



**SONS of
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14 Sivan – 13 Tamuz, 5775

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.

Candle Lighting Times:

June 5 – 8:57 p.m.
June 12 – 9:01 p.m.
June 19 – 9:03 p.m.
June 26 – 9:04 p.m.



Yahrzeits

May their memories
be for a blessing.

- Esther Tzucker – 15 Sivan, June 2
- Lucille Elkin – 16 Sivan, June 3
- Jacob Brodsky – 21 Sivan, June 8
- Moshe Barash – 21 Sivan, June 8
- Ree Brown – 24 Sivan, June 11
- Luba Leventhal – 27 Sivan, June 14
- Hannah E. Spector – 27 Sivan, June 14
- William M. Meyers – 28 Sivan, June 15
- Peter Paul – 28 Sivan, June 15
- Goldie Berger – 29 Sivan, June 16
- Phyllis Schreiber – 30 Sivan, June 17
- Goldie Elkin – 1 Tamuz, June 18
- Arthur S. Prohofskey – 1 Tamuz, June 18
- Anne L. Meyers – 1 Tamuz, June 18
- Aaron Shapiro – 2 Tamuz, June 19
- Joseph Haberer – 3 Tamuz, June 20
- Solomon Hartman – 6 Tamuz, June 23
- Minnie Roger – 6 Tamuz, June 23
- Sarah Elkin – 7 Tamuz, June 24
- Solomon Spector – 8 Tamuz, June 25
- Harry Kaplan – 8 Tamuz, June 25
- Esther Prohofskey – 8 Tamuz, June 25
- Bernard Lillianfeld – 9 Tamuz, June 26
- Jeanette Mazor – 10 Tamuz, June 27
- Nathan Winski – 12 Tamuz, June 29
- Jacob Elkin – 12 Tamuz, June 29



Refuah Schlemah

May the One who was a source of blessing for our ancestors bring blessings of healing on Shari Krockover, Hershel Krushen, and Joseph Rubinstein.

And may G-d hear our prayers and grant a speedy and complete recovery to all those who are ill.

JUST A REMINDER

Lilly Endowment

The Lilly Endowment working with the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette has offered a wonderful opportunity to add to the Sons of Abraham Cemetery Endowment. Members of Sons of Abraham may contribute up to two-thirds of their 2015 Annual dues directly to the Cemetery Endowment and the Lilly Endowment will match those amounts with a 50% contribution. Individuals may make donations to the Cemetery Endowment separate from dues, and those donations will also receive the 50% match.

Make checks payable to the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette and send directly to 1114 State Street, Lafayette, IN 47905. In the memo line, write Congregation Sons of Abraham Cemetery Endowment.

Mark Lillianfeld (765-463-7860) has kindly agreed to answer any questions and help facilitate this process.

As you may know, the Office of President of the Board of Directors of the Shul is now rotating among board members. The schedule for the rest of calendar year 2015 is as follows:

May, June: Gisela Friedlaender
July, Aug.: Ted Goodman
Sept., Oct.: Scotty Rumpza
Nov., Dec.: David Gallimore

Suggestions and information for this Bulletin are always welcome. Please contact me at bridgejudy@aol.com.

Deadlines are usually 7 days before the end of the month.

Judy Weitzman, Editor

Thank You

Our sincere thanks are sent to the wonderful individuals who go above and beyond with their time and talents to make the Shul so special. Thanks go to:

- Sonya Garfinkel for taking care of the Friday night Onegs.
- Esther Chosnek and Jim Klatch for planting and cleaning up at the Cemetery for Memorial Day.
- Rebekah Klein-Pejsova, and Mark and Becky Lillianfeld for scheduling a children's service every month since the beginning of the year. The services were well attended and the participating children made great progress. Congratulations! We also thank Mark and Becky for their thoughtfulness to reward the children with gifts. Last, but not least, thank you to the parents who organized the pot- luck dinner.
- Ephraim Fischbach, Sam Harris, Sol Gartenhaus, Becky Lillianfeld, Mark Lillianfeld, Casey Seyfried and David Sanders for leading Services, and especially to Ephraim for donating his time to the Shavuot Services by chanting "Akdmut" (the 1st day) and reading the "Book of Ruth" and the Torah (the 2nd day).
- A very special thank you to Sam Harris who faithfully opens the doors to our Shul

every Shabbat morning at 10.00 am and starts and often leads the entire services if no Torah readers are available. Without Sam's tireless commitment, our Shabbat Morning Services would not be possible.



Letter from Jerusalem

Lag BaOmer

Each year my grandsons go to Meron, a hill in the north, to daven at the Kever (gravesite) of Rabbi Shimon BarYochai on his yahrtzeit, Lag BaOmer. This is an ancient tradition which continues until today. Hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world participate in the singing, dancing, praying and viewing the huge bonfires. It says in the Zohar, a mystical tome, that Rabbi Shimon was called "The Holy Flame" because he was a very holy man. He was able to reveal new important insights into the Torah. The bonfires symbolize the fact that he passed the light of Torah into this world and it remains with us until this day. It is also a tradition to give a three year old boy his first haircut on Lag BaOmer at Meron.

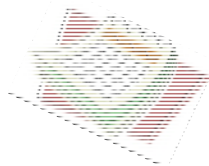
My grandsons, Yehuda and Levi, joined the throngs of people commemorating Lag BaOmer at Meron this year. Yehudah reports that Egged, the bus company, had to borrow buses from other companies in order to provide constant, round-the-clock convoys to convey the crowds.

At the rest stop on the way north from Jerusalem, food was ample and free. Organizations which donated the food so they could participate in the "mitzvah" of the pilgrims on their way to Mt. Meron. The buses stopped at the bottom of the hill and as the people entered the area of the gravesite, there were wall to wall people praying together. Surrounding the area were huge bleachers with about 30 to 40 percent for women who had their own bleachers. The bleachers were filled with singing crowds who were accompanied by a musical combo.

Mazal Tov to:

- Justin Schaefer, grandson of Hershel Krushen who has graduated from high school and been accepted by Purdue University.
- Matthew Gartenhaus, grandson of Sol and Jo Gartenhaus, who has graduated from high school and finished #1 in his class. He will attend Notre Dame.
- David Wibel, grandson of Sid and Harriet Diamond, who graduated from Purdue with a degree in economics.
- Alex Galante, grandson of Joe and Sheila Wolinsky, who has completed medical school at Case Western Reserve University.

Dates for Your Calendar



June 1, 1:30 p.m.,
Sisterhood Board Meeting at
the home of Esther Chosnek.

June 18, 7:30 p.m.,
Shul Board Meeting at the home
Gisela Friedlaender.

People stood and jumped as they sang so the bleachers reverberated with the rhythm. It is estimated that a half million people visited Meron throughout the day.

There was a designated area for the three-year-olds' first haircuts and the haircuts took place all day and all night. Before he left, at 2:15 a.m. Yehuda witnessed some of the various haircutting ceremonies. Many people, including Levi and his friends camped out under the stars.

Yehuda started from Jerusalem about 3:00 p.m. and departed from Meron at 3:00 a.m. It was important to buy the bus tickets in advance in order to prepare for the immense numbers of buses. No cars were allowed in the surrounding roads, Yehuda reports, "I felt like every policeman in Israel was in the area."

The tremendous excitement and inspiration will remain in both Levi's and Yehudah's memories for a long time.

Abu Ghosh

Abu Ghosh is a friendly Arab village 10 km. (about 6.2miles) from Jerusalem. Most of the 6,000 population is Moslem. The village dates from the early sixteenth century during the Ottoman era. Homes are small and the area is well kept. The economy is mostly agricultural. Some villagers travel for work, but most find employment locally. There are fascinating architectural sites including a historic mosque, the Church of Notre Dame, a Crusader Church as well as other artifacts. Currently, Benedictine Monks live in a monastery there.

But, what I found the most fascinating was the fact that before Pesach when the Rabbis sell our "chametz" for the entire state, it is Jaaber Husein , a resident of Abu Ghosh who buys the entire Israeli Jewish population's "chametz" worth one hundred

and fifty million dollars, by giving the rabbis a down payment of four thousand eight hundred dollars. I assume the sale is reversed after the Holiday.

When I discussed the fact with my grandson, Yechiel, he commented, that if a Jew in Israel eats "chametz" on Pesach, that means he is stealing. His "chametz" belongs to the Arab at Abu Ghosh during the Holiday. So, he is committing a double sin: first, eating the forbidden "chametz," ie. bread, crackers etc. and secondly, stealing from the Arab who bought it. Well, this gave me an interesting insight. As you can see, I learn a great deal from my grandchildren.

I wish my readers, a double Chag Sameach! Yom Yerushalayim and Shavuot.

Warm regards,

Cyrelle

Indiana Jewish History Trivia

Paul Samuelson was born in Gary, Indiana. He was the first Jew to receive the Nobel Prize for Economics (1970) for his contributions in the fields of economics. Samuelson is considered by many to be the founder of neoclassical economics.

A concluding note:

It would be nice if we continue to support the efforts of Sam Harris and the Torah readers by attending Torah services, so that we can have a minyan (particularly when it is an egalitarian service). We can all show our appreciation with our attendance.