



The Shofar

October, 2016

Congregation House of Israel

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...In the seventh month, on the first of the month, there shall be a sabbath for you, a remembrance with shofar blasts, a holy convocation. -Leviticus 16:24

L'Shanah Tovah

The complete schedule of High Holiday Services is on page 5 and also on our website at www.hschi.org.

Thank You

We would like to thank the following donors (as of September 20, 2016)

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In memory of E. Alberta Nugent

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In Honor of CHI Tikkun Olam Award winners for 2016, Dennis and Anita Williams

In Honor of Jerry Tanenbaum on the occasion of being elected Honorary Board Member of Jewish Federation of Arkansas

In Honor of Jerry Rephan running for State Representative of District 25 in Hot Springs.

Memorial Book



A sincere Thank You to all those who honored the memories of friends and relatives by choosing to be included in the Congregation House of Israel 5777 Memorial Book.

Our Memorial Book is about more than the money we raise. It is about the greatest honor we can give our loved ones - remembrance. It is a tribute to those who came before us and led us by example.

Shelly and I are once again so proud of this year's Memorial Book. Thanks to you, we had more names included and raised more funds for CHI than ever before.

We wish all of our CHI Family a year of peace, happiness and contentment.

L'Shannah Tovah

Carol Kleinman

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Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



Dear Beloved Congregants

The Jewish New Year, 5777, is upon us. We greet it with prayers of repentance and hopes for a year of goodness and fulfillment for our loved ones and ourselves.

As we pray to God to be included once again in the Book of Life, I would like to speak about the future of Congregation House of Israel. Recently, Stuart Fleischner, our temple president, and I met with Karen Reagler and Sherrill Nicolosi to discuss a commitment to the Life and Legacy Program in support of our synagogue. Essentially, this is a program that will endow our temple with funds that will insure our future. In addition, a gift given this or next year will bring an additional sum of \$10,000 to our temple treasury.

Jeanne and I have made a financial commitment to this program. We believe that our congregation still has a vibrant future, and we want to do everything that will help sustain CHI's presence in the greater Hot Springs community. We want to encourage you to share your love of our congregation in a tangible way. You do not have to make a specific financial pledge at this time. Please call Karen or Sherrill to express your desire to participate in the Life and Legacy Program. The practice and support of Judaism must continue in Hot Springs.

L'Shannah Tovah Umetukah. May this be a sweet and good year for all our friends in our community. Together may we continue to go from strength to strength and blessing to blessing.

Rabbi Chapin

From the President



Dear Congregants:

Judaism greets its New Year (Rosh HaShanah) with serious introspection, self-evaluation, and prayer. It is a personal and collective review of our soul.

Through this reflection, our future can be shaped by the successes or failures of the past.

Yom Kippur is the full day of solemn prayer culminating the ten days of repentance (Days of Awe) that begins with Rosh HaShanah. The Yom Kippur ritual begins at sunset with the Kol Nidre (all vows) service. Jewish tradition dictates that forgiveness can be sought from G-D only for transgressions of laws between a person and G-D. For transgressions between people, forgiveness must first be sought and obtained from the one who was offended, and then from G-D.

Each year during this High Holy Day season, we are faced with the awesome task of the difficult and painful process of genuine self-evaluation, humble repentance and personal growth.

Kay and I wish each of you and your families *L'shanah tovah* (for a good year). May your year be blessed with inner peace and the desire to help all those around us.



Life and Legacy Plan

For the past six months, CHI and JFAR (Jewish Federation of Arkansas) have been engaged in a partnership program with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to secure after-life legacy gifts for CHI. This program, called Life and Legacy (L&L), is intended to raise the level of legacy giving in our Jewish Community.

We have had several congregants sign what L&L calls a "Letter of Intent", in which the individual or couple declares his/her/their intent to provide a future gift to CHI through a bequest in a Will or Trust, or through a beneficiary designation (on an IRA, Annuity, life insurance policy), or other form of gifting made after one's death.

The program asks that you commit to a post-death gift. No funds are currently requested. The goal of L&L is to "secure Jewish tomorrows".

JFAR's "L&L" program offers a monetary incentive: JFAR will give CHI a \$5,000 gift if our L&L program receives 18 Letters of Intent by March, 2017. An additional \$5,000 gift to CHI will be given by JFAR if L&L secures another 18 Letters of Intent between April, 2017 and March, 2018.

Our present L&L team members are Sherrill Nicolosi, Karen Reagler, Stuart Fleischner, and Susan Seigel. Please contact one of us if you wish to participate in this after-life legacy plan, or to learn more about how each of us can impact the future of our synagogue, and the future generations of congregants.



ARZA - World Union

The Western Wall Agreement: What Is At Stake?



Because of the importance the Western Wall holds for the Jewish people, The Western Wall has become a symbol of Judaism and perhaps even Jewish autonomy. Yet, due to the current political makeup of Israel's Knesset, and the stranglehold of the Chief Rabbinate over religious practice, the struggle for the egalitarian section has become a symbol for religious freedom in Israel.

If we want Israel to be welcoming to all Jews and to be strengthened as a Jewish and democratic state, there must be freedom of religion.

At the moment, the Western Wall functions as an ultra-Orthodox synagogue, where women and men are separate, and not all Jews are free to worship as they choose. That is why, in January, the Reform and Conservative movements celebrated the historic change of officially adding an egalitarian section to the Western Wall.

Prime Minister Netanyahu has taken a step back from his promise to implement this historic agreement. He has asked for a 60-day period (roughly until the end of May), during which he has assigned David Shiran, his Bureau Chief, to

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High Holiday Service Schedule

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday	October 2	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service Oneg to follow
Monday	October 3	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service Tashlich Service and President's reception at home of Stuart and Kay Fleischner

Yom Kippur Services

Friday	Oct 11	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre
Saturday	Oct 12	10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service Yom Kippur Afternoon Service Yizkor Service Neilah Service Havdalah & Break-the-Fast

Sukkot

Friday	Oct 14	6:00 p.m.	Oneg Shabbat and service in the sukkah
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Simchat Torah

Friday	Oct 21	6:00 p.m.	Simchat Torah celebration
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Jews Praying In the Synagogue on Yom Kippur

Artist: Maurycy Gottlieb

Year: 1878

Type: Oil on canvas

Location: Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Anniversaries

Donovan and Sharon Ball	Oct 5
Stuart and Kay Fleischner	Oct 28

October Birthdays

Karen Reagler	Oct 3
John Blumbeks	Oct 4
Betty Forshberg	Oct 8
Jacob Kleinman	Oct 8
Zev Kleinman	Oct 8
Lenny Gartenberg	Oct 9
Brad Wolken	Oct 12
Terri Gartenberg	Oct 13
Donovan Ball	Oct 15
Steven Kirsch	Oct 16
Mick Stoyanov	Oct 18
Westley Kleinman	Oct 29



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

Oct 7	Steven and Clarissa Kirsch Jerry and Jodi Chalmers
Oct 14	Jerry and Fran Rephan David and Karen Reagler
Oct 21	Lynda Kass Mark and Patti Fleischner
Oct 28	Ira and Stephanie Kleinman Mick Stoyanov and Millie Baron

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

Condolences

In loving memory of **Roxanne Smalley Capotosto**, sister of Kim Baron who passed away on June 28..

In loving memory of **Alton R. Colombe**, step-father of Donovan Ball, who passed away on August 16.

We send our heartfelt condolences to their family members.

The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- John and Leslie Jamieson
- Stuart Klompus
- Louis Kleinman
- 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.

October Jahrzeits

Kaddish Recited October 7th

Carrie Karnofsky Davis

*Mother of Joanne Reagler
Grandmother of David Reagler
Grandmother of Rachel Schulman*

Laura Fleischner

Mother of Mark and Stuart Fleischner

Seymour Kleinman

Father of Shelly Kleinman

Kaddish Recited October 14th

Robert Fields

Great Uncle of Mark and Stuart Fleischner

Rosalind Goltz Hudson

*Mother of Madline Bull
Sister of Diane Goltz and Susan Siegel
Grandmother of Cooper Jack Bull*

Scott Douglas Bull

Uncle of Cooper Bull

Alice Wolken

Grandmother of Brad Wolken

Nellie Kaufman

Mother of Barbara Bushee

Kaddish Recited October 21st

Dale Tollefson

Father of Sharon Waxler

Bernard Levi

Father of Larry Levi

Rachel Zucker Reagler

*Grandmother of David D. Reagler
Grandmother of Rachel Schulman*

Western Wall

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research and evaluate potential “comprises.”

We are greatly disappointed by this latest setback in what has been a long and hard fought battle. Starting in 1988, when 100 women gathered together to pray and sing, forming the group Women of the Wall, the cause of creating “one wall for one people” has been gaining ground. Each Rosh Hodesh, the first day of the new Jewish month, these women with their allies from Israel and abroad, prayed at the Wall, sometimes enduring abuse, violence and even arrest.

The plan approved by the Cabinet attempts to balance the rights of all of the parties- to respect, equality, freedom of religion and freedom of expression- while preserving the special historic, national and religious status of the Western Wall for all of the Jewish people.

This new section of the Western Wall will become a beacon of enduring religious freedom and progressive Judaism. The agreement makes the statement that there is room and place for all of our people. This new egalitarian, pluralistic prayer space gives us hope that if we can live our Jewish spiritual diversity in that holiest of places we can and will, one day soon, make the entire State of Israel a place of religious freedom, tolerance and respect.

In Israel, the Ultra-Orthodox parties control the majority of religious institutions. This includes the Rabbinate who governs laws on marriage, divorce, kosher laws, conversion, and *mikvaot* (ritual baths).

The struggle for an egalitarian section is about more than liberal aspirations. Instead, religious freedom and democracy are at stake. With a 15-5 vote to approve the agreement, and 86%* of Israeli Jews supporting religious freedom, the egalitarian section has become a symbol of the monopoly of the Haredi parties, and our need to free us from it.

We greatly appreciate PM Netanyahu and his government’s support for this deal and we want to encourage him in the strongest possible sense to keep his word and implement this decision.

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