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Gratitude & Congratulations

Did you notice that there is a February 29 on the calendar? Yup, it's secular leap year. Also, we'll find an Adar II on the books this year. If you were born on February 29, you may have a right to claim that you are only one-fourth your age. The way to know if you're old or not may be to think whether that's an advantage or a disadvantage. Many thanks to **Susan Prohofsky** and **Jo Gartenhaus** for the sumptuous feast that awaited us on January 19 at the Tu B' Shevat seder. The secret for guaranteeing a minyan isn't just "feed 'em." It's "feed 'em well." Special kudos to **Heather Moskowitz** for pitching in with extra labor that day. Many thanks to **Jo Gartenhaus** for hosting **both** the Sisterhood Board meeting and the general meeting. **Eyal Barash** gets special thanks for a fascinating presentation on Israeli pharmaceutical companies at that meeting, Congratulations to **Fritz Friedlaender**, **Herman Cember**, and **Cyrelle Simon** for leaving the refuah

shelema list. Most of us know that Cyrelle left for her new home in Israel early in January. We wished her a safe trip along with health and happiness in her new location. She receives the Sons of Abraham Bulletin and would be happy to hear from her friends. Write:

Cyrelle Simon
2 Ha-Hida, Apartment 4
Bayit Ve Gan
(96464) Jerusalem, ISRAEL
Postage, incidentally, is 90 cents per ounce.

February Candle Lighting Times

source: hebc.com

Date	Time
Feb. 1	5:47 p.m.
Feb. 8	5:56 p.m.
Feb. 15	6:04 p.m.
Feb. 22	6:12 p.m.
Feb. 29	6:20 p.m.

Shul Suffers Break-in

Sometime between the close of services the night of January 25 and the beginning of those for January 26, there was a break-in at the shul. Very little information is available now, but the usual sources will be able to fill you in by Sunday afternoon. We are told that only food and alcoholic beverages were taken. (Oy have I got a piece coffee cake for them! Here, break your teeth on it.) Police were called and emergency repairs were ordered. We owe **Madelyn Lillianfeld** heartfelt gratitude for dedicating time and effort to handling the necessary calls, etc. Damage to the building was approximately \$1500. Special contributions to assist in making these repairs would be very much appreciated.

Rabbi's Calendar

Rabbi Rascoe will be in Lafayette on February 8-10 and February 22-24.

Yiddish Kultur Vinkl

Saturday, February 9, 8:00 p.m. at the home of **Sonia Barash**, 124 Pawnee Dr., West Lafayette

RETURN TO KYRGYZSTAN, THE SAGA OF A FATHER-AND-SON TRIP TO THE PAST

ERAN RAIZMAN, native of Israel, Assistant Professor for Livestock Epidemiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue, will tell of his father's family's escape during World War II from Poland through Siberia to arrival in Kyrgyzstan.

In the summer of 2005, he and his father flew to Kyrgyzstan to revisit the times, events, and places of the family history.

Later, during the summer of 2007, Eran returned to Kyrgyzstan as a consulting veterinarian.

Refuah Shelemah

Almighty God, we offer prayers for health and long life in the names of **Joe Haberer**, **George Horwich**, **Sarah Raskin**, and **Marilyn Zimmerman**

Shul Board to Meet

The Board of Directors of the Congregation is scheduled to meet on **Thursday, February 21** at 8:00 p. m. The meeting is open to all members.

Rabbi's Reflections The Importance of Song (Part 2)

Traditional nusah (literally "version") is a system of stock motives. Hence, many melodies exist for the same prayer, but they differ from one service to the next, creating a link to the seasons of the year, the days of the week, and the time of day. So the nusah differs between weekday, Shabbat, and festival prayers, and from morning to afternoon to night since the mood of each differs. Hence, every Hatzid Kaddish is time specific, and so differs not only from weekday to Shabbat to festival, and from Shaharit to Minhah to Arvit (morning, afternoon, night), but within each service as it marks the end of a small section of service, so it differs from Shaharit to Torah to Musaf services.

Nusah connects our emotions to our words. Over Shabbat, our mood begins joyously as it arrives and our preparations are complete, and ranges through the course of the day to sadness and nostalgia at its leaving. The weekday ranges from thankfulness at awakening and hope as we look forward to the day's activities, to worry at bedtime as to whether we will awaken in the morning. Nusah connects us to our past and to our people, to our language and land, and all of them to the rhythm of the holiness of time. By following the course of music from night to day, from weekday to Shabbat, from holiday to holiday, each of these motives enhance our emotions and tunes us in to our place in God's scheme, our place in God's universe, our place in God's time.

Our failure to appreciate this says much about our search for spirit that leaves behind our heritage as we become less familiar with the Hebrew, the structure of the service, the meaning of the prayers. It says much about our lack of respect for authority, that we bristle when told there are limits, that sees the search for the individual's spiritual well-being as more important than the community's, that even sees the community as a hindrance to our personal

search for God. We cannot imagine how they help our spirit.

I wrote last month that tension about bringing in external music has existed since Psalms. There have been extremists on both sides: Rabbis Yehudah Leib Moses and Solomon Lifshitz complained about bringing in tunes from the theater and dance hall, while Rabbi Joel Sirkes even allowed church melodies if they were of universal appeal. The weight in the past was on selective accommodation, not frivolous change. Some of our most beloved melodies are from the outside. Some are now nusach. Ein Keiloheinu was a German organ grinder's tune. Ma'oz Tzur is a combination of church hymn and medieval battle song. Eli Tziyon was a Catholic hymn sung during the consecration celebration of St James in Santiago de Compostella, Spain. Some of the popular Hallel tunes are from German drinking songs. Some of the popular Torah service melodies are German military songs (makes sense).

Professor Max Wohlberg, z"l, said that the composer should be knowledgeable, choose texts traditionally assigned to the congregation, and melodies should reflect the mood of the service. Sing aloud, without mumbling, regardless of tonality, joyfully (Psalm 98:4-5) and reverently, and learn new songs (Psalm 96:1; 98:1). "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, all my life I will chant hymns of praise to my God" (Psalm 104:33).

February Calendar prepared by Muriel Harris

Feb. 5. Tues. 1:15 p.m. Chumash study group, at the home of Sonia Barash
8 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting, at the home of Jo Gartenhaus.

Feb. 7. Thurs. 12:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh Adar lunch, at Puccini's

Feb. 9. Sat. Yiddish Kultur Vinkel. Eran Raizman will speak on "Return to Kyrgyzstan, the Saga of a Father-and-Son Trip to the Past," at the home of Sonia Barash.

Feb. 8-10: Rabbi Rascoe will be in Lafayette.

Feb. 12: Tues. 1:15 p.m. Chumash study group

Feb. 14: Thurs. 3:50-5:00 p.m. Bich Nguyen will discuss the book, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, by Michael Chabon. Members of the Jewish Studies group and friends are invited to come a little early.

Feb. 15: Fri., 6 p.m. Shabbat Dinner and Conversation Oneg

Feb. 19: Tues. 1:15 p.m. Chumash study group

Feb. 22-24: Rabbi Rascoe will be in Lafayette.

Feb. 24: Sun. 10:30-11:30 a.m. LJCRS Parent/Toddler Time, at Temple Israel

Feb. 26: Tues., noon. Sisterhood Lunch Out, chaired by Sonya Garfinkel at the Parthenon.

Yahrzeits

A note on the calendar: Included below are Yahrzeits for Adar I which correspond with dates in February. Next month, we will list dates for Adar II which correspond with dates in March.

Name	Hebrew Date	English Date
Korenstein, Isadore	Shevat 26	Feb. 2, 2008
Moskowitz, David	Shevat 26	Feb. 2, 2008
Grinberg, Samuel Aaron	Shevat 27	Feb. 3, 2008
Harris, Gussie	Shevat 29	Feb. 3, 2008
Pickus, Ruth	Adar 2	Feb. 8, 2008
Chosnek, Edith	Adar 3	Feb. 9, 2008
Weisz, Bertha H.	Adar 4	Feb. 10, 2008
Levine, Rose	Adar 5	Feb. 11, 2008
Roger, Harry	Adar 5	Feb. 11, 2008
Spector, Fred	Adar 6	Feb. 12, 2008

Name	Hebrew Date	English Date
Tzucker, John	Adar 7	Feb. 13, 2008
Brodsky, Rosa	Adar 7	Feb. 13, 2008
Shinker, Malka Molly	Adar 10	Feb. 16, 2008
Tubis, Joseph	Adar 12	Feb. 18, 2008
Goodman, Solomon	Adar 16	Feb. 22, 2008
Pearlman, Bara	Adar 17	Feb. 23, 2008
Goldstine, Frank	Adar 18	Feb. 24, 2008
Simon, Esther	Adar 18	Feb. 24, 2008
Radinsky, Moshe D.	Adar 20	Feb. 26, 2008
Benzer, Dottie	Adar 22	Tzucker, John
Bercovitz, David	Adar 23	Feb. 29, 2008
Rubenstein, Gilbert	Adar 27	Mar 4, 2008

Shul Board Solicits Donations to Special Purpose Funds

The Shul board was recently asked to publicize the various funds to which one can make donations to the Shul. When other funds are established, they will be listed.

The Chosnek Fund, named for Sam and Edith Chosnek, is for ritual. For example, the fund could be used to repair or replace such things as Torah covers and the like.

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. We used part of it for the recent re-wiring done in part of the building. This fund provides a naming opportunity for remodeling our sanctuary.

The newly established Ha Gomel fund (not to be confused with the Ha Golem 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:

Emergency repairs of Break-in Damage_____

Ha Gomel (recovery) of _____

100th Anniversary Fund _____

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. Donations will be acknowledged.

United Jewish Communities Fact of the Month

OTZMA, a partnership of the United Jewish Communities/ The Federations of North America and the Jewish Agency for Israel, is a 10-month, service based, leadership development program in Israel for young adults, ages 20-26. There are 47 participants on the program this year, representing 23 federations. More than 1,400 young adults have participated in the program since its inception in 1986.

Help Needed Urgently

Our treasurer and financial secretary inform us that this is their last year in those positions. We are desperately in need of apprentices who can take over. Can you help? Will you?

Opinion: Venezuelan Dictator Chávez and Our People

I see myself as a kind of centrist in political matters. That means that if I see something to my right (or my left) that I feel is true, I will support it. Such is the case with conservative columnist Mona Charen. «<http://www.creators.com/opinion/mona-cha-ren.html?columnsName=mch>» I have no proof of what she says about the Venezuelan raid on the Caracas Jewish Community Center, but everything else I know about Hugo Chávez, the man who was told to “shut up” by the King of Spain, corroborates it. Drunk on the oil profits of Petroleos Venezolanos (which, incidentally, owns Citgo, which has three filling stations in town that I would avoid if all I had were vapors in my tank), Chávez is setting himself up as Fidel Junior, sharing some of his recent wealth with the likes of Evo Morales of Bolivia (Yes, I do admire the fact that he is the first indigenous president of Bolivia ever.) In our favor is the fact that Venezuelan oil is mostly tar and sulphur laden, but it still sells in China. So what should we do? Perhaps we can check to see if the UJC or ADL is acting on this threat. Chávez would be a great theme for either the 2008 or 2009 Holocaust Remembrance Conference (the program for which, by the way, will be announced very soon).

The Last Friday Night in January

What a wonderful evening!! Rabbi Joseph Telushkin flew in to give a sermon and lead services. He had cantorial assistance from Josef Gottesman, “the Jewish Pavarotti.” We had pastrami sandwiches and pickles sent by Fedex from New York.”

What’s that you say??? Lies...all lies???

Maybe so, but only **Hershel Krushen, Sonya and Alan Garfinkel** and some poor, benighted soul from Delphi (not the Oracle thereof) who thinks he is going to convert to Judaism know for sure and we ain’t talkin’ See you February 1.

Conversation Oneg and Supper February 15

The Sisterhood has a wonderful treat in store for us on February 15. Services will be preceded by a delicious dinner for which shopping will be done in Chicago by **Jo** and **Sol Gartenhaus**, Preparation will be by Judi Painter Smallwood of Judi’s Catering. The price for each adult is \$12.50 and this will be a bargain for the grand feed you’ll get!! After services, there will be a conversation oneg in which **Jo** and **Sol Gartenhaus** will tell us about their recent trip to Germany. We will learn about things that may get lost in translation but will be elucidated for us because both Jo and Sol are native speakers of German. Call Jp Gartenhaus (474-6562) for reservations which **MUST** be made by February 12.

George Horwich Now in Rehab

For those who want to send **George Horwich** cards, **Judith Silverman** got the following note from the Horwich's daughter, Karen, and Judith passes it along to us: “ I just returned from Baltimore late last night and my dad is improving. He is really enjoying cards now; is able to listen to music and I even left a little DVD player. It's an enormous challenge to be able to move after being in bed for 10 weeks but he has begun intensive therapy.”

Addresses:

George:

Levindale
Rm.#189
2434 West Belvedere Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215

Geri:

c/o FRONT DESK
7111 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

M'dor I' dor Mission to Israel

March 25 – April 3, 2005

United Jewish Communities and the Jewish Federation of Greater Lafayette are proposing a special way to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. Here are some of the details and a source for further information.

Now is the time to visit Israel! This mission is an adventure that has the capacity to change your life. Are you ready for it? We hope so!!

You'll have access to high-level officials and be briefed on current political situations. Come face to face with our Israeli brethren and learn about their daily life. You'll experience the power of our campaign dollars at work through special projects throughout Israel and in our Partnership 2000 sister cities of Dimona and Yerucham and experience some great hospitality, Israeli style.

This trip will educate and re-invigorate you and make you feel like you've done something meaningful, significant and important.

COST: \$2,900.00 PER PERSON

The actual per person cost for this mission is \$3,400. Participants will receive a partial subsidy, based on a minimum gift commitment of \$500 per person. The price is for coach travel from New York, luxury accommodations in Israel (double occupancy), most meals, ground transportation, tours, entrance fees, airport transfers and baggage handling, as well as most entertainment and gratuities to driver and guide.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$620 .00

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

March 25: JFK/Tel Aviv – EI AI FLIGHT #002 DEPARTS: 7:20 pm

ARRIVES: 12:00 pm (Next day)

April 03: Tel Aviv/JFK – EI AI FLIGHT #001 DEPARTS: 1:00 am

ARRIVES: 5:35 am (Same day)

Business class is available at an additional cost.

HOTELS: Kibbutz Lavi, Galilee
March 26 - 28

Inbal, Jerusalem
March 28 - 31

Crown Plaza, Dead Sea
March 31 – April 3

Questions? For more information, contact UJC Network Director, Rhea Attias at: 212.284.6595 or email: rhea.attias@ujc.org

Please note: All prices are subject to change.

Last Laughs

Moshe was talking to his psychiatrist. "I had a weird dream recently," he says. "I saw my mother but then I noticed she had your face. I found this so worrying that I immediately awoke and couldn't get back to sleep. I just stayed there thinking about it until 7 a.m. I got up, made myself a slice of toast and some coffee and came straight here. Can you please help me explain the meaning of my dream?"

The psychiatrist kept silent for some time, then said, "One slice of toast and coffee? Do you call that a breakfast?" «www.awordinyoureye.com»

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