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## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

A hearty Mazel Tov to **Noah** and **Elana Salzman** following the birth of their daughter, **Chaya Olitsky Salzman** who arrived at 10:56 a.m. April 18. She weighed 8lbs 6oz and is 20 inches long. **Elana** is recovering well. **Chaya** was treated for a little bit of pneumonia, and is doing very well. She was expected to be home in short order. The next happy event for **Chaya** will be her official naming. The date has not been set, but will likely be around mid-May. Watch your email for details!

Mazel Tov to **Abby Lillianfeld** on her engagement to be married to **Marc Snyder**.

**Marc** is a lawyer with the Washington DC firm of Fried Frank Harris and Shriver. He lives in Arlington Virginia. Said proud father **Mark**, "We are SO PLEASED that he will become a part of our family." **Abby** is a research analyst in the Chantilly, Virginia firm of Integrity Applications Inc.

Mazel Tov to **Irwin** and **Iris Treager** for three upcoming events. Son **Steve** is about to be awarded his Ph.D. degree; grandson **Eric Segal** is engaged to **Allegra Flohr**, and is graduating from Purdue. Granddaughter **Sarah Segal**, has graduated from high school. A party is planned at the Shul Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m., and all are invited!

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Sad news to report on the engagement of **Yona (Jun) Miyamoto**. Alas, there will be no wedding. Said **Yona**, "It turned out that my mental/physical health severely deteriorated due to the unbearable stress/anxiety the woman's family created with me. I got nervous breakdown and had to receive treatment in the hospital for hypertension. Also there was intervention (heavenly sent by HaShem) by some brave community members to stop it at all cost. Miraculously my good health suddenly came back with all health indicators back to normal after the cancellation. I cannot go against this scientific evidence that I was in a terrible state during the engagement. Unfortunately I wasn't aware of it until my health conditions deteriorated to the extent I could not function well.

"I will now focus on finding opportunities to do humanitarian efforts for the quake victims in Japan and this is my first priority for now after Pesach. Thank G-d I have many reasons to live a good life.

"Please accept my apology for making the unnecessary noise and publicity. I hope I will do well in the next meeting with a new woman."

## Refuah Shelema

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

## Candle Lighting Times

Source: Orthodox Union

May 6 – 8:29

May 13 - 8:36

May 20 – 8:43

May 27 – 8:49

## Yahrzeits

Name	2011	Hebrew Date
Goodman, Anna	May 1	Nissan 27
Horwich., George	May 2	Nissan 28
Salzman, George	May 2	Nissan 28
Mazor, Albert N.	May 2	Nissan 28
Friedman, Mary	May 3	Nissan 29
Fischbach, Rachel Lew	May 3	Nissan 29
Goldberg, David	May 4	Nissan 30
Gordon, Betty Bernstein	May 7	Iyar 3
Silver, Anne	May 11	Iyar 7
Brotsky, Harry	May 16	Iyar 12
Salzman, Jacob	May 17	Iyar 13
Horwich, Rose	May 17	Iyar 13
Berk, Jean	May 21	Iyar 17
Goodman, Dora	May 24	Iyar 20
Paul, Laivy L.	May 25	Iyar 21
McMurray, Paul	May 28	Iyar 24
Feinstein, Jacob	May 30	Iyar 26

## Sisterhood Closing Luncheon set

The Sisterhood Closing Luncheon is Wednesday, May 11th at noon, at the Lafayette Country Club, 1500 S. 9th St., Lafayette. The speaker will be **Stephanie**, owner of Stefan Design in downtown Lafayette. She will discuss upcoming design trends. Guests are welcome, but reservations are necessary. Contact **Harriet Diamond** (765) 463-1416 or **Sonya Garfinkel**, (765) 463-7071.

## May Calendar

May 1: Sunday – Yom Hashoa

May 4: Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Open House for **Cyrelle Simon** at home of **Herb** and **Heather Moskowitz**

May 6: Friday 8 p.m. – Shabbat Services

May 7: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

May 8: Sunday – Yom Hazickaron, Israel's Memorial Day

May 9: Monday – Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day

May 11: Wednesday Noon – Sisterhood Closing Luncheon

May 12: Thursday 7 p.m. – Lafayette Klezmerim CD Release Party (see details below)

May 13: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

May 14: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

May 15: Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Treager family party – see story.

May 20: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

May 21: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

May 19: Thursday 8 p.m. Board Meeting Scheduled

May 20: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

May 21: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

May 27: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

May 38: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

## Klezmerim CD Release Party

Everyone is invited to the gala release of the **Lafayette Klezmerim** CD Release Party, Thursday, May 12 from 7-10 p.m. at the **Lafayette Brewing Company** (upstairs), 622 Main Street.

**Admission is free!**

# Party Time!!

**Iris** and **Irwin Treager** ask everyone to please come and celebrate with them three important events in their family. The first is that their son **Steve** is getting his PhD in ethnomusicology. The second is for grandson **Eric Segal** on both his engagement to **Allegra Flohr**, and his graduation from Purdue. And the third is for granddaughter **Sarah Segal**, who just graduated from high school, and will be going on to college.

The party will be on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4, at the synagogue.

## Cyrelle Simon visits May 4

**Cyrelle Simon** and daughters **Ronit** and **Shira** will be spending 2 days in Lafayette. Everyone is invited to visit them at the home of **Heather** and **Herb Moskowitz** at an Open House at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. They will be staying at the University Inn for one night.

## LJCRS News

Shalom! As most of you know, April has been a busy month for LJCRS. A big thank you to everyone that made our Model Seder such a great success! Our students presented different parts of the story of Passover, we had lots of great Passover foods, and we got to hop like frogs and hear beat-boxed versions of the Four Sons. All had a great time. Special thanks to Gabriela Szteinberg and Mark Goldman, as well as our tireless aides, who helped with the setup.

Also a big Mazal Tov to Noa Kossman, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on April 30th

As the year draws to a close, we are beginning to make plans for next school year. Parents should have received from us an Intent to Return form via email. This is not a firm commitment, but will help us in planning classes and anticipating our teacher needs for next year. We hope that next school year will be as exciting as this year has been! Parents should be receiving actual registration materials from us sometime this summer.

Some upcoming events:

May 8 is our last day of school, and we will also be celebrating Yom Haatzmaut, or Israeli Independence Day. There will be music, crafts, and dancing, as well as some delicious Israeli food. Special thanks to Allyson Steselboim who is coordinating this event.

On May 22, we will be holding our Lag B'Omer picnic, time and location to be announced.

And as most of you know, I will be busy these next couple of weeks with our new baby girl. I will be back and around before the school year is out. Enjoy the spring!

Elana

## Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call or **Iris Treager** at (765) 463-2468 or **Sheila Wolinsky** (765) 463-9830. 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.

## Deadline for June

**Tuesday, May 24** is the deadline for submission of material for the Sons of Abraham Bulletin. Please send material to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

## 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 **100th 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.

# Letter from Jerusalem

We have an expression “Mi she nichnas adar marbeim by simcha” When the Hebrew month of Adar enters, joy is increased (from the Talmud, Masechta Megilla ) thanks to my son Rabbi Hillel Simon. Although our Purim celebration was joyful, the 2 months of Adar were marred by the murders at the Itamar settlement, and the death of one person and the forty people injured near the center of the city. These horrific terrorist attacks pervaded the mood of the country.

On a different subject, I never cease to be amazed by the many acts of “chesed” here. I recently learned of a wonderful project by the people of the small town of Chashmonayim. It is an upscale village of mainly modern orthodox families located about halfway between B’nai Brak and Jerusalem. Thirty families have banded together to provide hot chocolate, coffee etc. along with some “nasherei” (snacks) to the soldiers at the checkpoints, nightly with an extra treat. Each family takes responsibility for one night of the month with the remaining families all contributing some items to the person who will be delivering these goodies to the soldiers. The soldiers are so grateful for the warmth, caring and sustenance of these personal visits. My close friends, Shirley and Ira Stein from Sharon, Massachusetts, while visiting their daughter and family in Chashonaim were able to participate in this “chesed” (act of loving kindness).

I have recently read a book entitled “Tales Out of Jerusalem” by Rabbi Emanuel Feldman, a leading orthodox rabbi for many years in Atlanta, Georgia. He and his family have resided in my neighborhood of Bayit V’Gan for over ten years. Rabbi Feldman expresses so eloquently many of the reasons I’ve chosen to live in Jerusalem.

Without using the usual platitudes about Israel, Yes, it is true that we have sun most of the year and Jerusalem is breathtaking in its stark beauty, and the Land is filled with an endless variety of people and cultures, and we have mountains and deserts and sea. Also, there is, of course, a religious imperative to dwell in our Holy Land, most meaningful, we are not sitting passively in the grandstand, while history is

being played out before us. Here we have an acute sense of being part of our ancient people, a sense of revisiting the days of yore.

Kedushah (holiness) is endemic in Jerusalem, even in the twenty-first century. Let me count the ways. In the synagogues, where davening is of a sincerity and ardor that is not found anywhere; in the study halls, where Torah at all levels is studied by men and women of all intellectual and economic strata, seven days a week, morning, noon and night; in the acts of chesed that are the hallmarks of the Orthodox community — the welcoming of strangers to one’s home for Shabbos, the many free-loan societies; the organizations that supply the homebound, the sick and the infirm with food, friendship and encouragement; the care with which religious Jews observe the restrictions against making unfavorable comments about others; the high percentage of their incomes that religious Jews give to tzedakah — in all this, the sense of kedushah is pervasive. While such things are found in most Orthodox communities, the quantity, quality and intensity with which it is manifested in Jerusalem is unmatched anywhere. My own neighborhood of Bayit V’Gan, for example, with a population of less than six thousand orthodox families offers — in addition to its fifty chesed (charitable) groups and sixty synagogues — almost two hundred shiurim (lectures, lessons) for adults per week. Non-religious Jews also sense the kedusha. A secular taxi driver, rounding a curve that reveals the rolling hills in the distance, exclaims “Ein kemo Yerushalayim “ (There is nothing like Jerusalem) . Jerusalem is breathtaking physically; spiritually, it is even more striking.

But, there is more. The Jewish soul is attached to the Holy Land by an umbilical cord that extends back to the Patriarchs and to G-d’s promise to them to give us the land as an inheritance. Upon its every grain of sand rests the imprint of HaShem. “The eyes of G-d are upon it (Israel) from the beginning of the year until the end of the year”, says the Torah in Deuteronomy 11:12. Israel is thus unlike any other land. This is the dwelling place of the Shechinah, the Presence of G-d. That is why in this place alone, the Jewish soul is fully nourished and at peace.

Cyrelle Simon