



CONGREGATION
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL Est. 1845
Augusta's First Jewish Congregation

March—April 2015
Cheshvan - Kislev—Tevet 5775

CONGREGATION
CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL

COMINGSOON!



Music, music and more music!
Megillah reading!
Hamantashen for noshin!

Outrageous fun for everyone!

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 4TH
AT 6:30 PM**

*Everyone is encouraged
(but not required) to come
in costume*

Real Dealers,
Casino Tables &
Texas Hold'em

Prizes for Best
Hawaiian Attire

Congregation Children of Israel
Luau Casino Night
April 18, 2015 7:30pm

Tickets \$125 Admits Two/ \$62.50 Admits One

\$5000 Reverse Raffle
Silent Auction
Open Bar

Food, fun, entertainment, and much, much more.
Call and reserve your tickets NOW before they sell out!
706-736-3140 or office@cciaugusta.org

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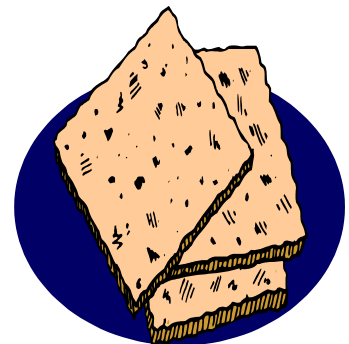
PASSOVER SEDER

Saturday, April 4 at 6:00 PM

Rabbi Robert Klensin will conduct the Seder.

A traditional meal will be served.

See page 13 for more Information



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COMMITTEE CHAIRS for 2014-2015

Music	Sandra Freedman
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Budget and Finance	Harvey Handfinger
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Membership	Gail Erlitz
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

C. G. Montefiore once wrote:

“We Jews have a more pressing responsibility for our lives and beliefs than perhaps any other religious community.

"Don't shelter yourself in any course of action by the idea that 'it is my affair.' It is your affair, but it is also mine and the community's. Nor can we neglect the world beyond. A fierce light beats upon the Jew. It is a grave responsibility this - to be a Jew; and you can't escape from it, even if you choose to ignore it. Ethically or religiously, we Jews can be and do nothing light-heartedly. Ten bad Jews may help damn us; ten good Jews may help to save us. *Which minyan will you join?*" (emphasis added)

So why do I reference this quote? First, because I am so proud of the Temple that I belong to. While everyone's lives' are getting busier and busier, there are still "good Jews" in our midst who step forward and shoulder some heavy responsibility. You may not see all of the activity happening at the Temple, but I am amazed at how much is accomplished when the need and the request arises. For example, Jeanie Brody and Jeff Wolf coordinated and repaired the parking lot pot hole. Thank you! David Alalof and his Rabbi Search committee have been reviewing dozens of resumes and writing samples as well as interviewing potential candidates via Skype in an effort to narrow down the candidates. Thank you! Michael Scharff & Lou Scharff (and I'm sure many more) purchased and installed an HDTV that will be an invaluable asset for the Temple and future educational and social events. Thank you! Rabbi & Francine Klensin have been working tirelessly to make sure that the Temple continues to run smoothly, and have even agreed to host the first of monthly family hosted Havdalah/social events on February 21. Thank you! Cathy Goldenberg has been an unbelievable treasure, cooking Shabbat dinners, wrangling volunteers to assist in setting up or serving when needed, and pretty much filling any gap needed when it comes to getting dinner served. Thank you! And much much more.

But secondly, because, while these people have been working tirelessly and impressively, the Temple's foundation relies on the strength of its entire congregation. Each and every one of you are busier than busy. I know, I am right there with you. But I also know that each of you could promise 2 hours a week to the Temple (break it up any way you want). And I also know that each and every one of you have special talents and abilities that could help propel our Temple into a place that everyone wants it to be: a place of spirituality, a place of community, a place for social events, a place for Jewish education, **a place you want to be!**

I want our Temple to be everything you want it to be, but I need your help. The next time you see an email asking for volunteers, take a moment and ask yourself if you have an hour to spare to help make your Temple what you want it to be. Join the Social Action Committee and make a difference in the lives of disabled people in our community or introduce your own idea to the committee. Join the Luau Casino Night committee and help make this annual event such a spectacular event they'll be talking about it all around town. The next time you see an e mail asking for your input about an event or idea, take a moment to really think about it before you hit the Delete button. *It only takes a few moments to make difference, but that difference may make a lasting change.*

Thank you again for everything you do, even if it doesn't seem like it is noticed - it is noticed,

Rachel Ray
 CCI President

RABBINIC REFLECTIONS



Cast a Vote for Reform Values in Israel

As Jews, lovers of Israel and unconditional supporters of Israel's right to exist, we are well aware of the many serious challenges confronting Israel today as well as the threats faced by the Jewish people everywhere. It is up to those who live in Israel to elect the Prime Minister and members of Knesset. But Jews living in the Diaspora can influence the nature of Israeli society by voting in the World Zionist Organization's current election. The WZO, together with the Jewish Agency, is designated in Israeli law as the formal liaison between the Jewish Diaspora and the Israeli government. It is the vehicle through which Jews around the world are officially invited to make their views known to Israel and, in a small way, make policy and funding.

In addition to the existential questions confronting the state, as Reform Jews, we are also faced with serious questions concerning societal and institutional values.

Questions like:

- ⇒ Will Israeli society and institutions respect and fairly treat all denominations, regardless of level of observance?
- ⇒ Will gender equality be the norm – where men and women can pray and live as equals?
- ⇒ Will we see lasting peace with security and stability for the land and people of Israel?

These are serious questions that not only affect our relationship with Israel, but which will shape the soul of the country in the years to come.

Our Reform Movement is committed to not only supporting our brothers and sisters in Israel but to also help shape its future. Together, we have an opportunity to advocate for an Israeli society that represents our values and clearly puts forth our vision for Israel – a vision in which the ideals of pluralism, equality and peace are accepted.

TO BE SUCCESFUL, WE NEED YOUR HELP and YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT!!

Next year, in October of 2015, the World Zionist Congress (WZC) will convene in Jerusalem. This "Parliament of the Jewish People" will debate and make decisions about critical issues that shape Israel and influence whether it will fulfill the dreams of its founders—a pluralistic and democratic Jewish State.

You have a critical voice in that discussion. How? In the upcoming election, you have the opportunity to vote for the ARZA slate thereby assuring that ARZA's delegates represent our values in the United States' delegation to the WZC. The delegation from the United States is determined by an election conducted by the American Zionist Movement (AZM), an election which is taking place now through April 30, 2015. Voting is easy and can be completed online or by paper ballot. All Jews over the age of 18 (as of June 30, 2015) can vote. One need not be a member of any other organization or Jewish institution in order to vote.

These elections are the strongest way for US Reform Jews to promote and encourage the progressive ideals of social justice, equality and democracy in Israel and help build the kind of Jewish state we all know is possible—a Jewish state that holds true to the ideals of religious pluralism, the growth of Reform Judaism in Israel, women's equality in all areas of life, democracy, and a solution to the ongoing conflict. The election is also important because the composition of the WZC has both financial and policy implications in Israel, as resources are allocated based on the number of seats a party holds and the policy positions of those parties.

ARZA, representing Reform Judaism, is asking every American Jew who holds these values dear to stand with us. Here is what we hope you will do in the coming weeks:

Vote: I urge you to join me in voting for ARZA-Representing Reform Judaism at www.reformjews4israel.org between now and April 30th. Voting is easy and quick. Because the election itself is self-financing, the cost for voting is \$10.00 for those over age 30 and \$5.00 for those 30 and under.

⇒ **Spread the word:** Please encourage others to vote - family, friends and fellow congregants.

⇒ The future of K'lal Yisrael is in our hands. Let us join with Reform and progressive Jews across the country and make sure that our voices are heard. Please call me if you have any questions.

Rabbi Robert Klensin

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Those celebrating a birthday are invited to come forward for a special blessing on the first Friday of each month

February Birthdays

- February 1: Jason. Henle, Marsha Shlaer
- February 2: Peter Grossman, Myra Jolles
- February 3: Ben Bruno
- February 4: Rachel Helling
- February 8: Jacob Beler, Bob Goodman
- February 9: Ronald Aronow, Morton Lindner
- February 10: Gwen Rosenblum
- February 11: Mort Wittenberg
- February 18: Michele Choate, Adam Kronowski
- February 19: Michael Shlaer
- February 20: Ena Getter
- February 22: Arlene Sukloff
- February 24: Isabella Deaner, Joey Korn, Sue Tomaso
- February 25: Jessica Rosenblum
- February 27: Chris Gay, Joshua Norwitch, Donna Scheer, David St. Martin

March Birthdays

- March 2: Harvey Handfinger
- March 3: Terry Siegel-Weaver
- March 5: Beverly Lowenstein
- March 11: Asia Ransom
- March 13: Savannah Mariano
- March 14: Ian Herskowitz
- March 17: Ralph Boerckel
- March 22: Sydney Henle
- March 23: Jamie Leshnov, Jamie Rosenblum
- March 25: Elyse Kronowski
- March 26: Paul Singer
- March 27: Matt Bronson, Amber Flicek
- March 30: Kristyn Norwitch
- March 31: Davic Bennett

April Birthdays

- April 1: Bonnie Price
- April 3: Chavis Aaronson, Louis Scharff
- April 6: Pauline Flicek, Eric Helling, Beth Lebo
- April 7: Lelia Brigmon, Michael Friedman
- April 8: Meagan Wilson
- April 9: Joshua Rosenblum
- April 11: Robin Brigmon, Marian Shapiro
- April 12: Dan Hillman
- April 14: William Lutin
- April 15: Diane Solursh
- April 16: Matthew Siegel
- April 18: Djabriz Hesselthaler
- April 22: Jared Broder, Michael Scharff
- April 23: Ian Lucas Herskowitz
- April 25: Stuart Marks
- April 26: Calvin Brunner, Robbie Goodman
- April 29: Mollie Silver

Couples celebrating their anniversary are invited to come forward for a special blessing on the third Friday of each month

February Anniversaries

- February 11: Sue Richardson & Santo Sola

March Anniversaries

- March 11: Michael & Jamie Zibman
- March 26: David & Mollie Silver
- March 27: Alberto & Lily Grinspun
- March 29: Helane & Dale Bennett
- March 31: Richard & Kara Deaner

April Anniversaries

- April 2: Bobby & Susan Wilson
- April 16: Dan & Jan Hillman
- April 17: Elliot & Bonnie Price
- April 21: Ben Bashinski & Deborah Richardson
- April 22: Bill & Gwen Rosenblum
- April 27: Chris & Risa Gay, Franklin Williams & Sarah Bobrow-Williams

Mazal Tov

To Mark & Jessica Dickens
On the birth of their daughter
Sophie Elizabeth Dickens
November 25, 2014

To Twila Saitow
On the birth of her great grandson

To Victoria Resnick
On her graduation from
Georgia Regents University

To Kara & Richard Deaner
On the birth of their daughter
Alexandra Carole Deaner
December 18, 2014

Congratulations to Meryl Alalof

To the Senior Leadership of Congregation Children of Israel, Augusta, GA

Dear Robert, Elyse and Rachel,

We are delighted to let you know that Meryl Alalof recently was elected to the URJ's North American Board of Trustees. As a member of the Reform Movement's leadership ranks, she will make meaningful and important contributions to our work to re-imagine Jewish life.

L'shalom,



Steve Sacks
Chairman of the Board



Rick Jacobs
President

Congregation Children of Israel

We are celebrating our 170 Year History!!

*Let's make it memorable –
Your volunteering will make a difference.*

SAVE THE DATE

Rabbi Robert Klensin's Retirement Party



SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 16, 2015

GOOD MEMORIES – FRIENDS – FOOD – FUN

CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

Learning to Read & Chant the Blessings
 From the Reform Judaism website
<http://www.reformjudaism.org/shabbat-worship-services>
Prayers in the Shabbat Service
Including the blessing over the candles, the Kiddush and the Torah blessings

Do you have questions about Judaism in general or specifically about Reform Judaism? Or would you just like to learn more? Go to:
ReformJudaism.org



Boker Tov,

We have had a great start to 2015 at our Augusta Jewish Community Sunday school. The move to Congregation Children of Israel went smoothly. Our Parents Meeting with Brian Apple and Jeremy Hertz was a big success. We discussed creating an environment at home for Jewish enrichment. The Bible Players were also a big hit with our students. They provided a fun Jewish learning experience. We are fortunate - enrollment is up, and our rabbis, teachers, and aides are doing a fantastic job.



Listed below are our activities for the coming months.

Shalom,
Elliot Price, Principal
(706) 339-3798

2014-2015 Calendar of Events

- March 1, 2015 – Normal Classes – AJCC Empty Bowl in the Afternoon**
- March 8, 2015 – Purim Celebration at the AJCC - Bagels and Blox**
- March 15, 2015 – Normal Classes**
- March 29, 2015 – Outdoor Passover Seder – Fellow Visit**
- April 5 – 12, 2015 – No School – Spring Break**
- April 19, 2015 – Bagels and Blox**
- April 26, 2015 – Parents Meeting**



CCI's Caring Congregation

Let Us Strengthen One Another Through Thoughtful Involvement



The Betty Padilla Caring Congregation Fund was established several years ago in memory of Betty Padilla, a devoted CCI member and past present of our Sisterhood, to help support our Congregants who might be in need of assistance. The Caring Congregation Committee is the vehicle for that service and encourages all Temple members to become involved in some capacity.

A Caring Community has many functions with the ultimate goal of strength through bonding with several ways to achieve this objective. The following is a suggested list of supportive groups that make up our Caring Community, but your help is needed to strengthen who we are and what we do:

- **Meal of Condolence and Shiva Services** – When a family loses a loved one, a light dairy meal is prepared to greet the mourners when they return from the funeral. This group coordinates and prepares the food, in addition to providing refreshments following home Shiva Services. The expenses can be covered by the Betty Padilla Caring Congregation Fund. Present members of this group are the following but more members are welcome: *Jeanie Brody, Karen Aaronson, Elaine Handfinger, Meryl Alalof, Karel Copenhaver, Marian Shapiro. Cathy Goldenberg has agreed to chair this important work.*
- **Shmira** – Jewish tradition encourages, as an act of great respect, that when a person passes away, he or she not be left alone from the time of death until burial. The shomer (sitter) who performs the Shmira can be a family member, friend, or member of the community. *Participants: Meryl Alalof and Elliot Price coordinate this. We have about 56 volunteers who have agreed to participate in this mitzvah.*
- **A Gift of Food** – When a congregant returns home from the hospital following an illness or birth, our Congregation should show our support by providing some food for the family whose name is given by the Rabbi or Temple Office. The Betty Padilla Caring Congregation Fund can cover this expense. *Participants: Meryl Alalof and Jeanie Brody*
- **Visiting the Ill and Elderly** – Periodic visits to members in the hospital, chronically ill and elderly members - especially those congregants without local families would be a valuable service. This would be coordinated by the Rabbi with possible referrals by the telephone committee. *Participants: Meryl Alalof (occasionally)*
- **Telephone Calls** – A telephone committee would call our elderly and ill Congregants to see if they are in need of something as well as to families who have suffered a recent loss or misfortune. The Rabbi will help coordinate this effort and assist with the calls. *Participants: Meryl Alalof - (I have been making some phone calls but a committee would be wonderful)*
- **Notes Cards to Congregants** – Whether it is a get well card, congratulatory card, or sympathy card, a note of remembrance means so much to the recipient. The power of the written word provides a long lasting effect. *Participants: Elaine Kruskol has been doing a wonderful job with this.*
- **Transportation to Services** – Some Congregants depend on others to find transportation to services. The following members have volunteered to do this: *Jan Bledsoe, Elliot Price, Rachel Ray, Sarah Bobrow-Williams*

Our Caring Community can be of assistance in a number of ways, but it is up to each of us to facilitate this process. The intrinsic rewards are the volunteer's most valuable gifts.

I am asking our Congregants to review this list and choose a group with which to become involved as a member or coordinator. Your volunteer time would be limited – but your efforts would mean so very much to the recipients. Please e-mail me at **folala@aol.com** or call me at **(706) 863-1200** and let me know how you may like to help the Congregation Children of Israel's Caring Community become a solid reality.

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something." ~Author Unknown

L'Shalom and a Happy and healthy 2015 to all of you,

Meryl Alalof



Don't forget to like CCI on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/pages/Congregation-Children-of-Israel-Augusta-GA

\$1000.00 College Scholarship Congregation Children of Israel Brotherhood Sponsored by Contributions to the Ralph Abramovitz Youth Fund 2015

Requirements / information:

- This scholarship is for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Scholarship is open only to Jewish college students, (graduate or undergraduate) whose parents are members in good standing of Congregation Children of Israel.
- Applicants may only receive this scholarship one time during their college career.
- Scholarship recipient agrees to speak at a Congregation Children of Israel Brotherhood meeting during or following the academic year of the scholarship about their Jewish campus life and the impact of their Jewish upbringing on their college experience.
- Applications for the scholarship must be received by April 7, 2015.
- Decisions will be made by April 31, 2015 and presentation will be made at a subsequent Friday night service.

Application must contain all the following:

- Proof of College admission (unofficial transcript or admission letter)
- Activity in campus Jewish life (e.g. Hillel @ College, attending services)
 - ⇒ Freshmen must document anticipated involvement in campus Jewish life
 - ⇒ Upperclassmen must document involvement in campus Jewish life during previous academic year.
 - ⇒ Youth Group, Camp, Temple activities
- One page essay with the following key points:
 - ⇒ A brief personal introduction and biography
 - ⇒ Description of Jewish upbringing and education and their impact on the student's life
 - ⇒ Long-term career and/or life goals

Submit to CCI Brotherhood through Temple office or electronically to:
Robin Brigmon, CCI Vice President, d0751@comcast.net



Please join us on
 Saturday, February 28
 At 10:00 AM
 for our Shabbat Morning Service when
Sara Elisabeth Bledsoe
 Daughter of Rob & Jan Bledsoe
 will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

This is a Congregational event. All are welcome and invited to attend.
Please join us for a Kiddush luncheon in the Friedman Social Hall following the service.

Passover Tot Shabbat

Saturday, March 28
 10:00 AM
 Join us for this special
 Shabbat and Passover
 experience for young
 children and their
 families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew	16 PRESIDENTS DAY	17	18 5:00p Weekday Hebrew 7:00p Sisterhood Meeting	19 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	20 7:30p Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat Service With Choir	21 Parshat Terumah Exodus 25:1-27:19 7:30p Havdalah
22 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew 7:00p Board Meeting	23 Purim Spiel Rehearsal	24	25 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 Parshat Tetzveh Exodus 27:20-30:10 10:00a Shabbat Morning Service, Sara Bledsoe Bat Mitzvah
MARCH 1 10:00a AJCSS at the AJCC 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew	2 Purim Spiel Rehearsal	3	4 6:30p Purim Shpiel	5 PURIM 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	6 6:00p Shabbat Service	7 Parshat Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11-34:35
8 11:00a AJCSS at AJCC	9	10	11 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	12 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	13 Shabbat Across America 6:00p Shabbat Dinner 7:30p Service with Choir	14 Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei Exodus 35:1-40:38
15 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew 7:00p Exec. Comm. Meeting	16	17	18 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	19	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 Parshat Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26 7:00p Sock Hop/ Havdalah
22 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew 7:00 Board Meeting	23	24	25 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 Parshat Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36 10:00a Passover Tot Shabbat
29 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew 5:00p CITY meeting & movie	30	31	APRIL 1 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	2	3 Passover 1st Seder	4 Passover Day 1 11a Passover Service 6:00p Congregational Seder
5 Passover Day 2	6 Passover Day 3	7 Passover Day 4	8 Passover Day 5	9 Passover Day 6 7:30p 7th Day of Passover Service (with Yizkor)	10 Passover Day 7 (office closed) 7:30p Shabbat Service	11
12 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew	13	14	15 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	16 YOM HASHOAH 6:45p Yom Hashoah program at AJCC	17 7:30p Shabbat Service	18 Parshat Shmini Leviticus 9:1-11:47 7:30p Casino Night
19 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew 7:00p Executive Committee	20	21	22 5:00p Weekday Hebrew 7:30p Yom Haatzmaut Service	23 YOM HAATZMAUT	24 7:30p Shabbat Service	25 Parshat Tazria-Metzora Leviticus 12:1-15:33
26 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew 7:00p Board Meeting	27	28	29 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	30	MAY 1 6:00p Shabbat Service 7:30 Shabbat dinner	2 Parshat Achrei Mot Kedoshim Lev. 16:1-20:27
3 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 11:00a Sisterhood Donor 11:15a Adult Beginning Hebrew 7:00p Executive Committee	4	5	6 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	7 LAG B'OMER	8 7:30p Shabbat Service	9 Parshat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23

VOTE ARZA

REPRESENTING REFORM JUDAISM IN THE 2015 WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ELECTIONS

From January 13th through April 30th, 2015 – the World Zionist Organization will hold open voting for all Jews to help shape its agenda, including issues affecting both Diaspora Jews and the state of affairs in Israel. The World Zionist Congress is the highest legislative body of the World Zionist Organization, which provides a forum for all the world's Jews to come together and deliberate about critical issues.

Every Jew has the opportunity to vote for the platform that most aligns with their personal views.

A VOTE FOR ARZA-REPRESENTING REFORM JUDAISM IS A VOTE FOR:

WOMEN'S RIGHTS & GENDER EQUALITY

We strive to create a world in which gender equality is the rule – where men and women can pray, work and live together as equals deserving of the same respect and honor.

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY

We envision and work for a society in which all denominations are treated fairly and with respect – and all of us are seen as Jews, regardless of our level of observance.

REGIONAL SECURITY

Efforts to achieve lasting peace, security and stability for Israel, the Palestinians and the Middle East region should be pursued and should reflect the principles and values of the Reform Movement.

A CALL TO VOTE

VOTE!

Visit ReformJews4Israel.org and we'll help you cast your vote for ARZA-Representing Reform Judaism in the WZO elections. By voting ARZA in the 2015 World Zionist Organization, you're taking the first step in shaping an equal, egalitarian and secure Israel for all.

SPREAD THE WORD

Spreading the word about the 2015 World Zionist Organization elections will be critical to our success. Share this flyer or email a link to ReformJews4Israel.org to your family and friends so they can learn more, vote, and help shape tomorrow's Israel today.

Voting occurs from January 13th through April 30th, 2015. A processing fee is \$10.00 USD (\$5.00 USD for anyone under 30) and offsets the cost of conducting the election. Requirements to register to vote: 1. You must be Jewish, 2. You must be 18 years or older by June 30, 2015, 3. You must be a resident of the United States.

VISIT REFORMJEWS4ISRAEL.ORG TO VOTE TODAY.



Congregation Children of Israel

would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Elisabeth Issacs

Beth Lebo

Eva Orenstein

**Hilary Beler & her sons, Jacob
& James**

**Sue & Dennis Tomaso & their
daughters, Madison & Cierra**

**Mark & Djabriz Hessenthaler
& their son, Nitro**

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY DINNERS

Since June of last year, a new team has been doing First Friday Family Dinners. Although Karin Aaronson and I have been in the forefront, we want the congregation to know all the people who have been there to make the dinners such a success. It has been a real team effort. Alaine Handfinger joined in the planning and preparation and has been a definite asset to our team. A special thank you goes to Elyse for making sure we have a head-count and help with whatever we need. Also a special thank you goes to Kathy Rafoth for always coming up with wonderful ideas for decorating the Friedman Social Hall.

We have collaborated with a lot of our congregants, such as Sandy Nachman (before she moved), with her recipe for baked sliced potatoes. We varied the recipe and included sweet potatoes. There wasn't a sweet potato left and very few white potatoes. This went with a recipe for apricot chicken.

Another time, Harriet Dolin, Beverly Lowenstein, and Diane Solursh gave us their recipes for brisket. We cooked a total of three briskets using one of the recipes for each brisket. We tried using the recipes that were included in the Sisterhood's Cookbook which will be coming out soon. Jill Korn's recipe for an Apple Dessert was also a hit.

Karen Aaronson made a recipe for Fresh Corn Salad. No matter how much she made, the bowl was emptied by the end of the night. This did not make the cookbook but if anyone wants it, I'm sure she will share.

The Hanukkah Dinner was teamwork at its very best. We had reservations for almost 80 people. Brotherhood made the latkes. Lily Grinspun came in and made her delicious sweet potatoes. Our efforts were to try to give a few choices for those who can't eat latkes for whatever reason. We made salads and had Rachel Ray's garlic butter fresh green beans. Meryl Alalof, Jean Brody and Twila Saitow set-up the tables. Jackie Miller and Gianna Copeland were true blessings; they sliced and diced all morning. We had found a recipe for Israeli Chicken that Marion Shapiro had from her daughter's temple cookbook and it seemed quite appropriate with lemons and oranges. Francine Klensin was a lifesaver in recalculating a recipe for 6 pieces of chicken to a recipe for 108 pieces of chicken.

Everyone pitched in to form a clean-up crew - Meryl and David Alalof, Sandra and Murray Freedman, along with Gary Aaronson, Robin Brigman, Karel Copenhaver, Jack Goldenberg, Jean Brody & Harvey Handfinger. They were so efficient, it took no time to clean off tables and put things away.

I cannot write this article without thanking the person who kept our sanity in the kitchen. Rickey Dent always showed patience and was up for whatever we asked of him. That could not have been easy since each of us has different opinions on how things should be done.

I know I've made wrong decisions on the way but I have learned a lot too so I have to thank my partners in crime, Karin Aaronson and Alaine Handfinger. In recent weeks, Karin has been on the mend due to her hip surgery. Gail Erlitz and her son, Jonathan St. Martin, volunteered to help with February's meal. It worked out great. It seems when there are three in the kitchen along with Rickey, things go very smoothly. I may have inadvertently left out someone and if I did, I apologize. Everyone has made a difference.

It would also be great if someone would like to do or share one month out of the year. It could be as simple as hamburgers and hot dogs. We've had a lot of fun because the atmosphere is relaxed even though we work hard. We are definitely not chefs but we try our best. If any of our congregants have a recipe they would like to cook or share, please let Elyse or any one of us know.

Thank you,

Cathy Goldenberg

CONTRIBUTIONS

BART D. WITTENBERG RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

(Temple office)

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Saturday, April 4 at 6:00 PM

Rabbi Robert Klensin
will conduct the Seder.

A traditional meal will be served.

Join our congregational family for what has become one of our most enjoyable and meaningful events each year.

We are currently working out details for our Seder. Information regarding the cost to attend should be available soon. See our website at ccaugusta.org and our weekly email announcements, or call the Temple office, for more information.

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Husband of June Kunkel
December 9, 2014

JACOB (JAY) PEARLSTEIN

Father of Karen Thomason
January 25, 2015

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February 3, 2015



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February 20: Frances Feldman Dunn, Isaac Simmons Jr., Elizabeth Bronson, Baron Abraham, Allan Stepanky, Annie Winer, Louis B Aro-
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March 6: William Beardsley, Leah Bleetstein, Adrian Cohen, Aaron Hammer, Belle B. Lipson, June Josefsberg, David Scharff, Ruth Scharff,
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rietta M. Friedman, Pearl O. Schrameck, Marvin S. Schuster, Edna Brigmon, Frieda H. Cohen, Jack Marks

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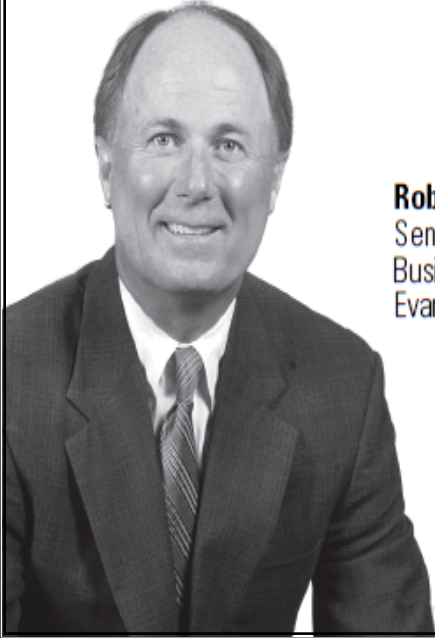


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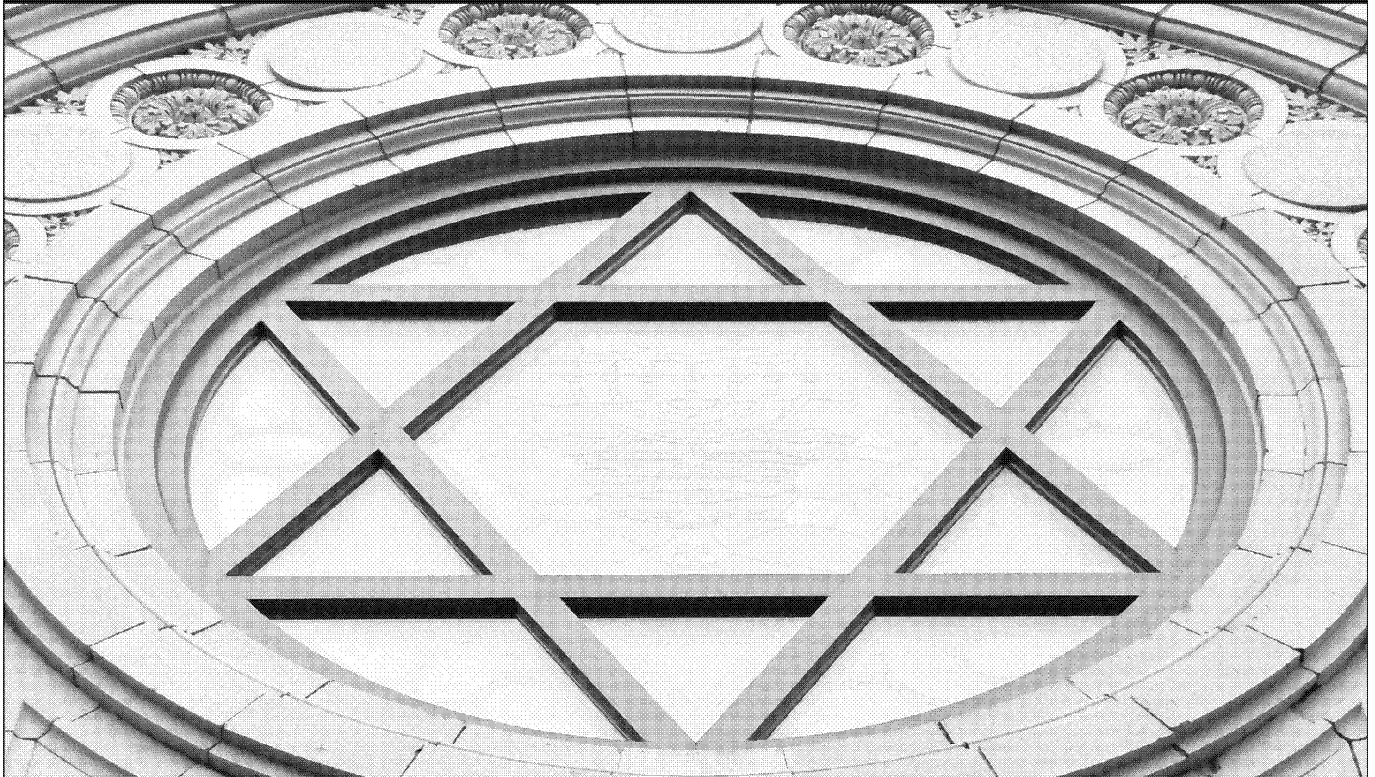
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Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 PM	Purim Service, Megillah Reading and Shpiel
Saturday, April 4, 11:00 AM	Passover Morning Service
Thursday, April 9, 7:30 PM	Passover Evening Service, with Yizkor (Memorial) Service
Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 PM	Yom Haatzmaut (Israel Independence Day) Evening Service
Saturday, May 23, 7:00 PM	Shavuot Service



On Friday night, **March 13, 2015**, hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — **Shabbat!**
Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families — all ages.

Join us for dinner at **6 PM** followed by our Shabbat Service at **7:30 PM**

The Temple will provide the chicken as a main dish. Please bring a non dairy side dish (salad, vegetable or starch) or a dessert that will feed 6-8 people.

We ask that what you bring does not contain meat & dairy in the same dish.

Contact the Temple office by **Monday, March 9th**
to make a reservation and to let us know what you will bring
706-736-3140 or office@cciaugusta.org

It's a Jukebox Saturday Night!

Join us in the CCI Social Hall on **Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 PM**
for a Family Sock Hop and Havdalah!

The music will be family friendly, so bring the whole gang!

DJ Big Mikey S. will spin the best dance friendly hits
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Refreshments are included in this **FREE** evening of family fun!

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