



The Shofar

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Congregation House of Israel May 2011/Iyyar, 5771

Please Join the
Jewish Federation of Arkansas
for the 2011



Sunday, May 15th, 2011

at the River Market Pavilion in downtown Little Rock, Arkansas.
The event will get underway with a special Jewish breakfast of lox,
bagels and cream cheese at 8:30 am.

The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.

Admission to the festival is free.

Meeting Schedule

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2011 5:30 pm

Monday, June 6, 2011 5:30 pm

May 2011 Services

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday schedules are as follows:

4:15 Torah Study

5:15 Oneg

6:00 Service

Friday May 6 Shabbat Emor/ Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday May 13 Shabbat Be Har and Birthright Israel
Shabbat, Family Service

Saturday May 14 Saturday Morning service
9:15 Torah study, Service 10:30 am, followed by
Kiddush luncheon at noon

Friday May 20 Shabbat Be-Hukkotai
Døvar Torah and Torah reading

Friday May 27 Shabbat Be-Midbar
Lay-led service

Bimah Honors

This month's honors are as follows:

May 6th - Yossi Baron, Joel Unowsky

May 13th - Sue Koppel, Betty Kleinman

May 20th - David Reagler, Brian Trubitt

May 27th - Elaine Wolken, Mary Klompus

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON AND MEETING

Monday May 2, 2011 11:00 am

Afternoon Tutorials:

Monday and Wednesday after noon May 2, 4,9,11,16,18,.
[Please notify Rabbi Fox at the office,
623-5821, if your child is unable to attend their tutorial.]

Activities schedule:

Sundays, 1,8,22

Religious School: 9:30 am ó12pm (no RS 5/29)

May 8 – Yom ha Atzmaut activities, model of an Israeli Kibbutz and MANGAL, (Israeli-style barbeque)

May 22 – Last day of Religious School for year

Choir : 1 ó 2:30 pm

AE Liturgical Hebrew: 2:30-4:00pm

(no AE class or choir on 5/22,29)

Wednesdays, May 4,11,18

6-7:30 pm AE Modern Hebrew

(no AE class on 5/25,29, June 1)

Thursdays, May 5,12,19

4:30 Israeli Dancing

Sunday May 1 - 5 pm Anthony Chapel, Garvin Gardens - Hom ha Shoa, an International Day of Remembrance (see article page 4)

Wednesday May 4 - HSV Yom ha Shoah Remembrance, Woodlands Auditorium, 5 pm (see page 5)

Sunday May 8 – 12:00 noon MANGAL – Israeli-style barbeque;

Sunday May 15 – Jewish Food Festival in Little Rock, 11-5 at the Riverwalk. Rabbi will serve as Yirmiyahu ha-Sofer- “Jeremiah the Scribe”

Monday May 21 – Lag ba Omer Bonfire with Shelly Amitzur

Saturday . Monday May 21- June 6 . Rabbi and Carole on vacation, Office closed May 19th . 24th.

Be sure to consult our calendar at <http://www.conghouseofisrael.org> for updates!

Coming Events:

Monday June 6 . 5:30 pm CHI Board meeting

Wednesday June 8 . no tutorials or AE classes, office closed for 1st Day of Shuvuot

Sunday . Tuesday June 26-28 Rabbi at ISJL Education Conference in Jackson MS

Tuesday June 28 . Tuesday July 5 . Rabbi & Carole at Jacob& Camp



RABBI'S MESSAGE

Repeating Record+

Here we go again. I never forget how 36 years ago, in Clarksburg, West Virginia,

we were preparing for the Seder. Carole was being helped by another young woman, who was the Catholic girlfriend of a member of our Clarksburg congregation. She asked Carole in all innocence, "Passover when the Jews burn the body of Jesus? Did you know we did that every year before the Seder? What was going on here? In the Catholic church unleavened bread is used in the communion service. In Catholic belief, through the miracle of transubstantiation, that unleavened wafer becomes the body of Jesus. The questioner was probably thinking of be-ur hametz . the act of burning hametz (leavened food products) on the eve of Pesach. This is done mostly by Orthodox Jews. They actually burning unleavened

bread, not matzah. One, however, could easily get that fact mixed up. Since this Catholic young lady was taught that the unleavened wafer becomes Jesus body, and that Jews have a burning ceremony on the eve of Passover, and that Passover is connected in the New Testament narratives of Jesus crucifixion, then it's not too much of a stretch to have us burning his body. This woman, incidentally, went on to covert to Judaism and she became a pillar of that tiny, struggling congregation.

Also associated with Passover is the notorious blood libel - that we use the blood of a Christian child to bake matzot. One theory of why we open the doors to Elijah is to show passersby that no such grizzly sacrifice is going on. The blood libel, however, has cost countless Jewish lives in Europe over the last millenium. As late as the early 20th Century, Jews were still being accused of this horrible crime. One time when I was teaching this to a group of middle school children, one child retorted: "What's crazy, if matzah were made from flour and blood, it would come out a dark reddish brown, not a light beige!"

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**COMMEMORATION, HOPE, AND PEACE:
A COMING TOGETHER**

May 1, 2011, 5pm

This is an invitation to everyone in our community to attend a free event *entitled Commemoration, Hope and Peace: A Coming Together* on May 1st from 5PM to 6PM at Garvan GardensøAnthony Chapel, an all-glass interdenominational chapel in the beautiful wooded area of Arkansasøonly botanical garden. It is an ecumenical observation of genocide in our world appropriate for people of all ages ó young and old - and all faiths.

Commentaries from Rabbi Jerome Fox, Congregation House of Israel, Reverend C. B. Baker, St. Lukeø Episcopal Church, Reverend Leon Massey, Roanoke Baptist Church, Reverend Emeritus David Wilson, United Methodist Church, and Dr. John McCallum, Pastor, 1st Baptist will speak to what each of us can do to help create a world of tolerance and peace.

Reflective Music will be provided by Laura Rosenberg, Director of Hot Springs Music Festival, and Mara Magdalene. Carla Mouton will be the moderator of the service. Audience participation will emphasize how we all can come together despite our differences and because of our similarities to create a more peaceful world here ó in Hot Springs, in our homes, in ourselves.

This interdenominational service is being sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Education Committee and the Congregation House of Israel on May 1st, the International day of Remembrance of the six million Jews and the six million others murdered during the Nazi Holocaust during World War II. The Holocaust Committee is made up of John Wells, Joanne Reagler, Carla Mouton, Sue Koppel, Mary Watermann, Patti Fleischner, and Carol Kleinman.

We hope the sun will shine on this late afternoon of May 1st when we, of many faiths, come together in prayer, remembrance, and song.

Joanne D. Reagler, Co-Chairperson,
Holocaust Remembrance Education Project



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The congregational meeting today was difficult for many of us. Some were satisfied with how the vote tallied while others were disappointed.

Regardless of how you felt about the matter, you treated each other with respect and kindness and love. I am very proud of each of you.

We truly are family.

Despite the recent difficulties, we still have many exciting bridges to build and good days ahead. Jewish Federation of Arkansas is ready to schedule a meeting with our congregation so we can learn what Federation has to offer us, and conversely, what we can contribute to Arkansas' Jewish Federation.

I have been communicating with folks at Little Rock's B'Nai Israel, and will schedule meetings with them to see what events we can participate in together.

The Institute of Southern Jewish Life has programming galore. Congregation House of Israel has barely tapped that resource – Jewish culture, education, and enriching programming.

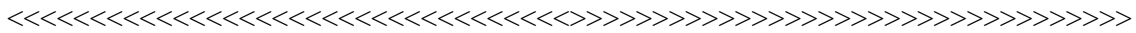
Of course, we have challenges. What is new?

But we will work hard to provide terrific Jewish programming and continue to build a strong Jewish community in Hot Springs.

I look forward to the International Day of Peace at Garvan Gardens on Sunday, May 1st from 5pm to 6 pm.

Fondly,

David



SISTERHOOD NEWS UPDATE by Carol Kleinman

It's so hard to believe that another year of Sisterhood has gone by. Seems like only yesterday we were gathering for our first meeting of the year and planning for the High Holidays.

Last night, about 60 of us joined together for a community Passover Seder. It was wonderful to see our members as well as visitors who came to share with us. Thank you to all of our wonderful cooks for the delicious chickens, vegetables and desserts. Thank you to Rabbi Fox for doing the Seder and making everyone feel a part of the evening. Thank you to Carole for lighting the candles and getting the evening going.

Thank you to my helpers ó Kathy Klein, Sara Lee Stark (and her friend Beth) and Barbara Morgan. Thank you to everyone who popped into the kitchen to see what they could do to help. To Marie and James Woodfork, how wonderful you make all these occasions as you quietly and so efficiently set up and prepare for our holidays. You guys are great!

Last month we welcomed our friends from Levi and had a delicious luncheon. Our entertainment was a selection of ðoldiesö performed by a barbershop quartet from Hot Springs. These guys were fantastic! Thank you to Gail Greenberg for recommending them to us.

May 1st, we will have our Holocaust Educational Program in the Chapel at Garvan Gardens sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Education Committee and Congregation House of Israel. Rabbi Fox will be one of 5 clergymen leading this ecumenical service. This event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to come.

On May 4th, the Village Interfaith Council of Hot Springs Village will hold their annual Yom Hashoah Service of Remembrance from 5-6PM at the Woodlands Auditorium in the Village. Rabbi Fox will be one of the leaders of this program. We invite and encourage people of all ages and denominations to attend.

At our last meeting, we nominated and elected your new Sisterhood Officers. They are Ruth Sedler óPresident, Jo Carroll LeWald ó Vice President, Kathy Klein ó Secretary and Betty Kleinman ó Treasurer. We will be having our installation at the May meeting and hope you will all be attending to welcome them as officers of Sisterhood.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be your Sisterhood President during this past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead this wonderful group. I have enjoyed it so much and look forward to my continued Sisterhood affiliation and involvement.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you

in September for our first Sisterhood meeting.

YOM HASHOAH

A Service of Remembrance

Woodlands Auditorium
1101 Desoto Boulevard

Hot Springs Village

May 4, 2011

5-6 PM

Please join us for A Service of Remembrance sponsored
by Village Interfaith Council of Hot Springs Village.

Leading the services will be:
Rabbi Jerome Fox, Rev. Ross Worch and Rev. Rich Biega

“It is only in remembering that we avoid repetition.”
(quote from Yad Vashem in Jerusalem)

Religious School News

by Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin

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

We learned a great deal about Pesach in April, with both the Religious School Model Seder and most of us attending the Congregational Seder as well. Next year we will be even better at singing those traditional songs!

We will be wrapping up our year on May 22nd, after a few more important events. The Yom HaAtzmaut Mangal, with Kibbutz model, will be on May 8th, and our Lag Bomer Bonfire & Cookout with our Federation Israeli Shlichah will be on Saturday the 21st. In the 4 weeks that we

have left, Gan will learn about Yom HaAtzmaut, Shavuot, the 10 Commandments, and the letters Vet, Chaf, Fay & Sin; Alef will study Respecting Others, Tzafar Baalei Chayim, Lifnei Iver Lo Titein Mikshol, Shavuot, the letters Gimmel & Zayin, & the vowel %o+; Hay will explore Kiddush HaShem, Shiru LaAdonai, Pikuach Nefesh, & the Jewish Journey comes Full Circle; while Khet will wrap up their examination of the Holocaust with a focus on After the War: What Have we Learned? and the Peace Process. In addition to celebrating the completion of another course

of study in Religious School on the 22nd with an awards Tqillah and celebratory snack, wedl be starting our Shavuot Tanakh

Quilt, which wedl finish during the oneg of the Shavuot service on Friday, June 10th.

May 2011 Yahrzeits

Kaddish recited each Friday following the date

May 6

Lillian Rubin	5/1
Lillian Mandel	5/2
Helen Michaels	5/2
Samuel Kirsch	5/3
Bruno Heimlich	5/3
Joseph S. Gottlieb	5/6
Frank Wexman	5/6
Serena Kirsch	5/9**

Wife of Eugene Kirsch, mother of Steven Kirsch

May 13

Sally Kaplan	5/7
Henry A. Reich	5/7
Dr. Samuel Franzblau	5/9
Hazel Levinger	5/12
Frances Koppel	5/13
Helen Kleinman	5/13

Mother of Louis Kleinman

May 20

Nathan Davis	5/14
Moritz Benedikt	5/15
Dillie Alexander	5/15
Murray Sherman	5/16
Sigmund Kleinman	5/16
David Burgauer	5/17

Selig Levy	5/17
Jacob Joseph Botnick	5/18
Maurice Silverman	5/20
Fruma Uzick	5/20

May 27

Max Reich	5/21
Morris Reagler	5/22
<i>Father of David Reagler, Sr.</i>	
Shirley Sedler	5/23
<i>Mother of Ross Sedler</i>	
Hubert Mendel	5/25
George Thornton Ginsburg	5/25
<i>Brother of Millie Baron and Bill Ginsburg</i>	
Joe Weisman	5/26
<i>Father of Louise Levy</i>	
Clemons Welcher	5/26
Tikva Baron	5/28 15 Sivan
<i>Mother of Yossi Baron</i>	

June 3

Mary Benedict	6/1
Nancy Kleinman	6/1
<i>Mother of Sheldon Kleinman</i>	
Lawrence Fox	6/2
<i>Father of Rabbi Jerome Fox</i>	

Please consider making a contribution to the Temple in memory of your loved one.

THANK YOU to our generous donors:

Cynthia Rephan, in memory of Scotty Silverman, Norma Mendel, and Morris & Julia Bauman, and in honor of Ezra Cabibi-Wilkin, Zev & Jacob Kleinman, Elin Gordon, and in honor of Rabbi Jerry & Carol Fox, Irv & Gail Greenberg, and Joanne Reagler,
Karren Smedley & Ben Blankenship, in memory of Marion Gottlieb;

Fred & Harriette Korngut, yartzeit in memory of Robin Rans;
Rabbi Jerry & Carole Fox, yartzeit in memory of Julius Rosofsky;
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Anita & Dennis Williams, to Sisterhood, for organizing the Seder;

Fred & Harriette Korngut, in memory of Sandra Rans and for the recover of Joseph Korngut;
Ross Sedler, yartzeit in memory of Shirley Sedler;
Leo & Peggy Jalenak, in honor of Jerry Tanenbaum's receiving the Serut L'Am Award

Brian Ditzig, general fund, guest
Sonia and Barney Burris, to the Education Fund in memory of Michael Goldenberg

TODAH RABBAH TO:

All those who helped with the model wedding on April 10th ó
 Millie Baron, for the donation of a delicious wedding cake
 Joanne Reagler ó processional coordinator
 Stuart Fleischner ó photographer
 Madeline Bull, Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin, Sherrill Nicolosi, David D, Reagler ó Huppah holders;
 Those Sisterhood ladies who helped with our Congregational Seder, to all who came and brought food;
 John Gillham, for spending his day off to change light bulbs in the sanctuary 4/20
 Zak, Mtthew, and Alitza Catiti-Wilkin for taking part in the Sabbath liturgy on Friday, April 22nd.

Thank you all so much for your service to our Temple.

May Birthdays

Jay Tanenbaum	5/1	Kelly Gillham	5/16
Becki Trubitt	5/4	Patti Fleischner	5/17
Gerald Roth	5/4	Robert Greenberg	5/19
Heather Lax	5/5	Valerie Ginsburg	5/21
Rachel Wolken	5/10	Harriette Korngut	5/30
Jodi Chalmers	5/13	Conrad Lax	5/30
Ira Kleinman	5/13		
Sharon Waxler	5/14		
Mark Fleischner	5/14		
Doron Cedrichi	5/15		
Elaine Wolken	5/16		

Yom Huledet Samech !!



Wedding Anniversaries

David & Joanne Reagler	5/3
Steve & Regina Faulkner	5/5
Jerry & Jodi Chalmers	5/8
Anita & Dennis Williams	5/25
Kate & Bill Tobakos	5/26
Carol & Larry Levi	5/27

Happy Anniversary!



Mazel Tov!

To Oded & Sharona Grenman on the birth of their new granddaughter, Maya Grenman, born April 9th to parents Elan and Jennifer Grenman of Hot Springs Village.



Oneg Hostesses/Hosts for May

May 6– Sisterhood Shabbat
May 13 – Joanne & David Reagler, Oded & Sharona Grenman

May 14 - Saturday morning - Sonia & Barney Burris
May 20 - Kate Tobakos, Joel & Linda Unowsky
May 27 - Jerry Tanenbaum, Charles Dante, Sharon Ball, Mary Watermann
June 3 - Cynthia Rephan, Jerry Rephan

Thanks so much for your service and hospitality!

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Rabbi's Message (continued from pg. 2)

Let us focus now on a newer, more sophisticated form of the old calumny. Over the last decade, Israel's enemies, in an effort to delegitimize the State of Israel, have offered a new blood libel. That is that the State of Israel and its army purposely murder innocent Palestinians.

To wit: The horrible death of Muhammed Dura in 2001. He was the little Palestinian boy being sheltered by his father's body during a fire-fight between Tzahal (the Israeli Defense Forces) and Hamas terrorists in Gaza. We all remember the horrible video of that scene. Guess what? The Israelis conclusively proved that the child was actually killed by Hamas fire.

In April 2002, when Israeli forces attacked Jenin, a hotbed of suicide bombers, Israeli soldiers carefully went house-to-house searching for terrorists. At least a dozen Israeli soldiers lost their lives by bending over backwards to avoid harming innocent civilians. Guess what? The PLO claimed that the Israelis massacred hundreds of Palestinian civilians, and that their bodies were in a mass grave on the grounds of the Jenin Hospital. Search as one could, but there were no bodies! Even the anti-Semitic UN had to admit that no massacre had taken place.

A similar charge was lodged against Israel last summer when Israeli troops intercepted the Turkish ship, the Mari Marmara, which was trying to break Israel's blockade of Gaza. In the ensuing fight, nine Turks were killed. They, however, were not peaceful protestors; they came at the Israeli soldiers with knives and clubs. At least one Israeli was thrown overboard.

Finally, a month ago, South African (Jewish) judge Richard Goldstone wrote an op-ed piece in the Washington Post recanting most of the report that bears his name. That UN-sponsored report charged the IDF forces with targeting Palestinian civilians during the 2008-09 Operation Cast Lead in Gaza. It was sponsored by the UN Human rights Commission (notoriously anti-Israel). Despite his impressive resume as a jurist, evidently Judge Goldstone was duped. Hopefully, pro-Israeli forces will coerce the UN to reverse itself.

Surely there will be more chapters in this sad saga. The next time you hear of Israeli massacres, check out from where it is emanating.

– *Rabbi Jerome S. Fox*