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Rabbi's Message



“Don't Know Much About History”

That line from a popular folk song comes to mind when I think of the enormity of Jewish history that most of us don't know too much about. You may remember how in last month's "Rabbi's Message" I wrote about a woman who, at the Seder I conducted at the Hot Springs Unitarian Church,

asked me in all innocence, "What were the Jews doing before 1948 when they founded the State of Israel?" She seemed to be implying that we were a group of European non-Christian dissidents who were persecuted in Europe and thus left and founded a refuge colony for ourselves in the Middle East. I responded to her "But, don't you know, our roots in the Middle East go back over 3000 years. We were the people who wrote the Bible there."

This woman who spoke intelligently, in fact, she was a retired teacher, didn't have a clue about our connection with the Land of Israel and how far back our history went.

The historian Barbara Tuchman wrote: "The Jews are the only people in the western world who speak the same language, practice the same religion, and now live in the same territory as did their ancestors 3000 years ago." The only other people on earth to rival this achievement are the Chinese and the Hindu Indians.

To try to remedy the "don't know much about history" syndrome in our religious school, next year the two older classes will be periodically working on a timeline of Jewish history. Their timeline will probably be strung back and forth in the school wing's hall.

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Services

Friday June 4 - Shabbat Shelakh Lekha
Rabbi's topic: "Hutzpah! - Colossal Gaul"

Friday June 11 - Shabbat Korah

Special Oneg and service honoring 50 year members of CHI

Rabbi's topic: "Absolute Authority"

Saturday June 12

Monthly Shabbat morning service followed by Kiddush luncheon

Friday June 18 - Shabbat Hukkatt

Family Service

Friday June 25 - Shabbat Balak

Lay led service

4:15-5:15 Weekly Torah Study

5:15-6:00 - Oneg Shabbat

6:00 - Services

Mazel Tov

Dan Wolken of The (Memphis) Commercial Appeal has been named the recipient of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association's Rising Star Award, announced today. The award, in its first year, allows the USBWA to recognize top young talent covering the sport of college basketball. ..

Dan is the son of CHI members, **Elaine and Brad Wolken.**

Mazel Tov to **Becky Trubitt** on her graduation from ASMSA. Becky received a scholarship to the University of Arkansas Honors College.

Mazel Tov to **Sophie Fleischner** who performed in the Nexstar Dance competition at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock April 16-18.

Sophie won a gold medal in her solo, 1st place and a gold medal in her duet, and a gold medal for her team competition. She also won the judges award for "most potential judges award". We are very proud. April 29th - May 2nd she will compete in the "Talent on Parade" at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock.

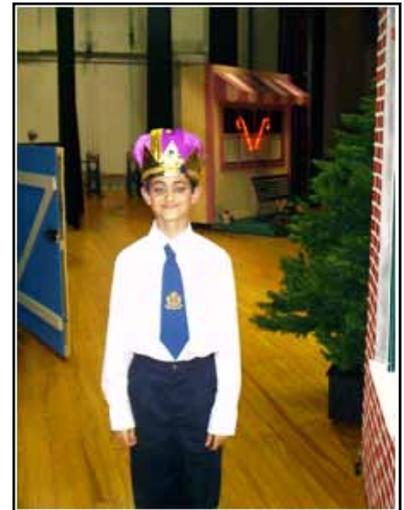
Sophie is the daughter of CHI members, Kay and Stuart Fleischner.

You're in the Navy Now!!

This is a very young, **Alex Wright** in his very first of many performances in the HSV Players.

Alex recently left Hot Springs and reported for duty in the US Navy. We are so proud of him and wish him the very best in his chosen career.

Alex is the son of Jeane Wright and brother of Rachel who will miss him very much.



June Events

Saturday	June 12	10:30AM	Saturday morning service followed by kiddush luncheon
Sunday	June 13	11AM	Annual CHI meeting followed by potluck luncheon
		1:30PM	Rosenzweig Foundation presents New Testament Scholar, Amy Jill Levine speaking at First United Methodist Church
Israeli Dancing/		4:30PM	6/3, 6/10, 6/17
Adult Liturgical Hebrew		2:30-4PM	6/6
Choir		12:30-2PM	6/6
Choir Practice		4:30PM	6/3, 6/10, 6/17
Adult Modern Hebrew		6-7:30PM	6/2, 6/9, 6/16
Afternoon tutorials*			6/2, 6/3, 6/7, 6/9, 6/10, 6/14, 6/16, 6/17

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

NOTE: Rabbi will be on vacation June 19-26. Rabbi will be in Jackson, Mississippi for ISJL Education Conference June 27-29. The Foxes will be at Camp Jacobs June 29-July 8.

Sisterhood



Your 2010-2011 Sisterhood Board -- (l-r) Joanne Reagler (immediate past President), Carol Kleinman (incoming President), Gail Greenberg (Secretary) and Betty Kleinman (Treasurer). Not pictured is JoCarroll Lewald (incoming Vice President).



At our final meeting of Sisterhood on May 3rd, Joanne Reagler stepped down from her 2-year term as Sisterhood President and passed the proverbial torch to incoming President, Carol Kleinman

There were so many thoughts running through my mind as I headed to the Temple for what was not only our final Sisterhood meeting of the year, but also the end of Joanne Reagler's presidency.

Joanne is the epitome of what you hope your group leader will be. She has enthusiasm, great ideas and the ability to pull an entire group together. On behalf of all CHI Sisterhood members, thank you, Joanne, for all that you have done and all that you continue to do to make our CHI community an exciting, vibrant place.

Although it is Summer vacation, our Board is busy at work planning for the 2010-2011 year. We will present program suggestions at the August 30th meeting. I hope you will all be thinking of ideas to share at that meeting, as well.

I am so excited to be the new Sisterhood President and look forward to a fun-filled year.

Have a great summer and we'll see you on August 30th.

Carol Kleinman

**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 May:

General Fund

Dennis & Anita Williams - *In honor of the birth of Ezra Cabibi-Wilkin and the 80th birthday of Sonia Burris*

Eugene Kirsch - *In memory of Serena Kirsch*

Steven Kirsch - *In memory of Serena Kirsch*

Jerry Tanenbaum - *In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Joanne and David Reagler*

Fred & Harriette Korngut - *In memory of Dora Korngut*

Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox - *In loving memory of Lawrence Fox*

Rabbi Jerry and Carole Fox *In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Joanne and David Reagler*

Cemetery Fund

Lenny & Norma Mendel - *In memory of Sadie Singer*

Todah Rabah

To these wonderful volunteers who helped out in May:

Our participants in the Sabbath liturgy on May 7th:

- Alitza Cabibi-Wilkin
- Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin
- Zak Cabibi-Wilkin
- Sophie Fleischner

Those who helped out with the 'Late Lag ba-Omer' picnic:

- Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin
- David Reagler
- Dennis and Anita Williams
- Chen Reingold
- Sammy Gannon

Thank you to Joann Adams who very generously donated 2 Israeli-themed posters to the Temple.

Thank you to **Dennis and Anita Williams** for their donation of a digital camera for the Rabbi to use.

A very sincere thank you to Brad and Elaine Wolken who purchased a brand new copier/fax/ printer for the Temple.

Mary Klompus... CHI Congregant of the Month



Mary Klompus was born and raised right here in Hot Springs (Pearcy). After graduating high school, she went on to become a LPN, working in surgery. As fate would have it, she met this "handsome pilot from the big city" (Washington DC) who had injured his knee and needed someone to nurse him back to health. Shortly after that, she and Stuart married and moved to Winchester, Va. where both their son, Ben, and daughter, Melissa, were born.

When the children were 2 and 4 years old, Stuart decided he wanted to be a farmer. They moved to a 40 acre farm only a few miles from where Mary had grown up and lived there for 7 years before moving back into Hot Springs.

Mary chose to join the Temple after studying Judaism in Virginia. She joined Sisterhood and made many cherished and lifelong friends within the congregation. She was Sisterhood President as well as Sisterhood Woman of the Year. Mary was involved in so many of the activities at the Temple.

Mary has always been an active member of the Hot Springs community. She not only has been active in the Temple, but volunteered at the local schools as well as Jackson House.

Both Melissa and Ben are now married and living with their families in Massachusetts. Having 3 grandchildren so far away, Mary and Stuart have gotten an apartment next door to Melissa and her family and the majority of their time is spent with the family.

Despite splitting her time between Hot Springs and Massachusetts, Mary still manages to be very active at CHI. She organized and worked on our beautification project. Her ideas and hard work were the motivation for our beautiful Kleinman-Sej;esomger Gardem pf :ofe amd Tanenbaum Pavillion. When she is in town, you can always find her at Temple helping in any way she can.

Mary and her sisters just finished publishing a cookbook called "Sisters". It is a collection of old and new recipes. As Millie Baron said, "it was the only cookbook that would have noodle kugel and corndogs in the same book." It has many Jewish recipes and dishes that we have enjoyed making at the Temple for many years, such as Challah and the Poppy Seed Challah. To get your copy of this wonderful cookbook, give Mary at call at 501/525-1975.

We are so fortunate to have Mary as a part of our congregation. Our thanks go out to her for all that she has done in the past and all that we know she will help us accomplish in the future.

WOW! WHAT A GREAT CONCERT!!

I hope you were there. Amir Gwirtzman really put on a great show. Everyone I talked to after the concert had a wonderful time. And we made money. All bills are not in yet but the Temple will definitely have a net profit of over \$3,000.

Thanks to everyone in the congregation who came to the concert, bought tickets, sold tickets and brought friends. Your support made it work. If you have not yet sent in your money from the tickets you sold please do.

Thanks to everyone who worked the night of the concert, ticket taking, set up, clean up ushers, concessions. Everything went off without a hitch.

If you did not get to the VIP party you really missed a great part of the evening. Thanks to Carole Katchen for donating the painting that we successfully auctioned that night and for the use of her studio for the party. Thanks to everyone who brought food it was fantastic.

Thanks to the following people and businesses who bought ads in our program and acted as ticket outlets: Ambrosia Bakery; UPS Store; Verdigris; Service Liquor & Wine; Culinary District; Drs Harold Koppel and Adam Hall; Corner Liquor Store; Big J's Pizza Shack; Carol and Larry Levi; Bennett's Auto Service; Stephens Jewelers; The Baim Law Firm; Arkansas Records Management; Temperance Hill Security Storage; Alliance Insurance; Fleischner & VanBebber Dental Group; Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Lauray's; Hot Springs Concert Band and The Arlington Hotel for donating a room for 3 nights for Amir. Please express your gratitude by supporting them. If you didn't get a copy of the program I have some extra copies. Thanks to Quality Printing for the great job and the support in set up and pricing.

Thanks to the Hot Spring Music Festival for their co-sponsorship, for providing the Field House at no cost, for all the logistics of getting the building ready for us and for publicizing the concert to their mailing list; and to Laura Rosenberg for being our Emcee and giving us so much expert advice.

Special thanks of course go to the committee who put in so much time and effort: Jerry Tanenbaum chairman for the night of the concert; Sharon Waxler and Millie Baron co-chairpersons for ticket sales; David D Reagler and Annette Baim co-chairpersons for program ad sales; Mary Waterman chairperson for the VIP party; John Gillham for all the logistics of coordinating and setting up the sound system; Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin setting up Facebook page; and Anita Williams for coordinating out of town ticket sales and publicity; Jo Carroll Lewald publicity chairperson.

Finally thanks go to the Institute of Southern Jewish Life for providing us with such a great musician and entertainer. We look forward to this being the first of many such great events and fund raisers.

Alfred Lewald



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
Ann Rosenzweig
Pancho Rowe
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

Project Backpack

Once again, the Hot Springs community is being asked to participate in PROJECT BACKPACK. This organization is sponsored by the HSISD and has assisted over 6,000 children with new backpacks and school-specific supplies over the last 8 years. The Program provides a FREE backpack filled with school supplies for students of single parent homes or for students being raised by grandparents.

Last year, the congregants of CHI very generously contributed funds to fill over 20 backpacks.

This year, CHI Sisterhood is again supporting this worthy endeavor and is asking for your support with a suggested donation of \$18 .

Please send your tax deductible donations made out to CHI Sisterhood to:

Betty Kleinman
 101 Glenridge Drive
 Hot Springs AR 71901

On behalf of the Project Backpack organization, thank you for your generosity.

Mark Your Calendar - June 13th

On Sunday, June 13th, at 1:30pm in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church the Rosenzweig Foundation will host world famous Professor, Amy-Jill Levine.

The topic will be: "Jesus, Judaism, and Jewish-Christian Relations" and promises to be an interesting and informative event.

She is a Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. A self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt," she has a strong commitment to eliminating anti-Jewish, sexist and homophobic theologies.

The Hot Springs community is so fortunate to have the programs presented by the Rosenzweig Foundation for Interfaith Activities bringing this event to us. Please support not only the community but also the Foundation by attending this talk by Professor Amy-Jill Levine.

Please mark your calendar to attend what promises to be an interesting evening and an opportunity to meet this renowned teacher of both the Old and New Testaments.



June Yahrtszeits

We honor the memories of the following people during the month of June:

Kaddish recited June 4

Hymnan Wexman	5/30
Edward M. Granoff	5/31
Bertha Newman	5/31
Mary Benedict	6/1
Nancy Kleinman	6/1
<i>Mother of Shelly Kleinman</i>	
Lawrence Fox	6/2
<i>Father of Rabbi Jerome Fox</i>	
Emma Loeb Mendel	6/5

Kaddish recited June 11

Dora Korngut	6/7
<i>Mother of Fred Korngut</i>	
Jacob London	6/9
<i>Grandfather of Jay Leiber</i>	
Fay Kirsch	6/9
<i>Mother of Gene Kirsch</i>	
Harry Kupperman	6/9
Samuel Schudmak Sr.	6/10
Dave Lockwood	6/11
<i>Grandfather of Susan Siegel</i>	
<i>Grandfather of Diane Goltz</i>	

Leon J. Levy	6/11
Victoria Leiber	6/11
<i>Mother of Jay Leiber</i>	

Kaddish recited June 18

Arthur Welcher	6/16
Helen Benedikt Mehaffy	6/17
Isadore Gottlieb	6/17
Patricia "Pat" Tanenbaum	6/18
<i>Wife of Jerry Tanenbaum</i>	

Kaddish recited June 25

Rose Margolis Sockel	6/20
<i>Mother of Shirley Kassman</i>	
Sadie Singer	6/21
<i>Mother of Norma Mendel</i>	
Stuart Z. Perkoff	6/25

Kaddish recited July 2

Vicki Seligman	6/26
<i>Mother of Diana Surfes</i>	
Morris Nathan Bauman	6/27
<i>Father of Cynthia Rephan</i>	
Sadie Gottlieb	6/28
Louis Brown	6/28

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 May:

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 June

6/4		Stuart and Kay Fleischner Jerry Rephan
6/11	Family Service	Anita and Dennis Williams Ed Berkun
6/12	Sat. Service	John Gillham
6/18		Lynda Kass Karen Weinberg Win Bowman
6/25		Annette and Ken Baim Kathryn and Bill Eisenkramer

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

President's Message

Please join us for a
Golden Membership Shabbat
Friday, June 11th
5:15 Oneg
6:00 Services



We are having a special Shabbat observance to honor all of our members who have belonged to the Temple for 50 years or more. Anyone with old photos that you would like to share with everyone and have on display for that evening is invited to do so. **Bob Gartenberg** has already provided us with one photo in particular that is quite entertaining, to say the least. Apparently it was perfectly acceptable for men to come in drag to Purim parties in 1943!

We will also be serving some old-time favorite appetizers from the recipe files of **Laura Fleischner** and **Helen Kleinman**. They would both be very happy to see so many people coming together to celebrate our shared Temple life. **Please plan to attend!**

And then it's on to our:

Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, June 13th
11:00
Followed by a potluck luncheon

This is an important time for members to be updated on the happenings of the Temple. We will be thanking our outgoing Board Members, **Ken Baim, Jerry Rephan, Stuart Fleischner** and **Ira Kleinman**. We will also be presenting the following nominations for Board members that you will be asked to vote on: **Joanne Reagler, Anita Williams,** and **Alfred Lewald**. **Carol Kleinman** will also be joining the Board to fill the seat of Sisterhood President.

The following slate of officers will be presented to the members:

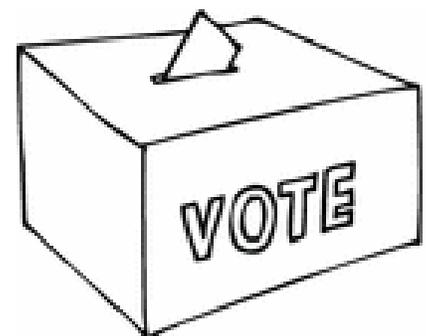
President – Millie Baron
Vice President – David Reagler
Secretary – Anita Williams
Treasurer – Elaine Wolken

Come do your Temple duty – VOTE!

I hope to see you all soon at Quapaw and Market!

Millie Baron

President



Rabbi's Message

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I'm entitling it "155 sets of great-great grandparents". It's difficult for children and even adults to understand the scope of history, so by tying it to a fictional Jewish family, it may become more personal and understandable. Starting with today, the parents of our students lived through the peace efforts between Israel and her neighbors, the first Jew, Joseph Lieberman to run for vice-president of the U.S. (in 2000) and the collapse of the Soviet Union and the release of over a million Soviet Jews. The grandparents of our students lived through Israel's Six Day War and a time of increasing Jewish acceptance in the American society. The great-grandparents may have survived the Holocaust and witnessed the founding of the modern State of Israel. Their parents were aware of Theodore Herzl and the founding of modern Zionism as well as the pogroms in Russia and the large Eastern European Jewish immigration to the U.S.

Going back 1000 years, the 43rd set of great-great grandparents lived during the glorious Golden Age in Spain. Going further back another 500 years set number 63 were in Babylonia when the Talmud was completed. 430 years before that, set number 80 saw the destruction of the second Temple and Masada as well as Yohanan ben Zakkai's reconstruction of Judaism at Yavneh. A thousand years earlier (950 BCE), set 133 witnessed the building of Solomon's Temple. Finally we work our way back to the 155th set of great, great grandparents, 1800 BCE, 3800 years ago. These were Abraham and Sarah., the first Jews and the first monotheists. You see, it's all in the family. Hopefully, this year-long project will give our older students a sense of their connectedness to Jewish history, and I hope, some of our adults who "don't know much about history" will take a look as well.

Rabbi Jerome Fox

Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, June 13th
11:00
Followed by a potluck luncheon

Hope to see you there!!!!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Yom Huledet Sameach!!

- Erwin Lax 6/3
- Shelly Kleinman 6/4
- Noah Jennings Klompus 6/7
- Carol Kleinman 6/8
- Ben Klompus 6/8
- Andrea Kleinman-Parker 6/9
- David Reagler 6/11
- Mary Beth Trubitt 6/17
- Mary Klompus 6/20
- Rachel Wright 6/22
- Kathryn Eisenkramer 6/23
- Yossi Baron 6/28
- Herman Bruckner 6/30
- Jerry Chalmers 6/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mazel Tov!!

- Ira and Stephanie Kleinman 6/8
- Mark and Patti Fleischner 6/12
- Anthony and Sherrill Nicolosi 6/14
- Irv and Gail Greenberg 6/15
- Stuart and Mary Klompus 6/15



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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 Karen prior to that date.