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(June, July & August)

Gratitude, Condolences, and Congratulations

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Audrey Pollock on having received one of 30 grants made statewide by The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations. Mazel Tov to **Sol Gartenhaus** on his retirement. Warmest Congratulations to Sara and Barney Axelrod who just celebrated 75 years of wedded bliss. Heartfelt condolences to the Marvin Bercovitz family on the passing of daughter, Debbie Stewart. Best of wishes and Bon Voyage to Alexi and Larisa

July, 2009

Zubarev on their retirements and on moving to Durham, NC. May they enjoy many healthy and happy years there. We wish good health to Leslie Pearlstein who has retired and will be living in Florida. You want a chollah that is to DIE for???? See one on page 3. Daniella Adar's artisan baked goods. High Holidays are coming up. We have listed Sam Harris' contact information page 3 so you can call him to schedule your aliyot. Finally, congratulations to Sarah Powley, long-time presenter at the Holocaust Remembrance Conference and Mc Cutcheon H.S. English teacher on her \$10,000 award from the Irena Sendler Foundation for Tikkun Olam.

Garage Sale: Aug. 20 -21

For months now, you have been cleaning, re-arranging, and setting aside stuff for the Sons of Abraham garage sale which will be August 20 and 21, 2009 at the home of Rose and Joe Haberer. The rules are the same. **Saleable merchandise ONLY.** NOTHING is to be brought to the site of the garage sale before August 16. Contact Esther Chosnek to volunteer for staffing. If you have something really good, but too big for your car, contact Jim Klatch.

Web Subscriptions, Anyone?

There are some real advantages to receiving your bulletin via the web. First, you save the Sisterhood a meaningful amount of postage even though you WILL get your directory and High Holidays booklets in hard copy. Second, when we suggest that you see a particular website, the link to it will be live so you don't need to type the address (URL to geeks) into your browser. Third, the photos appear in color instead of plain old black and white. Fourth, you won't have a hard copy to lose. If you send Harriet Diamond an e-mail at hardiam819@verizon.net, she will send you a note to tell you when the latest bulletin is on our website.

Shul Board Solicits Donations to Special Purpose Funds

The Chosnek Fund, named for **Sam and Edith Chosnek**, is for ritual.

The Elkin Fund, named for **Barry Elkin**, is for educational purposes. It might be used, for example, to pay part of the cost of bringing a speaker.

The 100th Anniversary Fund, established by **Ed Simon**, is for capital expenses in building maintenance. This fund provides a naming opportunity for remodeling our building.

The recently established Ha Gomel fund is to celebrate recent recoveries from illness.

Sons of Abraham Special Funds Donation Form

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$_____. Please apply it to:

Ha Gomel (recovery) of _____

100th Anniversary Fund (Building) _____

Elkin Fund (education) _____

Chosnek Fund (ritual) _____

Donation in honor / memory of: _____

Is the donor's name to be held in confidence? _____

Send check with this form to Sons of Abraham
P.O. Box 2671 / West Lafayette, IN 47996-2671.
Donations will be acknowledged.

Donor(s): _____

Address: _____

Gifts Received

General Fund:

Anna Laks de Abramovitz

In memory of Rosa Zovod:

Judy and Roger Wallenstein

Candle Lighting Times: Till September 11

source: Rabbi Rascoe

July 31 8:48 PM

August 7 8:40 PM

August 14 8:31 PM

August 21 8:21 PM

August 28 8:10 PM

September 4 7:59 PM

September 11 7:47 PM

Sisterhood Happy Day and Memorial Cards

Sons of Abraham members are invited to participate in the Sisterhood Happy Day and Memorial Card program. For a \$5.00 donation to the Sisterhood, members can have the Sisterhood mail out either a Happy Day or Memorial Card to whomever they wish. To order, call **Iris Treager** (463-2468) or **Sheila Wolinsky** (463-9830). When we hear about them, these donations will be listed in the Bulletin.

Recent mailings:

In honor of Sol Gartenhaus' retirement:

Irwin and Iris Treager and Cyrelle Simon

In memory of Debbie Stewart (of the Marvin Bercovitz family)

Harriet and Sid Diamond

Sol and Jo Gartenhaus

In gratitude for Madelyn Lillianfeld's Recovery

Cyrelle Simon

Refuah Shelema

Almighty God, we offer prayers for health and long life to **Sarah Raskin, Sara and Barney Axelrod, Rabbi David Blumofe, Sonia Barash, Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, and Leslie Pearlstein.**

And the Good News

Hershel Krushen has recovered from a painful wasp sting. It is unfortunate that only bee stings cost the little buggers their lives. Alan Garfinkel has received his Apligraf® treatment which will heal his toe and imbue it with miraculous powers.

Rabbi's Calendar

Rabbi Rascoe will be in Lafayette August 7 - 9 and August 21 - 23.

Shul Board to Meet

The Board of Directors of the Shul will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20 at the Shul. Meetings are open to members of the Shul.

Schedule Aliyot NOW!

Please help Sam Harris. Every year, he volunteers to schedule the aliyot we buy for the benefit of the shul. This requires that he contact everyone to ask when they would like to schedule their aliyah. **YOU can make his job easier by calling him (497-1018) or, PREFERABLY, e-mailing him to express your preferences.**

«smh@physics.purdue.edu» Your help will be most deeply appreciated. Thanks.



Deelishus!!!

Want a couple of these beauties for your shabbos table? They taste even better than they look and they are available baked (\$5) and in the form of frozen dough ready for baking (\$4.50). Baked challot are available in braided, pull-apart, and round forms. The frozen version is available only in braided form. Braided or knot-shaped challah rolls are six for \$4. Contact Daniella Adar by phone at 317-366-3552 or via e-mail at dani_delectables@yahoo.com

From the Web

<http://files.me.com/rabbigarfinkel1/qj5398>

The parashat Devarim, when read at Temple Beth El of Somerset, New Jersey, was accompanied by Rabbi Eli L. Garfinkel's sermon that deals with the New Jersey scandals we have all read about.

http://www.tabletmag.com/wp-content/plugins/st_newsletter/stnl_iframe.php?newsletter=30&code=g5F0j4dsLfzsdmau2ZhK

Here you will find an issue of *Tablet Magazine*, a project of Nextbook.org». I flipped through the pages and found it interesting.

<http://www.think-israel.org/editorial.may-jun09.html>

Very little, if any, of this appears in the Journal and Courier. I promise.

Rabbi's Reflections:

On Different Lendings and Borrowings

"Neither a borrower nor lender be;

For loan oft loses both itself and friend,

*and borrowing dulls the edge of
husbandry." (Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 3, ll. 75-77)*

Polonius offers this aphorism among many to his son Laertes as he boards a boat to Paris to continue his gentlemanly education. Whether Shakespeare believed it, or we should put much stock in Polonius, who is not such a good man, are different questions. Many gentry then borrowed heavily and did not worry about husbandry, thrifty domestic management. The saying is popular, maybe because it is phrased well and, by quoting Shakespeare, sounds authoritative. It means that a loan between friends is dangerous because the loan changes the relationship by introducing other emotions and issues. If the borrower does not repay, then the lender loses both the money and the friendship. It can mean, "I value the friendship so much that I don't want anything else to intrude."

In Pirquei Avot, The Rabbis' Maxims (or Ethics of the Fathers) (2:13-14 or 9 depending on the edition), Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai asks his students, "Go and see, which is the good way of life to which one should cleave....and which is the evil way of life which one should shun?" He asks by what trait does "one shun evil and do good" (Psalm 34:15). Rabbi Simon's evil way is "one who borrows and does not repay. (For one who borrows from a person is like one who borrows from God, as it is said, The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous is generous and gives (Psalm 37:21))."

On the simple level, one who borrows from a person and fails to repay borrows from God. This person lacks foresight and does not see consequences to actions. It is as if s/he borrows from God from whom comes all riches. God then must make good or treat the lender favorably in other ways. Rabbi Ephraim calls it robbery in his comment on Midrash Shemu'el, which itself claims such a person denies God's existence.

On another level, God, the universe's owner, lends us the use of the world and time. God not only lends us the resources to make money, a living, but God lends us in the currency of time. Each day we live is a loan by God. Rabbi Yohanan and his students next teach, "repent one day before your death." We might die tomorrow, so we should repent today. God expects us to use each day wisely (Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to count our days rightly, that we may obtain a heart of wisdom"). God expects us to enjoy the divine creations (one who abstains is a sinner, Nedarim 10a) and will punish us if we do not (Yerushalmi Qiddushin 4:9, 66d). Beautiful sounds, sights, and scents restore our spirits (Berakhot 57b). We say berakhot, blessings, for what we eat, smell, hear, and see. As God's guests in the world, we must love and honor people, created in God's image (Leviticus 19:18, Pirquei Avot 2:15 or 10 (the next saying), and 4:1), and live with integrity. God wants us to fully live our lives with zest, but be sensitive to world and people, mindful that God created a good but incomplete world that we steward. We pay interest to God by maximizing our benefits, using our curiosity and intelligence to improve the world and everything and everyone in it. This repays the loan with interest to God in our limited lifetime. Rabbi Tarfon said, "The day is short, the task great, the workers indolent, the reward bountiful, and the Master insistent" (Pirquei Avot 2:20 or 15).

Letter from Jerusalem

Cyrelle Simon

(Note: Cyrelle Simon has been writing some informative and most interesting descriptions of the life she has as a recent maker of aliyah. There is space in the hard copy of the Bulletin to place samples of these enjoyable readings. The entire text as submitted appears on the shul website. «www.soalafayette.org».)

Recently, I had the pleasure of an enjoyable visit from Helen and Michael Miller, whom many of you may remember. Helen's nephew was being married and they had some time to visit with friends as well as family. Helen's mother, Miriam Bedein, is also here and I hope we'll have a visit. It was hard to believe that 21 years have elapsed since the Millers left Lafayette.

New Mall

At the entrance to the Old City, East Jerusalem, there is now a beautiful, elegant mall, called Mamilla. My granddaughter, Elisheva, who is now completing her 2nd year in Jerusalem, this one as a dorm counselor in a girls seminary, joined me at a restaurant in the newly constructed 2nd floor. We were afforded a picturesque view of a large area of the Old City.

City Center

I recently needed to go to a framer near the Hadassah College. Since I needed to wait until my picture was ready, I had some time to explore the Russian compound, its large Church (I only saw the outside), the city prison, and the city tennis courts. My return home was greatly delayed by the Pope's visit. Streets were blocked, traffic rerouted etc. In addition, a well known rabbi was interred, and the funeral procession was lengthy. As you know, by the way, the dead are buried immediately. No waiting until the relatives fly in, etc.

Post Office

You may not know that the post office in Jerusalem (maybe in all of Israel) will not hold your mail. Since I travel often, I'm fortunate in having helpful neighbors.

Yerucham Yerucham is a small town near Beersheva. One needs to travel to Beersheva in order to catch a bus to another part of the country. A religious man operates a small van which will bring passengers to Jerusalem, where he wants to study for about 5 hours, and then in the late afternoon return people to Yerucham. I think he is quite enterprising.

Jewish Time

My ulpan teacher says the weather between Pesach and Shavuot is always variable. And after Shavuot, when listening to the weather forecast one will almost always hear

the word "chome" meaning heat (also fever). So, the heat is either more or less than is usual for the season. (I should reiterate that the heat here is very dry and evenings are usually cool and pleasant.)

Shavuot

I learned that the Jerusalem Talmud lists only the wheat harvest as "bikurim" since that is the only harvest which is completed by Shavuot. Produce is brought to the Holy Temple between Succot and Chanukah. This was, of course when the Temple existed. I also learned that, in addition to Chag HaKatzir (harvest festival), Zman Matan Toratenu (receiving the Torah), Chag HaBikurim (first fruits, meaning of the wheat) and Shavuot (weeks), Israelis use the word "regel" since it is one of the 3 pilgrimage holidays, and Atzeret since it stops counting the omer after Pesach.

Return to Jerusalem

After a very wonderful journey to the states, I found 5 wedding invitations in my mail. As I had noted previously, the weeks between Shavuot and 17 Tammuz is the shortest interval in the year when it is appropriate to celebrate weddings. One invitation was to the granddaughter of Rabbi Simcha Cook, chief Rabbi of Rehovoth, great granddaughter of Israel's first chief rabbi. Another was from Dvora and Gadi Eshel whose daughter, Ophira was married in a gorgeous ceremony on kibbutz 'Og En' in the north. The Eshels were in Laf. for 3 years, where Gadi earned his Ph.D. from Moshe Barash. Gadi was an occasional Baal Koreh at the Shul. Their daughter was in my Israeli dance group and Dvora a faithful participant in the Hadassah Study Group.

Jerusalem Theatre

At the Jerusalem Theatre last week I enjoyed a marvelous Chazanut concert combining 4 young Chazanim, a small musical ensemble and a small men's choir.

Two of my favorites, non chazonish include Rossini's "Figaro" in Yiddish and and "mameh" themed song medly in Yiddish.

Only in Israel

As I've mentioned previously I'm invited for each Shabbos meal by lovely people here in Bayit V\Gan. Recently, on a Friday night I met a pretty, alert and elderly woman with 54 great grand-children. I was impressed.

In addition, I learned a few anecdotes: When a plumber came to repair an item, he noticed the husband and son studying "mishnayot". So, he sat down and joined them in learning.

Another anecdote: A bus driver stopped his bus near the market, "machaneh yehudah" where some rabbis were busily writing contracts. He jumped off the bus and returned 3

minutes later, telling the passengers, I just sold my "chometz" (obviously this was shortly before Pesach.)

A third anecdote. Some passengers in a taxi were just buying "schach" for their Sukkah. They were concerned as to whether it would be appropriate. The taxi driver joined into the conversation and opined that he thought the schach not kosher.

As I previously mentioned the line between religious and unobservant people is not always clearly drawn. A friend said that her taxi driver didn't wear a Kippa, but when he needed to drink some water, from the ever present bottle that one must always carry here, he put on his Kippa, said a brocha, and removed it after drinking.

The Chazan whom I heard in concert sang the real Figaro in Yiddish but called him "shvigaro" a pun on the Yiddish word "shviger" (mother in law).

My daughter, Ronit, corrects me in my assertion that almost 3 years have elapsed since my 4 children were together. They were here at the same time almost 2 years ago at Ed's first yahrtzeit.

I was thinking of the numbers of children in chareidi families. In a very subjective, unscientific study of the number of families I know personally, about 30, the average per household is 8 or 9 children.

Mini Reunion: I recently returned from a very "nachesdik" Bar Mitzvah of my grandson, Yehudah, in London. Besides being a family reunion, I was so pleased that David, Yinon and Honi Sanders were able to attend. In addition Daniel Finfer, the Purdue student who came to Shul regularly, joined us for Yehudah's "siyum" on a chapter of the Talmud, he had learned all year, so it was very supportive for me to have my Lafayette friends join in the "simcha".

The Nine Days: I recently saw an ad in the the newspaper featuring an appealing meat sandwich, at a newly opened Deli. The caption said, "Last Chance Before the Nine Days" . The kosher meat restaurants do little business during the 9 days before Tisha B'Av. Sephardim hold that only during the week in which Tisha Ba Av falls do they refrain from eating meat. Of course Ashkenazim refrain from eating meat for nine days, except for Shabbos, and some don't eat meat for the 3 weeks before Tisha B Av.

More next month. The text as submitted is on the web at www.soalafayette.org

Book Signing at Barnes and Noble

August 2: Sun. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Book signing at Barnes and Noble for Greg Dawson's Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival, 1941-1946.

Attention All Shul Members:
Please check your listing in the Shul Directory and report any changes to Harriet Diamond, 463-1416 or hardiam819@verizon.net.

Library Links Program

Library Links is a free, library-sponsored service that matches up a homebound patron with a volunteer who selects and delivers materials to the customer's home. This service is available to any resident of Tippecanoe County who is homebound for at least two months due to extended illness, physical disabilities, or other extraordinary circumstances. Library Links patrons enjoy the convenience of home delivery, extended check out periods and a once-a-month visit from a friendly volunteer. All Library Links participants are screened by TCPL staff. For more information on how to sign-up for this service or become a volunteer, contact the Outreach Librarian at (765) 429-0193 or klodolce@tcpl.lib.in.us.

Exchange Visits to / from Jewish families?

Synagogues in Canada, Germany, Israel, Italy and the United States are now part of the free Hospitality Exchanges program available at www.hospitalityexchanges.org.

The goals of Hospitality Exchanges are two-fold: 1) provide members of your congregation and others an opportunity to see life in other countries from the perspective of residents and 2) provide the chance to build person-to-person contacts with members of other communities.

Participating congregations should have: 1) a member who is willing to host someone from an outside congregation, including room and board, free of charge and 2) a member who is willing to stay as a guest, at no cost for room or board, with a member of the outside congregation. The suggested length of stay is three to seven days but may be extended for additional days by mutual consent of both parties. All travel should take place within a year of the guest's visit. Congregants who serve as hosts would have first priority for traveling to another congregation.

Please let me know if members of your congregation may be interested in taking part in the program.

Regards,

Sam

Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D., Coordinator
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Please join us as we celebrate

Rabbi Gedalyah Engel's 90th Birthday

with a dessert reception

Sunday, August 9, 2009

2 - 4 p.m.

Loeb House Inn

708 Cincinnati Street

Lafayette, IN

765-420-7737

Please RSVP immediately

Liba Engel

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c/o Susan Prohofsky

2861 Linda Lane

West Lafayette, IN 47906

or

Yeshiva University

500 West 185th Street

New York, NY 10033-3201

Yahrzeits

Note: This list covers a longer range of dates than usual because of the High Holiday schedule. If you lose your hard copy, you can print the one found on the website:

www.soalafayette.org

Name	Hebrew Date	2009
Bercovitz, Bessie	Av 10	July 31
Weisz, Berthold	Av 10	July 31
Goldstine, Ida	Av 11	Aug. 1
Miller, Isadore	Av 13	Aug. 3
Lomar, Herman A.	Av 13	Aug. 3
Rubin, Harry	Av 14	Aug. 4
Singer, Doba Risa	Av 15	Aug. 5
Goldsmith, Ida	Av 15	Aug. 5
Cember, Pearl	Av 15	Aug. 5
Bosco, Isaac	Av 19	Aug. 9
Zaban, Israel	Av 27	Aug. 17
Harr, Robert	Av 29	Aug. 19
Elkin, Devorah	Av 30	Aug. 20
Hartman, Morris	Elul 5	Aug. 25
Berman, George	Elul 5	Aug. 25
Atlass, Frank	Elul 6	Aug. 26

Name	Hebrew Date	2009
Rubinstein, Bessie G.	Elul 7	Aug. 27
Artman, Morris	Elul 8	Aug. 28
Myers, Bernard Harry	Elul 11	Aug. 31
Lomar, Rose Elkin	Elul 11	Aug. 31
Shapiro, Helen Crown	Elul 11	Aug. 31
Kaplan, Gilda N.	Elul 15	Sept. 4
Roger, Ethel	Elul 16	Sept. 5
Slessor, Carl	Elul 19	Sept. 8
Segal, M.	Elul 20	Sept. 9
Garfield, Sherman	Elul 21	Sept. 10
Ovsiew, Tania	Elul 22	Sept. 11
Garfinkel, Bernard D.	Elul 22	Sept. 11
Altman, Fannie	Elul 23	Sept. 12
Leonards, Beryl	Elul 29	Sept. 18
Glick, Norman	Tishrei 6	Sept. 24
Lowenthal, Milton	Tishrei 8	Sept. 26
Roger, Nechama	Tishrei 10	Sept. 28
Bercovitz, Isaac A.	Tishrei 10	Sept. 28
Tap, Nathan	Tishrei 11	Sept. 29
Bercovitz, Anna	Tishrei 12	Sept. 30
Nathan, Louis	Tishrei 13	Oct. 1
Tubis, Rose	Tishrei 13	Oct 1
Elkin, David Abraham	Tishrei 14	Oct. 2

August - Sept. Calendar

August 2: Sun. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Book signing at Barnes and Noble for Greg Dawson's *Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival, 1941-1946*.

August: 7-9 Rabbi Rascoe will be in Lafayette.

August 7: Fri. 8 p.m. Shabbat evening service.

August 8: Sat. 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service.

August 9: Sun. 2 -4 p.m. Rabbi Engel's 90th Birthday (see page 7)

August 14: Fri. 8 p.m. Shabbat evening service.

August 15: Sat., 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service.

August 16: Sun., First day for storing items for Garage Sale at the Haberer's.

August 20: Thurs., 8:00 p.m. Shul Board Meeting

August 20 - 21: Thurs. and Fri. Garage Sale (Sales begin at 8:00 a.m.) Haberer's garage 129 E. Navajo, WL

August: 21-23 Rabbi Rascoe will be in Lafayette.

August 21: Fri. 8 p.m. Shabbat evening service.

August 22: Sat., 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service

August 28: Fri. 8 p.m. Shabbat evening service.

August 29: Sat., 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service.

September 1: Tues., 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting Home of Susan Prohofsky.

September 4: Fri. 8 p.m. Shabbat evening service.

September 5: Sat., 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service.

September 11: Fri. 8 p.m. Shabbat evening service.

September 12: Sat., 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service

September 12: Sat., 10 p.m. Games Night with Selichot service at midnight.

Rabbi Rascoe will be in town September 18 - 20

September 18: Fri., Erev Rosh Hashanah.

September 19-20: Sat. - Sun., Rosh Hashanah.

Rabbi Rascoe will be in town September 26 -28

September 25: Fri. 8:00 p.m. Shabbat evening service

September 27: Sun. Kol Nidre

September 28: Mon. Yom Kippur "break the fast".

Last Laughs

Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20 % of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay at home because 17 percent of all accidents occur in the home (that's 37% already).

Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14 percent of all accidents occur to pedestrians (now that's 51%).

Avoid traveling by air, trains or buses 16 percent of accidents involve these forms of transportation (that's 67%).

Of the remaining 33 percent, 32 percent of all deaths occur in hospitals. **Above all else avoid hospitals.**

You will be pleased to learn that only 0.01 % of all deaths occur in a synagogue, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that **the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is in Synagogue.**

Torah Study is even safer. The number of deaths during Torah Study is too small to register.

For safety's sake, go to Synagogue as often as possible, and attend Torah Study. It could save your life!

P.S.: You don't have to be Jewish to go to a Synagogue. You may not understand what the old guys are saying but sometimes they serve wine in paper cups.