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**April, 2015**  
**12 Nissan – 11 Iyar, 5775**  
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**Service Schedule:**

Egalitarian Friday Night Services begin at 8:00 p.m. and are followed by an Oneg.

Traditional Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 a.m. and are followed by a Kiddush.

Children’s Service, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

Please note: There will be no Friday Night Service on April 3, a date that coincides with the first Seder.

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**Candle Lighting Times:**

April 3 – 7:56 p.m.  
April 10 – 8:04 p.m.  
April 17 – 8:11 p.m.  
April 24 – 8:18 p.m.



**Yahrzeits**

May their memories  
be for a blessing.

- Morris L. Rubinstein – 12 Nissan, April 1
- Mateus Fishelson – 15 Nissan, April 4
- Daniel Gordon – 15 Nissan, April 4
- Rae Goldberg – 16 Nissan, April 5
- Marvin Schreiber – 16 Nissan, April 5
- Henia Ben Ami – 17 Nissan, April 6
- Rose Winski – 18 Nissan, April 7
- Allen Stinebaugh – 18 Nissan, April 7
- Oscar Winski – 23 Nissan, April 12
- Lillian Kaplan - 23 Nissan, April 12
- Lee Cohen – 24 Nissan, April 13
- Sidney Berger – 25 Nissan, April 14
- Bella Wolf Goldstein – 25 Nissan, April 14
- Anna Goodman – 27 Nissan, April 16
- George Horwich – 28 Nissan, April 17
- George Salzman – 28 Nissan, April 17
- Albert N. Mazor – 28 Nissan, April 17
- Mary Friedman – 29 Nissan, April 18
- Rachel Lew Fischbach –  
29 Nissan, April 18
- David Goldberg – 30 Nissan, April 19
- Madelyn Lillianfeld – 2 Iyar, April 21
- Betty Bernstein Gordon – 3 Iyar, April 22
- Anne Silver – 7 Iyar, April 26



Refuah Schlemah

May the One who was a source of blessing for our ancestors bring blessings of healing upon Alan Garfinkel, Shari Krockover and Penny Adler’s beloved nephew.

And may G-d hear our prayers and grant a speedy and complete recovery to all those who are ill.

## Dates for Your Calendar



April 3 (sunset) – April 11, Passover

April 13, 1:30 – Sisterhood Board Meeting at the home of Jo Gartenhaus

April 11 – 14, 34th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Conference

April 15, 12:30 – Jewish Studies Noon Lecture Series, Stewart Center, Room 313, "In the Abundance of Thy Lovingkindness: The Portuguese Synagogue of Amsterdam"

April 24, 6:00p.m. – Children's Service

April 28, noon – Sisterhood Closing Luncheon at the home of Esther Chosnek

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As you may know, the Office of President of the Board of Directors of the Shul is now rotating among board members. The schedule for the rest of calendar year 2015 is as follows:

April: Sol Gartenhaus  
May, June: Gisela Friedlaender  
July, Aug.: Ted Goodman  
Sept., Oct.: Scotty Rumpza  
Nov., Dec.: David Gallimore

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Suggestions and information for this Bulletin are always welcome. Please contact me at [bridgejudy@aol.com](mailto:bridgejudy@aol.com).

Deadlines are usually 7 days before the end of the month.

*Judy Weitzman*



The Sisterhood Closing Luncheon, will be at the home of Esther Chosnek and Gary Wolfelt, 5009 Swisher Road, West Lafayette, Tuesday, April 28, (note date change) at noon.

Laura Clavio will present the program, "The Eclectic: The Life and Times of Dr. Wallace W. Wheat." She will share background information about her book and give a short review.

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*Thank you* so much for the checks you send to support Sons of Abraham. But, please remember to indicate what your check is for - dues, a donation in honor of a special event, in memory of a loved one, for something extra needed at the Shul or something else. This simple act will avoid confusion and allow us to make proper acknowledgements.



### Letter from Jerusalem

#### Israeli Outdoor Basketball:

Now, I am learning about Jerusalem through the eyes of my grandchildren. My grandson, Menachem, from Milwaukee who is spending the year in an Israeli Cultural Program which stresses Israeli history, land, customs and the Hebrew language, is a basketball ball player, and has achieved some success here in his favored sport. Menachem was actually asked to try out for a professional team in Tel Aviv, however,

his interview was canceled since he is not a citizen.

I continue with some history of some of the Israeli basketball courts. In Tel Aviv, was a court by the Central Bus Station near the refugee African community. Menachem played there for several months until he learned of a recreational center in northern Tel Aviv, called Sportek and sponsored by the municipality. This locale features ping pong tables, soccer fields, and at least eight basketball courts. Participation is free and open to the public. Menachem frequented a particular court and found the players adept, but playing with softer rules than he was used to in America.

In Jerusalem, there are fewer courts and they are less accessible. However, recently, Menachem found a court, next to Kraft Stadium. This recently built stadium was funded by Robert Kraft, a wealthy Jewish American who wanted to bring American sports to Israel. So, he donated millions of dollars to break ground and build a football field, soccer field, a track court surrounding the soccer field and a basketball court. Israelis and mainly American athletic yeshiva boys prefer the football field. Menachem joined other chareidi Yeshiva boys on the basketball court and after a particularly full session of play lasting about five hours, Menachem was showered with applause and handshakes acknowledging the outstanding sports skills of this lone American.

I am grateful to Menachem for this information about the many sports opportunities available.

Continuing with some new information, this time, via my grandson, Yehudah, I learned about a group of volunteers called "Mishmar HaGvul" (Border Guards). Yehudah described to me his visit to an area near Modiin comprising a group of several cabins. Headed by a

religious career soldier about 45 years old who is responsible for a number of men who volunteer several hours a week to protect Israel's borders. Some of their equipment includes patrol cars, equipped with a very bright torch to flag some suspicious looking vehicles. Other items include bullet proof vests and M16 rifles. An item Yehuda particularly liked was special night vision binoculars which make nearby details completely clear.

The volunteers range in age from early twenties to sixty and were likely to have served in the army. However, they do need special training for this border guard task. Yehuda speculates that there are probably a number of such centers in vital areas throughout Israel. He was impressed with the discipline and effective organization of the teams of volunteers. He was also very moved by the realization that these "Mishmar HaGvul" volunteers perform a vital role in keeping the peace of our nation.

On a personal note, although I often get positive comments about my book from readers, I wanted to share two recent responses. "Your writing is warm, concise and is obviously well researched." and a second responder wrote: "Thank you for the copies of your one of a kind book, bringing Aliyah to life for your readers all over the world! Every page offers new insights and new slices of life delights"

And, in closing I look forward, B:H to spending several weeks "chutz la aretz", meaning outside of Israel. London, Milwaukee and Chicago are my destinations until after Pesach.

With warm wishes for a

Pesach Kasher v Sameach,

Cyrelle

# WHAT REMAINS

## 34<sup>th</sup> Greater Lafayette Remembrance Conference

April 11 – 14, 2015

"The more you study the holocaust, the less you understand. I've spent a life time studying it and I still can't understand. There were string quartets playing in Aushwitz-Berkenau while a million and a quarter human beings were gassed, burned and turned to ash.

What happened in Auschwitz, in the holocaust, was a terrible demonstration of the limits of civilization to civilize if we do not fear G-d and see His image in every human being. The end result is that hostility anywhere, can be communicated everywhere.

I wouldn't say that people are suddenly starting to hate Jews, it's just that a few people have learned to communicate hate very effectively and very widely. ... I can't see how the United States can remain immune to it, nobody is immune to it."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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Most events are free and open to the public, and take place on the Purdue Campus. For more detailed information, please visit the Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance site, [www.glhrc.org](http://www.glhrc.org).

Congregation Sons of Abraham is a proud sponsor of the 2015 Conference.

### Saturday, April 11, 2015

7:30 PM, Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University

Film: The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler

Hallmark, TV-PG, 2009 | 95 min.

### Sunday, April 12, 2015

1:30 PM, Krannert Auditorium, Purdue University

Opening Session

Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Lecturer: Michael Meng

Layered Memories in Postwar Warsaw: Muranów as a Ruin

Norm Conard and Jack Mayer

Life in a Jar / The Irena Sendler Story

Spungen Exhibit: Postal Evidence of the Holocaust

Available for viewing during breaks

Film: The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler

5:00 PM, Second Screening

Danny Spungen

7:30 PM, A Conversation with Local Holocaust Survivors

### Monday, April 13, 2015

7:00 PM, McCutcheon High School

## A Little Passover Trivia

- According to tradition, Miriam gave water from her well to sustain the Israelites in the desert. Some people honor Miriam by placing a cup for her at the seder table and pouring water from their glasses into her cup.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the world's largest matzah ball was unveiled in Tucson, Arizona, in 2010. Weighing in at 488 pounds, this giant matzah ball was made from more than 1,000 eggs and 125 pounds of matzah meal.
- In the mid 1930s, Maxwell House started giving out Haggadot to clarify that coffee beans are kosher for Passover, and thus prevent a dip in coffee sales. Distributed nearly every year since, there are now more than 50 million copies in print.

