

The Shofar

March 2010
15 Adar - 16 Nisan

Congregation House of Israel

Rabbi Jerome Fox

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Rabbi's Message



A Living Immortality

As Passover approaches, it is often useful to compare the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Israel. The Egyptian Pharaohs were obsessed with their immortality both in the next world and through their memorials here on earth. We all marvel at the massive architectural

grandeur of the great pyramids. Yes, the pharaonic builders of the great pyramids have names that are familiar to scholars, archeologists and Egyptologists. However, just as the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel predicted, Egypt survives today as a shadow of its former greatness. The Egyptians of today are predominantly and most likely the biological descendants of the Pharaonic Egyptians. However, Egypt speaks a different language (Arabic) and practices a different religious (Islam) from their ancient forebears.

By contrast, the historian Barbara Tuchman has noted, "Of all the peoples of the Western world from three thousand years ago, it is only the Jews who live in the same place, speak the same language, and practice the same religion."

Likewise, people in the Western world are far more familiar with Moses, King David, and the prophet Isaiah than they are with even the most outstanding Pharaoh.

So why has Israel's civilization gone forward to the present and hopefully, the future, while ancient Egypt's makes for a nice visit to a museum? Precisely because Israel didn't build great monuments in stone, but rather, passed on from parents to children for more than 150 generations the

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March Services

Friday March 5th

Shabbat Parah (*Ki Tasa*)
Rabbi's topic: "Calves, crises and communal leadership"

Friday March 12

Shabbat Ha-Hodesh (*Va-Yakhel-Pekudei*)
Special Sisterhood service beginning at 6PM- with Oneg following. Speaker is Suzanne Berkovitz of the Jewish Federation of Arkansas with music by the Shechinotes of Little Rock.

Saturday March 13 - 10:30AM

Monthly Shabbat morning Service followed by Kiddush luncheon.

Friday March 19

Shabbat (*Va-Yikra*)
Lay led service. (No Torah study)

Friday March 26

Shabbat Ha-Gadol (*Tzav*)
Family Service



4:15-5:15 Weekly Torah Study

5:15-6:00 - Oneg Shabbat

6:00 - Services

Off to the Grammy's



Greg Watermann (son of Mary Watermann) and his beautiful daughter Lucy at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, 2010.

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to:

Bill and Kathryn Eisenkramer on the loss of *Bill's mother, Rosalie Eisenkramer of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.*

Steve Faulkner, on the loss of his mother, *Lucy Garcia*

Kaddish is recited at Friday evening services each week and at our month Shabbat morning service.

May Their Memory be for a Blessing

March Events

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| Monday | March 1 | 5:30 | CHI Board meeting |
| | | 6:30 | Sisterhood Dinnet - EVERYONE invited |
| Friday | March 12 | 6:PM | Sisterhood Service - Speaker Suzanne Berkovitz with music by the Shechinotes of Little Rock |
| Saturday | March 13 | 10:30AM | Shabbat morning service followed by Kiddush luncheon |
| Saturday | March 27 | 7:30PM | Schmoozers and Fressers at CHI hosted by Dennis and Anita Williams |
| Monday | March 29 | 5:30PM | CHI Congregational Seder |
| Tuesday | March 30 | | 1st day of Passover - CHI office closed |
| Israeli Dancing | | 4:30PM | 3/4, 3/11, 3/25 |
| Religious School | | 9:30- 12Noon | 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 |
| Adult Liturgical Hebrew | | 2:30-4PM | 3/7, 3/14, 3/28 |
| Choir | | 12:30-2PM | 3/7, 3/14, 3/28 |
| Choir Practice | | 4:30PM | 3/11, 3/25 |
| Adult Modern Hebrew | | 6-7:30PM | 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 |
| Afternoon tutorials* | | | 3/1, 3/3, 3/4, 3/8, 3/10, 3/11, 3/15, 3/17, 3/22, 3/24, 3/25, 3/31 |

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

Rabbi and Carole will be in San Antonio March 18-21 for Carole's special birthday!

(please check the calendar above for schedule of events during their absence)

Sisterhood

Sisterhood's annual March dinner meeting on March 1st is very special as the entire congregation - YOU - is invited to join us to meet and hear Mrs. Rosa Blum, a very prominent Holocaust Survivor from Dallas, Texas. Come enjoy the fellowship, excellent food being prepared by Elaine Wolken and her Sisterhood committee, and an inspiring program. Overall chairperson of the dinner Carol Kleinman has attempted to reach everyone to give each of us the opportunity to attend this event.

Our Holocaust Remembrance Educational Project has arranged through the Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance to bring Mrs. Blum to six area schools to present programs to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and to teach the moral and ethical response to prejudice, hatred and indifference for the benefit of all humanity. Tentatively, students from ten schools will hear Mrs. Blum. We hope to reach nearly 3000 students!!

Also, special guests at the dinner will be our Holocaust Project partner John Wells, Director representing the Garland County Library, and Carla Mouton, member of the Holocaust committee. In addition, the Board of Directors of the Rosenzweig Fund for Interfaith Activities have been invited as they are also partnering with us and the Garland County Library in the expanded Holocaust Remembrance program this year.

Wine and appetizers will be served at 6:30PM at Burgauer Hall with dinner following. Dinner reservations are a MUST. There will be a \$10.00 per person fee for Sisterhood and congregational members and their guests to cover expenses. Please RSVP to Sue Koppel at 501-624-3984 or e mail suebob@cablelynx.com or Joanne Reagler 501-623-8502, email jreagler@yahoo.com **no later than FEBRUARY 23.**

On March 12th the annual Sisterhood Shabbat Services will begin at 6PM. This year the sermon will be given by Suzanne Berkowitz, the new Executive Directive of Arkansas Jewish Federation. Also, providing music will be the Little Rock Sisterhood Choir entitled The Shechinotes. There will be a special Oneg

chaired by Millie Baron and Joanne Reagler,

Jerry Tannebaum, Gail Greenberg, Carol Kleinman, and Jo Carroll Lewald following the service. Please come and welcome our guests and have a wonderfully fun evening. Bring the family and enjoy!!

Last, but not least, on March 29th, Sisterhood once again is having a community Seder. Gail Greenberg, our most capable secretary, will be chairperson. Please contact Gail for details and what to bring. Gail can be reached at 501-623-4724 or email gailgberg@hotsprings.net.

Our thank go to all the women of Sisterhood who give so much of their time and energy and money to enrich the life of the congregation. I wish there was room to mention everyone by name who cooks, decorate, teaches, inspires the children and adults in our congregation. And to all the guys who help us all the time!! **OUR THANKS.....**

Joanne Reagler,

President, Chi Sisterhood

**Come See What You Can
Do For Sisterhood
Come See What Sisterhood
Can Do For You!!**

Next meeting March 1, 2010 at 6:30PM

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

Rosa Blum Biography

Rosa Hirsch Blum was born in Domokos, Romania on August 6, 1928. One of seven children, Rosa was the older of two daughters of the wealthiest family in town. Her parents, who were merchants, kept an Orthodox home and helped support the town's small Jewish community. Rosa's grandmother also lived in her home and she and Rosa were very close.

Jew and Gentiles mixed freely prior to the war and Rosa had many school friends. At first she was a good student, but when Hungary took over the area and changed the language of instruction from Romanian to Hungarian, she fell behind. By 1938 Jew were no longer allowed to attend school and Rosa was taught to be a seamstress.

In such a small, isolated town, with no radio and infrequent access to newspapers, news of Jewish persecution and the war came slowly. Life changed incrementally. Rumors circulated, Rosa saw Ukrainians and others traveling toward and away from Germany and at one point an escapee from a concentration camp in Poland came to Domokos. Still the Jews didn't know or believe what was happening across Europe.

In the spring of 1944 the Jews of the area were taken at gun point (held by their Romanian and Hungarian friends and neighbors) to the ghetto at Deja, Romania. After four miserable weeks, on the second day of Shavuot, everyone was removed by train to Auschwitz-Birkenau. It was at the selection on arrival there that Rosa last saw her immediate family, except for one brother who also survived the camps.

Rosa was taken to a liquidation/work camp but got sick after three weeks and was hospitalized. She later worked in the camp kitchen for about six months, until the Russians began to approach Auschwitz. Along with several friends, Rosa managed to get onto a work transport rather than

one bound for the gas chamber, and was sent to Camp 7, a satellite of Dachau, in the fall of 1944. Soon the camp was quarantined due to a typhoid outbreak and Rosa was chosen to act as a nurse. Late in April 1945, anyone who could walk was marched out of Camp 7. After one night in Dachau, the nearly 500 women were marched in and out of various camps for two weeks, until liberation by the United States 4th Army near Munich.

Rosa was briefly reunited with her older brother, Gedolia and lived with him for several months in Munich. Although her brother returned for a time to Romania, Rosa chose not to go and went back and forth between Bamberg and Munich several times. She settled in Munich, working as a seamstress for a movie studio and was married for a short time. In 1950 she received a visa for the United States and was sent through New Orleans to Dallas.



Rosa found herself a job as a seamstress at Neiman Marcus and later worked for a sample maker. She met her future husband, Osias Blum in the rooming house where they both lived and married him later that year. Soon after he was drafted into the Army and after a short stint in South Carolina they returned to Dallas. Soon Osias started his own business and Rosa had two sons, Mark (1957) and Gary (1959),

Rosa has had a happy life with her family in Dallas, despite her experiences during the Holocaust. She has been involved with the Chevra Kadisha and at the Dallas Memorial Center for Holocaust Studies. Rosa loved the United States from the moment she arrived. As a young child in a small village in Romania, Rosa would dream and tell stories about the wonderful life she would have one day. In America, she says, "I found my fairy tale."

Quotes: "Before you trust people, you should think it over—decide for yourself what is right and wrong."

EDUCATION

Religious School

<http://sites.google.com/site/chireligiousschool/>

We hope you all enjoyed the reading of Megillat Esther - we certainly enjoyed the wonderful Purim Luncheon. This month Pre-Gan will be learning about Pesach & Yom HaAtzma'ut; Gan will study Pesach and Shalom Bayit, as well as the letters Pay, Fay, Tzadee & Kuf; Dalet will learn

about Communities, Free Will, Mitzvot, Good Decisions, & Pesach; while Yav will study Job, Ecclesiastes, Shabbat, Pesach, & Elijah. We'll all be making Passover Seder Plates on the 21st and then we've got March 28th off for Spring Break and plan to come back ready to learn in April. Chag Sameach L'Pesach!

Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin



Congregation House of Israel Community Seder

First Night of Passover

Monday, March 29, 2010 - 5:30PM

For those who are not having a home Seder, we will be holding a Potluck Participatory Seder led by Rabbi Jerry at the synagogue starting at 5:30 sharp on Monday, March 29th.

If you would like to bring your personal matzoh plate for your table, please let Gail know when she calls. Gail will call you back regarding what to bring - this is a GUIDED potluck! Everyone who attends the group Seder is asked to participate in the Seder, bring food and help clean up afterwards.

Please join us as we come together to celebrate Passover - it is always a delicious and spiritual experience.

After our meal, we will designate our children as our agents, to find the hidden matzah, the hidden other part of our people's life in Israel, and bring it back to the table. By doing so, our children will teach us that we cannot complete the telling of our people's story of redemption without bringing Israel to the table.



One half of a people is not enough to create a full Jewish future. One half of a people is not enough to allow us to sing with joy, L'shanah ha-ba'alt bi'Yerushalayim - Next year in Jerusalem!

RSVP is mandatory by March 19th to the synagogue at 623-5821 or email chi.ksh@gmail.com. Please include the number of adults and children for whom you are making reservations.



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 February;

Buy a Brick Program

Ken & Annette Baim - *In honor of the birthday of Joanne Reagler*

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General Fund

Dennis & Anita Williams *In memory of William R. Boswell*

Derek Brownleader - *In memory of your mother, Ann Brownleader*

Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox - *In memory of Alyce Brand*

Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox - *In memory of Mike Berniak*

Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox - *In memory of Mollie Rosafsky*

Larry & Carol Levi - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

Louise Levi - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

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

John & Judy Selig - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

Jean Gerhner & Family - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

Jay & Selma Leiber - *In memory of Audrey Feirst*

David & Susie Askanase - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

Ralph & Katy Cloar - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

Dr. Dennis Banks - *In memory of Rosalie Eisenkramer*

Holocaust Education Fund

Louis & Betty Kleinman - *In honor of Joanne Reagler's birthday*

Hal & Sue Koppel

Sisterhood Fund

Mary Watermann - *In memory of Alyce Brand*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Derek Brownleader - *In memory of Ann Brownleader*

Todah Rabah

To these wonderful volunteers who helped out in February:

To **Margel Ya'akoh** for his generous donation of calligraphy materials to the Religious School

To **Carmi Kolker** for substituting at the Religious School on January 24th

To **Frances Van den Huevel** for helping with Tu Be'Shvat seder plates on January 31st

To **Alitza, Matthew and Zak Cabibi-Wilkin, Sophie Fleischner and Lindsey Achley** for taking part in the services on February 12th and 13th

To **Kay Fleischner** for leading a kippot crocheting class. Watch for news of a second class in April.

To **Carole Fox** for blessing the new month of Adar at services on February 13th

To **John Gillham** for his donation of a new clip-on microphone for the sanctuary

SUMMIT ARENA:

Question:

"I get emails entitled 'Summit Arena Volunteers needed' so WHAT ARE SUMMIT ARENA VOLUNTEERS?"

Answer:

CHI has a great fund-raising opportunity at various times during the year thanks to Brad and Elaine Wolken of Turf Catering. When there is an event at Summit Arena that requires a number of concession stands, Turf Catering Coordinator Yvonne Baber sends out a request for volunteers to various non-profit organizations (CHI is one of these!) CHI tries to get a group of 4-6 volunteers to help. We usually run the cash registers or pop popcorn, etc. at a concession stand. We, the volunteers, do not work alone – we always have Turf staff members helping train us and work with us.

The CHI Board decided years ago that we would not work on any event on Shabbat (about 5 p.m. Friday

to about 4 p.m. Saturday). The fund-raising part is that FOR WORKING CONCESSIONS - each volunteer earns either \$8/hour of work OR we all earn 8% of the profit on the concession stand – whichever amount is GREATER. FOR WORKING BANQUETS (which is much harder work and needs stronger backs and stronger arms) each volunteer earns \$10/hour of work.

All earnings are sent to CHI Sisterhood and are deposited in the Sisterhood treasury since it is mainly Sisterhood that responds to the calls to work – everyone figures it is all going to the same place!

You can ask anyone who has volunteered and you will find it is great fun – and not too hard!

I urge everyone to consider volunteering the next time we get the call.

Thanks

Gail Greenberg

Rabbi's Message

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message of Israel. In the Torah, we are commanded to tell our children the story of our leaving Egypt. The Haggadah, the booklet used for the Seder, is ingeniously designed to get all Jews – of all abilities and ages – to participate in the Exodus experience. We are commanded to teach our sons and daughter, even those “too young to ask”. How do we do this? Through taste, smell, sound, and vision. Even the smallest infant can look, smell, hear, taste – experience the warmth of family and community. Through skits and games and songs, older children get to feel part of the festivities: asking the four questions, acting out the ten plagues, searching for the afikomen, opening the door for Elijah, singing the challenging game-like songs, HadGadya and Ehod Mee-Yodea. All these things create lifelong memories, and hopefully, commitments.

Passover is a great symbol, but it only lasts a week. Luckily, Judaism is full of so many other holidays and festivals, commemorations and sacred activities. Judaism is a lifestyle. To pass it on we need to enthusiastically practice it.

Join us for Purim!!!

On Sunday, February 28, 2010 Rabbi Jerry will delight and amaze with his rendition of the Megillah reading from 11:15 to noon.

Following the reading, join us for hamentaschen and a hot dog lunch with all of the trimmings. Adults are \$5 while kids 12 and under are free.

Come in costume or come as yourself (you're funny as is). See you there!



The Legacy of Pat Tanenbaum



Pat Tanenbaum, of blessed memory, has been honored by the Union of Jewish Congregations of Latin American (UJCL).

At a banquet in Panama City the organization announced the creation of a Foundation honoring the life work and memory of their dear friend.

The Foundation will send UJCL

children to youth camps and Israel.

The crowd of several hundred people, which included many local and international dignitaries, rose in resounding approval when the UJCL's president, Marvin Sossin of Costa Rica, announced the establishment of the Foundation. The gala presentation and pictorial montage included a review of Pat's work on behalf of Jewish and secular communities. She was extolled for her devotion to her local community as well as to national and international institutions.

Pat was devoted to the Latin American Jewish community and visited them multiple times assisting and encouraging their work to develop progressive Judaism. The UJCL is made up of congregations throughout Mexico, Central American and the Island Nations of the Caribbean Basin.

Pat was the first woman president of Congregation House of Israel in our 130 history. Our new pavilion adjacent to the parking lot, as well as the garden in the center of the area, was dedicated by our congregation to her memory.

Since her move to our community in 1991, we in Hot Springs remember Pat as a woman who never said, “no” to any request and always had a loving smile for everyone.

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*
Andrea Kleinman-Parker - *Daughter of Louis and Betty Kleinman*
Jerry Roth - *Husband of Pearl Roth*
Roz Zoblotsky - *Wife of Harry Zoblotsky*

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

Art Walk

After Temple services on April 2 save some energy for the ArtWalk in downtown Hot Springs. Mark and Patti Fleischner will host an art exhibit at Lauray's featuring photography by **Jo Carroll Lewald**, a new member of our congregation and a professional photographer for over 30 years. It is Jo Carroll's first exhibit in the area and will feature black and white images, with some hand tinted accents. The photos will be on display for 30 days.

Mazel Tov

To **Jo Carroll Lewald** for conducting Jewish storytelling in celebration of Black History Month which was held at the First Nazarene Church on February 20th.

We are so proud to have been included in this celebration.

Israeli Music is coming to Hot Springs!!

SAVE THE DATE

On May 1st at the Field House at the old Hot Springs High School we will be sponsoring a concert by Israeli musician, Amir Gwartzman. Mr. Gwartzman plays over 20 wind and percussion instruments and has performed his jazz, rhythm and blues and world folk music around the world including the White House.

We need help in getting this date to as many organizations and people as we can. If you have any access to on-line or print calendars could you call me at 622-3104 so we can get the word out to as many as possible.

Tickets will be available in advance and at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, with the performance starting at 7 pm. We will also be printing a program with ads from local businesses.

We are looking forward to everyone in the Congregation attending the concert and helping sell tickets and ads to our friends and neighbors in the Hot Springs community. Millie Baron and Sharon Waxler will be in charge of ticket sales and David Reagler and Annette Baim are in charge of the program ad sales. Please contact them and offer your assistance.

If you are interested in helping on the night of the concert please contact Jerry Tanenbaum.

We are working on some exciting additional events in conjunction with the concert and will keep you updated. Any questions please contact me Alfred Lewald at AlfredLewald@gmail.com or call 622-3104.

Alfred Lewald



March Yahrzeits

We honor the memories of the following people during the month of March:

Kaddish recited March 5

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| Sol Alexander | 3/1 |
| Wolfe Gerber | 3/1 |
| <i>Father of Elaine Gartenberg</i> | |
| Sam Gartenberg | 3/1 |
| <i>Uncle of Robert Gartenberg</i> | |
| Irving Lester Edelstein | 3/2 |
| William J. Brown | 3/4 |
| <i>Uncle of Betty Forshberg</i> | |
| Peter Gartenberg | 3/4 |
| <i>Grandfather of Robert Gartenberg</i> | |
| Herman Fleischner | |
| <i>Grandfather of Mark Fleischner</i> | |
| <i>Grandfather of Stuart Fleischner</i> | |

Kaddish recited March 12

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| Simon London | 3/6 |
| Henrietta Moscovitz | 3/6 |
| Leonard Abraham Sockel | 3/6 |
| Bessie Leiber | 3/7 |
| Himes Schwartz | 3/9 |
| Leo Heimann | 3/10 |
| Murray H. Forshberg | 3/11 |
| <i>Father-in-law of Betty Forshberg</i> | |
| Jules B. Newman | 3/11 |
| <i>Grandfather of Brad Wolken</i> | |

Kaddish recited March 19

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| Edith Lease Nathan | 3/14 |
| Jack Lasky | 3/15 |
| Jesse Albert Liappert | 3/17 |
| <i>Uncle of Robert Gartenberg</i> | |
| Harold Turberg | 3/17 |
| Herman I. Marcus | 3/18 |
| <i>Father of Imy Marcus</i> | |
| Marvin Blumenthal | 3/18 |
| Fay Brown | 3/19 |
| Audrey Fierst Leiber | 3/19 |
| <i>Wife of Jay Leiber</i> | |
| Julia C. Wigderson | |
| <i>Mother of Sue Koppel</i> | |
| Bernice W. Sherman | 3/19 |
| <i>Sister of Louise Levi</i> | |

Kaddish recited March 26

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| Sandra Rans | 3/22 (Nisan 7) |
| <i>Sister of Harriette Korngut</i> | |
| Mildred Fuld | 3/25 |

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 February.

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 March

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| 3/5 | John Gillham |
| 3/12 | Sisterhood Shabbat Sisterhood Members |
| 3/13 | Saturday Morning Service Anita and Dennis Williams |
| 3/19 | Millie Baron and Mick Stoyanov Win Bowman |
| 3/26 | Family Service Patti and Mark Fleischner Jodi and Jerry Chalmers |

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

President's Message

I am proud to report that our congregation was well represented at the recent Jewish Federation Banquet in Little Rock. We had well over 20 people from Hot Springs joining together with people from all over the state to celebrate the tremendous contributions of so many wonderful people. Of course the loudest applause was for our own Betty Kleinman as she accepted the Tikun Olam Award on behalf of our congregation. We are truly fortunate to have Betty so devoted to making our congregation a better place.

And you can't say "Betty Kleinman" without saying "Sisterhood"! So, speaking of Sisterhood, I want to encourage everyone to come support our Sisterhood for Sisterhood Shabbat on Friday, March 12th. We have invited the women's choir from the Little Rock Temple to join us that evening to celebrate Shabbat. The name of the choir is the "Shechinotes". They came to our Temple several years ago and they were delightful. And now they are kind enough to come again and we need to do everything we can to make sure there are as many people here as possible to help welcome them. Please honor these special women by your presence! We have a change in schedule that night as follows:

Sisterhood Shabbat
Friday, March 12th

Candle blessings in Burgauer Hall 6:00
6:15 Services

Special Oneg following Services

I hope you ALL can make it. And please call someone to see if they will join you as well or offer to give someone a ride. If you need a ride to services, please call the Temple office and we will arrange for someone to come pick you up. See you there!

Millie Baron
President

Board Members:

Ken Baim
Yossi Baron
Stuart Fleischer
Betty Forshberg
Ira Kleinman
Shelly Kleinman
David Reagler
Joanne Reagler
Jerry Rephan
Jerry Tanenbaum
Elaine Wolken

*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
501.538.4103*

Your support is appreciated.





Get Ready for the Jewish Food & Cultural Festival!



Music, food, art, children's area, history, friends, fun.
 Early bird breakfast 8:30 - 10:00 am; Festival 10 am - 4 pm. Volunteering at the festival is fun! [Email](#) the federation, or call 501-663-3571.
 You are needed!

Proceeds to benefit the greater communities.

Special advanced sale tickets available. Please click [here](#) to complete the online form, or mail your check to the address shown below. \$20 will buy \$25 in food and drink tickets.

We will hold your tickets at the will call ticket booth.

No limit on advance purchases, but please mail before May 1st, 2010 to:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Yom Huledet Sameach!!

- John Gillham 3/4
- Irv Greenberg 3/6
- Michael Waxler 3/11
- Janet Gillham 3/11
- Isaac Cabibi-Wilkin 3/12
- Dan Wolken 3/13
- Melissa Klompus Casteel 3/16
- Janet Costello 3/17
- Oded Grenman 3/18
- Zach Chalmers 3/22
- Pat Paulk 3/22
- Brian Trubitt 3/28
- Lynda Unowsky 3/30
- Al Rosenberg 3/31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mazel Tov!!

- Dan and Karen Weinberg 3/11



Israeli Dancing

Thursdays

4:30 - 5:30pm

Ritual: Lay Lead Shabbat

Thank you so much to Win Bowman for taking the time to put together guidelines for leading a shabbat service.

The following is a step-by-step listing of the appropriate way for lay leaders to put together and lead a Friday Evening Shabbat Service

I: Introduction;

A. Welcome including date, time, introduction of guests and where they are from and if related to a congregant.

B. Using the "Gates of Gray".....There are three services to pick from Friday evening services, 1, 2 or 3. Or you may use another of the 3 - 4 other prayerbooks we have available at the back of the sanctuary. Pick a copy or two up to take home a week or two in advance of the service you will lead. Do not mark in the prayer book itself...use sticky notes or tags.

C. If you use a prayer book other than the Gray one be sure to have copies of that prayer book at the front of the sanctuary for the service you are leading, and announce which prayer book you will use at the beginning of the service.

D. There are some introductory prayers for each service. Usually we use a few lines of these, or one of our own choosing from another source.

E.. Some times people bring their own prayers, made for the service or from some particular prayer source which lends its theme to the Parasha or Torah Portion for the day . You can find this on the Friday eve or Saturday of a Jewish calendar. Some people use a central theme from a source outside the prayerbook and insert appropriate prayers from this book throughout the service.

II: The Service:

A. Once you have picked a topic and whatever prayers you want either mark the prayer book with little colored sticky notes with references to the book and page the extra prayer is on or write yourself a script separate of the prayer book listing pages and references . It is quite alright to use only the prayers in the siddur/prayer book. When you go through whichever prayer book you are using, be sure to give people the page number they will need to follow you as you lead the service, especially as you skip sections which are not appropriate for your service..

B. The songs or prayers we usually sing are standard throughout the world and are listed clearly in the prayer book. If you can't sing well, talk to someone who can lead the singing to help you at least two weeks in advance of the service you will lead.

1. First song usually Lcho Do Di, or Shalom Alechem. You may sing some other song, but make sure that you give out a handout with the words for the song or a page number with the words on it.

2. The next prayer which is sung is the Chetzi Kaddish which is chanted but also can be just read...we stand for this prayer until the Sh'ma is concluded.

3. We chant the Barchu, and the Sh'ma. We have chanted the prayers in between, I.e. the Maariv Aravim, and the Avat Olam...You will have to be a strong singer on these or have someone else lead the singing in these or just chant the first line in Hebrew and read the rest in English. That is true for other parts of the service which are usually not sung. You may read or chant the first line of anything in Hebrew and then read the rest in English...that is kind of a nice touch for lay leaders.

Other prayers which are sung: V'Ahavta, Mi Cha Mocha, 'Shamru', Shalom Rav, Amidah. I.e., the TI'filah and the prayers about the father's and the mothers,, the A-at Gibor, the O-She-Shalom, the Aleinu,.

III: The Mi Sheberach

1.. We read the names of the sick, in two ways..... Either at the time of the Torah reading , before or after. or at the end of the Service prior to the last song. We do this in two ways, the leader either reads the names off of the Shofar (our monthly newsletter) or we ask for names from the congregation

IV. The Torah Service:

The Torah Service is up to you. You may do the whole thing as in the prayer book or you may elect to just give a short D'var Torah (commentary on the Torah Portion for the week) or you may just elect to read a portion of the Torah from our copies of the Torah in Hebrew and/or English with or without a commentary on the Portion. If you elect to read the scroll you will have to go in advance of the service either the day or two before the service or several hours before the service to pick a Torah from the Ark and roll it to the appropriate place so you can find it quickly. You will also need helpers to open the Ark and bring the Torah down. Most Lay leaders do not read from the Torah Scrolls. They do one of the other options but it is all in what you are comfortable doing.

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Just remember that this part takes about 15 extra minutes so watch the time.

V.: The concluding parts of the Service

A. The Aleinu. We stand for this and you may have two people go up to open the Ark or you may just read/chant it standing without the Ark being open.

B. The Concluding prayers are quite ok in the siddur/prayer book, but you can use another prayer from another source. Again, if you use other prayers anywhere in the service be sure to tell people that you are reading a prayer not in their prayer book or they will look for it rustling pages back and forth.

C. The names for the Yartzeit list are also listed in the "Shofar". Get a copy a couple of weeks before you lead the service. Karen Holcomb will also leave a copy on the podium at the bima for you but I always try to get my own. We read the names from the list and ask the congregants to name any other people to be remembered.

D. After the Mourner's Kaddish which we stand for the Rabbi usually goes through the announcements - birthdays, anniversaries, meetings, special celebrations which all congregants are invited to, etc.

At this time we thank the Oneg Host (s) or Hostess(es).

E.. There is a large selection of hymns at the end of the siddur. Or you can sing "Bim Bam". What ever you do, have someone strong in singing this hymn lead or you be comfortable leading this song.

Some times lay leaders have just simply read a special prayer or poem at the end of services.- not using a final song. This is OK too!

Good Luck! Yashar Koach And Mazel Tov !

Win Bowman

So, next time there is a need for someone to lead the congregation for Shabbat services, we will all know not only how to lead, but we will also know what we are doing and be able to experience the "joy" of leading services at CHI.

Alfred Lewald... CHI Congregant of the Month

Alfred Lewald grew up in New Iberia, Louisiana, where his great great grandfather, Jacob Davis, had helped build a synagogue for "The Congregation Gates of Prayer" in 1905 which is still in use today. After graduating from LSU and a stint in Viet Nam, Alfred returned to the occupation of his ancestors, retailing. All of his great grandfathers had been peddlers in the South. Alfred opened a furniture store in Gulfport, Mississippi, later going to work in Baton Rouge for Goudchaux's. His first move out of his beloved South was to Omaha, Nebraska where he worked and enjoyed the large Jewish community there. His retail experience has allowed him to travel world wide dealing with international merchants in China, The Philippines, Korea, Japan and many European countries. Leaving the corporate world, Alfred and his wife Jo Carroll, opened a retail shop in the California coastal community of Cambria, which they operated until recently. While in California, Alfred was treasurer of Congregation Beth David, when they built the first all green synagogue in the United States.

The move to Hot Springs was one of choice for the Lewalds. Wanting to live nearer to their children, in a small southern community with a full-time Rabbi and an active Jewish community they arrived here last July.

Alfred and Jo Carroll have 6 children, 10 grandchildren and two terriers. He is an avid reader, a lap swimmer and a very happy Saints Fan.



Alfred is pictured here with his grand-daughter, Michal.

Thank you, Alfred, for all that you do for CHI. We are so happy to have you as part of our community.

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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.