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Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

A warm welcome to our newest members, **Tamara** and **Seth Schwartz** and Mazel Tov on the birth of their daughter, **Hadasa Rose**. The Shul, her parents and many members of her extended family, welcomed **Hadasa** into the Jewish faith at her baby naming on Saturday morning, May 24th. Many thanks to **Ephraim Fischbach**, and especially to **Yinon Sanders**, who both conducted the long service and read from no less than 3 torahs. We had a crowd, the size of which is usually reserved for Yom Kippur, and the joy of coming together as a community was noted by many and enjoyed by all.

Refuah Shelema

We offer prayers for health, complete recovery and long life to **Sonia Barash**, **Hershel Krushen**, **Geri Horwich**, **Florence Lillianfeld**, **Marge Aronson**, **Joe Haberer**, **Sarah Raskin**, **Irwin** and **Iris Treager**, **Fritz Friedlaender**, and **Jo Gartenhaus**.

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April Calendar

April 6: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services
CANCELLED DUE TO PESACH
April 7: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
April 7: Saturday – Counting the Omer begins after sundown
April 8: Sunday 10 a.m. – Pesach Services
April 13: Friday 10 a.m. – Pesach Services
April 13: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services
April 14: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services –
Includes Yizkor
April 19 – Thursday - Yom Hashoah
April 20: Friday 6:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services led by **Sandra Pew**. **Please note change of time**
April 21: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
April 25: Wednesday - Yom HaZikaron
April 26: Thursday – Yom Ha'Atzmaut
April 27: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services
April 28: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
April 30: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services
April 31: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
April 6: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services
May 1: Tuesday Noon – Hadassah's 100th Birthday at Lafayette Country Club
May 9: Wednesday – Sisterhood Closing Luncheon

Family dinner & services scheduled

There will be a carry in dinner on April 20th at 6pm, followed by services led by **Sandra Pew**. Mark your calendars and bring your family and a dish to share with the congregation.

Pesach eve Friday night service cancelled

Pesach begins at sundown Friday April 6, which also marks the first Seder. In order to not detract from this home ritual, normally scheduled Friday services

Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad

April 6:	8:00 p.m.
April 7:	9:01 p.m.
April 12:	8:06 p.m.
April 13:	8:07 p.m.
April 20:	8:14 p.m.
April 27:	8:22 p.m.

Save these Dates....

HADASSAH DONOR LUNCHEON

Celebrating Hadassah's 100th Birthday

Tuesday, May 1, 2012, Noon at the Lafayette
Country Club

Program: Naomi Weiss - Jewish Music

Also, the **Sisterhood Closing Luncheon** will
be held on Wednesday May 9th.

Unveiling for Madelyn Lillianfeld approaching

The date for Madelyn's unveiling has been set
for Sunday April 29th.

According to Mark, "A specific time has not
yet been set, but given the fact that Abby /
Marc and Bobby have return flights on
Sunday afternoon and also that many people
will be driving up from Indianapolis, I am
leaning toward 11AM. I will provide
confirmation of the time as soon as possible."

A message from

Co-president Gwen Slamovich

New siddurum Coming!!!

As you may know, many of our siddurim are falling apart
and some have even been duct taped together. Through the
USCJ network we have found a congregation that is
changing to a new siddur and has offered us their
Birnbauts for the cost of shipping. Since the Birnbaum
Siddur is now out of print, we greatly appreciate
Congregation B'nai Shalom-Beth David, in Rockville
Centre, N.Y. for their generous offer.

Congregation Sons of Abraham has been selected,
by the Jewish Theological Seminary as a recipient of
the Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Fellows Program. This
is the result of a successful letter of application,
written and edited by **Elana Salzman** and **Sam
Harris**. I greatly appreciate all of your efforts on
behalf of Sons of Abraham. We will most certainly
have an exciting year.

We will have an advanced rabbinical student visit us
ten times next year for 8 Shabbat weekends and two
holidays. In addition he will participate in LJCRS and
possibly offer opportunities for Jewish learning.
More information about the program can be found
at <http://www.jtsa.edu/x11967.xml>.

As we learn more about who is coming, the dates
and exactly what will be needed, we will be asking
for individuals to assist with transportation, onegs,
supervision, evaluations etc. This is a wonderful
opportunity for our congregation and I hope that
each of us will both give and take from it. If you
have any comments, suggestions or (especially)
offers to help and want to contact me, please do.

Gwen



SIDER PLATE

Coming up at Purdue

Wednesday, April 4 ~ Stewart Center, Room
320 ~ 12:30

Stuart Robertson, Continuing Lecturer,
Biblical Hebrew, School of Languages and
Cultures, Purdue University, "Josephus and
Philo on the Ancient Israelite Tabernacle"

Yahrzeits

Name	2012	Hebrew Date
Rostov, Samuel	April 1	Nissan 9
Rubinstein, Morris L.	April 4	Nissan 12
Fishelson, Matus	April 7	Nissan 15
Gordon, Kusiel Daniel	April 7	Nissan 15
Goldberg, Rae	April 8	Nissan 16
Schreiber, Marvin	April 8	Nissan 16
Ben-Ami, Henia	April 9	Nissan 17
Winski, Rose F.	April 10	Nissan 18
Stinebaugh Jr., Jack Allen	April 11	Nissan 18
Winski, Oscar	April 15	Nissan 23
Kaplan, Lillian	April 15	Nissan 23
Cohen, Lee	April 16	Nissan 24
Goldstein, Bella Wolf	April 17	Nissan 25
Goodman, Anna	April 19	Nissan 27
Horwich., George	April 20	Nissan 28
Salzman, George	April 20	Nissan 28
Mazor, Albert N.	April 20	Nissan 28
Friedman, Mary	April 21	Nissan 29
Fischbach, Rachel Lew	April 21	Nissan 29
Goldberg, David	April 22	Nissan 30
Lillianfeld, Madelyn	April 24	Iyyar 2
Gordon, Betty Bernstein	April 25	Iyyar 3
Silver, Anne	April 26	Iyyar 7
Brodsky, Harry	May 4	Iyyar 12



Happy Passover

Deadline for May edition

Please send all materials for the April bulletin to penmike@embarqmail.com no later than Tuesday April 24.

4th annual Faculty Fellowship program to Israel

Applications are currently being sought for the 4th annual Faculty Fellowship program to be held in Israel, May 27 - June 6, 2012.

Thanks to donor directed funds, Jewish National Fund, together with Media Watch International and Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, are offering full time academics at a recognized university/learning institution, a fully paid 10 days intensive program in Israel.

The program has two major components and objectives. For the academic exchange component, each participant is introduced to, or paired with Israeli counterparts in their field of study. Collaboration, shared research, teaching concepts and values are a great part of this component and our objective is that the participants will bring these methods to their respective campuses at the close of the program. Our Israel academic partners include Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University, Haifa University, The Technion, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Ariel University, Weizmann Institute, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Sapir College, Sderot, Galilee International Management Institute, and Arava Institute.

The 'Positively Israel' component includes extensive touring and visits to historical sites, as well as exposing the participants to Israel's dynamic technological and scientific advancements, industry, culture and life. The participants hear from speakers from all walks of Israeli society and join in debate on a variety of topics, academic, political and economic. The program goes beyond the confines of conflict and demonstrates how Israel makes the world a better place. Our past program graduates have come from diverse learning institutions including, University of Florida, New Hampshire, Emory, Fordham, NYU, Central State and Ohio State, West Georgia, North Carolina, Northwestern and University of Mississippi.

Professor Alain Fymat, a 2010 program 'graduate' forwarded an email recently to his academic colleagues and stated 'I participated in the program 2 years ago. It was a memorable experience, which has left a still lasting impression of that country, its tremendous universities and institutions of learning, the genius and creativity of its people'.

Please go to www.ff2israel.org for the on-line application form. JNF Birthright, Alternative Spring and Winter Break participants have been very successful in promoting the program and referring their professors.

We are extremely interested in reaching out to a diverse audience and a key goal of this program is to reach out to groups in academia who have little or no exposure to Israel.

Hadassah needs a bit of help!

Sue Prohofsky, president of our local Hadassah chapter, writes: "Our chapter is \$168.00 short of having a brick with our name on it in the path leading to the new Tower Hospital in Jerusalem. If you would like to help us get this brick, please send your check (any amount from \$5.00 and up) made out to Hadassah, to me at my address below."

Thanks, Sue

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Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call or **Iris Treager** at (765) 463-2468 or **Bette Rubinstein** at (765) 463-4754. They will send your card for a minimum donation of \$5.00. Send your check, made out to Sisterhood Sons of Abraham, to **Sonya Garfinkel**, Sisterhood Treasurer, 2229 Carberry Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

LJCRS Update

Shalom and Happy Spring! LJCRS has been a very busy place lately, and—First of all, a big thank you to everyone who helped with our mishloach manot for Purim. It is wonderful the way the community comes together for this type of project, and we have received many letters of thanks from the recipients. Thank you especially to our drivers, including **Janna Beckerman, Allyson Steselboim, Gwen Slamovich, Rabbi Pollack, and Maren Linett**. We could not have done this without you. Thank you also to our preschool families who loaned their wagons and accompanied our youngest ones to their visits. Special thanks also goes to **Allyson Steselboim**, who had the thankless task of coordinating our routes. Finally, thank you to our older classes who made the delicious Hamantashen and to all the families who contributed food for the baskets. Everyone had a wonderful time with this project and we hope to continue it next year.

In other news of thanks, we have completed our bulb sale, and thank you to all the parents and community members who sold and bought bulbs! Your work and contribution will greatly benefit our school!

And in other announcements, LJCRS is still looking for a few teachers for next year, particularly for music and the younger grades. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact us.

In class news, our 8th and 9th graders have wrapped up their cooking unit and will start on their next minicourse, “Being Jewish in a Small Town”, taught by Brad Cohen. The class will discuss issues such as prejudice, maintaining identity, and will touch upon the history of Jews in Lafayette.

We have much going on in April, as you will see. On April 1st we will have our Model Seder, which will include our traditional Passover foods, blessings, and performances presented by the different classes. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Our last Parent-Tot Time of the year will be April 15th from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Social Hall. Any children aged 0 to 3 and their caregivers are welcome to attend. We will be doing songs, stories and crafts on several of the upcoming holidays.

On April 22 is our annual Parent Meeting, and we hope all parents will attend. If you have concerns, questions, or ideas for our school, this is a great opportunity to discuss them. We will also be distributing our Intent to Return forms at the meeting, in order to give us some idea about enrollments for next year.

Finally, on April 29th will be our Yom Ha’Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, celebration. We will have music, dancing and other fun activities. If you are interested in helping with this event, please let me know.

It has been a wonderful year, and it is hard for me to believe we only have one full month left, but as you see, what a rich month it will be! Happy Passover!

L’vracha,

Elana

If you thought *eating* matzo for 8 days was hard (pun intended 😊) - try *MAKING* it!

Simcha (Rashi and Ruthie) Simon, whose bubby is Cyrelle Simon, got an early start preparing for Pesach. Some people like to prepare their own matzos, as this way they can ensure absolute kashrus. This custom is mentioned as the ideal way by the classic commentators. Simcha joined into a group (in Hebrew called a chaburoh) where together they turn the specially watched wheat, from grain kernels into the finished product - round crisp matzos. In the neighborhood of Mea She'arim there are various special bakeries, specifically designed for matzos. Simcha was very involved, starting with laboriously grinding the kernels using a hand mill. Over the next few days the flour was sifted. The following week the chaburoh got together to bake the matzos. The



He's smiling, but who would blame Simcha Simon for being a bit cranky after helping to produce 70 kilos (that's more than 150 pounds!) of Matzo for Passover 2012.

flour and water are kept totally separate until the timer is started, at which point they are mixed (in precise measurements), kneaded, rolled and baked - all in strictly less than 18 minutes. Each batch produces around 120 matzos (although some are disqualified due to folds or other problems in the process which would render them chametz). Then all the surfaces are cleaned, and the rolling pins washed, to ensure that no dough is transferred from one batch to the next, as that would introduce some leavening into the process. This process was repeated around ten times, resulting in about seventy kilos of matzo. These matzos are expensive, but Simcha bought a box to bring home to London for the Holiday. Parenthetically, the entire month of Nissan in which Pesach falls is the longest vacation of the Yeshiva year.

Letter from Jerusalem

Thanks to Cyrelle Simon for sharing with us!

More Purim thoughts

I can see that Purim is celebrated, unofficially about 4 days in Jerusalem. On the day of school before the Fast of Esther, all the children up to Bar/Bat Mitzvah wear their costumes to school. These are often unusually clever. I've seen scarecrows, tea tables, an aquarium, a sea diver, etc. My grandchildren did research into the clothing of the Leviim during the times of the Beit HaMikdash. Their conclusion was that although the Torah describes the Kohanim's clothing in detail, the Leviim are left out. So, with some probing they found that the Leviim dressed just as any other male during Temple times, about 3,000 years ago. Since I referred to the last day of school, that was because there is no school on Taanit Esther, none Purim and none on Jerusalem's own Shushan Purim, the fifteenth of Adar. I celebrated, as many Jerusalemites do, by traveling to another city (B'nai Brak in my case) and then returning home for the Jerusalem Purim.

Running:

Our mayor, Neil Barkat, is an avid runner and he has introduced a new event for Jerusalem. The streets are festooned with prominent signs advertising the upcoming marathon, which will take place on many of the main streets in the city. These streets are cordoned off for the runners from 6:a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. Many runners come from other countries to compete. I think someone from Ethiopia won this year's marathon.

Heaven:

Perhaps its because my apartment is on the third floor, perhaps because I have some leisure time, perhaps because Jerusalem is on a mountain top and my neighborhood, Bayit V'Gan is on one of the highest points in the city, I find myself occasionally engrossed in sky gazing when I enjoy the brilliant blue skies, the sometime cloud configurations, the rare hazy views. But, perhaps, I feel that Jerusalem is closer to heaven than any place I have ever been. There is a well-known expression: Yerushalayim shel l'malah v yerushalayim shel l'matah, (The heavenly and the earthly Jerusalem.) which resonates with me.

Opera:

Recently, I attended a concert that was very entertaining and exciting. The entertainment consisted of a large orchestra with a number of very talented opera singers, often performing in solo and group arias. The exciting aspect of the event was that now, with the mayor's encouragement consistent with his goal of increasing cultural opportunities in Jerusalem, this was a seminal evening in starting the formation of a Jerusalem opera company. I have been to Tel Aviv several times to see that city's opera in their impressive opera house, but now, I was pleased to be a participant (by my donation) to the founding of our own opera company. (By the way, those Lafayette people who remember Yosef and Gila Gilboa, will be pleased to note that a met Gila in the audience)

Some Sad Times Here:

Within a week's span, 2 G'dolei HaDor, 2 major Jewish leaders, have died. One was the Vishnitzer Rebbi, at 96 and the other, Rabbi Sheinberg at 101. The Vishnitzer was based in B'nai Brak, but had Chassidim worldwide. Rabbi Sheinberg a Litvakesher Rabbi, actually born and raised in the U.S. was the founder and head of a very large yeshiva in Jerusalem in which my grandson learns. He gave lectures there until very recently.

All the media here are reporting details of the tragic assassination of some school children and their father, in France. They were buried here. This event really affected me.

My ulpan met at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Center, not far from my home. We had an excellent four-hour tour of the large museum although we only saw a small section of the memorial. It is a vast area with many buildings. It was a mind boggling, consciousness raising, heart wrenchingly sad experience. Upon exiting, we learned the news of the anti-Semitic outrage that occurred in France. It seems as if some things never change.

May we have only happy news to report to one another and may we pray for peace for our people and for all nations.

I wish my family and friends a Happy and Kosher Pesach! My Holiday, this year will be spent, B"H in London with my two sons, Rashi and Hillel, and their families.

With warm regards, Cyrelle



FOUR CUPS OF WINE