



# SONS *of* ABRAHAM

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**February, 2014**

**1 Adar 1 to 28 Adar 1, 5774**

## **Service Schedule:**

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Saturday, February 8, morning services will be Egalitarian.

## **Candle Lighting Times:**

February 7, 5:55 p.m.  
February 14, 6:03 p.m.  
February 21, 6:11 p.m.  
February 28, 6:19 p.m.



## **Sisterhood News**

Board Meeting  
Monday, February 3, 1:30 P.M.  
Home: Sonya Garfinkel

February 9, Sunday  
2:00 P.M.

We are invited to join the Temple Israel Sisterhood at Temple Israel, for an

### ***Energizing Entertainment Program***

For this activity, wear comfortable clothing and casual shoes.  
Light refreshments will be served.

## **LJCRS**

***Havdalah Rocks  
with Adam Cantor***

February 15 at Temple Israel

6:00 Dinner and Shabbat-friendly kids' activities followed by Havdalah around 7:00 p.m.

Dinner is a potluck, so please let LJCRS Director, Rebecca Goodman know what you are planning to bring. Contact her at [LJCRS620@gmail.com](mailto:LJCRS620@gmail.com).

The next **Shul Board Meeting** is  
Thursday, February 20.

## **News from Israel, Submitted by Cyrelle Simon**

I have a glossy brochure from Hoffman Tours listing one-day and some two-day tours. Some examples of the titles of the 13 tours are : Golan Heights, Jeeping in the Judean Dessert, Mini Israel and Stalactite Caves, Masada-Ein Gedi-Dead Sea and others. Since I have guests from abroad visiting here, I decided to ask one, Betzalel Holtzer, some details of his partaking of the Hoffman tour of the graves of the Tzadikim in Meron, Tzfat, Tveria.

"Our bus left at 9:15 a.m. and our guide contributed much information along the way. We headed to Jerico, and stopped by the grave where the Muslims think Moshe Rabbenu is buried. Meanwhile, a Beduin boy came to beg money. Our road southward was over an underground tunnel for hiding tanks and we saw three water towers which would enable us, if necessary, to defend Jerusalem from the East.

Since Jerico is not part of Israel now, we turned right on rt. 90 passing the Dead Sea, and later left to the Kinneret. On the way we passed the hot springs, in frequent use for health purposes. In Tiberias, we visited many graves of well-known rabbis, but there was much erosion and our guide explained, that often there is no actual proof that these are the original graves. All the area provides separate places for men and women visitors to pray. Some names that may be familiar to some of my readers include: Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakai, Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato, Rabbi Yochanan ben Uziel, Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk, a follower of the Baal Shem Tov. In Tzfat my Betzalel saw the grave of the Arizal, who was noted for Kabala, also the grave of Rabbi Yosef Karo of "Shulchan Aruch" fame. He also saw three Shuls called the Arie who wrote the famous prayer, L'cho Dodi, although only one shul is likely to be the original. In Meron the group visited the grave of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai."

Thanks to Betzalel for this report. Of course the guide gave a short description of the contribution of each of these venerated sages. Betzalel and his wife Ruthie originally from Indianapolis and now residing in South Bend, spent several weeks with me.....I look forward to my next house guest, my granddaughter, Brocha, originally from London, now living in New York, who plans to spend several weeks learning in a women's seminary.

### **Street Names:**

Many streets are named for Biblical figures such as Devorah, the prophetess, : some after Talmudic decisors: Hillel, Bruriah, ; some by the name of a famous "sefer"(book ) Panim Meiro; Builders of Jerusalem's new city are well represented: Sir Moses Montefijore, his wife, Yehudit, Yoel Salomon, Yosef Navon (who initiated the Macheneh Yehudah market)...Politicians and Zionist leaders include boulevards named for Golda Meir , Herzl and Begin highway.. Sometimes a street might be named for those who once lived on it. Examples include Harav Kook, Harav Aryeh, named for Aryeh Levin "father of the prisoners" In the neighborhood of Rehavia the common theme revolves around scholars of the Golden Age of Spain: Maimonides, Nachmanidies, Ibn Gvirol, Alfasi, Ibn Shaprut etc. In the neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem, people sacred to Arabs are designated as street names such as Sheikh Jarrah, Sultan Suleiman, Berbers, etc. In

the city center a new street was named for Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenbergs whi is credited with saving at least 100,000 Jews during World War II.

This is a short report from the illuminating Jerusalem Post article foccusing on the varied and rich content designated in the street names. By delving into a description of each of the names, one can learn a great deal.

Warm regards,

Cyrelle

Following are comments sent to Cyrelle by Rabbi Rascoe, and add even more insight into our rich history.

Hi Cyrelle,

As to Lekha Dodi, it was written by Shlomo ben Mosheh ha-levi Alkabetz. There is a tradition that the the ARI asked him to write it, but I sort of doubt it was true. More likely, he composed it on his own. He may have even been the one to invent the Kabbalat Shabbat service, going into the fields to welcome the Sabbath bride and queen, as based in the Talmud. He also may have started the tikkun leil Shavuot, and if not, he certainly popularized it. We know that Joseph Caro attended them, and it is quite possible that it initiated him into his kabbalistic visions. He was a famous rabbi in Turkey with prominent disciples there before he journeyed to Tsefat. People, besides Caro who were with him in Tsefat included Mosheh Cordovero (who became his brother-in-law when he married Shlomo's sister) and Mosheh Alshikh. He also used to visit saints' graves, and perhaps popularized this practice as well.

Shavu'a tov.

Best,  
Michael Rascoe

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## **Jewish History in Indiana**

Since 1972, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society has been gathering, recording, preserving and sharing information about the Jews of Indiana. IJHS in cooperation with the Indiana Historical Society has more than 9,000 documents and artifacts available for view at the IHS Museum in Indianapolis.

For more information about IJHS, please visit their web site, [www.ijhs.org](http://www.ijhs.org).

Did you know? The first known Jewish resident in Indiana was John Jacob Hays who lived in Fort Wayne as early as 1820.

<b>Name</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Hebrew Date</b>
<i>Mark Treager</i>	February 2	2 Adar I
<i>Ruth Pickus</i>	February 2	2 Adar I
<i>Edith Chosnek</i>	February 3	3 Adar I
<i>Bertha Weisz</i>	February 4	4 Adar I
<i>Rose Levine</i>	February 5	5 Adar I
<i>Harry Roger</i>	February 5	5 Adar I
<i>Fred Spector</i>	February 6	6 Adar I
<i>Miriam Lobstein</i>	February 7	7 Adar I
<i>John Tzucker</i>	February 7	7 Adar I
<i>Rosa Brodsky</i>	February 7	7 Adar I
<i>Malka "Molly" Shainker</i>	February 10	10 Adar I
<i>Herman Cember</i>	February 11	11 Adar I
<i>Joseph Tubis</i>	February 12	12 Adar I
<i>Hannah Gartenhaus</i>	February 12	12 Adar I
<i>Solomon Goodman</i>	February 16	16 Adar I
<i>Bara Pearlman</i>	February 17	17 Adar I
<i>Frank Goldstine</i>	February 18	18 Adar I
<i>Esther Simon</i>	February 18	18 Adar I
<i>Harriet Berger</i>	February 19	19 Adar I
<i>Moshe Radinsky</i>	February 20	20 Adar I
<i>Dottie Benzer</i>	February 22	22 Adar I
<i>David Bercovitz</i>	February 23	23 Adar I
<i>Gilbert Rubinstein</i>	February 27	27 Adar I
<i>Jerrison, Meyer</i>	March 4	2 Adar II
<i>Anna Lipschutz</i>	March 4	2 Adar II

## Yahrzeits

**Though my loved one is beyond my sight, I do not despair for I sense my beloved in my heart as a living presence. Sustained by words of faith, comforted by precious memories, we kindle the light in remembrance. "The human spirit is the light of Adonai." (Proverbs 20:27)**

### Editor's Note:

I am so glad to be able to be writer/editor of the Shul Bulletin. The Shul has a very special place in my heart, and always will, and it is a great pleasure to me to be able to be involved in this way.

I welcome your comments, suggestions, and, of course, your contributions. Please contact me by e-mail at [Bridgejudy@aol.com](mailto:Bridgejudy@aol.com)  
I look forward to hearing from you,

