



**SONS of
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3 Sivan – 2 Tammuz , 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.

Shavuot Services, June 4 and
June 5, 10:00 a.m.

Candle Lighting Times:

June 3 – Shavuot, 8:57 p.m.
June 4 – Shavuot, after 10:03 p.m.
June 6 – 8:57 p.m.
June 13 - 9:01 p.m.
June 20 - 9:04 p.m.
June 27 - 9:04p.m.



June Calendar

June 3 – Erev Shavuot

June 8 – Haberer Unveiling

Please note, the Shul Board is not
scheduled to meet in June. The next
meeting will be July 17.

From the President:

Thanks to many of you for
helping me, during my time as
President of Sons of
Abraham. There are many
wonderful things about our shul,
and many challenges that we face
as a congregation, as a religion and
as a people. Unfortunately I do not
have a thick enough skin to deal
with some of the personalities that
this job forces me to interact with
and so I am stepping down from my
position in November.

Congregation Sons of
Abraham was my first Jewish home
and will always have a special
place in my heart. I hope that it can
continue to be a home for
Conservative Jews in the greater
Lafayette area for generations to
come.

Fondly,
Gwen Wallace (Slamovich)



Yahrzeits

May their memories
be for a blessing.

Ab Winski
June, Sivan*

Harris Levine
June, Sivan*

Samuel Goodman
June 2, Sivan 4

Max Litman
June 2, Sivan 4

Jacob Aaron Spector
June 3, Sivan 5

Mose Berger
June 4, Sivan 6

Freida Salzman
June 5, Sivan 7

Leo Goldstine
June 5, Sivan 7

Louise Solomon Klatch
June 6, Sivan 8

Samuel Bass
June 8, Sivan 10

Louis J. Roger
June 8, Sivan 10

Maynard Altman
June 8, Sivan 10

Eda Zovod
June 9, Sivan 11

Bessie Singer
June 11, Sivan 13

Rosa Lee Zovod
June 11, Sivan 13

Esther Tzucker
June 13, Sivan 15

Lucille Elkin
June 14, Sivan 16

Moshe Barash
June 19, Sivan 21

Jacob Brodsky
June 19, Sivan 21

Ree Brown
June 22, Sivan 24

Luba Leventhal
June 25, Sivan 27

Hannah E. Spector
June 25, Sivan 27

William M. Meyers
June 26, Sivan 28

Peter Paul
June 25, Sivan 28

Goldie Berger
June 27, Sivan 29

Phyllis Schreiber
June 28, Sivan 30

Goldie Elkin
June 28, Tammuz 1

Arthur S. Prohovsky
June 28, Tammuz 1

Anne L. Myers
June 29, Tammuz 1

Aaron Shapiro
June 30, Tammuz 2

* Dates unknown.



We received a very sweet note from Michelle Schreiber Lapidus who is now living in Huntsville, Alabama and is a member of Congregation Etz Chayim. Michelle is the daughter of Marvin and Phyllis Schreiber both of blessed memory. She wishes us all the best.

Thank you!

We offer our deepest gratitude to everyone who took the time to help do a spring clean-up of the cemetery, including:

Jim Klatch
Esther Chosnek
Sara Chosnek
Gisela Friedlaender
Elisabeth and Max Suazo
The Slamovich Family

The unveiling for Joseph Haberer will be Sunday, June 8th at 2:00 pm at the cemetery. Please join the family afterwards for an open house at 129 East Navajo Street, West Lafayette.



Letter from
Jerusalem

Signs of the Times:

Some interurban buses have electronic signs in the front notifying the passengers of the name of the current bus stop and posting the notice of the next bus stop. In addition to this information, at this season buses also display the current number of each day of the counting of the Omer.

This season we count the days from the second night of Pesach until the time that we received the Torah on Mt. Sinai at Shavuot.

The time span is punctuated by a number of holidays comprising sometimes an emotional roller coaster. For example, we have the very sad Holocaust Remembrance Day, followed shortly after by Yom Ha Zikaron, the memorial day for the fallen Israeli soldiers and those victims of terrorist attacks.

Directly following is Yom HaAtzmaut, the joyful Independence Day (66 this year) and the happy Pesach Sheni, Lag BaOmer and Yom Yerushalayim. Each of these commemoration days features its own rituals which I have described in earlier Letters. I might just add that today was Pesach Sheni, a day when it is customary to eat some matzo. My granddaughter Rivka made some matza brei in honor of this minor holiday reminding us of those people who couldn't bring their "korben pesach" (their sacrifice to the Holy Temple in ancient times) but had a second chance to perform this mitzva today.

Today, is also the "yahrtzeit" of Rabbi Meir Baal HaNes. My neighbor suggested I light a candle in honor of the Rabbi's memory as it is customary for many to beg for his intervention in heaven on their behalf. So, I did this for the first time. I suppose it is an example of

how I'm growing Jewishly in Israel. Another uplifting new ritual for me is to read a little bit of Tehillim (Psalms) daily.

Some Personal Updates:

My daughter-in-law, Yael, is now the executive vice president of Kemach. Kemach is an Israeli based organization that helps to train young kollel men to enter the work force. These people are carefully screened noting their financial needs, and their marketable skills to insure their employability. They are helped to be prepared to enter the business world.

The Israeli government is very interested in utilizing the talents of these chareidi men and Yael's organizational skills are very favorably looked upon by the government.

Kemach is funded by several generous benefactors, I think, one in England, one in South Africa and others who feel that the Israeli economy will benefit greatly by aiding these Yeshivah students to enter, at least part time, into the work place.

Yael's fundraising skills are in much demand. Recently, she received a personal invitation from Adina Bar Shalom to the Israeli Prize Ceremony in which Rebbetzin Bar Shalom received one of the prizes. The Rebbetzin is the daughter of the famed and beloved, recently deceased, Rav Ovadia

Yosef. She is also the principal of a sephardic girls' seminary.

In answer to some requests, my orchestra is B:H still thriving. We have 2 gigs in B'nai B'rak next week. Our personnel is a bit flexible. Sometimes we mature women include some musical grandchildren, and of course we have my daughter Shira on the percussion and the organist's daughter on the xylophone. Since our title is *Melodies of the World*, we will be including Dark Eyes from Russia, Gypsy Bulgar from Roumania, Mizerlou from Greece, Londonderry Air from Ireland, Los Bililicos from Spain, Moustapha from Egypt and a number of other tunes. Since this is the Lag BaOmer-Shavuot season we will add some Holiday tunes.

With warm regards,

Cyrelle

Refuah Shelema

As we wish for a complete recovery from their illnesses, we ask the One who was a source of blessing for our ancestors to bring blessings of healing upon Kevin Gartenhaus, Geri Horwich, Debbie Wolinsky and Tom Morin.

A little more from Cyrelle

It's been some time since I excerpted news from the Jerusalem Post, so I shall transmit a few of "The Reasons I Love Israel" that Barbara Sofer writes in her annual Yom HaAtzmaut column:

- The prime minister and the mayor of Jerusalem met to walk together to shul on Yom Kippur.
- The McDonald's kosher-for-Passover hamburger on matza was served by a Muslim waitress wearing traditional head covering.
- Instead of marking a loan condition "In case of death," the bank titled the section "May you have a long life."
- The valedictorian of the Technion's med school was an Arab Israeli woman.
- We have a national cholent (Shabbat cooked stew) competition. You can get tips from the current champion, a Hassidic grandmother on a Jerusalem tour and on the Cooking Channel.
- Seventeen hundred young Jewish adults partied last Chanukah in Brazil to the music of Thiago Abravanel. What inspired them? They had all been to Israel on the Birthright program.
- Our president turned 90, but no one thought he was too old for the job.

- Wired Magazine called Tel Aviv "One of the Hottest Startup Capitals."
- "The Globe and Mail" said Tel Aviv was the most creative city in the world.

A little Hoosier Jewish Trivia:

Did you know that Gimbel's department store chain got its start in Indiana?

The company was founded by Adam Gimbel, a young Bavarian Jewish immigrant, and was opened as *The Palace of Trade* in 1842 in Vincennes.

The Gimbel's chain of stores eventually became the largest chain of department stores in the world and was headquartered in New York City.

According to legend, Adam Gimbel did very well with his store in Vincennes, sold it and moved to the boom town of Milwaukee where he did even better with what soon became the largest department store in Wisconsin.

However, with eight sons, Gimbel found that just one store, no matter how successful, would not accommodate his family's future and he began the creation of the chain of stores known as Gimbel's. This was a necessity because he claimed to have "a surplus of capital and a surplus of Gimbels."