



The Shofar

September, 2014

Congregation House of Israel

6 Elul, 5774 - 6 Tishri, 5775

Upcoming Events

Fri	Sep 5	Erev Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Shelly
Fri	Sep 12	Erev Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Shelly
Mon	Sep 8	Sisterhood and Board Meetings
Fri	Sep 19	Erev Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Richard
Sat	Sep 20	Selichot Service led by Rabbi Richard
Wed	Sep 24	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service led by Rabbi Richard
Thu	Sep 25	Rosh Hashanah services led by Rabbi Richard
Fri	Sep 26	Erev Shabbat service led by Rabbi Richard

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Schedule Information

For your information, Rabbi Richard will be in attendance on the following dates:

- Sep 22 through Oct 12
- Nov 6 through Nov 16
- Dec 11 through Dec 21



...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.

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Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



It's been a hot summer, and I'm not speaking just about the weather. War and violence, anti-Semitism, Hamas vs. Israel, and racial conflict have once again invaded the boundaries of security we have falsely created for ourselves. OILEM GOILEM, our grandfathers used to

say. The world doesn't make any sense.

Recently, a professor of modern Jewish history and Holocaust studies at Emory University, Deborah Lipstadt, wrote an editorial in the NYT entitled “Why Jews are Worried.” She notes the increasing display of anti-Semitism in London, Frankfurt and Paris, and submits that these incidents are not simply linked to the present clash in Gaza. Jews have been warned in countries as civilized as Denmark not to wear yarmulkes on the streets lest they be persecuted for their sin of practicing Judaism. Four Jews were murdered in a Jewish Museum in Brussels in May and two years ago four people were killed at a Jewish day school in Toulouse, France.

Lipstadt submits that a “distinct strain of Muslim anti-Semitism has emerged in the past century.” If one examines the Hamas charter, for example, there are references to the infamous “Protocols of the Elders of Zion,” a vicious anti-Semitic fiction used by the Nazis as a pretext for persecuting and eventually killing our people. Of late, a Hamas spokesman has trotted out the medieval fable that Jews use the blood of non-Jewish children for their matzos.

Will it ever change? Will our people ever stop being the scapegoats for the world's problems? Hiring armed guards to protect our people going to shul in Europe and even some synagogues in the U.S. reveals our insecurity. It's time we woke up to the danger that surrounds us.

And yet, another New Year beckons. YON-

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Sisterhood



Hard to believe that summer is over and it's time to start planning all of our activities for the High Holidays. Hope you will all join us for our first meeting on September 8th. We will present the schedule you received in the mail from the Board meeting and hope you will participate and

share any thoughts you might have.

The Reagler bunch shared with the congregation their Camp experiences for this year. It was easy to see what a wonderful time they all had. Thank you to Louis, Tillie, Hannah and Mimi for a delightful program. And, thank you to David Reagler for acting as moderator

Cookbook sales have been spectacular. Mary Klompus sold the books at the Farmer's Market in Hot Springs. If you would like to participate, we have the option of selling books any Saturday we want. Please let Mary know. Thank you to Barbara Bushee for joining me in selling books at the HSV Green Market. Our cookbooks are also available at Ambrosia, Culinary District, Lauray's and Village Nutrition.

Welcome back to all of our members. We look forward to your participation and suggestions for YOUR Sisterhood for the coming year – 5775.

Carol



From the President



Summer is coming to an end and everyone is busy with school starting and getting ready for the holidays. I hope everyone had a great summer.

On July 12th, Millie and I went to a meeting of temple presidents from our region that was held at Camp Jacobs. I enjoyed being back at camp again as I had not been there in over 20 years, since my kids were campers there. The camp has changed a lot, but still looks and feels the same. I met the new camp director Anna Herman. I am sure she will be coming to visit us soon. I also ran into a dear friend of CHI, Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman. He sends his love and wants to visit us. He said Hot Springs was one of his favorite congregations, and he has never found another congregation that works as hard as we do and with as much love and commitment as we have. We all say it, but it's so true: there is no place like Hot Springs!

Now back to the president's meeting. They divided us into groups according to size of congregations. We are by far not the smallest. The presidents in our group were facing problems much bigger than ours. They are losing members, and their members are aging, and they are concerned about what will happen to their cemeteries when they close their doors. Some have large endowments, but this is a problem that money can't fix. There will be no one left. I will have to say the most important thing I learned in this meeting is that members are more important than money. Of course we need money to operate, to maintain our building, and to pay our Rabbi. And I am so grateful to all of our members who have so generously stepped up to the plate to continue to sustain our temple. For example, we had 85 percent of our members contribute to the Building Fund to replace the sanctuary roof this summer.

Another valuable thing the meeting accomplished was providing an opportunity of meeting other presidents to create important connections and networking possibilities. We can all help each other. They gave us the tools to connect with people

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ARZA - World Union

I think that his is an interesting perspective on the current thinking and practices in Israel (Progressive / Reform) vs Orthodox It was written by Rabbi Uri Regev (a past President of the WUPJ) and a close personal friend of mine for many years. I have added within the notes a few changes and thoughts of my own

Rabbi Regev is currently the President of Hiddish—an organization in Israel that is leading the fight for tolerance and acceptance of Jews from different streams, as well as Israeli Muslims and Christians (plus other religious minorities) ~ Jerry Tanenbaum

Uri Regev speaks about this week's Torah portion Re'eh. Much of it deals with issues that are critically relevant for the Jewish and democratic State of Israel in 2014, even as Israel fights on the Gaza border for its own security.

Rabbi Regev discusses the parasha's text in light of a debate he had on the Knesset TV Channel with the head of Lehava, an organization which sparked a national controversy over their violent protests regarding a wedding celebration of a Jewish woman and a Muslim man. Lehava's demonstrative actions are anchored in their view that Israel as a Jewish state should prevent marriages of Jews and non-Jews.

Here are a few selected paragraphs from a D'var Torah that Rabbi Regev wrote about the Torah portion and this week's events. It was originally posted by Rabbis for Human Rights and it can be read on Hiddish's website as well.

The world has changed since biblical times. The threat of assimilation is significant and existential, and many try to deal with it. It does not derive from the existence of religions that are different than Judaism, but from a reality of a secular and free world and the dismantling of religious and traditional frameworks. The way to handle this challenge is not by sticks and stones, nor explosives or fires, but by emphasizing moral, advanced and relevant messages to an alienated society that looks for meaning, like our society. Many of these messages are found in our parasha, but you wouldn't know it by listening to the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, religious parties and organizations like Lehava.

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High Holiday Service Schedule

Selichot Services

Saturday	Sept 20	7:15 p.m.	Dessert Reception
		8:00 p.m.	Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday	Sept 24	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service Oneg to follow
Thursday	Sept 25	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 Services

Friday	Oct 3	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre
Saturday	Oct 4	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	Oct 10	5:00 p.m.	Oneg Shabbat and service in the sukkah
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Simchat Torah

Friday	Oct 17	6:00 p.m.	Simchat Torah celebration
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Congregation House of Israel

POLICIES

Editor's Note: As the summer heat dragged on your Temple Board was hard at work updating and creating policies designed to clarify issues and facilitate the smooth running of our congregation. We are printing them in the Shofar so that everyone can be aware of what they are. A notebook titled CHI MANUAL contains the policies as well as the bylaws and can be found in the Board Room. Any updates will be added as needed and will be available for your review. Our bylaws are also available on our website.

Thanks for taking the time to become familiar with the policies of our congregational family.

Service Attendance (* March 2014)

Attendance at all Friday night and Saturday regular services, High Holy Day Services and other religious services (Excluding special services and events such as Passover Seder dinner) are open to all at no cost. Membership is not required and there are no special fees for nonmembers.

Attendance at Annual, Special, Board and any other meetings (*September 9, 2013)

All members in good standing as described in By-laws Article V Sections 4 and 5 shall have the right to attend all meetings of the congregation, annual, special, board (except board meetings in executive session). Non-members of the congregation shall not attend any of these meetings unless they are guests invited by or approved by the board if their presence is deemed necessary to further the business of the specific meeting. Although associate members may attend meetings, only units of full membership in good standing (current on their dues) may vote as described in Bylaws Article X Section 5. Members whose membership has been suspended per notification as described in Article V Section 5 may not attend meetings until their suspension has been resolved.

Religious School (*July 11, 2014)

Religious School attendance is open to children of members. Fees are set by the religious school and are due at the time of enrollment unless specific arrangements have been made prior to enrollment. The decision regarding Religious School attendance for children of nonmembers will be made on a

case by case basis with input from the Rabbi, the Religious School Committee and the Temple Board. Fees for children of nonmembers are set higher than fees for children of members and are due at the time of enrollment unless specific arrangements have been made prior to enrollment.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation Policies (*July 11, 2014)

Families who wish their children to participate in Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation training and ceremonies must be members of the congregation. The treasurer and congregation president are happy to work with families who wish to apply for dues reduction. Any exceptions must be approved by the Rabbi and the temple board.

Use of Building and Rabbinical Services (*July 11, 2014)

1. Non-members will be charged \$500 for the use of each facility, i.e. the Sanctuary, or Burgauer Hall
2. No shellfish or pork (any treif) may be brought into the Temple.
3. A rabbinical service fee of \$250 will be charged to non-members for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, funerals, etc.
4. Non-member use of the Sanctuary and/or Burgauer Hall must be approved by the Rabbi and the Board of Directors.
5. The fees charged for the facilities are only for the use of those facilities. Persons or groups that use the building are responsible for all necessary cleaning of the building and kitchenware. This cleaning is to be done by our regular housekeepers or under their supervision. These clean up expenses will be paid by the persons or groups using the building.
6. Anyone using the building must have liability insurance if the use is not covered by the Temple's policy

Dues Reduction Policy (*July 11, 2014)

All members and prospective members may seek dues reduction. It is the policy of CHI to welcome members no matter their financial abilities. Dues reduction must be requested and granted on an annual basis at the time dues recertification is submit-

ted.

Policies for Jewish Rest and Beth Jacob Cemeteries (*September, 2013)

For the mutual protection of every plot purchaser, the following policies have been adopted by the Temple Board. All plot owners and all plots sold will be subject to these policies.

Cemetery Supervision

The cemeteries are under the supervision of the Cemetery Chairperson or a designated member of the Cemetery committee and all cemetery business shall be under his or her control. All plot purchases, plantings, grave markers and internments must be with the approval of the Chairperson.

Burial Policy

As stated in the Bylaws Article XII Section 4, only members in good standing of Congregation House of Israel and per this policy their immediate family members (spouses, children, grandparents, sisters, and brothers) may purchase a plot in Jewish Rest Cemetery. Jewish nonmembers of Congregation House of Israel may purchase a plot in Beth Jacob Cemetery only. If a plot is purchased at the time of death, a check for the full cost of the plot must be paid to the funeral home that is in charge of internment. Only a Rabbi or someone of the Jewish faith can perform a funeral service.

Holidays

No internments or unveilings are permitted on Shabbat or on Jewish Holidays.

Errors

The Cemetery Committee shall have the right to correct any errors made either in the burial of a person in the wrong plot or in the wording or other information on the head or footstone. All inscriptions and decorations must be in keeping with Jewish tradition.

Transfer of plot

No transfer or sale of any plot can be made without the approval of the Cemetery Committee. All plots, though individually purchased are still the property of and are under the control of Congregation House of Israel.

Cemetery Maintenance

All landscape work and improvements will be done by the cemetery maintenance crew unless authorized by the Cemetery Chairperson. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove anything that it deems unsightly, or which in any way conflicts with the rules and regulations of the cemetery or Congregation House of Israel.

Floral Regulations

Live flowers or plants are acceptable at any time but will be removed when they become unsightly. Artificial flowers and plants are allowed, although they are discouraged and only two such arrangements are allowed at any one time. No signs or inappropriate objects will be allowed on the plot, and if found will be removed.

Plantings

No planting of trees or shrubs will be allowed in the cemetery without the approval of the Cemetery Chairperson.

Perpetual Care

Perpetual care of the cemetery is included in the price of each plot. This includes the maintenance of the grass, shrubs, trees, sidewalks, fence, and gates. It does not include maintenance, repair or replacement of any headstone, monument or crypt. Those charges will be the responsibility of the owner or the family of the owner of the plot.

Gravesite Opening and Closing

Opening and closing of the gravesite is done through the Cemetery Chairperson, who shall be notified of the death by the family, the funeral home or the Rabbi. The charges for these services will be included in the fees collected by the funeral home.

* *Date of Board approval*

Meet the Congregants

Jeff Schlossberg

Jeff moved to Hot Springs Village a few years ago from Memphis and Little Rock. He has also lived in South Orange, NJ as well as Charlotte, NC.

When asked how he wanted to be involved at CHI, he checked off just about everything but Sisterhood!

While he is retired, Jeff never stops doing. His interests and experience are numerous – sports, reading historical fiction as well as collecting comic books, flying, movies and in his “spare time” he volunteers at Habitat as well as the Special Olympics. His musical abilities are amazing – if you were fortunate enough to be in Burgauer Hall a few months back, you had the pleasure of hearing Jeff making wonderful music on our piano. He has also performed at the historic Springs Hotel on Central Avenue.

If you haven't met Jeff yet, stop by and say hello to this very talented member of CHI.



Mazel Tov to Diana and Les Surfes on the birth of their gorgeous new grand-daughter, Simone on July 10th. Proud parents are Steven and Sarah Surfes.

Oneg Recipes

Kim Baron's Gazpacho

1 can	Campbell's Tomato Soup
1 soup can	water
1 ½ cups	hot and spicy V-8
1 finely chopped	English cucumber, skin on
2 finely chopped	tomatoes
1 chopped	green pepper
1 chopped	onion
3 stalks	celery chopped
1 clove	minced garlic
2 T	wine vinegar
2 T	olive oil
2 T	Italian dressing

Salt, pepper garlic salt to taste (or Kim's seasoning)

Louisiana Hot Sauce to taste

I use a food processor. Chill for several hours so flavors merge.



Editor's Note: Following is a note received by Barbara Morgan after she had given a friend a copy of the CHI Jewish Foodies Cookbook:

Barbara

Just a note to let you know how much I love the cookbook. I've already marked several recipes to try.

A few weeks ago I bought a can of dulce de leche in the baking aisle at Krogers. I haven't been able to find a recipe using it so I thought I'd have to create one. BUT, Lo and behold, Carol Crow has a recipe in the cookbook using it...to make caramel fudge. I'm getting ready to make it now. Thank you so much! I will make good use of this cookbook. Jeani



From the Rabbi

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TIFF (YOM TOV) is a time of optimism. And so, despite our plight, we continue to hope and pray for better things. Peace in the Middle East; peace between the races in America; peace amid our institutions and our families.

Jeanne and I look forward to sharing another wonderful year with all our dear friends at CHI, and pray this will be a time of joy and fulfillment for us all.

Richard

Religious School

After a long and fun summer, our students returned to Religious School on Sunday, August 24th. With 2 b'nai mitzvot students, there is a lot for everyone to learn – and a very eager group to teach it to!!

Welcome back to Louis, Tillie, Hannah, Mimi, Westley and Cooper Jack.

As always, RS will be at 9:30AM each Sunday (unless noted otherwise).

Yiddish Humor

Moshe walks into a central Manhattan bank and says he's going to London for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. For collateral, he offers his new Rolls Royce. The bank is satisfied and parks it in their secured underground garage.

Two weeks later to the day, Moshe returns to the bank and repays the \$5,000 plus interest of \$9.41. The loan officer says inquiringly, "Sir, we were delighted to have your business but checking your credit, we learned you are a multimillionaire. Why ever did you need to borrow \$5,000?"

"Where else in central Manhattan could I park my car for two weeks for \$9.41

From the President

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that can help us answer questions as problems arise. Our issues are not new. We all have the same problems, but I have to say, we are luckier than most!

Millie and I stayed in a fabulous bed and breakfast in Vicksburg with a rich Jewish history. If you ever need a place to stay you may want to check it out. It is called Bazsinsky House.

I know CHI is going to be around for a long time, and hopefully grow and become stronger and more financially secure. My goal as we move forward is to meet with members individually to secure endowments and to begin an active program for planned giving. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at services soon.

Mary

ARZA - World Union

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Those who aspire for a halachic state, which would implement the laws of the Bible such as stoning those who violate Shabbat, are a danger to Judaism in the modern era and a threat to democracy. Thankfully, the State of Israel chose a different path, and the violent inspiration of Nehemia (about mixed marriage) and of the prophet Pinchas is forbidden and acting on them is considered a felony. It is time that the law enforcement authorities begin to act as is expected of them, seeing that in this stage we need a strong democracy to protect its own basic values.

As for Judaism, it will flourish and handle the challenge of assimilation, not by yelling "death to Arabs" and burning churches and mosques but by strengthening the inspiration of "Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace" (Proverbs 3:17), calling for social and economic justice, and commitment to justice in the spirit of "Zion will be delivered with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness" (Isaiah 1:27)!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Anniversaries

Karen and David Reagler	Sep 13
Sharon and Donovan Ball	Sep 15
Harriette and Fred Korngut	Sep 19

September Birthdays

Elaine Gartenberg	Sep 1
Madeline Bull	Sep 2
Susan Siegel	Sep 4
Alfred Lewald	Sep 7
Leah Fleischner	Sep 8
Ellen Rephan	Sep 10
Lynda Kass	Sep 12
Cooper Bull	Sep 18
Anne Marcus	Sep 20
Jerry Rephan	Sep 27
Jean Gershner	Sep 29

Oneg Thanks



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

Sep 5	Cynthia Rephan Joanne and David Reagler
Sep 12	Jerry Tanenbaum Sharon Ball
Sep 19	Karen Reagler Saralee Stark
Sep 26	Carol Kleinman Anita Williams

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.

Bimah Honors

Sep 5	Cynthia Rephan Joanne Reagler
Sep 12	Jerry Tanenbaum Sharon Ball
Sep 19	Ross Sedler Saralee Stark
Sep 26	Carol Kleinman Anita Williams

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- John and Leslie Jamieson
- Jerry Arnstein
- Ellen Rephan
- Barbara Shlessinger
- Hal Koppel
- Ruth Sedler
- David Major

Memorial Plaques

If you are interested in a wonderful and meaningful way to memorialize a loved one, you may purchase a memorial plaque to be installed in the memorial niche in the Temple sanctuary. The cost for 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, please contact Sue Koppel at 501/624-3986 or email at suebob@cablelynx.com.

Remembrance: September Yahrzeits

~ *Zichronam Livracha - May their memories be for blessing* ~

Kaddish Recited September 5

Edward Rephan
Grandfather of Jerry Rephan

Lynda Unowsky
Wife of Joel Unowsky

Basil Iveson

Cylvia Margulies

Isadore Zoblotsky

Marguerite Waldauer

Meir Goldenberg

Dr. James M. Wolf

Emma Geschmay

Kaddish Recited September 12

Sadye Fleischner
Grandmother of Stuart and Mark Fleischner

Sybil Fleischner
Aunt of Stuart and Mark Fleischner

Margaret Gladstein
Aunt of Louis Kleinman

Leo Gartenberg
Father of Robert Gartenberg

Julius Berkun
Father of Ed Berkun

Robert Fields
Great Uncle of Stuart and Mark Fleischner

Hattie K. Travis

Gene Watermann

Bertha Zucker

Joe Kallsnick

Ann Leiber Turberg

Florence Anreder

Seymore Greenfield

Kaddish Recited September 19

Hannah Garland
Mother of Saralee Stark

Gail Unowsky
Wife of Joel Unowsky

Rosalind Zoblotsky

Dr. Joe Rosenzweig

Evelyn Zimmerman

Annette Wiener Rhine

Carrye R. Burgauer

Libbie R. Lax

Moses Levant

Kaddish Recited September 26

Morris Zibrack
Uncle of Sharon Ball

Herman Fellheimer

Samuel Davis

Dr. Maurice Lautman

Sarah S. Levine
Grandmother of Cynthia Rephan



On July 23, 2014, we lost a dear friend and long-time congregant Eugene "Gene" Kirsch. We will miss his smiling face, twinkling eyes and wonderful rendition of Kol Nidre. We were blessed to have had him and will cherish his memory.

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