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Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

**Music, Chanukah Happiness, and
Latkes, the Order of the Day at Shul
Party December 9**

The only thing to be sorry about at the wonderful Shul Chanukah Latke fest on December 9 was the reason that our usual event chair, **Neil Zimmerman**, could not be there. Sadly, he had to depart to be with family in Detroit because of the funeral of a beloved cousin. We send him heartfelt condolences and thank him for the detailed planning of substitutions that allowed various people to take over for him. As a result, **Noah Salzman** stepped in as chief cook and batter creator. **Neil** left detailed plans that enabled **Alan Garfinkel** to do shopping and batch assembly while helping with peeling and cutting. **Jeffrey Scott Rumpza** did most of the peeling, all the schlepping, and some of the frying. **Joe Coleman** and **Marcel Katz** were our dedicated latke fryers. **Marcel** answered our call in the name honoring “the good old days” even though he had another commitment later that evening and could not stay

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to enjoy the fruits of his labor. **Herb Moskowitz** helped serve. **Sonya Garfinkel** operated the Sisterhood Chanukah store and, to her delight, did so profitably. **Heather Moskowitz** brought in applesauce and sour cream for the latkes. **Harriet Diamond** did the dessert shopping. Music by the **Lafayette Klezmerim** topped off the evening. A 1937 issue of *The Forward* referred to latkes fried in goose fat. We didn’t figure that today’s healthy standards would allow for that, so we settled for canola oil. And so it was that about 40 people ate or bought about 300 latkes. A Great Miracle Happened Here.

Thanks to Alan Garfinkel for this article!

Refuah Shelema

We offer prayers for health, complete recovery and long life to **Hershel Krushen, Marge Aronson, Joe Haberer, Sarah Raskin, Irwin and Iris Treager, and Harry Mindlin.**

Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad

January 4:	5:16 p.m.
January 11:	5:23 p.m.
January 18:	5:31 p.m.
January 28:	5:39 p.m.

Rabbi’s visits:

Here is the new schedule for the Rabbi’s visits and the type of service scheduled:

January 25 and 26: Non-Egalitarian

Yahrzeits

Name	2013	Hebrew Date
Elkin, Israel	January 1	Tevet 19
Goldfield, Bina Uta	January 2	Tevet 20
Goldsmith, Max	January 3	Tevet 21
Levine, Sarrah	January 4	Tevet 22
Goldberg, Ida M.	January 6	Tevet 24
Berk, Dave	January 6	Tevet 24
Brudner-Selkin, Elsie	January 6	Tevet 24
Axelrod, Sara	January 11	Tevet 29
Bass, Lillyan	January 11	Tevet 29
Paul, Clara	January 12	Shevat 1
Paul, Bertha	January 12	Shevat 1
Leibovitz, Morris	January 13	Shevat 2
Krushen, Gertrude	January 15	Shevat 4
Friedman, Louis	January 16	Shevat 5
Mazor, Lolly	January 17	Shevat 6
Bercovitz, Sadie G.	January 17	Shevat 6
Spector, Chajah	January 18	Shevat 7
Feinstein, Gittle	January 20	Shevat 9
Krushen, Wolf	January 24	Shevat 13
Simon, David	January 28	Shevat 17
Urish, Florence Resnick	January 29	Shevat 18
Lipschutz, Maurice	January 29	Shevat 18

Deadline for Newsletter

The deadline for the February bulletin is Friday, January 25. Materials should be sent to penmike@embarqmail.com

December Calendar

January 4: Friday 8 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

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

January 7: Monday 1:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting at home Sonya Garfinkel

January 11: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

January 17: Thursday – 7:45 p.m. Shul Board Meeting at home of **Elliott** and **Gwen Slamovich**

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

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

January 22: Tuesday Noon – Sisterhood Lunch Out (See story)

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

January 29: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

January 29: Following Shabbat Services – Tu B'Shevat Seder and Kiddush

Important Sisterhood News – Time to eat!

The Sisterhood Lunch Out has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 22, at 12:00 noon. We will meet at Maza's Mediterranean Italian Restaurant in West Lafayette. It is located on Route 52 between Wendy's and Schezuan restaurants. Join us for good talk and a yummy meal.

A message from Rabbinic Intern Michael Kushnick

As we look outside right now, we feel the cold of winter. There are no leaves on the trees; there may even be snow on the ground. Spring is a long way away. At the end of this month, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat. Tu B'Shevat gets its name from the date on the calendar as it is celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Shevat. Tu B'Shevat is also referred to as 'Rosh Hashanah La Ilanot', the New Year of the Trees. Despite the cold and dreary feelings that we experience in North America during this time of year, in Israel spring is beginning. New buds begin to appear on the trees and after a rainy winter, the land begins to turn green around the time of Tu B'Shevat. The Mishna and Talmud describe four different New Years. Tractate Rosh Hashanah says "And there are four New Year dates: The first of Nisan is the New Year for kings and festivals. The first of Elul is the New Year for animal tithes. Rabbi Elazar and Rabbi Shimon say: the first of Tishrei. The first of Tishrei is the New Year for calculation of the calendar, sabbatical years and jubilees for planting and sowing. The first of Shevat is the beginning of the year for trees, according to the school of Shamai. The school of Hillel say: the fifteenth of Shevat." The rabbis settled on 15th of Shevat for celebrating the trees. Celebrating the New Year of the Trees makes a lot of sense when spring is beginning and we can begin to see the bright colors and breath in the smells of spring. But how can we connect to this holiday? We are still in the depths of winter. Growing up in Florida, I did not experience the very short, dreary, and cold days that make up winter farther north. But once I experienced winter in the northern latitudes, I quickly understood the winter blues. Celebrating Tu

B'Shevat at the end of January can help to lift us for a few days. It can help to restore hope in each of us. We may have felt constrained or even shackled during these harsh days of winter, but the return of spring is around the corner. The holiday can easily be understood for the trees, but it is much deeper than that. Each of us also has the chance to start new after the winter. As spring begins we begin to reawaken. This is a perfect time to continue working on improving ourselves. Tu B'Shevat is the halfway point between last year's Rosh Hashanah and next year's. There are studies that show that information learned in the middle of a sequence is forgotten more easily than things learned at the beginning or end. This phenomenon occurs with our actions as well. The changes that we hoped to make may have stuck for a few weeks after the High Holidays, but did they stay part of our life during the winter? As we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, we are again meant to reflect on our own growth. How have we changed, are we still slaves to the things we want to change? What other areas of our life could be improved? Tu B'Shevat becomes a time for us to take stock in ourselves as well. As spring approaches we are given another chance to start fresh. Just as the new buds appear on the branches of the trees, we too have chance to begin anew and continue our process of change and improvement.

Happy Day Cards

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

LJCRS News

Shalom! I hope everyone has enjoyed their winter break and is excited about starting LJCRS again. Our classes begin on January 6, and we have a lot planned for this semester!

December was a busy month for us. We held a rousing and interesting adult workshop by student rabbi **Michael Kushnick**, which was well attended by parents. We hope to make this a monthly event, with different speakers. Please let us know your ideas for topics!

Our consecration was held on the last day of classes, along with our Hanukkah party. Congratulations to all of our consecrated students, including **Audrey, Elina, Rachel, and Xander!** Our students received Torahs, for which they made covers. They did an excellent job reciting the Shema and singing songs about the Torah. We are very proud of them! Consecration was followed by a Hanukkah celebration. Our preschool class entertained us all with their version of the Maccabee story. The wonderful Junior Klezmerim also played. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with this event, the K/1 teacher **Ashleigh Behr** and music teacher **Miriam Frank** who worked so hard to prepare the students, and **Mo Trout**, who somehow managed to make latkes, set up for a Hanukkah party, and lead the band all in the same morning! All in all, it was a great way to end the year!

January is an exciting month for us, in spite of the cold. It brings Tu B'Shevat, one of my personal favorite holidays, as well as other LJCRS events. It may seem odd that we celebrate trees and nature in the middle of winter, but it is a great reminder of the spring that is to come, and of the trees flowering in other parts of the world.

On January 13, a representative from Camp Young Judea will come to talk to parents and students about this summer camp opportunity. If you are interested in sending your child to camp, this would be a great presentation to attend.

Also on January 13, we will hold our next Parent-Tot Time! All children aged 0-3 and their caregivers are welcome to attend! We will be doing songs, stories, and crafts related to Tu B'Shevat. Feel free to spread the word to any parents who might be interested, babies too!

Our all-school Tu B'shevat Seder will be held on January 20, at (approximately) 11:00 AM. We will celebrate trees and the Jewish commitment to preserve the environment, and eat tasty and symbolic fruit and nuts. Our classes will lead parts of the Seder with songs or performances, and parents are invited to attend.

We will likely be holding a second parent workshop on January 27, at 10:30 with professor **Daniel Frank**. Stay tuned for more information on topic! There may be other announcements of events, so watch your emails and our newsletter!

Thanks to all parents, teachers, and students who have made this such a successful year so far. See you soon!

L'vracha,

Elana

Board meetings schedule

The SOA board is scheduled to meet Thursday, January 17th, 7:45 p.m. Shul Board Meeting at home of **Elliott** and **Gwen Slamovich** As always, all members are welcome to attend.

LJCRS: Welcome to LibraryThing!

LJCRS now has its books cataloged on librarything.com.

Think of LibraryThing as our school's on line catalog. Check it out at:

<http://www.librarything.com/catalog/LJCRS>.

Here are some facts about LJCRS's book collection:

- * Our collection consists of 1,776 books as of Nov. 26, 2012.
- * LibraryThing enables you to look up books by title, author, and tag (subject), alphabetically, etc.
 - LibraryThing is visual! One of the best features is looking up books by author and then seeing the book covers (if available) in our collection!
- * Our library is arranged into 43 subject sections. In LibraryThing, each of these subject sections is considered a TAG. There are both children and adult titles.
 - All LJCRS books now have stickers inside the front cover telling in which section (or LibraryThing TAG) they are shelved.
 - Multiple copies of the same book may be in LibraryThing more than once if the books were published at different times or may be a hardcover versus a soft cover edition. Entries are based on the ISBN (*International Standard Book Number*).
- * LibraryThing allows you to see other subscribers who own the book, read reviews, and find other interesting information about the book.
 - Clicking on a particular book provides you with oodles of information: author, illustrator, publisher, publishing date, who donated it to our library (if available), when it was added to our collection, what LEVEL book it is considered in our library, etc.

Important: You don't have to have children in LJCRS to check books out from the LJCRS collection. We have adult books, too.

Questions? Please contact **Allyson Steselboim** at allyson_s@yahoo.com.

News from Israel submitted by Cyrelle Simon

Sad Message:

Prime minister Netanyahu reflected the feelings of so many bereaved families here who have lost children to the attacks of our neighboring enemies. Netanyahu voiced his condolences pertaining to the recent massacre that occurred in the school in Connecticut to President Obama with compassion and the empathy of our nation. May such an outrageous tragedy never occur again.

Chamshushalayim Festival:

In December the flagship tourist attraction here are the many cultural events which take place. Jerusalem has become an international cultural and tourist center, which succeeds in attracting millions of visitors each year. This is the first time I have participated in a Friday morning opera entitled Masters and Servants: a Fantasy based on five of Mozart's operas. Jerusalem doesn't yet have it's own opera company, but this pastiche featuring very talented singers with a 20 piece orchestra on stage was a great treat for me.

Appropriate for Chanukah:

I read in the Jerusalem Post the following article: The Israel Antiquities Authority has discovered some archeological remains from the Hasmonean period. These findings were under a main street in Jerusalem actually leading to Hadassah Medical Center. According to the IAA archeologists the remains will provide a lot of information about the customs of daily life in the Hasmonean period, about which not much is known.

A Word to the Wise:

Another item culled from the J. Post: The root zayin-mem-resh is connected both to playing music (tizmoret, orchestra) and to singing (zamar, singer). Doubling the last consonant of the root, in this case the resh, is a means of creating a diminutive form: thus zamrir is a short zemer, i.e. a short song or tune.

Jockeying for Position:

Our newspapers are full of the various political alliances and parties that are now vying for offices and the jobs of cabinet members. So much speculation, and op eds, most of which I regret to say I don't fully grasp. This is such a small country and there are a number of parties entering the fray. Election day is coming up in less than a month. Actually, I find it refreshing to focus on the elections rather than some of the major confrontations that have occurred in this area.

Birthright Trips for Women:

Much to my delight, a cousin whom I barely knew, came to Israel on a very unusual Birthright Trip. This program is associated with the school Aish HaTorah and it is open to women with children under 18. This program began in 2009 and included five, 10 day trips this year ;the eight trips planned for next year are all sold out. My cousin had an excellent time and is eager to return for her son's Bar Mitzvah in a few years She commented on how nice it was to get away from the Xmas events and here one can see menorahs (chanukiot) in every window.

Generosity:

Some of my readers may recall the family in the Old City who open their beautiful home to various Jewish groups, but above all to the soldiers, who regularly dine there on Shabbat and Jewish holidays. On the first night of Chanukah some 100 soldiers showed up for candle lighting, singing and dancing. The Claman's enthusiasm is so contagious that many of their friends and neighbors have been happy to join them in these efforts. Candle lighting with soldiers has continued throughout Chanukah.

Travel Experiences from Yechiel and Dovid:

Yechiel recently returned from a four day trip to the Negev, which included sleeping in Bedouin tents. The very fresh and tasty food cooked by their hosts was supervised by a Mashgiach. The experience included taking camel rides and staying in a hotel in the development town or Netivot. The group rode on a glass bottom boat on the Red Sea and their experienced guide described a whole world under the water. The youngsters went on several hikes, did rappelling in a nearby mountain, and also participated in jeeping in the Negev. Two highlights for Yechiel included stargazing in the very clear Negev air and climbing Masada, with its spectacular view, and history, to daven shacharit at dawn. By the way, Yechiel's group included about 45 girls, 45 boys and a number of leaders.

Dovid and a friend spent a Shabbat in the Negev community of Arad. There are three buses a day direct from Jerusalem and the journey takes about two hours. I was surprised to learn that there is a considerable religious community, utilizing at least nine Shuls, six Ger, two Sephardi and one Lubavitch). Dovid and his friend stayed with Gerer Chassidim whose rabbi told them that this is the area in which our forefathers traversed, maybe dwelled and so hundreds of families moved south. Arad has interesting archeological remnants. It is a planned and quiet city with wide streets. Homes are much less expensive than in many other areas of the country and Arad is located about a half hour from the Dead Sea. Dovid and his friend enjoyed a Friday morning hour and a half in the sea.

With warm regards, Cyrelle (Tzirel)

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Luba & Dmitri, piano and flute performers with a personal story



**Sunday,
January 20, 2013**

3:00 PM

Duncan Hall

619 Ferry St., Lafayette

Natives of Moscow (Russia), Luba Agranovsky and Dmitri Kasyuk are graduates of the Gnessin Academy of Music in Moscow and the winners of numerous Russian piano and flute competitions.

Since winning both the Israel Broadcast Authority Competition (Jerusalem) and the "Carlo Soliva" International Chamber Music Competition in Casale Monferrato (Italy), their international career took off.

The Duo has made numerous recordings for Israel Radio, Israel TV and also has made highly successful appearances with Israeli Orchestras as flute and piano soloists. During the last ten years they have been performing regularly as Duo and Solo performers in music centers throughout Germany, Italy, England, Scotland, Russia, Israel, USA and Canada. They came to the USA in 1997, where they continue their education and musical careers.

Dessert reception to follow.

\$10 Suggested Donation