



FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

To all those who have volunteered, I humbly thank you. To those who have yet to volunteer, thank you in advance. At last look, our roster of members who have volunteered to serve on a committee approaches an impressive 25% of the total number of members we have. We still need some more folks to help as our agenda is large. If you are asked, please consider participating as a committee member or just coming out to the events.

I would also like to encourage you to come to our Board meetings. The Andice room can hold as many as 34 people so there is plenty of room. It is particularly important to me that these meetings be open and guests are usually welcome to participate in the discussions.

I want to thank Ann Kessler for the really meaningful installation she led and also thank all of the members who attended. It was a wonderful feeling to be among so many friends.

From the Editors and Communications Chair

We are delighted to be the Co-Chairs of the Communications Committee and Co-Editors of the Congregation Havurah Shalom monthly newsletter. We will try to continue in the excellent fashion of our predecessors and hope that we will be able to make the newsletter interesting and newsworthy to all of our members, both old and new. We, of course, are open to, and welcome any, suggestions that you may have. As the year 2011 begins, we look forward to the coming year and wish all of our newly-installed Officers and Board of Directors much success.

Audrey & Marshall Brookner

Following is a letter we received and would like to share with the membership:

“Four years ago next month my husband Don and I visited Sun City. At that time I called Ralph Sheer and he and Geri immediately had us to their beautiful home for dinner. We then returned to Sun City to spend the month of February the next three years. We had planned to return this year; however, our home was cancelled due to the terrible flood from last year.

Also, our Austin son and family have now moved to DC, so the likelihood of our return to Georgetown is most probably not going to happen. This year we are headed to Sun City in Tucson.

During our months in Sun City we attended Friday evening services and so enjoyed meeting a number of your lovely members. I still keep in contact with Geri Sheer and

sometimes Burt Anes.

So, guess you should now remove us from your membership list.

I congratulate you and the members on all you do. I only wish that our Cincinnati temple had the feeling of community that yours has.

My very best wishes to you and the Havurah. I love reading of your activities but feel that under the circumstances we can no longer participate.

With wishes for good health to you and the members in 2011,

Bernice Pollack (Don)
Cincinnati”

Committee Reports

CHS Program & Education Committee Report

The Program & Education Committee includes the following CHS Members: Ann Kessler - Chairperson, Lenora Hausman - Board Liaison, Lorraine Bruck, Evelyn Cohen, Salyne Davidson, Marty Gelfman, Shelley Karp, Mike Kessler, Mary Ann Lish, Nelda Meyers, Ben Plotkin, Phyllis Trobman.

At the committee's January meeting, it established a plan for a year of wonderful adult education programs for the CHS membership in concert with the goal of providing quality programming and a social connection for all of CHS. In addition to planning a speaker once per month for Shabbat Services, the committee plans to hold a separate event approximately once per quarter on either a Sunday afternoon or Tuesday evening. Look forward to future announcements as each event is confirmed.

Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee includes the following CHS members:

Audrey & Marshall Brookner – Chairpersons, Denis Marshall –Board Liaison, Mike Kessler, Rod Locke, Arleen Harr, Sharon Kraft, Jo Marshall, Tracy Russell.

At the Committee’s January meeting discussion was made about the monthly newsletter, what its contents should be and how we would inform members that do not have e-mails of meetings and announcements and how they would get copies of our newsletter. Additionally, our webmasters are in the process of updating our website with a new exciting look.

Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee consists of the following CHS members:

Rosalind Anes – Chairperson, John Marshman, Board Liaison, Lois Bidner, Glenda Rosenberg, Donna Mary Gelfman, Marty Gelfman, Bettye Plotkin, Nelda Meyers, Sharon Stelwagen, Arlene Klein, Helene Kutnick and Ann Kessler.

At the Membership Committee's first meeting in January it was decided that Sharon Stelwagen will be our Havurah greeter coordinator. She has scheduled 2 greeters for each service for the year. Additionally, Helene Kutnick will schedule home visits to our new members.

We would like to welcome back Margaret and Steven Kornguth and Carol Belmont to our Havurah community. We would also like to welcome our new members Barbara and Raymond Stellenberg and Ronald and Abby Smith.

Rosalind Anes
Membership Chairman

Mi Sheberach/Caring Committee Report

Havurah Shalom is a "family." Our members are here for one another and it is everyone's wish to lend a hand to a fellow member in time of need. The Mi Sheberach/Caring Committee will provide temporary help to congregants experiencing illness, incapacity, crisis or other trauma in their lives. The committee will also serve as a resource for information on support networks, locate and/or provide intermittent services on an "as needed" or "as requested" basis.

If you have need for assistance or information that you would like the membership to be made aware of, such notifications should be directed to Geri Scheer, 864-0212, gerischeer@verizon.net or to Nelda Meyers, 863-6668.

Donations have been received from Geri Scheer in Memory of Iris Cannioto and Phyllis Pearlman, mother of Herb Pearlman.

Outreach Committee Report

The Outreach committee is a very enthusiastic group of 13. Linda Baer is Chairperson and Linda Schaffer is secretary. The goals and purposes of Outreach are: participation in charitable programs to connect with and benefit the community at large; development of interfaith programs with local churches and similar groups; and forging connections with Jewish religious and cultural groups in the general community.

If anyone else is interested in working with the outreach committee, please contact Linda Baer at lindabaer@baerfamily.com, or come to the next meeting at Susan Thomas' house on February 16 at 4:00 PM.

Ladies Book Club

Winter Schedule

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Monday February 7	11:45 am	Lunch	Hardtails
Monday March 7	10:00 am	Book: Fugitive Pieces by Ann Michaels. Discussion leader: Mona Ravin.	To Be Announced
Monday April 4	Noon	Lunch	Tony & Luigi's

Roster Changes

Note: You can see the changes and/or print the updated Roster by going to our website.

Name	Change	Reason
Baer, Robert and Linda	Phone number	
Belmont, Carol	New member	Renewed
Davidson, Jack and Salyne	Email address	Added Salyne
Kornguth, Steve and Margaret	New member	Renewed
Ravin, Mona	Email address	
Smith, Ron and Abby	New member	
Stellenberg, Ray and Barbara	New member	
Topek, Nathan and Cynthia	Email address	
Cannioto, Iris	Removed	Passed away
Pollach, Don and Bernice	Removed	Resigned
Stoller, Joe and Jeanie	Removed	Resigned

Reminder: The Havurah Shalom Roster is private and should never be used to send mass emails by anyone other than the Communications Committee or the Elected Officers of Havurah Shalom.

Installation of Officers and Board of Directors

On Friday night, January 14th, our new Officers and Board of Directors were installed by Ann Kessler. Following are some pictures that mark the occasion:



Shabbat Services Calendar and Oneg Hosting

The following is a listing of the Shabbat Service Calendar and Oneg's that are forthcoming in the year 2011. As you can see, there are openings for hosting, which is a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other memorable occasion. Please contact ESTHER APPLEBAUM (eapplebaum@suddenlink.net) to be added to the list. If you like, you can co-host with another family. As a part of the Congregation it is important to show our support.

DATE	HOST	DATE	HOST
Jan 14	Harr's & Plotkin's	Aug 12	
Jan 28	Susan Thomas & Linda Abelman	Aug 26	Esther Applebaum & Hedy Pearlman
Feb 11	Green's & Dolich's	Sep 9	
Feb 25	Jerry & Mary Sivin	Sep 23	
Mar 11	Marshall's & Tracy Russell	Sep 28 *	
Mar 25	Brookner's & Bidner's	Oct 14	Robert & Linda Baer
Apr 8	Gelfman's & Karen Limbaugh	Oct 28	Trobman's & Kessler's
Apr 22	Passover	Nov 11	
May 13	Geri Sheer & Zeidler's	Nov 25	
May 27	Joanne Blumenthal &	Dec 9	
June 10	Hausman's & Anes'	Dec 23	
June 24		Jan 13	
July 8	Jack & Salyne Davidson	Jan 27	
July 22			

*Rosh Hashanah

HOSTING AN ONEG

A Religious Events Committee member, with a key to the cabinets, will meet Oneg hosts at the Amenity Center kitchen at 7:00 PM.

The following supplies are available for Oneg use:

Kitchen Cabinets behind the Georgetown Room (locked)

- Decaf coffee, sugar, sugar substitute, powdered creamer and coffee maker
- Hot and cold cups
- Wine for Kiddush cup
- Napkins, utensils, cake server and plates
- Tablecloths

Kitchen Area

- Ice machine

In a blue cloth bag stored in the Ark

- Candlesticks, candles and matches
- Challah tray, cover and knife.

Oneg hosts to provide:

- Challah – Purchase at HEB, Sprouts or Randalls (Austin FM 2222).
- Cold drinks (such as soda, juice, lemonade, punch, iced tea) served in their own containers or pitchers.

Finger food (such as sliced cake, cookies, fruit, vegetable tray, nuts).
At least one marked sugar free item.

Set-up:

Cover card table next to the ark with the small white table cloth (from kitchen cabinet).
Place ritual items (from the blue cloth bag stored in the Ark) on the table.
Fill Kiddush cup half-way with wine.
Place challah on tray and cover

Coffee

Make coffee for about 36 people (instructions are posted inside the cabinet door).
Coffee scoop is in the coffee can.

Buffet tables

Cover 2 tables at the rear of the room with plastic table cloths (from kitchen cabinet).
Place all beverages, cups and coffee supplies on the table closest to the windows.
Place food items on the other table.

Oneg hosts clean-up:

Wipe and fold white tablecloths. Place back in the cabinet.
Wash Kiddush cup, challah knife and tray. Place them back in the blue cloth bag together with the other ritual items (candlesticks, candles and matches).
Place blue cloth bag back in the Ark.
Empty coffee pot, wash and return to the cabinet.
Place all other Havurah-provided supplies back in the cabinets.
Collect all trash, properly contained in trash bags, and place in the dumpster located across the parking lot from the back door.
Wipe down all kitchen surfaces.

Additional information:

The kitchen has a large refrigerator. Oneg hosts may bring their treats earlier in the day.
Make certain that these items are marked clearly.
Record depleted items on the note pad mounted inside the cabinet.

You can see these instructions at our website at
http://www.chstx.org/p_files/hosting_an_oneg.pdf

FAJITA FIESTA..... FAJITA FIESTA....FAJITA FIESTA

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
OUR SOCIAL IS NOW A GAMES NIGHT**

**FABULOUS FEBRUARY FAJITA FIESTA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 5 PM - 9 PM
FLORENCE & GEORGETOWN ROOMS**

The Social Committee invites you to our first event of the New Year. The Fabulous evening will include Games Night. Our chicken & beef Fajita buffet (with all the fixin's) will be provided by Mel's*.

RSVP by February 5, 2011. Your check, \$15.00 PP, payable to CHS, is your reservation.

Drop off boxes

Esther Applebaum	Bob Inselberg	Geri Scheer
511 Copper Breaks	605 Rio Grande Loop	114 Grapevine

Call Bettye Plotkin, 869-4871 to sign up for your favorite game.

***BYOB** (Beer/Wine) Iced Tea & Coffee Provided

After dinner the room divider will be used for better noise control.

Save the Date

Tuesday April 19th

CHS' 2nd Annual Seder - Catered by Whole Foods

Meet our Members

STEVE HARR, PRESIDENT

Steve Harr is originally from the Bronx in New York City. After graduating from Hunter College, he took up residence in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota to continue his education. Upon graduation, he began his career with Texaco and has lived in Beacon, Fishkill, Wappingers Falls, Spring Valley, and Monsey, New York, Miami, Florida and, most recently, in Sugar Land, Texas.

He is very active in the Georgetown Community as District Coordinator of the AARP Tax Aide program and a member of the Williamson County Financial Coalition. When he finds the time, Steve enjoys working out & is currently in training for his first half marathon, pickle ball, gardening, and woodworking. When asked about vacations, his response is that he loves going "on a cruise ship to anywhere" but also enjoys visiting his children and grandchildren, getting out of the Georgetown summer heat in Ruidoso, NM. He's always good for a trip to Lake Tahoe, NV, anywhere in Italy and wouldn't mind going back to Israel.

Steve is married to Arleen and they have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. They have lived in Sun City for 4 years.

ARLENE LOCKE, VICE PRESIDENT

Arlene Locke is originally from New York City. She has lived in Los Angeles, California, Waco, Texas, Warrenton, Virginia, Atlanta, Georgia and most recently in Surprise, Arizona.

Arlene enjoys playing golf, Mah Jong, Pennies from Heaven and Liverpool Rummy.

Arlene is married to Rod Locke and they have been living in Sun City for 4 years. Their children and four grandchildren live in Fresno, California.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2	Marshall Pearlstein	6	Jan and Dodee Rehler
4	John Marshman	22	Daniel and Lila Richman
12	Hedy Pearlman	22	Irwin and Ione Stein
12	Tracy Russell	25	Jerry and Mary Sivin
14	Glory Green		
17	MaryAnne Pauls		
19	Diane Berger		
21	Shelley Karp		
23	Robert Meyers		
24	Ann Kessler		
25	LaDina Epstein		
25	Bernice Hollins		
27	Jerry Sivin		
27	Ron Smith		
29	Sandy Bidner		

February Yahrzeits

Anne Berg	Delphine Loomstein	Harry Salkind
Henry Berg	Matilda Lorber	Esther Schechter
Robert Brenner	Mary Lowy	Arthur Scheer
David Byck	Pauline Magenheim	Morris Shapiro
Estelle Cable	Herman Marks	Stuart Lurie Smolin
Debra Lynn Chesler	Arthur John Marshman	Randall Stelwagen
Rose Cohen	Fredericka Marver	Sidney Sweetow
Sidney Colton	Miriam Miller	Samuel Szeinbach
Clarence Coppel	Morris Novit	Elizabeth Tartack
Irving Gelfman	Alphonso Novoa	Evelyn Weidenthal
Philip Gordau	David Pearlstein	Eli Weiss
Michael Gould	Sadie Pearlstein	Jack Wiederman
Pansy Gray	Barbara Piller	Hyman Wittels
Harry Klein	Irving Roberts	Henry Wolfe
Edith Kraus	Raymond Robinson	Jenny Wolfe