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Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

Mazel Tov to **Irwin & Iris Treager** and their daughter **Lisa Segal** following the birth of **Iris Marie Petty** to **Becky Segal Petty** and her husband **Stephen Petty**. **Lisa** became a grandmother for the second time, and **Iris** and **Irwin** became great grandparents for the second time as the new offspring joins older brother **Marc Lucas**.

Mazel Tov to **Cyrelle Simon**, whose granddaughter **Yocheved** gave birth to her first child, a healthy son. The baby is the first grandchild for her children **Rashi** and **Ruthie** and her 3rd great grandson. **Cyrelle** reports her grandchildren call her "Bubby" and that she is "Elter Bubby," not the "Alte Bobeh, the old Bobeh," but the Older Bobeh, i.e., Elter Bubbie. **Yitzchok**, named for **Cyrelle's** late husband, **Ed** — **Yitzchok Isaac ben Dovid**.

Jo Gartenhaus' 80th Birthday was celebrated Friday, July 27. Services at the Shul were followed by a special birthday oneg following services. Happy Birthday **Jo!**

Alan and **Sonya Garfinkel** are on their way east to visit grandchildren (and the children's parents, too!)

We received word of the death of Professor **Leslie Field**, Emeritus Professor of English at Purdue. A revered teacher, among his scholarly interests was

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Jewish-American literature. We also note the passing of **Gordon D. Young**. He was a Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at Purdue. In 1988 he became a founding member in the Midwest Jewish Studies association. In 1982 he was a founding member of The Jewish Studies program at Purdue; he was interim co-director from 1994 to 1997 and then in 2002 he was the director. **Gordon** was an inspiration to many Purdue students; a large number of them went on to professional careers in Sumerology, Assyriology, and Near Eastern Archaeology.

Refuah Shelema

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

Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad

August 3:	8:50 p.m.
August 10:	8:42 p.m.
August 17:	8:34 p.m.
August 24:	8:14 p.m.
August 31:	8:03 p.m.
September 7:	7:52 p.m.
September 14:	7:40 p.m.
September 16:	7:37 p.m. (Erev Rosh Hashanah)
September 17:	After 8:34 p.m.
September 21:	7:28 p.m.
September 25:	7:22 p.m. (Erev Yom Kippur)
September 28:	7:17 p.m.
September 30:	7:13 p.m. (Erev Sukkot)

Yahrzeits

Name	2012	Hebrew Date
Miller, Isadore	August 1	Av 13
Lomar, Herman A.	August 1	Av 13
Rubin, Harry	August 2	Av 14
Singer, Doba Risa	August 3	Av 15
Goldsmith, Ida	August 3	Av 15
Cember, Pearl	August 3	Av 15
Bosco, Isaac	August 7	Av 19
Zaban, Israel	August 15	Av 27
Harr, Robert	August 17	Av 29
Elkin, Devorah	August 18	Av 30
Hartman, Morris	August 23	Elul 5
Berman, George	August 23	Elul 5
Atlass, Frank	August 24	Elul 6
Rubinstein, Bessie G.	August 25	Elul 7
Artman, Morris	August 26	Elul 8
Myers, Bernard Harry	August 29	Elul 11
Lomar, Rose Elkin	August 29	Elul 11
Shapiro, Helen Crown	August 29	Elul 11
Kaplan, Gilda N.	September 2	Elul 15
Roger, Ethel	September 3	Elul 16
Slessor, Carl	September 6	Elul 19
Segal, M.	September 7	Elul 20
Garfield, Sherman	September 8	Elul 21
Ovsiew, Tania	September 9	Elul 22
Garfinkel, Bernard D.	September 9	Elul 22
Altman, Fannie	September 10	Elul 23
Leonards, Beryl	September 16	Elul 29
Glick, Norman	September 22	Tishrei 6

Yahrzeits

Name	2012	Hebrew Date
Lowenthal, Milton	September 24	Tishrei 8
Roger, Nechama	September 26	Tishrei 10
Bercovitz, Isaac A.	September 26	Tishrei 10
Tap, Nathan	September 27	Tishrei 11
Bercovitz, Anna	September 28	Tishrei 12
Nathan, Louis	September 29	Tishrei 13
Tubis, Rose	September 29	Tishrei 13
Elkin, David Abraham	September 30	Tishrei 14

Stone dedications set

Sunday, August 12, 10:00AM - Unveiling for the stones for **Dave and Jean Berk** at Sons of Abraham Cemetery, with a reception following at the Shul.

Just as we got used to putting 5772 on our checks, it's almost 5773!

This, of course, means the High Holidays are nearly here. Watch your (snail mail!) mailbox for a full schedule of services, prepared by the SOA Sisterhood.

Memorial contributions to SOA

Contributions in memory of **Sid Berger** have been received from **Richard** and **Julie Basney** and **Phyllis** and **Sidney Kishheimer**.

Important date - please mark your calendars

Sunday, August 26, 2:00PM - Hadassah Opening Tea - Place TBA.

Board meetings schedule

The SOA board is scheduled to meet Thursday, August 16 and Thursday September 20 at the home of **Elliott** and **Gwen Slamovich**. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

August – September Calendar

August 3: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

August 4: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

August 10: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

August 11: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

August 12: Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Stone unveiling for **Dave** and **Jean Berk** at Sons of Abraham Cemetery, with a reception following at the Shul

August 16: Thursday – 7:30 p.m. Shul Board Meeting at home of **Elliott** and **Gwen Slamovich**

August 17: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

August 18: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

August 19 – Sunday 11:30 a.m., LJCRS picnic on the lawn outside LJCRS.

August 24: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

August 25: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

August 26: Sunday 2:00p.m. - Hadassah Opening Tea - Place TBA.

August 31: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 1: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

September 7: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 8: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

September 14: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 16: Sunday - Erev Rosh Hashanah Services*

September 17: Monday - Rosh Hashanah Services*

September 18: Tuesday- Rosh Hashanah Services*

September 20: Thursday 7:30 p.m. Shul Board Meeting at home of **Elliott** and **Gwen Slamovich**

September 21: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 29: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

** High Holiday Service Schedule will be mailed prior to the holidays.*

Deadline for October Newsletter

The deadline for the October bulletin is Thursday, September 20. Due to the High Holidays, this early deadline is necessary to ensure timely editing, writing and delivery.

Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call **Sheila Wolinsky** at 463-9830 or **Iris Treager** at 463-2468. 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.

Rabbinical Fellow Rabbi Michael Kushnick's schedule

Michael will join us:

August 17-19

September 14-18 (Weekend plus Rosh Hashanah)

September 25-26 (Yom Kippur)

October 19 - 21

November 9 - 11

December 7 -9



Michael said:

“I am very excited to join the Sons of Abraham community. This September, I will be entering my final year of Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary. I grew up in South Florida, and after I graduated high school, I moved to Indiana to attend college. I graduated from Indiana University (sorry if that is tough to hear) where I was a double major in Judaic Studies and Political Science. Throughout my undergraduate years I was very active in Hillel. After college, I moved to Israel for a year and staffed United Synagogue Youth, college leadership program, Nativ. During this year, I studied at the Conservative Yeshiva, and helped guide and develop leadership skills in the 83 Nativ participants. Throughout rabbinical school, I have spent much time teaching various age groups, and have served congregations on Long Island, New Jersey, upstate New York, and Montreal. For the past two summers, I served as the Summer Rabbi at a synagogue north of New York City. When I am not studying and working, I enjoy spending time with my wife, **Talia** and 3 month old son, **Nadav**. I love riding my bicycle, being outdoors, and swimming. I am very excited to return to the state of Indiana and to be part of Sons of Abraham. I look forward to meeting many of you in August and growing together during the course of the year. If you would like to speak please feel free to contact me.”

Best wishes,

Michael Kushnick

LJCRS News

Shalom! It's hard to believe that the school year is around the corner, but we are also looking forward to the New Year. **Roxana and I** are busy making plans for the next school year, and can't wait to see all of the kids again. We are still finalizing our classes and programming for the year, so stay tuned for more updates!

We will be having our LJCRS Welcome and Back-to-School Picnic on Sunday, August 19, at 11:30, on the lawn outside LJCRS. This will be a dairy potluck, so please bring a dish to share! This is a great opportunity for new families to get to know returning families and the teachers. We hope all our LJCRS parents and children can attend, including those in our Parent-Tot group. Also, any Jewish families who are interested in learning more about the school are welcome to attend. If you know anyone you think might be interested, feel free to invite them.

The first day of classes will be on August 26. As I write this, parents should be receiving their enrollment packets for the upcoming year. We will happily take enrollments until classes start, but would be delighted to get them earlier than that, so feel free to return them as soon as you can. Also, LJCRS graduates who wish to be aides this year should be sure to turn in their applications.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be having a new religious adviser this year in addition to our wonderful **Rabbi Pollack**. **Michael Kushnick** is a fifth-year rabbinical student at Jewish Theological Seminary who is serving as a Fellow for Sons of Abraham this year. He will be visiting us monthly, and

will be leading some parent workshops as well. We look forward to meeting and learning from him!

This year as always we will likely be in need of parents willing to serve as substitute teachers. We may also be in need of parent volunteers in the LJCRS office. Come talk to us or indicate on your forms if you would be interested in this.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions for making this year the best ever, please come talk to us! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

L'Vracha,

Elana Salzman

Letter from Jerusalem

Our Jerusalem "correspondent **Cyrelle Simon** checks in

Yeshiva Life

Since I have 3 grandchildren learning in Yeshivas, all about 18 or 19, I thought it would be helpful for me to know their schedules, and a little bit about their learning programs. Nachum Dovid, my Israeli grandson, reports the following: Boys arise at 6:45 and daven shacharit. Then they learn the Parashat HaShavua, that week's Biblical portion, with Rashi commentary. Next comes breakfast, which consists of plain cheese, hardboiled eggs, yogurt and salad. At 9:00 they proceed to the main morning's learning with a havrusa (a partner) Nachum's current mesechta is Kiddushin, the laws of getting married, in depth, and with many interpretations; From 12:00 to

1:15 a rabbi lectures on the same subject, fielding questions from the 30 boys in the class. Lunch consists of plain meat, vegetables, mostly potatoes, and bread. Then they learn halachot laws regarding Shabbat either alone or with a havrusa. Rest time is 2:15 to 3:30. The boys gather for the afternoon prayer of Mincha. Next the same subject of kidushin is studied, but more of an overview, more quickly, as I understand. Dinner at 7:30 consists of bread, burekas, rice or kugel eaten, as are all the meals, in the large dining room with the entire yeshiva of 300 boys. At 8:00 there is a Musar (ethics) lecture. At 9:00 the boys daven the evening prayer of Maariv and then review the same material they learned in the morning with a havrusa until 11:30 p.m. In my next letter, I shall detail the information from my 2 English grandsons who learn nearby and how their program order and learning schedule compares and contrasts with Nachum Dovid's.

More Facts About Israel:

My friend, Etta Gabel sent me some pertinent data. (I don't know her source). I'll include a few, with more to come later. Israel is ranked #2 in the world for venture capital funds right behind the US. Outside the US and Canada, Israel has the largest number of NASDAQ listed companies. Israel has the highest average living standard in the Middle East. The per capita income in Israel in 2000 was over \$17,500, exceeding that of the UK. On a per capita basis, Israel has the largest number of biotech startups. Twenty-four percent of Israel's workforce holds university degrees, ranking third in the industrialized world, after the US and Holland and 12 percent hold advanced degrees. Israel is the only liberal democracy in the Middle East. When Golda Meir was elected prime minister of Israel, in 1969, she became the world's second elected female leader in modern times. When the US Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya was bombed, Israeli rescue teams

were on the scene within a day, and saved three victims from the rubble.

The Strangers Among Us:

I read an article in the June 15 issue of the *Jerusalem Post*, that I think very accurately reflected the conflicting emotions of many Israelis regarding the close to 1-thousand people a month from Sudan and Eritrea who have illegally inundated Israel seeking a better way of life. Most come from terrible situations in their native countries and we Israelis have compassionately empathized with them. On the other hand, the burden on the medical system, social services and demographic issues etc. have engendered a major problem here and the government has decided to give the Africans some spending money and fly them back to their native lands. Quoting author, Naomi Ragen: "Nevertheless, I would be a hypocrite if I didn't admit to viewing with relief Nethanyhu's initiative not to extend the temporary residence status for asylum-seekers and to return them to their native countries. Israel is just too small to take in every African seeking a better life. But that doesn't mean it doesn't hurt." The article concludes. "In the meantime, Israel is busily building a 200 kilometer barrier along the border with Egypt which might be the most sensible long-term solution to this insoluble problem that pits our hearts against our heads, our near history against our present circumstances"

Jamming:

If you should happen to be in the Jewish Quarter on a large deck facing the Kotel you would be in for an informal musical treat. My grandson, Dovid reported that talented boys from various yeshivaot come with their instruments to play classical Jewish songs with Hebrew or English words. Dovid counted 8 guitars, 3 bongos, 2 violins, 3

flautists, a soprano sax, a clarinet and 2 recorders. This ensemble, with no notes, no music stands, no chairs, entices a large group of onlookers who join in by singing the well-known tunes. The group begins at eleven p.m. and continues until after two a.m. A specially joyous happening!!! However, Dovid tells me that there is a rabbinic opinion that it is not appropriate to have instrumental music in the Kotel vicinity since the Wall is a remnant of the Temple for which we are mourning. So far, the musicians have not been evicted! The individual street musicians often found on street corners in the center of Jerusalem and especially on the pedestrian mall of Ben Yehudah, do appreciate donations from the onlookers. However, in contrast, the Yeshiva bachurim who do impromptu jamming in the vicinity of the Kotel, do not solicit any donations. And, of course during the three weeks leading up to the Tisha B"Av fast, when we mourn the destruction of the first and second Temple, as well as other tragedies which have befallen our people, there was no instrumental music in the area. For Yom Kippur, I wish you all an easy fast.

With warm regards, **Cyrelle** (Tzirel)



Cyrelle and Rashi



Rashi with his grandson

Holidays are here again!

This means lots of services (look in your Sisterhood Booklet for exact times and dates). We humbly request **your** presence not just at the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, but at Sukkot services as well. To whet your appetite for Sukkot, here are some vintage photos courtesy of **Mickey** and **Sam Harris**, taken in 1980. Can you ID any of these folks? Enjoy!



Jewish Studies Program Evening Events Fall 2012

5th Annual Larry Axel Memorial Lecture in Religion

Monday, October 22 ~ Krannert Auditorium
~ 8:00 p.m.

Kenneth Seeskin, Professor of Philosophy,
Northwestern University

"Is Judaism Really Monotheistic? A
Maimonidean Inquiry"

Co-sponsored by the Purdue Jewish Studies
and Religious Studies Programs

Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series Fall 2012

Wednesday, September 5 ~ Stewart Center,
Room 313 ~ 12:30

Charles Watkinson, Director, Purdue
University Press, "What is the Future for
Jewish Studies Publishing?"

Wednesday, October 24 ~ Stewart Center,
Room 313 ~ 12:30

Philip Schlossberg, Director, Purdue Hillel,
"The Ideology of the Birthright Israel
Program"

Wednesday, November 14 ~ Stewart Center,
Room 313 ~ 12:30

Anna Parra Sanchez, Teaching Assistant,
School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue
University, "The Myth of Don Juan in the
Sephardic Tradition"

All members of the Purdue University
community and the public are cordially
invited to attend these free events offered by
the Jewish Studies Program.