

# The Shofar

November, 2010

24 Heshvan - 23 Kislev, 5771

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## CHI Mitzvah Day

**Sunday November 14th**  
**(weather permitting)**

**10AM**

### **Jewish Rest Cemetery**

Come join the entire CHI community as we honor those who have found their final resting place at Jewish Rest Cemetery. This will be a day in which ALL members (old and young) will be able to participate.

Our youngest members will be painting stones to put on the graves as a sign of remembrance and respect

Our older students will be making etchings tracing the wording on the graves

The adults will be ridding the tombstones of mold and mildew as well as raking leaves and doing a general clean-up.

Our Cemetery Committee, headed by Sue Koppel, will be giving us a history of Jewish Rest Cemetery and answering any questions you might have.

Following this community-wide mitzvah, we will meet at Smokin 'n Style (2278 Albert Pike) for a wonderful lunch where we can all visit and just shmooze a little.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will reschedule. Hope to see you all there.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:53AM/5:24PM <i>Afternoon Tutorials</i> 11am: Sisterhood meeting & luncheon 5:30 pm: Board Meeting  24 Heshvan Horayos 4	2 6:55AM/5:23PM  25 Heshvan Horayos 5	3 6:56AM/5:22PM <i>Afternoon Tutorials</i> 6 pm: Modern Hebrew  26 Heshvan Horayos 6	4 6:57AM/5:21PM 4:30 pm: Israeli dancing <i>Afternoon tutorials</i>  27 Heshvan Horayos 7	5 6:58AM/5:19PM ij5:01PM 4:15 pm: Torah study 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6 pm: Erev Shabbat service  28 Heshvan Horayos 8	6 6:59AM/5:18PM §6:03PM  29 Heshvan Horayos 9
7 7:00AM/5:17PM Rosh Hodesh I 9:30 am: Religious School 2:30 pm: Liturgical Hebrew  30 Heshvan Horayos 10	8 7:02AM/5:16PM Rosh Hodesh II <i>Afternoon Tutorials</i>  1 Kislev Horayos 11	9 7:03AM/5:15PM  2 Kislev Horayos 12	10 7:04AM/5:14PM <i>Afternoon Tutorials</i> 6 pm: Modern Hebrew  3 Kislev Horayos 13	11 7:05AM/5:13PM 4:30 pm: Israeli dancing <i>Afternoon tutorials</i>  4 Kislev Horayos 14	12 7:06AM/5:12PM ij4:54PM 4:15 pm: Torah study 5:15 pm: Oneg Shabbat 6 pm: Erev Shabbat service  5 Kislev Zevachim 2	13 7:08AM/5:11PM §5:56PM  6 Kislev Zevachim 3
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## November Services

**Friday November 5**  
Shabbat Toledot  
Rabbi's Topic: "The Great Conservator"

**Friday November 12**  
Shabbat Va-Yetze  
Family Service

**Saturday November 13**  
Monthly Saturday morning service  
followed by kiddush luncheon

**Friday November 19**  
Shabbat Va-Yishlakh  
Torah Service and D'var Torah

**Friday November 26**  
Shabbat Va Era  
Lay led service (Rabbi out of town)

4:15-5:15 Weekly Torah Study  
5:15-6:00 - Oneg Shabbat  
6:00 - Services

## New CHI Website

Please check out the new, redesigned CHI website. You can visit it at <http://hschi.org>, or the original address of <http://www.conghouseofisrael.org>. Either address will direct you to the same site.

A few items to note in the updated website:

There is now an interactive calendar. Click the Calendar tab in either the upper or side menu bars.

Under the Education tab, there is a new item for URJ Educational Resources, which contain a multitude of additional pages devoted to topics such as Shabbat, B'nei Mitzvah, World News, and much, much more. These are direct feeds to our website from the Union For Reform Judaism, and are updated automatically on a regular basis. There are also pages devoted to each weeks Parsha, with complete summaries in an easy to read format.

Under the About Us tab, note that there is now an updated history of the congregation, as well as the Corporate ByLaws, contact information for the Board of Directors and various committees.

There's much more to see, so please take your time and browse at your leisure. If you have questions or problems with any of the features, please contact Shelly Kleinman at (501) 922-3194, or by email at [skleinm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skleinm@sbcglobal.net).

## Rabbi's Message



### "Who Are We?"

Perhaps because we've been around for 4,000 years, many different names describe us. Are we Hebrews, Israelites, or Jews?

Hebrews are what we were called in the very early patriarchal days. Hebrew (Ivri – in Hebrew) seems to imply someone

who crossed over. Abraham and his family crossed over the Euphrates River to migrate from Babylonia to Canaan. The term 'Hebrew' was supplanted by the term 'Israelite' about the time of the sojourn in Egypt. The Torah tells us that we are 'B'nai Israel' because we are all descended from the third patriarch Jacob whose name was changed to Israel.

The word Hebrew today is only applied to our language – the classical Hebrew of the Bible and to the modern Hebrew of the State of Israel. Hebrew is a Semitic language related to ancient Akkadian, Aramaic, and Phoenician. Its closest modern relative is Arabic. Other Jewish languages such as Yiddish (Judeo-German) and Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) are primarily forms of Medieval German and Spanish, written with Hebrew letters and richly augmented by Hebrew vocabulary and idioms.

During the Biblical period from Joshua to the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar we were called Israelites. Today, the modern term Israeli means a citizen of the State of Israel -- be he a Jew or an Arab or any other minority.

The term 'Jew' comes from the southern Israelite tribe of Judah. After we returned from Babylon 500 BCE only Judeans were left (The ten northern tribes of Israel had disappeared.). Since that time we have been called 'Jews' whether we lived in the land of Israel or in the Diaspora.

I remember an essay written by a young Jewish girl entitled: "My Friend is a Christian and I am Jewish.". That title is syntactically incorrect since the word 'Christian' is a noun and 'Jewish' is an adjective. To be balanced, it should have either been "My Friend is a Christian and I am a Jew".

This essay, written more than 50 years ago, reflects a

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## Sisterhood

### Bring a Friend!

Joanne Reagler has just returned from a visit to Dallas where she attended the WRJ Convention. She is very excited to be sharing some of the ideas that were discussed at this Convention. The November Sisterhood meeting will be a sharing of ideas to make this coming year interesting, exciting and challenging for the ladies of CHI Sisterhood.

We hope to see all of our members at this meeting!! Our hostesses, Karen Reagler and Annette Baim, promise a delicious luncheon. Our Board promises a lively meeting.

Do you have a friend who has not discovered CHI Sisterhood? Why not bring them along? We would love to have them join us for lunch as our guest and get to know all of us.

See you all on the 1st.

*Carol Kleinman*  
President - CHI Sisterhood

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

**Next Meeting  
Monday, November 1, 11AM**

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

## Meet Ruth and Ross Sedler

Ruth was born and raised in Los Angeles.. Ross was born in Milwaukee and moved to L.A. when he was 13. They met at a Hillel dance when Ruth was a freshman at Cal State Northridge and Ross was a sophomore at UCLA. They married three days after Ross graduated.

While he was attending medical school she worked as a probation officer. After Ross completed his neurosurgical training at the Texas Medical Center in Houston, they moved to Lubbock, Texas. While in Lubbock,

Ruth and Ross were active in Congregation Shaareth Israel. From 1981 to 2005 Ruth was the office manager in Ross' practice. He retired from surgical practice in 2005 but continued to work as a neurointensivist and acting director of a stroke program.

Following full retirement this past spring, Ruth and Ross moved to Hot Springs. They had maintained a vacation condo here from 1998 to 2007. In 2007 they purchased their current home in Driftwood with the intention of making it their full time and only home upon retirement.

Ruth and Ross have three grown daughters all of whom are married. Two live in Austin and one lives in Dallas. They have two grandsons in Dallas and a granddaughter in Austin.

They occupy their time visiting and being visited by their children and grandchildren as well as maintaining their yard, boating and walking their companion, La Roux the labradoodle. Ruth enjoys reading mysteries. Ross has a small wood working shop in the garage.

They look forward to a long and close relationship with Congregation House of Israel.



# 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 October:*

### General Fund

- Larri Strautman** - *In memory of Shirlee Kunarsey*
- Larri Strautman** - *In memory of Alan Strautman*
- Patricia H. Kahn** - *In honor of Israeli dancing*
- Hal & Sue Koppel** - *In memory of Jacob M. Koppel*
- Fred & Harriette Korngut** - *In memory of Adolph Korngut*

### High Holiday Donations

- Ross & Ruth Sedler**
- Larri Strautman**

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Harry Zoblotsky & Family**  
**Howard Kilby** - *To be used for the Cabibi-Wilkin Family Fund*

### Building Fund

**Dennis & Anita Williams** - *In memory of their parents*

### Prayerbook Fund

**Shelly & Carol Kleinman** - *In memory of Seymour Kleinman*

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Thank you to **Barbara Morgan** for all her hard work and organization making sure that CHI always has the supplies we need.

## Todah Rabah

It takes so many people to make the CHI community a "home" for all of us. Thank you to ALL who participated in our services and activities during the month of October.

- To **Lindsey Archley** and **Carole Fox** for leading parts of the liturgy for Saturday's morning service on September 25th and October 9th.
- **Alitza, Zak and Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin** who led parts of the Sabbath liturgy on October 8th.
- To **David Reagler** who helped Rabbi Fox fix up our 'downed' Sukkah so it would be lovely by Friday night services.
- To those who helped dismantle the Sukkah -- **Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin, Matthew and Alitza Cabibi Wilkin, Wanda Turner, Sonia Burris, Paul Holden, Dennis and Anita Williams, Margel and Hannah Yaakov**
- To **Kay and Stuart Fleischner** for photographing the Simhat Torah service.
- To **Win and Bill Bowman** for bringing the after-service snack.
- To **Yossi Baron** for all his hard work in making our building a safer and more comfortable place.

## CHI Community Updates

### Message From Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin

Daryn did well with his open heart surgery. He's working toward getting healthier, while also dealing with some related issues.

The whole family has really appreciated having the support of our congregational family in this difficult time. Thank you all for your continued thoughts and prayers.



**Mazel Tov** to the two honorees on Simchat Torah (October 3rd):

- **Ross Sedler** (HataTorah)
- **Win Bowman** (Kallat Bereisheet)

# Lech Lechah

## The Deliverance from the Bowels of Chile's Mother Earth.

*Editors note: Thank you to Jerry Tanenbaum, for bringing this very timely sermon by Rabbi Roberto Feldmann of Santiago, Chile, linking the rescue of the Chilean miners with our Torah portion Lech-Lechah.*

A few years ago, some experts decided to degrade a planet which mythologically ruled the underworld, and reduced its dignity to a mere asteroid. Why? Because its orbit was erratic, a bit shifted and more elliptical than its other celestial brethren.

Chile is not a country, but a "cornice of the Andes", García Márquez once said. And Pablo Neruda added, "of night, snow and sand is my homeland made". And of template jungles, emerald lakes, ancient volcanoes, and misty Paleolithic beaches with seaweed as big as Leviathan's fins. The Torah adds the notion of "Eretz Ochelet Yohveha" (Numbers 13:32), a land that devours its inhabitants.

I have been born and raised in Chile. I hardly move or bother for earthquakes less than 7 degrees, but rather enjoy the majestic pudding the whole nature and man-made structures are turned into. A moonwalk, if you will. But this year, eretz ochelet yohveha had an ominous sense of reality. The largest earthquake ever recorded in human history, almost 10° in the Richter scale, literally raised and sank entire provinces and their inhabitants. "It's much harder to push our fishing boats up to the sea, complained an old fisherman in Cobquecura, but fish fall into the sand. That's the reward for it being upside down now". A couple who had just built their dream house at the beach of the coastal village of Iloca, complained: "the house used to face the ocean; but has now a magnificent view of the Andes. The ocean is now too far away and can be seen from the kitchen only".

And we here thought that these normal occurrences in our lives in this humbling geography, were over for some time at least. But Mother Earth is so alive here, that a relatively small mine, not deeper than a kilometer vertically down the Atacama desert, collapsed, with all the miners below the 700 meters level (2000 feet deep) trapped in the bowels of a mountain.

President Piñera U-turned the airplane taking him to the installation ceremony of Colombia's new president, and returned to Santiago immediately, then headed directly to the mine, in a remote location some 500 miles (800 kilometers) north of Santiago.

Eretz achal yohveha: The earth had devoured the miners. Like Korach and his entourage. Desperate loved ones started flocking up to the mine, and after a few hours the jungle of contradictory information subsided, and factual information of where the collapse happened, and what chances of survival the miners had, emerged.

The families started to camp in the cold of the desert night and the heat of the desert day, -the driest in the planet-. They called it "Campamento Esperanza" -"Camp Hope"-. President Piñera, Mining Minister Laurence Golborne, they all stay put right there, making sure the best plan, the best equipment could drill a catheter down its way to hell almost, in a delirious yet careful nonstop tempo towards the assumed location where they could be, in a race against time. They

enquired for every detail, made sure every minute aspect was well taken care of. A painful, tense balancing act between velocity and precision.

The mountain was so silent, the unrelenting hope of loved ones, spouses, children, friends, who were sleeping in shifts, helping the rescuers, whose task became more technical and sophisticated as the hours passed. One week passed, two weeks, and the state of the miners thought at best to have found one of the primitive refuges every so hundred meters down its intestines, was an enigma: Nobody knew whether they were in there, or buried alive below tons of rubble, copper and rocks, a kilometer down the desert surface. Mining Minister Golbourne, once choked his tears, when having to transmit the experts' prognosis: Only a slim 2% chances they could be alive, perhaps less. An angry camping spouse confronted him and told him: "Don't bother us with your experts' facts Mr. Minister; we have called our camp with a more realistic name: 'Campamento Esperanza', 'Camp Hope'".

Some of the experts, the kind that downgrade planets, calculated what a human being needs to survive in exactly the heat and humidity conditions to be found down there, and made sermons about the geology of the mountain, reduced hope to naught, mixing their petulance with what they call "realism".

The government didn't lose a minute, the whole country drilled and drilled through every second, minute, hour, day, week. Three weeks into it, Camp Hope was silent, but was willing to spit at any expert were he or she talk about percentages, probabilities of human endurance. Stop calculating, keep drilling precisely, unrelentingly. Even children helped. Australia sent equipment, Germany, the USA, other countries too.

One day, one of the five or six catheters reached just the outside of the refuge almost a kilometer down the earth. The 33 miners were alive, as Camp Hope's realism assessed, exultant. The whole country exploded in confirmation: hope is more realistic that experts' percentages. The first papers with loving messages, water, food, and medicine were sent. We are alive, we love you, we haven't abandoned you, the whole country is with you helping: you will come out alive. The response from underneath was immediate: We love you too, are eternally thankful, we are OK: We knew lately you were drilling towards us, since we heard (Elijah's kol dmama daká), a soft, subtle sound of the drilling machines. Then we assumed we were not forgotten. After two weeks, we knew you were coming. We rationed the scarce food, we made routines not to get mad in the darkness, and we sang, we prayed, we even exercised. We had water from the springs, and it was pure to drink, and with hunger we held strong.

Once communications, a lifeline, a Sulam Yaakov, a Jacob's ladder was created, then life could breathe and bring nourishment for body and soul back and forth through the "paloma", the "dove". Strange echo of Noah's one. As if the miners were in an ark, and had to wait till the flood subsided. The experts disappeared or went mum. The machinery to save them came, and something never tried before in such a scale and depth was put in place. At first the experts talked about half a year to get to them, and get them out. Neither Camp Hope nor the Miners' sense of humor down in the deep despaired. When Independence Day came, exactly falling on this year's Yom Kippur, September 18, (10<sup>th</sup> of Tishri) there were videos of the miners dancing cueca and singing the national anthem.

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# Lech Lechah

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The drilling went so fast, so relentless, as if a whole country spent 70 biblical days drilling and drilling and drilling. The name of the uni-personal, rudimentary lift down was called “Phoenix” –like the bird that arises from the ashes of darkness and collapses.

So the mythical, downgraded planet was given back its proud regency of the netherworld: They tell me Pluto is crossing now Mazal Gdi, (Capricorn), the sign of the desert. The myth **has** been re-enacted in such an exact Gestalt, that even Fenix, was subconsciously evoked.

Rav Israel Joshua Trunk of Kutno comments on this Parashah’s verse: So Avram departed, as Adonai had spoken to him...(Bereshit 12:4). Generally, one’s enthusiasm to perform a Mitzvah diminishes as time passes, but Abraham continued going with the same enthusiasm and ardor that he had when God spoke to him. His enthusiasm did not wane and his desire was not weakened. By the same token, on the verse, “Who will ascend into the hill of the Divine? And who will stand in his holy place?” (Psalms 24:3), our Sages comment that while ascending is important, the real measure of the person’s (or the witnesses’) devotion is his “standing” before the Divine after having completed the ascent.

And since Tuesday, one by one, patiently, every single one of the thirty three miners trapped in the bowels of the depths of the desert, came to the surface, embraced wife, children, parents, president, friends, and the whole country, and even through the media, the whole planet was following it in breaking news.

It was biblical. It is a lesson for human petulance and false “realism”, and a monument to a different realism, the one that combines all we have as humanity: a beating heart and the best technology, a resilient psyche and responsible governments, living human solidarity and help from friendly nations’ prayers and equipment.

This is not just as “story” like the media loves to call life evolving. This is a deliverance made out of the combination of everything that is good and positive, all the potentials of strength, patience, and the wisdom of the heart, which is

not taken away by downgrading experts and their arrogant certainties. They hid like mice at the glaring light of another truth. When I watched each and every miner entering the Fenix cabin, and start his ascent, I pronounced “Lech Lechah”... “Off you go to your new life, reborn from the depths of depths of the dark!” initiated with a knowledge we can only slowly begin to understand and drop by drop, begin to learn.

This is not about a silly patriotism. This is about something so much deeper and universal in scope: what the human being has in emotional, cognitive and technological tools, can be used to resurrect the ones who have been called dead by the soi-disant “experts”, those who think science has nothing to do with the human heart, and technology has nothing to do with human hope. Those who think that synergy is collective hysteria and solidarity something for people in state of denial. Actually, those who preached, denied something much greater. Something divine that ejected Sarai and Avram to their journey of transformation, and whose children we Jews are.

Shabbat Shalom,

*Rabbi Roberto Feldmann.*

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## Board of Directors

CHI Board Members 2010/2011

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Complete contact information is available on the CHI website at [http://hschi.org/board\\_of\\_directors.html](http://hschi.org/board_of_directors.html)

## Religious School

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

We had a lot of fun marching around the sanctuary with our own torot, banners and flags and having an aliyah under the chupah when we read the end and the beginning of the Torah for Simchat Torah.

Our big November activity will be to fulfill the mitzvah of burying the dead. The whole congregation is invited to join us in cleaning some headstones, hearing some of our congregation’s history, and leaving some stones behind at the Jewish Rest Cemetery. We’d love to see you there!

## Mazel Tov

**Westley Kleinman** is excited to announce the arrival of his new brothers, Jacob and Zvi who arrived on October 8th.. Proud parents are Ira and Stephanie Kleinman. Grand parents are Louis and Betty Kleinman.



*Proud new grandpa, Louis Kleinman, holding Jacob Kleinman*



*Aunt Andrea Kleinman Parker holding Zev Kleinman*

And Mazel Tov to **Irv and Gail Greenberg** on the marriage of their son, Dr. Robert Greenberg to Neha Shah on August 21st.



## 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:*

**Annette Baim** - *Wife of Ken Baim*

**Osi Blum** - *Husband of our dear friend and Holocaust survivor, Rosa Blum*

**Ruth Kahn** - *Mother of Karen Weinberg*

**Stanley Kahn** - *Father of Karen Weinberg*

**Andrea Kleinman-Parker** - *Daughter of Louis and Betty Kleinman*

**Dr. Irwin Lax**

**Susan Siegal** - *Wife of Lou Siegal*

**Daryn Wilkin** - *Husband of Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin*

**Mara Wolf** - *Daughter of Sonia Burris*

**Marie Woodfork** - *Friend of Congregation House of Israel*

Please remember to inform Carol Kleinman (992-3194) or Betty Forshberg (623-3438) if you or someone you know is ill, in need of help or has experienced a death in the family.

If there is anything you want or need, please let us know. We are here to help.

### Rabbi Fox is Online

Effective November 1st, you can contact our rabbi at

[jeromesfox@gmail.com](mailto:jeromesfox@gmail.com).

Should you need to reach him when the temple office is closed, his cell phone is

**501/276-8812.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Yom Huledet Sameach!!

- **Louise Levi** 11/3
- **Rabbi Vicki Hollander** 11/4
- **Jay Stoyanov** 11/5
- **Anita Williams** 11/10
- **Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin** 11/11
- **Sonia Burris** 11/14
- **Louis Kleinman** 11/14
- **JoCarroll Lewald** 11/17
- **Michael Anreder** 11/20
- **Dana Grenman** 11/20
- **Dennis Williams** 11/21
- **Jerry Tanenbaum** 11/26
- **Lenny Mendel** 11/27
- **Shelly Baron** 11/28
- **Harriett Marcus** 11/29
- **Bernard Rephan** 11/29



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mazel Tov!

- **Alfred & JoCarroll Lewald** 11/3
- **Shelly & Carol Kleinman** 11/4
- **Mike & Sharon Waxler** 11/27

# November Yahrtszeit

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

## Kaddish recited November 5

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| <b>Dr. Samuel D. Weil</b>         | <b>10/31</b> |
| <b>Ksiel Lax</b>                  | <b>10/31</b> |
| <b>Morris E. Rosenzweig</b>       | <b>10/31</b> |
| <b>Louis Benedict</b>             | <b>11/1</b>  |
| <b>Leland Hitchinson Williams</b> | <b>11/1</b>  |
| <i>Father of Dennis Williams</i>  |              |
| <b>Mose Klyman</b>                | <b>11/1</b>  |
| <b>Bea Sherman</b>                | <b>11/1</b>  |
| <b>Ella Falk</b>                  | <b>11/3</b>  |
| <b>Simon Mendel</b>               | <b>11/4</b>  |
| <b>Yetta Davis</b>                | <b>11/4</b>  |
| <b>Dr. George K. Stephens</b>     | <b>11/4</b>  |
| <i>Father of Gail Greenberg</i>   |              |
| <b>Dr. Martin Lax</b>             | <b>11/5</b>  |
| <i>Father of Gary Lax</i>         |              |

## Kaddish recited November 12

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Rachel Leah Goltz</b>              | <b>11/6</b>  |
| <i>Grandmother of Susan Siegel</i>    |              |
| <i>Grandmother of Diane Goltz</i>     |              |
| <b>Wilma Koffman</b>                  | <b>11/6</b>  |
| <i>Grandmother of Kate Tobakos</i>    |              |
| <b>Anne G. Miller</b>                 | <b>11/8</b>  |
| <b>Pincus Uzick</b>                   | <b>11/9</b>  |
| <i>Grandfather of Regina Faulkner</i> |              |
| <b>Pauline Ragland</b>                | <b>11/11</b> |
| <b>Joseph Wolken</b>                  |              |
| <i>Grandfather of Brad Wolken</i>     |              |

## Kaddish recited November 19

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Etie Naomi Hurwitz</b>               | <b>11/13</b> |
| <b>Al Ginsburg</b>                      | <b>11/13</b> |
| <i>Father of Bill Ginsburg</i>          |              |
| <i>Father of Millie Baron</i>           |              |
| <b>Joyce C. Boswell</b>                 | <b>11/13</b> |
| <i>Mother of Anita Williams</i>         |              |
| <b>Esther S. Schwarz</b>                | <b>11/14</b> |
| <b>Dorothy Kaplan</b>                   | <b>11/15</b> |
| <i>Aunt of Regina Faulkner</i>          |              |
| <b>Mamie Gottlieb</b>                   | <b>11/18</b> |
| <b>Ralph Mendel</b>                     | <b>11/18</b> |
| <b>Alan R. Klompus</b>                  | <b>11/19</b> |
| <i>Father of Stuart Klompus</i>         |              |
| <b>Jacob M. Koppel</b>                  | <b>11/19</b> |
| <i>Father of Hal Koppel</i>             |              |
| <b>Jennie H. Gottlieb</b>               | <b>11/19</b> |
| <b>Mollie Forshberg</b>                 | <b>11/19</b> |
| <i>Mother-in-law of Betty Forshberg</i> |              |

## Kaddish recited November 26

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| <b>Fannie Meirers Gross</b>             | <b>11/20</b> |
| <b>Bella Reich</b>                      | <b>11/22</b> |
| <i>Being observed by the Lax Family</i> |              |
| <b>Clara Meyer Rosenzweig</b>           | <b>11/24</b> |
| <b>Morris H. Guggenheim</b>             | <b>11/24</b> |
| <b>Fletcher Young</b>                   | <b>11/24</b> |
| <b>Adolph Korngut</b>                   | <b>11/26</b> |
| <i>Father of Fred Korngut</i>           |              |
| <b>Mauricve Feinberg</b>                | <b>11/26</b> |

**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 October:

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 November

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

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| <b>11/5</b>  |                      | <b>Lynda &amp; Joel Unowsky</b><br><b>Mary Beth &amp; Brian Trubitt</b>    |
| <b>11/12</b> | <b>Family Serv.</b>  | <b>Ed Berkun</b><br><b>Kim &amp; Yossi Baron</b>                           |
| <b>11/13</b> | <b>Sat. AM Serv.</b> | <b>Cynthia Rephan</b>                                                      |
| <b>11/19</b> |                      | <b>Sue &amp; Hal Koppel</b><br><b>Mary &amp; Stuart Klompus</b>            |
| <b>11/26</b> |                      | <b>Millie Baron &amp; Mick Stoyanov</b><br><b>Elaine &amp; Brad Wolken</b> |

## Rabbi's Message

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discomfort with using the word 'Jew'. Even today, we hear people saying the 'Jewish people' when comparing us to Christians or Muslims. We all know the word 'Jew' is used pejoratively in English both as a verb and as an adjective – "He jewed me down", i.e.: he bargained with me vigorously and relentlessly; or as an adjective: 'Jew-boy, Jew-tree, Jew-harp', etc.

Undoubtedly that is why the parent organization of Reform Judaism was for a century: the UAHC, The Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In the last decade it was changed to the URJ, Union of Reform Judaism. That's an improvement, but 'Judaism' is somehow softer than 'Jews'.

Regardless of all this, we are Jews by birth or choice. We should be rightly proud to say "I am a Jew, a proud Jew".

*Rabbi Jerome Fox*

## Condolences

To **Phyllis Tanner** on the loss of her beloved husband, Jack Tanner.

To **Mary Klompus** on the loss of her brother-in-law, Steve Moore.

*May Their Memories be for a Blessing*

## Something New at CHI - Saturday Morning Torah Study

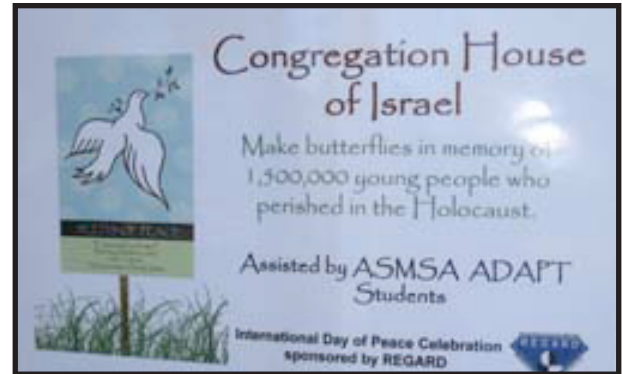
It has been suggested that because a large group of our congregation cannot attend Friday afternoon Torah Study, we have a once a month Torah Study.

On November 20th, the first session will be held at 9:15 before the normal monthly Saturday Shabbat service which will begin at 10:30.

We hope to see a lot of new faces at this study and service.

## Seeds of Peace

REGARD selected October 2 this year to acknowledge the International Day of Peace which is generally held on September 21. The date was set out of respect for the Jewish high holydays which frequently occur around September 21.



This photo was made by the students at ASMSA to publicize the Butterfly Project undertaken by Congregation House of Israel. The booth was busy all day at REGARD's Seeds of Peace celebration on Saturday, October 2. Young and not-so-young were assisted by Rabbi Fox, Jennifer LeFeuvre of ASMSA, and Mary Watermann to make butterflies which will be sent to the Houston Holocaust Museum for the Butterfly Project. The museum hopes to have 1,500,000 butterflies for display by spring of 2012. So far, CHI has 65 butterflies made to send to the project.

Above photo shows Jerry Rephan who created a booth to teach Israeli dancing. Many people visiting the Seeds of Peace celebration participated and enjoyed the dancing, most for their first time.



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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 Carol ([litelady1@yahoo.com](mailto:litelady1@yahoo.com)) prior to that date.