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Service Schedule

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

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

Candle Lighting Times:

June 3, 8:56 p.m.
June 10, 9:00 p.m.
June 17, 9:03 p.m.
June 24, 9:04 p.m.

Dates for your Calendar:



June 4, Aaron Slamovich Bar Mitzvah
June 11, 10:09 p.m.– June 13, 10:10 p.m., Shavuot

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

Yahrzeits

May their memories be for a blessing.

Paul McMurray – 24 Iyar, June 1
Jacob Feinstein – 26 Iyar, June 3
Ab. Winski - Sivan
Harris Levine – Sivan
Kevin Gartenhaus – 1 Sivan, June 7
Samuel Goodman – 4 Sivan, June 10
Max Litman – 4 Sivan, June 10
Jacob A. Spector – 5 Sivan, June 11
Mose Berger – 6 Sivan, June 12
Freida Salzman – 7 Sivan, June 13
Leo Goldstine – 7 Sivan, June 13
Louise Klatch – 8 Sivan, June 14
Samuel Bass – 10 Sivan, June 16
Louis J. Roger – 10 Sivan, June 16
Maynard Altman – 10 Sivan, June 16
Eda Zovod – 11 Sivan, June 17
Bessie Singer, 13 Sivan, June 19
Rosa Lee Zovod, 13 Sivan, June 19
Esther Tzucker – 15 Sivan, June 21
Lucille Elkin – 16 Sivan, June 22
Jacob Brodsky – 21 Sivan, June 27
Moshe Barash – 21 Sivan, June 27
Ree Brown – 24 Sivan, June 30

Refuah Schlemah

May the One who was a source of blessing for our ancestors bring blessings of healing upon Alan Garfinkel, Sol Gartenhaus, Cyrelle Simon, Florence Weingram and Leo Weitzman.

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



To have a Happy Day card or a Memorial card sent in your name, please contact Esther Chosnek by e-mail at erc@wolfelt.com. She will promptly send your card for a minimum donation of only \$5.00. You need only contact Esther, then send your check, made payable to Sisterhood Sons of Abraham to Sisterhood Treasurer, Sonya Garfinkel, 2229 Carberry Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

The Jewish Connection

The Jewish Connection is a community-wide book discussion group that meets monthly.



The June meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy Busch, 4121 Black Forest Lane..

The book for June is The Ladies Auxiliary, by Tova Mirvis. Publishers Weekly describes this novel as follows: “The world of this confident, insightful debut novel is the tightly knit Orthodox Jewish community of Memphis, Tenn., a social structure that unravels when an unconventional New York convert settles there with her five-year-old daughter. Guilt, passion, prejudice, loneliness and independence--common themes in Jewish literature--are explored with sensitivity in a gentle story that captures its milieu with tolerant understanding, and plucks the heartstrings.”

It is not necessary to have read the book to attend. For additional information, please call Rose Haberer, at 463-2772 or Kathy Busch, at 490-1608.



Why eat dairy for Shavuot?

Some derive the practice directly from scripture, saying we eat dairy to symbolize the “land flowing with milk and honey” (Exodus 3:8) promised to the Israelites, or that “milk and honey are under your tongue” (Song of Songs 4:11).

A sage discovered that the initials of the four Hebrew words in Numbers 28:26, which describe the sacrificial meal offering on Shavuot, spell *mei halav* (from milk), suggesting that dairy food is the acceptable dinner for the festival. At Sinai, the Israelites were considered to be as innocent as newborns, whose food is milk.

Those of kabbalistic bent equate the numerical value of the word *halav*, 40 (‘het’=8, ‘lamed’=30, ‘vet’=2), with the number of days Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments and other teachings (Exodus 24:18). Others look to the mountain itself, which is termed in Psalms mount of *gavnunim* (68:15), meaning many peaks. They connect that description with the Hebrew word *g’vinah*, meaning cheese.

Scholars who trace all Jewish customs and rituals to practices common among various ethnic groups claim that spring harvest festivals characteristically featured dairy dishes, perhaps because cheese was produced during that season.

There is also support for the custom based on the spiritual development among the Israelites in the wake of Sinai. After the Torah was given, they were obligated to follow its laws, including those governing dietary practice. As they returned to the camp from Revelation, they could not eat the previously prepared meat, which had not been done according to the laws of *kashrut*. Since butchering and cooking fresh meat would take too long for the tired, hungry Israelites, they took the dairy food that was readily available. Symbolizing modesty, the dairy was also seen as appropriate for the occasion of receiving the Torah, which should always be approached with humility.



Jewish Heritage Europe

Jewish Heritage Europe is an expanding web portal to a wide range of news, information and resources concerning Jewish monuments and heritage sites all over Europe. It is a project of the Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe (RFHE) and builds on and expands a previous version of the site. To learn more about this important organization, visit www.jewish-heritage-europe.eu

