



The Shofar

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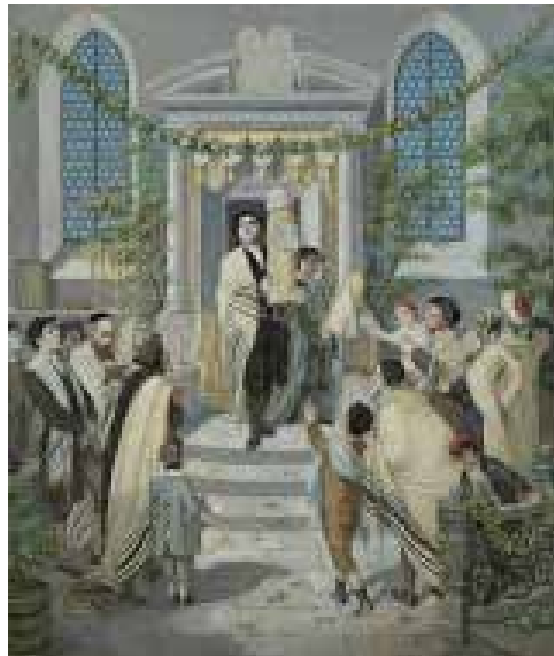
The Torah was given by G d to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai more than 3300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot we renew our acceptance of G-d's gift, and G d "re-gives" the Torah.

The word Shavuot means "weeks." It marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot.

The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching spiritual event - one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul for all times. Our sages have compared it to a wedding between G d and the Jewish people. Shavuot also means "oaths," for on this day G d swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged everlasting loyalty to Him. In ancient times, two wheat loaves would be offered in Holy Temple. It was also at this time that people would begin to bring bikkurim, their first and choicest fruits, to thank G d for Israel's bounty.

The holiday of Shavuot is a two-day holiday, beginning at sundown of the 5th of Sivan and lasting until nightfall of the 7th of Sivan. (In Israel it is a one-day holiday, ending at nightfall of the 6th of Sivan.) Among other reasons, this commemorates the fact that upon receiving the Torah, including the kosher laws, the Jewish people could not cook meat in their pots, which had yet to be rendered kosher.

- Women and girls light holiday candles to usher in the holiday, on both the first and second evenings of the holidays.
- It is customary to stay up all night learning Torah on the first night of Shavuot.
- All men, women and children should go to the synagogue on the first day of Shavuot to hear



Moritz_Daniel_Oppenheim - Shavuot

the reading of the Ten Commandments.

- As on other holidays, special meals are eaten, and no "work" may be performed.
- It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot.
- On the second day of Shavuot, the Yizkor memorial service is recited.
- Some communities read the Book of Ruth publicly, as King David—whose passing occurred on this day—was a descendant of Ruth the Moabite.
- On this day G d swore eternal devotion to us, and we pledged everlasting loyalty to Him

June 2016 Upcoming Events			
Fri	June 3, 10	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Chapin
Sat	June 4, 11	9:30 am	Torah Study with Rabbi Chapin
Fri	June 17	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services -with Dennis and Anita Williams
Fri	June 24	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with Patti Fleischer
Sun	All	Out Until August	Religious School with David Reagler

Thank You

We would like to thank the following donors (as of May 27, 2016)

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In memory of his mother Shirley Sedler's Yahrzeit

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Memorial Plaques

If you are interested in a wonderful and meaningful way to memorialize a loved one, you may purchase a memorial plaque to be installed in the memorial niche in the Temple sanctuary. The cost for each plaque is \$250, and it takes approximately a month for completion once the order is placed.

For more information or to order a plaque, please contact Sue Koppel at 501/624-3986 or email at suebob@cablelynx.com.

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Our own **Jeanne Bennett Chapin** will be appearing with Muses in their "Broadway Cabaret" performance this June. Two performances are in Hot Springs at the Muses facility on Orange Street, Saturday 18 and Sunday June 19. I know many of our members will be interested in attending so I have provided the information below on how you can obtain tickets.

The Muses, The Four Seasons in Art & Song 2016 presents "Broadway Cabaret"
LOCATION: Muses Cultural Arts Center, 428 Orange St.

This concert will sparkle with classic numbers from the Broadway stage and other popular standards. Professional singers & instrumentalists will be joined by lovely dancers and a gifted young chorus for this distinctive presentation of musical theater favorites. Guaranteed to touch your heart and delight your spirit!

Saturday, June 18 - 6pm
Sunday, June 19 - 3pm

Tickets for shows at the Muses Cultural Arts Center are available online at www.themusesproject.org or call 501.609.9811.

From the Rabbi



As another Shofar year draws to a close, I call to mind a verse from the Pirkei Avot, the Sayings of the Fathers.

Rabbi Meir said: "Whoever engages in Torah study for its own sake is worthy of many things.

They are called beloved friend, lover of God, lover of mankind. The Torah clothes them with the virtues of meekness and reverence. It fits them to become just, pious, upright and faithful..."

Studying Torah brings us closer to the Jewish ideals envisioned by our ancestors. This should be all our pursuit, both as rabbi and congregation.

Five years have passed since I joined CHI and began to lead you in this eternal quest. Now, I am delighted to announce that I will have the opportunity to practice the ideals of Judaism with our community on a full-time basis.

On August 1, 2016 I will take up my responsibilities once again. But I plan to offer more opportunities for study in the classroom as well as Mitzvah work in the Hot Springs community. I know that, together, we will continue to make our congregation a vibrant House of Worship.

I thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your rabbi.

Sincerely,

Richard

Sisterhood



We had a wonderful end of Sisterhood year luncheon provided by Betty Forshberg. I hate quiche and this spinach quiche was outstanding! Everyone should ask her for the recipe.

We voted on Sisterhood Woman of the Year but

everyone will have to be held in suspense until the High Holy Days when it will be announced.

We have two new members, Lori Lewis and her mother, Myrna Taxer. They live in the Village and we are delighted to have them.

We had 86 people for our Passover dinner and again, thanks to Rabbi Richard for a beautiful Seder.

Patti Fleischner organized a very moving Sisterhood Shabbat with Sisterhood members helping with the readings. Patti always does such a special Shabbat, thank you, thank you.

See you in September.

Sincerely,

Sue Koppel



Congratulations to Jodi and Jerry Chalmers as their son Zachary (right) graduated from Missouri University. That is their other son Jordan (who lives in NYC) on the left.

Photo courtesy of Stuart Fleischner

Trump Vs. Clinton: Battle Of The Jewish Sons-In-Law

Uriel Heilman - JTA

With thanks to Stuart Fleischer, Ed Berkun and Leonard Mendel

Somebody had better put a mezuzah on the Lincoln Bedroom.

Whoever ends up winning the election in November, one thing seems certain: For the first time in history, Jews will be in the president's inner family circle.

Both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton have Jewish sons-in-law, and of course Bernie Sanders — in the unlikely event he makes it to the White House — is Jewish himself (though his daughter-in-law is not).

With the head-to-head contest between the two likely nominees heating up, we decided to take a closer look at Jared Kushner, who is married to Ivanka Trump, and Marc Mezvinsky, who is married to Chelsea Clinton.

Age

Kushner: 35

Mezvinsky: 38

Occupation

Kushner: CEO of family real estate firm Kushner Properties and owner-publisher of The New York Observer.

Mezvinsky: Investment banker and co-founder of hedge fund Eaglevale Partners.

Education

Kushner: High school at Frisch, a modern Orthodox yeshiva in Paramus, New Jersey; B.A. from Harvard (sociology); J.D. and MBA from New York University.

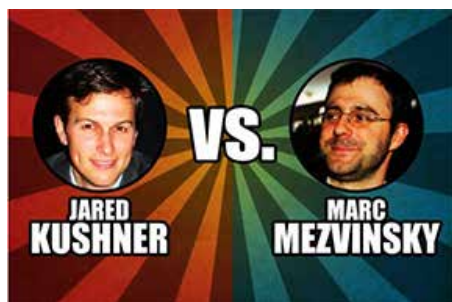
Mezvinsky: High school at Friends Central in the Philadelphia suburb of Wynnewood; B.A. from Stanford (religious studies and philosophy); M.A. in international relations from the University of Oxford, England.

Family

Kushner: Grew up in Livingston, New Jersey. Father: Charles Kushner ran a real estate empire until his imprisonment and is involved in various Jewish philanthropic endeavors. Mother: Seryl Kushner is involved in the family's business and philanthropy. Has three siblings.

Mezvinsky: Grew up in Philadelphia. Both parents served stints in Congress as Democrats. Father:

Edward Mezvinsky served two terms from Iowa in the 1970s (and decades later went to prison). Mother: Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, a former TV journalist, served a single term from Pennsylvania in the mid-1990s. Parents are now divorced. Has one full brother, four half-siblings and five adopted siblings.



Professional track record

Kushner: Often described as a wunderkind, Jared Kushner has doubled the assets of his family's real estate empire since taking over as CEO in 2008. In 2014, Kushner Properties did \$2 billion in transactions.

Mezvinsky: Worked at Goldman Sachs for eight years before launching Eaglevale in 2011, which now has \$326 million under management. But the hedge fund was down 3.6 percent in 2014, largely due to Mezvinsky's bad bets on Greek debt.

Campaign involvement

Kushner: Helped draft Donald Trump's AIPAC speech, advises the presumptive Republican nominee for president on Israel issues and is involved in assembling his White House transition team. Kushner's newspaper endorsed Trump for president.

Mezvinsky: Appears at non-political events with the Clintons, but has no known involvement with Hillary's campaign.

Jewish practice

Kushner: Belongs to an Orthodox synagogue, Manhattan's Kehilath Jeshurun, observes Shabbat and kosher restrictions, and is raising children as Jews.

Mezvinsky: Grew up in a Conservative synagogue, has been seen in shul on occasion with wife Chelsea Clinton and is raising daughter with both Jewish and Methodist traditions.

Wife's relationship to Judaism

Kushner: Ivanka Trump underwent Orthodox conversion after studying with an Orthodox rabbi, Haskel Lookstein. She now observes Shabbat and keeps a kosher home. "We're pretty observant," she has said.

Mezvinsky: Chelsea Clinton is still a practicing Methodist. The couple married in an interfaith ceremony featuring a huppah and co-officiated by Rabbi James Ponet of Yale University and Methodist Rev. William Shillady.

Why Dad went to prison

Kushner: Hired a prostitute to seduce his brother-in-law, secretly recorded the encounter and sent the tape to his sister as part of a blackmail scheme. He served 16 months after guilty pleas to 18 counts of tax evasion, witness tampering and making illegal campaign donations.

Mezvinsky: Bilked friends, family and strangers out of some \$10 million in bogus schemes disguised as investments in Africa and oil development. He served five years after pleading guilty to 31 counts of felony fraud, including bank fraud, mail fraud and wire fraud.

Residence

Kushner: Stylish 10-room apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side at – where else? – Trump Park Avenue.

Mezvinsky: A sleek apartment in Manhattan's Flatiron district, on 26th Street, that the couple bought in 2013 for \$10.5 million.

Children

Kushner: Theodore James, 2 months; Joseph Frederick, 2; Arabella Rose, 4.

Mezvinsky: Daughter Charlotte, 1, and one on the way.

Look

Kushner: "Baby-faced," "sandy haired" and "handsome."

Mezvinsky: Bespectacled with a perennial 5 o'clock shadow.

Getting to Know



Dennis Williams - I am John Dennis Williams. There are a lot of John Williams, so I go by Dennis, which happens to be my grandmother's maiden name.

Where to begin? On my mother's side, I am at least fifth generation Arkansan. My great-great-grandmother Margrett Dennis was born in White County,

Arkansas, in 1826. I was born in Little Rock. Also, I am second generation librarian. My late mother was a librarian. Most of my working experience is in libraries. When I was courting my wife Anita, I was the high school librarian at Hall High School in the Little Rock School District. While Anita was working on her MBA and PhD at the University of Arkansas (UA), I worked in the Acquisition Department of UA libraries. While we were at Tennessee Technological University (TTU), I was first a catalog librarian and then the Head of the Circulation Department of TTU libraries. We moved back to Arkansas, Anita in 1988 to teach at HSU, and I in 1989, to be near my parents who were in declining health. When Anita moved, I stayed in Cookeville, Tennessee, to sell a house. After the house sold, I moved to Arkadelphia and took a position as a K-12 librarian with Springhill (Arkansas) School District south of Hope. Later I was an elementary librarian at Peake Elementary School in Arkadelphia. When I retired from public education, I was the high school librarian at Prescott Schools.

Another thing about me is that I attempted to be a professional student. I have over 300 under graduate hours from the U of A (Fayetteville), UALR, UCA, TTU and HSU. During the earning of those hours, I obtained a BSE with a double major in General Science and Mathematics from University of Arkansas and a BBA in accounting from Henderson State.

My wife is the one with the PhD, but I have more graduate hours, a little over 150.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Clarissa Kirsch	Jun 1
Shelly Kleinman	Jun 4
Carol Kleinman	Jun 8
Ben Klompus	Jun 8
Andrea Parker	Jun 9
Mary Klompus	Jun 20
David Cohen	Jun 21
Kathryn Eisenkramer	Jun 23
Yossi Baron	Jun 28
Jerry Chalmers	Jun 30

Anniversaries

Steven and Sarah Surfas	Jun 1
Ira and Stephanie Kleinman	Jun 8
Mark and Patti Fleischner	Jun 12
Anthony and Sherrill Nicolosi	Jun 14
Stuart and Mary Klompus	Jun 15
Ross and Ruth Sedler	Jun 16
David and Cheryl Cohen	Jun 27

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- John and Leslie Jamieson
- Louis Kleinman
- Carol Crow-Nanez
- John Blumbeks
- JoAnne Reagler
- John Hearn

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

If you are aware of anyone needing spiritual or any sort of assistance, please let Barbara Morgan know. Our Caring Committee is here to help all of our members in any way we possibly can.

Oneg Thanks

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

Jun 3	Betty Forshberg Larry and Carol Levi
Jun 10	Lynda Kass Mick Stoyanov and Millie Baron
Jun 17	Michael and Sharon Waxler Ira and Stephanie Kleinman
Jun 24	David and Cheryl Cohen Steven and Clarissa Kirsch

Reminder: If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, bear in mind that it is YOUR responsibility to find someone to switch with and to advise Sharon Waxler of the change.

Greetings from Frisco Texas!



Rabbi Shelly, Carol, and Fozzie Kleinman send their warmest regards to all their friends at CHI. A BI GEZUNT!

June Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited June 3

Nancy Kleinman

Mother of Shelly Kleinman

Anna Marcus (Anna Ruchel)

Grandmother of Carol Kleinman

Kaddish Recited June 10

Tillie Creim

Aunt of Joanne Reagler

Dora Korngut

Mother of Fred Korngut

Faye Kirsch

*Grandmother of Steven Kirsch, Mark Fleischner
and Stuart Fleischner*

Samuel Schudmak Sr.

Uncle of Louis Kleinman

Kaddish Recited June 17

Charles Bellin

Father of Ruth Sedler

Estee Klompus

Mother of Stuart Klompus

Patricia Tanenbaum

Wife of Jerry Tanenbaum

Kaddish Recited June 24

Sterling Frances Gottlieb

Uncle of Barbara Morgan

If there is an error or duplication in the date, name, or relationship of your Loved one listed above, please contact Barbara Morgan at 501.767.1459 or Email at barbara.morgan@mygait.com with the corrected information. Barbara works on corrective maintenance for the CHI membership data-base. ALSO, if your name, address, phone and/or contact numbers change please contact Barbara.

Dennis (continued from page 5)

My graduate hours are from U of A, UCA, TTU, University of Tennessee (Knoxville) and Southern Arkansas University. While earning those hours, I obtained a MEd in Instructional Technology from U of A. Among my graduate hours are 21 in mathematics that allowed me to teach for concurrent credit from the University of Arkansas (Hope) College Algebra and College Trigonometry at Prescott High School. To be fair, I have had opportunities to take a lot of those courses at a deep discount, or for free, or in some cases I was paid to take college course work.

For recreation, I do container gardening, reading and volunteer tax work. Currently, I am President of the Arkadelphia Lions Club and Vice-President of the Board of Congregation House of Israel.

Sincerely,

Dennis



KHOU Newsman Josh Chapin gets to kibbutz with Pastor Joel Osteen of Lakewood Church in Houston. *(courtesy of Rabbi Chapin)*



Our dear friend, Joanne Reagler, getting better and stronger with the help of her dear friend, Molly.

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