



# SONS *of* ABRAHAM

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Adar 19 – Nissan 20

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Jo Gartenhaus & Sonya Garfinkel

Rabbinic Intern  
Michael Kushnick

## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

Condolences to **Sol Gartenhaus** on the death of his brother. Mazel tov to **Sam** and **Mickey Harris** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Eytan**. Congratulations to **Eytan** and to his parents, **Bekki** and **Dan Kaplan**. Thank you to **Heather Moskowitz** for organizing the carry-in dinner and for cleaning up afterward and to **Ted** and **Rebecca Goodman** for hosting our rabbinical student, **Michael Kushnick** on Saturday evening. Thanks to **Jo Gartenhaus** for hosting the Sisterhood General meeting and to **Rose Haberer** for her presentation about new and interesting Books.

Thank you to **Ephraim Fischbach** for leading the Megillah Reading and to **Sonya Garfinkel** and **Harriet Diamond** for organizing the Purim refreshments. **Sid Diamond** had laser cataract surgery and was seeing things with greater clarity immediately following the procedure.

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Appreciation to **Marc** and **Abby Snyder** for a generous gift in honor of **Mark Lillianfeld's** birthday. **Abby's** employer matched the gift.

## Refuah Shelema

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

## Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad

March 1: 6:21 p.m.  
March 8: 6:28 p.m.  
March 15: 7:36 p.m.  
March 22: 7:43 p.m.  
March 25: 7:43 p.m. Erev Pesach  
March 26 8:46 p.m.  
March 29: 7:51 p.m.  
March 31: 7:53 p.m. Eve of 7<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach  
April 1: 8:53 p.m. Eve 8<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach

## 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.

## Yahrzeits

Name	2013 Hebrew Date	
Berger, Harriet Anne Glick	March 1	Adar 19
Radinsky, Moshe D.	March 2	Adar 20
Benzer, Dottie	March 4	Adar 22
Bercovitz, David	March 5	Adar 23
Bass, M.	March 6	Adar II 24
Rubenstein, Gilbert	March 9	Adar 27
Kaplan, Hillel	March 12	Nissan 1
Bosco, Bessie	March 13	Nissan 2
Savitz-Brownstein, Kay	March 16	Nissan 5
Garfinkel, Tillie Schaffner	March 16	Nissan 5
Pickus, Morris L.	March 17	Nissan 6
Zaban, William	March 19	Nissan 8
Rostov, Samuel	March 20	Nissan 9
Rubinstein, Morris L.	March 23	Nissan 12
Fishelson, Matus	March 26	Nissan 15
Gordon, Kusiel Daniel	March 26	Nissan 15
Goldberg, Rae	March 26	Nissan 15
Schreiber, Marvin	March 26	Nissan 15
Ben-Ami, Henia	March 27	Nissan 16
Winski, Rose F.	March 29	Nissan 18
Stinebaugh Jr., Jack Allen	March 29	Nissan 18
Berger, Sidney L.	April 2	Nissan 22
Winski, Oscar	April 3	Nissan 23
Kaplan, Lillian	April 3	Nissan 23

## Pesach is coming!

The first Seder is Monday, March 25. We wish all a happy and meaningful Passover.

## March Calendar

March 1: Friday 8 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

March 2: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

March 4: Monday 7:30 p.m. Joint Sisterhoods and Hadassah Meeting (see story below)

March 5: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

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

March 9: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

March 15: Friday: 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

March 16: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

March 22: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

March 26 & 27 Tuesday and Wednesday First two days of Pesach; Services at 10 a.m. each day

March 23: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

March 29: Friday 8 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

March 30: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

April 1 & 2: Monday and Tuesday – Last two days of Peach; Services at 10 a.m. each day - **Yizkor** on April 2 at approximately 11 a.m.

**Michael Kushnick**, Rabbinic Intern, will be here either March 22 or 29. Also, April 12-14 and May 3-5.

# Joint Sisterhood and Hadassah Meeting

The Shul Sisterhood and local Hadassah chapter are pleased to welcome **Margaret Robb**, Chief Justice of the Indiana Court of Appeals to a joint meeting of the two groups, Monday March 4 at 7:30 P.M. at Sons of Abraham. This promises to be a very interesting evening. Everyone is welcome!

## Deadline for Newsletter

The deadline for the April bulletin is Monday March 25. Materials should be sent to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

### PLEASE NOTE...

Every so often someone asks why a particular item was “omitted” from the previous month’s bulletin. Actually, it wasn’t “omitted.” It means that either the item was never sent for publication, or arrived so far after the deadline that it was not possible to get it in without many hours of tedious work to alter the layout. The ONLY way to ensure inclusion is to submit material on a timely basis! No need to worry about grammar – we do our best to bring it up to standards at no additional charge! 😊



# Purim a noisy success!

**Take that, Haman!** Kids of all ages gathered for Purim festivities, many in costume (such as Johnny Depp, a tattered billionaire, Wilma Flintstone, and an assortment of princesses and would-be queens). **Ephraim Fischbach** masterfully read the Megillah while **Sam Harris** served as director, keeping the razzing of the hated name to a reasonable length – or else we’d still be there today! A hearty **ישׁר כוח** to everyone for making this a wonderful evening!





# LJCRS News

Shalom! LJCRS is in full swing for the spring. Our Purim activities were a great success! We dressed up and delivered Mishloach Manot to community members, and collected a lot of food for our food drive. Food was donated to the Bauer Center's food pantry. Many thanks to all the parents who helped drive or donated items! Also, special thanks to the 6/7-grade class for their wonderful Purim spiel performance!

In class news, our 8/9-grade minicourse wrapped up with lots of delicious last-day samples! The next minicourse is a 3-week long class on Jewish Folktales, taught by **Amina Gabrielova**, followed by Jewish Ethics, taught by **Sophia Stone**. Our preschool students have been learning about heroes, kings and queens for Purim, and will now be focusing on the Passover story. Our 6/7 grades, in addition to creating Talmuds and fabulous Purim presentations, are getting guided tours of the Torahs in the Temple sanctuary, and our 4/5 graders are learning about awesomeness and prayer, complete with sanctuary scavenger hunts. The other classes.... well, you'll just have to ask a child to find out!

Some upcoming events:

Passover is fast approaching! Our Passover model Seder will be held on March 24. Parents are welcome! Each class will do a song, reading, story or skit at a different part in the Seder. It is always entertaining, educational, adorable and a great way to prepare for the holiday. Stay tuned for more details.

Parent-Tot Time will be March 17; please note the change from the calendar. We will be doing songs, stories, snack and crafts related to Passover. All children aged 0-3 and their caregivers are welcome!

And while it has not yet been scheduled, our parent meeting is coming up, so stay tuned for more details on that as well!

Also, we are starting to think about our teaching staff for next year. We love having parents and other community members teach! If you think you might be interested, please contact me!

That's it for now. Hag Pesach Sameach and Happy Spring!

L'vracha, Elana

## Torah leining classes

We are fortunate to have talented Torah leiners in our midst – especially one such as **Elana Salzman** who is willing to share her skill and teach the art of reading from the Torah. If you are interested in leining, or in learning to lein, please let **Elana** know. She is happy to offer support and instruction to anyone who would like to learn, even if it is just a few lines.

## A word about color...

If you are one of the few who receives this through the mail and does not read this online you are missing a lot. Such as? Well, color photos for one. Take this month's collage of Purim photos. Online they're in color; the mailed versions is dull and boring black and white. You'd rather watch a color TV, so why settle for a monochrome SOA Bulletin? Try us online at <http://www.soalafayette.org/>

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# Jewish studies schedule at Purdue

## Klatch Jewish Arts Series Presentation

**Monday, March 18 ~ Krannert Auditorium ~ 8:00 p.m.**

**Samantha Baskind, Art History, Cleveland State University**

**”Beatified But Not Canonized: Jewish American Artists and the Formation of the American Art Canon”**

The dearth of discussion about Jewish American artists indicates that many art historians are still at a loss about how to deal with the material. Many critics do not know where to place Jewish American art, for what does it have to do with the typical art historical narrative? What should be done with art of a religion and a people hood that critiques life in the Diaspora and describes the Jewish experience, that addresses the Holocaust or anti-Semitism and, in the case of post-1945 imagery, may picture the Bible in an often abstract and avant-garde art world? This talk looks closely at a number of well-known Jewish American artists’ work on both Jewish and non-Jewish themes. Among the questions I will ask are: Why has the Jewishly-influenced work of major figures who are universally celebrated for their more neutral imagery been marginalized and in most instances ignored, while the less “problematic” iconography in their oeuvres is parsed and reparsed? Why did these artists manifest a propensity for such subjects? This talk aims to open up an investigation of the process by which the canon is formed, demonstrate the depth of several Jewish artists’ oeuvres, and expand our understanding of the standard history of American art.

**Samantha Baskind** is Professor of Art History at Cleveland State University, where she teaches courses in modern, American, and Jewish art. Her research focuses on twentieth-century American art and culture and the role of the Jewish artist in the modern world. She is the author of several books, including *Raphael Soyer and the Search for Modern Jewish Art* (2004) and *Encyclopedia of Jewish American Artists* (2007). Her most recent book project, *Jewish Artists and the Bible in Twentieth-Century America* (forthcoming January 2014), considers the proliferation of biblical themes by Jewish painters, printmakers, sculptors, and book illustrators. She is currently working on a book that examines representations of the Warsaw Ghetto in American culture. **Professor Baskind** served as editor for U.S. art for the 26-volume revised edition of the *Encyclopedia Judaica* (2006).

## Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series

**Wednesday, March 20 ~ Stewart Center, Room 313 ~ 12:30**

**Fritz Cohen, Professor Emeritus, School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue University, “History of the Jewish Community of Bisenz (Bzenec), Moravia”**

The Torah of the Bisenz synagogue is now on loan in our West Lafayette Temple Israel. The circumstances of its preservation during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia from March 1939 to the end of World War II are complex and involved a good deal of luck. This will be discussed at the outset of this presentation, and a general history of the Jewish community of Bisenz (Moravia), founded in the fourteenth century, will be offered.

**Fritz Cohen** taught German literature and culture at Purdue from 1958 to 1993. He is now Professor Emeritus in the School of Languages and Cultures.

All members of the Purdue University community and the public are cordially invited to attend these free events offered by the Jewish Studies Program.

## **Special Event**

Thursday, March 21 ~ STEW 310 ~ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Pesach Roundtable: “Of Memory and Forgetting and the Passover Seder”

Participants: **Stella Setka, Daniel Frank, David Sanders, Sandor Goodhart, Rebekah Klein-Pejšová, and Rabbi Audrey Pollack**

# Letter from Jerusalem

## Jerusalem Bathed in White

**President Peres** enjoyed the snow in Jerusalem by building a snowman with his bodyguards. "Jerusalem has many colors," he said outside his residence. "In the morning she is golden; in the sunset she is blueish. But when she is white, she is so beautiful, so unifying. Whatever happens in Jerusalem is a blessing. This time it is a blessing in white."

### **Fun Facts About Israeli Wines:**

Kosher Israeli wines, known for their warm taste, are increasingly bringing home awards in international competitions, prompting the slogan; "Not just for Kiddush anymore" the Baron de Rothschild family founded Israel's wine industry revived after a gap of 2,000 years. The company he founded, Carmel, is Israel's largest winery, accounting for 40 percent of its wine market. Much of Israel's land is hospitable to growing grapes such as the Galilee, Shimshon, the Negev, the Zichron Yaacov region and the Judean Hills. Greek and Roman emperors imported their wine from here. ....Drip irrigation, insulated tanks developed specifically for Israeli climates and agricultural know-how allow for cultivation of many grape varieties throughout the diverse land and maximize the quality of every wine.....Of the 33 million bottles of wine produced each year in Israel, the majority are kosher.....Israeli wines include such classic varieties as Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah/Shiraz, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and rarer varieties such as Old Vine Carignan, Petite Sirah, Argaman And Viognier.....Israeli wines have won gold medals and trophies in major international competitions and increasingly bring home high scores from the world's leading wine critics. Israeli's red, white, sparkling and dessert wines have all received international recognition.....In 2007, recognized wine critic, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate awarded 14 Israeli wines its highest wine rating of "outstanding." "L'Chayim" (Jerusalem Post)

In the summer of '55 a group of teenage college students who were leaders in the American youth movement, Young Judea, traveled to Israel with a large group of other Zionist youth under the aegis of the Jewish Agency. Eleven of the Young Judea leaders, including spouses, have been meeting regularly, about every 2 years, in various parts of the U.S. Sites included Philadelphia, Florida, Las Vegas, Kansas City, Long Island, Lafayette, IN and others.. Some of our mini reunions have been in Jerusalem. I joined with my friends on a 4 day cruise emanating from Miami to the Bahamas. Here are some of their personal recollections of their summer of '55. Neil discovered for the first time his family who left Belo Russ, White Russia for Israel in 1920; Debra remembered all the flies in Beersheva; Emily remembered the amazing bus tour with the leader reading from the Bible the names of the places we saw as we traveled; I remembered often singing along the bus routes, and doing a lot of Israeli dancing even on the deck of the Artza, the boat which ferried us from Marseille to Haifa: Emily was introduced to eggplant (by the way, there was a popular recipe book citing 70 different ways to prepare eggplant); Neil remembered the 4 and a half hour drive from Haifa to Jerusalem. (It is less than half that now). He remembered the overnight train from Paris to Marseilles and the thrill of seeing an Israeli flag on our boat. Fred remembered our group's trip to Tel Aviv, where the 14 of us stayed in a hotel. (we

were based in Jerusalem) The boys in our group stayed in the hold of our boat, unfortunately, with the rats. Cyrelle got the most mail, which were daily letters from her then boyfriend, Eddie. We remembered staying on the deck as our 6 day journey came to a close, crying as we cited the BaHai temple, the first view of the land of Israel. All the buses had soldiers with rifles; we remembered eating breakfast in the fields as we weeded tomatoes during our 3 day stay at Kibbutz HaSoleleim; Fred remembers enjoying shopping for a ring at the Jaffa suk (market); we remembered seeing the Holocaust Museum at King David's tomb where we first saw soap made from the bodies of the Jewish martyrs; we remembered when then president Yitzchok ben Tzvi came to talk to us at our base at the Teacher's Seminary in Bet HaKerem; Neil summed up our meeting with the comment that it was a special spark that brought us to this day, our 58th anniversary.....Erica and Ginny were active participants in our reminiscences, though I didn't cite them by name. ....Also, thanks to my son, Rashi for suggesting that we recall the olden days, when the State was only 7 years old.

### **Purim Excitement:**

This year because the Fast of Esther, which would ordinarily be on Shabbat has been pushed back to Thursday, it seems that that revelry began even on Wednesday, when I saw many children and some adults walking the streets in costume. Saturday night and Sunday is Purim round the world and we here, in Jerusalem celebrate Shushan Purim since we were a walled city, during the time of the Purim happenings .....I was privileged to hear several lectures focusing on the Purim holiday. One stressed the importance of being happy and cited so many references to the word "simcha" in the Mishneh and the Talmud, as well as the "Tanya" the major Chabad book.....Another talk contrasted the word Megillah (revelation) with the word Esther ( which contains the word secret)t in it. One minor recollection I recall is that in the Ashkenazi communities, typical foods include holoptchikes (stuffed cabbage) kreplach (dough covered meat) and of course, Oznai Haman (Hamantashen) which are al covered items referring to secrecy. Sometimes Hamantashen may reveal a bit of their filling.

A Freilachn Purim to all my family and friends,

Warm regards, Cyrelle

