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## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

**Helen** and **Mike Miller** were Shul members for years before moving to Ohio. This message was posted by Helen sent on her Facebook page in late December:

"My brother, **Neal Nahum Bedein**, passed away last week after 4 and one half years of suffering from kidney cancer."

## Refuah Shelema

We offer prayers for health, complete recovery and long life to **Alan Garfinkel**, **Florence Lillianfeld**, **Marge Aronson**, **Joe Haberer**, **Madelyn Lillianfeld**, **Sarah Raskin**, **Barney Axelrod**, **Irwin** and **Iris Treager** and **Fritz Friedlaender**.

## Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call or **Iris Treager** at (765) 463-2468 or **Bette Rubinstein** at (765) 463-4754. 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.

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## February Calendar

February 4: Friday 8 p.m. – Shabbat Services

February 5: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

February 7: Monday, 1:30 p.m. – Sisterhood Board Meeting at the Shul

February 11: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

February 12: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

February 15: Tuesday, 2 p.m. (Please note change in time!) at the home of Jo Gartenhaus

February 16: Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., Hadassah meeting at Christos

February 17: Thursday 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

February 18: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

February 19: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

February 25: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

February 26: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

## Candle Lighting Times

Source: Rabbi Rascoe

Friday February 4: 5:53 PM

Friday February 11: 6:02 PM

Friday February 18: 6:10 PM

Friday February 25: 6:18 PM

# Sisterhood meeting time changed

Please note there is a change in time for the Sisterhood Meeting, Tuesday, February. 15. It will be at **2:00PM**, at **Jo Gartenhaus'** home. Jo will present the program. She will describe the wedding she attended in Mexico.

# Sisterhood Board meeting place changed

The February 7 Sisterhood Board meeting will take place in the Shul. On the agenda is restoring some order to the kitchen.

# Hadassah schedules meeting for February

Hadassah's February meeting will be "Lunch Out" at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, February 16 at Christos in West Lafayette. A chance to munch and shmooze! Hope to see everyone there.

# Rabbi's Reflections

When I first arrived nine and a half years ago as a shared rabbi with Temple B'nai Shalom, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, approximately 150 miles away, nobody had any idea how this experiment would go. We even started with a one year contract so we could evaluate it. Most people asked me when I came why I even wanted to try it. The simple answer was that I liked the people. When asked why I keep staying, I reply that I came because I liked the people, that hadn't changed, so I stay for the same reason. I think I can safely say both that it worked, and that nobody back then expected us to continue the relationship for over nine years.

I thank you for making this a great job. I have truly enjoyed my stay, and coming to know so many of you. I wish each of you individually continued health and goodness, and all of you as a congregation abiding

blessing as you move forward with your lives. May the Blessed Holy One protect you and make all of your worthy endeavors prosper. I leave you with the words of Joshua (1:9, slightly changed), "Be strong and resolute, proceed with courage and confidence, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Ever yours,

Michael

# Reaching out

A "graduate" of our congregation recently send this note to the Bulletin Editor:

"I had my Bar Mitzvah at Sons of Abraham in 1982; our family moved away to California later that year. I was thinking of our old friends the **Zimmermans** recently, and learned that **Marilyn** passed away 2 years ago. I did an Internet search and found an SOA bulletin that mentioned her. I also saw some other familiar names, and was hoping to get in touch with **Cyrelle Simon** and **Sonia Barash**. Cyrelle was my first Hebrew school teacher, her husband **Ed** helped with my Bar Mitzvah speech (I learned he passed as well), and Sonia was my Bar Mitzvah tutor.

I live in Riverdale (Bronx), NY now with my wife and 3-year-old twins.

Please pass along this message to Cyrelle and Sonia. Best wishes to you and the Sons of Abraham community.

**Ross Diamond**

*We were happy to accommodate!* Any member who wishes to contact Ross may obtain his email address by sending a note to **Mike or Penny Adler** at [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

# Correction

The correct email for **Penny** and **Mike Adler** is [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com). Please take a moment to correct your 2010 - 2011 Calendar & Directory. (The one with the orange cover.)

# Yahrzeits

| Name                       | 2011        | Hebrew Date |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grinberg, Samuel Aaron     | February 1  | Shevat 27   |
| Harris, Gussie             | February 3  | Shevat 29   |
| Treager, Mark              | February 6  | Adar 2      |
| Pickus, Ruth               | February 6  | Adar 2      |
| Chosnek, Edith             | February 7  | Adar 3      |
| Weisz, Bertha H.           | February 8  | Adar 4      |
| Levine, Rose               | February 9  | Adar 5      |
| Roger, Harry               | February 9  | Adar 5      |
| Spector, Fred              | February 10 | Adar 6      |
| Lobstein, Miriam           | February 11 | Adar 7      |
| Tzucker, John              | February 11 | Adar 7      |
| Brodsky, Rosa              | February 11 | Adar 7      |
| Shinker, Malka Molly       | February 14 | Adar 10     |
| Cember, Herman             | February 15 | Adar 11     |
| Tubis, Joseph              | February 16 | Adar 12     |
| Gartenhaus, Hannah         | February 16 | Adar 12     |
| Goodman, Solomon           | February 20 | Adar 16     |
| Pearlman, Bara             | February 21 | Adar 17     |
| Goldstine, Frank           | February 22 | Adar 18     |
| Simon, Esther              | February 22 | Adar 18     |
| Berger, Harriet Anne Glick | February 23 | Adar 19     |
| Radinsky, Moshe D.         | February 24 | Adar 20     |
| Benzer, Dottie             | February 26 | Adar 22     |
| Bercovitz, David           | February 27 | Adar 23     |
| Rubenstein, Gilbert        | March 3     | Adar 27     |

# Visiting the Sick

Courtesy of Rabbi Rascoe

1) God visited Abraham recovering from circumcision based on Genesis 18:1, so we follow God's example and visit the sick. Talmud Bavli Sota 14a, Bava Metsi'a 30b, 86b.

2) Visiting the sick is a precept for which a person enjoys the fruits in this world and the principal remains in the world to come. Talmud Bavli Shabbat 127a, this passage is quoted in the prayer book for studying Torah at the beginning of the morning service.

3) Jews visit the non-Jewish sick along with the Jewish sick in the interests of peace. Talmud Bavli Gittin 61a.

4) Whoever visits the sick removes one sixtieth of the illness, while one who does not visit hastens the death of the ailing person. Talmud Bavli Nedarim 39b-40a.

5) The visitor of the sick person is expected to give a practical expression of sympathy. It is important for the sick person to know that she or he does not suffer alone while in pain and weak. see Talmud Berakhot 5b.

6) The great visit the humble ill. Rabbi Judah He-Hasid (the pious) in Sefer H asidim 367 #361, and based on Talmud Bavli Nedarim 39b.

7) God is present with, and supports, the sick, which is why visitors do not sit on the bed of, or stand over, the sick person. Talmud Bavli Shabbat 12b, Nedarim 40a.

8) An entire chapter in: Shulkhan Arukh, Yoreh De'ah 335; Maimonides Mishneh Torah, Laws of Mourning, Ch. 14; Kitsur Shulkah Arukh, Ch. 193, all of which give practical guidance as well on what to do and not do when visiting the sick.

## Deadline for February

**Monday, February 21** is the deadline for submission of material for the Sons of Abraham Bulletin. Please send material to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

# LJCRS News

Shalom to all! School is back in full swing, and we have had a great January. We kicked off the new semester with the Tu'B Shevat Seder, celebrating the holiday of the trees. Our Seder was very successful and everyone had a great time! The participating classes each presented wonderful and creative skits, songs or dances related to their part of the Seder. Special thanks to our teachers who helped the students come up with their presentations, and to the many parents who brought in the fruits, nuts, and grape juice that were used during the seder.

We said goodbye to two of our aides this month, Kiley and MacKenzie Stahl-Border. Kiley and MacKenzie provided a lot of valuable service to LJCRS, and we wish them the best of luck in the future!

A quick reminder for parents: LJCRS requests that every student has a backpack for schoolwork, art projects, and notes to and from their teacher. We have some available for purchase, but feel free to bring your own as well.

The next Parent-Tot Time will be February 13, at 10:30. This group is free and open to any Jewish families with children aged 0-3 and their caregivers. Feel free to spread the word to anyone you think may be interested.

And another exciting upcoming event: On February 19, we will be holding another all-school Havdalah Potluck! Our first one was so successful that we decided another one was in order. This is a great opportunity for families to get to know one another better, and to do things together as a community. Any parents interested in helping to plan activities for it should get in touch with me.

I hope everyone is staying warm, and see you soon!

L'vracha,

Elana

## Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series Spring 2011

**Wednesday, February 9 ~ Stewart Center,  
Room 320 ~ 12:30**

**David Sanders, Associate Professor, Markey Center for Structural Biology, Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University, "The Psychology of Elisha ben Avuyah."**

Elisha ben Avuya was a rabbi in Israel after the time of the Roman destruction of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. A contemporary of Rabbi Akiva and the teacher of Rabbi Meir, Elisha is one of the many enigmatic characters of the Talmud. He became a paradigmatic apostate and thereby earned the Rabbinic name of Aher-The Other. We will explore the life story and teachings of Elisha ben Avuya and will investigate the psychological underpinnings of his behavior and his contemporary meaning as well as his meaning for his contemporaries.

**David Sanders** is an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at Purdue University. Dr. Sanders joined the Markey Center for Structural Biology at Purdue University in 1995, where he is the leader of the Molecular Virology program and also a member of the Cancer Center. He is the discoverer of a biochemical reaction that leads to the entry of cancer-causing retroviruses into cells. He also is the holder of a U.S. patent on a novel gene-therapy delivery technique. He is a recipient of the National Science Foundation CAREER Award and an American Cancer Society Research Scholar.

**David Sanders** has been a community leader in the Lafayette area and a frequent guest columnist for the Journal and Courier. He was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 4th District of Indiana in 2010. He was also elected by Democrats of the 4th Congressional District of Indiana to serve as a delegate pledged to **Barack Obama** at the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

**Wednesday, March 2 ~ Stewart Center, Room 320 ~ 12:30**

**Jennifer Oldham, Winner of the 2010 Edward Simon B'nai B'rith Barzillai Lodge No. 111 Prize in Jewish Studies, "Who is a Jew?"**

Wednesday, April 6 ~ Beering Hall, Room 1222 ~ 12:30

**Fritz Cohen**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Purdue University, "Demonization of the Jew in German Popular Plays of the Late Middle Ages."

**Jewish Studies Program Evening Event  
Spring 2011**

Klatch Jewish Arts Series Presentation  
Monday, April 11 ~ Krannert Auditorium ~ 8:00 p.m.  
**Lafayette Klezmerim**: An Evening of Jewish Music  
<http://lafayetteklezmerim.com/>

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

<http://www.cl.purdue.edu/jewish-studies/>

**Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns  
Jewish Studies Program**

Thur., Feb. 3 Jewish Film Series screening  
*"The Pawnbroker"*

6:30 p.m. IU Cinema, 1213 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Bloomington

Co-sponsored by Indiana  
University Cinema

Lumet's tragic, haunting, and intense film about a survivor of a concentration camp who opens a pawnshop in Harlem with the aim of refusing all meaningful emotional interactions.

Thur., Feb. 10 Professor **Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett** will deliver the Samuel and Lillian Solotkin Memorial Lecture

7:30 p.m. in Jewish Studies (lecture title  
TBA)

Oak Room, IMU

Thur., March 3 Jewish Film Series screening of  
*"The Plot Against Harry"*

6:30 p.m. IU Cinema, 1213 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Bloomington

Co-sponsored by Indiana  
University Cinema

*The Plot Against Harry* is a playful yet dark comedy focused on the life of a low-level gangster who seems to be historically and geographically out of step with his Jewish community

**Shul Board Solicits  
Donations to Special  
Purpose Funds**

The **Chosnek Fund**, named for **Sam and Edith Chosnek**, is for ritual. For example, the fund could be used to repair such things a Torah covers and the like. The **Elkin Fund**, named for **Barry Elkin**, is for educational purposes. It might be used to pay part of the cost of bringing in a speaker. The **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund**, established by **Ed Simon**, is for capital expenses related to building maintenance. The **Ha Gomel Fund** is to celebrate recent recoveries from illness.

**Sons of Abraham Special Funds Donation Form**

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Ha Gomel (recovery) of: \_\_\_\_\_

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100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Building) \_\_\_\_\_

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Chosnek Fund (Ritual) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send check with this form to:**

**Sons of Abraham**

**P.O. Box 2671, West Lafayette, IN 47906-2671**

**Donations will be acknowledged**

# Letter from Jerusalem

The late **Mimi Hasson's** sister, **Sandy** visited Israel and was kind enough to go to **Ed's** grave with me. It commands a spectacular view of a wide swath of Jerusalem and environs. In a very brief survey, I suspect that Ed's is the only gravestone that puts West Lafayette on the Jerusalem map. Interestingly, I learned that each traditional community, i.e., secular, Sephardim, Ashkenazim, Chareidim, etc. utilizes its own section of the cemetery. Another term that was clarified for me was the fact that "leviah" literally means escorting the coffin to its grave. As you know a corpse is not allowed to be in Jerusalem overnight, so that taharot (ritual cleansing and burial) are carried out immediately. My grandson, Simcha had the experience of being part of 4 busloads of boys from his yeshiva who upon arrival at the gate of the cemetery, accompanied the coffin by foot of his Rosh HaYeshivah's mother, who had died a few hours earlier, to her gravesite. Accompanying the coffin is the "leviyah". Another fact I recently learned is that in Jerusalem, maybe all of Israel, I'm not sure, a man and wife may be interred next to one another, but on the other side of the man, there must be another man, and on the other side of the woman, another woman...amazing...even in the cemetery!

I've been attending a number of cultural events in the last few weeks including several concerts, including a piano, cello, clarinet trio, a Yiddish play at the Jerusalem Theatre entitled "A Sheyne Maidel," a Yiddish concert by 2 "chazonim" at my Yiddish club, a Verdi opera in Tel Aviv etc. This week I have both a "chasseneh" (wedding) of my close neighbor's sister, in Bnai Brak as well as a Tu B'Shvat invitation from my grandchildren Menachem and Meirav for a "seudah" festive meal at their new apartment in B'nai Brak. My lunch meals are usually in various restaurants with friends. By the way, there may be a hundred or more kosher restaurants, cafes etc. in Jerusalem, but it is important for many people to know the exact "hechsher" i.e. which rabbi or group of rabbi's certifies a restaurant's kashrut.

Sadly, yesterday I went to Tel HaShomer hospital in Tel-Aviv to visit **Tovah Sheinberg**. She had recently undergone a brain operation and is slowly recovering. It was startling for me to see her. She and her husband **Yitzchok** have taken 2 Sabbaticals in Lafayette, and visited briefly a number of times. **Yitzchok** worked with the late **Marvin Schreiber**, in agriculture, and the families remained close friends. I hope to communicate good news about **Tovah's** recovery. Happy Tu B'Shvat!

Warm regards, Cyrelle

## The \$1M essay

The teacher says to her class, "OK, children, I want you all to write an essay on what you would do if you won \$1million on the lottery."

At the end of the lesson, Isaac hands in a blank piece of paper.

"Isaac," says the teacher, "why haven't you written anything?"

"Because if I had a million dollars, that's exactly what I would do - nothing."

## A trip to the bakers

"How do you prevent your bagels being stolen?"

"I put lox on them."

## The helper

Maurice, a motivational consultant, was just getting into his car when a lovely woman walks up to him and says, "Can you give me a lift please?"

Maurice replies, "Of course I can. You're beautiful, intelligent and there's nothing in the world you can't do. Go for it."