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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

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences to :

Jo Carroll Lewald on the loss of her mother, Mary Dorothy Braley

Gary Lax on the loss of his uncle, Erwin Lax

Barbara Morgan on the loss of her husband, Jonathan Morgan

May their memories be for blessing

L'Shanah Tovah

The complete schedule of High Holiday Services is on page 3 and also on our website at www.hschi.org.

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A special thank you to Patti and Mark Fleischer, Elaine and Brad Wolken and Kim and Yossi Baron for being with us for Steven and Sarah's wedding

Diana Surfes

Wishing my husband, Les, a happy birthday and a year of good health and good times

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High Holiday Service Schedule

Selichot

Saturday	August 31	7:15 p.m.	Dessert Reception
		8:00 p.m.	Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday	September 4	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service Oneg to follow
Thursday	September 5	10:00 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
		3:00 p.m.	Reception at home of Millie Baron and Mick Stoyanov
		4:00 p.m.	Tashlich Service

Yom Kippur

Friday	September 13	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre
Saturday	September 14	10:00 a.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service
		3:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
		4:30 p.m.	Yizkor Service
		5:30 p.m.	Neilah Service
		6:00 p.m.	Havdalah & Break-the-Fast

Sukkot

Friday	September 20	5:00 p.m.	“Pizza-in-the-Hut” Oneg Shabbat
		6:00 p.m.	Sukkot/Erev Shabbat Service

Simchat Torah

Friday	September 27	5:15 p.m.	Oneg Shabbat
		6:00 p.m.	Simchat Torah/Erev Shabbat Service



Sisterhood

By Carol Kleinman



Summer is just about over. On Monday August 12th we celebrated the end of the season and a new Sisterhood year with a lovely luncheon prepared by Ruth Sedler and Joanne Reagler.

We mourned the passing of our "Honorary Sisterhood Member" Jonathan Morgan, husband of Barbara. Jonathan was at all of our meetings, always smiling and always with something nice to say. He will be missed by all of us.

This year's officers were introduced and thanked for taking on these responsibilities. Ruth will serve not only as our immediate past president, but as our treasurer as well. We are so fortunate that she will once again be taking on responsibilities. Thank you to Ruth for organizing and coordinating this year's Back Back Project. Once again rose to the needs of our community and contributed.

Next month our Sisterhood meeting will be our annual luncheon outing. We will be going to the Atrium for lunch as well as a tour of the beautiful facilities. Should be fun and very interesting. More information will be sent out via email.

We passed out Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets for the High Holidays (copies of which will be emailed to all Sisterhood members). Our High Holidays are very early this year and we look forward to a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

I sincerely hope that EVERYONE will be active in Sisterhood. What a wonderful way to get to know your Temple and your fellow congregation members.

L'Shana Tova

Davar

"A Matter for Discussion"



Rabbi Richard Chapin

With much *SIMCHA* (Joy) do I greet all of you on the threshold of our Jewish New Year 5774. It is, to be sure, an early Holy Day season. That is an understatement. Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday evening, September 4. The last time it began this early was on September 4, 1899. Merely 114 years ago. As many of

you know, the Jewish calendar is a very complex instrument, based both on solar and lunar calculations. It follows a 19-year-cycle that includes 7 leap "months" during those 19-years. If you're guessing that we need an extra leap month this year in order that next year's New Year will not occur in August, you would be correct. Indeed, a second month of Adar insures that Rosh Hashanah in 2014 begins on Wednesday, September 24.

We should enjoy this constant change in New Year commemorations. Early, late, in the middle -- it doesn't matter. Whenever the 1st of Tishri comes, Jews must go to synagogue. The change in the calendar dates reminds all of us at this time and this season of the constant flux in Jewish life. We surely have been an adaptable people -- our survival throughout the ages is a testament to what I would call an "enduring flexibility." Wherever we have found ourselves, wherever we have chosen to live, we have been able to succeed and often prosper because we, like our eternal calendar, know that change is part of life. That without change, life becomes static and even sterile.

So let's celebrate once again the undeniable persistence of our Jewish people -- past, present and future -- together in the confines of Congregation House of Israel. And may our persistence continue to bring *SIMCHA* and *ONEG* to all of us for another year.

With best wishes for a sweet and happy 5774.

Cooking at CHI

Thank you to Jerry Tanenbaum for sharing this delicious recipe for Creamed Herring. It has always been a favorite at CHI.

Creamed Herring

1 jar of pickled Herring (approximately. 13 oz)

1/2 pint of sour cream

1/2 cup Hellmann's mayonnaise

1 lemon sliced very thin -- then chopped

1+ teaspoon of celery seed

1/2 teaspoon of dill weed

Add in a little white pepper to taste

1 bunch of green onions - use tops only and cut into very small pieces

1 tablespoon of sugar or Splenda

Mix together very thoroughly by hand

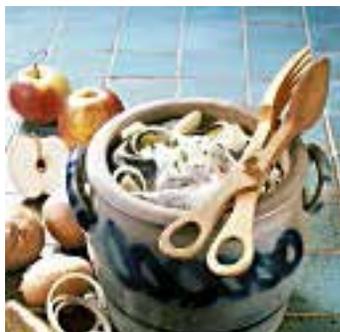
This should not need any salt but add if you desire.

Now - cut the white part of the onions (after peeling) into very small pieces and spread across the top

Sprinkle top with a little paprika

Cover and let marinate together overnight -- keep refrigerated.--Will last several days if kept cold

Serve with crackers of your choice



Backpack Project

Thank you to our Sisterhood members who once again stepped "up to the plate" with their contributions to the Hot Springs Back Pack Project.

Because of your generosity, we were able to send this organization our check for \$650. At a cost of approximately \$10 per backpack, this represented 65 backpacks for the students of Hot Springs.

Each backpack is filled with school supplies at a cost of approximately \$10.00 each. Thus we were able to contribute 65 backpacks. Those who contributed are:

Patti Fleischner
Sue Koppel
Betty Kleinman
Saralee Stark
Ruth Sedler
Joanne Reagler
Carol Kleinman
Kay Fleischner
Mary Klompus
Carol Crow-Nanez
Cynthia Rephan
Jean Gershner
Annette Baim
Phyllis Hearn
Diane Goltz
Kim Burge Baron
Sharon Waxler
Louise Levi
Millie Baron
Jeanne Chapin
Karen Reagler
Phyllis Tanner Redmond
Diana Surfes
Sherrill Nicolosi
Kathy Klein
Jo Carroll Lewald

Summer Camp is a Jewish Tradition

by Dr. Stuart Rockoff

My wife and I got up early, packed our car with trunks, suitcases, plastic drawers, and sleeping bags, and drove our two daughters to the Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Utica, Mississippi. Actually, at first we stopped outside the gates to wait in line with a hundred or so other cars. The “gate opening” tradition is a long one at Jacobs. People get there up to three hours early and wait in 95 degree heat. The kids walk up and down the rural road reconnecting with old friends from summers past. Many of the parents who are Jacobs alumni do the same.

Finally, at 11 am, the gates are opened, we receive our cabin assignments, and we help move our kids into their bunks and cubbies. As soon as we help them unpack, we are encouraged to hit the road, so the “magic” of camp can start.

I suspect this experience is quite common for parents who send their kids to summer camp. But there is something about Jacobs Camp that makes it rather unique. For many of the kids “walking the line” on this hot summer morning, the friends they reunite with make up most if not all of their Jewish social life. My two daughters are the only Jewish kids in their classes at school, and most all of their friends at home are non-Jewish. In places like Jackson, Mississippi, where we live, and other places like Hot Springs, Arkansas, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama, where many Jacobs campers come from, this is not uncommon. Each summer, my daughters look forward to experiencing the immersive Jewish social environment of the camp. For the past 43 years, Jacobs Camp has helped make sure that Jewish kids in the Deep South become Jewish adults, not something we can take for granted down here.

This function is no accident. In fact, it was the central reason the camp was created in the 1960s. Jewish parents from Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and

western Tennessee decided that such a camp would help provide a desperately needed Jewish peer group for their kids, many of whom lived in small, isolated communities. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to which most congregations in the region belonged, did not support the plan, fearing that the region’s Jewish population was too small to support a camp. But the small Jewish population was precisely the point for the camp! Once the congregations in the region raised the money and broke ground, the Union agreed to take ownership of Jacobs as part of its national network of camps.

No other camp has to attract anywhere near the same percentage of Jewish kids residing in its region to fill its beds (nearly 30%!). The Henry S. Jacobs Camp, named for the former executive director of Temple Sinai in New Orleans who died while the

camp was being developed, was truly a grass-roots effort of the region’s Jewish families. Because of this, there is a pride of ownership and a strong sense of connection to it.

Our forebears built the camp with the dream of providing a Jewish environment for the next generations of Jews in the Deep South. My children

are now part of that generation. While much has changed in the Jewish South over the past 43 years, the challenge of raising Jewish children in an overwhelmingly Christian environment with little in the way of a Jewish peer group remains. And so each summer we continue the ritual of labeling shirts and shorts, pulling trunks out of the attic, packing the car, and walking up and down the line, eagerly waiting for the gates to open.

Dr. Stuart Rockoff is the historian for the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute for Southern Jewish Life.

Thank you to Jerry Tanenbaum for obtaining the permission of the author and for sharing this article with us.



Cemetery Information

For those members of the community who are new to CHI, we are listing the following information regarding our cemeteries.

We have two Jewish cemeteries in Hot Springs -- Jewish Rest, which is on Summer St. and Albert Pike, and Beth Jacob, on Highway 5. Beth Jacob was originally an Orthodox cemetery when we had an Orthodox Shul but has been turned over to the Temple for our use.

Members in good standing of Congregation House of Israel may be buried at either cemetery, as per your choice. Non members can be buried only at Beth Jacob Cemetery.

We still have a number of spaces at Jewish Rest as well as Beth Jacob..

The cost of a plot changes periodically. For more information, contact Sue Koppel at 501-624-3986 or email suebob@cablelynx.com. The price of the plot includes maintenance of the grounds as well as perpetual care.

Short Story Discussion Group

On Thursday, September 19th, we will be starting up our monthly short story discussion group led by Rabbi Chapin. These discussions are open to any congregant who wishes to attend.

The meeting starts at 12:30 in Burgauer Hall. If you would like to bring your lunch, please do.

This month we will be discussing the story, "Epstein" which can be found in Philip Roth's Good-bye Columbus.

Memorial Plaques

If you are interested in a wonderful opportunity to honor a loved one who is deceased, you may purchase a memorial plaque to be installed in the memorial niche in the Temple sanctuary. The cost of each plaque is \$250 and it takes approximately a month for completion once the order is placed.

For more information or to order a plaque, contact Sue Koppel at 501/624-3986 or email at suebob@cablelynx.com/

Jackson House

A special thank you to all who participated at Jackson House on July 25th. This truly is a mitzvah.

The next scheduled day is Thursday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Please call Saralee Stark at 501-760-2117 to volunteer.



Membership Report

By Joanne Reagler

CHI Membership committee made up of Joanne Reagler (501-623-8502) and Carol Kleinman (1-501-922-3194) would appreciate everyone's help in sharing with us the names of unaffiliated Jews who might be interested in learning what Congregation House of Israel has to offer its members. CHI is affiliated with Union of Reform Judaism and has a very active, influential Sisterhood organization.

As the High Holy Days begin, we want to welcome newcomers to CHI with friendship. It takes the entire congregation to do this.

On June 28th, we all gathered to wish our friend and long-time fellow-congregant, **Ed Berkun**, a fond farewell as he heads on to his new home in Florida. Ed will be missed by all of us who called him 'friend'.

His new address and contact information is:

2349 Oakley Green Drive
Sun City FL 33573

Phone: 813/419-4633
Cell: 501/762-1738

E-Mail: eberkun@tampabay.rr.com
ed.berk61@yahoo.com
ed.berk61@gmail.com



Sophie Laura Fleischner recently attended the **Talent On Parade** national dance competition in Tulsa, Ok. where she received 2 elite top first for her solos and first runner up for Ms. Photogenic. Sophie takes dance lessons under the instruction of Edmond Cooper with Techniques Dance Studio in Hot Springs. She is in the 8th grade at Lakeside Jr. high and is the daughter of Kay and Stuart Fleischner.

(photo by Viva Rose Photography Hot Springs)

On July 12 we bid a fond farewell to another CHI Family member – **Mary Watermann**. Mary and her dogs have left us to move to Delaware. As her way of saying good-bye, we were entertained by Mary and the very talented singing group Canata. What a treat that was!

Mary's new address is:

180 Piano Drive
Newark Delaware 19713-3978
Phone: 501/276-8401
Email: bluostatmary@gmail.com



Mazel Tov to **Diana and Les Surfas** on the marriage of their son Steven to Sarah Kyle on June 1, 2013



Mazel Tov to **David and Cheryl Cohen** on the birth of their grand-daughter Lily Ann Sommer



My Trip of a Lifetime

By Sarah Schulman

Editors note: Sarah and her family are members of CHI, and she is the grand-daughter of David and Joanne Reagler

On June 23rd, I left JFK airport in New York City for the trip of a lifetime. Thirty five great friends and I departed on the NFTY-Southern L'Dor V'Dor trip, which consisted of a week in Europe and 4 weeks in Israel. Our first week in Europe was life changing. We had the opportunity to learn and experience the story of the Jewish survival of the Holocaust. We visited ghettos in Prague and concentration camps in Poland. Although this could seem depressing it was incredible and was a fantastic learning experience.

After our week in Europe, we headed to Israel. We landed in Tel Aviv at 5 in the morning. After a long nap at the Kibbutz, we toured Tel Aviv. The next week was one of the hardest weeks of my life. We hiked the Negev Desert for four nights, climbing the tallest mountains in the desert on the hottest days of the summer. We toured Jerusalem, Acco, Tiberius, and Eilat. We visited religious sites special to Jews, Muslims and Christians. We had lunch at a Druzes' house. I saw so many things and I can only describe the highlights here.

I loved my trip and felt that I accomplished so much in the 5 weeks that we were gone. Best of all, I was so happy I got to experience it with all my best friends from NFTY Southern and Jacobs Camp.



Religious School

Summer's Over

Hard to believe that Summer is just about over (according to the calendar not the temperature) and Religious School is starting this Sunday (August 18).

Welcome back to all of our hard-working teachers and students.

If you know of anyone who is Jewish and has a child interested in learning and joining our classes, please contact Dennis Williams at jwmensch@gmail.com.

Our teachers are looking forward to another fun-filled year filled with lots of learning, activities and fun!

Save the Date

Etai Grenman Bar Mitzvah

The Bar Mitzvah of **Etai Grenman** will be held at CHI on Saturday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the CHI Sanctuary, followed immediately by a reception in Burgauer Hall.

All are invited.



Save the Week

The Rosenzweig Foundation will be sponsoring the visit of Dr. Joel M. Hoffman to Hot Springs November 8th, 9th and 10th. Dr. Hoffman is a well known and respected author who speaks throughout the country on many subjects. He will be discussing his most recent book "Study and Majesty of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Watch your emails for further information.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Anniversaries

David & Karen Reagler	Sept. 13
Fred & Harriette Korngut	Sept. 19

September Birthdays

Elaine Gartenberg	Sept. 1
Madeline Bull	Sept. 2
Susan Siegel	Sept. 4
Alfred Lewald	Sept. 7
Leah Fleischner	Sept. 8
Ellen Rephan	Sept. 10
Lynda Kass	Sept. 12
Eugene Kirsch	Sept. 16
Cooper Bull	Sept. 18
Anne Marcus	Sept. 20
Jerry Rephan	Sept. 27
Mary Watermann	Sept. 27
Jean Gershner	Sept. 29

Oneg Thanks



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

Sep 6	Barbara Bushee Alfred & Jo Carroll Lewald
Sep 13	EREV YOM KIPPUR
Sep 20	Louis & Betty Kleinman David & Joanne Reagler
Sep 27	Barbara Morgan Dennis & Anita Williams

What better way to celebrate Shabbat or special events than with the CHI Community.

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*
- *Annette Baim*

Remembrance: September Yahrzeits

~ Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing ~

Kaddish Recited on September 6

Edward I. Rephan

Grandfather of Jerry Rephan

Meir Goldenberg

Dr. James M. Wolf

Emma Geschmay

Cylvia Margulies

Basil Iveson

Seymore Greenfield

Rosalind Zoblotsky

Hattie K. Travis

Bertha Zucker

Joe S. Kallsnick

Anne Leiber Turberg

Florence Anreder

Seymore Greenfield

Kaddish Recited on September 13

Eugene Watermann

Husband of Mary Watermann

Sadye Fleischner

Grandmother of Stuart Fleischner

Grandmother of Mark Fleischner

Sybil Fleischner

Aunt of Stuart Fleischner

Aunt of Mark Fleischner

Margaret Gladstein

Aunt of Louis Kleinman

Hannah Garland

Mother of Saralee Stark

Leo Gartenberg

Father of Robert Gartenberg

Julius Berkun

Father of Ed Berkun

Robert Fields

Great Uncle of Stuart Fleischner

Great Uncle of Mark Fleischner

Kaddish Recited on September 20

Dr. Joe Rosenzweig

Evelyn Zimmerman

Annette Wiener Rhine

Carrye R. Burgauer

Libbie R. Lax

Kaddish Recited on September 27

Moses Levant

Herman Fellheimer

Samuel Davis

Dr. Maurice Lautman

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

Todah Rabbah

To **Tillie and Louis Reagler** for their presentation on Jacobs Camp

To **Mary Klompus and Brad Wolken** for fixing the AC thermostats

To **Mimi Reagler** for always picking up and putting away the siddurim

To **Madeline and Cooper Bull, Crarol Crow-Nanez, Dennis and Anita Williams, Jodi Chalmers, Sharon Ball, Saralee Stark and Carol Kleinman** for helping at Jackson House on July 25



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