



The Shofar

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Congregation House of Israel May 2012/ Iyar/Sivan 5772

May 2012 Services

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday schedules are as follows:
5:15 Oneg, 6:00 pm Service

Rabbi Chapin officiating May 11th and 18th;
Remaining services are lay-led.

Friday May 4	Shabbat Acharei-Kedoshim Sisterhood Shabbat
Friday May 11	Shabbat Emor
Saturday May 12	9:30 am Torah study and short Saturday service
Friday May 18	Shabbat Behar-Bechukotai
Friday May 25	Shabbat Bamidbar Service leader Shelly Kleinman
Friday June 1	Shabbat Naso Service leader TBA

Meeting and Class Schedule

Temple Board Meeting - Monday, May 1, 5:30 pm

Sisterhood Meeting - Monday, May 7, 11 am

This Month:

May 4-6 URJ Men's Retreat – Jacob's Camp, Utica, Mississippi

May 6 – Jewish Food Festival in Little Rock

Saturday May 12 - 7 pm CHI Fundraiser "Cabaret Evening at the Hale House." - See article page 2

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



Rabbi's Message

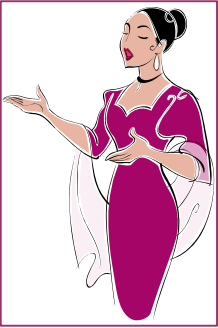
Dear Congregants,

T.S. Eliot called April "the cruelest month." For CHI, it was just the opposite. I felt great joy watching the community in action -- the Seder at the Temple, the Service of Commemoration and Hope, our Model Seder at First Methodist. The formula is simple: participation in the community strengthens the community. What that requires is commitment. It begins in the Sanctuary, praying as one people to the

God of our Ancestors, and extends to our social hall and the world outside. Doing *MITZVOS* -- Good Deeds -- inspires ever more commitment to our people and our faith.

With all good wishes for health, happiness, and peace. Jeanne and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmest wishes,
Richard Chapin



Life is a cabaret, old chum, come to THE CABARET!+
CHI Fundraiser in partnership with The Muses Project
Saturday May 12 2012

The Hale Bathhouse
341 Central Avenue

7pm Jazz Reception with Hors d'oeuvres, Wine and Dessert

8pm A Broadway Cabaret with Jeanne Bennett (Rabbi Chapin's wife)
and Deleen Davidson

Tickets \$50.00 per person.

Reservations can be made at the Muses [501 463 4514](tel:5014634514) or www.themusesproject.org

**Please Join the
Jewish Federation of Arkansas for
the 2012**



Sunday, May 6th, 2012

at the River Market Pavilion in downtown Little Rock, Arkansas.
The festivities kick off with a classic Jewish breakfast of lox, bagels
and cream cheese, plus blintzes and kugel, at 8:30 a.m.

**The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.
Nosh away on delicious corned beef, Israeli kabobs and
rugelach...oh my!! New York's got nothin' on this!**

Admission to the festival is free.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Breaking news: Sisterhood Shabbat has been changed from May 18 to the earlier date of May 4. Jo Carroll is creating our Sisterhood Shabbat and will be out of town on May 18 so we have changed the date. Please expect to hear from her about your part in this exciting program. Please also note that we are requesting that all Sisterhood members bring something for our oneg that evening as Sisterhood is the hostess.

Now let me again thank EVERYONE who helped and attended our wonderful Passover celebration. It was a lovely and meaningful evening. Patti Fleischner wanted me to be sure to "thank everyone who brought canned goods for the Seder tables. Because of their

Ruth Sedler

generosity we delivered two large boxes of food to Jackson House. They were very appreciative."

Sisterhood meeting will be at Burgauer Hall Monday May 7th at 11 AM. Following lunch we will have a presentation by Jo Carroll about her book: "Mom's Crazy, Her Bipolar Memoir". The book is available on Amazon.Com in the Kindle form only at this time. However, you may download an app to use on your computer if you do not have a Kindle. I successfully did this and was very proud of myself and enjoyed the book very much. This will be our final meeting until the end of August. Hope to see everyone there.

Rav Todot to:

Mary Klompus, Seder program chairman and the ladies of the Sisterhood who put together our wonderful Congregational Seder on the 6th of April. including: Kathy Klein, Carol Nanez , Saralee Stark, Barbara Morgan, Patti Fleischner, Millie Baron, Shelly Baron, Sharon Waxler, Jo Carroll Lewald, Betty Forschberg for the outstanding matzo balls, Everyone who brought deserts, helped serve and clean up; And finally, Rabbi Chapin for leading us in that wonderful Passover Seder. If we've forgotten anyone, THANK YOU too.

Thank you to Kay Fleischner, Patti Fleischner, Kathy Klein, Sue Koppel, Jo Carol Lewald, Sue Koppel, Karen Reagler, Sarnlee Stark, Ruth Sedler and Sharon Waxler for preparing the foods and orchestrating the Mock Seder at the United Methodist Church on April 11th. Rabbi Chapin led the Seder which was attended by 110 church members. A number of church youth attended the event and Sophie Fleischner joined Rabbi Chapin in reciting the four questions in Hebrew. Rabbi Chapin joined Reverend Bud Reeves in discussion and presented a very instructive and enjoyable Mock Seder.

Thank you to all who helped out with the Levi Tower luncheon: Betty Forschberg, Betty Kleinman; and to Jo Carroll Lewald for securing the Carousel Theater Reader Group as the entertainment.

Commemoration of Hope and Peace

Under the leadership of Rabbi Richard Chapin, the Hot Springs Ministerial Interfaith Fellowship created the **Commemoration, Hope & Peace Service, A Coming Together**. In our synagogue, on April 12, at 7PM in the evening, about seventy five individuals from various churches gathered to remember the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

Rev. Bud Reeves United Methodist Church, C. B. Baker, St. Luke Episcopal Church, Rev. John McCallum, First Baptist Church, Minister Cheryl Batts, President and Founder of “People Helping Others Excel by Example”, Rev. Helen Stegall, Christ of the Hills Church, and, of course, our Rabbi Chapin, all spoke on let there be peace in our world and let me help create it here and now in my lifetime. Each gave a very beautiful presentation.

Deleen Davidson sang and led the choral group from the Arkansas School of Math, Science and the Arts in inspiring hymns and songs.

Patti Fleischner, Sue Koppel, Carla Mouton, and Rev. David Wilson of the Holocaust Committee worked very hard organizing and publicizing the program as did many others such as Melinda Gassaway. Thank you all!

Over half of the audience was not of our congregation which reflects a desire on the part of the community to support the Interfaith Fellowship. The Holocaust Project and the Rosenzweig Foundation both appreciate our Rabbi in his attempts to bring all the community together. Congregation House of Israel and the Holocaust committee continues its efforts to stamp out discrimination and anti-Semitism in Hot Springs and Garland County. In September, 2012, we will once again bring programs to the schools to keep alive the lessons we all learned from the Holocaust that genocide cannot be tolerated anywhere – not then, not now.

Joanne Reagler, Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers at This Time:

Earl Hudson
Sharona Grenman

Bob Gartenberg
Bill Eisenkramer

Joanne Major
Ellen Rephan

Kim Hamilton
Mick Stoyanov

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.

A Passing...

Longtime CHI member and past president Bernard Rephan passed away on April 15th, 2012 after a lengthy illness. He was survived by wife Sandy Rephan, son Jerry Rephan of Hot Springs, daughters Sydney Rephan of Little Rock and Ellen Rephan of California, all children of Cynthia Rephan; and three step-daughters. Funeral services were held in the CHI sanctuary April 19th, officiated by Rabbi Gene Levy of Little Rock.

May his memory be for a blessing.

May Yartzeits

Kaddish recited each Friday following the date

May 4

Carrie Fellheimer Weil	4/28
Howard Schlesinger	4/28
Sadye Levy	4/29
Robin Rans	4/30
Lillian Rubin	5/1
Lillian Mandel	5/2
Helen Michaels	5/2
Samuel Kirsch	5/3
Bruno Heimlich	5/3
Samuel Katchen	5/3

May 11

Joseph S. Gottlieb	5/6
Frank Wexman	5/6
Nancy Kleinman	5/6
Sally Kaplan	5/7
Henry A. Reich	5/7
Dr. Samuel Franzblau	5/9
Serena Kirsch	5/9

May 18

Hazel Levinger	5/12
Frances Koppel	5/13
Helen Kleinman	5/13
Nathan Davis	5/14
Moritz Benedikt	5/15
Dillie Alexander	5/15

Murray Sherman	5/16
Sigmund Kleinman	5/16
David Burgauer	5/17
Selig Levy	5/17
Jacob Joseph Botnick	5/18

May 25

Maurice Silverman	5/20
Fruma Uzick	5/20
Max Reich	5/21
Morris Reagler	5/22
Shirley Sedler	5/23
Hubert Mendel	5/25
George Thornton Ginsburg	5/25

June 1

Joe Weisman	5/26
Clemons Welcher	5/26
Tikva Baron	5/28 Sivan 17
Hyman Wexman	5/30
Edward M. Granoff	5/31
Bertha Newman	5/31
Mary Benedict	6/1
Nancy Kleinman	6/1

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

Thank you to our generous donors:

Dr. Karen Siegel, for rabbinic services for her uncle
Mandel Selber Jr., in honor of the recovery of Imy Marcus
Larri Strautman, yartzeit for Shirlee Kunarsky
Ross Sedler, yartzeit for Shirley Sedler
Eugene Kirsch, yartzeit in memory of Serena Kirsch
Steve and Clarissa Kirsch, yartzeit in memory of Serena Kirsch
Fred and Harriette Korngut, yartzeit in memory Robin Rans
David and Joanne Reagler, yartzeit in memory of Nathan Davis and Morris Reagler



Donations in memory of Bernard Rephan:

BJ and Jo Ann Smith
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Steve and Clarissa Kirsch
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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gartenberg,
Lois McMahan
Stuart and Kay Fleischner
Frances (Gaby) Forsberg

May Birthdays

Jay Tanenbaum	5/1	Mark Fleischner	5/14
Becki Trubitt	5/4	Elaine Wolken	5/16
Heather Lax	5/5	Kelly Gillham	5/16
Rachel Wolken	5/10	Patti Fleischner	5/17
Jodi Chalmers	5/13	Robert Greenberg	5/19
Ira Kleinman	5/13	Valerie Ginsburg	5/21
Sharon Waxler	5/14	Harriette Korngut	5/30
		Conrad Lax	5/30

Yom Huledet Samech!

Wedding Anniversaries

David & Joanne Reagler 5/3
Jerry & Jodi Chalmers 5/8
Anita & Dennis Williams 5/25
Carol & Larry Levi 5/27

Oneg Hostesses/Hosts for May

May 4- Sisterhood Shabbat
May 11 - Eugene, Steven & Clarissa Kirsch
May 18- Stuart & Kay Fleischner
May 25- Ruth & Ross Sedler
June 1 - Jerry Tanenbaum, Sharon Ball



Thanks so much for your service and hospitality

Bimah Honors for May:

May 4 – Ruth & Ross Sedler

May 11 – Sue & Hal Koppel

May 18 – Anita & Dennis Williams

May 25 – David & Karen Reagler

In the lovely month of May occurs -

Lag BaOmer (Hebrew:), also known as **Lag LaOmer** amongst Sephardi Jews, is a Jewish holiday celebrated on the thirty-third day of the Counting of the Omer, which occurs on the 18th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar. According to the Talmud and Midrash, this day marks the *hillula* (anniversary of death) of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, a Mishnaic sage and leading disciple of Rabbi Akiva in the 2nd century. Modern Jewish tradition links the holiday to the Bar Kokhba Revolt against the Roman Empire (132-135 CE). In Israel, Lag BaOmer is celebrated as a symbol for the fighting Jewish spirit.



- and -

Shavuot , One of the Three Pilgrim Festivals. Celebrates the revelation of the Five Books of the Torah (or Old Testament of the Christian Bible) by God to Moses and to the Israelites at Mount Sinai, 49 days (7 weeks) after the Exodus from Egypt.

---- *Jewish Humor* ----

Einstien's Idea

An old Jewish man reads about Einstein's theory of relativity in the newspaper and asks his university educated grandson to explain it to him.

"Well, grandpa , it's sort of like this. Einstein says that if you're having your teeth drilled without Novocain, a minute seems like an hour. But if you're sitting with a beautiful woman on your lap, an hour seems like a minute."

The old man considers this profound bit of mathematical thinking for a moment and says í öAnd from this Einstein made a living?ö

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