



# SONS *of* ABRAHAM

LAFAYETTE, IN  
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Adar I 25 – Adar II 25

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## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

The congregation extends condolences to **Shoshana Kaliski** upon the death of her sister.

The congregation bade farewell to **Rabbi Michael Rascoe** at scheduled services Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26. **Harriet Diamond** on Friday and **Mark Lillianfeld** on Shabbat offered extemporaneous remarks. The rabbi's tenure – 9 years and 7 months – touched the lives of our congregants in countless positive ways.

We wish **Rabbi Rascoe** the best as he begins a new chapter of his life.

## Refuah Shelema

We offer prayers for health, complete recovery and long life to **Florence Lillianfeld, Marge Aronson, Joe Haberer, Madelyn Lillianfeld, Sarah Raskin, Barney Axelrod, Irwin and Iris Treager and Fritz Friedlaender.**

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## Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call or **Iris Treager** at (765) 463-2468 or **Bette Rubinstein** at (765) 463-4754. 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.

## March Calendar

March 4: Friday 8 p.m. – Shabbat Services

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

March 6: Sunday 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. – LJCRS Purim Carnival at Hillel

March 7: Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Shul – Joint Sisterhood and Hadassah meeting

March 9: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting at home of Sonia Barash

March 11: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

March 12: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

March 15: Tuesday, 2 p.m. (Please note change in time!) at the home of Jo Gartenhaus

March 16: Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., Hadassah meeting at Christos

March 17: Thursday 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

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

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

March 19: Saturday 8:00 p.m. Reading of the Megillah

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

March 26: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

## Joint Sisterhoods and Hadassah Meeting

A joint meeting of the SOA Sisterhood and Hadassah will be held March 7, Monday, 7:30 P.M. at the Shul. Guest speaker is **Stuart Robertson**, Continuing Lecturer in Biblical Hebrew at Purdue University who will present a program on **Josephus**, the 1st Century C.E. Jewish historian.

## Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad.org

Friday March 4: 6:24 p.m.

Friday March 11: 6:31 p.m.

Friday March 18: 7:39 p.m.

Friday March 25: 7:46 p.m.

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## Schedule of Board Meetings

The next meeting of the Sons of Abraham Sisterhood Board will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday March 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of **Sonia Barash**.

The Shul Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Shul. As always, all members of the congregation are invited to attend and to learn about important decisions that affect the future of our congregation.

## Yahrzeits

Name	2011	Hebrew Date
Rubenstein, Gilbert	March 3	Adar 27
Jerison, Meyer	March 8	Adar II 2
Lipschutz, Anna	March 8	Adar II 2
Lowenthal, Beatrice G.	March 16	Adar II 10
Gershovitz, Peretz	March 23	Adar II 17
Kalski, Edythe	March 24	Adar II 18
Bass, M.	March 30	Adar II 24
Kaplan, Hillel	April 5	Nisan 1
Bosco, Bessie	April 6	Nisan 2
Savitz-Brownstein, Kay	April 9	Nisan 5
Garfinkel, Tillie Schaffner	April 9	Nisan 5

## Purim nears – *mark your calendar!*

The reading of the Megillah will take place on Saturday, March 19th, at 8 p.m. It will be a community effort led by several Congregation members.

Everyone is encouraged to come in costume, to be ready to stamp out Haman's name, and to stay for refreshments provided by Sisterhood, including Hamantashen from Chicago.



## Deadline for April

**Friday, March 25** is the deadline for submission of material for the Sons of Abraham Bulletin. Please send material to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

# LJCRS News

Shalom! I don't know about you, but I am very ready for spring to be here. Our respite from the holidays in this leap month has given our classes the opportunity to talk about the parshiot this month, and Jewish values in general. Students are learning about kashrut, the special clothes of the Kohanim, and the story of the golden calf. The fourth and fifth graders are learning about the concept of prayer and the different prayers in services. The oldest class continues their lively discussions of tough issues related to Jewish values and relationships.

We held our second LJCRS Havdalah Potluck, and all who attended had a great time! These events help us to build community among our families and our students.

In sadder news, we bid farewell to Rabbi Rascoe at the end of February. Rabbi Rascoe has been a valued teacher and advisor to us for more than nine years. His presence, stories, and wisdom will be much missed by the community. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors!

March brings on our Purim festivities, and we have a lot going on! Here are some of the highlights:

On March 6, our students will be delivering Mishloach Manot to elderly members of the community. This is a great opportunity both for our students to do a mitzvah, and for contact and connection between the generations.

Our next Parent-Tot Time will also be held on March 6, from 10:30 to 11:30, and will have a Purim focus. As always, any children in the Jewish community aged 0-3 and their caregivers are welcome to attend.

Also on March 6 is the Purim Carnival, which will take place at the Purdue Hillel, from 12:30 to 3:00. There will be games, music, and food. Additionally, LJCRS will be holding a raffle/silent auction fundraiser at this event, so come and bid on family-friendly items!

March 20<sup>th</sup> is Purim itself. LJCRS is partnering with Temple Israel for the Megillah reading, and several of our students will be reading from the scroll. We are very proud of our students who will be taking part in this event. All students are encouraged to dress in costumes, and it should be festive and fun for all!

Enjoy the coming spring, and Happy Purim everyone!

B'Shalom, Elana

# Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series

**Wednesday, March 2 ~ Stewart Center, Room 320  
~ 12:30**

**Jennifer Oldham, Winner of the 2010 *Edward Simon B'nai B'rith Barzillai Lodge No. 111 Prize in Jewish Studies*, "Who is a Jew?"**

**Jennifer A. Oldham** is the winner of the 2010 *Edward Simon B'nai B'rith Barzillai Lodge No. 111 Prize in Jewish Studies*. Her paper, "Who is a Jew?" is meant to look analytically, socially, culturally, and historically at the changing definition of being a Jew. From Torah readings, to Orthodox versus Reform definitions, to Britain's famous court case of the past year, there are many reasons why, depending on one's viewpoint, one might be considered a Jew, and one might not.

**Jennifer Oldham**, born and raised as a Reform Jew in Indianapolis, is a returning student to Purdue University. She is a senior in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Jennifer is studying Psychology with the hopes of getting into graduate school to study either Industrial and Organizational Psychology or Human Resources. She also has three minors: Philosophy, Portuguese, and OLS.

## For those with an interest in Jewish History

What is the importance of learning Jewish history? What might the impact of our history have on Jews today? What might that impact be if the status quo were to change? A meeting of all interested parties will be held Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 at Temple Israel. We hope to begin covering topics during the spring 2011 and then continue when the school year starts in the fall. We plan to cover four to five topics per study session. Each of the topics covers only one or two pages, and we will most likely read these topics aloud at each meeting—so no previous preparation is necessary! Just bring yourself, and if you wish, *Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to*

*Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People, and Its History*, by **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin**. Please purchase the April 26, 1991 Edition, ISBN-13: 978-0688085063. It is available at Amazon.com for about \$5. If you are unable to purchase the book, come anyway. We can share!

Please contact **Kathie Dior** at 471-2249 or [info@thetwisteddoors.com](mailto:info@thetwisteddoors.com) if you have any questions.

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CONFERENCE

**APRIL 3 - 8, 2011**

**"FEAR OF THE 'OTHER': STILL WITH US"**

*(Please note: This is the program as of our deadline and is subject to change. A complete and "official" program will be included in the April Sons of Abraham Bulletin)*

**SUNDAY, April 3, 2011**

**STEWART CENTER**, Room 214,  
Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN

1:00 PM Registration

1:20 PM Session Chair: **Susan Prohofskey**

Mayors' Proclamation: **John Dennis**, Mayor, West Lafayette & **Tony Roswarski**, Mayor, Lafayette

Color Guard

Candle Lighting accompanied by Ani Ma'amim – The Anthem of the Victims Sung by Esther Weiner

Candle of Remembrance: Survivors

Candle of Hope: Children and Grandchildren of Survivors

Memorial Prayer: **Rabbi Audrey Pollack**

Musical Tribute: *Psalm 90: In Every Age*,

Music by **Dr. Brad Bodine** & the St. Thomas Aquinas Singers

1:40 PM Opening Remarks:

2:00 PM The Fifth Annual **Rabbi Gedalyah Engel** Lecture

**Dr. Steven Jacobs** – **Prof., Aaron Aronov** Endowed Chair

in Judaic Studies, Univ of Alabama

"Genocides are NOT ALL 'Accidents' in History"

Introduced by **Sarah Powley**, McCutcheon HS, Head, English Department

3:00 PM **Randy Bytwerk** - Prof. of communication arts and sciences; Calvin College

"Methods of Nazi Propaganda"

Introduced by **Rebekah Klein-Pejsova**, Prof. Jewish Studies and History, Purdue University

**FOWLER HALL, STEWART CENTER**

4:00 PM **REMEMBERING THE WARSAW GHETTO WITH 'THE PIANIST':**

CONCERT COMMEMORATING THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY THROUGH THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF **WŁADYSŁAW SZPILMAN**

**Prof. Edward Auer**, piano – Indiana U. and others

**Prof. Halina Goldberg**, Narrator – Indiana U.

**PURDUE MEMORIAL UNION**

**ANNIVERSARY DRAWING ROOM**

**6:00 PM Supper (\$18.00 donation, \$3.00 students)**

**KRANNERT AUDITORIUM, PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

7:30 PM **LIBERATORS AND SURVIVORS**

Liberator: **LeRoy Carson**

**SURIVORS**

**Robert Melson**

**Anatole Kurdsjuk**

**Monday April 4, 2011**

**HILLEL FOUNDATION, 912 State St., WL**

9:00 AM University Religious Leaders –

Breakfast and Conversation with **Steven Jacobs**, **Randy Bytwerk** and **Anatole Kurdsjuk**

**Joseph Haberer**, Moderator

**KRANNERT AUDITORIUM, PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

7:30 PM "Comparing Nazi Propaganda Methods to Today's Media Coverage of Islamophobia"

Session Chair: **Robin Clair**, Prof. Communications, Purdue

**Prof. Randy Bytwerk**, Prof., of communication arts and sciences; Calvin College

**Prof. Erik C. Nisbet** – Prof. of Communications Ohio State U

**TUESDAY, April 5, 2011**

**WEST LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**4:00 PM – 8:00 PM "Teaching Defiance":**

**Workshop for Middle School Teachers**

**Jonathan Furst**, Outreach Coordinator, The Jewish Partisan Education Foundation

**TUESDAY, April 5, 201**

**HILLEL FOUNDATION**

7:00 PM *A Film Interrupted*

**WEDNESDAY, April 6, 201**

**BEERING HALL, ROOM 1222**

12:30 PM

**“Demonization of the Jew in German Popular Plays of the Late Middle Ages.”**

**Fritz Cohen**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Purdue Univ.

**WEST LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

6:00 PM

Movie: *A Film Interrupted*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011**

**KRANNERT AUDITORIUM, PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

7:00 PM

Panel Discussion “Fear of the ‘Other’ in Tippecanoe County”

Moderator: **Dewayne A. Moffit** – Executive Director, Hanna Community Center

**Ashley Smith** - President Pride Lafayette, Inc.

**Ivan Hernandez** – Director of Admissions, Ivy Tech

**Lisa Hanasono** – Graduate Student, Communications, Purdue

**Movie Series West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia, WL**

Wednesday, April 6 - 6:00 PM *A Film Interrupted*

Saturday, April 9 – 5:00 PM *Defiance*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 7:00 PM**

**Loeb Theater, Purdue University**

“My Heart in a Suitcase” presented in conjunction with Purdue Convocations

**WLPL April 1 - 23 Photo Exhibit – *Pictures of the Resistance***, Photos by **Faye Schulman**

**SUNDAY, MAY 2 Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day -27 Nisan**

# Shul Board Solicits Donations to Special Purpose Funds

The **Chosnek Fund**, named for **Sam and Edith Chosnek**, is for ritual. For example, the fund could be used to repair such things a Torah covers and the like. The **Elkin Fund**, named for **Barry Elkin**, is for educational purposes. It might be used to pay part of the cost of bringing in a speaker. The **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund**, established by **Ed Simon**, is for capital expenses related to building maintenance. The **Ha Gomel Fund** is to celebrate recent recoveries from illness.

**Sons of Abraham Special Funds Donation Form**

**Enclosed please find my check in the amount of**

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Please apply to: \_\_\_\_\_

Ha Gomel (recovery) of: \_\_\_\_\_

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Building) \_\_\_\_\_

Elkin Fund (Education) \_\_\_\_\_

Chosnek Fund (Ritual) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in Honor / Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Is the donor's name to be held in confidence?

**Send check with this form to:**

**Sons of Abraham**

**P.O. Box 2671, West Lafayette, IN 47906-2671**

**Donations will be acknowledged**

## Special Donation Received

The Shul wishes to acknowledge a generous donation from **Elias Franses** to the 100th Anniversary Fund founded by **Dr. Ed Simon**.

# Letter from Jerusalem

Through the years, on my frequent visits here, I always made a point of dipping in the Dead Sea and enjoying the adjacent Ein Gedi spa. Recently, I have found the stones too slippery to maintain my balance. During my visit to a hotel at the Dead Sea shortly after my Aliyah (close to 4 years ago) I had to content myself with the Dead Sea water pool within the hotel. Now, several years later, I'm en route to the Crowne Plaza hotel at the Sea for a three day Yiddish Festival. I thought some of my friends and family might like to accompany me on a little tour as my bus travels from one of Israel's 4 climactic areas to another. Our bus passes the Inn of the Good Samaritan, army bases, and some construction sites with the hilly scenery portraying the gradual transition from trees to shrubs, to dry brown and red colored sand. We pass scattered Bedouin encampments along the way. High above us is the Jewish town of "Maaleh Adumim" The Red Heights. We just passed the sign saying Sea Level where an Arab and a camel stand, I imagine awaiting photo-ops. Israel is famed for several wonders of the world. I know, for example that Kibbutz Ein Gedi is the only botanical garden in which people reside and the Dead Sea, known for its palliative qualities, is the lowest place on earth. We pass a rare gas station and a whole row of plant hot houses. We see barren sand hills and wadis, with a very little amount of greenery from the recent rainfall. We turn away from King Hussein's bridge leading to Jericho as we traverse near rows of small saplings, and now see increased greenery including rows of date palm trees, probably watered from a nearby spring or oasis. We now pass Qumran, the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were originally found. The Scrolls are now housed in The Shrine of the Book near the Israel Museum. We can now see the Sea in the distance. The hills have become mountains, crags with very stark, jagged tops, full of stones, caves, and brown-red sand. We are now nearing the turquoise colored Sea reflecting the cloudy sky above. Clearly, in the distance, rise the mountains of Jordan.

Near the Bedouin encampments are herds of sheep and goats grazing on the faint greenery covering the red rock mountains. I had come to the Crown Plaza hotel to attend a Yiddish Festival for 4 days. The program was of a high caliber with very talented singers, "hazonim", (cantors), actors, klezmer musicians, raconteurs, with Yiddish as the primary language. The program was well organized and was very enjoyable. Over 500 people from a number of major cities participated. In the main, probably most were over 55 years old. The audiences were very responsive, often clapping along with the music, and singing familiar songs with the entertainers. There were slides available with words to the songs. Two particular lectures I especially found interesting were Marc Chagall's paintings and I.B. Singer's depictions of shtetl life and learning the history of klezmer music through slides of famous artists.....My hotel room included a private porch with a beguiling view of the sea. In the evening, I could see the lights in Jordan, across the sea and in the day, the calm azure sea reflected clearly the pink - candy cotton like - cumulus clouds in the sky. It was fun to taste the kashe, kreplach, machshe (stuffed grape leaves like Juliette Radinsky used to make,) as well as "petcheh". The hotel staff was accommodating and the floor plan was convenient, leading easily from the lecture halls to the dining room to the spa, where I indulged in a massage and mud rub. All in all the experience was positive and memorable.

There has been very little traffic along the way, probably, because the tourist season is over. I read that this year's number of visitors has been the best ever for Israel. Since tourism is one of Israel's top industries, the economy has been greatly strengthened by the influx of tourists. We now pass a field school, a youth hostel and the thriving kibbutz, Ein Gedi which is an oasis sustained by a wonderful mountain spring.. Our bus has arrived at a row of hotels close to the Sea stopping at our 5 star Crowne Plaza hotel, the only one of the four directly on the beach. I am with a group of people from Jerusalem, joining another 5 busloads of guests from various places in Israel. We will be spending 3 1/2 days at a Yiddish Festival here.

If you look at your Jewish calendar for Friday, Feb. 18, which is the 14th of Adar I you should see the words Purim Katan. If there had only been one Adar this year, that day would have been Purim. I heard a lecture on the subject of the history of the Purim events, about which there are differing opinions, however, to commemorate that date it was suggested that a small addition to the Friday meal, such as a chocolate bar, and making the effort to be especially happy on that day are appropriate ways to mark the occasion. Happy Purim Katan! By the way, there is a Shushan Purim Katan which Jerusalem celebrates, as we do the real Purim on the next day.

Warm regards, Cyrelle