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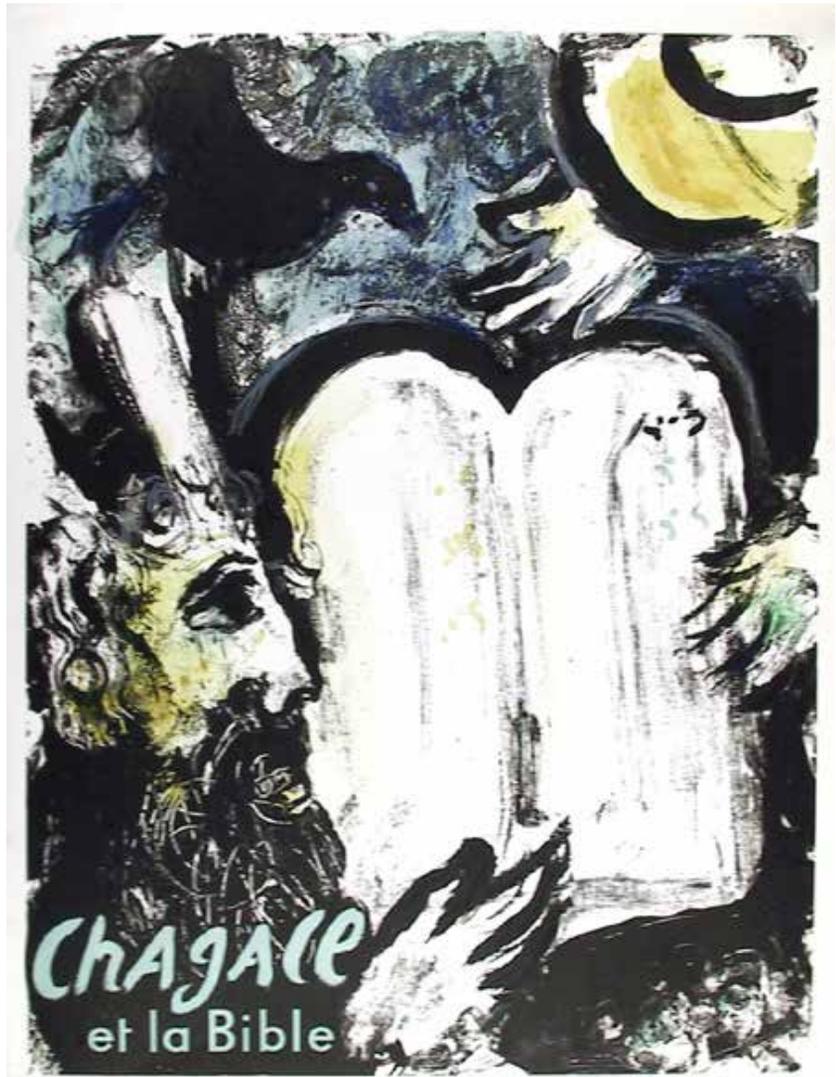
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Davar

“A Matter for Discussion”



The month of November looms large in our lives. Will the American people elect a President and members of Congress who will help us confront the major issues of the day -- the dangers in the world, the terrorism at home, the ravaged environment? Or will we succumb to politics as usual?

In my lifetime I have never witnessed a Congress so unwilling to help pass legislation which affects the greatest portion of the American populace. There must be changes, and may they come swift and speedily in our time.

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Our time, of course, remains the High Holy Days. We begin our commemoration of the penitential period with a service known as SELICHOT that we will hold in our Sanctuary on Saturday evening, September 8. Many of the Holy Day motifs are introduced in this hour of prayer, meditation and atonement. We are fortunate to welcome our organist and cantorial soloist, Carolyn Staley, to that first service as we begin, together, to usher in the Jewish New Year 5773.

Carol will be with CHI for all the services of ROSH HASHANAH and YOM KIPPUR, and we are blessed by her gifts of music and spirituality.

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From the President

What a Summer

By David Reagler

This summer has been tough.

The heat, drought, economy, and tough news stories like the Colorado shooting weighed on everyone's shoulders month after month. We all missed Rabbi Chapin, and longed for cooler temperatures; gentle rain showers.



However, Shelly's services have been as refreshing and inspiring and enjoyable as the new \$11,000.00 air conditioner in the Burgauer Hall. We all owe Shelly and Carol a huge "Thank You" for their work and dedication this summer.

And now, the temperatures have cooled some. September is in sight. We are starting to get area rain showers. Rabbi Chapin returns in a few weeks, and will be introducing us to new, wonderful traditions at CHI.

High Holidays are coming. Religious School is about to ramp up, with two new teachers. Thanks to Alfred and his incredible committee, we are about to publish the first Memorial Book in recent history. The list goes on and on.

This will be an incredibly busy year at Congregation House of Israel. My mother has always said that you get to really know people by working with them, and I look forward to continue working with all of you.

See you at services.

CHI Hall of History

By Sharon Waxler

The Hall of History is a project that has been kick-started by the children and families of Sue and Hal Koppel in honor of their upcoming 50th anniversary. This project is dedicated to preserving the history of the Congregation House of Israel by documenting the temple's history and its congregants through a gallery of pictures.

The newly painted hallway by the classrooms will soon adorn enlarged historical photos. If you have any photos that you would like to submit to the committee for review, please contact Mary Klompus or Sharon Waxler. Final decisions will be made by the committee. We would gladly accept any donations to help fund this project.

As always, thank you for the continued support that you give our temple. The Hall of History project committee members are Mary Klompus, Sharon Waxler, Millie Baron and Betty Kleinman.

Our second new project involves organizing the photos that currently are in boxes and old photo albums in the library. We will be sifting through those pictures and attempting to label as many of the pictures as possible. One of our goals is to scan the pictures and preserve them on CDs. If you have any pictures that you would like to donate to our albums, please label and identify. The pictures will not be returned, so please make a copy if you desire.

Any donations for the purchase of new, acid free photo albums would be greatly appreciated. Mail to Betty Kleinman, 101 Glenridge, Hot Springs, 71901



Photo: Congregant Gene Kirsch at the old Hot Springs Orthodox synagogue, circa 1960's

Sisterhood



A New Year By Ruth Sedler

We will begin our Sisterhood year with our first meeting on Monday, August 27, at 11 a.m. in Burgauer Hall.

Thank you to all 38 members who have already sent in their dues. What a great way to start off our year.

Our hostesses for lunch at our first meeting will be Sue Koppel and Patti Fleischner. The main focus of this meeting will be to take care of any business that has accumulated during the summer and to plan for our High Holy Day events. If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to participate in one or all of the events I will be emailing the list of who has signed up for what so that everyone who has not attended the meeting can sign up to help. Please remember to bring your wedding picture or pictures so we can all see if we can "guess the bride" following the business portion of our meeting and lunch.

Thank you to everyone who sent a donation to the Backpack Project Fund. Sisterhood was able to deliver a check for \$816.00 to the Hot Springs School district. This money is used for school supplies for those children who are unable to afford supplies to start school. It was wonderful to deliver such a large check for such a worthy cause.

This year we will run our food drive for Jackson House from Selichot through Yom Kippur. Please bring your bags of non-perishable foods to temple during this time period and we will deliver them to Jackson House. We have an extra week this year so let's collect an exceptional amount of food.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you all at our first meeting.

Meet the Congregants

Annette and Ken Baim



Editors note: Ken and Annette celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last month.

Annette and Ken Baim have a wonderful, long history with Hot Springs. Ken's grandfather, Sam Baim, began coming to Hot Springs to

vacation and take the baths in the 1920's. Both Ken's and Annette's parents, as well as many of their aunts and uncles, would spend enjoyable weeks here. In the 40's and 50's there also was a Baim's Department Store here.

Annette and Ken bought a home on Lake Hamilton in 1979 to be able to spend weekends on the water teaching their three young daughters to water-ski. Week days were spent in Pine Bluff, where Ken practiced law and Annette was the consummate volunteer. In the 80's Annette opened The Personal Touch gift shop which she later closed when she and a partner started Odd Balls Invitations.

The Baims moved to Hot Springs permanently in 2007. Ken works with their daughter Karen at the Baim Law Firm, and son-in-law David Reagler in the storage and records management businesses. They are also able to spend more time with their Reagler grandchildren.

The other Baim children include their daughters Laurie Friedman and Leigh Mansberg. Laurie is an author of children's books, who lives in Miami with her daughter Becca, a junior at Washington University in St. Louis, and son Adam, a junior in high school. Leigh is the assistant headmistress of St. Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis. She and her husband Danny are the parents of two daughters; Ramie, a freshman at the University of Texas, and Emma, an 8th grader at St. Mary's.

Jeanne Bennett

Hello; I'm Jeanne, Richard Chapin's wife.

I have enjoyed being with Richard in Hot Springs and meeting so many of you at temple.

I was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and grew up in the suburbs in Babylon, N.Y.



At Syracuse University, I majored in musical theatre, and after college, moved to New York City where I lived until moving to West Palm Beach in Florida three years ago.

After college, I pursued my love of theatre with a vengeance. I auditioned constantly, and grabbed every theatre job I could book. I sang on a cruise ship that, on a weekly basis, sailed from N.Y. to Bermuda for six months. I was a singing waitress in Queens. I did dinner theatre, off B'way, off-off B'way, cabaret, summer stock, children's theatre, regional theatre and B'way National Tours. Basically, I took any theatre gig I could get.

In between paying theatre jobs, I found myself teaching exercise in offices and at gyms.

Needless to say, once I had a child it became increasingly difficult to continue doing theatre due to parenting priorities. I started teaching movement at pre schools in the greater New York City area and I began to work at many schools as the theatre, movement, dance and yoga instructor. I commuted by travelling from school to school on my bicycle, teaching kids between the ages of 3 to 14. This was something I truly loved doing, and found it very fulfilling. It also enabled me to be available to my daughter, Daisy, who is 17 and moving to 109th St in NYC in two weeks. For the next two years she will be attending the music theatre program at the Circle in the Square Theatre Conservatory.

I look forward to another year at CHI, and truly enjoy, with Richard, the warmth of our wonderful community

Weekly Parshah

September

[Ki Teitzei](#)

September 1, 2012

Seventy-four of the Torah's 613 commandments (mitzvot) are in the Parshah of Ki Teitzei. These include the laws of the beautiful captive, the inheritance rights of the firstborn, the wayward and rebellious son, burial and dignity of the dead, returning a lost object, sending away the mother bird before taking her young, the duty to erect a safety fence around the roof of one's home, and the various forms of kilayim (forbidden plant and animal hybrids).

[Ki Tavo](#)

September 8, 2012

Moses instructs the people of Israel: When you enter the land that G-d is giving to you as your eternal heritage, and you settle it and cultivate it, bring the first-ripened fruits (bikkurim) of your orchard to the Holy Temple, and declare your gratitude for all that G-d has done for you.

Our Parshah also includes the laws of the tithes given to the Levites and to the poor, and detailed instructions on how to proclaim the blessings and the curses on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal—as discussed in the beginning of the Parshah of Re'eh. Moses reminds the people that they are G-d's chosen people, and that they, in turn, have chosen G-d.

[Nitzavim](#)

September 15, 2012

The Parshah of Nitzavim includes some of the most fundamental principles of the Jewish faith:

The unity of Israel: “You stand today, all of you, before the L-rd your G-d: your heads, your tribes, your elders, your officers, and every Israelite man; your young ones, your wives, the stranger in your gate; from your wood-hewer to your water-drawer.”

The future redemption: Moses warns of the exile and desolation of the Land that will result if Israel abandons G-d's laws, but then he prophesies that in the end, “You will return to the L-rd your G-d . . . If your outcasts shall be at the ends of the heavens, from there will the L-rd your G-d gather you . . . and bring you into the Land which your fathers have possessed.”

[Vayelech](#)

September 22, 2012

The Parshah of Vayelech (“And He Went”) recounts the events of Moses' last day of earthly life. “I am one hundred and twenty years old today,” he says to the people, “and I can no longer go forth and come in.” He transfers the leadership to Joshua, and writes (or concludes writing) the Torah in a scroll which he entrusts to the Levites for safe-keeping in the Ark of the Covenant.

Vayelech concludes with the prediction that the people of Israel will turn away from their covenant with

G-d, causing Him to hide His face from them, but also with the promise that the words of the Torah “shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants.”

[Haazinu](#)

September 29, 2012

The greater part of the Torah reading of Haazinu (“Listen In”) consists of a 70-line “song” delivered by Moses to the people of Israel on the last day of his earthly life.

Calling heaven and earth as witnesses, Moses exhorts the people to “Remember the days of old / Consider the years of many generations / Ask your father, and he will recount it to you / Your elders, and they will tell you” how G-d “found them in a desert land,” and made them a people.



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

Looking Back....

100 Years Ago in the Forward

Has anybody seen Abie Levitt's wife? The Levitts moved with their son to Portland, Ore., from New York a few years ago. Not long after, Rosie Levitt started making noises about how the family should move back to New York. Abie didn't want to go back — he was making a decent living in Portland — but Rosie wouldn't stop nagging him. So he sold his things, and off he went, to New York, to look for work. The plan was that Rosie and the boy would join him after he was settled. He borrowed some money from relatives and sent Rosie a letter, telling her to prepare to move back, that he'd soon be sending her some money. Shortly thereafter, Abie got a postcard in the mail from a former neighbor. It read: "Your wife was already prepared: She and my husband have both disappeared. — Mrs. Cooper-smith." The mystery of Rosie Levitt's disappearance has been solved.

75 Years Ago in the Forward

Adam Lipkin, a 22-year-old Palestine Railroad worker, was killed recently when a British soldier's rifle accidentally went off. Lipkin's father has asked the commander of the regiment not to punish the soldier, who had been accompanying Lipkin to inspect an auto accident. The appeal came about after the Lipkins received a letter from the regiment commander, expressing his sympathy for the loss of their son and stating that he hopes to bring his killer to justice. The Lipkins have said that punishing the soldier for an accident will not bring them any sympathy.

50 Years Ago in the Forward

A West German newspaper has reported that the murderous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele has been captured in Brazil. In Auschwitz, Mengele sent hundreds of thousands of Jewish victims to their deaths in the gas chambers. Before him would stand two rows of naked Jews, and he would walk among them, singing cheerily. He would look at each person and occasionally wink, as he decided who would go to the right and who would go to the left. To the left meant to the gas chamber, and to the right meant that the person would get to live a little while longer, as a slave laborer. Many eagerly await for the claim of Mengele's arrest to be corroborated. If it is true, he will stand trial in West Germany.

Study Reveals 'Jewishness' Complexity

By Gisela Telis

Editors note: Our thanks to Ed Berkun for bringing this article to our attention, which first appeared in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

Scholars of all kinds have long debated one seemingly simple question: What is "Jewishness"? Is it defined by genetics, culture or religion? Recent findings have revealed genetic ties that suggest a biological basis for Jewishness, but this research didn't include data from North African, Ethiopian or other Jewish communities. Now a new study fills in the genetic map — and paints a more complex picture of what it means to be Jewish.

Modern Jews, who number more than 13 million worldwide, are traditionally divided into various groups. They include Middle Eastern Jews, who live in Iraq, Iran and other places in the Levant; Sephardic Jews from Spain and Portugal; Ashkenazi Jews from Europe, who comprise 90 percent of American Jews; North African Jews from Morocco, Algeria and other countries north of the Sahara; Ethiopian Jews; and many other communities scattered across the globe. In the Bible, the roots of Jewishness reach back 4,000 years to Abraham and his descendants. But historians have suggested the story of Jewishness is more complicated, and may not include a single ancestor. Some have even argued that most modern Jews are descended from converts to Judaism and don't share genetic ties at all.

Recent studies have turned to DNA for answers. In 2010, human geneticist Harry Ostrer of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and colleagues found that three of the major Jewish groups — the Middle Eastern, Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews — share a genetic connection going back more than 2,000 years, and are more closely related to each other than to nearby non-Jewish groups. Genetic ties within each of the groups were even closer, about the equivalent of fourth or fifth cousins. But that study didn't include North African Jews, who represent the world's second largest Jewish population, or any groups whose claim to Jewishness has been controversial, such as Ethiopian Jews.

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ARZA - World Union

Reform and Conservative Progress in Israel

By Jerry Tanenbaum

As we approach our high holy day we both consider the occurrences of this past year (both personal and multitudinous), but also pray for the progress we should be able to make in this coming year.---
Kin Yehi Ratson .

ARZA and the World Union, through our sister organizations in Israel, have made huge strides during the pest few months toward a more tolerant and pluralist Israel.

You all read recently about the Mira Gold decision, in which the Supreme Court in Israel will require the government to subsidize Reform and Conservative Rabbis under many conditions (for the first time) in Israel . This was and is a major step forward

Now look at these two more recent developments,

Israel is dropping a decades-old exemption from the military draft for ultra-Orthodox Jewish men. Defense Minister Ehud Barak ordered the army today to prepare for a universal draft of ultra-Orthodox Jewish males in 30 days, ending the 63-year exemption.

The Associated Press reports that the order came just hours before the expiration of a law that has granted tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews exemptions from military duty, and followed a Supreme Court ruling against extending that arrangement.

The 30-day preparation period, however, does create some wiggle room for a legislative compromise over the controversial issue, which has caused a major rift among Israelis.

Ultra-Orthodox leader Meir Porush, a former lawmaker, says drafting his people would unleash a "civil war." He says the military neither needs nor wants to be flooded with devoutly religious con-

scripts.

The exemption, which involved only a few hundred top rabbinical students when enacted in 1949, has mushroomed into an exemption that has allowed 60,000 able-bodied men to forego military service each year. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is reported to have said that, under the plan, half of ultra-Orthodox Jews between ages 18 and 23 would be drafted by the defense forces and another half would be drafted into operational civil service for ages 23 to 26, the BBC reports.

Most other Jews are drafted into the military at age 18, with men serving three years and then decades of yearly reserve duty, and women serving about two years, the Associated Press reports.

Reform Judaism claims equality as one of its basic foundations. We draw our values from the To-

rah, weaving them in our daily life. A recent Parasha reminds us we have seen numerous struggles similar to Tselophechad's daughters, only recently in Israel. From separation of the sexes on

Jerusalem buses, through an attempt to ban women singing in public places, separated entrances in some shops, destruction of billboards presenting women in advertisements, women being barred from speaking at funerals or attending burials ... plenty of examples in an attempt to silence the female voice in the country.

The Reform Judaism movement has met these challenges head on and we have been actively voicing our strong stance for equality. We plan on keep promoting our values for equality in the Israeli society, on all levels.

A British reporter, Emma Hurd, wrote a few months ago in her article covering women's issues in Israel: "The Jewish State prides itself on women's equality. Golda Meir was Israel's Prime Minister in 1969 at a time when Britain had not yet passed laws guaranteeing women equal pay."

In the USA we should be proud of the progress that we have made for womens rights and Israel now needs to deal with many of these same issues.

ARZA and the WUPJ continue to press Israel on this issue. We are depending on your support -- both vocal and also becomng a member of ARZA.



“Jewishness” Complexity

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So Ostrer and his colleagues gathered new DNA samples from Jews living everywhere from Morocco to Yemen. Using three distinct strategies for identifying genetic similarities, including a method called identity by descent (IBD) that can determine how closely related two individuals are, the team compared these DNA samples to each other, to the samples from their 2010 study, and to samples from non-Jews. Most of the sampled groups shared genetic features, indicating a common heritage dating back to before Roman times, the team reports this month in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. North African Jews – and Moroccan/Algerian Jews in particular – showed a close genetic connection to Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews, and little evidence of interbreeding with contemporary non-Jewish population in North Africa. Georgian Jews shared genetic features with Middle Eastern Jews, while Ethiopian Jews formed their own cluster and shared little IBD with other Jewish populations. Each group showed little inter-breeding with local non-Jewish groups. Moroccan/Algerian Jews, for example, were about as close genetically as third or fourth cousins; Jews from the Tunisian Island of Djerba were as close as first cousins once removed.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” Ostrer says. “I’ve been surprised to learn there’s such a shared biological basis for Jewishness.” The team’s results suggest that while most Jewish groups are genetically related, some are not and instead arose from converts to Judaism. But regardless of their origins, Jewish groups remained genetically isolated once formed.



CHI Book Luncheons



Rabbi Chapin will resume the monthly book/short story sessions on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 12:30 p.m. This meeting will take place in the conference room at Congregation House of Israel.

This month’s topic will be the 4th short story, “*Peep Show*,” of Nathan Englander’s book, “*What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*.”

Yiddeshkeit

By Sue Koppel

Q: Why did Adam and Eve have a perfect marriage?

A: He didn’t have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn’t have to hear about the way his mother cooked

Q: What business is a yenta in?

A: Yours

Jewish proverb: “A Jewish wife will forgive and forget, but she’ll never forget what she forgave.”

Another of life’s mysteries is when a Jewish woman hangs something in her wardrobe for a while and it shrinks two sizes!



CHI Board Minutes

August 6, 2012, Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Congregation House of Israel

In attendance: Yossi Baron, Betty Forshberg, Shelly Kleinman, Sue Koppel, Alfred Lewald, David Reagler, Joanne Reagler, and Anita Williams

Absent: Ruth Sedler, Jerry Tanenbaum, and Elaine Wolken.

Others in attendance: Carol Kleinman and Dennis Williams

Minutes--Sue Koppel moved and Shelly Kleinman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Finance—No report.

High Holy Days Schedule—Tashlich service September 17 at Millie Baron's 3:00-5:00. We need to check with the rabbi about the schedule but think that it will be like last year except for the Selichot service that is at 9:00 on September 8. The rabbi is returning September 6.

Membership—Elan Grenman and his wife Jennifer will be applying for membership in CHI. They have already paid the religious school fee so their son can attend and work with the rabbi. The Johnsons plan to join. See Joanne's report for other details.

Cemetery—Sue says that some work needs to be done: some shrubs need to be planted and headstones have mold on them. David said that we need to schedule a work day. Sue will itemize what needs to be done and get an estimate. She will let us know when we can schedule an event.

Sisterhood—Ruth Sedler wants to know if we will continue to use the ISJL curriculum. It costs roughly \$800 plus \$35 per child. Sisterhood pays the tab, but parents are charged \$100 per child. Joanne moved and Anita seconded the motion that we continue to use the ISJL curriculum. Motion passed.

The first sisterhood meeting is August 27.

House Committee—Our tree fell on the neighboring B&B's fence and is resting on their gazebo. David and Doyle will look tomorrow. Our insurance person says that our insurance won't pay. When they have more information, they will call Yossi.

Fundraising—Alfred presented an ISJL presentation/fundraising opportunity that we declined to consider.

He says the thus far 26 families have contributed to the memorial book, we have collected \$1226 as of last Friday. This is before the reminder notice.

Communication—Shofar articles are due by August 20.

Chaitrack information is only for members. Other memorials are in a data base.

Education Committee—Religious school starts August 26. The board will meet with the ISJL education fellow at noon. We will have a pot luck for teachers, parents, board members, and the kids. Karen Johnson is teaching third grade in religious school and David Reagler is doing first grade. Timo Johnson is handling the Hebrew instruction. Stuart Fleischner is helping with the pre-Bnai-Mitzva along with Rabbi Chapin.

Bylaws—We will have a congregational meeting August 27 at 5:30 to consider the changes in the bylaws.

Jewish Federation Board Training is August 19 10:00-4:00 at War Memorial Stadium. David Reagler, Alfred Lewald, and Dennis and Anita Williams will go.

We need a post office box to improve communication. David will get one because his people pick up the mail five days per week.

We need to improve the phone situation because we do not know whether we are missing calls when no one is here but need to make sure that we do not; we can lose potential members if they can't talk to anyone. Shelly, as an AT&T retiree, can get a second line with all the frills for \$20 per month. He and Carol will take the calls or return them.

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High Holy Days Schedule

Selichot

September 8 Saturday 8:15 p.m. Dessert Reception
 9:00 p.m. Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

September 16 Sunday 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service - Oneg to follow

September 17 Monday 10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
 3:00 p.m. Reception at home of Millie Baron and Mick Stoyanov; High Holiday program for children, followed by ...
 4:00 p.m. Tashlich Service

Yom Kippur

September 25 Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre

September 26 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Morning Service
 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Service
 4:30 p.m. Yizkor Service
 5:30 p.m. Neilah Service
 6:00 p.m. Havdalah Service and Break-the-Fast



Selichot Service

Note that on Saturday, September 8, Rabbi Chapin will be conducting a Selichot Service at 9 p.m., preceded by a dessert reception at 8:15 p.m. For more information about Selichot, see the article on Page 12.

ISJL Conference

By Anita Williams

Editors note: Dennis and Anita Williams attended the ISJL conference held in Mississippi in June of this year. We asked them to share their experience with us.

The last two years Dennis and I have attended the ISJL Education Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. Of course the major purpose is to get new ideas for our religious school, but we have also gained a great deal personally. I'll hit some high points.

The content of the Spirituality Track of Jewish Childhood that I attended is supposed to be cutting edge. When it comes to Jewish spirituality we do a good job of educating people about the "wisdom of the visible" or the obligations and restraints of ethics and religion and of a good and moral life. We do not do as well with the "duties of the heart and mind" that concern thought and feeling, the "wisdom of the invisible." The idea is that we (adults in general and researchers in particular) spend too much time on rules and on the negatives in kids' lives and not enough on finding out what lights their fires. We need to be more concerned with their paths to human thriving because it is related to spirituality: ask them about God rather than telling them what to believe; ask them about their passions: art or music, commitments (e.g. to animal welfare), etc.

Another part of this track dealt with Godly play. The idea is to get kids into a story rather than telling it. Get them to use objects and artifacts to help explore the story with questions and discussion. Get them involved by using art, writing, play or anything else that will engage them. I think we are already doing a lot of this.

Each year ISJL has several t'fillah to choose from on Tuesday morning (Monday is a Torah service), some of them a bit different. Dennis and I chose the Jewsercize, a combination of Pilates, yoga, and aerobics done in the order of the service. Of course we didn't actually say the prayers which would have been a bit difficult given what we were doing. Music, traditional, humanistic, and other services were available. Neither of us had ever been in a group of Jews large enough to have one weekday morning service, let alone several!

Selichot Service

A Ritual of Preparing for the High Holy Days

An important Jewish belief is that God wishes us to turn away from sin and that God helps us to do so. The High Holy Days focus almost exclusively on this idea, which is called "teshuvah," a Hebrew word that means "turning away from sin."

In Judaism, the word "sin" can refer to many different things. We sin when we break God's laws; we sin when we hurt others; we sin when we do things that hurt ourselves. During the High Holy Days we have many opportunities to demonstrate that we have made sincere efforts to change our behavior from that which is hurtful or wrong to that which is constructive and healing.

It is a custom among many Jews to prepare spiritually for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by attending a special service called "Selichot" (forgiveness). The Selichot service is designed to help worshipers direct their hearts and minds to the process of teshuvah. Selichot service is traditionally held on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah, and at Congregation House of Israel, this year, we'll hold a Selichot service on Saturday evening, September 8, at 9:00 p.m.

At the Selichot service, worshipers begin to examine their deeds of the past year, seeking forgiveness from God, and promising to improve their behavior in the New Year. Some of the prayers and music for the Selichot service are taken from the services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, providing a transition between the "old year" and the New Year.

The CHI service will be preceded by a dessert reception at 8:00 p.m.



Dvar - From Our Rabbi

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And, I will be spending the entire Holy Day period in Hot Springs. My son will join me on Rosh Hashanah, and Jeanne on Yom Kippur. We have been more than delighted with all our new friends in Hot Springs, and we look forward to rekindling them anew.

At this time, please accept all my family's warmest wishes for a pleasant (and hopefully cooler) end to the summer season, and may all our prayers for health and goodness, joy and peace, be heard by the God of our Ancestors.

With deep affection,

Richard Chapin

Board Minutes

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Anita moved and Joanne seconded the motion to get the post office box and the phone line and to reimburse Shelly for the line. Motion passed.

Executive Session.

The next board meeting will be after the pot luck on August 26.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

Anniversaries

David & Karen Reagler	September 13
Fred & Harriette Korngut	September 19

Birthdays

Elaine Gartenberg	September 1
Madeline Bull	September 2
Jonathan Morgan	September 3
Susan Siegel	September 4
Alfred Lewald	September 7
Leah Fleischner	September 8
Ellen Rephan	September 10
Lynda Kass	September 12
Eugene Kirsch	September 16
Cooper Bull	September 18
Anne Marcus	September 20
Jerry Rephan	September 27
Mary Watermann	September 27
Jean Gershner	September 29

Oneg Thanks



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

September 7

*Yossi and Kim Baron
Stuart and Kay Fleischner*

September 14

*Lynda Kass
Ken and Annette Baim*

September 21

*Brad and Elaine Wolken
Les and Diana Surfes*

September 28

*Ross and Ruth Sedler
Oded and Sharona Grenman*

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.*

Remembrance: September Yahrzeits

Edward I. Rephan - September 2

Grandfather of Jerry Rephan

Sadye Fleischner - September 7

Grandmother of Mark & Stuart Fleischner

Sybil Fleischner - September 7

Aunt of Mark & Stuart Fleischner

Eugene Watermann - September 7

Husband of Mary Watermann

Hannah Garland - September 8

Mother of Saralee Stark

Julius Berkun - September 9

Father of Ed Berkun

Leo Gartenberg - September 9

Father of Bob Gartenberg

Dr. Joe Rosenzweig - September 14

Husband of Susi Rosenzweig

Libbie R. Lax - September 18

Mother of Dr. Erwin Lax

Walter Kass - September 30

Father of Warner Kass

Helen Poncher Newman - September 30

Grandmother of Brad Wolken

Memorials

Lena Berg

Carrye R. Burgauer

Samuel Davis

Herman Fellheimer

Emma Geschmay

Margaret Gladstein

Joe S. Kallsnick

Dr. Maurice Lautman

Moses Levant

Annette Wienber Rhine

Albert Roudman

Hattie K. Travis

Anne Leiber Turberg

Marguerite Waldauer

Evelyn Zimmerman

Rosalind Zolblotsky

Bertha Zucker

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

*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

Sharon Grenman

Drew Lewald

Ellen Rephan

September 2012

14 Elul 5772 - 14 Tishri 5773

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 6:43AM/7:35PM 15 Elul Berachos 32	3 6:44AM/7:33PM 16 Elul Berachos 33	4 6:44AM/7:32PM 17 Elul Berachos 34	5 6:45AM/7:31PM 18 Elul Berachos 35	6 6:46AM/7:29PM 19 Elul Berachos 36	7 6:47AM/7:28PM 7:10PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service	8 6:47AM/7:26PM §8:11PM Selihot 6:00 pm: Dessert Reception 9:00 pm: Selichot Service 21 Elul Berachos 38	
9 6:48AM/7:25PM 22 Elul Berachos 39	10 6:49AM/7:24PM Board Meeting: 5:30 pm 23 Elul Berachos 40	11 6:49AM/7:22PM 24 Elul Berachos 41	12 6:50AM/7:21PM 25 Elul Berachos 42	13 6:51AM/7:19PM 26 Elul Berachos 43	14 6:52AM/7:18PM 7:00PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service	15 6:52AM/7:16PM §8:01PM 9:30 am: Torah Study 28 Elul Berachos 45	
16 6:53AM/7:15PM 6:57PM Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 pm: Rosh Hashanah Evening Service 29 Elul Berachos 46	17 6:54AM/7:14PM §7:59PM 7:59PM Rosh Hashanah I 10:00 am: Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 3:00 pm: Reception at home of Millie Baron 4:00 pm: Tashlich Service 1 Tishri Berachos 47	18 6:54AM/7:12PM §7:57PM Rosh Hashanah II 2 Tishri Berachos 48	19 6:55AM/7:11PM §7:56PM Fast of Gedaliah 3 Tishri Berachos 49	20 6:56AM/7:09PM 4 Tishri Berachos 50	21 6:57AM/7:08PM 6:50PM 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service 5 Tishri Berachos 51	22 6:57AM/7:06PM §7:51PM 9:30 am: Torah Study 6 Tishri Berachos 52	
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[||Candle Lighting, §Observance End, Printed August 25, 2012/7 Elul 5772 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.

Sept 7: Erev Shabbat - *Lay led service by Shelly Kleinman*

Sept 8: Selichot Service - *See page 11*

Sept 14: Erev Shabbat

Sept 15: Torah Study

Sept 16, 17: Rosh Hashanah - *See page 11*

Sept 21: Erev Shabbat

Sept 22: Torah Study

Sept 25, 26: Yom Kippur - *See page 11*

Sept 28: Erev Shabbat/Erev Sukkot

Sept 29: Torah Study

Upcoming Events

September

Board Meeting - September 10, 5:30 pm

CHI Book Luncheon - September 13, 12:30 pm

October

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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