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Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

We join with the family of **Sidney L. Berger** in mourning his death April 17 at the age of 87. **Sid** was a life-long member of the Shul. He will be greatly missed. May his memory be for a blessing.

Herschel Krushen, still recovering from his recent ordeal, paid a visit to the Shul for Shabbat morning services during Pesach. Accompanied by a caregiver, **Herschel** managed to navigate stairs to the social hall and actively participated in the service. **Herschel**, you are *always* welcome! Please know you *are* missed!

Many Shul members and friends of the **Lillianfeld** family gathered at the SOA Cemetery Sunday, April 29 for the unveiling of **Madelyn's** headstone.

Many thanks to **Ephraim Fischbach** for his artful rendering of Song of Songs during a Pesach service.

Mazel Tov to **Becky Lillianfeld** who entered her first NCAA basketball pool at her dad **Mark's** office. Becky came in second place, picking UK as the winner. She collected \$21. (Editor's note: we're certain this will be declared as income! ☺)

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Refuah Shelema

We offer prayers for health, complete recovery and long life to **Sonia Barash, Hershel Krushen, Geri Horwich, Florence Lillianfeld, Marge Aronson, Joe Haberer, Sarah Raskin, Irwin and Iris Treager, Fritz Friedlaender, and Jo Gartenhaus.**

Sisterhood Closing Luncheon Wednesday May 9

The Sons of Abraham Sisterhood closes the books on another active year of service to the Shul Wednesday, May 9 at noon at the Lafayette Country Club, an event chaired by **Harriet Diamond**. All members are encouraged to attend!

Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad

May 4: 8:29 p.m.

May 11: 8:36 p.m.

May 18: 8:43 p.m.

May 25: 8:49 p.m.

May 26: 9:56 p.m. (Erev Shavout)

May 27: 9:57 p.m. (Eve of 2nd Day of Shavout)

Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call **Sheila Wolinsky** at 463-9830 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.

May Calendar

May 1: Tuesday Noon – Hadassah’s 100th Birthday at Lafayette Country Club

May 4: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

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

May 5: Saturday at Sundown: Pesach Sheini

May 9: Wednesday – Sisterhood Closing Luncheon at Lafayette Country Club

May 10: Thursday – Lag B’Omer

May 11: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

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

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

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

May 30: Sunday – Jerusalem Day observed

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

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

May 27: Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Shavout Services

May 28: Monday – 10:00 a.m. – Shavout Services – **Includes Yizkor**

May 30: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

Please note: The Ten Commandments are read in the synagogue on the first day of Shavout, Sunday, May 27. This will happen *only* if we have a minyan! Your attendance is requested. Without a minyan we cannot read the Torah, nor can mourners say Kaddish. All too often we have been short one person, meaning significant portions of the service must be skipped. This can be personally painful to those who are directly affected.

Yahrzeits

Name	2012	Hebrew Date
Brodsky, Harry	May 4	Iyyar 12
Salzman, Jacob	May 5	Iyyar 13
Horwich, Rose	May 5	Iyyar 13
Berk, Jean	May 9	Iyyar 17
Goodman, Dora	May 10	Iyyar 20
Paul, Laivy L.	May 11	Iyyar 21
McMurray, Paul	May 16	Iyyar 24
Feinstein, Jacob	May 18	Iyyar 26
Winski, Ab.	Unknown	Sivan xx
Levine, Harris	Unknown	Sivan xx
Goodman, Samuel	May 25	Sivan 4
Litman, Max	May 25	Sivan 4
Spector, Jacob Aaron	May 26	Sivan 5
Berger, Mose	May 27	Sivan 6
Salzman, Freida	May 28	Sivan 7
Goldstine, Leo	May 28	Sivan 7
Klatch, Louise Solomon	May 29	Sivan 8
Bass, Samuel	May 31	Sivan 10
Roger, Louis J.	May 31	Sivan 10
Altman, Maynard	May 31	Sivan 10
Zovod, Eda	June 1	Sivan 11
Singer, Bessie	June 3	Sivan 13
Zovod, Rosa Lee	June 3	Sivan 13

Deadline for June edition

Please send all materials for the June bulletin to penmike@embarqmail.com no later than Monday, May 28.

Hadassah marks century of service

Hadassah Medical Organization Donor Lunch

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Letters from Jerusalem

By **Cyrelle Simon**

Occasionally, I like to publish the D'var Torah, which my friend **Sandy Hasson** writes periodically. She writes her articles in memory of her sister, **Mimi Hasson**, the late wife of **David Sanders**, and a former professor in Purdue's Biology Department.

A human brain weighs approximately 3 lbs and contains 10-100 billion nerve cells called neurons. Each neuron interacts with thousands of other cells. Every minute that a person is using one of their senses, like seeing, hearing, tasting, etc, they stimulate these neurons to process all the incoming information. The brain neurons process data coming from inside the body, like how the blood pressure is doing and then send out neurotransmitters to communicate with other cells to regulate it. Neuron cells also process external stimuli, like "the stop light just turned red and I have to step on my brake". The billions of neurons work together to analyze which incoming data is important and how to respond so that our health and safety stay in balance.

There is another place in the body that helps to regulate our health and safety, and that is the soul. As long as the soul is connected in our body, we continue to live and breathe. The soul's job is to try to guide us to grow and thrive spiritually. It is painful to the soul when our brain makes a choice and we do something that is harmful to ourselves spiritually. Then our soul tries to speak up and let us know what's going on. Our rabbis teach us that there are many signals we can pay attention to if we are looking for personal communication from G-d, and that is through our soul. Some people may call it "intuition" or a "feeling". These are things that the brain can't tell us concretely where this motivation came from, but it could be us really listening to our souls.

Frequently, our souls motivate us to do things that don't make sense physically or intellectually. How can lighting candles at sundown on Friday make such a difference to the world especially when the time changes every week? Candle lighting time can be at 4 p.m. in the winter and 8 p.m. in the summer. Whenever that sunset time arrives, though, our soul asks our body to light the Sabbath candles and suddenly change our lifestyle from our rushed activities of the last 6 days. Instead of eating a quick weekday dinner and interacting with our many electronic devices, we sit down to long and lavish family dinners. We spend hours at our congregations with our friends and family, praying and acknowledging the holiness of Shabbat and adding extra prayers to honor the special time. By lighting the Shabbat candles, we're using our "by invitation only" pass to get into the private celebration of Sabbath. If we don't enter the party room, the celebration will go on without us. It will be Shabbat anyway, and G-d will still send down extra holiness to fill the world for those 25 hours. We only have to step through the door and we will be connecting with our soul to the spiritual strength and peace of the holiest day of the week.

As long as we are alive, our body and soul will each try to send us signals to enhance our physical and spiritual development. May we merit to be aware of our own internal personal messages. May we have the strength to make the right choices to keep our souls and bodies as healthy as possible.

From Cyrelle:

Leviim,

I just wanted add a few sentences, to describing the garb of the Leviim of about 3000 years ago. According to my grandchildren, they wore a type of long dress with a coat, open in front, of a color that they could choose. They wore a scarf on their head and a scarf at the waist with tzitzit (ritual fringes) on top. They wore a leather yarmulke with Tefillin on the head and on the hand. Since they wore the Tefillin all day, the hand one was not wrapped around the fingers. (I hope I've conveyed the information accurately.)

Signs of the Times:

Decorating the city street lamps are banners proclaiming "Chag HaCherut Sameach" Happy Freedom Holiday. Chag HaCherut is the Biblical term for Pesach.

New Years:

There are four New Years on the Jewish calendar. The first New Year is the first of Nissan and is considered in the Bible the first month in the Hebrew calendar. It marks the New Year for counting the reigns of kings in ancient Israel. The first of Elul was considered the New Year of animal tithes to the priestly class in ancient Israel. The first of Tishrei is the date when the Jewish calendar advances and is traditionally seen as the date when the world was created. The fifteenth of Shevat celebrates the New Year for the trees. According to the Torah, fruit from trees cannot be consumed from trees less than three years old. Tu B'Shvat was used as the starting date for determining the age of the trees. So, you can imagine how startled I was to hear the greeting L'Shonah Tovah! on the radio on the first of Nissan.

Only in Israel!

My friend was recently davening at the Kotel from 11:30 p.m. to about 1 a.m. and she commented on the huge numbers of people there and the many who kept arriving as she was leaving. She told me that those people who walk to the Kotel on Shabbat can get a free bus ride to the center of Jerusalem from Egged after sundown. The bus company knows that people don't carry money on Shabbat and provide free transportation for them for the hour or two at the close of the Sabbath. In addition, free coffee and cake with Havdalah is provided at the Kotel when Shabbat ends!

Media Bias:

Upon my return from very happy family Pesach celebration in London, several friends brought up the subject of the recent demonstrators from Europe who arrived to deligitimize the State of Israel. I learned that most European countries cooperated with Israel and refused to let the mass of demonstrators fly. However, some did arrive and proceeded to attract a lot of negative attention in the media. A soldier, who for 2 hours was working to calm down the violence had his hand broken by a demonstrator and he hit the man win the face with his rifle. The perpetrator sustained a small sore on his lip while the soldier was whisked away for emergency surgery. He

was also told he would be exempt from promotion for the next 2 years. I am just piecing together some remarks from friends, but I do know that Israel is generally given very poor press by the media, which seems to have a bias against the State and this is an old story.

Recent Holidays:

Memorial Day for the Israeli soldiers was recently observed. However, its title has been enlarged to include Israeli and Jewish victims of terrorist attacks here and abroad. The TV station at the Knesset broadcast the names of over two thousand Jews murdered in recent years by enemy terrorists. We are all aware of the danger of a nuclear Iran and the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Europe. There was a memorial service at the Kotel and of course thousands attended private ceremonies at the graves of their beloved. My Ulpan teacher said that there is not a household in Israel that isn't affected by loss or doesn't know someone who is. I have two relatives and a friend, who have each lost a son in defense of the country.

We celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut close to the fifth of Iyyar (that is the official date, but it comes on Friday, so we observed the Holiday on Wednesday night and Thursday, April 25 and 26. Har Hertzl hosted massive entertainment and speeches. Flags decorated all the homes. Official buildings display large flags running the length of the edifices. People's garments now feature the colors, blue and white and stages have been set up through the city for various Israeli folk dance groups to display their talents. The airplanes are practicing their creative flying formations for peoples' enjoyments. Schools and shops closed. So, even through this is the period of time from the second day of Pesach when we count the Omer actually a time of semi-mourning, however, with the exciting expectation of remembering the receiving of the Torah on Shavout, we try to deal with all the emotional investments symbolized by the holidays.

With warm regards, Cyrelle



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