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**August, 2015**  
**16 Av – 15 Elul, 5775**

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**Service Schedule**

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

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

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**Candle Lighting Times:**

August 7 – 8:38 p.m.  
August 14 – 8:29 p.m.  
August 21 – 8:19p.m.  
August 28 – 8:09 p.m.



## Yahrzeits

May their memories  
be for a blessing.

Isaac Bosco – 19 Av, August 4  
Israel Zaban – 27 Av, August 12  
Robert Harr – 29 Av, August 14  
Devorah Elkin – 30 Av, August 15  
Freddie L. Gallimore - 3 Elul, August 18  
Morris Hartman – 5 Elul, August 20  
George Berman – 5 Elul, August 20  
Frank Atlass – 6 Elul, August 21  
Bessie Rubinstein – 7 Elul, August 22  
Morris Artman – 8 Elul, August 23  
Bernard H. Myers – 11 Elul, August 26  
Rose Elkin Lomar – 11 Elul, August 26  
Helen Crown Shapiro – 11 Elul, August 26  
Gertrude Adler – 12 Elul, August 27  
Gilda N. Kaplan – 15 Elul, August 30  
Ethel Roger – 16 Elul, August 31  
Carl Slesser– 19 Elul, September 3  
M. Segal – 20 Elul, September 4  
Sherman Garfield – 21 Elul, September 5  
Tania Ovsiew – 22 Elul, September 6  
Bernard D.Garfinkel – 22 Elul, September 6  
Fannie Altman – 23 Elul, September 7  
Beryl Leonards – 29 Elul, September 13



It is with great joy that we can wish a hearty Mazal Tov to Shari Krockover. Her name is no longer in the Refuah Schlemah section, because her treatments were a success and she is now “cancer free.”

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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:

July, Aug.: Ted Goodman  
Sept., Oct.: Scotty Rumpza  
Nov., Dec.: David Gallimore



## Dates for your Calendar

Sunday, August 30  
Sisterhood Opening Tea  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
at the home of Gisela Friedlaender

Monday, September 1  
Sisterhood Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 5  
Game Night, 10:00 p.m., chaired by  
Gabi Cramer and Eyal Barash  
Selichot Services will follow.



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“Thank You” to Esther  
Chosnek and Jim Klatch for the difficult  
work of cleaning up the cemetery after the  
severe storms in late spring and early  
summer.

And, “Thank You” to Sonya Grafinkel for  
chairing the Ice Cream Social. She did all  
the shopping, setting up and cleaning up.

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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, Editor

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## Purdue Jewish Studies Program for the 2015 Fall Semester

### Purdue University 8th Annual Larry Axel Memorial Lecture in Religion

Wednesday, September 30 ~ Stewart  
Center, Room 202 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Sigrun Haude, Associate Professor of  
History, University of Cincinnati, "Religion in  
Conflict: From Martin Luther to the Thirty  
Years' War (1500 to 1650)"  
Co-sponsored by the Purdue Jewish  
Studies and Religious Studies Programs

### Purdue University Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series

Wednesday, September 30 ~ Stewart  
Center, Room 310 ~ 12:30  
Ashley Purpura, Visiting Assistant  
Professor of Religious Studies, Purdue  
University, "Problematic Discourse and  
Producing Orthodoxy: 'Jews' in Byzantine  
Christian Hagiography and Hymns"

Wednesday, October 21 ~ Stewart Center,  
Room 313 ~ 12:30  
Lukas Plank, Winner of the 2015 *Edward  
Simon B'nai B'rith Barzillai Lodge No. 111  
Prize in Jewish Studies*, "Holocaust Denial"

Wednesday, November 11 ~ Stewart  
Center, Room 313 ~ 12:30  
Marcus Smith, Graduate Student,  
Department of History, Purdue University,  
"The Jewish Community in Iraq: 1951 to  
Present"

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



## Letter from Jerusalem

### Events and Travels:

Recently I enjoyed the opera, Elixir of Love by Donizetti. Set in a vast, and ancient arena, called "Braichat HaSultan" (Sultan's Pool) an audience of thousands was treated to a professional and delightful performance. Signs in Hebrew and English, talented singers, realistic settings, full orchestra, (a kibbutz garden for background) created a mesmerizing experience.

Interestingly, during the Ottoman empire this area with its massive stadium was used to behead criminals. And, directly adjacent is the valley of Gehenim (Hell) "Gae hinom" where ancient people sacrificed children to their g-d, Molech.

### Tzilei HaOlam (Melodies of the World):

Rehovot was a first time destination for my orchestra. Invited by Maria Wainer, former Lafayette Hillel director, my ensemble performed a wide variety of songs for the English speaking club. It was challenging to entertain a discriminating audience.

Generally, I ask the program directors of the Sr. Citizens' homes and clubs where we perform, about the backgrounds of the audience, ie. Russian, English speaking, Sephardic

etc. It's fun to choose songs which will appeal to these people. Fortunately, our two singers know Yiddish and Ladino, as well as English and Hebrew. I know a bit of Russian.

### Tzimmerim:

One of the ways, Kibbutzim and Yeshuvim (Settlements) earn money is by hosting travelers in a type of motel, often just a room with facilities.

The country is dotted with these tzimmerim (a Yiddish word, meaning room) giving a visitor a large selection from which to choose. My grandson, Saadia and his wife spent the night in a tzimmer decorated like a cave in the vicinity of Tzfat.

### Tzfat:

And, on the subject of Tzfat, my grandson, Yehudah shared some details of his recent Shabbat there. This very scenic city, with its rolling hills, air of mysticism, grave sites of many famous rabbis, such as the Ari who composed *Le Cha Dodi*, sung in many Shuls on Friday night, its artists' quarter, its Shlomo Carlbach "minyan"etc., is a magnet for Israelis and tourists.

Yehudah described his visit to a grave called "Amuka" where it is customary to pray for a "shidduch" (a spouse;) he visited a memorial from the Battle for the city by the Haganah, the early defenders of the State in 1948. He partook of the joyful singing and Torah discussions. In particular, Yehudah was fascinated by the talk given by a

prince of Swaziland, who became Jewish.

At University in S. Africa, after some discussion with a Jewish friend, the prince began taking courses in Hebrew and he eventually converted after studying in an Israeli yeshiva. Called Natan, Gamedze, he is now married with several children, who also occasionally lecture abroad.

Since Kabbalah, a Jewish mystical book, is popularly studied in Tzfat, Yehudah also heard a talk on how the subject matter can be misunderstood. (I remember that the popular American singer, Madonna was interested in Kabbalah.)

#### **A Mini Reunion:**

For my Lafayette readers, Walter Klatch and I came from Jerusalem, June Flanders from Ramat HaSharon, and her son Daveed and his wife Maya came from Dimona and we all met in Tel Aviv at the Azrielli Towers.

Just a few facts which I learned: the Towers consist of three large buildings, a round one, a triangular shaped one and a square one. These are close to sky scrapers and are in a central section not far from art museums, theatre and the opera house. We met in the round tower which houses, among other businesses, 30 restaurants, all kosher and closed on Shabbat.

As I walked to our intended meeting place, it seemed to me that all of Tel Aviv was eating in this tower. Plentiful

parking spaces were available on the lower level. The train station was also right in the building.

We enjoyed a lovely luncheon get together, while reminiscing about life in Lafayette.

The Flanders were all familiar with Rabbi Radinsky's recent ordeal because of flooding in Houston. The Rabbi recently quipped to my daughter, Shira: *"I wrote a number of books, but I just had to get into a canoe to become famous."* He said he has had over 1,660,000 hits on his website.

And last, but not least, my string of family births at Shaarei Tzedek hospital continues. My granddaughter-in-law, Sarah, husband, Menachem, gave birth last night to a beautiful bouncing baby boy. Pursuant to my last e-mail, citing my four great-grandsons born in the last several years in Shaarei Tzedek hospital (also Bikur Cholim under Shaarei Tzedek's management) my daughter Ronit reminded me that almost twenty-one years ago, my grandson, Yechiel was born there.

With Warm Regards,

Cyrelle



A Selichot prayer leaf (c. 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> century) discovered in the Mogao Caves of Dunhuang, Gansu Province, China, in 1908.

Selichot refers to both the poetic [piyyutim](#) that compose the service as well as to the service itself. Sephardic Selichot services are identical each day. In the Ashkenazic tradition, although the text and length of specific prayers varies from day to day, the overall format remains the same and is prefaced by [Ashrei](#) (Psalm 145) and the Half-[Kaddish](#).

Selichot are usually recited between midnight and dawn. Some recite it at night after the [Arvit](#) service or in the morning before the [Shacharit](#) service due to the convenience of synagogue attendance at these times.

Arguably the most important and certainly most popular night of Selichot in the Ashkenazi tradition is the first night, when many women and girls as well as men and boys attend the late-night service on Saturday night. The [hazzan](#) wears a [kittel](#) and sings elaborate melodies. In some congregations, it is not unusual for a choir to participate in this first night's service. This night also has more Selichot than any other night prior to Rosh Hashanah eve.



If you need to say "Mazal Tov," or send a greeting in remembrance, Sisterhood can take care of that.

To have a Happy Day card or a Memorial card sent in your name, please call either Sheila Wolinsky at 765-463-9830 or Iris Treager at 765-463-2468. They will promptly send your card for a minimum donation of only \$5.00.

You need only make the call, then send your check, made payable to Sisterhood Sons of Abraham to Sisterhood Treasurer, Sonya Garfinkel 2229 Carberry Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906.



Shalom and Welcome,  
Rabbi Philip Cohen!

Rabbi Cohen is the interim rabbi at Temple Israel in West Lafayette. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and earned his Ph.D. from Brandeis University with a specialty in Jewish thought.

He has been a college professor, Jewish educator, Hillel director and pulpit rabbi. His interests include theology, bioethics, Bible, writing fiction and he has a love of film.