

The Shofar

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L'Shana Tovah Tikateivu (A Good Year to All)

“Hear our voice, Oh God; Have compassion upon us, and with compassion, accept our prayers”

High Holy Day liturgy

High Holy Days Schedule of Services

Saturday, September 4	7:30 p.m.	Selichot service ushering in the High Holy Days
Wednesday, September 8	7:30 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service Rabbi's topic: "How does one measure success"
Thursday, September 9	10:00 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah morning service Rabbi's topic: "Europe is Dead"
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Service President's Reception following service Tashlikh Service following luncheon. (See page 3 for details and directions)
Friday, September 17	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidrei Rabbi's topic: "The Eight Gates of Jerusalem"
Saturday, September 18	10:30 a.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service Rabbi's topic: "Death is not a dirty word"
	3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Service
	4:30 p.m.	Yizkor Service
	5:30 p.m.	Neilah Service and Children's Service
	6:00 p.m.	Havdalah Service, followed by Break the Fast
Friday, September 24	6:00 p.m.	Family Service in Sukkah**
Saturday, September 25	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service for Shabbat and Sukkot
	7:30 p.m.	Sukkah Sleepover

September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 22nd of Elul 5770 Afternoon Tutorials No Adult Education classes ISJL Representative in Hot Springs 5:00 pm	2 23rd of Elul 5770 Afternoon Tutorials Israeli Dancing 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm	3 24th of Elul 5770 Torah Study 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 pm	4 25th of Elul 5770 S'lichot Selikhot Service 7:30 pm
5 26th of Elul 5770 HHD Cantor's meeting 1:00 pm	6 27th of Elul 5770 Labor Day Afternoon Tutorials	7 28th of Elul 5770	8 29th of Elul 5770 Sisterhood Erev RH Oneg 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Evening Svc 7:30 pm	9 1st of Tishri 5771 Rosh HaShanah Day 1 Tashlich Svc (time and loc tbd) Rosh Hashanah morning Svc 10:00 am RH Children's Service 11:00 am	10 2nd of Tishri 5771 Rosh HaShanah Day 2 Torah Study 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 pm	11 3rd of Tishri 5771
12 4th of Tishri 5771 Religious School 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Choir 1:00 pm AE Liturgical Hebrew 2:30 pm Religious School Board Mtg 4:00 pm HHD Cantor's Mtg 5:30 pm	13 5th of Tishri 5771 Afternoon Tutorials Board Meeting 5:30 pm	14 6th of Tishri 5771	15 7th of Tishri 5771 Afternoon Tutorials AE Modern Hebrew 6:00 pm	16 8th of Tishri 5771 Afternoon Tutorials Israeli Dancing 4:30 pm Choir practice 5:30 pm - 9:00 am	17 9th of Tishri 5771 Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre 7:30 pm	18 10th of Tishri 5771 Yom Kippur Yom Kippur Morning Svc 10:30 am Afternoon Service 3:30 pm Yizkor 4:30 pm Neilah Svc & Children's Svc 5:30 pm Havdalah & Break-the-Fast 6:00 pm
19 11th of Tishri 5771 Religious School 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Choir 1:00 pm AE Liturgical Hebrew 2:30 pm	20 12th of Tishri 5771 Afternoon Tutorials	21 13th of Tishri 5771	22 14th of Tishri 5771 Afternoon Tutorials	23 15th of Tishri 5771 First day of Sukkot Office closed, no afternoon tutorials or AE classes	24 16th of Tishri 5771 Torah Study 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Family Svc in Sukkah (weather permitting)	25 17th of Tishri 5771 Shabbat/Sukkot service 10:30 am Sukkah Sleepover 7:30 pm
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September Services

Friday September 3 - Shabbat Nitzavim-Va-Yelekh
Rabbi's topic "It's the Culture...Silly!"

Saturday - September 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Selichot Service

Wednesday - September 8 - 7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Evening Service

Thursday September 9 - 10 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

Friday - September 17 - 7:30 p.m.
Kol Nidre

Saturday - September 18 - 10:30 a.m.
Yom Kippur

Friday - September 24
Family Service

4:15-5:15 Weekly Torah Study

5:15-6:00 - Oneg Shabbat

6:00 - Services

Changing the Torah Mantle

On Sunday, September 5th, our Religious School will fulfill the mitzvah of changing the Torah mantles.

Changing Torah mangles (covers) from blue to white is a symbol of our desire to cleanse our lives and begin the new year without blemish and full of compassion.

"For the Torah teaches gentle manners."

Peskita Rabbah 17b

Taschlich

Following the President's Reception after morning Services on Day 1 of Rosh Hashanah, we will have Taschlich at beautiful Hollywood Park located on Shady Grove and Hollywood behind National Park Hospital.

The observance of Taschlich is a fairly new service at CHI. By going to a flowing body of water, we honor the tradition of Taschlich -- emptying ourselves of wrongdoing as we cast crumbs into the river.

"God says, 'Since you have come before me on this day of judgement, and have gone forth in peace, I regard you as if you were created new creatures.'"

Jerusalem Talmud, Rosh Hashanah

Rabbi's Message



Rosh Hashanah: Beginning of Change

We all know that "Rosh Hashanah" means "Head of the New Year" – the literal translation for our Jewish New Year. However, the term can also be interpreted as the "Beginning of Change." The word *rosh* is related to the first word in the Torah *bereisheet* – "in

the beginning." The word *shanah*, meaning "year," also is related to the Hebrew root sh – n – h which means "to change". A recent Israeli political party, Shinuy, takes its name from this meaning.

Also the opening phrase of the Four Questions: *Mah Nishtanah* comes from the same *shoresh* (root). It means "How is (this night) different, what changes have been made to make it different?"

Hence, Rosh Hashanah means the "beginning of change."

In light of recent events, this year 5771 will be a significant year of change for me and Carole as well as for CHI. I hope we can find ways to make the transition as smooth as possible. I hope we can see the glimmers of hope and optimism that every situation contains.

L'Shanah Tovah –

Rabbi Jerome Fox

Sisterhood

It's that time of year again..To celebrate and to join Sisterhood, also known by our formal name, Women of Reform Judaism.

We plan to have a great year with programs to entertain and programs to help others. We'll start the year with a meeting to plan for the High Holy Days. Come and help, it will get you in the mood for celebrating the New Year.

For only \$36 a year, you can join us and enjoy the friendship of Sisterhood. (Associate memberships for \$18 are available for young women who grew up in this community, but who are no longer living at home) You'll enjoy every minute of your time in this organization. It gives you a bit of socializing, a bit of community service, a bit of connecting to your Temple, and a bit of just plain fun.

Our meetings are held at the Temple the first Monday of each month at 11:00 am and lunch is available for \$5.

If you are unable to join us we are asking for your financial support. Please mail your check made out to CHI Sisterhood to:

Betty Kleinman
101 Glenridge Ct,
Hot Springs AR 71901.

Please note that because of the Holidays, the first meeting will be on August 30. We look forward to seeing you there.

Carol Kleinman *Jo Carroll Lewald*
President Vice President



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

**First Meeting of the Year
Monday, August 30th, 11AM**

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

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.

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 July:

General Fund

Cynthia Rephan - *In memory of Morris Bauman*

Dennis & Anita Williams - *In memory of Dorine Calcote Williams*

Lou & Susan Siegel, Madeline Bull, Cooper Bull, Diane Goltz and Earl Hudson - *In memory of Bernice Goltz and Tikva Baron*

Family of Carl Caplan - *for officiation at funeral*
Dr. Stuart & Kay Fleischner - *In memory of Abe "Al" Rosenberg*

Mark & Patti Fleischner - *In memory of Tikva Baron*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Benjamin & Dana Patch - *for naming new baby daughter Emma*

Wanda Turner

Family of Carl Caplan - *for officiation at funeral*
Ed Berkun - *In memory of Abe "Al" Rosenberg, Dee Berkun and Gene Watermann*

Rosenzweig Fund

Mac & Ann Caruso - *In memory of Abe "Al" Rosenberg*

Todah Rabah

To these wonderful volunteers who helped out in August:

The Choir – **Carole Fox, Bridget, Alitza, and Matthew Cabibi-Wilkin, Pearl Roth** – for songs for Tisha be-Av

Anita Williams - *for help with the Torah School luncheon*

Pearl Roth, Ira Kleinman and Gail Greenberg *for taking photos at the Torah School luncheon*

Carole Fox and Lisa Bates-Dubrow *for their lovely "Renaissance" rendition of Adon Olam*

The **Cabibi-Wilkin Family** would like to sincerely thank those who have made things so much easier during Daryn's hospitalization by providing wonderful meals - allowing Bridget to get on with taking care of Daryn and the kids without having to fit in cooking as well. Your love & caring is so greatly appreciated, as well as being a wonderful mitzvah. Bless you all!

Hot Springs Night to Honor Israel

DATE Sunday August 29th
TIME 6 PM

LOCATION Hot Springs First Assembly of God
3540 Central Avenue

For more information: Pastor Mark Hasten (627-5877)

This event is sponsored by the Hot Springs First Assembly of God and Christians United for Israel.

CUFI is the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States.

In addition to the keynote speaker, Victor Styrsky, Rabbi Fox will be greeting guests as well as speaking about Israel.

Please show your support of our congregation as well as Israel and the Hot Springs community by attending this event.

Admission is free altho a special offering will be asked for which will be used for the pro-Israel work of CUFI on college campuses across the nation.

Seeds of Peace

Community Peace Festival
Saturday October 2, 2010
9 AM - 11 AM

On the Greenway at Orange Street
Near the Farmer's Market Pavilion and
Transportation Depot

"Seeds of Peace" will include a variety of hands on peace activities that will have meaning for children and adults. There will be foods representing cultural diversity and a line-up of musical events.

Sponsored by REGARD, Seeds of Peace is the Hot Springs/Garland County celebration commemorating the International Day of Peace which falls on September 21st.

President's Message

If you are familiar with golf tournaments you may recognize this term – “The Mulligan”. Often players are interested to know how many mulligans they get for each tournament. But what is a mulligan? It's a great little opportunity to take your shot over without any penalty to your score! You walk up to the ball, carefully line up your aim, take your best shot, and then realize that your swing was so far off you want to “do it all over” - and remember, it's with no penalty! But alas, life is not a game of golf. We rarely get the opportunity to do our shot over. And even in golf, mulligans are always limited in number. I suspect that if we all had an unlimited supply of mulligans, we wouldn't try very hard in the first place...

I'm sure by now you can see where this is going. On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to publicly apologize to anyone that may have been hurt by the recent decisions that have been made. Of course, that was never anyone's “aim”.

But now we must move forward. Plans are under way to host several focus groups to provide everyone opportunities to voice their opinions and to be part of the planning process as we move forward. We will also have available member surveys which can be turned in at these focus groups, or can be sent in separately (details to follow). We will then host a special meeting after the surveys are tabulated to keep everyone updated on the planning progress.

Additionally, we will present to the membership the opportunity to vote on moving our Annual Meeting to the third week in January rather than in June as stated in the by-laws. We think this will be beneficial for several reasons: first, we hope that this will improve our attendance due to all the conflicts with festivals, travels, camp, etc. that occur in June.

Second, as our Temple is operating on a calendar year for our financial statements, this will provide our members with a full year-end financial statement that will show a better picture of our financial situation, as opposed to a

partial 5-month statement as has been the case for the past several years.

And thirdly, we will have an opportunity to make the changes in the Board structure that would have occurred in the summer. One new position will open up on the Board. A nominating committee will be appointed in October to fill this seat.

As we move forward through this busy time of year, you will be provided plenty of opportunities to get involved in Temple life. I hope you all will find gratification in participating in our communal life and I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you all soon at Quapaw and Market!

Millie Baron
President

Board of Directors

Board Members 2010/2011

Millie Baron – President
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Elaine Wolken – Treasurer
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Complete contact information is available on the CHI website at http://hschi.org/board_of_directors.

Religious School

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

We've had a great summer break, and a wonderful time in Summer Torah School learning about the prophets, but now we've returned to our regular schedule - starting with a fantastic ice cream & watermelon kick-off on August 15th. We've already been learning & gearing up for the High Holy Days and are looking forward to a fun & educational year. Our four classes: Gan (K), Alef (1st), Hey (5th), and Khet (8th) will be learning about holidays, Mitzvot, Israel, Jewish Life Cycle, Jewish Values and the Holocaust this year. Our two older classes will also be doing a special history project- making the Jewish story more personal for each child. Please check out our Book of Jonah Dioramas in Burgauer Hall, as well as our Prophet Ushpizin panels on the Sukkah, which we'll turn into banners for Simchat Torah too. We thank our volunteer teachers: David Reagler, Kate Tobakos, & Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin for giving so generously of their time, energy & enthusiasm to fulfill the mitzvah, along with Rabbi Fox, of “teaching these words to your children”. It takes a caring Jewish community to instill a strong foundation into the youngest among us so that they grow to be secure in their Judaism & pillars of the Jewish community of the future!

Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin

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*

Diane Goltz

Ruth Kahn - *Mother of Karen Weinberg*

Stanley Kahn - *Father of Karen Weinberg*

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

Dr. Irwin Lax - *Husband of Debbie Lax*

David Reagler - *Husband of Joanne Reagler*
Ann Rosenzweig

Susan Siegel - *Wife of Lou Siegel*

Jack Tanner - *Husband of Phyllis Tanner*

Daryn Wilkin - *Husband of Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin*

Mara Wolf - *Daughter of Sonia Burris*

Roz Zoblotsky - *Wife of Harry Zoblotsky*

Please remember to inform Carol Kleinman (992-3194) 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.

ISJL is Coming to CHI

On Wednesday, September 1st, there will be 3 representatives from the ISJL (Institute of Southern Jewish Life) visiting Congregation House of Israel.

This will be an administrative meeting that is open to all members of the congregation. We will be discussing various services that are available to our temple -- educational, cultural, etc.

This meeting should be very helpful to all members -- both those who are already involved and those who wish to become more involved.

The meeting will begin at 5PM at the temple. Of course, snacks and drinks will be provided.

For further information on ISJL and all that they offer the congregations in our district, go to their website at ISJL.org.

David Reagler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Yom Huledet Sameach!!

- **Elaine Gartenberg** 9/1
- **Madeline Hudson-Bull** 9/2
- **Susan Siegel** 9/4
- **Alfred Lewald** 9/7
- **Leah Fleischner** 9/8
- **Ellen Rephan** 9/10
- **Lynda Kass** 9/12
- **Eugene Kirsch** 9/16
- **Katherine Ginsburg** 9/17
- **Anne Marcus** 9/20
- **Larry Wolken** 9/21
- **Jerry Rephan** 9/27
- **Mary Watermann** 9/27
- **Jeff Rosenzweig** 9/29
- **Jean Gershner** 9/29



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mazel Tov!

- **Lenny and Norma Mendel** 9/1
- **David and Karen Reagler** 9/13
- **Mike and Mary Anreder** 9/17
- **Fred and Harriette Korngut** 9/19

Mazel Tov

To **Stuart and Kay Fleischner** on the engagement of their daughter, Frances who became engaged to Ben Iverson. Ben is from Iowa, but has lived in Hot Springs for the past 5 years. Needless to say, Mom and Sophie are very excited, too. Put July 23rd on your calendar for next summer.

September Yahrtzeits

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

Kaddish recited September 3

Edward I. Rephan	9/2
Father of Jerry Rephan	
Isadore Zoblotsky	9/2
Father of Harry Zoblotsky	

Kaddish recited September 10

Marguerite Waldauer	9/4
Meir Goldenberg	9/4
Father of Sonia Burris	
Dr. James M. Wolf	9/4
Husband of Sonia Burris	
Emma Geschmay	9/5
Margaret Gladstein	9/7
Sadye Fleischner	9/7
Grandmother of Mark Fleischner	
Grandmother of Stuart Fleischner	
Hattie K. Travis	9/7
Eugene Watermann	9/7
Husband of Mary Watermann	
Bertha Zucker	9/8
Leo Gartenberg	9/9
Father of Bob Gartenberg	
Julius Berkun	9/9
Father of Ed Berkun	
Joe S. Kallsnick	9/10

Kaddish recited September 17

Anne Leiber Turberg	9/12
Florence Anreder	9/12
Mother of Mike Anreder	
Seymore Greenfield	9/12
Father of Pearl Roth	
Dr. Joe Rosenzweig	9/14
Evelyn Zimmerman	9/15
Annette Wiener Rhine	9/16

Kaddish recited September 24

Carrie R. Burgauer	9/18
Libbie R. Lax	9/18
Mother of Dr. Erwin Lax	
Moses Levant	9/21
Herman Fellheimer	9/22
Samuel Davis	9/22
Dr. Maurice Lautman	9/23

Kaddish recited October 1

Albert Roudman	9/29
Lena V. Berg	9/29
Walter Kass	9/30
Helen Poncher Newman	9/30
Grandmother of Brad Wolken	

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 August.

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 September

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

9/3		Gail & Irv Greenberg Sonia & Barney Burris
9/8	Erev Rosh Hashana	Sisterhood
9/10	Family Service	Jodi & Jerry Chalmers Karen & David Reagler
9/17	Kol Nidre	No Oneg
9/24	Sukkot	Elaine & Brad Wolken Annette & Ken Baim
9/25	Sat. Morning	Lil & Herman Bruckner

Elul

By Avi Lazerson

Elul is the Jewish month that precedes Rosh Hashanah. Most Jewish scholars consider Elul as a preliminary month to prepare our hearts and minds to properly enter Rosh Hashanah.

I happened to be a visitor in a city with a large Jewish congregation. One Shabbat, I went to two different synagogues and heard two different Rabbis speak about Elul. Each rabbi spoke about Elul but had a completely opposite view point from the other. I would like to share this with you.

The first rabbi spoke very emotionally about Elul being the month to prepare for the Days of Judgment: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. He stressed the tremendous importance of the Day of Judgment and preparing for it by looking into our past deeds, soul searching, finding imperfections in our thoughts, actions and character. He called for us to increase our level of mitzvah observance, to become stricter in our kashrus observance, spend more time studying Torah and of course, to become more aware of our speech, to be careful not to offend anyone. Only in this manner, he exhorted, could we possibly be saved from a bad decree. We must show G-d how we are trying to improve ourselves if we are to avoid an evil judgment. He pointed out that G-d sees all of our actions and even our most private thoughts. G-d, the rabbi explained, was most exacting in meting justice.

Later in the day I went to another synagogue and heard a different rabbi speak. He was explaining to his congregation that G-d, who in his love and compassion for the Jewish people, has established Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as a time to cleanse them of their sins. He compared G-d to a loving father whose children have acted poorly. He desires to have good and close relationships with them, but before that can happen, they must come to him and ask him for forgiveness. The purpose is that they should realize their faults that they may become better people. The father is not desirous of punishing them, what he really wants is that his children should come to realize their potential and to have a loving relationship with him. Unless they are honest with themselves and him, this can not happen. The same, the rabbi said, is true of G-d. The purpose of the high Holydays is not to extract revenge on the Jews for their iniquities, but allow them to get rid of them. G-d's love and mercy is without end, but it requires us to make an exertion to utilize this time to again renew our closeness.

During the week, I began to mull over the two rabbis' speeches. It seemed to me at first that they were talking about two different religions. One spoke of a G-d that was looking to extract justice from His errant servants by giving them punishments that would totally devastate them. The second rabbi spoke of a loving G-d who only wanted his erring children to return to him.

After pondering over the differences in the two speeches I began to realize that they were really speaking about the same thing, but from different angles. Like a two photographs of the same mountain, one from the north and the other from the south, each picture looks totally different, yet it is the same mountain. Since the mountain is so enormous, a single picture can not completely relate its total image. So too is G-d, we can not totally comprehend His greatness. Our understandings are like a two dimensional photograph.

Both rabbis were talking about the same thing, the days of judgment. But each took a different aspect into account. One emphasized the need for us, G-d's children, to improve while the other rabbi concentrated his speech on G-d's own desire for a closer relationship.

In a similar manner the two academies of Hillel and Shamai are explained. Normally the academy of Shamai took the stringent position in halacha, Jewish law, whereas the academy of Hillel was lenient. Shamai leaned toward strictness, gevurah; Hillel leaned towards compassion, chesed. We generally follow the opinions of the academy of Hillel not because the academy of Shamai was wrong, but our way of life finds the teachings of Hillel more acceptable. It seemed to me that was the case of these two rabbis; one looked from the side of strictness, the other from the side of compassion.

At the end of the Talmud Ta'anit, it states that in the future the righteous will dance in a circle and sing, "this is my god" as they point with their finger towards G-d who is in the middle of their circle. The explanation is that each righteous person has a different method for serving G-d which is different from his friends. This is just like people who dance in a circle and view someone in the center. Each one sees a slightly different view of G-d. Based on his view or way of viewing G-d, so too he serves Him.

So too these rabbis. Each one gave his concept of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to us. We must realize that both are correct.

In a similar manner must be our desire to serve G-d. Each one of us is different. We must look into ourselves for our "natural resources" that we may utilize them in serving Him with all of our hearts. In this manner we are certain to be inscribed for a great new year.

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*From the September 2006 Edition of the Jewish Magazine*

**(Thank you to Karen Holcomb for taking the time to share this very interesting and informative article with the congregation)**

***The month of Elul calls upon us to turn towards the days of awe and open our hearts for reflection, repentance and renewal.***

## Meet The CHI Board

### Anita Williams

"I was born Anita Joyce (Joyce after my mother) Boswell in Big Spring, Texas, as an accident of war; my father was in the Pacific so mom went home to have me. She did the same thing in 1952 when my brother was due and dad was out of the country. My dad had an MFA from the Kansas City Art Institute; see the art connection below. I have a BA in history with a minor in accounting (they both tell it like it was) from UALR, and an MBA and a Ph.D. in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing from the University of Arkansas. For a number of years before I finished my undergraduate degree I worked for a family business that my mother operated, The Sketch Box Gallery, in Little Rock.

Henderson State University, where I am Professor of Marketing, has been my professional home since August 1988. It has been good to me sending me to Russia twice for two very interesting and different experiences: one working with businesses in one district of Moscow and one spending a month teaching at Moscow State University.

My formal education in Judaism began in the early 1970's and has continued today with liturgical Hebrew with Rabbi Fox. By choice, I am Jewish. My formal conversion was in February of 1973 at Temple B'Nai Israel in Little Rock.

Like many women of my generation, I had another life before I met and ultimately married Dennis. Dennis's and my first date was a "blind date" arranged by a very good friend of mine, and it was to a Pesach seder at the home of another friend who is also a Jew by choice. After we married, Dennis adopted our daughter Whitney as his own.

Our involvement with Congregation House of Israel began with an invitation to attend services by a fellow Lion Club member, Brian Trubbitt. Dennis and I met the congregation and fell in love with its warmth and diversity. We joined the congregation when Vicki Hollander was the Rabbi. Even though we have no children in religious school (Our only daughter lives in Brooklyn, NY), we both serve on the Religious Education Board because of our commitment to education, and because we see the children along with their parents as our extended family. Education is one of the 613 commandments (Deuteronomy Chapter 6), and our young people are the future of the congregation. I am very thankful to CHI Sisterhood for its strong support of and commitment to Religious School. In addition, I am now secretary of the board of CHI."

### Yossi Baron



Yossi (Joseph) Baron was born in Tiberius, Israel in 1973. For those of you who have not been to Israel, Tiberius is located on the Sea of Galilee.

At the age of 14, he moved to Kibbutz Sasa. He proudly served in the Israeli Army from 1971.

After fulfilling his military obligations, he went back to Sasa where he met his future wife, Millie Ginsburg. Millie was a volunteer at Sasa. They were married and moved to the United States in 1981 and had two children -- Shelly is a graduate of the University of Georgia and works for a political consultant in Little Rock; Adam is a graduate of Princeton University and currently resides in Connecticut.

In 1997 he wed Kim Burge. Kim's son David Burge is in graduate school at the University of Central Arkansas.

Both Yossi and Kim work for Oaklawn -- Kim is Director of Marketing and Yossi is Director of Purchasing.

Yossi is the head of our Temple Maintenance Committee -- a time consuming position. He and his committee are responsible for our building and all of the various "parts." Remember when we had no air last month? Yossi was the one responsible for making sure the outage only lasted one day.

Yossi, thank you for all you do for CHI!!



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## ROSH HASHANAH RECEPTION

This year we will host the reception immediately following services on Thursday, September 9th  
 Location: Burgauer Hall AND  
 A light luncheon will be served.

## TASHLICH SERVICE

Following our Rosh Hashanah luncheon, we will join together as a congregation for Tashlich services, led by Rabbi Fox.

**Location:** Hollywood Park located on Shady Grove and Hollywood behind National Park Hospital.

The word "Tashlich" means "You will cast away." In this context, it refers to a custom dating from at least as early as the fourteenth century, but probably much earlier, based on the last verses of the Book of Michah (Micah) 7:18-20, shown below:

*"Who is G-d like You? You forgive sins and overlook transgressions  
 For the survivors of Your People;  
 He does not retain His anger forever, for He loves Kindness;  
 He will return and show us mercy, and overcome our sins,*

Jewish communities have for many generations gathered on the First Day of Rosh HaShanah at bodies of water and recited the Tashlich Prayer, which consists of certain chapters of Tehillim (Psalms) and the verses shown above, to symbolize our wish to get rid of our sins, and to be forgiven by G-d.

Some people have the custom of putting bread crumbs in their pockets and shaking them out into the water to give more concrete expression to their desire to be free of their sins.

Remembrance is a sacred act in the Jewish tradition. We keep our departed loved ones alive by recalling the goodness of their lives and living our own lives in ways which exemplify and reflect their positive influences. It is traditional as we approach the High Holy Days to honor those we have lost with tzedakah -- loving acts of generosity and kindness.

## Condolences

To Ethel Rosenberg on the loss of her beloved husband and to Richard Rosenberg on the loss of his father, Al Rosenberg on August 7, 2010.

*May His Memory be for a Blessing*

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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 Carol (litelady1@yahoo.com) prior to that date.