



The Shofar

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March 2012 Services

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday schedules are as follows:

5:15 Oneg, 6:00 pm Service

Rabbi Chapin officiating March 2, 9, April 6; Remaining services are lay-led.

Friday March 2 Shabbat Zakhor - the Sabbath of Remembrance, with Reverend Bud Reeves and the Confirmation class from First United Methodist Church

Saturday March 3 9:30 am Torah study and short Saturday service

Friday March 9 Shushan Purim

Saturday March 10 9:30 am Torah study and short Saturday service

Friday March 16 Shabbat Parah
Service led by Patti Fleischner

Friday March 23 Shabbat ha-Hodesh
Service leader Shelly Kleinman

Friday March 30 Shabbat Hagadol
Service leader Shelly Kleinman

Friday April 6 Pesach, short service with Rabbi Chapin at 5:30 preceding Seder dinner at 6 pm

Meeting and Class Schedule

Temple Board Meeting -held Feb. 27.

SISTERHOOD MEETING - Monday, March 5 at 6 pm in Burgauer Hall - Girls Night Out dinner meeting

This Month:

Friday March 2 6 pm service: We will have visitors from First United Methodist Church; Their confirmation class, with Pastor Bud Reeves, will be our guests at CHI. Reverend Reeves and Rabbi will have a dialogue from the pulpit on the topic of "Remembrance: A Christian and Jewish Perspective".

Sunday, March 4, 5 pm - Dinner Theater Purim play Latkes and Hamentaschen, part II; see article pg. 2



Coming up:

Friday April 6 at 6pm. CHI Congregational Seder; Dinner will be preceded by a Friday evening service at 5:30pm. Make reservations by Mar.22. More details coming soon.

Thursday April 12th 7 pm – Commemoration of Hope and Peace, A Coming Together, CHI Sanctuary, ecumenical service in memory of Holocaust victims. More information to come.

Save the Date! - **Saturday May 12 "Cabaret Evening at the Hale House."**

Rabbi Chapin will be with us May 9th thru 18th.

Dinner Theater
Sunday, March 4th, 5:00 pm



“Latkes and Hamentashen” – Part II

\$10 Adults • No Charge for Children

The first half of our Dinner Theater series was met with RAVE REVIEWS! The House came down with thunderous applause for our Religious School students during the Chanukah Presentation. We are now ready to present the second half of the show for Purim! These now seasoned musical performers will be presenting an unforgettable cabaret.

This performance will be a sing-a-long, so bring your gragger, and wear your silly hat (costumes welcome) and come enjoy an energetic Purim celebration! There may even be prizes involved!

Sisterhood will be serving a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad and homemade hamentashen .

Reservations Required by Wednesday, February 29.

Please contact the Temple office at (501) 623-5821 or chi.ksh@gmail.com.



Rabbi’s Message

Dear Congregants,

After a brief respite, the Jewish holidays of Purim and Passover are on the horizon.

We will celebrate both at the Temple with joy (Purim) and religious repast (Pesach).

It is interesting to note that Purim, on which we dress up as the heroes and villains of the book of Esther, is not simply a holiday of "fun and games." No less than the extinction of the Jews is threatened by Haman, a theme that has coursed through our history through the persecutions of many an adversary, beginning with our biblical enemy, Amalek. Indeed, rabbis of old have called Yom Kippur YOM K'PUR, a DAY LIKE PURIM to

underline the serious nature of the reading of the Esther Megillah. To equate the holiest day of the Jewish year with a festival on which we celebrate so riotously says something about the complexity of Jewish life and Jewish study. That is, there are no simple understandings of the Jewish experience. We read, we discuss, we interpret and reinterpret our tradition so that we may deepen ourselves in the knowledge of our faith. We should never underestimate the depth of our religion nor our obligation to learn from our sages.

So let's celebrate together. And let's continue to grow and share in the gifts Judaism offers us.

B'Shalom
Rabbi Richard Chapin

Rabbi Chapin's Schedule Spring/Summer 2012 - Unless otherwise noted *, these dates are for the first Thursday through the second Sunday.

March 1 – March 11th

May 9 – 18 *

April 5 – 15 (Covers Pesach)

June 7 – 17

Rabbi and Jeanne will be on vacation in July. The Rabbi's contract was renewed for another year, but the schedule for Fall 2012 – Springs 2013 has not been finalized. He will be with us during the High Holy Days.

Sisterhood News

Now is the time to make plans for the CHI Passover Seder. The Seder will be on Friday April 6 beginning with regular services at 5:30 and going right into Seder services in Burgauer Hall at 6 PM. There will be no Oneg that evening. Rabbi Chapin will be leading us in services and the seder. Please make your reservation with Karen in the CHI office by calling 623-5821. Please see the article in this Shofar for further details.

Our April meeting will be on Monday April 2 at 11 AM. We will be meeting in Burgauer Hall and the business meeting will be very short. That is our annual luncheon for the residents of Levi Towers. Please plan on attending to help welcome, serve and visit with our special guests. Our hostesses for that lunch are Betty Kleinman, Kathy Klein, Betty Forshberg, Jo Carroll Lewald (entertainment) and Ruth Sedler. If you did not get to sign up for this lunch and would like to help, please let me know at sedlerlrbk@aol.com.

Thanks and looking forward to another great Sisterhood month.

Ruth Sedler

Sisterhood "Ladies' Night Out"

Monday, March 5th
6:00 pm

Our regular monthly Sisterhood meeting will be held in the evening so hopefully people who cannot normally come for the luncheon will be able to attend our evening event. Sharon Waxler and Millie Baron are our hostesses and have a fun evening program planned that involves an easy – to- learn dice game called LCR.

Bring 5 One Dollar Bills and you are guaranteed to have \$100 worth of fun and you may even win the pot! Sorry guys, this is for ladies only!

Mazel Tov!

to **Sue Koppel**, on receiving the Jewish Federation of Arkansas Tikkun Olam award at the annual banquet in Little Rock February 4, 2012. Former president Bill Clinton was the keynote speaker and several of our congregants were in attendance to see Sue receive her well-deserved reward.

Rav Todot (Many thanks) - To all those who helped paint the Temple hallway and restrooms.

Hal and Sue Koppel	Sharon and Michael Waxler	Ed Berkin
Carol Crow-Nanez	Mary and Stuart Klompus	Ruth Sedler
Millie Baron (for lunch)	Patti Fleischner	

Please do not tape anything to the walls, so we can keep this beautiful paint job looking good. Post items on provided bulletin boards instead.



HOLOCAUST PROJECT UPDATE

The Holocaust Project met at Garland County Library on January 12, 2012, for a planning session of our 2012 major activities. The first is the Interfaith Community “Commemoration, Hope and Peace – A Coming Together” gathering which will concur with our Yom HaShoah Memorial Service. Thursday, April 12, at 7PM in the CHI sanctuary is the date and time, and it will be led by our own Rabbi Chapin. Please put the date in your calendar book so you will not miss this inspiring event.

Rabbi Chapin announced that the Hot Springs Interfaith (Interracial) Fellowship has been created. He will propose participation of various congregations and their ministers in the Commemoration, Hope and Peace service. Various musical groups will be invited to participate, and the service will end this year – as it did last

year with children, the hope of our future - participating. The focus will be that each of us must contribute to creating a peaceful life free of prejudice, discrimination, and genocide.

Our second major project is again bringing one or more Holocaust Survivors to make presentations to our schools in this area in the fall. An adult presentation in our synagogue is also being considered.

The 2012 Holocaust Committee consists of Carla Mouton, Sue Koppel, Rabbi Chapin, Reverend David Wilson, Patti Fleischner, and Joanne Reagler. If anyone has any questions or suggestions to share, please contact one of us.

Joanne Reagler

In Our Thoughts and Prayers at This Time:

Mitchell Boley	Earl Hudson	Carol Crow-Nanez	Bob Gartenberg
Sharona Grenman	Bill Eisenkramer	Ellen Rephan	David Reagler Sr.

Should you wish to have yourself or a loved one put on this prayer list, please notify Karen by leaving a message at 623-5821 or by email at chi.ksh@gmail.com.

March Yartzeits

Kaddish recited each Friday following the date

March 2

Sally Friedlander Boley	2/26
Isaac Moretsky	2/27
Pearl Gartenberg Lippert	2/27
Brigitte Schoenfeld	2/27
Sol Alexander	3/1
Wolfe Gerber	3/1
Sam Gartenberg	3/1
Irving Lester Edelstein	3/2

March 9

William J. Brown	3/4
Peter Gartenberg	3/4
Herman Fleischner	3/5
Simon London	3/6
Henrietta Moscovitz	3/6
Leonard Abraham Sockel	3/6
Bessie Leiber	3/7
Himes Schwartz	3/9

March 16

Leo Heimann	3/10
Murray H. Forshberg	3/11
Jules B. Newman	3/11
Edith Lease Nathan	3/14
Jack Lasky	3/15
Sidney Brockman	3/15

March 23

Jesse Albert Lippert	3/17
Harold Turberg	3/17
Herman I. Marcus	3/18
Marvin Blumenthal	3/18
Fay Brown	3/19
Audrey Fierst Leiber	3/19
Julia C. Wigderson	3/19
Bernice W. Sherman	3/19
Nathan Klatskin	3/22

March 30

Mildred Fuld	3/25
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April 6

Sandra Rans	3/31
Patsy Kallsnick	4/1
Jetta Benedikt	4/2
Hattie Kleinman Travis	4/2
Adolph Uzick	4/3
Shirlee Kunarsky	4/3
Eva Brown	4/4
Don Kallsnick	4/4
Max Prushansky	4/4

Please consider making a contribution to the Temple in memory of your loved one.

A Passing ó

The congregation extends its condolences to Elaine Wolken and family on the death of her father, Eric T. Ross, 88, on February 8th, 2012,. Mr. Ross had been a musician in Denver, Colorado, for many years.

May his name be written in the Book of Life.

From the desk of President David Reagler



We deemed this year's annual congregational meeting, the "Super Meeting", due to the fact that the NFL decided to have the Super Bowl on the same day. The NFL officials did contact Congregation House of Israel prior to

scheduling the game in order to get our blessing.

The meeting started at noon with a potluck hosted and sponsored by the sisterhood. Ruth and her crews made sure it was yummy and organized.

The meeting format was changed this year. We had printed reports from the various committees on each table, and heard from the committees that wanted to speak.

The main order of business was renewing Rabbi Chapin's contract for one more year. This was done unanimously.

The cost to the congregation will be exactly the same. However, we are looking forward to an extremely in-depth, invigorating, and enjoyable High Holy Days Season.

In order for Rabbi Chapin to have health insurance and continued pension payments, members of the congregation were asked to make contributions to a separate fund in order to make these payments. This was done so that the Congregation Treasury would not be obligated.

We had extensive discussions on financial shortfalls that have resulted from members not paying enough dues, gradual increases in expenses such as liability insurance, and the lack of long-term financial planning, and estate planning and gifting.

We also took the time to have a brainstorming session of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats to Congregation House of Israel. These will be attacked in the coming 12 months.

The meeting was as it should be- a heartfelt, healthy, conversation between family members.

Thank you to our generous donors:

Lenny Mendel, yartzeit for Milan Mendel;
Lenny Mendel, yartzeit for Max Singer;
Louise Levi, yartzeit for Bermice Sherman and Stella Weisman;
Mary and Stuary Klompus, to Sisterhood, in honor of Sue Koppel's Tikkun Olam award;
Stuart & Kay Fleischner, in memory of Elaine Wolken's father, Eric Ross;
Shelly & Carol Kleinman, in honor of Sue Koppel's Tikkun Olam Award;
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Kim and Yossi Baron, in memory of Elaine Wolken's father, Eric Ross;
Fred & Harriette Korngut, yartzeit in memory of Sandra Rans;
Diana & Les Surfes and family, in memory of Elaine Wolken's father, Eric Ross;
Diana & Les Surfes and family, Mazel Tov to Sue Koppel on the Tikkun Olam award;
Diana & Les Surfes, in honor of Steven Surfes, on his engagement to Sarah Kyle with love from Mom and Dad

March Birthdays

Michael Waxler	3/11		
Isaac Cabibi-Wilkin	3/12	Ezra Cabibi-Wilkin	3/24
Lindsey Atchley	3/12	Saralee Stark	3/24
Dan Wolken	3/13	Brian Trubitt	3/28
Melissa Klompus Casteel	3/16	Carmiann Tompkins	3/30
Oded Grenman	3/18		
Zach Chalmers	3/22		

Yom Huledet Samech!

Wedding Anniversaries

Karen & Dan Weinberg 3/11



Oneg Hostesses/Hosts for March

March 2- Carol & Shelly Kleinman, Joanne & David Reagler

March 9 - Sue & Hal Koppel, JoCarroll & Alfred Lewald

March 16 - Mary Watermann, Jodi & Jerry Chalmers

March 23 - Bridget & Daryn Cabibi-Wilkin, Karen & David Reagler

March 30 - Susan Siegel, Madeline Bull, Diane Goltz

Thanks so much for your service and hospitality!

Farewell, Lenny!

Many of you know Lenny Mendel, who has been a member of our congregation for over 30 years. He recently sold his home in Hot Springs and will be moving to Pennsylvania soon to be near his son. Please give Lenny a call to wish him well.

All the best to you, Lenny! Will miss you!

Bimah Honors for March

March 2 - Stuart Fleischner and David Reagler

March 9 - Anita and Dennis Williams

March 16 - Ruth and Ross Sedler

March 23 - Millie Baron and Ed Berkun

March 30 - Shelly and Carol Kleinman

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Please send all submissions for the Shofar to Karen Holcomb, chi.ksh@gmail.com. The deadline is the 20th for each month unless otherwise noted.

A fun mitzvah to consider -

Sue Koppel is recruiting volunteers to serve in the Jackson House Thrift Shop, mostly sorting clothes. The shifts are from 10am - 1 pm, or 1 - 4 pm. The days that people are needed are:

March 29	May 29	May 31	July 31
August 30	October 30	November 29 and 30	

Please call Sue at 624-3986 if you can be available to work any of these days.

MAZEL TOV!

Kent Ryan Morgan, grandson of Jonathan Morgan, will graduate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California, with a BS degree and license in Civil Engineering. He will be working for a private engineering firm in Christchurch, New Zealand, helping rebuild the earthquake-destroyed city infrastructure.