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And a special Thank You to all of our wonderful Jackson House volunteers in May -- **Saralee Stark, Carol Kleinman, Mary Klompus, David Cohen, Carol Crow, Betty Forshberg and Cynthia Rephan**. It is always such fun preparing and handing out the meals. Congregation House of Israel volunteers to do this mitzvah 6 times a year. We are already scheduling for the July 25th lunch.

If you would like to join us from 10AM-1PM, please let Saralee Stark know. It's really great fun and the people are always so appreciative.

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# Upcoming Events

All Erev Shabbat services are held at 6:00 pm, and preceded by an Oneg Shabbat at 5:15 pm

- June 7: Erev Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Chapin -
- June 10: Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- June 14: Erev Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Chapin
- June 21, Erev Shabbat Service led by Shelly Kleinman
- June 28, Erev Shabbat Service led by Shelly Kleinman

## Davar

*"A Matter for Discussion"*



*Rabbi Richard Chapin*

If you missed the Sisterhood Shabbat last month you missed what is essentially good about Congregation House of Israel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. From an Oneg Shabbat that was prepared by over a dozen Sisterhood women to a Worship Service

conducted entirely by the Sisterhood to a spirit of joy and simcha that coursed through our sanctuary on a very warm evening -- it was all good! It was a privilege to sit on the bema and observe the sincerity of the participants, as well as to speak to the contributions of Jewish women in the biblical period and onwards.

And so we arrive at the month of June. I will be visiting Camp Jacobs for a few days this summer and will return to Hot Springs for a very early Holy Day season. Our service of Selichot will be held on Saturday evening, August 31. Rosh Hashanah begins on Wednesday evening, September 4th!

Let's pray for health and the joy of fulfillment for all our congregation. It has been a delightful year, with many projects accomplished. The most important project remains the continuation of a synagogue that has graced the Hot Springs community for some 138 years. May we, as a community, go from strength to strength and blessing to blessing in the years to come.

Jeanne and I wish Y'ALL a wonderful summer season. We'll see you soon.

*Richard and Jeanne*

## Sisterhood

### New Beginnings



**By Carol Kleinman**

On May 17th, we honored our new CHI members and celebrated our CHI Sisterhood.

Sisterhood is not just a group of women meeting monthly and having a delicious lunch while

they talk about various things. Sisterhood is the 'heart' of our congregation. We are the group that leads the congregation to be warm and welcoming. We work with our religious school to ensure our future.

As I take the helm as President, I am awed by all of our accomplishments. I am so excited by all that we hope to do and WILL do in the following year. Sisterhood is not just a few women, it is ALL of our CHI sisterhood.

We hope you will join us on Monday August 12th for our first Sisterhood meeting of 2013-2014. We will be planning events for the High Holidays as well as discussing programs for the upcoming year. Please participate in making these plans. Sisterhood is a GROUP of women and we want YOU to be an active part of the group.

Ruth has sent out dues statements for the coming year as well as a note regarding the Hot Springs Back Pack Project. Last year, through your generosity, we raised close to \$800 for this very worthwhile cause.

We look forward to seeing everyone on August 12th in Burgauer Hall for our first meeting. Please bring your thoughts and ideas as well as your appetites for a delicious lunch provided by Joanne Reagler and Ruth Sedler. We'll eat, we'll talk, we'll plan for NEW BEGINNINGS.

*Carol*

## Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project

Dear Rabbi Chapin:

On behalf of the Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project, we wish to thank you for all you did to make "Commemoration, Hope & Peace, A Coming Together" such an inspiring, spiritual event for all who attended.

Our congregation, and particularly the Board of the Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project, appreciate your leadership in bringing this program to our community.

The creation of the Hot Springs Interfaith Fellowship is a tribute to your commitment to eradicate bigotry and prejudice in our lives, personally, and in the community.

Thank you for all your presentations and work with the youth of Hot Springs. Hopefully, we can continue to make an impact in the schools among students of all ages. We look forward to next year being full of exciting projects.

Joanne D. Reagler, Co-Chairperson  
Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project

## Backpack Project

By Ruth Sedler

Sisterhood is again collecting money to be given to the Hot Springs School District for their backpack project. All of the donations stay in the Hot Springs School District and are used for school supplies for their students in need. The monies we donate go towards purchasing a backpack and filling it with school supplies that will be needed during the year. Because they purchase everything in bulk they are able to spend about \$10.00 to purchase one backpack and fill it with supplies.

Last year we donated about \$796.00 to this worthy cause. Please consider being as generous this year and mail your donations to Ruth Sedler, 152 Blue Heron Drive, Hot Springs AR 71913. Make your checks out to CHI Sisterhood and we will present our check for the total amount of the donation to the Hot Springs School District. Please mark your checks **FOR BACKPACK PROJECT**. We are hoping to have all donations for this in by July 15.

Thank you in advance for helping Sisterhood with this project.

Moe visits Dr. Shimon, the veterinarian, and says, "My dog has a problem."

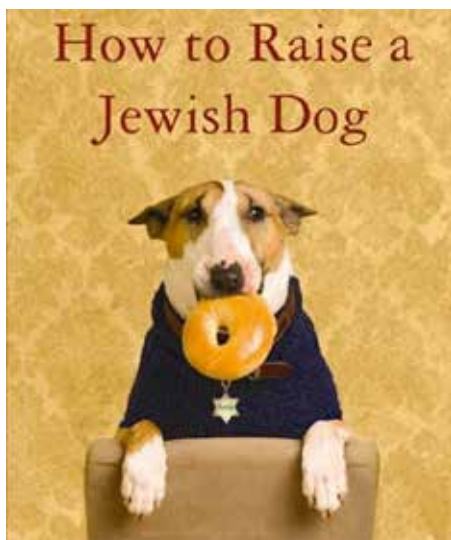
Dr. Shimon says, "So, tell me about the dog and the problem."

"It's a Jewish dog. His name is Kasha and he can talk," says Moe.

"He can talk?" the doubting doctor asks.

"Watch this!" Moe points to the dog and commands: "Kasha, Fetch!"

Kasha the dog, begins to walk toward the door, then turns around and says, "So why are you talking to me like that? You always order me around like I'm nothing. And you only call me when you want something. And then you make me sleep on the floor, with my arthritis. You give me this fahkakhka



food with all salt and fat, and you tell me it's a special diet. It tastes like dreck! YOU should eat it yourself! And do you ever take me for a decent walk? NO, it's out the house, a short pish and right back home. Maybe if I could stretch out a little, the sciatica wouldn't kill me so much! I should roll over and play dead for real for all you care!"

Dr. Shimon is amazed, "This is remarkable! So, what's the problem?"

Moe says, "He has a hearing problem! I said 'Fetch,' not 'Kvetch.'"

*Our thanks to Sue Koppel and Ed Berkun for this little bit of Yiddishkeit.*



# Orthodox Women Push Limits of Modesty

*New Generation Wants To Look Sexy and Obey Religious Dictates*

By Paul Berger

On a recent Sunday, Nechama Silverberg slipped into a vintage skirt at a pop-up consignment store in Brooklyn, trying on clothes as any other hip 20-year-old might, but for one difference: She carefully measured whether the skirt revealed her knees.

Around her in the Frock Swap, an Orthodox clothing business celebrating its first anniversary, were other women pushing the boundaries of modesty: an exposed elbow here, a bare collarbone there, a skirt that ended at just the wrong side of a pair of knees. Many were on the lookout for unique outfits for the coming High Holy Days. Some were engaged in angst-ridden mental calculations about whether an item was *tznius* — modest according to Jewish law — and if not, how it could be altered.

Stores and websites such as Junee and FunkyFrum have been catering to more style-conscious Orthodox women for some time. At the Frock Swap, plenty of women pulled off stylish outfits with nary an elbow or a knee in sight.

But, anecdotally at least, more women are taking liberties with the laws of *tznius*. It's evident on main streets and in kosher cafes and restaurants in and around major cities like New York and Los Angeles, fueling snide comments about "hot Chanis" and earnest debates about the merits and nuances of aspiring to be "*tznius* sexy."

*Tznius* is a particularly gray and, it seems, malleable area of Jewish communal life. Rabbi Avi Shafran, a spokesman for the conservative Orthodox umbrella organization, Agudath Israel of America, said there are two ways to interpret this practice. There is the *halachically* mandated "covering up," which refers to a woman's upper arms and upper legs and

to a married woman's hair. Then there are "communal norms," such as a prohibition against bare feet, which are not "inherently mandated" and are therefore left up to individual communities — and in many cases, individuals — to decide.

"As in every community, there are ideals," Shafran said, adding that there are those who hew to them as well as those who fall short of reaching them.

"I think that a stroll in Crown Heights or Williamsburg or Boro Park will evidence a good deal more of the former, but, I'm sure, examples of the latter, as well."

Indeed, this past summer a debate over *tznius* exploded in the *Dear Rachel* advice column pages of

The Jewish Press, which covers the largely Jewish Five Towns on Long Island.

"Is it a sin for a frum girl to have the desire to make herself pretty?" asked one correspondent, who said she liked to dress unconventionally but always within the bounds of modesty. Another reader railed against married women who wear "enormous, garishly styled custom wigs" and clothes "so tight, it is a wonder they breathe."

Allison Josephs, founder of an outreach website, *Jew in the City*, said that the problem for women lay in defining the line between style and *tznius*. Always having taken care of how she looked, and raised in a Conservative Jewish household, Josephs, who is now more observant, said, "It was

actually very important for me to see that I could express that part of myself and still feel good about myself while living a Torah-observant life."

"*Tznius* sexy could go in two different directions," added Josephs, who recently gave a talk, "Frum and Fabulous," to a group of Modern Orthodox women in Cherry Hill, N.J. She said there are women who conform to *tznius* and look stylish, retaining a "mystique" that "leaves something to the imagination." Then there are women who "follow the rules, but not the spirit of the law," managing to cover all the right areas and yet still look "too sexualized."

For some women, what other members of the community think is of little importance so long as their husbands, and perhaps their rabbis, approve. But



*Shopping Spree: Lakey Nemes (left) tries on a sequined dress at the Frock Swap.*

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# CHI Sisterhood Shabbat & New Member Service

May 17, 2013



*Photos from the Sisterhood Shabbat and New Member Service on May 17, 2013.*

*Top Left: Patti Fleischner, Yossi and Kim Baron*

*Top Right: Timo Johnson, John Linder, Adam Coates*

*Center Left: John & Phyllis Hearn, Ruth Sedler*

*Center Right: Cynthia Rephan, Carol Crow-Nanez, Betty Forshberg, Millie Baron*

*Bottom Left: (from right) Jerry Tanenbaum, Sharon Ball and Jerry's nurse, Diana*

# Relay For Life

By Frances Iverson



Dear Friends and Family,

I would like to invite you to join my team Fighting with Frances for the May 31st Relay for Life Event happening in Hot Springs, AR. I've been fighting cancer for the past six months.

I'm looking forward to a future that is cancer-free, and the Relay for Life event

is my next step. I would appreciate any support and would be thrilled for you to pass this information along to any friends and family I have missed.

Click link below to go to our Team Website

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?px=31974429&fr\\_id=51159&pg=personal](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?px=31974429&fr_id=51159&pg=personal)

I am forever grateful to my team of care givers, medical providers, friends, and family who have helped me get on my way to a cancer-free and bright future. Six months ago I could have never predicted how my life would change to include the beast that is cancer.

I thank you in advance for any support you can offer to the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life event. Team Fighting with Frances is looking forward to celebrating together on May 31!

Sincerely,

*Frances*

# Orthodox Women Push Limits of Modesty

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they must also pay attention if they want their child to attend the right yeshiva. Chaya Chanin, a mother of two who co-founded the Frock Swap with her sister, Simi Polonsky, and lives in Crown Heights, said, "There are schools in the neighborhood who will only accept [students of] parents if they dress in a certain way."

The sisters, who grew up in Sydney, Australia, are daughters of a Chabad rabbi. Chanin, 26, said they always had a passion for finding ways of blending fashion with *Halacha*. They would take a short dress or a sleeveless or low-cut top and turn it into something modest "while still being fashionable." Women at the Frock Swap spoke of shopping in big box stores to hunt for *tznius*-compliant pieces, or of finding inappropriate items and then adding fabric, taking down hems or slipping a top underneath to solve the problem of revealing too much.

Polonsky pointed to the racks around the store, which had taken over a Crown Heights florist shop. There were high-end designers such as Armani, Fendi, Gucci and Marc Jacobs; a 1960s Ports jacket for \$565, and a Montclair jacket for \$500. Less expensive items, such as pieces by Nanette Lepore and See by Chloe, were there "to keep the price range available to everyone," Polonsky said.

Polonsky, Chanin and a few helpers were dressed in snug black T-shirts emblazoned with the Frock Swap name on the front, and slogans on the back that ranged from the innocent "Dare To Be a Frock Star" to the more provocative "Like I Give a Frock." At the front of the store, a speaker blasted out a range of music from Aretha Franklin to Eminem. By mid-day the store was alive with about a dozen women — some with strollers, others carrying babies under their arms. Even some girls from a local yeshiva stopped by in their uniforms to flick through the racks of clothing.

"It's very personal for each woman," Silverberg said of the mental calculations that went into a decision about what to wear. "I feel that what *Halacha* gives us is a gift of laws that can outline how to be self-dignified." But she added, "There's no law against looking beautiful." "At the end of the day, everyone knows if they feel guilty or feel good for what they are wearing," said another woman named Nechama, 22, who declined to give her surname. "You have instinct, God gave that to you."

- To **Oded Grenman** on the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson B. Alexander Fendley on Saturday, May 25th. Alexander is the son of Nathan and Hagit Gregory of Monticello, AR.
- To **Jeanne Wright** on the marriage of her son, Alex to Jenessa Burdick on May 25th. Alex graduated in 2009 from Jessieville High School and joined the navy. He serves as a Cryptologic Technician as well as a Search and Rescue Swimmer. Alex has been on one deployment and several sea missions.
- To **Mike and Sharon Waxler** on the marriage of their daughter, Carli, to Chris Baker on April 27th. The beautiful bride is a graduate of CHI religious school and was active in our youth groups.
- To **Anita Williams** on her retirement



*Alex and Jenessa*



*Carli Baxter with her parents, Mike and Sharon Waxler*



## Bimah Honors

June 7	Bill Eisenkramer Ira Kleinman
June 14	Carol Katchen Alfred Lewald
June 21	Sherrill Nicolosi Kathy Klein
June 28	Timo Johnson Sally Sangster

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### June Anniversaries

Ira and Stephanie Kleinman	June 8
Patti and Mark Fleischer	June 12
Anthony and Sherrill Nicolosi	June 14
Mary and Stuart Klompus	June 15
Ross and Ruth Sedler	June 16
Cheryl and David Cohen	June 27

### June Birthdays

Shelly Kleinman	June 4
Carol Kleinman	June 8
Andrea Parker	June 9
David Reagler	June 11
Al Tanenbaum	June 12
Mary Klompus	June 20
Kathryn Eisenkramer	June 23
Yossi Baron	June 28
Jerry Chalmers	June 30

## Oneg Thanks



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

June 7	Bill & Kathryn Eisenkramer Ira & Stephanie Kleinman
June 14	Carol Katchen Alfred & JoCarroll Lewald
June 21	Anthony & Sherrill Nicolosi Kathy Klein
June 28	Timo & Karen Johnson Sally Sangster

**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.

## 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*
- *Annette Baim*
- *Frances Iverson*
- *John and Leslie Jameson*
- *Jerry Tanenbaum*

# Weekly Parshah

## June

### Shelach

June 1, 2013

Moses sends twelve spies to the land of Canaan. Forty days later they return, carrying a huge cluster of grapes, a pomegranate and a fig, to report on a lush and bountiful land. But ten of the spies warn that the inhabitants of the land are giants and warriors “more powerful than we”; only Caleb and Joshua insist that the land can be conquered, as G-d has commanded. The people weep that they’d rather return to Egypt. G-d decrees that Israel’s entry into the Land shall be delayed forty years, during which time that entire generation will die out in the desert.

### Korach

June 8, 2013

Korach incites a mutiny challenging Moses’ leadership and the granting of the kehunah (priesthood) to Aaron. He is accompanied by Moses’ inveterate foes, Dathan and Abiram. Joining them are 250 distinguished members of the community, who offer the sacrosanct ketoret (incense) to prove their worthiness for the priesthood. The earth opens up and swallows the mutineers, and a fire consumes the ketoret-offerers.

A subsequent plague is stopped by Aaron’s offering of ketoret. Aaron’s staff miraculously blossoms and brings forth almonds, to prove that his designation as high priest is divinely ordained.

### Chukat

June 15, 2013

After forty years of journeying through the desert, the people of Israel arrive in the wilderness of Zin. Miriam dies, and the people thirst for water. G-d tells Moses to speak to a rock and command it to give water. Moses gets angry at the rebellious Israelites and strikes the stone. Water issues forth, but Moses is told by G-d that neither he nor Aaron will enter the Promised Land.

Aaron dies at Hor Hahar and is succeeded in the high priesthood by his son Elazar. Venomous snakes attack the Israelite camp after yet another eruption of discontent in which the people “speak against G-d and Moses”; G-d tells Moses to place a brass serpent upon a high pole, and all who will gaze heavenward will be healed. The people sing a song in honor of the miraculous well that provided them water in the desert.



(c) Sarah Kranz

### Balak

June 22, 2013

Balak, the king of Moab, summons the prophet Balaam to curse the people of Israel. On the way, Balaam is berated by his ass, who sees,

before Balaam does, the angel that G-d sends to block their way. Three times, from three different vantage points, Balaam attempts to pronounce his curses; each time, blessings issue forth instead. Balaam also prophesies on the end of the days and the coming of Moshiach.

The people fall prey to the charms of the daughters of Moab, and are enticed to worship the idol Peor. When a high-ranking Israelite official publicly takes a Midianite princess into a tent, Pinchas kills them both, stopping the plague raging among the people.

*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)*

# Remembrance: June Yahrzeits

~ Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing ~

## Kaddish Recited on June 7

**Nancy Kleinman**  
*Mother of Shelly Kleinman*

**Anna Marcus**  
*Grandmother of Carol Kleinman*

**Dora Korngut**  
*Mother of Fred Korngut*

**Mary Benedict**  
**Emma Loeb Mendel**

## Kaddish Recited on June 14

**Fay Kirsch**  
*Grandmother of Steven Kirsch*  
*Mother of Gene Kirsch*

**Samuel Schudmark Sr.**  
**Uncle of Louis Kleinman**

**Charles Bellin**  
*Father of Ruth Sedler*

**Jacob London**

**Harry Kupperman**

**Dave Lockwood**

**Leon L. Levy**

**Victoria Leiber**

**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).**

## Kaddish Recited June 21

**Patricia Tanenbaum**  
*Wife of Jerry Tanenbaum*

**Sterling Francis Gottlieb**  
*Uncle of Barbara Morgan*

**Earl Wright**  
*Husband of Jeanne Wright*

**Arthur Welcher**

**Helen Benedikt Mehaffy**

**Isadore Gottlieb**

**Rose Margolis Sockel**

## Kaddish Recited June 28

**Vicki Seligman**  
*Mother of Diana Surfes*

**Morris N. Bauman**  
*Father of Cynthia Rephan*

**Louis Brown**  
*Father of Betty Forshberg*

**Stuart Z. Perkoff**

**Sadie Gottlieb**

## Cooking At CHI

### Jalapeno Jelly Cheese Log

- 1 c. Shredded medium or sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 c. Hellman's mayo
- 1 c. Chopped green onions
- 1 c. Chopped pecans
- 1 jar Tabasco brand Jalapeno Jelly (Green jar - Red jar is very hot)

Mix first four ingredients. Spread onto plate. Spread about half the jelly (or more if needed to cover the mixture.)

Chill well.

Serve with Ritz or your favorite cracker. Keeps well and can be made day ahead if covered.

*Thank you to Phyllis Hearn for sharing this recipe. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send it Carol at [litelady1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:litelady1@sbcglobal.net)*

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