



SEDER 2016 A JOYOUS EVENT!



Pesach 2016 is currently going on...but the memories of our wonderful Seder will linger on for quite awhile. I'd like to take the time to thank everyone involved for making this Seder special. Our yalmulkes go off to Rabbi Chapin for making the entire ceremony so enjoyable by constantly reminding us to refill our wine glasses. To our amazing Sisterhood, who without their hard work we would have had **BUPKIS**.

It took many people many hours to make and assemble all of the delicious food. There was plenty of work to do to make Bergauer Hall ready to go. Thanks to all who participated in the initial clean-up, the distribution of the food, and the end clean up. Thank you to the children for their wonderful recital of the four questions and to all who participated in the singing of Chad Gadya.

And most of all CHI would like to thank all of the participants that made the event spectacular. The Synagogue was full and it made for a very lively evening.

Gut Pesach!

CHI Men's Monthly Luncheon
 Mark the date - Friday May 20th
 Time - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Where - Levi Hospital Cafeteria
 300 Prospect Ave, Hot Springs National Park, AR
 71901
CHI Women are ALWAYS welcome!

May 2016 Upcoming Events			
Mon	May 2	11:00 am	Chi Sisterhood Meeting
Fri	May 6, 13, 20	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Chapin
Sat	May 7, 14, 21	9:30 am	Torah Study with Rabbi Chapin
Fri	May 20	11:30 am	Men's Lunch at Levi Hospital
Fri	May 27	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with Dennis and Anita Williams
Sun	All	9:30 am	Religious School with David Reagler

Thank You

We would like to thank the following donors (as of April 25, 2016)

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From Mary and Stuart Klompus.. Congratulations to our son, Dr. Ben Klompus. Stuart and I surprised Ben as he defended his dissertation at Harvard School of Education and received his doctorate in educational leadership.

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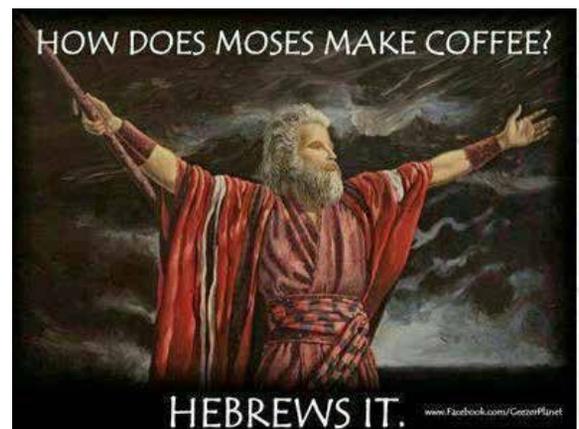
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Pulpit Leadership 2016

May 27 - Dennis and Anita Williams
June 24 - Patti Fleischner
July 1 - David Reagler
July 8 - Dennis and Anita Williams
July 15 - Patti Fleischner
July 22 - Millie Baron
July 29 - Millie Baron
August 5 - Dennis and Anita Williams
August 12 - David Reagler
August 19 - Patti Fleischner
August 26 - Millie Baron

Note: If you are unable to serve the pulpit on a prescribed date, please exchange dates with someone else on the list.



From the Rabbi



Between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot we traditionally read from the PIRKEI AVOT, The Sayings of the Fathers. This ethical tractate of the Mishnah presents a compendium of wisdom unmatched in the history of Jewish religious literature. It is easy to understand why. All the rabbinic sayings are accessible, and all speak to us today.

Let's look at Chapter 4, verse 1. Ben Zoma asks: "Who is a hero?" He answers, "He who controls his passions." Note that the rabbis do not define a hero in typical fashion: that is, as one who leads people into battle or prevails in a contest, but rather as one who subdues his evil inclination.

While popular culture defines heroism as prevailing over others, the rabbis define it as prevailing over oneself. The message then is that by knowing ourselves we can guard against our weaknesses. Easier said than done. But we can engage in a self-awareness exercise by writing down our most obvious character flaws. Here are a few examples:

- Am I prone to anger?
- Do I judge others fairly, or am I harshly critical in my words and thoughts?
- Am I stingy with my time and money?
- Do I speak curtly with other people, making them feel that I have no time for them?
- Do I avoid saying or doing what I believe is right because I fear how others will react or what they will think of me?
- Am I jealous of the success of others?
- Do I take responsibility for the wrong I do, or blame my behavior on others?

Drawing up a list is the first step, Try working on one quality at a time. You may be happily surprised by the results!

B'Shalom,

Sisterhood



Nothing really too exciting on the Sisterhood Front. We have had two Seders already and it isn't even Passover. OY. Rabbi Richard did a mock Seder at St. Mary's Catholic Church for about 200 people, and we got a lot of positive feedback and lots of thanks. Then he did another mock Seder at First Methodist Church and everyone also seemed to enjoy the experience very much. Hope number three will be the charm.

My thanks go out to Ruth Sedler who prepared the parsley for two hundred people, made charosis, and also came to the church to help get things prepared. Patti Fleischner, Betty Kleinman, Betty Forshberg, and Anita Williams also made charosis and Patti roasted 20 eggs for each Seder plate. We had enough charosis to feed all of Israel but thanks again so much for your help. Betty Kleinman, Ruth Sedler, Karen Reagler, and Sharon Waxler made the charosis for the mock Seder that we had at St. Mary's Church. Patti Fleischner and Ruth Sedler made the charosis for the mock Seder that we had at First Methodist Church. We've been a busy bunch. Next Sisterhood meeting is May 2nd. Hope everyone comes and enjoys the food and fellowship

Sue Koppel



Cookie Monster enjoying a Passover Nosh.....



Speaker series hosts holocaust survivor Dora Klayman

A jam-packed Woodlands Auditorium listened intently as World War II Holocaust survivor Teodora “Dora” Klayman told her incredible story of surviving the Holocaust while living

in Yugoslavia as a young girl.

Sponsored in part by Arvest Bank, this was the latest presentation of the Hot Springs Village Ouachita Speaker Series, which continues to bring interesting speakers to the Village. Also there for the special event were Teen Challenge members and several students from Vilonia Middle School, with their teacher, Linda Knapp. Many weeks ago the Vilonia students had begun a penny project, attempting to collect a penny for each life lost in the Holocaust. Here in the Village, resident Carol Freeland jumped on the bandwagon and began collecting pennies in the Village and with husband Howard, drove them to Vilonia, where she plans to take even more pennies in the near future.

Students, teacher, Freeland, Klayman and event organizer Carolyn Bowers all spent time together prior to the start of the presentation, sharing information and learning from each other.

Klayman began by explaining Holocaust history as it pertained to the Balkans area and displayed a map to show where she was living with grandparents, in Ludbreg, as the April 6, 1941, invasion of Yugoslavia began. She explained how Nazi followers in her country used the situation to take control of the government. “In six days the Army disintegrated,” explained Klayman of the chaos that soon ensued. “Everyone had to wear a yellow star,” she said. Klayman said shortly before the attack, her parents, Salamon and Silva, sent her and her little brother to a small village, likely because they sensed what was coming. At age 3 she left. “That was the last time I saw my parents,” said Klayman. Soon her parents and infant brother, Zdravko, were arrested and sent to concentration camps.

By 1942 most of the Jews in town were in the

camp except her, her brother, aunt Gizela, uncle Ljudevit and a few others. Klayman said she really wasn’t sure why that was the case, but thinks it’s probably because she was not on a list of deportees and after all, she and her brother were simply two very young kids at the time.

She talked about her uncle Ljudevit, who was later arrested but was spared at the camp because he was a banker, thus put to work in an office. Klayman was able to send him food and other items. Then her aunt Gizela was identified as a Jew and arrested, so neighbors took in Klayman and her brother. “They were unbelievably generous,” she said. Gizela also died at the Auschwitz camp due to an intestinal illness.

For whatever reason, she and her brother were never fingered as Jews and remained in the town, getting by despite the fighting between the partisans and the German supporters in the Ustasa. She hid in a cellar among large barrels of wine on a dirt floor where she slept. Upon liberation, Ljudevit legally adopted the children as he, Klayman and others waited to see who would return.

Very shortly after the war her brother Zdravko died of scarlet fever. She stayed with her uncle and attended high school in Varazdin and then the University of Zagreb. In 1957 she was invited to live in Switzerland with her paternal uncle, Josef Basch, so she could study at the University of Lausanne. Klayman said at his house she saw her first banana and a glimpse at the western world. “It was another world,” she said of finally being out of a Communist country. On her way to Switzerland, on a train, she overheard three men in a heated discussion. One of them was speaking in English, which she had seldom heard before. “The conversation was about Little Rock. That’s no joke,” said Klayman as the audience roared with laughter. She decided to speak with the English-speaking man and, as fate would have it, ended up marrying him a year later.

They later settled in the Washington, D.C., area as she earned degrees in French and in teaching English as a second language. Klayman spent 30 years in the Maryland school system, has two children and three grandchildren and since 1999 has been a volunteer at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Following her presentation,

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From the President



One of the most recognized holidays of the Jewish people is Passover. It's a story about freedom and our escape from slavery. It is a story we retell every year so we don't forget. As our tradition has dictated, everyone is invited to the table to hear the story. From the littlest to the oldest, to the simplest to the smartest. From the non-religious to the most religious-non Jewish to Jewish. It's a story that starts with a prince who becomes a shepherd and then the most famous of our leaders. It's about a people who were slaves and became the people of the book. It's the story about a family who defied tradition, from the speech impeded child to the sister who danced our people out of slavery to freedom. We eat different foods to tell the story and remember. It's about a people who continually give to mankind despite the odds, the difficulties and horrors of their history. It is the story of my people. May you all be invited to participate in a Passover Seder and learn something more about our story. May you find connection with our people. May you continue to be a part of a people who defy all odds and never stop trying to 'heal the world.'

Sincerely,

Stuart

Holocaust

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Klayman received a standing ovation and took several questions from the audience, all interesting, except for the first one that was political in nature, to which she chose not to comment. For more on Klayman and the Holocaust museum, go to www.ushmm.org.

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Getting to Know



Barbara Morgan

Born 1952 at Queen of the Angels Hospital (since razed) in Los Angeles, California-
-Attended Los Angeles Pierce JC, Cal State Northridge, UCLA
Graduate in the School of Bus. Admin. My work history includes Hanna-

Barbera, ITEK, IATSE Local 720, Met Life , F. Pappas, CPA, and Lake Hamilton School District. I was married 32 yrs to Jonathan Morgan and we lived in Las Vegas,Nv, and San Diego, Ca. I've lived in Hot Springs, Ar. since 1987. Widowed 2013 - no children of my own, but still keep up contacts with 10 step-kids and their families--ALL out of state.

My superior job skills: poker-faced negotiator, skilled food-arranger, and ferret-fingered number-cruncher.

I'm retired and I currently volunteer for the CHI Executive Board and Sisterhood. I maintain the CHI data base and prepare the Yahrzeit letters. I'm a member of the Garland County Republicans Distr.#4 Committeewoman, VP of The Hot Springs Geology Club, and the Emblem/Elks-Veterans services. Garland County Republican Women past Treasurer. On condo board in California and I manage all funds for family trust In my limited free time I enjoy walking, lake swimming, kayaking and puttering with herb garden. I'm an easy-going, casual--an Old School romantic at heart.

Best Regards,

Barbara



Glenda and David Kirsch visit with Dora Klayman after her presentation at the Woodlands Pavillion.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Richard (Rich) Alan	May 02
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
Ellen Eubanks	May 27

Anniversaries

Jerry and Fran Rephan	May 03
Jerry & Jodi Chalmers	May 08
Les & Diana Surfas	May 18
Dennis & Anita Williams	May 25
Larry & Carol Levi	May 27

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

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

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 May:

May 6	GOLTZ GIRLS Lou and Susan Siegel Diane Goltz, Madeline Bull
May 13	Anthony and Sherrill Nicolosi David and Karen Reagler
May 20	Jerry Tanenbaum Sharon Ball
May 27	Barbara Morgan Oded Grenman

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.

Oneg Recipes

Crunchy Romaine Toss

By Sue Koppel

1 C walnuts, chopped
1 pkg. Ramen noodles (*I use chicken flavor but it doesn't matter because you throw away the flavor packet inside*). Uncooked, and broken up into small pieces
4 T unsalted butter
1 bunch broccoli heads, coarsely chopped
1 head Romaine lettuce, torn into salad size pieces
4 green onions, chopped.

Brown the walnuts and noodles in the butter. Cool on paper towel. Combine all ingredients and toss with Sweet and Sour Dressing

Sweet and Sour Dressing

1C olive oil
1 C sugar
½ C wine vinegar
1 T soy sauce
Salt and pepper to taste
Stir 'till sugar dissolves.

May Yahrtzeits

Kaddish Recited May 6

Jeannie Zibrack
Aunt of Sharon Ball

Mark Cohen
Father of David Cohen

Samuel Kirsch
*Grandfather of Steven Kirsch, Stuart
Fleischner, and Mark Fleischner*

Samuel Katchen
Father of Carole Katchen

Kaddish Recited May 13

Serena Kirsch
Mother of Steven Kirsch

Helen Kleinman
*Mother of Louis Kleinman, Grandmother of Ira
Kleinman*

Frances Koppel
Mother of Hal Koppel

Nathan Davis
*Father of Joanne Reagler, Grandfather of David D.
Reagler and Rachel Schulman*

Kaddish Recited May 20

Louise Levi
Mother of Larry Levi

Kaddish Recited May 27

Morris Reagler
*Grandfather of David D. Reagler and Rachel
Schulman*

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Mother of Ross Sedler

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Brother of Millie Baron

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Life and Legacy - "Up and Running"

CHI and JFAR (Jewish Federation of Arkansas) have partnered with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to establish a legacy plan that will offer an opportunity for each congregant and/or family to have an impact on the future of our synagogue. The Life and Legacy Plan (L&L) is up and running, and we need your support.

L&L is a plan "to assure Jewish tomorrows." In the coming weeks and months, L&L team members will be calling on our congregants, seeking commitments for future gifts to CHI. While present donations are always welcome, L&L is asking that members of the Congregation and their families provide future gifts

through bequests left in your Will or Trust, beneficiary designations on an IRA or annuity or life insurance policies, and other forms of gifting to be made after your lifetime.

Your legacy commitment is a long-term one that will impact your family and our Jewish family- the Jewish community. Please allow us to explain the Life and Legacy plan, and the JFAR's monetary incentive grants to CHI that promote commitment giving that benefit this generation and the future generations of our Congregation.

Our present team members are Sherrill Nicolosi, Karen Reagler, Stuart Fleischner, and Susan Siegel.

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