



# The Shofar

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## Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday May 9th

5:15 p.m.

Please join the Sisterhood of Congregation House of Israel as we celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat with a delicious dinner and a service put together and given by our Sisterhood members.

Our guest speaker will be our *Sheliach*, Yael Nemni. She will be speaking about "Hesitation and Curiosity – Second Generation Creating Their Holocaust Memories."

Join us as we explore Israeli art and culture, as it was created by the Second Generation to the Holocaust and influenced by their experience growing up with their Holocaust survivor parents.



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*The CHI booth at the Jewish Food Festival in Little Rock.  
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## Davar

### “A Matter for Discussion”



As I write this Shofar article we are still in the middle of Pesach, a period known in Hebrew as HOL HAMOED. Although you will read this in May, I did not want to miss the opportunity to reflect upon CHI's joyous Seder celebration a few weeks back.

I have enjoyed many temple events with you in Hot Springs, but this most recent commemoration of Judaism's greatest festival took the cake, (I mean “the Matzo.”) It was heartening to look upon a century of joyous congregants and guests gathered together in the Burgauer Hall for the Passover festival. There were smiles on the faces of all the participants, ranging from our children, to our parents and our grandparents. The tireless devotion of the Temple Sisterhood to prepare a delicious meal and beautiful table presentation enhanced our Haggadah reading and Seder meal.

We should be thankful. We are blessed with congregants who find fulfillment in serving the temple in a multitude of ways. Cooking, decorating, attending services, praying together, visiting the sick, performing volunteer work and contributing to charities -- these are the activities that define and illumine our mission. What I have found over the years is that many congregations know WHAT constitutes a Jewish mission, but only a very few actually achieve those Jewish goals.

And that's why CHI works, No one is afraid to lend a hand to activities that require physical and religious labor. This spirit should be bottled; I assure you, now 38 years a rabbi, that it is indeed a rare thing.

So...smile again in remembrance of a special evening in our shul. And may we -- our families, and our community -- continue to move from strength to strength and blessing to blessing.

Most Affectionately,

*Richard Chapin*

## Sisterhood



I must say that our Passover seder was incredible. I've belonged to many organizations (religious and non-religious). Never have I belonged to a group like CHI where everyone works together as a family and wants it all to succeed.

What a wonderful luncheon we had at Hibachi Grill for our April meeting. We had a private room and I think it's fair to say that we all enjoyed the comraderie and the delicious assortment of foods. If you haven't been there yet, it is definitely worth the visit. Make sure you go there hungry!

We will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo at our May 5th meeting with a “do it yourself taco bar”. Sounds like a wonderful way to celebrate our neighbors to the South.

We will also be having our secret vote for the Sisterhood Woman of the Year. What a hard decision this always is with all the wonderful women in our group. So, give some thought to who you would like to vote for.

Final plans will be made for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner and Service which is on Friday, May 9th. Our guest that evening will be Yael Nemni who is our Sheliach. She will be speaking “**Hesitation and Curiosity – Second Generation” Creating Their Holocaust Memories**”.

Join us as we explore Israeli art and culture, as it was created by the Second Generation of the Holocaust and influenced by their experience growing up with their Holocaust survivors parents.

We are so blessed to have members who CARE and leaders who **INSPIRE** the caring.

We might be small, but there is nothing we can't do (and do well). It means so much to be a part of this remarkable community.

## From the President



### **Today, Tomorrow and Forever**

#### *Funding the long-term health and wellbeing of our CHI community*

Our community exists today on the shoulders of all members who passed through the doors of CHI before us. It is time to begin serious conversations about how we will ensure the future of our spiritual family so that it will not just exist in years to come, but that it will grow, thrive and best serve the Jewish community of Hot Springs.

I propose that you think about our funding needs in the context of three words; today, tomorrow and forever.

**Today:** Today funds are the yearly dues that provide critical, unrestricted money supporting every day operations of the temple.

**Tomorrow:** Tomorrow gifts are major gifts that fund specific or planned projects. These gifts may, for example, support a major HVAC upgrade or the remodeling of a temple space.

**Forever:** I consider planned gifts to be forever gifts. Gift planning is essentially finding ways to make charitable gifts now or after your lifetime to ensure our Temple forever, while enjoying financial benefits for yourself.

**Today...**Have you read the most recent Reform Judaism magazine? The featured article discusses dues and “free will” giving. Apparently, many congregations are experimenting with the free will system whereby members can pledge an annual contribution instead of paying set mandatory membership fees. We would have made excellent interview subjects here at CHI because this is the system we have used for years. They noted that some community members felt that writing a check to their synagogue for set dues felt like paying the price of belonging to an exclusive country club, rather than to a sacred community. We are definitely not a country club! Our members set a good example of “our fair share” or free will giving system under which you are asked to contribute 2% of your annual income. I am very proud to say

that so far, we have had 21 member units increase their dues on the 2014 pledge. Although we are far from covering our expenses, I want to thank those who have increased their pledges and strongly encourage those who have not to please consider doing so now.

**Tomorrow....**Being housed in an older building, we face challenges each year. There is always something in need of repair, and keeping up with both short- and long-term maintenance is critical to the overall health and wellbeing of this community’s gathering space. A current priority is the need for a new roof for the sanctuary. The estimates for this one project are close to \$19,000 – funds which do not currently exist in the building fund. Plenty of other projects need attention: painting the sanctuary and replacing the carpet are also on our priority list. I am counting on our dedicated members to dig deep and make additional donations to help cover these expenses.

**Future....**You have proven your commitment to keep our Temple alive, now I am asking for your commitment to ensure the future health and vitality of our spiritual community for generations to come. Planned Gifts are sometimes referred to as “stop-and-think” gifts because they require some planning and, often, help from your professional advisors. Unlike cash donations, they are typically made from assets in your estate rather than disposable income. Examples of planned gifts are bequests (adding CHI to your will), a charitable remainder trust or a gift of appreciated securities. A common misconception is that planned giving is only for the wealthy. The truth is, even people of modest means can make a difference through planned giving. Please consider talking with us about how to honor your personal legacy with a planned gift to CHI.

I know that Congregation House of Israel holds a special place in your hearts. It is my great hope that together, we can guarantee a vibrant future for our community. Please contact me should you have any questions about gifts to the Temple or if you have an interest in assisting with fundraising activities.

## Religious School

# Matzah and Seders and Plagues, Oh my!



The children of the CHI Religious School have been just as busy as the congregation in preparing for Passover. To make ready for the holiday, students have been studying and participating in fun activities. On

Tu B'Shevat the children planted parsley for their seder plates. They've learned about all the items on the seder plate, and why they are placed there.

The Rabbi helped to teach the children to sing the four questions. When they started studying the Haggadah, they were surprised to see how many blessings they already knew! The children are learning so quickly!

To get rid of the last of the Chametz, they baked a very leaven angel food cake with whipped cream, but the cake fell completely flat. They decided the cake was celebrating Passover too. At least the berries in whipped cream were good. The children discussed the difference between leaven and un-leaven and what is chametz.

In preparation for 'the great Afikommen hunt' they talked about their best hide-and-go-seek strategies. They were very excited to start Passover. They're especially looking forward to snacking on matzah. The children excitedly shared their favorite matzah snacks.



## Thumbs Up

Dear Friends,

How can I say thank you for all the work you have done for sisterhood and the Seder? It would not be possible without everyone working together. We all make a great team.... Thank you all for serving and all the cakes. **Annette** wins the prize for making the most cakes.

**Sharon**, the tables were beautiful.

**Ruth**, you are amazing.... Keeping track of all the money and reservations. I know we drive you crazy. And thanks for hanging in there all day.

**Saralee and Barbara** and Saralee's friend, **Beth**. Thank you for coming early and putting all the Seder plates together.

**Ruth, Carol Crow-Nanaz, and Joanne**, thanks for helping set up all the tables.

**Carol**, thanks for the charosets, **Joanne and Millie**, thanks for the eggs.

**Betty**, thanks for making 100 matzo balls.

And most of all, **Sue** for organizing it all and cooking all the brisket. You are really my partner in crime and a great friend. It would not be the same without you.

Now, I am sure I have left out many wonderful ladies, please know you are all appreciated and loved. Happy and healthy Passover to all of you.

*Mary*

## CHI Book Club

The next CHI Book Club meeting will be led by Rabbi Richard at 1:30pm on Thursday, May 22nd at the Temple. The book is "My Promised Land" by Ari Shavit. We will be reading the first chapter which is "At First Sight".

# Congregational Seder

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# CHI Cookbook



The Jewish Foodies Cookbook, *Traditional and Contemporary Recipes with a Southern Twist*, is complete and arrived in Hot Springs on the 22nd of April! For those of you who have not

heard, the cookbook includes a brief history of the temple, images of our beautiful stained glass windows, prayers, memorials and honorariums, as well as approximately 450 delicious recipes. Our Sisterhood is thrilled to offer the books for purchase and delivery at the temple on Friday evening, April 25th. Cookbooks will be available to view, purchase or pick up at 5:00 P.M.! The Jewish Foodie Cookbook retails for \$20.00 and if shipped, \$25.00.

The Jewish Foodies original painting created by **Carole Katchen** will be auctioned on May 9th, the evening of Sisterhood Shabat. Details of the auction will be forthcoming, so please check your e-mails. We do have the painting on display in Burgaur Hall and it is beautiful. The starting bid for the original will be \$300.00, an amazing value for an original by Carole. Carole has been so gracious to offer her outstanding talent to this project and is splitting the proceeds from the auction of the painting with Sisterhood.

We are also excited to announce that prints of the Jewish Foodies painting by Carol will also be offered. For those who might not consider purchasing the original, prints can be ordered from the website [fineartamerica.com](http://fineartamerica.com). To locate the Jewish Foodies print, go to the website, then to Artist at the upper left of the page, type in Carole Katchen and the print will be listed alongside other works by Carole. Please take the time to explore the website as the print can also be applied to other products as well. Carole is also sharing the proceeds of the print sales with Sisterhood. Thank you, thank you Carole!

Our cookbooks were offered for sale at the Jewish Food Festival on April 27 as well as the aprons many of you viewed at our Passover Seder. We will also sold copies of Rabbi Chapin's excellent book, *Faithful Friends, A Jew and a Catholic Discuss Religion in Modern Life*. Please know however, that we

do have to pay a percentage to the Jewish Federation for sales made during the festival. If you do want to place an order, please contact Ruth Sedler at [sedlerlbk@aol.com](mailto:sedlerlbk@aol.com) and we will have your order available to pick up at the temple. This will enable our congregation to receive the greater financial benefit. The Jewish Food Festival will be located at War Memorial Stadium this year and is always an outstanding, and fun event. We hope to see many Congregation House of Israel members in attendance!

Finally, we thank everyone who has been a part of producing the Jewish Foodies Cookbook. It has indeed been a collaborative effort by our entire congregation and we know the final product will be great. A special thank you to Kim Baron who provided the artistic expertise in the cookbook production, Rabbi Chapin for overseeing the religious elements and the cookbook committee who have each contributed countless hours in organizing, proofing, re-proofing and finalizing every page. Mazel Tov!



Photo: "The Cookbook Girls"  
Top: Betty Kleinman, Ruth Sedler, Anita Williams, Sue Koppel, Marilyn Blumbeks, Sharon Waxler

Front: Annette Baim, Patti Fleischner

## Refuah Shelemah

Please remember to contact Carol Kleinman or Betty Forshberg 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.

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- John and Leslie Jameson
- Maara Wolfe
- Jerry Arnstein

## Crystal Bridges Trip

Rabbi Richard has been wanting to go to Crystal Bridges, so we have decided to plan a trip to CHI members on June 18 and 19. We will be carpooling from the temple, leaving at 8 am and arriving in Bentonville about noon. We plan to have lunch, then tour Crystal bridges all afternoon, ending with a group dinner in the evening. We would stay in a hotel that night. On the 19th we will join for breakfast in the hotel, then spend the rest of the morning touring the outside gardens of Crystal Bridges or return to the exhibits inside. If there is time we could also tour the little town of Bentonville before leaving for HS around 2:00 p.m. Please let me know by May 1 if you are interested in going. If you would be willing to drive, please let me know how many spaces you have in your car for other people.

If you have any questions please let me know. I have included a link to Crystal Bridges if you are interested in reading more about it.

<http://crystalbridges.org/>

Mary Klompus  
[maryklompus@gmail.com](mailto:maryklompus@gmail.com)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries

David and Karen Reagler	May 3
Jerry and Jodi Chalmers	May 8
Les and Diana Surfas	May 18
Dennis and Anita Williams	May 25
Larry and Carol Levi	May 27

### Birthdays

Jay Tannenbaum	May 1
Rachel Wolken	May 10
Jodi Chalmers	May 13
Ira Kleinman	May 13
Mark Fleischner	May 14
Sharon Waxler	May 14
Elaine Wolken	May 16
Patti Fleischner	May 17
Rachel Schulman	May 26
Harriette Korngut	May 30
Conrad Lax	May 30

## Oneg Thanks

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

May 2	Barbara Schlesinger Mike and Sharon Waxler
May 9	Sisterhood Shabbat
May 16	Ross and Ruth Sedler Steven, Clarissa and Gene Kirsch
May 23	Cynthia Rephan Betty Forshberg
May 30	Ira and Stephanie Kleinman John and Phyllis Hearn

What better way to celebrate Shabbat or special events than with the CHI Community. If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to switch dates, please find someone to switch with and let Carol Kleinman know of the change.

# Remembrance: May Yahrtzeits

~ Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing ~

## Kaddish Recited May 9

### Samuel Kirsch

*Grandfather of Mark Fleischner  
Grandfather of Stuart Fleischner  
Grandfather of Steven Kirsch*

### Serena Kirsch

*Wife of Gene Kirsch  
Mother of Steven Kirsch*

### Samuel Katchen

*Father of Carole Katchen*

### Mark Cohen

*Father of David Cohen*

### Lillian Rubin

### Lillian Mandel

### Helen Michaels

### Bruno Heimlich

### Joseph S. Gottlieb

### Frank Wesnab

### Sally Kaplan

### Henry A. Reich

### Dr. Samuel Franzblau

## Kaddish Recited May 16

### Helen Kleinman

*Mother of Louis Kleinman  
Grandmother of Ira Kleinman*

### Frances Koppel

*Mother of Hal Koppel*

### Nathan Davis

*Father of Joanne Reagler*

### Havel Levinger

### Morris Benedikt

### Dillie Alexander

### Murray Sherman

### Sigmund Kleinman

## Kaddish Recited May 23

### Morris Reagler

*Father of David Reagler  
Grandfather of David D. Reagler*

### David Burgauer

### Selig Levy

### Jacob Joseph Botnick

### Maurice Silverman

### Fruma Uzick

### Max Reich

## Kaddish Recited May 30

### Shirley Sedler

*Mother of Ross Sedler*

### George Thornton Ginsburg

*Brother of Millie Baron*

### Joe Weisman

*Father of Louise Levi*

### Hubert Mendel

### Clemons Welcher

### Hyman Wexman

Remembering those who came before us is truly a mitzvah.

Susan Siegel is the newest member of the CHI Cemetery Committee, and she has made arrangements with an individual who can clean the headstones at Jewish Rest Cemetery. If you are interested in having a headstone cleaned, please contact Susan at 501-624-2415 or email her at [susan@goltzfamily.com](mailto:susan@goltzfamily.com).

The charge for this service is \$25 for any size stone.

# May 2014

## 1 Iyar 5774 - 2 Sivan 5774

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 5:22AM/7:23PM Rosh Hodesh II  1 Iyar/16 L'Omer Beitzah 32	<b>2</b> 5:20AM/7:24PM ij7:06PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service w/ Reb Shelly  2 Iyar/17 L'Omer Beitzah 33	<b>3</b> 5:19AM/7:25PM §8:10PM  3 Iyar/18 L'Omer Beitzah 34
<b>4</b> 5:18AM/7:26PM 9:30 am: Religious School  4 Iyar/19 L'Omer Beitzah 35	<b>5</b> 5:17AM/7:27PM §8:12PM Yom Hazikaron 11:00 am: Sisterhood Luncheon  5 Iyar/20 L'Omer Beitzah 36	<b>6</b> 5:15AM/7:28PM §8:13PM Yom Ha'Atzmaut  6 Iyar/21 L'Omer Beitzah 37	<b>7</b> 5:14AM/7:29PM  7 Iyar/22 L'Omer Beitzah 38	<b>8</b> 5:13AM/7:30PM  8 Iyar/23 L'Omer Beitzah 39	<b>9</b> 5:12AM/7:31PM ij7:13PM 5:15 pm: Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner and Service  9 Iyar/24 L'Omer Beitzah 40	<b>10</b> 5:11AM/7:32PM §8:17PM  10 Iyar/25 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 2
<b>11</b> 5:10AM/7:33PM 9:30 am: Religious School  11 Iyar/26 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 3	<b>12</b> 5:09AM/7:34PM  12 Iyar/27 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 4	<b>13</b> 5:08AM/7:35PM  13 Iyar/28 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 5	<b>14</b> 5:07AM/7:36PM §8:21PM Pesach Sheini  14 Iyar/29 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 6	<b>15</b> 5:06AM/7:37PM  15 Iyar/30 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 7	<b>16</b> 5:05AM/7:38PM ij7:20PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Chapin  16 Iyar/31 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 8	<b>17</b> 5:04AM/7:39PM §8:24PM  17 Iyar/32 L'Omer Rosh Hashanah 9
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