

Sweet Yontiff to all! Karen



# The Shofar

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## Congregation House of Israel October 2011/ Tishri 5772

### Meeting and Class Schedule

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**Temple Board Meeting** Tuesday, October 3,  
2011 at 5:30 pm

### Coming Events:

Friday, October 14 – 6:00 pm Service with  
Bar Mitzvah candidate Matthew Cabibi-  
Wilkin

Saturday October 15 – 10 am Bar Mtizvah of  
Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin, followed by dinner  
in Burgauer Hall

### CHI welcomes our new interim rabbi:

#### **Rabbi Richard S. Chapin**



Rabbi Richard S.  
Chapin was ordained  
at Hebrew Union  
College in 1976, and  
received his

Doctorate of Hebrew Letters from that institution in 1990. He held a position as  
Assistant Dean at Hebrew Union College until 1979, at which time he became

Associate Rabbi at one of the largest congregations in America, Congregation Emanu-El of New York. In  
July, 2000, he became Rabbi at Greenwich Reform Synagogue in Connecticut, where he served for eight  
years until being elected rabbi at Temple Israel in West Palm Beach, Florida. At Temple Israel, while  
continuing to be active in all aspects of congregational life, two of his major concerns were providing  
pastoral care to the area's aging population and taking an active rabbinic role in the greater Palm Beach  
Interfaith community.

### October 2011 Services

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday schedules are as follows:

5:15 Oneg

6:00 Service

This month all services will be lay-led.

Friday October 7 7:30 Erev Yom Kippur  
Rabbi's topic: "Our Life Mission"

Saturday October 8 10 am Yom Kippur  
Rabbi's topic: "The Joy of Fulfillment"

Friday October 14 Shabbat Hol Hamoed  
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Cabibi Wilkin

Saturday October 15, 10:30 am  
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Cabibi Wilkin  
with reception following in Burgauer Hall

Friday October 21 Shabbat Mevarakhim  
Service leader: TBA

Friday October 28 Shabbat Rosh Hodesh  
Service leader: TBA

Rabbi Chapin relishes the role of teacher and working with B'nei Mitzvah and Confirmation students. He has great strengths in the teaching of Biblical Hebrew, American-Jewish literature and Introduction to Judaism courses. He has taught university courses on the Evolution of Jewish Literature In America, and is the author of *The Biblical Personality* (1999). He is married to Jeanne Bennett of New York. Her daughter, Daisy, is an 11th grader and lives with them. Rabbi Chapin has a 24 year old son who is a TV journalist in New York City.

Rabbi Chapin became Interim Rabbi at Congregation House of Israel in September, 2011. We welcome The Chapins to our community and look forward to sharing the Holy Days with them.

From Rabbi Chapin: A Yontiff Message



The 12th century Jewish sage, Maimonides, wrote: "Every human being has merits and faults. The righteous person has more merits than faults, the wicked one more faults than merits. The average person is evenly balanced between the two. A community, too, is judged in this manner: if the merits of its citizens outweigh their faults it is called righteous; if their faults outweigh their merits, it is called wicked."

As we immerse ourselves into the sacred waters known as the Days of Awe, let us accept the challenge, first as individuals, second as a community, to repent for our wrongdoings and to lead more righteous lives in accordance with the laws and traditions set forth by the God of our ancestors at Mt. Sinai. And let us remember our obligation to fulfill these holy words we recite when we return the Torah to the Ark: "Behold, a good doctrine has been given to you, forsake it not."

## High Holy Days Schedule

The schedule for High Holy Days services is on our website, at [http://www.conghouseofisrael.org/high\\_holy\\_day\\_schedule\\_2011.html](http://www.conghouseofisrael.org/high_holy_day_schedule_2011.html), under the worship service section. Also, please check the calendar section of the webpage for updates.

All services take place at the Temple **except** the reception and Tashlich service at Millie Baron's on the 29th.

### Rosh Hashanah

September 29 - Thursday 10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

3:00 p.m. Reception at home of Millie Baron and Mick Stoyonov

High Holiday program for Children

4:00 p.m. Tashlich Service

### Yom Kippur

October 7	Friday	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre
October 8	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Service
		1:00 p.m.	Children's Service
		3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Service
		4:30 p.m.	Yizkor Service, Rabbi's topic: "Life Immortal"
		5:30 p.m.	Neilah Service
		6:00 p.m.	Havdalah Service & Break-the-Fast



## President's message

This past year has been one full of challenges, hard work, and sweet memories. Karen and I have enjoyed seeing our children, Tillie, Louis, Hannah, and Miriam, grow taller and more inquisitive and more endearing. Our family and our CHI family have filled the past year with everything that makes life so engrossing.

Congregation House of Israel saw transitions of many kinds, and has become stronger and better and more involved with our community because of it. Our members have taken ownership of the Congregation and are giving it the love and care it deserves. We are blessed and delighted to have Rabbi

Chapin and his family for the coming year. Carolyn and the CHI organ will fill the air with sweet sounds during the High Holy Days.

Congregation House of Israel will have more happening this year than ever before. Dr. Stuart Rockoff will be here in November to present a program on Judaism and its role in the Civil Rights Movement. Jewish Federation of Arkansas will have programming throughout the year. The Holocaust committee is planning the next survivor visit. Rabbi Chapin is starting to contact our members in order to create seminars and scholarly studies and classes.

What a perfect time it is to welcome the New Year. It will be the sweetest ever!

## Sisterhood

Thank you again to sisterhood members and congregation members who united to make the welcoming of Rabbi Chapin and his wife Jeanne on Friday September 9, 2011 such a successful event. The energy in the building was exciting.

Hopefully everyone has mailed in their reservation for our October sisterhood meeting which will be at Oaklawn Race Track on Monday October 3, 11 AM. Rabbi Chapin will be joining us as a guest of sisterhood at this meeting.

Looking ahead, if you plan to bring a dish to the luncheon following the bar mitzvah of Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin, please coordinate with Bridget at either 881-4242 or by

Email at [bridget.4@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.4@gmail.com). Thanks to everyone for making this a special event for Matthew.

Please make plans now to attend our **Monday November 7, 2011** sisterhood meeting. The meeting will take place at 11 AM in its usual Burgauer Hall location. We are excited to announce that our program will be presented by Rabbi Chapin. I know you all want to take advantage of this opportunity to hear Rabbi Chapin speak in a less formal setting.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the upcoming events.

*Ruth Sedler  
President, Sisterhood*



## Religious School

<http://sites.google.com/site/chireligiousschool/>

We were all excited to meet Rabbi Chapin and enjoyed his Children's Rosh Hashana service in September. We're looking forward to his Yom Kippur service on the 8th, and having him with us for a couple of Sundays each month.


Also in October, we're eager to help decorate our new Sukkah on the 9th to make it beautiful for services on the 14th. Those will be led by Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin as part of the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah, which will continue

on Saturday the 15th. We hope you'll all come to say the Shechekiyanu & share in the kiddush luncheon afterwards.

October will continue to be a busy month for us, as we'll get to dance with the Torah at our Simchat Torah celebration on the 23rd, and have our 2nd annual cemetery cleanup on the

30th. We hope you'll join us for that, as we could really use some adults with scrub brushes to join us in showing respect for our ancestors (Kavod haMet) by getting their headstones nice & clean. Plus there will be an interesting historical program for everyone who attends! May you all have an easy & meaningful fast!

*Bridget*



**Matthew's Bar Mitzvah**

*Because you have touched our lives with your friendship and love, we invite you to join us in creating a cherished memory as our son Matthew Ruven is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.*

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**Festivities begin with an Oneg (Reception) at 5:15pm on Friday, October 14th. Then Matthew will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat service from 6pm to 7pm.**

**On Saturday the 15th, starting at 10:30am, Matthew will lead the service and read Torah. This will be followed by a Kiddush luncheon at approximately 12noon.**

**Please share this special day in our lives.**

**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE  
EDUCATIONAL PROJECT**

Meeting 9-8-11: Garland County Library  
Sponsored by Congregation House of Israel  
Sisterhood

PRESENT: Joanne D. Reagler, Carla Mouton, Sue Koppel. New Board  
Members: Reverend David B. Wilson, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church in Hot Springs Village, and Reverend Harold J. Eichelberger, Haven Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

Planning Session for Year 2011/2012:  
1. Rosa Blum, Holocaust Survivor, returning to Hot Springs area to present programs to students probably in November. Rosa is working again through Dallas Holocaust Museum. Carol Kleinman is conferring with Hot Springs Interfaith Council as they have expressed an interest in having Rosa present one or more programs in Hot Springs Village Schools.

2. Plan 2012 Yom HaShoah community wide program Commemoration, Hope and

Peace – A Coming Together in spring. The program will emphasize the following:  
(1) Remembrance: Holocaust and other victims of genocide and celebrate those persons who made a difference. .  
(2) Building a Community Conscience: Create recognition that prejudice and discrimination based on race, religion, sex, color of skin, and geographical differences is not acceptable.  
(3) Bullying:  
(4) Similarities: End program on uplifting note that each of us because of our similarities can make the world a better place.

The committee will look into what other communities are doing in this area and talk to local ministers and Imans. . Possible date for program might be April 19. It was enthusiastically agreed that the new Congregation House of Israel Rabbi Richard Chapin be invited to our next meeting which will be held on Oct 4 or Oct 6 at 10:30AM at Garland County Library.

Joanne Reagler, Congregation House of Israel Sisterhood, co-chairperson.



**THANK YOU** to our generous donors:

- Ruth & Ross Sedler**, Religious School Scholarship Fund
- Betty Forshberg**, in honor of the Gartenberg's 60th anniversary
- Steven & Clarissa Kirsch**, in honor of the birth of Rachel Wolken's twins
- Dr, Erwin and Michael Lax**, yartzeit in memory of Libby Lax
- Joanne & David Reagler**, yartzeit in memory of Carrie Davis
- Joanne & David Reagler**, yartzeit in memory of Ray Reagler
- Kathy Klein**, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**October Bimah Honors**

- September 30 - Millie Baron
- October 7 - Shelly and Carol Kleinman
- October -14 Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin
- October 21 and 28 - TBA

## October 2011 Yahrzeits

Kaddish recited each Friday following the date

### September 30

Albert Roudman	9/29
Lena V. Berg	9/29
Walter Kass	9/30
Helen Poncher Newman	9/30
Seymore Greenfield	3 Tishrei

### October 7

Rosaline Zablotzky	4 Tishrei
Sol Kupperman	10/1
Elliott Gottlieb	10/1
Eathel Greenberg Barton	10/1
Carrie K. Davis	10/3
Rabbi Dr. P. Selvin Goldberg	10/4
Laura Fleischner	10/5
Charles Hirsch	10/5
Seymour Kleinman	10/5
Willie B. Young	10/7

### October 14

Regina H. Kaplan	10/8
Irene Rosenzweig	10/8
Esther Festinger	10/9
Bernice F. Mendel	10/9
Robert Fields	10/10
Della B. Singer	10/11
Morris Zucker	10/11
Jacob Geschmay	10/11
Benjamin Botnick	10/11
Elizabeth Seligman	10/12
Minnie Cohn	10/12
Abe B. Kallsnick	10/13
Rosalind Goltz Hudson	10/13
Oscar Greenberg	10/14

Scott Bull	10/14
Morris Seligman	10/14

### October 21

Rebeka Leah Goldenberg	22 Tishrei
Alice Wolken	10/16
Bert Papanek	10/17
Robert Fields	10/17
Wilton Masters	10/18
Joe Daniel	10/19
Bernard Levi	10/20
Irving Papanek	10/20
Hubert Eisenkramer	10/20
Jack Tanner	10/20

### October 28

Ray Reagler	10/22
Zedonia Guggenheim	10/24

### November 4

Dr. Samuel D. Weil	10/31
Ksiel Lax	10/31
Morris E. Rosenzweig	10/31
Louis Benedict	11/1
Mose Klyman	11/1
Bea Sherman	11/1
Delman Gillham	11/2
Ella Falk	11/3
Estelle Frada Singer	11/3
Simon Mendel	11/4
Yetta Davis	11/4
Dr. George K. Stephens	11/4

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

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers at This Time:*

Sharona Grenman  
Joseph Korngut  
David Reagler Sr.

Bill Eisenkramer  
Earl Hudson

Ellen Rephan  
Bob Gartenberg

JoCarroll Lewald  
Annette Baim

## October Birthdays

Karen Weinberg	10/1	Steven Kirsch	10/16
Tivon Cabibi-Wilkin	10/2	Mick Stoyanov	10/18
Karen Reagler	10/3	Mickey Kirsch	10/23
Elana Fox Lippa	10/3	Zak Cabibi-Wilkin	10/24
Ari Fox	10/5	Sandy Rephan	10/26
Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin	10/6	Shelly Kirsch Smith	10/28
Betty Forshberg	10/8	Westley Kleinman	10/29
Zev Kleinman	10/8		
Jacob Kleinman	10/8		
Lenny Gartenberg	10/9		
Winn Bowman	10/11		
Brad Wolken	10/12		
Regina Faulkner	10/16		

Yom Huledet Samech!!



### Wedding Anniversaries

Barbara and Jonathan Morgan 10/11  
 Stuart & Kay Fleischner 10/28



### Oneg Hostesses/Hosts for October

October 7- Yom Kippur - no oneg  
 October 14 - Jodi & Jerry Chalmers, Karen & David Reagler  
 October 15 - (Bar Mitvah of Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin) Bridget & Daryn Cabibi-Wilkin  
 October 21 - Elaine & Brad Wolken, Annette & Ken Baim  
 October 28 - Joanne & David Reagler  
 November 4- Oded & Sharona Grenman, Sherrill Nicolosi

*Thanks so much for your service and hospitality!*

A recipe card cut-out for the upcoming season:

## HERRING SALAD APPETIZER

1 jar of herring snacks in wine  
2 hard boiled eggs  
1 small onion  
1 medium size apple  
1 slice of white bread soaked in enough vinegar to cover. Squeeze out the vinegar from the bread

Chop all the above ingredients. Don't chop them too fine or the salad becomes pasty. Season with a shake of pepper, a heaping tablespoon of sugar and ¼ tsp of cinnamon. Mix and refrigerate.

Enjoy!

Sue Koppel

## *Jews in the News... ..*

The Stephen Siller Tunnel-to-Towers 5 K Run September 10<sup>th</sup> in Hot Springs, AR  
This race took place in cities across the nation in memory of the first responders of 9/11. The Hot Springs race was organized by the Hot Springs Fire Department and the Spa Pacers. Half the proceeds remained with our fire department and half to the Stephen Siller Foundation to assist burn victims and amputees from Iraq and Afghanistan. Over 200 people participated locally, including our own Patti, Mark, and Mattea Fleischner. Patti and Matthea both took first place in their divisions, and Mark took third in his.

Mazel Tov!



from left:  
Mattea Fleischner, Jeanne and Rabbi Chapin, Patti and Mark Fleischner



Patti and  
Mattea  
Fleischner



*“When we are dead, and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. Let it not be said that life was good to us, but rather, that we were good to life.”*

*Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin*

Dear Friends,

We look forward to seeing you at our High Holy Day services.

The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are commonly known as the Days of Awe (Yamim Noraim) or the Days of Repentance. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur.

One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that G-d has "books" that he writes our names in, writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written in on Rosh Hashanah, but our actions during the Days of Awe can alter G-d's decree. The actions that change the decree are "teshuvah, tefilah and tzedakah," repentance, prayer, good deeds (usually, charity). These "books" are sealed on Yom Kippur. This concept of writing in books is the source of the common greeting during this time is "May

you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."

Among the customs of this time, it is common to seek reconciliation with people you may have wronged during the course of the year. The Talmud maintains that Yom Kippur atones only for sins between man and G-d. To atone for sins against another person, you must first seek reconciliation with that person, righting the wrongs you committed against them if possible.

Remembrance is a sacred act in the Jewish tradition. We keep our departed loved ones alive by recalling the goodness of their lives, and living our own lives in ways which exemplify and reflect their positive influences. It is traditional as we approach the High Holy Days to read the names of those we have lost during our Yizkor services.

It is a Jewish custom and tradition to make a contribution linking the memory of a loved one to an act of tzedakah (loving kindness). Please know that you are under no obligation to contribute; but should you wish to make a donation to Congregation House of Israel, we would be most grateful.

*L'Shana Tova Tikatvu* ó May you be inscribed for a good year.

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Rav Todot

The high holiday flowers for the bima are given by the Mark and Stuart Fleischner families in loving memory of Laura and Martin Fleischner and by Jerry Tanenbaum in loving memory of his wife, Pat Tanenbaum.

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**WUPJ STATEMENT ON  
PALESTINIAN UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

The World Union for Progressive Judaism, representing over 1.8 million Jews in 48 countries, views with concern the proposed Palestinian Unilateral Declaration of Independence if brought to the United Nations this week.

As Progressive Jews we support the concept of an independent Palestinian state living side by side in peace and harmony with the State of Israel. We see direct good-faith negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian entity as the best way to realize this goal.

For such a state to be welcomed in the community of nations it must recognize the Jewish character of the State of Israel and express its desire to live in peace, harmony and cooperation with Israel.

The proposed vote raises concern that another round of violent action might ensue. The World Union for Progressive Judaism calls on both sides to take all possible measures to prevent such an occurrence and to work actively "to love peace and pursue it."

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, President, World Union for Progressive Judaism

Mike Grabiner, Chair, World Union for Progressive Judaism