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Hanukkah Celebration



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Latkes and Prayers

Friday December 6

5:15 p.m.

Sisterhood will provide the latkes and
 Rabbi Chapin will lead us in prayer.

Please bring a dessert or side dish to
 share.

Thank You

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Dennis and Anita Williams - Religious School Scholarship

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to **Mary Klompus** on being awarded the Tikun Olam Award.

Mary will be presented with this prestigious and well earned award on Saturday night, February 1st at the Federation Tikun Olam dinner in Little Rock.

Mazel Tov to Lucy Watermann, granddaughter of **Mary Watermann**, for making the University of Texas women's rowing team and captured the coxswain position. She says she got that position because she's so good at telling people what to do.

Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



Rabbi Richard Chapin

All of you know by now that the last time we celebrated Rosh Hashanah on September 4 was in 1899! And that is why Hannukah begins this fall on the eve of Thanksgiving. It will be odd to light the Menorah in our homes as we are celebrating the great American holiday initiated by the Pilgrims during the early history of America.

Remember the dates of our festivals are always the same: The 1st of Tishri is always Rosh Hashanah; Hannukah always falls on the 25th of Kislev. But the vagaries of the Jewish holidays play havoc with all of us who live by the Gregorian rather than the Jewish calendar. I find this instructive. It seems as if we are always trying to fit Judaism into our secular lives rather than fitting our secular lives into Judaism. Holy days and Jewish commemorations of our feasts and festivals depend on how “busy” we are in the world. If we can find the time to observe our religion, then we do so; if not, well, we know the answer to that obstacle.

If there is a secret to Jewish observance, beginning with lighting the Sabbath candles on Friday evening, it is in its consistent practice. Being Jewish is not a “happening” or special event, it is part of our Jewish calendar year. When we come to the month of Tishri we know that whatever month it takes place we are required to observe the Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. Kislev brings us Hannukah. Nisan brings forth Passover. Judaism is not a mystery religion. But it becomes difficult to understand if we do not follow it on a regular basis, i.e., practicing its mitzvot when we have the opportunity in our homes, in our synagogues, and in the marketplace. The more we practice, the more we study, the more we pray, the

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From the President



David Reagler

Timing is Everything

Timing has never been our greatest strength as parents and teachers.

Many terrific toys and games collected dust because we gave them to the kids before they were old enough to enjoy them.

And many times I wanted to taser my children before, during, and after religious school. Upon reflection, many times poor timing was the culprit. I was trying to teach some concept they weren't ready for, or tried some approach that didn't fit their ages.

Hebrew was something we have struggled with until recently. This school year, the kids have matured, and now can't wait to play with the Hebrew flash cards, write the letters, and learn the blessings.

The religious school is practicing to lead a Shabbat service this year. They are beginning to create a beautiful mosaic piece of art, directed by Sophie Fleischer and Karen Johnson. The three fourth graders are starting to study for their bar/bat mitzvahs with Rabbi Chapin, Shelly Kleinman, and Timo Johnson.

Simchat Torah, 2013



Photo by Sharon Ball

Sisterhood



Our October meeting was not only filled with great information, it was also fun and easy to understand. Thank you to **Karen Reagler** for leading the discussion on elder care. Thank you, also, to our luncheon

hostesses, **Mary Klompus and Phyllis Hearn.**

This month, Patti will lead us in a book review “A Year of Biblical Womanhood” by Rachel Held Evans. The book is available at the Garland County Library. Our hostesses for this meeting will be Karen Reagler and Anita Williams.

Sisterhood will be sponsoring the CHI Chanukah (and prayer) Oneg on Friday, December 6th. We will be providing latkes for all and Rabbi Chapin will be leading us in our usual services following the Oneg. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share.

We now have a total Sisterhood membership of 43 very talented and involved women. We are growing and becoming more involved in both the CHI community as well as the Hot Springs community.

Sharon Waxler is coordinating our volunteers at Jackson House. We serve in the kitchen 5 times a year. It’s not only a mitzvah to help, but a lot of fun, as well. So, when Sharon calls, please think about getting involved.

Don’t forget to get your Chanukah shopping done early. As soon as we carve the turkey on Thanksgiving, we’ll shift gears and celebrate ‘the festival of lights’ -- Chanukah!!

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving and a bright Chanukah.

ARZA - World Union

The Pew Survey

By Jerry Tanenbaum

Sport can be a great unifier for people. When you ask someone how they picked their favorite team, you tend to get one of two answers. The first reason is they were born in the town and just grew up as a fan, and the other is that the person became a fan when the team did something that really excited them. Engagement in Jewish life and Israel often follows the same pattern. Even for those of us born to families where Israel activism was always present, it sometimes takes experiencing something exciting to spark that need to “join the team.”

When American Jews were asked in the recent Pew Poll about the activities or beliefs that are “essential” to their Judaism, the most popular responses were “working for justice and equality” (56%) and “caring about Israel” (43%). The Pew Report makes it clear that social justice is the pathway for American Jewry to remain connected to Israel . Our work to further the cause of pluralism in Israel can also be a catalyst to reengage Diaspora Jews who, according to the Pew study, are increasingly feeling alienated toward Israel.

Many commentators are using the Pew findings to paint a discouraging picture about the American Jewish scene. What is clear is that the traditional definitions and modes that connected Jews to each other and Israel are not relevant to a large percentage of the population. They are not seeing the potential in connecting Diaspora Jews to Israel by merging their interest in Israel and their commitment to social justice.

This is a mistake! Our connection to Israel ,and supporting it , is the imperative to insure the long term continuity of the Jewish Social Values that are the common and binding thread that makes us all proud to be Jews .

Etai Grenman Bar Mitzvah

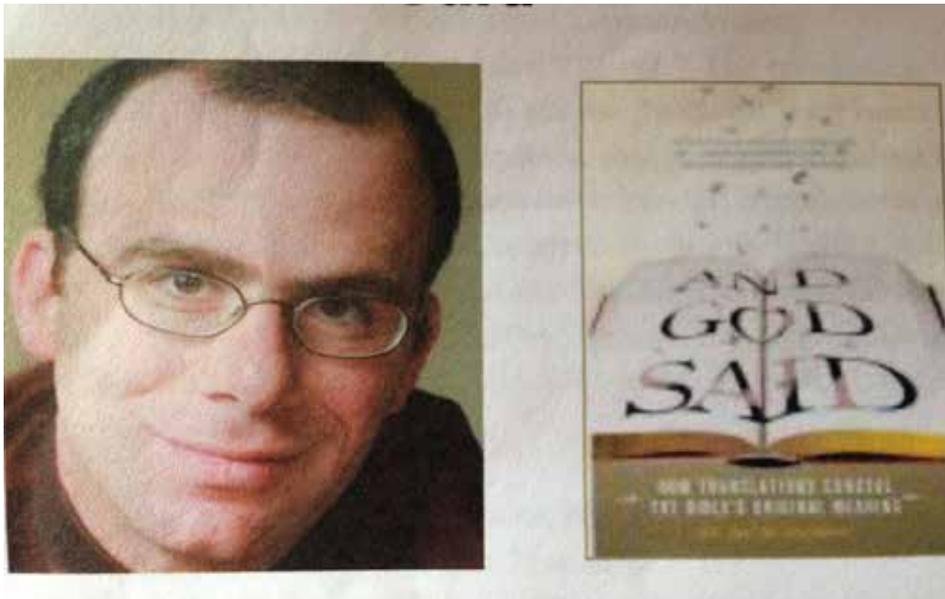
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Rosenzweig Fund For Interfaith Activities

Presents

DR. JOEL HOFFMAN, author of *AND GOD SAID*



Topic: “The Bible Doesn’t Say That”

Place: First United Methodist Church

1100 Central Avenue

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Date/Time: Saturday, 6:30pm, November 9, 2013

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION

Mr. Reagler Goes to Washington

David Reagler, 89 year old veteran of World War II, was honored to participate in the Honor Flight Northwest Arkansas trip to Washington, D.C. to see the World War II Memorial Monument.

Approximately 80 veterans of WWII (some of whom were also veterans of the Korean War) left Clinton Airport

in Little Rock on Saturday, October 5th, early in the morning.

Accompanied by his guardian, his son, David Davis Reagler, the group noisily and happily ate box lunch breakfasts during the non-stop flight which was hosted by Walmart, Tyson Foods and Arkansas Electrical

Cooperative. The chartered Air Bus was also filled with wheel chairs and canes to assist the veterans. David marveled at the endurance of so many of the veterans – one almost 100 years old. It was an act of endurance for many to just get in and out of the buses and plane at each stop.

When the plane arrived at the Washington Airport, many people were there to welcome them, greet and hug them and thank them for their service to our country. Music, balloons and much friendliness permeated the entire trip. David was also met by his daughters, Robin Reagler and Rachel Schulman, who were thrilled to spend the day with their hero dad and favorite brother. Numerous politicians met the plane and could be found at the various monuments that were visited that day. Larry and Carol Levi's son, Mark, also met the Reagler Family at the WWII Monument to visit with them and share the excitement.

The group also visited the Korean Memorial, the Vietnam Wall and Air Force Memorial as they toured Washington in three buses. Box lunches were served on the buses to the veterans and guests. The men and women veterans got off the bus to see and walk around all of the memorials. When they boarded their plane in late afternoon to return to Little Rock, no one even took a nap on the way home as they were all so excited after the day's wonderful events. Dinner box supers were served and eaten on the plane. To their surprise,



when they returned to Clinton Airport, hundreds of people greeted them with hugs, flags flying, music and much excitement and pride for their accomplishments and endurance during World War II.

David received over a hundred letters thanking him for his service to this country. He thanks all of those in the congregation who

sent him letters and good wishes.

As a very special friend of our family wrote David, "he did more than serve his country. He has lived a life of true valor whether in the military, in his business, with his family, among friends or with those whom others dare to label inferior." Retired Methodist Bishop, Ray Chamberlain, described David as one of those "rare individuals whose goodness of character goes all the way from external right through to the core of his being."

As his wife and partner for 53 years, I would definitely agree.

Joanne Reagler

Todah Rabbah

A big thank you goes out to **Dennis and Anita Williams, Mary and Stuart Klompus, and Sharon Ball** for volunteering at Jackson House in September! They made and served about 150 lunches.

We are off in November because of Thanksgiving, so our next day will be in January. I will be looking for more smiling faces as the date grows nearer.

Until then enjoy your day!

Sharon Waxler

Upcoming Events

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| Fri | Nov 1 | Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm
Erev Shabbat Sve: 6:00 pm |
| Mon | Nov 4 | Sisterhood Mtg - 11am |
| Fri | Nov 8 | Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm
Erev Shabbat Sve: 6:00 pm
Dr. Joel Hoffman |
| Sat | Nov 9 | Torah Study 9:30 am
Dr. Joel Hoffman, 6:30 pm |
| Sun | Nov 10 | Board Retreat |
| Mon | Nov 11 | Board Meeting 5:30 pm |
| Fri | Nov 15 | Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm
Erev Shabbat Sve: 6:00 pm |
| Sat | Nov 16 | Torah Study 9:30 am |
| Fri | Nov 22 | Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm
Erev Shabbat Sve: 6:00 pm |
| Fri | Nov 29 | Oneg Shabbat, 5:15 pm
Erev Shabbat/Hannukah
Celebration - 6:00 pm |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Anniversaries

Alfred and Jo Carroll Lewald	Nov 3
Shelly and Carol Kleinman	Nov 4
Michael and Sharon Waxler	Nov 27

November Birthdays

Louise Levi	Nov 3
Jay Stoyanov	Nov 5
Anita Williams	Nov 10
Louis Kleinman	Nov 14
Jo Carroll Lewald	Nov 17
Dana Grenman	Nov 20
Dennis Williams	Nov 21
Sarah Schulman	Nov 22
Jerry Tanenbaum	Nov 26
Lenny Mendel	Nov 27
Shelly Baron	Nov 28

From the Rabbi

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more we enjoy what Judaism has to offer.

It is always a privilege to share Judaism with all of you at CHI. May we continue to go from strength to strength and blessing to blessing, united in our love of our community and the observance of our faith.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Richard Chapin

Shiva for the Stage Deli

By David Sax

After 75 years in business, New York's Stage Delicatessen announced its closure today. For a deli world already used to deaths and disappearances, having seen thousands of landmarks wiped clean from our palate over the past decades, the end of the Stage plunges deep into the heart of deli lovers. The magnitude of its loss is incalculable. The significance is simply staggering.

Oh sure, in her later years she was easily dismissed as tired, failing, cranky, and limping along. Just a mere hint of her former greatness remained visible through the accumulated knickknacks and tchotchkes, and her telltale shtick. Once the talk of the town, now just seemed warmed over and rehashed for the tourist throngs, like a day old slice of salami repurposed into an omelet. They'll say it hadn't been the same for years, or even decades, and that her time was past, but they know in their hearts that even at this age, she was taken from us too soon.

Yes, there were older delicatessens, and bigger delicatessens, and, many will argue, better delicatessens than the Stage in its most recent incarnation. But there are few Jewish delis in America that were as influential to the evolution of the deli's culture than the Stage. It was the deli that many others took their cues from, the deli that made the food famous, the place that Americanized the Jewish delicatessen.

The Stage was founded by Max Asnas, a Russian Jewish immigrant with a gravelly Yiddish accent, a wide belly, and a gift for gab. With his prime location near the Broadway strip, Asnas catered to celebrities and schmoozed like no other. He hung their pictures, promoted their plays, and worked the room with a shameless efficiency. Sure, many of these celebrities were Yiddish speaking Jews, like Mel Brooks, Milton Berle, or Carl Reiner, but many weren't, and Asnas cultivated an environment where the Jewish deli became just another

American institution to them, with matzo ball soup as comforting and familiar as Campbell's cream of tomato.

The Stage brought the deli world the wall of celebrity photos, the association with Broadway shows, and the gigantic sandwich. Its sandwich war with its neighbor, and longtime rival the Carnegie Deli, came to a head in the late 1980's, but only after a decade or so of cold war style arms races, measured in ounces of pastrami and corned beef, so that the fight for bragging rights brought us to a point where six inch-high sandwiches are the expected norm in Jewish delis.

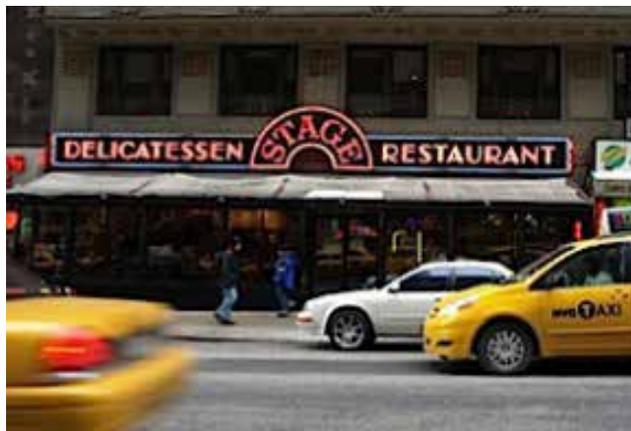
In its later decades, the Stage fell prey to the same forces that brought down many other delicatessens, including the rising cost of supplies and labor, a decrease in interest in deli food (gribenes had long since moved from the mainstream), and a changing dynamic in its location (gone were the showbiz tycoons, replaced by tourists). In the end, it was felled by rent,

of which the Stage paid over a million dollars annually, forcing it to charge staggering sums for its massive sandwiches (\$17 for a corned beef sandwich).

Instead of a Stage Deli filled with excited tourists and nostalgic former locals, reeking that beautiful musk of steaming garlicky meats and browning blintzes, what will we have in its place? Perhaps a Starbucks, or a souvenir shop, blending into the background of a Times Square wiped clean of its past. It won't have spinning tiers of cheesecake, lit up like diamonds, or waitresses with decades of smiles and snappy answers to stupid questions. It won't be a place where America falls in love with Jewish deli, and Jewish food, and that particular New York brand of Jewish culture.

It'll just be a place, where once upon a time, a great deli stood. *Alef ha-sholem.*

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Spaghetti Pie

(6 servings)

1/2 lb spaghetti, cooked

2 large eggs, beaten well

1 cup ricotta cheese

1/2 cup mozzarella, shredded- optional

3/4-1 lb. ground beef, browned

2 tablespoon olive oil or melted butter

1/2 cup + 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated

1 cup spaghetti sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, toss the hot spaghetti with oil.

In a small bowl, combine the eggs and 1/2 cup of parmesan cheese.

Stir the egg mixture into the sheghetti.

Pour the spaghetti mixture into a lightly greased 10 inch pie plate.

Form the spaghetti into a crust.

Spread the ricotta evenly over the crust but not quite to the edge.

Spread the crumbled browned ground beef over the ricotta.

Top with spaghetti sauce.

Bake uncovered for 25 minutes.

OPTIONAL- top with mozzarella.

Bake for 5 minutes more until the cheese melts.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with the remaining parmesan.

Cool for 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.

Thank you to Mary Klompus for sharing this wonderful recipe with us.

Oneg Thanks



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

Nov 1 Cynthia Rephan
Jerry Rephan

Nov 8 Ruth and Ross Sedler

Nov 15 Kim and Yossi Baron
Carol Crow-Nanez

Nov 22 Sue and Hal Koppel
Betty Forshberg

Nov 29 Carol and Shelly Kleinman
Barbara Morgan

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

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:

- Louis Kleinman
- Frances Iverson
- John and Leslie Jameson
- Kate Tobakas
- Maara Wolfe

Remembrance: November Yahrzeits

~ Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing ~

Kaddish recited on November 1

Leland H. Williams
Father of Dennis Williams

Louis Benedict

Mose Klyman

Bea Sherman

Kaddish Recited on November 8

Ella Falk
Grandmother of Louis Kleinman

Dr. Martin Lax
Father of Gary Lax

Rachel Leah Goltz
Grandmother of Susan Siegel
Grandmother of Diane Goltz

Delmar Gilham

Simon Mendel

Yetta Davis

Ann G. Miller

Kaddish Recited on November 15

Joseph Wolken
Grandfather of Brad Wolken

Al Ginsberg
Father of Millie Baron

Joyce B. Boswell
Mother of Anita Williams

Esther S. Schwarz

Kaddish Recited on November 22

Alan R. Klompus
Father of Stuart Klompus

Jacob Koppel
Father of Hal Koppel

Mollie Forshberg
Mother-in-law of Betty Forshberg

Leon Peterson
Father of Cheryl Cohen

Mamie Gottlieb

Ralph Mendel

Jennie H. Gottlieb

Fannie Meirers Gross

Bella Reich

Kaddish Recited on November 29

Adolph Korngut
Father of Fred Korngut

Warner Kass
Husband of Lynda Kass

Sharona Grenman
Wife of Oded Grenman
Mother of Dana Grenman
Mother of Elan Grenman

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