

Come See What You Can Do For Sisterhood

Come See What Sisterhood Can Do For You!!

Next meeting February 1, 2010

Hope to see YOU there!
**Come be a part of the most exciting and
active group in our Community.**

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to:

Karen Weinberg on the loss of her cousin,
Jon Bookman

Jo Carroll Lewald on the loss of her
nephew, Mike Barniak

Kaddish is recited every Friday evening and at
our monthly Shabbat morning service.

February Events

Monday	Feb. 1	11AM-1PM	Sisterhood luncheon for Levi Tower residents
		5:30PM	CHI Board meeting
Saturday	Feb. 6	6:30PM	Temple B'nai Israel, Little Rock. Jewish Federation of Arkansas Banquet and Jane B. Mandel Tikkun Olam Awards honoring CHI honoree for 2010, Betty Kleinman
Saturday	Feb. 13	10:30AM	Monthly Saturday morning service followed by kiddush luncheon
Sunday	Feb. 14	4PM	Religious School Board meeting
Saturday	Feb. 20	7:30PM	<i>Schmoozers and Fressers at the home of Mary Waterman. Topic: "Reproductive Rights and Education"</i>
Sunday	Feb. 28	11AM	Megillah reading during Religious School. Everyone invited.

Israeli Dancing	4:30PM	2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25,
Religious School	9:30- 12Noon	2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
Adult Liturgical Hebrew	2:30-4PM	2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
Choir	12:30-2PM	2/7,, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
Choir Practice	4:30PM	2/4, 2/11,, 2/18, 2/24
Adult Modern Hebrew	6-7:30PM	2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24
Afternoon tutorials		2/1, 2/3, 2/4, 2/8, 2/10, 2/11, 2/15, 2/17, 2/18, 2/21, 2/24, 2/25

***Please let the Rabbi know if your child will not be able to attend their afternoon tutorials.**

Sisterhood

REPORT OF HOLOCAUST PROJECT 2010 As of January 11

Committee: John Wells, Joanne Reagler, Carla Mouton, Mary Waterman, Sue Koppel, Stephanie Kleinman, Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin.

Financial Sponsors: Garland County Library, CHI Sisterhood, Rosenzweig Fund for Inter-Faith Activities.

Community Participants: Various schools through the county, REGARD, various other churches.

Projects of Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project:

1. Genocide around the World Essay Contests for junior and high school students. Jan 1 to Feb 28.
2. Sunday, April 11, 2 PM Yom Ha Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony at Garland County Library. Winners of essay contest announced. Program being prepared now.
3. Holocaust Survivors being presented to junior and high school students who did not get an opportunity to meet Max Glauhen last year. Again working with Dallas Holocaust Museum and possible others?
4. U. S. Holocaust Museum Exhibit entitled SCHINDLER on display April 19 to May31. Programs incomplete as of this date.
5. September, 2010, month long exhibit from Houston Holocaust Museum entitled DARFUR: PHOTO JOURNALISTS RESPOND .
6. May collaborate with REGARD and on their International Day of Peace Program during the Darfur Exhibit.
7. Other possible projects for this year include introducing:
 - A. Butterfly Project into churches and schools – project for elementary school age children through the Houston Holocaust Museum.
 - B. LOST BOYS OF SUDAN

Joanne Reagler

Our next Sisterhood meeting is **February 1st**. We will be welcoming the Levi Tower Residents at lunch. Gail Greenberg is Chairperson. Serving with her as hostesses are Annette Baim, Karen Reagler, Louise Levi, Jean Gershner, Susan Siegel, and Cynthia Rephan.

On **February 28th**, Sisterhood will cooperate with the Religious School staff and Rabbi in providing lunch following the Magillah Reading at 11:15Am at Temple. Karen Reagler, Chairperson, and Barbara Morgan, assistant chairperson, will organize the lunch menu.

SISTERHOOD CALENDAR Jan 1, 2010 to June 2010

Jan 4. Sisterhood Meeting: Patti F. and Jo Carroll, Hostesses. Program Kim Kelly Hot Springs Arkansas Food Bank.

January 1 to Feb.28: Holocaust Remembrance Education Project Essay Contests open to students for “Genocide” Essay Contest.

Jan. 18: REGARD Martin Luther King Pot Luck Supper, Webb Center, 6PM

Feb. 1: Sisterhood Meeting: Levi Towers Residents – Hostesses: Gail Greenberg, chairperson, Annette Baim, Karen Reagler, Louise Levi, Jean Gershner, Susan Siegel, Cynthia R. If the weather is bad Sisterhood will furnish transportation to Tower guests.

Feb.6 Jewish Federation of Arkansas Banquet in Little Rock honoring Betty Kleinman with Tikkun Olam Award from our Congregation.

March 1 Sisterhood 6:30PM Meeting. Hostesses Carol Kleinman, chairperson, Carole Fox, Sonia Burris, Sharon Waxler, Elaine Wolken. Plan fun program, serve wine.

March 12: Sisterhood Sabbath Service. Chairperson Millie, chairperson communicating with AR Jewish Federation Director & Little Rock Sisterhood Choir.

March 29 Passover Begins: Community Seder: Gail Greenberg, chairperson.

March/April: Holocaust Survivors Seminars in Garland County Schools. Holocaust Sisterhood Committee is responsible for expenses and plans for Survivors visits.

April 11, Sunday 2PM Yom Ha Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony at Garland County Library hosted by Holocaust Sisterhood Committee.

April 12 Sisterhood Meeting: Hostesses Sharona Grenman, Joanne Reagler. Election of Sisterhood officers. Book review “Book Thief” by Markus Zusak, reviewed by Patti.

Mid April to Mid May: US Holocaust Museum Exhibit entitled SCHINDLER brought to Library by Garland County Library, Rosenzweig Foundation, and Sisterhood.

April 27: Hot Springs Village Holocaust Memorial Program conducted by Win Bowman, of CHI, and Helen Stegall of the Christ of the Hills Methodist Church.

May 1, Saturday evening, Amir Concert Fund Raiser by Temple Board.

May 3 Final Sisterhood Meeting of year. Hostesses Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin and Stephanie Kleinman.

June 13th Annual Temple Board Meeting including installation of Sisterhood Officers

Congregation House of Israel

Buy A Brick

A Timeless Keepsake

The Kleinman-Schlesinger Garden of Life

This garden is part of the heart of the Congregation House of Israel. We are committed to sustaining our Temple, and to achieve this goal a major fundraising effort is underway.

We are now using our beautiful garden to “grow” funds by the sale of bricks for the operation of our Temple, and as a legacy for the benefit and enjoyment of our members and future generations.

Now is your chance to support this project with a one-time donation that will last a lifetime. Become a part of CHI by purchasing a brick to be placed on garden grounds and viewed by all for years to come.

Phase I:

Building of the parking lot adjacent to the Temple

Phase II:

- A. Creation and naming of the Kleinman-Schlesinger Garden of Life
- B. Building of the Pat Tanenbaum Educational Pavilion
- C. Installation of the new kitchen windows.
- D. Adding new covered entry in memory of Serena Kirsch
- E. Landscape design with new watering system was completed which included 19 trees and hundreds of plants.
- F. New Children’s Garden is being built in honor of the Reigler children.
- G. Center island was landscaped in memory of Pat Tanenbaum.

Phase III:

Phase III is now beginning with the sale of bricks to add to our sustaining fund, which is designed to help operate our temple for years to come.



ARZA Report

Thank you to Jerry Tanenbaum for sharing this information from the Association of Reform Zionists of America. Please contact Jerry for more information on ARZA and how you can become more involved with this organization.

“On behalf of almost a million and a half American Reform Jews, I react with dismay and alarm to the recent report that Anat Hoffman, leader of Israel’s Women of the Wall, was interrogated and fingerprinted on January 6 by Jerusalem police. She was told that she may be charged with a felony for violating the rules of conduct at what many consider to be Judaism’s most sacred site. The action against Ms. Hoffman who is the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, follows on the arrest in November of Nofrat Frenkel a member of the Conservative movement and a medical student. The crime: wearing a tallit (prayer shawl) not at the Wall itself, but at an area that had been previously designated a place where Women of the Wall can gather for a once-a-month worship, as they have done for the past 21 years.

These recent actions at the Wall insult all Jewish women for they are being reminded, as they have so many times in the past, that they are second-class Jews at a place that is not a synagogue but rather, an historic site of great importance to all Jews, not just those who are Orthodox. The insults to which Women of the Wall have been subjected cannot be repeated in polite company. The fact that the police have seen fit to arrest women who went to the Wall for peaceful prayer and not those who have screamed that the Nazis should have murdered these women is a stark reminder of the lengths to which the ultra-Orthodox in Israel will go to force their religious practice on an entire nation.

One must wonder why the people of Israel tolerate a religious fanaticism that is no different than what we have witnessed in Iran and elsewhere. There have been riots on Shabbat by ultra-Orthodox Jews protesting the opening of a parking lot near the entrance to the Old City of Jerusalem. There have been riots in Jerusalem protesting the fact that an Intel plant operates on Shabbat. There are now segregated busses in Israel on more than 90 routes, with demands that the number of routes be increased. There is a growing crisis in Israeli education due to the fact that there is not a core curriculum required of every Israeli student, which means that increasingly students are being exposed to a narrow religion-based curriculum and are not learning the subjects that will allow them to function in a modern society. In short, Israel is the rare democracy today that tolerates and even worse endorses religious discrimination against Jews. The promise of Israel’s “Declaration of Independence that Israel will be a homeland for all Jews appears to be nothing more than a dream.

Make no mistake: What appears to be a growing religious crisis in Israel is as much a threat to Israel’s survival as are the external threats, perhaps more so. Israel has shown that she can protect herself from armies and terrorists. Protecting herself from religious extremism may be Israel’s biggest challenge—a challenge that cannot and must not be ignored by those who care about Israel’s soul.”

Rabbi Robert Orkand, President
Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA)

A Call to Action—Make the Wall for all Jews

On January 5th, 2010, I, Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, and leader of Women of the Wall was called in for questioning and fingerprinted by the Israeli police. They warned me that I was being investigated for the felony offense of wearing a tallit, and holding a Torah at the Western Wall.

My interrogation comes less than two months after the November 18th, 2009 arrest of the Women of the Wall member Nofrat Frankel for wearing a tallit and holding a Sefer Torah at the Wall.

We are asking you today to contact your local Israel Ambassadors and Consulates and tell them that you will not tolerate religious discrimination or be forced to practice the religious ideologies of the Ultra-Orthodox community. You can write your own letter or sign the letter we have attached. (see below)

Israel must understand that the will of a small fundamentalist minority cannot take the Wall away from Klal Yisrael.

- Please send your letter to your Ambassador Michael Oren
- Send a letter to your local Israeli consulate
- Please also send this communication to your friends and family so that the message will come from as many people as possible
- Other ways that you can show your support are to purchase a Women of the Wall tallit (Karen@irac.org) or by making a donation to IRAC’s work advancing Jewish pluralism and tolerance in Israel and fighting to end religious coercion and discrimination. <http://www.irac.org/Donate.aspx> <<http://www.irac.org/Donate.aspx>>
- Lastly, organize a solidarity rally or prayer service for the Women of the Wall on the next Rosh Hodesh, Erev Shabbat January 15th 2010

Anat Hoffman
IRAC Executive Director

Passover Cooking Class

Please let us know if you have any interest in having a workshop in March to learn to cook something without hametz. We had a great time last year with Apple Matzah Kugel!

Shmoozers & Fressers

The *Most Influential American Jews*, was very interesting - Jews have been involved in so many aspects of American life! Our next event will be Reproductive Rights and Education at the home of Mary Waterman on Saturday, February 20th at 7:30pm -- see you there!

Thank You

Tribute Funds are a meaningful way to celebrate, congratulate, honor, recognize, praise, remember or commemorate anyone on any occasion.

The following donations were received in January:

General Fund

Fred & Harriette Korngut - *In memory of Fanny Fleischmidt*

Fred & Harriette Korngut - *In memory of William Holtzman*

Sissy Schram Levy - *In honor of her grand-daughter, Machya Adkins and her daughter, Lynn Harris*

Dr. Erwin & Debbie Lax - *In memory of Harry Lax*

Mark & Patti Fleischner - *In memory of Martin Fleischner*

Dr. Stuart & Kay Fleischner - *In memory of Martin Fleischner*

Jerry Tanenbaum - *In memory of Alyce Brand*

Jerry Tanenbaum - *In honor of the birth of Andrew David Tobakos*

Lenny & Norma Mendel - *In memory of Max Singer*

Lenny & Norma Mendel - *In memory of Milan Mandel*

Mick Stoyanov & Millie Baron - *In memory of Lois Ginsburg*

Mick Stoyanov & Millie Baron - *In memory of George Z. Ginsburg*

Susan Seigel, Diane Goltz and Madeline Bull - *In memory of Mona Goltz*

Susan Seigel, Diane Goltz and Madeline Bull - *In memory of Lewis Goltz*

Sisterhood Fund

Barbara Morgan - *In honor of Jonathan's recovery*

Shelly & Carol Kleinman - *In honor of Betty Kleinman receiving the Tikkum Olam Award*

Holocaust Educational Fund

David & Joanne Reagler - *In honor of Betty Kleinman receiving the Tikkum Olam Award.*

Todah Rabbah

To **Gerald Share** of Overland Park, Kansas for the lovely potted plant in the sanctuary.

To **Win and Bill Bowman** for the lovely green dish towels.

To **Alitza, Matthew and Zak Cabibi-Wilkin** for taking part in the services on Friday, January 15th

To **Carole Fox** for leading Hallel and the Haftarah on Saturday, January 16th

Thanks to CHI...

Thank you so much for all of your food donations to help us help those in need! We appreciate you!!

Janet Fotioo
Jackson House

Learn to make your own kippot!!

Maybe you want a kippah of a certain size or color, or you have grandchildren for whom you'd like to make something quick but personal. You might want to sell some crafts on Etsy, or just keep up your fine motor skills with something fun, rewarding, and not too complicated.

Our own very skilled crafter, Kay Fleischner, will be teaching a workshop on how to crochet your own kippot on Sunday, February 7th from 12 - 2pm. This is a beginner class, so no experience at all is necessary (but if you have experience, we can just give you the pattern & set you loose with it). We have crochet hooks and yarn available, and you are welcome to bring your own as well if you'd like. If you have any questions, please call Kay at 262-5308 or email Bridget at bridget.4@gmail.com Should be a fun social afternoon!

Hamentashen Baking Time

Calling all bakers or wanna-be's!!

Please come join the fun of community baking of hamentashen at noon on Sunday, Feb. 21st! If you've never done it before, this is a great time to learn. We'll be baking goodies to put in Shalach Manot for those in our community who have had a difficult year, as well as for our Purim luncheon on the 28th. Yum!

Megillah Reading

Please come hear the story of Queen Esther saving the Jewish people of Persia from that evil Haman

Sunday, Feb. 28th at 11:15am - followed by a festive Purim luncheon & hamentashen!

Rabbi's Message

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Tu bi-Shevat, Jewish Arbor Day, was celebrated on January 30th this year. The Jewish National Fund, for the last one hundred eight years has planted 240,000,000 trees in Israel. From outer space you can clearly see the scope of the 'green line' between Israel proper and the West Bank and Gaza. Literally, there is a visible green territory where the JNF has been planting for the last century, in Israel proper. Where the majority of Palestinian areas are located the land appears tan or buff in color. The planting of trees – contributed to so generously by Diaspora Jews – has been a major thrust of the Zionist enterprise. We all know that trees give off life-giving oxygen, hold the soil from eroding, and provide fruit and nuts and a pleasant environment for people and animals.

With all this in mind, I was very surprised to read a recent article in the Jerusalem Report illustrating how several Palestinian groups are promoting the planting of trees around Palestinian villages. Their funding comes from the Palestinian Authority, donors in Europe, American and the Arab world, including Jews, and some of the saplings have been provided by the JNF!

Whereas Jews primarily plant pine forests, the Palestinians prefer fruit trees: almond, apricot and especially olive. By comparison to the JNF's gargantuan work over a century, the Palestinians are just getting started.

Of course, like everything in the ME, there are all kinds of political considerations tied in with any seemingly pure effort at ecology. While the JNF planted forests to delineate Jewish land, one of the motives of the Palestinian planters is to keep Israeli settlers from seizing open land that often surrounds West Bank villages. An 1858 Ottoman law, still actively enforced, declares land not cultivated for ten years will devolve back to the state; in this case, the state of Israel. Many of the West Bank Jewish settlements are growing and need to expand their residential areas. Uncultivated land provides an easy opportunity to legally gain control of more acres. By planting fruit trees on open land, and maintaining them for ten years, the given Palestinian village can prevent the loss of this land which they claim as their own. This tactic is infuriating some of the Jewish settlers. Their ire is especially cast on the JNF for giving saplings and some land to the Palestinians.

During all my childhood and younger years I heard over and over again that the Arabs neglected and didn't care about the land. Somehow I feel their act of planting fruit trees is within the Jewish spirit of love for the land. It will improve the land for everyone and I think it's a really good non-violent way of staking their claims. Planting olive trees, whose branches are universal symbols of peace, is surely far preferable to rockets or suicide bombers. Maybe, just maybe, this act could serve as a mutual symbol of esteem and understanding, a commonality of purpose between the two peoples.

Rabbi Jerry Fox

Haiti Relief Fund

The people of Haiti need our help now.

You can make a difference !

As you are no doubt aware, a severe earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale devastated Haiti . This is the most severe earthquake to hit that impoverished country in 200 years. The death toll is expected to reach hundreds of thousands and it likely will be many months until the impact is fully known. The epicenter was near the capital of Port-au-Prince. . According to the International Red Cross, as many as three million people have been affected by the quake.

The Reform Jewish community has a long history of generosity when natural disasters devastate communities around the world. Your generosity at this critical time enables us to play a role in recovery efforts and bring healing and hope to those whose lives have been affected. Donations to the Union for Reform Judaism Haiti Relief Fund can be made on-line or by check (please note "Haiti Relief" in the memo section) to:

Union for Reform Judaism
Attention: Development

633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10017

As you probably know, the Union has been engaged in disaster relief efforts for many years and has developed considerable expertise in this arena. The Union has significant contacts in place both in the community-at-large and within the Jewish community, and works with other organizations such as the JDC and AJWS to identify appropriate partners and ensure our resources are used where we can make an impact. Unlike other organizations, which often retain up to 15% of donations for overhead, the Union takes no administrative costs from disaster relief donations, with the exception of direct expenses such as credit card fees.

On-going updates regarding the disaster relief efforts and the allocations from this fund will be posted at www.urj.org/relief.

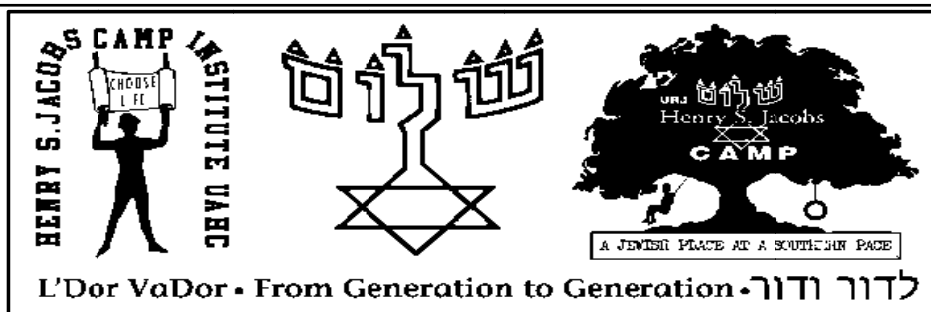
Thank you.

Jerry Tanenbaum

On behalf of the URJ

HELP WANTED

A Holocaust Survivor from the Dallas Holocaust Museum will be visiting us in March for a few days. Anyone who wants to volunteer to drive her to the schools, or take her to lunch , or help with the entertainments fo her., please call Joanne Reagler or email as soon as possible.



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THE ADULT STUDY WEEKEND IS BACK! Come to Learn More About Israel Today Friday-Sunday, March 19-21, 2010

When the Henry S. Jacobs Camp was founded 40 years ago, its founders hoped that, in addition to fulfilling its core mission of serving as a residential summer camp for Jewish children from across the Deep South, the site would also become an educational center for the Jewish community of the region, providing opportunities for individuals of all ages to have an enriching Jewish experience at Camp.

We are pleased to announce the return of the Adult Study Weekend to our annual schedule. Adults (21+) are invited to join us in Utica for a weekend of learning and fellowship.

Israel will be the theme of our study weekend! We are thrilled to be joined by Rabbi Rich Kirschen and Paul Liptz, the Director and Education Director respectively of the World Union for Progressive Judaism's Anita Saltz International Education Center in Jerusalem.



Rabbi Rich Kirschen teaches and lectures extensively on issues of public culture, sovereignty & religion in the Jewish State. Before making Aliyah, he served as a Hillel director for eight years – first at the University of Michigan, and then at Brown University. Rabbi Kirschen recently finished his military service and had the honor of being at one time the oldest private in the Israeli army. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife Cara Saposnik (a documentary filmmaker), their three children (Gili, Liron & Ayal), and their dog (Michigan).



Professor Paul Liptz is a social historian who lectures in the Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University, and in Israel Studies at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. He has published articles on contemporary Jewry & Jewish History and has lectured & conducted workshops in 12 countries. In addition, he has traveled throughout Europe with numerous groups and is recognized as an outstanding Scholar-in-Residence capable of translating complex issues & realities into language we can all understand.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

To download an application, visit
www.jacobs.urjcamps.org/yearround/

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 19

- 4:00-6:00 PM Registration Opens
- 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- 6:30 PM Shabbat Dinner
- 8:00 PM Program: "Making Sense of Jewish Public Culture in Israel and the Diaspora (Rich Kirschen)
- 9:30 PM Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, March 20

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
- 10:30 AM Program: "Maximalism & Minimalism: Confusing Questions for Israel in 2010" (Paul Liptz)
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Afternoon Free Time, Rest Time
- 4:00 PM Program: "The Changing Face of the Middle East" (Paul Liptz)
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Havdallah
- 7:15 PM Program: "Jewish Responses to Power and Powerlessness" (Rich Kirschen)
- 9:00 PM Late Night Film & Discussion

Sunday, March 21

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Lecture: "The Future of Jerusalem" (Paul Liptz)
- 10:00 AM Program: "Like All the Nations? Reform Judaism in Israel Today" (Rich Kirschen)
- 12:00 PM Lunch, Departure

Care and Concern

Refuah Shelemah

Prayers are offered for the physical and emotional health of members, family and friends at services on Friday. *We wish Refuah Shelemah to:*

Bill Bowman - *Husband of Win Bowman*
Win Bowman - *Wife of Bill Bowman*
Sharona Grenman - *Wife of Oded Grenman*
Ruth "Tootie" Kahn - *Mother of Karen Weinberg*
Andrea Kleinman-Parker - *Daughter of Louis and Betty Kleinman*
Jonathan Morgan - *Husband of Barbara Morgan*
Jerry Roth - *Husband of Pearl Roth*
Lynda Unowsky - *Wife of Joel Unowsky*
Roz Zoblotsky - *Wife of Harry Zoblosky*

Please remember to inform the Caring Committee - Carol Kleinman, Win Bowman - 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.

If there is anything you want or need, please contact one of us and it would be our pleasure to help you and your family:

Carol Kleinman (501) 922-3194
 Win Bowman (501) 622-6876

The Arkansas School
for
Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts
requests that you

Save the Date

for the
ASMSA INAUGURAL GALA

March 14, 2010
6:30 PM

Arlington Crystal Ballroom

Student Entertainment
Silent Auction
Heavy Hors' D'oeuvres
Cash Bar

Dancing to the Clyde Pound Band, ATM

Cocktail Attire
\$75 per person
Tables for ten

Please plan to join us for a fun-filled evening
benefiting the construction of a student life
complex on the ASMSA campus.

For "paperless" reservations or information,
call Ellen Walker, 501.538.4103

Your support is appreciated.

Israeli Music is coming to Hot Springs!!

Mark your calendars for May 1st when our Temple is sponsoring a concert with a major Israeli musician. Amir Gwartzman is a master of saxophone, clarinet, flute, bagpipes, pennywhistle and more than a dozen other wind instruments from all over the world. His music includes jazz, rhythm & blues and folk and, of course, the sounds of Israel. His performances are sponsored by the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. Want to see a preview of his music? Go to the ISJL web site, www.isjl.org and click on the Amir Gwartzman link on the home page or just Google his name.

This concert is an opportunity for our Congregation to bring a great cultural experience to Hot Springs and also to make some money. I am chairing the project and currently have a committee that includes Jerry Tanenbaum, Sharon Waxler, David Reagler, Annette Baim, Mary Waterman, John Gillham, Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin, Anita Williams and Laura Rosenberg. We welcome the support of anyone else who wants to serve on the committee or just has ideas.

If you are interested please call me at 622-3104 or email Alfredlewald@gmail.com, and if you don't recognize my name, don't worry I'm fairly new to the Temple and would love to work with you.

We will keep everyone updated as we get closer to the event; I look forward to seeing everyone at the concert along with our friends and neighbors in Hot Springs.

Alfred Lewald

February Yahrtzeits

We honor the memories of the following people during the month of February

Kaddish recited February 5

Bertha Moscovitz 2/5
Milan Mandel 2/4
Step-father of Lenny Mendel

Kaddish recited February 12

Rose Ginsburg 2/8
Grandmother of Millie Baron
Grandmother of Bill Ginsburg
Sylvia Wuhlsohn 2/10
Dr. William Harvey Cowan 2/11
Father of Lynda Unowsky
Max Singer 2/12
Father of Norma Mendel

Kaddish recited February 19

Stefan Benedikt 2/13
William R. Boswell 2/13
Father of Anita Williams
Louis Grusmark 2/14
Joseph King 2/15

Max Wetzler 2/16
Morris Uzick 2/16
Uncle of Regina Faulkner
Evelyn Friedlaender 2/18
Fred Kupperman 2/19
Stella F. Weisman 2/19
Mother of Louise Levi

Kaddish recited February 26

Evelyn Hemerich 2/20
Laura Darch 2/20
Evelyn Unowsky 2/20 (Adar 6)
Mother of Joel Unowsky
Anna King 2/22
Herzl Friedlaender 2/22
Joseph H. Klyman 2/24
Sally Friedlander Boley 2/26
Mother of Sherrill Nicolosi
Brigitte Schoenfeld 2/27
Isaac Moretsky 2/27
Pearl Gartenberg Lippert 2/27
Aunt of Bob Gartenberg

May their memories all be for a blessing

When we are dead, and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. Let it not be said that life was good to us, but rather, that we were good to life.

Oneg Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sponsored an Oneg Shabbat during the month of January.

What better way to celebrate special events or just share for Friday night as we welcome the Shabbat as a family.



Oneg Hosts/Hostesses for February

2/5 Jerry Tanenbaum
 Charles Dante
 Sharon Ball
 Pat Paulk

2/12 Brian & Mary Beth Trubitt
 Stuart & Kay Fleischner

2/13 Barney & Sonia Burris

2/19 Bill & Kathryn Eisenkramer
 Mary Watermann

2/26 Ken & Annette Baim
 Sherrill Nicolosi

If you cannot host a scheduled Oneg, please arrange for another congregant to take your place.

President's Message

It's only February and already our Temple calendar is exploding with exciting activities "springing" up all around us! Between the Temple Board, Sisterhood, and some very active committee members, work is underway to ensure that you have many opportunities to make your membership in our Temple very meaningful to you. Here are just a few to add to your own personal calendars:

- **Sisterhood Shabbat** – March 12th
Our Congregation has invited the choir from Little Rock's Temple to join us in celebrating Shabbat. The "Shechinotes" are sure to inspire you as you join with the women of our congregation for a very special evening. If you only make it to Shabbat services one time this year, please plan to join us on this night.
- **Adult Study Weekend at Camp Jacobs** – March 19-21
This is a special event that is happening outside our Temple walls in our broader community that I want to make sure everyone knows they are invited to participate. Several people from Hot Springs have already signed up to attend and it promises to be very interesting. Israel is the theme of the study weekend and two incredible speakers are lined up that will definitely deepen your understanding of the issues facing the people of Israel, the Israeli government, and the impact these issues have on all of us. Please consider joining us for a very rewarding experience!
- **Israeli Musician, Amir Gwartzman Concert** – May 1st
Laura and Richard Rosenberg are helping us organize this spectacular community wide concert which offers "an excellent opportunity for Jewish communities to enjoy the sounds of jazz and Israel and to share Israeli and Jewish culture and world music with friends and neighbors". Amir is being sponsored by the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. This sponsorship is enabling us to have access to a musician of this caliber and we are very fortunate to have this opportunity. One of our new members, Alfred Lewald, has agreed to chair the committee that is working on this event, so please offer your help and support to Alfred to help make this one of our best events ever!
- **Annual Temple Meeting** – June 13th
It's not too early to mark your calendars for this event as well. Plans are underway to make this a "must-do" event with the combination of the installation of Temple officers and Sisterhood officers.

With a congregation of our size, everyone's participation is vital and valued as we work to keep our congregation strong, vibrant, and alive for many generations to come. In addition to your attendance at these events, we are also asking that everyone cooperate in returning the following forms:

- **The Annual Dues Pledge Forms**
It was requested that these be returned to the office by **February 1st** so that we can properly organize our finances for the year. A calling committee is in place that will begin calling all members that have not yet returned their forms. So please return your forms to help us reduce the number of calls to make!
- **Buy A Brick Form**
We encourage everyone to consider participating in this opportunity for you to honor or remember your loved ones while helping to sustain our Temple.
- **Write a letter to the Israeli Ambassador**
The Union of Reform Judaism has encouraged us to participate in joining congregations all across the country by writing letters to the Israeli Ambassador concerning the treatment of Reform Jews, especially women, in Israel. More information on this is available in the Temple office. The address is:

Michael Oren
Embassy of Israel
3514 International Dr. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20008

If anyone is interested in more information on any one of these topics, please feel free to call me or Karen in the Temple office.

I hope my excitement and enthusiasm is coming through this page to reach all of you! As you can see throughout this entire bulletin, we are so fortunate to have so many wonderful opportunities to come together and to give back to our community. Hopefully it is, and will continue to be, a community that provides valuable and meaningful experiences for us all!

Millie Baron
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Arkansas Camper Incentive Program

The Tenenbaum Foundation and the Foundation for Jewish Camp have teamed up again this year for the Arkansas Camper Incentive Program. This statewide program is designed to encourage any Jewish child who is a first-time camper to attend any not-for-profit Jewish camp in North America.

In mid-December the Foundation for Jewish Camp online registration site will be available to applicants for the first year program. Please note that if you took part in this program last year (2009), you may apply again this year for your second year, but the grant is lower.

We are grateful to the Tenenbaum Foundation for its continuing generosity and support of Jewish families in Arkansas and modeling for our young people the importance of maintaining and contributing to our community.

The requirements are:

- 1) Residency in Arkansas (congregational affiliation is not required).
- 2) Must register for a session of at least 19 days to be eligible for a \$1,000 grant (first year only). Those campers who attended camp last year with a grant from this program are eligible for a \$750 grant for their second year.
- 3) Registration must be at a non-profit Jewish summer camp anywhere in North America. Eligible camps are listed at www.onehappycamper.org.

Program details and a link to the application site are available by clicking www.onehappycamper.org.

All applications must be made through this website.
Arkansas Camper Incentive Program

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Israeli Dancing

Thursdays

4:30 - 5:30pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Yom Huledet Sameach!!

• Ken Baim	2/1
• Sydney Rephan	2/2
• Tillie Reagler	2/2
• Louis Reagler	2/2
• Madi Ginsburg	2/4
• Gail Greenberg	2/5
• Barney Burris	2/5
• Juliet Anreder	2/6
• Harry Zoblotsky	2/9
• Adam Baron	2/11
• Carol Fletcher	2/12
• Diane Goltz	2/12
• Elan Grenman	2/13
• Joanne Reagler	2/17
• David Reagler	2/18
• Rabbi Jerome Fox	2/18
• Mark Levi	2/19
• Ian Nicolosi	2/21
• Imy Marcus	2/21
• Mark Koppel	2/22
• David Burge	2/22
• Bobby Greenberg	2/28



HAPPY ANIVERSARY Mazel Tov!!

• David and Joann Major	2/5
• Barney and Sonia Burris	2/7



Education

Religious School

This month Pre-Gan will be learning about Purim & Pesach; Gan will study Abraham & Sarah, Hachnasat Orchim, Ancestry, and Purim, as well as the letters Nun, Samech, Ayin & Pay; Dalet will learn about Friendship, Jonathan & David, David & Bathsheba, Nathan's Parable, The Temple, Purim & Helping Others; while Vav will study Tu B'Shvat, Psalms, Proverbs, and Esther. We're all looking forward to the reading of Megillat Esther on the 28th at 11:15 (with our giant Megillah scroll) and the congregational Purim lunch afterwards!

Adult Education

Liturgical Hebrew

This month in Hineni I, we'll be learning the V'Ahavta, Mi Chamocha, and various Brachot. Please join us on Sundays from 2:30-4pm to learn the meaning of our rich liturgy.

Conversational Ivrit

Meets on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm to learn modern Hebrew as it is spoken every day in Israel. We're getting into verb forms now and learning what life is like in Israel as well as to describe our houses to realtors!

Torah Study

Please join us this month from 4:15-5:15 on Fridays & learn more about Yitro, Mishpatim, Terumah, & Tetzaveh as well as Purim.

Choir

We hope you enjoyed our performance on Tu B'Shvat! You'll see us next at the Megillah reading on Purim on the 28th. Please join us on Sundays from 12:30 - 2pm if you'd like to learn some of our songs, along with their meanings & history!

Win Bowman - CHI Congregant of the Month



Win (Gray-Stern) Bowman is the Shilach K'hilah of CHI. She has led services and rituals for our Temple since 2002. Her knowledge has enabled her to conduct services, programs, and assist in teaching children in our Religious School. We've all been privileged to hear her blow the shofar at CHI during the High Holidays.

Win has done a remarkable job leading congregations and groups in Holocaust memorial services. Last year she led the Hot Springs Village Interfaith Ministries as they remembered the Holocaust. She has been invited back to once again lead the Holocaust Memorial services in the Village. On December 13, 2009, she led a program at Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs on Remembering the Holocaust.

Win is the co-chairperson of the CHI Caring committee. She is always available to visit those who need a friendly face and a caring friend. She and her husband, Bill (shown above at their recent wedding) have generously donated their time to helping those in need of friendship and assistance.

In her "spare time" she is active in the CHI choir. She has also designed and made numerous beautiful Judaic artifacts. She is an accomplished beader and her beautiful jewelry is shown and sold at art shows.

Thank you, Win, for all you do for our community.

Editors Note: Please let me know of a congregant who you would like to see as our Congregant of the Month.

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If you have any comments or suggestions for The Shofar, please let either Karen Holcomb or Carol Kleinman know.

Upcoming meetings or Temple events? Please let us know so we can put them in The Shofar.

Remember - Shofar deadline is the 20th of the month, so please have all articles, reminders, etc. sent to Karen prior to that date.