald, Joanne Reagler, and Anita Williams. This new Board is ready to explore ways to improve our congregation and we are asking that all members answer the following three questions:

1. What are three things you like most about the Temple? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What three things would you like to see improved? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What would you be willing to do to strengthen our congregation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Congregant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any comments or suggestions for The Shofar, please let either Karen Holcomb or Carol Kleinman know.

Upcoming meetings or Temple events? Please let us know so we can put them in The Shofar.

Remember - Shofar deadline is the 20th of the month, so please have all articles, reminders, etc. sent to Carol(litelady1@yahoo.com) prior to that date.