



The Shofar

Sept, 2016

Congregation House of Israel

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Shalom...

and welcome to the Fall edition of the Shofar. If you are anything like me, you have had a busy summer and are looking forward to slowing down and are considering the many things we have going on at CHI.

Take a look at the classes being offered on page 5 and sign up for class. Think about other classes you would like and tell the Rabbi.

He can help with whatever you are interested in. We just ask that if you commit to a class you make arrangements to attend and participate.

The High Holidays are just around the corner and we are all getting ready. This year as a special treat we are sponsoring a new Cantor. Her name is Laura Breznick and we are excited that she will be here.

David Kirsch

Laura Breznick



Our congregation is delighted to welcome Cantor Laura Breznick to the CHI pulpit this High Holy Day period. Laura received her ordination as Cantor this past May at the HUC-JIR Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music.

Growing up at Temple Emeth in Teaneck, New Jersey, she is thrilled to be back in the Garden State twice a month as the Cantor of Temple Beth-El where she encourages all to let music lift their prayers. She also teaches music in the Sunday School and directs the Junior Choir.

Before beginning her studies at HUC- JIR, Ms. Breznick served as a Cantorial Soloist for several congregations in Connecticut and then as Student Cantor in Arnold, MD. Among her many favorite Jewish experiences during her cantorial training was leading five Passover Seders over the course of two days in Belarus



Sept Upcoming Events			
Fri	Sept 2, 9, 16, 23,30	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Chapin
Sat	Sept 3,10 17, 24	9:30 am	Torah Study with Rabbi Chapin
Sun	Sept 4,11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Religious School with David Reagler
Mon	Sept 12	11:00 am	Sisterhood Meeting
Mon	Sept 12	5:30 pm	Board Meeting

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In memory of Lila Raines

From the Rabbi



After five years of “part-time” service to CHI, I am pleased to be your “full-time” rabbi. This allows me to be more available to our religious school students, to teach more subjects of interest to the congregation, to lead

prayer services each week, and to serve the Hot Springs community with no interruptions. Most important, it allows me to be more available to our congregants, and for that I am very grateful.

Speaking of extended time, we note that it’s the beginning of September and we have just arrived at the Jewish month of Elul. In other words, Rosh Hashanah, which always begins on the 1st of Tishri (the evening of October 2), is very late this year. How late? I’ve scoured the Hebrew calendar and it appears that the latest date on which Rosh Hashanah begins is the evening of October 4. That occurs in 2043!

Late and early. Funny terms, really. The answer we should give when someone asks the date on which the Holy Days begins is the first of Tishri. Like January 1st, it is a date that does not change. But we are American-Jews, more guided by the secular calendar than its Hebraic counterpart, so we’re always relativizing our practice of Judaism to the Gregorian calendar. There is a lesson here. Reform Judaism, since its inception, has made many compromises with secular culture. This is understandable; some assimilation is necessary to be accepted in a new and foreign culture. These compromising attitudes can be viewed as far back as our interactions with the Greeks and Romans. Sometimes our survival depended upon our agreement to live by the rules of other civilizations than our own. Often, however, under benevolent regimes, we Jews were allowed to observe the religious requirements imposed upon us by our Jewish calendar. This is how we survived -- as a people and as a religion -- through centuries of adversity.

Although we do not face similar forms of

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Sisterhood



Our beginning meeting of the new year will be on September 12th. Almost everyone has already paid dues so you get a free meal, compliments of Ruth Sedler and Betty Kleinman.

I hope we have a big crowd as we have a lot of business to discuss.

The High Holy Days are right around the corner and we will need lots of help doing what we do best... cooking. Details during the meeting.

We have some fun plans in the works for future meetings which will also be discussed at the Sisterhood meeting. Anyone not a Sisterhood member, dues are \$36 a year which entitles you to great lunches, some interesting programs, and most of all, good fellowship with our members and always lots of laughs (usually at my expense).

Please put Monday, Sept 12th at 11:00 am on your calendar.

Sincerely,
Sue Koppel

It's Raining Surfás Babies



Sabrina Sallee (Left) is the daughter of Steven and Sarah Surfás. Born June 20.

Sasha Kaye (Right) is the daughter of Shelby and Ria Surfás. Born July 27.

Both are the newest grandchildren of Les and Diana Surfás.

From the President



The essence of Judaism is reflected in one's behavior. The mitzvot that are to be practiced are those that enhance our lives and the lives of those around us. These include observing the Shabbat and the Jewish Holy Days, performing deeds of loving kindness, the giving of Tzedakah (charity), respecting parents, showing concern for those less fortunate than we, and the study of Torah. Of equal importance is to be an active part of the Jewish community. Nearing the end of my 3rd stint as President of CHI, I find that the latter comment could be improved upon by our congregation.

Being active in our synagogue can take on many forms. You can serve on the board or a committee, you can volunteer to teach or assist in the Sunday Hebrew School, you can be a substitute lay leader for a service when the Rabbi is unavailable, you can support sisterhood, you can help with fundraising, you can help with special events, and you can be involved in numerous others ways.

During this last month of reflection before the High Holy Days, please consider what role you or your family can play to strengthen our Temple. I look forward to our memberships positive response to this challenge and ask you to let a board member know what role you can play. Thanks in advance for your involvement.

From the Rabbi

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adversity living in America, the message must be heeded. Not observing the Jewish calendar requirements leads us away from our heritage. Judaism, like the days of the years of our lives, requires a daily commitment, a daily Jewish commitment to sustaining and preserving our faith. Sadly, the liberal Jewish community in America, given the chance to observe Judaism freely, often does the opposite, that is, little or nothing. We risk our survival by taking Judaism for granted. Indeed, religious apathy may endanger our religion as much as religious persecution.

We begin a New Year together with optimism and prayers for the health of our families and the future of our people. May all of us continue to go from strength to strength and blessing to blessing, today and all days.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Chapin

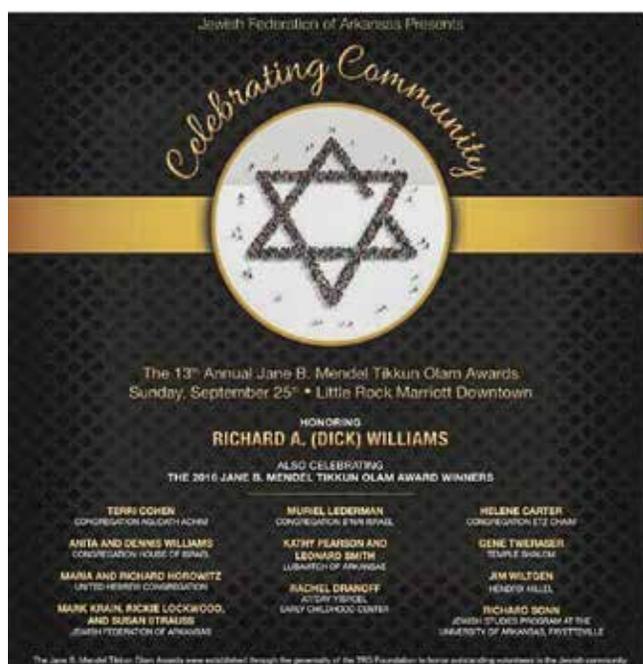
Tikkun Olam Awards

The 13th Annual Jane B. Mendel Tikkun Olam Awards will be held on Sunday, September 25 at the Little Rock Marriott, in downtown Little Rock.

This year's awards honor Richard A. (Dick) Williams, and also celebrate all the 2016 Tikkun Olam Awards winners including CHI members Dennis and Anita Williams. (*See the graphic at left*)

The Awards this year also welcome Jerry Tanenbaum as an honorary JFAR member.

To purchase event tickets, become a sponsor or make donation(s) in honor of a Tikkun Oam winner(s) click to <http://www.jewisharkansas.org/celebrating-community>



Baton Rouge Needs Our Help

The situation in Baton Rouge, LA, as a result of flooding, is dire. Thirty people from the Jewish community have lost their homes, including the director of Baton Rouge's Jewish Federation. Many had no flood insurance.

Below is an excerpt from an e-mail that Jessica Yellen, director of the religious school at Congregation B'nai Israel in Baton Rouge, originally sent to Rabbi Gene Levy. She has given me permission to share it widely so people know how bad the situation is:

Things are devastating in Baton Rouge. Not sure why national news isn't all over it, but the pictures and videos coming from friends are heartbreaking. I've been on the phone trying to get in touch with congregants and families there. Many have lost everything and didn't have flood insurance. Even those with insurance are displaced and without transportation. I will be driving in next weekend - hopefully the roads will clear. I think my hotel is flooded, so I will be checking on that tomorrow to make sure there is a place to stay. It is a mess you can help as follows:

Click <http://bnaibr.org/PageDisplay.asp?p1=9870> to send a donation to the flood relief fund set up by Congregation B'nai Israel of Baton Rouge. All proceeds will be given to the Baton Rouge Federation to distribute to the whole Jewish community.

Click <https://secure-fedweb.jewishfederations.org/page/contribute/baton-rouge-flood-relief-fund> to send a donation to the flood relief link set up by the Jewish Federations of North America.

Send gift cards (from Home Depot, Walmart, etc.) to Deborah Sternberg, President of Congregation B'nai Israel, at Starmount Building 8485 Goodwood Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (all gift cards will be forwarded to the Baton Rouge Federation for dispersal).

Please do not send any physical items. The people who have lost their homes have no place to put anything, which is why they are requesting gift cards, which can be used at a later date once people have new housing. I cannot imagine how our community would cope if thirty members lost their homes. As we prepare for Shabbat in our warm and dry homes, the Jewish community of Baton Rouge, only six hours drive from us, and especially those who no longer have homes in which to make Shabbat, will be in our thoughts and prayers.

New Classes Being Offered at CHI

The first month of classes being offered by Rabbi Chapin has been scheduled. Please choose those you are interested in and email the Rabbi at rsc75@aol.com.

Please register so preparation is possible and everyone can have a wonderful experience at each class.

- **American-Jewish Literature Class** (2 times per month)
Tues. September 13 and September 27 at Noon
Assignment for first class: Sholom Aleichem's "On Account of a Hat"
2 books available -- Call Rabbi Chapin at 561- 676 -5351
- **Yiddish** (Once per month)
September 27 6pm
- **Bible and Bagels** (Once per month)
September 15 10:30 am

Anyone interested in studying Classical Hebrew: please contact Rabbi Chapin by email or phone.

All Classes Meet at the Temple

Condolences

In loving memory of **Tiffany Bushee**, step-daughter of Barbara Bushee and daughter of Norman Bushee who passed away on June 29, 2016.

In loving memory of **John Hearn**, husband of Phyllis Hearn, who passed away on June 29, 2016.

We send our heartfelt condolences to their family members.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Elaine Gartenberg	Sept 1
Madeline Bull	Sept 2
Susan Siegel	Sept 4
Etai Grenman	Sept 6
Lynda Kass	Sept 12
Cooper Bull	Sept 18
Wayne Phillips	Sept 24
Jerry Rephan	Sept 27
Jean Gershner	Sept 29

Anniversaries

David & Karen Reagler	Sept 13
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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.

Oneg Thanks

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

Sept 2	Jerry Tanenbaum Sharon Ball
Sept 9	Anthony and Sherrill Nicolosi David and Karen Reagler
Sept 16	Cynthia Rephan, Betty Forshberg
Sept 23	Oded Grenman, Yossi and Kim Baron
Sept 30	Louis and Betty Kleinman Stuart and Kay Fleischner

Reminder: If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, bear in mind that it is YOUR responsibility to find someone to switch with and to advise Sharon Waxler of the change.

A Star is Born

“Pearls’s Girls,” a new play, will be performed at Garvan Garden’s Anthony Chapel on Sunday September 11 at 3 PM.

The performance is free and open to the public.

This is a one act play written by Hot Springs resident Isobel McQuiston. The play was written when Isobel was living in Colorado and won the New Colorado Voices One Act Play Contest. Her mother was Pearl and she and her three older sisters often referred to each other as “Pearl’s Girls”. Isobel was the youngest, and her sisters, all several years older, have now passed.

The play takes place with “Pearl’s Girls” gathering in their family home to discuss and decide the distribution of the home and its contents. While preparing for the inevitable is difficult for every family and the timing is never convenient it is something that can not be avoided. It often brings out the best and the worst of family relationships.

Our own Ruth Sedler has a small part in the play.

September Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited Sept 2

Edward I. Rephan

Grandfather of Jerry Rephan

Lila Raines

Mother-in-Law of Steven Kirsch

Kaddish Recited Sept 9

Margaret Gladstein

Aunt of Louis Kleinman

Sybil Fleischner,

Aunt of Mark and Stuart Fleischner

Sadye Fleischner

Grandmother of Mark and Stuart Fleischner

Hannah Garland

Mother of SaraLee Stark

Julius Berkun

Father of Ed Berkun

Kaddish Recited Sept 16

E. Alberta Williamson

Mother of Katherine Klein

Kaddish Recited Sept 30

Morris Zibrack

Uncle of Sharon Ball

Helen Poncher Newman

Grandmother of Brad Wolken



Memorial Book

Once again, Congregation House of Israel will be publishing a Memorial Book in Honor and Memory of those who are no longer with us but continue to live on in our hearts.

You were recently sent a letter from our President, Stuart Fleischner, as well as a form for listing those you would like to honor by inclusion in our Yizkor book. If you had a listing in last year's edition, we've included a copy which you can simply approve if there are no changes.

Please do take the time to fill out the form, enclose payment and mail to CHI PO Box 20802, Hot Springs 71903. . Because of the lateness of the request, we ask that all responses be received no later than September 8th, to allow time for the book to be laid out, proofed and submitted to the printer.

The books will, once again, be distributed at Yizkor service on October 12.

For those of you who do not live in Hot Springs, a copy of the book will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions about the Memorial Book, please call Carol Kleinman at 214-494-2560 or email litelady1@yahoo.com.

May we take this opportunity to wish all of our CHI friends L'Shana Tova - a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Sincerely,

Shelly and Carol Kleinman

Yizkor List

In keeping with our annual tradition, during Yizkor services on Yom Kippur we will read the names of our loved ones who have passed. The list for this year has been extremely edited, and copies have been posted on the CHI website for your review.

Please [follow this link](#) to review the proposed Yizkor list which will be read during the memorial service on Yom Kippur Day.

We urge everyone to review the lists and report any updates or errors by email to either [Barbara Morgan](#) or [Patti Fleischner](#).

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