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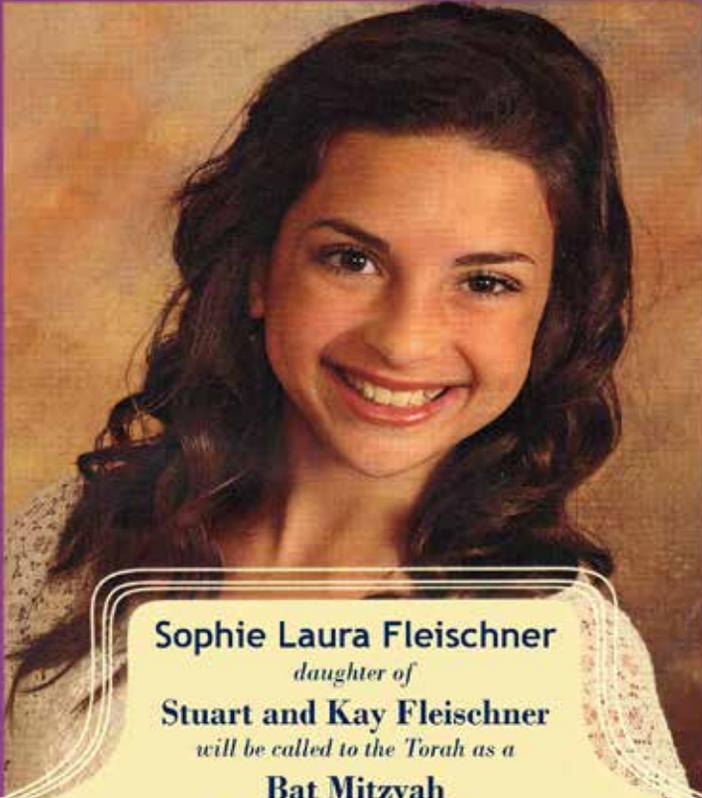
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Sophie Laura Fleischner
daughter of
Stuart and Kay Fleischner
will be called to the Torah as a
Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, October 27, 5 p.m.

Please join us to help the Fleischner family celebrate this joyous occasion

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Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



What A Joy...

What a joy to celebrate a second set of Holy Days with Congregation House of Israel. Let us pray that the days spent together in prayers for health, goodness, and sincere repentance be answered in this New Year 5773.

How to achieve our goals, of course, is a process much more difficult than we think it is. Man's condition involves a constant ascending and descending the ladder of faith and commitment. Girded by the best of intentions we often fall, unceremoniously, earthward, our hopes and dreams shattered. Rather than be distressed by this, we should take heart, knowing that God is always interested in those who seek repentance.

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Indeed, the rabbis tell us that God is more accepting of the person who has strayed most egregiously from his faith and now seeks to return than the person who lives a life of goodness and commitment to his religion. Why? Simply said, it is harder to draw closer to God the farther away from Him we begin the journey. Extra points are awarded for effort, wherever and whenever made.

We learn from a traditional Hebraic alliteration that we are judged by three things: in Hebrew, KISO, KOSO, KA'ASO. “By our pocket, by our

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From the President

What a Year

By David Reagler

My mother always told me that you get to know folks by working with them. And this past year, our Congregation House of Israel family did just that. We worked and played and prayed.



Congregation House of Israel has much to be pleased with. Attendance for services all year was fantastic. And more importantly, services were relevant and enjoyable and honored our tradition and became a strong foundation for the year.

The year started with one terrific accomplishment after another. I remember a large group of us meeting at Ed's to build the new sukkah. Rabbi Chapin and I provided the important materials (coffee and donuts), while Ross and Shelly and my dad and others built the sukkoh from a basic plan.

Our Razorback tailgate Shabbat was packed, and no one was arrested. Mary and her troops made our Temple shine – new paint everywhere, new bathrooms, new round tables, newly stripped and waxed floors. It just kept coming – I was blown away by how active and loving and close our Congregation House of Israel family grew.

And this year will be even busier. The religious school projects, including field trips to other congregations and Heifer International's headquarters, will be fun for the entire congregation. We will create a “Friends of Congregation House of Israel” group, and track down friends and family from across the globe. We will build more bridges with Arkansas Jewish groups and create more social action and religious speakers and programming.

And finally, we will continue to grow membership. So at this time next year, we will have even more friends and family to hug and wish L'Shanah Tovah.

Religious School

A New Year

By Dennis Williams

Religious School started August twenty-sixth. We meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon on most Sundays. It is divided into three sections: First Grade, Third Grade, and Pre-B'nai Mitzvot, because we have only nine students enrolled. We are using ISJL curriculum in our classes. First Grade's focus is on Shabbat and the other holidays. Third grade is working on the various mitzvot and Pr-B'nai Mitzvot is preparing for up coming Bat and Bar Mitzvoit.

We lost two teachers from last year: Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin and Madeline Bull. Teaching this year are David Reagler in First Grade, Karen Johnson in Third Grade, Rabbi Chapin in Pre-B'nai Mitzvot with Timo Johnson assisting the Rabbi along with Timo handling the Hebrew instruction.

The religious school has adopted Heifer International as its tzedakah project. Heifer International is in Little Rock, and its mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Heifer does this with gifts of livestock and training thus helping families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Heifer refers to the animals as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of their animal's offspring to another family in need. The religious school faculty are requesting the students to bring tzedakah money each Sunday.

Following is the Religious School agenda for the upcoming year:

- Sophie Fleischner Bat Mitzvah, October 27, 2012,
- Field trip to Heifer International, TBA,
- Chanukah play directed by Millie Baron along with party on December 15th
- Children led service, Friday January 11, 2013 being "Shabbat around the table."

Sisterhood

By Ruth Sedler



Our October meeting will be Monday October 1. It is a field trip meeting to Le Petite Bistro in the Village. We are meeting in the parking lot at the temple at 10:30 and carpooling over. Hopefully you all have made reservations and turned in your lunch choices. Thank you to Carol Kleinman for arranging this outing for us.

We have just completed our busy High Holiday Season and thank you to everyone who made the Selichot dessert, Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg, and Yom Kippur break-the-fast a success. For anyone who was not at Erev Rosh Hashanah services, our Sisterhood Woman of the Year award for last year went to Mary Klompus, a small token of appreciation for all of her hard work in helping to restore our facility.

We have a very exciting, busy and interesting upcoming year. If you have not yet joined Sisterhood it is not too late. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month and our meetings are usually at Burgauer Hall at 11AM. The details of each month's meetings are found in the Shofar.

If you would like to come and check us out, we welcome guests. Dues are \$36.00 for the year and can be mailed to Betty Kleinman, 101 Glenridge Ct., Hot Springs, AR 71901.

Our proposed schedule of meetings for the year:

- November 5, 11 AM, Burgauer Hall **Hostesses:** Annette Baim and Karen Reagler. **Program:** Patti Fleischner discussing Irene Nemirovsky.
- December 3, 11 AM, **Home of Elaine Wolken** 121 Bridgewater Point, **Hostesses:** Elaine Wolken and Mary Watermann, **Program:** Carol Nanez on her cottage business of sewing racing silks.

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Meet the Congregants

Timo & Karen Johnson

Our newest synagogue members.



Timo Johnson was born in Hawaii and raised almost everywhere else before landing in Israel. Karen Johnson is originally from Williamsburg, Virginia.

Karen and Timo met at college in 1999 when Karen's mom set them up on a surprise date. The match must have been right because in 2003 they were married.

Timo is a security consultant and commentator. He served in the Israeli military as well as the Israeli Police Force.

Karen served as an Equal Employment Opportunity advisor with the Air Force and recently retired to take a position with the Hot Springs National Park.

For fun they like to attend living history reenactments and renaissance fairs and Karen enjoys sewing costumes. Timo is the household chef and can cook in French, Spanish and Italian, but he prefers to cook Israeli style. His hummus is not to be missed.

They are both teaching in the CHI Religious School and our students truly enjoy their Sunday classes.

Karen and Timo are very happy to join CHI and are so thankful for the warm reception they've received.

Holocaust Project

Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project

By Joanne D. Reagler

September 15, 2012

Once again this committee is preparing to make plans for bringing a series of programs into our middle and high schools in the greater Hot Springs area focusing on the destructive effects of prejudice, discrimination, anti-Semitism and genocide, directed not only toward Jews but towards all peoples.

Due to their increasing age, with each passing year it becomes more difficult to find Holocaust survivors who are able to share their experiences.

This year we are trying to locate liberators of any of the concentration camps serving in the allied forces. If anyone in the congregation happens to know of such a liberator, or even a Holocaust survivor, who would be willing and able to do this, we would appreciate your letting one of us know. The schools would prefer that these programs be held in the fall, rather than the spring of the school year.

Of course, the committee will continue to support the Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance, an interfaith group, formed under the leadership of Rabbi Chapin last year.

The Holocaust Project is sponsored by the Sisterhood of Congregation House of Israel, with the full support of the Board of CHI. Members of Project are Sue Koppel, Patti Fleischner, Rabbi Richard Chapin, David Wilson, Carla Mouton, and I.

We welcome any volunteers who would like to work on any of our projects. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Sept 27, at 2 p.m., in Bergauer Hall, Congregation House of Israel.

Weekly Parshah

October

Chol Hamoed Sukkot

October 6, 2012

The reading lists the annual Callings of Holiness -- the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; the bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the 2nd day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the 50th day; a “remembrance of shofar blowing” on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival -- during which we are to dwell in huts for seven days and take the “Four Kinds” -- beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the “8th day” of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret).



Originally Man is a single person, but deciding that “it is not good that man be alone,” G-d takes a “side” from the man, forms it into a woman, and marries them to each other.

Noach

October 20, 2012

G-d instructs Noah -- the only righteous man in a world consumed by violence and corruption -- to build a large wooden teivah (“ark”), coated within and without with pitch. A great deluge, says G-d, will wipe out all life from the face of the earth; but the ark will float upon the water, sheltering Noah and his family, and two members (male and female) of each animal species.

Rain falls for 40 days and nights, and the waters churn for 150 days more before calming and beginning to recede. The ark settles on Mount Ararat, and from its window Noah dispatches a raven, and then a series of doves, “to see if the waters were abated from the face of the earth.” When the ground dries completely--exactly one solar year (365 days) after the onset of the Flood--G-d commands Noah to exit the teivah and repopulate the earth.

Lech L'cha

October 27, 2012

G-d speaks to Abram, commanding him to “Go from your land, from your birthplace and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you.” There, G-d says, he will be made into a great nation. Abram and his wife Sarai, accompanied by his nephew Lot, journey to the Land of Canaan, where Abram builds an altar and continues to spread the message of a One G-d.

B'reishit

October 13, 2012

G-d creates the world in six days. On the first day He makes darkness and light. On the second day He forms the heavens, dividing the “upper waters” from the “lower waters.” On the third day He sets the boundaries of land and sea and calls forth trees and greenery from the earth. On the fourth day He fixes the position of the sun, moon and stars as timekeepers and illuminators of the earth. Fish, birds and reptiles are created on the fifth day; land-animals, and then the human being, on the sixth. G-d ceases work on the seventh day, and sanctifies it as a day of rest.

G-d forms the human body from the dust of the earth and blows into his nostrils a “living soul.”

To read more complete descriptions of the weekly parsha, visit the CHI Website at http://hschi.org/Parsha_lp.html

Looking Back in The Forward

100 YEARS AGO

- The Russian newspaper Osvobozhdenie is reporting that the police in Mohilev are looking for any excuse to start a pogrom. The police have been baiting the local peasants by saying that Jews attacked nearby villages, thereby inciting the peasants to attack Jews. Jews out walking in the municipal garden have also been attacked by policemen. It is widely believed that the governor of the area has given sanction to attack Jews. In a speech to Christians who had assembled at the train station, one of the local leaders was reported to have said, “Brothers! We can attack the kikes; the governor has given his permission.”

75 YEARS AGO

- The first pushcart market was founded 40 years ago on Hester Street. Before that, pushcart vendors trudged up and down the streets of New York, pushing their carts and selling their wares. They sold either vegetables or second-hand goods. They would visit the same neighborhoods every day, and housewives would come running out — with a pot in one hand and a ladle in the other — to buy from their regular peddler. It happened that one day four tired pushcart peddlers parked their carts on the sidewalk of Hester Street. Standing there, they quickly sold out of all their goods in the thickly populated neighborhood. They did the same thing the day after. Other pushcart peddlers caught on and began fighting for spots on Hester Street. Ever since then, the spot has been a pushcart market. Now, New York has more than 40 markets like it all over the city.

50 YEARS AGO

- The government published some interesting statistics this week. Included among them are the facts that women’s salaries are only half of those of men; the number of blacks in the workforce has increased significantly, but their salaries range from half to a third of those of whites; the salaries of residents of Queens and Staten Island, both boroughs with far fewer Jewish residents than others, are higher than the remaining boroughs, an indication that Jews are not the most successful ethnic group in the area.

The Nina, the Pinta ... and the Jew

By Rabbi Benjamin Blech

Editors note: Our thanks to Carol Crow-Nanez who submitted this excerpt from Rabbi Blech’s book, Jewish History and Culture.

The first ships to come to the New Land carried a Marrano Jew on board. Luis de Torres was invited by Christopher Columbus to accompany him on his journey because he was fluent in Hebrew. As de Torres wrote in his diary, “(Columbus) thought that when he would reach China and the Far East, he would locate the exiled Jews from the Ten Lost Tribes, and he wanted me to be able to communicate with them.” De Torres was the son of a sofer, a Torah scribe, and was proud that he “was also educated to be a scribe, always surrounded by Hebrew books, manuscripts and Torah commentaries.”

He explained in his diary why he was so anxious to go on this dangerous trip:

“The fateful day, the day of our expulsion from Spain, was Tisha b’Av on the Jewish calendar in the year 5252/1492. That day marked the tragedy of the destruction of both holy temples many centuries before, and now, one more tragic event was added to that mournful day. Three hundred thousand people, half the amount that were redeemed from Egyptian slavery, descended to the Mediterranean shore, searching for passage to a new land, to a land where they could openly practice Judaism. I was among them. However, I was not a refugee; I had been commissioned to join Christopher Columbus’s voyage of discovery. I agreed to accompany him because I hoped that if we found Jewish brethren, I would be able to live my life in peace and in freedom. Don Rodriguez, his uncle Don Gabriel Sanchez, Alonso de Loquire, Rodrigo de Triana, Chon Kabera, Doctor Briena and Doctor Marco, all agreed with my reasoning and joined, but except for Rodrigo, they sailed on the other ships. We were a large group of conversas (a word Spaniards used to refer

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The Jewish Gauchos of Argentina

Editors note: As many of you know Jerry Tanenbaum recently returned from a trip to Argentina . He spent several days in Buenos Aires and also visited the Argentine Pampas. Following is an article he sent us (by Clara Lazimy) regarding the Jewish gauchos of the Pampas, along with a few personal comments of his own.

What are gauchos? The epic poem “Martin Fierro”, by the Argentinean poet José Hernandez paints a mythical figure, larger than life. His gaucho was comparable to the John Wayne cowboy - tanned by the elements, at home in the prairie, knowing his way across the desert, and able to have an almost symbiotic relationship with his horse. Socially he wasn't so great... The gaucho of legend had the social graces of a ruffian, and human life was never dearer to him than his perceived honor. I say “perceived”, because an insult didn't necessarily have to be real to trigger his quick temper and bring out his “puñal”, a long blade knife, worn on his belt.

Reality was quite different. In a strict sense, a gaucho was a man who hired out to do farm or cattle work. Anyone who lived in a rural area and didn't own his land was, in fact, a gaucho.

In 1853, after a bloody civil war that devastated the young Argentinean society, a Constitution was finally drafted and approved. The country was ready and eager to receive immigrants, and there were plenty of those waiting in Europe. Not only Jews came to Argentina, there were Welsh and Irish, some Spanish, and Germans, all coming in “waves”. The bulk of the immigration, though, came around the turn of the century: Italians escaping hunger and poverty, and Jews trying to leave behind the hardships of Eastern Europe. They all had something in common: they were ready to work very hard and make a

good future.

At this point in time (around 1890), a Jewish businessman, Baron Maurice de Hirsch, was looking for a way to help his fellow Jews in need. His only son died, and he wanted to do something worthy of his memory. The Argentinean government had recently opened the gates of their country to immigration, and was desperately in need of funds. Hirsch purchased some of the most fertile land in the world, (along with some that wasn't...and that's what my grandparents got...) and started his huge undertaking to bring European Jews to settle the Argentinean wilderness.

According to the stories that I heard time and again, when the first contingents of colonists arrived, they were greeted by a representative of the Baron who gave each family a small plot of land, a shovel and a bag of seeds. Looking around them, they could



see ant hills the size of small houses, some trees, and grass the height of a big man. They were humble artisans in their native Rumania, Russia, or Poland. They had no knowledge of agriculture, they were not familiar with the seasons or the language in this, their new and strange land. But they knew that they would be free of persecution, their children

would not be drafted at a young age to serve in the Czar's army, and they could practice their Judaism without fear. So, they were ready to work hard and long, to learn how to wrestle fruits from this alien land, and to earn their newfound freedom. The land was incredibly fertile, but it required more knowledge and experience than the newcomers could muster in order to open itself to them and give forth its fruits.

I only had a chance to know my maternal grandmother, and she died when I was two years old. What I am talking about I learned mostly sitting on my father's knees, on hot summer nights in Rosario, Argentina. We had a large tiled roof, and at night, that was the only place to be: cool, with a soft breeze, and full of stars. He would tell me of how his parents and Mother's parents sat huddled

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Tashlich: Casting Our Sins Away

Tashlich is a remarkable ceremony - symbolic and concrete all at the same time. Through this ritual, we express not only our desire to be free from sin, but our continuing hope that we will be forgiven for past misdeeds. On the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah (except if it falls on Shabbat), it is customary to go to a flowing body of water and to recite prayers while “casting” our sins (represented by bread crumbs) into the water.



Photos:

Top (2012) - Rabbi Chapin explaining the ceremony to congregants

Bottom (2011) - Rabbi Chapin holding court with children and demonstrating Shofar

As we read in Micah: “You will cast (*Tashlich*) all your sins into the sea.”

For the past two years, Millie Baron and Mick Stoyanov have opened their lovely home on Lake Hamilton to our congregation for this ceremony, and they’ve been truly wonderful events, especially for the children who were kept enthralled by Rabbi Chapin as he explained its significance.

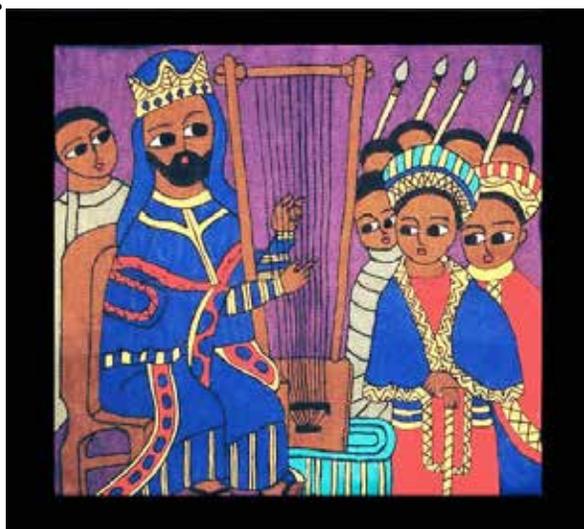
Richard Israel’s Crumb List

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Taking a few crumbs to *Tashlich* from whatever old bread is in the house lacks subtlety, nuance and religious sensitivity. I would suggest that we can do better. Instead:

- For ordinary sins, use -white bread
- For particularly dark sins - Pumpernickel
- For twisted sins - Pretzels
- For sins committed in haste - Matzah
- For sins of chutzpah - Fresh Bread
- For substance abuse/marijuana - Stoned Wheat
- For substance abuse/heavy drugs - Poppy Seeds
- For arson - Toast
- For high-handedness - Napoleons
- For telling small lies - Fudge
- For promiscuity - Hot Buns
- For unfairly up-braiding others - Challah
- For provocative dressing - Wonton Wrappers
- For indecent photography - Cheese Cake
- For trashing the environment - Dumplings
- For laziness - Any Very Long Loaf
- For pride - Puff Pastry
- For impetuosity - Quick Bread
- For auto theft - Caraway
- For excessive use of irony - Rye Bread
- For exotic sins - French Bread
- For complex sins - Multi-grain
- For sins of indecision - Waffles
- For timidity - Milk Toast
- For being sulky - Sourdough
- For telling bad jokes - Corn Bread
- For being holier-than-thou - Bagels
- For snobbery - Upper Crusts
- For gambling - Fortune Cookies
- For davening off tune - Flat Bread
- For silliness - Nut Bread
- For risking one’s life unnecessarily - Hero Bread

King David



This beautiful embroidery, purchased from the North American Council on Ethiopian Jewery, was donated to CHI by Bill and Kathryn Eisenkramer. It can be found hanging in the CHI Hall of History.

For 14 years, the NACOEJ Embroidery Program enabled up to 1,000 heads of Jewish households in Addis Ababa – men and women- to earn money for their families by producing beautiful works of art of which they were justly proud.

Each individual who was part of the embroidery process supported a family with his/her earnings, in a city where unemployment is very high.

This embroidery depicts King David, sitting at his harp composing a psalm, with Queen Bathsheba and courtiers listening. Young King Solomon (at left) looks over his father's shoulder

Mazel Tov



Congratulations to **Dan Wolken**, son of Elaine and Brad Wolken, on his new position writing for USA Today.

He will be a columnist focusing on NCAA football and will be based out of Atlanta.

Bimah Honors

October 5

*Susan Siegel
Ed Berkun*

October 12

*Betty Forshberg
Cynthia Rephan*

October 19

*Mary Klompus
Stuart Klompus*

October 26

*Sophie Fleischner
Stuart Fleischner*

Yiddishkeit

Jewish-American Dictionary

JEW BILATION n. Pride in finding out that one's favorite celebrity is Jewish

CHUTZPAPA n. A father who wakes his wife at 4:00 a.m. so she can change the baby's diaper

RE-SHTETLEMENT n. Moving from New Jersey to Florida and finding all your old neighbors live in the same condo as you.

KINDERSCHLEP n. To transport other kids in your car besides yours

OYVAYSMEAR What one says when the cream cheese squeezes out of the bagel and falls on your clean clothing.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to **Alex Wright**, son of Jeanne Wright, on his engagement to Jenessa Burdick. A May 25th wedding is planned at her home in Florida.

Jewish Gauchos of Argentina

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together on the pier, waiting to board the boat that would bring them to “Amerique”. They hadn’t known each other before, but their friendship would last several lifetimes.

Once they arrived to their destination, near Moises Ville, in the province of Santa Fe, they procured a building for the school. It was a one room school, where all the grades, first through fourth studied together. They had two teachers: one for Spanish and Arithmetic in the mornings and one for Hebrew and Hummash in the afternoon. They walked approximately 6-7 miles each way, keeping their shoes in their satchels, so the yuta and canvas they were made of wouldn’t come apart. They remembered fondly the childish pranks they played on the Hebrew teacher, and how hard they worked in school. Those teachers must have done something right, though, because both my parents, and everyone else that I remember from their circle, were avid readers, and many went on to high school in the city, some even becoming doctors and lawyers.

I don’t know much about what happened after most of the Jewish colonists left in the 1920’s and 30’s. Moises Ville is still a small town, with its rich Jewish life, and a great Jewish School. Most of the Jewish population of Argentina nowadays is concentrated in the big cities, and the Jewish Gauchos are today little more than a memory of a world that is no more.

~ By Clara Lazimy

An added comment by Jerry Tanenbaum

Some of the 50 colonies had several thousand people --- now only a few hundred remain. . . As the author said “they planted wheat and cultivated Doctors.”

When the Baron Maurice de Hirsch’s son , Lucien, died in his 20’s , he said “I have lost my heir but my inheritors will be the Jewish people .He was appalled by the living condition and treatment of the Jews in Eastern Europe and resettled thousands of them to Argentina and some even to the USA. My Paternal Grandmother was born in a Baron de Hirsch colony in Nebraska. We visited a small town -- Villa Clara -- named for his wife.

All very interesting -- many of you have cousins who immigrated to Argentina, that you do not even know.

The Nina, The Pinta... and the Jew

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to the “converted ones” who are better known among Jews as marranos) living in perpetual fear of the Inquisition, hoping that we would find a way out of the precarious situation we were in.”

After sailing for seventy-two days, the sailors spotted land and began to sing and dance. First to disembark was de Torres, whose Hebrew proved to be of no help at all with the locals, who spoke in their Indian tongue and probably, after seeing their first Jew said “There goes the neighborhood.” But even as the discoverers of this New World took possession from Spain and rejoiced with a song of thanksgiving, de Torres took note of the special meaning of this moment for himself and his compatriots in his final diary entry.

“And I, Yosef Ben Ha Levy Haivri – Joseph the son of Levy the Hebrew – sang with my friends a different song, a song of thanksgiving to God for leading to a place where we might publicly acknowledge our Judaism.”

The holiday of Hoshana Rabba, a day on which the world is judged, is observed with the waving of a willow branch to the four corners of the earth. It was on Hoshana Rabba that the crew of Columbus’s ships first sighted land in the distance. When Luis de Torres looked down into the waters, he noticed as he wrote in his diary:

“Slender branches with leaves that were narrow, oval-shaped, tapering to a point, floated in the water and washed up near our ship. I was able to reach a branch, and when I pulled it from the water, I realized that I was holding a willow branch. I was overcome with joy. In this new place, God had provided me with a willow branch so that I might fulfill the mitzvah of Hoshana Rabba.”

Columbus Day is celebrated in October. What many people do not know is that Christopher Columbus was related to Judaism and he was also a “Marrano” (one who accepted Christianity on pain of death, but secretly continued to practice his true religion of Judaism).

Simchat Torah

What is Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah is a celebratory Jewish holiday that marks the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. Simchat Torah literally means “Rejoicing in the Law” in Hebrew.

The Meaning of Simchat Torah

Throughout the year, a set portion of the Torah is read each week. On Simchat Torah that cycle is finished when the last verses of Deuteronomy are read. The first few verses of Genesis are read immediately afterward, thereby starting the cycle again. For this reason, Simchat Torah is a joyous holiday, celebrating having completed the study of God’s word and looking forward to hearing those words again during the coming year.



Celebrating Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah services begin in the evening, at the start of the holiday. The Torah scrolls are removed from the ark and given to members of the congregation to hold, then they march around the synagogue or temple and everyone kisses the Torah scrolls as they pass.

This ceremony is known as *hakafot*, which in Hebrew means “to march around.” There are seven *hakafot* in total, so as soon as the first dance is completed the scrolls are handed to other members of the congregation and the ritual begins anew.

Because Simchat Torah is such a happy day, services are not as formal as at other times. Some congregations will drink

wine or liquor during the service, and it is also popular for children to hand out candy to everyone.

Please join us, as this holiday promises to be a unique and joyful experience.

When Is Simchat Torah?

Outside of Israel it is celebrated on the twenty-third day of Tishrei. Here at CHI, we will celebrate it on Erev Shabbat, October 5.

Sisterhood

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- January 7, 11 AM, Burgauer Hall, **Hostesses:** Barbara Morgan and Saralee Stark, **Program:** Madeline Bull on the Summit School, an alternative school.
- February 4, 11 AM Burgauer Hall, **Hostesses:** Sharon Ball and Jo Carroll Lewald, **Program:** Mary Watermann, on Preparing for the loss of a Spouse.
- March 4, 6 PM - **Evening meeting in Burgauer Hall with Husbands and Guests**
- April 8, (2nd Monday due to Passover) - 11 AM, Burgauer Hall **Luncheon for residents of Levi Towers**
- May 6, 11 AM, Burgauer Hall, Final meeting of the year, Installation of new officers and selection of Woman of the year.

Hope to see you all at a meeting soon.

New CHI Mail Address

Please note the new CHI mailing address:
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Dvar - From Our Rabbi

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cup and by our anger.” How generous we are in our giving of charity; how hospitable we are as hosts in our homes, and how we control our anger. Take time to note these attributes; work on them, improve upon them, and you will find your words and actions will correspond in kind.

These are our challenges, today and all days.

May we continue to celebrate our Jewish seasons and holidays with joy and gladness.

Oneg Thanks



Thank you to the following for sponsoring an Oneg during the month of October.

October 5

*Susan Siegel
Madeline Bull
Diane Goltz*

October 12

*Dennis & Anita Williams
Cynthia Rephan*

October 19

*Jerry Tanenbaum
Stuart & Mary Klompus*

October 26

*Alfred & JoCarroll Lewald
Jerry Rephan*

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.

Oneg Recipes

Cheese Appetizer

By Patti Fleischner

2 c. Colby Jack cheese
1 c. mayonnaise
1 sm can green chilies, chopped
3/4 can chopped black olives
Dash of garlic powder
3 oz. Colby or Cheddar cheese
1 tomato
1 avocado

Stir all together except for tomato and avocado and pour into a shallow pie dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Remove, sprinkle rest of olives and 1 tomato, chopped, on top. Wait for a few minutes and add chopped avocado, toss avocado with lemon, and serve with crackers or taco chips.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

Anniversaries

Barbara & Jonathan Morgan October 11
Kay & Stuart Fleischner October 28

Birthdays

Tivon Cabibi-Wilkin October 2
Karen Reagler October 3
Mathew Cabibi-Wilkin October 6
Betty Forshberg October 8
Jacob Kleinman October 8
Zev Kleinman October 8
Max Schulman October 8
Brad Wolken October 12
Steven Kirsch October 16
Mick Stoyanov October 18
Zak Cabibi-Wilkin October 24
Sandy Rephan October 26
Westley Kleinman October 29

Remembrance: October Yahrzeits

~ Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing ~

Kaddish recited October 5

Albert Roudman

Lena V. Berg

Walter Kass

Father of Warner Kass

Helen Poncher Newman

*Maternal grandmother of
Brad Wolken*

Sol Kupperman

Elliot Gottlieb

Eather Greenberg Barton

*Mother of David, Irv &
Bobby Greenberg*

Carrie Davis

*Mother of Joanne D.
Reagler*

Rabbi Dr. P. Selvin Goldberg

Laura Fleischner

*Mother of Mark & Stuart
Fleischner*

Charles Hirsch

*Husband of Rosemary
Hirsch*

Seymour Kleinman

*Father of Sheldon
Kleinman*

Kaddish recited October 12

Willie B. Young

Mother of Gloria Lax

Irene Rosenzweig

Cousin of Joe Rosenzweig

Esther Festinger

Bernice F. Mendel

Robert Fields

*Great uncle of Mark &
Stuart Fleischner*

Della B. Singer

Morris Zucker

Jacob Geschmay

Benjamin Botnick

Elizabeth Seligman

Minnie Cohn

Kaddish recited October 19

Abe B. Kallsnick

Rosalind Goltz Hudson

Mother of Madeline Bull

Oscar Greenberg

*Father of David, Irv &
Bobby Greenberg*

Morris Seligman

Alice Wolken

*Paternal grandmother of
Brad Wolken*

Rebeka Leah Goldenberg

Mother of Sonia Burris

Bert Papanek

Husband of Clara Papanek

Robert Fields

Wilton Masters

Joe Daniel

Bernard Levi

Husband of Louise Levi

Hubert Eisenkramer

Father of Bill Eisenkramer

Irving Papanek

Brother of Bert Papanek

Jack Tanner

Husband of Phyllis Tanner

Kaddish recited October 26

Ray Reagler

*Mother of David
Reagler, Sr.*

Zedonia Guggenheim

*If you have an addition or correction relative to the Yahrzeit or Memorial lists, please notify us
by sending an email to info@hschi.org.*

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.*

Kathy Klein
Sharona Grenman
Drew Lewald
Ellen Rephan

October 2012

15 Tishri 5773 - 15 Heshvan 5773

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:04AM/6:52PM §7:37PM/ 7:37PM Sukkot I 5:30 pm: Temple Board Meeting 11:30 am: Sisterhood Meeting 15 Tishri Berachos 61	2 7:05AM/6:51PM §7:36PM Sukkot II 16 Tishri Berachos 62	3 7:06AM/6:50PM Hol Hamoed Sukkot I	4 7:06AM/6:48PM Hol Hamoed Sukkot II	5 7:07AM/6:47PM 6:29PM Hol Hamoed Sukkot III 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm: Erev Shabbat & Simchat Torah service	6 7:08AM/6:45PM §7:30PM Hol Hamoed Sukkot IV 20 Tishri Shabbos 3
7 7:09AM/6:44PM §7:29PM/ 6:26PM Hoshanah Rabbah 5:00 pm: Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor) Service 21 Tishri Shabbos 4	8 7:09AM/6:43PM §7:28PM/ 7:28PM Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor)	9 7:10AM/6:41PM §7:26PM Simchat Torah	10 7:11AM/6:40PM	11 7:12AM/6:39PM	12 7:13AM/6:37PM 6:19PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm: Erev Shabbat Service	13 7:13AM/6:36PM §7:21PM 27 Tishri Shabbos 10
14 7:14AM/6:35PM	15 7:15AM/6:34PM	16 7:16AM/6:32PM Rosh Hodesh I	17 7:17AM/6:31PM Rosh Hodesh II	18 7:18AM/6:30PM	19 7:18AM/6:29PM 6:11PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm: Erev Shabbat Service	20 7:19AM/6:28PM §7:13PM 4 Heshvan Shabbos 17
21 7:20AM/6:26PM	22 7:21AM/6:25PM	23 7:22AM/6:24PM	24 7:23AM/6:23PM	25 7:24AM/6:22PM	26 7:25AM/6:21PM 6:03PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm: Erev Shabbat Service	27 7:25AM/6:20PM §7:05PM 5:00 pm: Havdalah Service & Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Fleischer.
28 7:26AM/6:19PM	29 7:27AM/6:18PM	30 7:28AM/6:17PM	31 7:29AM/6:16PM			
12 Heshvan Shabbos 25	13 Heshvan Shabbos 26	14 Heshvan Shabbos 27	15 Heshvan Shabbos 28			

[||Candle Lighting, §Observance End, Printed September 18, 2012/2 Tishri 5773 for Little Rock, AR]

Schedule of Services

Unless otherwise specified, all Erev Shabbat services are at 6 pm, led by Rabbi Chapin and preceded by an Oneg Shabbat at 5:15 pm. All Saturday morning Torah Studies are at 9:30 am.

Oct 5: Erev Shabbat & Simchat Torah Service

Oct 7: Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor) Service

Oct 12: Erev Shabbat (*Lay led service by Shelly Kleinman*)

Oct 19: Erev Shabbat (*Lay led service by Shelly Kleinman*)

Oct 26: Erev Shabbat Service

Oct 27: Havdalah Service and Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Fleishner

Nov 2: Erev Shabbat Service

Nov 3: Torah Study

Upcoming Events

October

Sisterhood Meeting - Monday, Oct 1, 11:30 am;
(Carpool leaving CHI at 10:30 am)

Board Meeting - Monday, Oct 1, 5:30 pm

Simchat Torah Service - Friday, Oct 5, 6 pm

Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor) - Sunday, Oct 7, 5:pm

Sophie Fleischner Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, Oct 27,
5 pm

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