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16 Av – 15 Elul, 5775

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.

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.”

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.



“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.

Suggestions and information for this Bulletin are always welcome. Please contact me at bridgejudy@aol.com.

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

Judy Weitzman, Editor

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

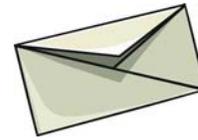


A Selichot prayer leaf (c. 8th – 9th century) discovered in the Mogao Caves of Dunhuang, Gansu Province, China, in 1908.

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.