



# The Shofar

March, 2017

Congregation House of Israel

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## CHI Passover Seder

Monday, April 10, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Burgauer Hall

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## Passover Seder

**Monday, April 10  
Burgauer Hall**

Seder to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Members and their guests: \$25.00 per person

Non members: \$36.00 per person

Children under 13 **of members** are free.

Children 13 - 18 years **of members**: \$12.50

Non-member children 5 - 18: \$18.00 per person.

Reservation deadline: Monday, April 3, 2017

Table decoration will feature canned goods to be donated after the seder.

Please bring your canned goods and leave them in Burgauer Hall anytime from now to Monday, April 3.

Tables of eight may be reserved; seating is assigned, and every attempt will be made to honor your request.

*Please note on your check who you're paying for and mail your checks to CHI Sisterhood, c/o Ruth Sedler, 152 Blue Heron Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913*

*Your check is your reservation.*

# Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



In February a number of congregants and I attended a luncheon meeting at Jerry Tanenbaum’s house. The guest was Ron Bernstein, a long-time Jewish activist and resident of Kibbutz Yahel in the Negev. Ron carries the cause of Progressive/Reform Judaism in Israel to small Southern communities in the United States.

Meeting Ron, and observing his life-long enthusiasm for the welfare of the Jewish people, I was reminded how important it is for congregations and individual congregants, in addition to their commitment to their local synagogue, to find other Jewish institutional involvements in their lives. The Union of Reform Judaism, the umbrella organization for Reform Judaism in the US, the United Jewish Appeal, Hebrew Union College, which ordains indigenous Israelis as rabbis in addition to their maintenance of their American and Jerusalem campuses merit our closest attention. These are not just worthy philanthropic causes; they are vital to the survival of liberal Jewish thought and practice in the days and years to come.

There are many ways to get involved. Jerry is a font of Jewish institutional knowledge and is always available for counsel. I too believe in the future health and welfare of the Jewish people and am always happy to speak with our members about their individual participation.

...Another note. We remain warmed and delighted by the Bnai Mitzvah ceremony of Tillie and Louis Reagler. May they and the Baim/Reagler family go from strength to strength and blessing to blessing. Our heartiest Mazel Tov to all the Mishpocha!

B'Shalom,  
Rabbi Chapin

# From the President



I found the following very interesting, and thought I’d share it with you. Most of this came from articles on Jewish homes in MyJewishLearning.org.

Following the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 C.E., Jewish life revolves around two institutions: the synagogue and the home.

The Jewish home can be identified by what takes place there and the objects in the home. Certain markers identify a house as being Jewish. One prevalent symbol is the mezuzah placed on the upper portion of the right doorsill as one enters. This serves as a literal fulfillment of the mitzvah “to write these words on the door posts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 11:20). Other examples of ritual items in the home are candle sticks, Kiddush cup and challah plates for welcoming the Shabbat and holidays. In the beautification of the Jewish home there may be Jewish art works, calendars and hannukiyot.

Learning is important in Jewish life. In a Jewish home, you may find a library containing Jewish books including *siddurs* (prayer books for weekdays, Shabbat and holidays) and Tanakah. Some libraries may contain texts of Jewish history, culture both modern and classical, theology and fiction.

On another note, if anyone wants the CHI board to discuss items of importance, those items need to be on the board agenda. In an effort to keep board meetings short, unless items are actually on the agenda, they will not be brought up. People may email their agenda items or requests to me at [jwmensch1@gmail.com](mailto:jwmensch1@gmail.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

Dennis

## ARZA - World Union

# ARZA Supports the State of Israel's Dismantling of the Illegal West Bank Outpost Amona

ARZA strongly supports the Israeli government's dismantling of the illegal outpost of Amona and the evacuation of its 40 families, a difficult endeavor that ultimately will strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law in Israel.

The Amona outpost was established in 1995 on privately owned Palestinian lands, and has come to represent the flagrant disregard of Israeli law by certain far-right radicals in the settler movement.

On Tuesday, the Israeli Supreme Court gave Amona's 200 residents 48 hours to leave in advance of a February 8 deadline for the outpost to be dismantled. Subsequently, radical voices have called upon border police and soldiers to disobey the Court's decision and officers' direct orders, and one far-right knesset member abhorrently compared Israel's police to rapists. Statements like these are beyond the pale of decency and should be condemned by every responsible leader in Israel.

ARZA congratulates the government on its willingness to adhere to the rule of law, a fundamental principle of civilized society to prevent descent into anarchy. At a time when we repeatedly have expressed concern about the government's commitment to certain democratic institutions in Israel, this is a healthy sign. As lovers of the Jewish

people, we are distressed and upset to witness confrontations between Jews such as those that are occurring at Amona. However, it is not the border police who have invited conflict, but rather the occupants of the illegal outpost and their enraged supporters who promote disobedience to the rule of law and order. We wholeheartedly condemn those—including a handful of radical rabbis—who value illegally seized land over the authority of Israel's democratic institutions, including the court and the military.

We also recall the failings of the government after the successful evacuation of Israeli settlements in Gush Katif in Gaza in 2005. We urge the government to anticipate and appropriately provide for those who are evacuated from Amona, especially those who

agree to leave peacefully.

As we honor the government's determination to see law and order carried out, we must likewise express our dismay about the Regulation Bill in the Knesset that would retroactively

legalize and legitimate West Bank outposts (similar to, but not including, Amona). The bill has currently passed a second and third reading in the Knesset, and is due for a vote on Monday, February 6. ARZA vigorously supports a rejection of the Regulation Bill, which would be a huge step backwards in light of the endorsement of Israeli democracy at Amona.



## Sisterhood



Despite the rain and fog, we had a wonderful group of Sisterhood members who came to the Temple to help plan this year's Passover Seder.

Once again, it will be a fantastic evening because so many people are taking part preparing

food, setting the tables and making sure it all flows smoothly. Please check page 2 of this Shofar for more details. Make sure to make your reservations early so we can have adequate food and place settings.

Our guest this month was Jane Tendler, cousin of Mark and Stuart Fleischner. She prepped a delicious dessert to end our meal. Our hostesses this month were Patti Fleischner and Gail Greenberg, with an assist from Betty Kleinman. Lunch was delicious and, as always, we enjoyed the camaraderie of sharing a meal with our "sisters."

We discussed the possibility of bringing a speaker or program to CHI in an effort to involve more the the community in our events. Lori Lewis is going to gather information to be presented to the Board for approval.

The next Sisterhood meeting is going to be March 6th, hosted by Saralee Stark and Kathryn Eisenkramer. They have already planned a wonderful lunch for us to enjoy.

If you haven't attended a Sisterhood meeting recently, we hope you will join us on the first Monday of the month in Burgauer Hall at 11:30 a.m. We laugh, we visit, we share.

Remember... "Without you, we are one person short!"

Hope to see you on the 6th.

## B'nai Mitzvah

### What Joy



On Saturday evening February 18, the CHI community had a wonderful opportunity to *kvell* over the B'nai Mitzvah ceremony of Louis and Tillie Reagler.

Proud parents, Karen and David Reagler, joined by family and friends from many parts of the country and our congregants, listened to the twins chant their Torah and Haftarah portions and discourse on the 10 Commandments. They did so with dignity and joy.

These were precious moments in our congregation's history. Within the next two years we will celebrate four more B'nai Mitzvah, including the ceremony of the younger Reagler twins, Hannah and Mimi.

Rabbi Chapin



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## Life and Legacy Plan

We have attained our first goal of 18 “Letters of Intent”, and L&L is looking to meet our second goal – an additional 18 commitments from individuals or couples. Thank you to each of you who committed to making a future, post-death gift to CHI in your will, trust, beneficiary designation on an IRA, annuity, or life insurance policy, or any other form of gifting after your lifetime.

Life and Legacy is a partnership among CHI, JFAR (Jewish Foundation of Arkansas) and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, to establish and promote a legacy plan that “ensures Jewish tomorrows.” JFAR offered a monetary incentive gift to CHI of \$5,000, if L&L received signed pledges (“Letter of Intent”) from 18 individuals or couples by March, 2017. We have attained the first 18 and will receive the funds. A second \$5,000 incentive gift will be given if CHI receives an additional (new) 18 Letters by March, 2018. Please contact Karen Reagler, Sherrill Nicolosi or Stuart Fleischner to learn more about the L&L Plan, and how you can be part of the program that will help ensure a continuing Jewish presence in Hot Springs.

Remember, **NO FUNDS ARE GIVEN NOW!** These are pledges that are given after you pass away.

L&L is “spotlighting” three people this month: Hal and Sue Koppel, and David D. Reagler.

**Hal Koppel** is a devoted CHI member who serves on the Board, has held multiple leadership positions, and continues to inspire our congregants with his strong support and input and ideas for the future of the synagogue.

**Sue Koppel's** countless efforts could fill ten pages! She, too, has served in many Temple positions and her sisterhood work is legendary among our members. There's a saying that if you want something done in CHI, ask Sue!

**David D. Reagler** somehow manages to be the best dad, son, and husband while running his company AND committing many hours to CHI. He has served as Temple president, served on the Board and a number of committees, and is the tireless leader of our Religious School.

## March Yahrzeits

### Kaddish Recited March 3

**Sally Friedlander Boley**

*Mother of Sherrill Nicolosi*

**Wolfe Gerber**

*Father of Elaine Gartenberg*

**William J. Brown**

*Uncle of Betty Forshberg*

### Kaddish Recited March 10

**Herman Fleischer**

*Grandfather of Stuart Fleischer  
Grandfather of Mark Fleischer*

**Jules B. Newman**

*Grandfather of Brad Wolken*

**Murray H. Forshberg**

*Father-in-law of Betty Forshberg*

### Kaddish Recited March 17

**Imy Marcus, Sr.**

*Father of Imy Marcus*

### Kaddish Recited March 24

**Julia C. Wigderson**

*Mother of Sue Koppel  
Mother of Ellen Eubanks*



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### March Anniversaries

Saralee Stark	Mar 12
Elan and Jennifer Grenman	Mar 22

### March Birthdays

Michael Waxler	Mar 11
Melissa Casteel	Mar 15
Oded Grenman	Mar 18
Phyllis Hearn	Mar 21
John Blumbeks	Mar 22
Saralee Stark	Mar 24
Carol Crow-Nanez	Mar 31

## Oneg Sponsors

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

Mar 3	Jerry and Jodi Chalmers Steven and Clarissa Kirsch
Mar 10	Jerry Tanenbaum Sharon Ball
Mar 17	Dennis and Anita Williams Mark and Patti Fleischer
Mar 24	Barbara Morgan Louis and Betty Kleinman

**Reminder:** If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, please find someone to switch with and then let Ruth Sedler know so the information printed in the bulletin will be correct.

## March Parshiot

### [T'rumah](#)

**March 4, 2017**

On the summit of Mount Sinai, Moses is given detailed instructions on how to construct a dwelling for G-d so that it could be readily dismantled, transported and reassembled as the people journeyed in the desert.

In the Sanctuary's inner chamber was the Ark containing the Tablets of Testimony engraved with the Ten Commandments; on the Ark's cover stood two winged cherubim hammered out of pure gold. In the outer chamber stood the seven-branched Menorah and the Table upon which the "showbread" was arranged.



### [Tetzaveh](#)

**March 11, 2017**

G-d tells Moses to receive from the Children of Israel pure olive oil to feed the "everlasting flame" of the menorah, which Aaron is to kindle each day, "from evening till morning."

The priestly garments, to be worn by the Kohanim (priests) while serving in the Sanctuary are described. Tetzaveh also includes G-d's detailed instructions for the seven-day initiation of Aaron and his four sons -- Nadav, Avihu, Elazar and Itamar -- into the priesthood, and for the making of the Golden Altar on which the ketoret ("incense") was burned.

### [Ki Tisa](#)

**March 18, 2017**

The people of Israel are told to each contribute exactly half a shekel of silver to the Sanctuary. When Moses does not return when expected from Mount Sinai, the people make a Golden Calf and worship it. G-d proposes to destroy the errant nation, but Moses intercedes on their behalf. Moses descends from the mountain carrying the Tablets of the Testimony engraved with the Ten Com-

mandments; seeing the people dancing about their idol, he breaks the Tablets, destroys the Golden Calf and has the primary culprits put to death. He then returns to G-d to say: "If You do not forgive them, blot me out from the book that You have written."

G-d forgives, but says that the effect of their sin will be felt for many generations. Moses prepares a new set of tablets and once more ascends the mountain, where G-d reinscribes the covenant on these Second Tablets. On the mountain Moses is also granted a vision of the divine Thirteen Attributes of Mercy. So radiant is Moses' face upon his return, that he must cover it with a veil, which he removes only to speak with G-d and to teach His laws to the people.

### [Vayak'hel](#)

**March 25, 2017**

Moses assembles the people of Israel and reiterates to them the commandment to observe the Shabbat. He then conveys G-d's instructions regarding the making of the Mishkan (Tabernacle).

The people donate the required materials in abundance, bringing gold, silver, copper, blue, purple and red-dyed wool, goat hair, spun linen, animal skins, wood, olive oil, herbs and precious stones. Moses has to tell them to stop giving.

A team of wise-hearted artisans make the Mishkan and its furnishings (as detailed in the previous Torah readings of Terumah, Tetzaveh and Ki Tisa): three layers of roof coverings; 48 gold-plated wall panels, and 100 silver foundation sockets; the Parochet (Veil) that separates between the Sanctuary's two chambers and the Masach (Screen) that fronts it; the Ark and its cover with the Cherubim; the Table and its Showbread; the seven-branched Menorah with its specially-prepared oil; and the Golden Altar and the incense burned on it; the Anointing Oil; the outdoor Altar for Burnt Offerings and all its implements; the hangings, posts and foundation sockets for the Courtyard; and the Basin and its pedestal, made out of copper mirrors .