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Gratitude, Condolences, and Congratulations

This is the time of the year when your editor returns to the grindstone having been generously relieved by **Harriet Diamond** who edits, produces, and distributes the two annual booklets prepared for Shul members. Of course, Harriet deserves warm thanks for that job. Both **Sid and Harriet** made a most generous major contribution to the Shul. It may be time for you to follow their model and, if you do, know that the money will be used to inspect and repair the sanctuary ceiling, to maintain the aging cooling and heating systems in the building, and to take further measures to keep the building usable. Thanks are due to the whole crew, led by **Esther Chosnek**, that helped with the garage sale, Once

again, **Rose and Joe Haberer** lent us their garage and Michael Kaplan provided a new recliner. Once again, **Jim Klatch** and Pookie delivered tables, etc.. Thanks go to the Sisterhood board which hosted the Sisterhood Opening Tea, to **Esther Chosnek** who graciously offered her home as venue and to **Susan Prohofsky** who presented an interesting program. Many thanks to **Ida Cohen** and **Sylvia Cember** who provided the beautiful flowers which graced the sanctuary during the High Holidays. Many thanks to **Gisela Friedlaender** and **Harriet Diamond** for shopping and schlepping for food for Break-the-Fast Special gratitude goes to **Sam Harris** who prepared the sanctuary for the celebration of the High Holidays, scheduled aliyot, and was Gabbai during the services. His is the kind of service we do not notice frequently enough even though people would certainly be taken aback if it went undone.

New Shul Members

We send enthusiastic greetings to new shul members, **Dr. Eric and Mrs. Gail Orenstein**. He is associated with Arnett Clinic and has been at various shul events during the time he was in the moving process.

Save the Date

October 25. 1 P. M., Unveiling of headstone for Marilyn Zimmerman and 3:00 P.M.. presentation by USCJ scholar-in residence. See calendar for details

The Bulletin on the Web

Many thanks to all those who have agreed to read the Bulletin on the web. We ask others who would be willing and able to help us make needed and significant savings by reading the Bulletin on the web. Many do not know how to do that. that is understandable. I myself am a recovering technophobe. What appears below may not be the way most computers would read the bulletin on the web. However, it is understandable to those who do not use computers very often and does not use words like "browser" and "url." So, step one is to make the Google search screen appear. Once your computer is on, look for a logo that says Navigator and click on it. After a few seconds you may see a bar across half the top that says Google. Type "sons of abraham lafayette indiana" into that space and hit the return key. A Google search will take place and report that Sons of Abraham has a website at www.soalafayette.org. That address will appear at the end of the search report and all you need do is click on it. With any luck at all, the SOA website will appear and you select "bulletin" from the choices offered there. That's it. If you currently have a paid subscription and want to read the bulletin on the web as described above, you will no longer be charged. Please notify Harriet Diamond <hardiam819@verizon.net>Read! Enjoy!

Yahrzeits

Name	Hebrew Date	2009
Nathan, Louis	Tishrei 13	October 1
Tubis, Rose	Tishrei 13	October 1
Elkin, David Abraham	Tishrei 14	October 2
Pearlman, Ida	Tishrei 16	October 4
Singer, Rebecca	Tishrei 16	October 4
Rose, Joseph	Tishrei 17	October 5
Kaplan, George	Tishrei 18	October 6
Winski, Zlata	Tishrei 18	October 6
Simon, Edward H.	Tishrei 19	October 7

Cohen, Sig	Tishrei 21	October 9
Lobstein, Otto	Tishrei 22	October 10
Chosnek, Sam	Tishrei 24	October 12
Goodman, Adele L.	Tishrei 25	October 13
Gartenhaus, Leopold	Tishrei 26	October 14
Stein, Belle Atlass	Tishrei 27	October 15
Cohen, William	Tishrei 27	October 15
Goodman, Samuel	Tishrei 27	October 15
Zaban, Pauline	Tishrei 29	October 17
Bercovitz, Nathan	Tishrei 30	October 18

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Name	Hebrew Date	2009
Berger, I.	Cheshvan 2	October 20
Urish, Abraham	Cheshvan 2	October 20
Kaplan, Sara Riva	Cheshvan 4	October 22
Goldberg, Goldie	Cheshvan 4	October 22
Jablon, Paul	Cheshvan 8	October 26
Zovod, Harry	Cheshvan 12	October 30
Atlass, Harry H.	Cheshvan 13	October 31
Pearlman, Jacob	Cheshvan 13	October 31
Katz, Allan M.	Cheshvan 16	November 3
Singer, Jacob	Cheshvan 17	November 4
Friedman, Sharon Bercovitz	Cheshvan 17	November 4
Zimmerman, Marilyn	Cheshvan 17	November 4
Glick, Clara	Cheshvan 18	November 5
Elkin, Samuel	Cheshvan 20	November 7

Rabbi's Calendar

Rabbi Rascoe will be in town on the weekends of October 23 - 25 and October 30 - November 1.

Refuah Shelema

Almighty God, we offer prayers for health, complete recovery and long life to **Jo Gartenhaus, Sonia Barash, Sarah Raskin, Sara and Barney Axelrod, and Rabbi David Blumofe,**

On the Web

True, Yom Kippur has come and gone. Still you might want to see this talk by Steven Bayme, Director of Contemporary Jewish Life for the American Jewish Congress. The Yom Kippur message presented here goes beyond what some of us remember from religious school in that it analyzes the communal nature of Yom Kippur atonement.

http://www.ajc.org/site/c.ijlTI2PHKoG/b.4618233/k.9C47/Video_Yom_Kippur.htm

Below is the url of a really amazing collection of Jewish music all of which can be yours free of charge. Enjoy!!

<http://www.haruth.com/JewishMusic.htm>

Shul Board Solicits Donations to Special Purpose Funds

The Shul board was recently asked to publicize the various funds to which one can make donations to the Shul. When other funds are established, they will be listed.

The Chosnek Fund, named for Sam and Edith Chosnek, is for ritual. For example, the fund could be used to repair or replace such things as Torah covers and the like.

The Elkin Fund, named for Barry Elkin, is for educational purposes. It might be used, for example, to pay part of the cost of bringing a speaker.

The 100th Anniversary Fund, established By Ed Simon, is for capital expenses in building maintenance. We used part of it for the recent re-wiring

done in part of the building. This fund provides a naming opportunity for remodeling our sanctuary.

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 \$_____. Please apply it to:

Ha Gomel (recovery) of _____

100th Anniversary Fund (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 47996-2671.

Donations will be acknowledged.

Donor(s): _____

Address: _____

Recently Received Gifts

Harriet and Sid Diamond made a most generous major donation to the Shul.

Anna Laks de Abramovitz made an especially generous donation to the Shul.

Urgently Needed Help

Our treasurer and our financial secretary have informed us that they are now working in their final year of service to the shul. We urgently need one or more people to begin an apprenticeship so they may take up this work at the end of 2009 -10. Can you

help? Will you help? **Will we have to hire a book-keeping service to do this?** Speak with any shul officer for more information or call Susan Prohofsky at 463-1980.

October Calendar

Oct. Sisterhood Co-Presidents: **Susan Prohofsky** and **Sylvia Cember**

Oct. 2: Friday, 8:00 P.M. Erev Sukkot

Oct. 3: Saturday, 10 A. M. Sukkot

Oct. 4: Sunday, 10 A. M. Second Day, Sukkot

Oct. 6: Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Sisterhood Board Meeting, Home of **Heather Moskowitz**

Oct. 9: Friday, 8:00 P.M. Erev Shemini Atzeret Service

Oct. 10: Saturday, 10:00 AM.. Shemini Atzeret Services, 8:00 P.M.. Erev Simchat Torah Service, **Sylvia Cember** and **Geri Horwich**, hostesses

Oct. 16: Friday, 8:00 P.M. Erev Shabbat Service

Oct. 17: Saturday, 10 A.M.. Shabbat Service

Oct. 18: Sunday, 6 P.M. Carry-in Dinner

Oct. 20: Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Sisterhood General Meeting, Home of **Heather Moskowitz**

Oct. 22: Thursday, 8:00 P.M. Shul Board Meeting

Oct. 23 - 25 Rabbi Rascoe is in town.

Oct. 23: Friday, 8:00 P.M. Erev Shabbat Service

Oct. 24: Saturday, 10 A.M.. Shabbat Service

Oct. 25: Sunday, 1 P.M.. Unveiling of headstone for Marilyn Zimmerman.

3:00 P.M., Rabbi Jonathan Porath, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Scholar-in-Residence. **“A Lifetime with Russian Jewry: a Personal Story from Soviet Rule Until Today”** Refreshments to follow.

Oct. 30 - November 1: Rabbi Rascoe is in town

Oct. 30: Friday, 8:00 P.M. Erev Shabbat Service

Oct. 31: Saturday, 10 A.M.. Shabbat Service

Rabbi's Reflections

Sukkah: Protection, Universalism

People usually think about how unprotected the *sukkah* (booth) is. From the roof being more open to the sky and elements than covered, we downplay the material for the spiritual, the physical for God. Yet some rabbis reach a different conclusion: the *sukkah* represents God's protecting presence. Rabbi Eliezer and others (*Talmud Sukkah* 11b) claim that the *sukkot* in Leviticus 23:43 were not physical structures but the protective clouds of God's glory. Every Friday night service attendee recognizes this from the prayer *Hashkivenu* (*Cause us to lie down*) where we ask God three times to spread over us the *sukkah* of peace.

The Gerer Rebbe, Yehudah Leib Alter (19th century Poland), notes that in Genesis 33:17 Jacob made *sukkot* for his possessions (most translate it as “cattle”), and then he refers us to the prayer *Hashkivenu* asking God to “spread out the *sukkah* of peace.” In addition to the meaning of the *sukkah*, the Rebbe is interested in the accompanying verb *spread out*, *pores*, which also means “divide, choose a portion,” and God chooses a portion, the people Israel (Deuteronomy 32:9). The Rebbe wonders why God, who is wholeness, would choose just one people? He answers that God dwells with the lowly and humble (Isaiah 57:15), and that the *Zohar* says that a person with a broken heart is whole, for everywhere God dwells is wholeness, making a whole out of a half. Since the people Israel represent this wholeness among God's creatures, they sacrificed on every nation's behalf (70 bulls=70 nations) on *Sukkot*. The Sages said that the people Israel should pray for God's kingdom to spread over all creation. The Rebbe then concludes with a third meaning of *peras*, “reward”: “Do not be like servants who serve their master expecting to receive a reward; rather be like servants who serve their master unconditionally, with no thought of reward” (*Pirquei Avot* 1:3).

The *sukkah* is what we make of it. Space is open, empty, purposeless. By building, we capture a small amount of space, convert it to our will, make it serve our purpose. Having the power to take elements of the world around us and make it serve our welfare,

is not sufficient protection. For that we need God. But we should not serve God to get something. If we think only of our own good and needs, we are faithless servants desiring a reward. Judaism has always been concerned with the continuation of the Jews, for we cannot fulfill our mission without surviving. For Judaism to be meaningful, we cannot ignore the larger world even though others people persecute us. Despite that suffering, or maybe even because of it, God holds us responsible for maintaining everyone and everything in the world, indeed, all of existence. The *sukkah* is not just for us, but it reminds us that our mission is to protect and better the universe.

Sisterhood Offers Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any "simcha" 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.

Recent mailings:

For the recovery of Jo Gartenhaus:

Gisela and Fritz Friedlaender

Especially generous donation for the recovery of Jo Gartenhaus:

Sandy and Ken Brown

Especially generous donation to the Sisterhood:

Anna Laks de Abramovitz

Board To Meet

The Shul Board of Directors will meet at the Shul on Thursday, October 22 at **7:30 p.m.** Board meetings are open to all members. There was not a quorum at the September meeting.

Local Support for Israel

Marji Gold-Vukson

Are you a fan of Israel? Support her. Spacibo, the Russian deli/market in the strip mall on 52 near Yeager, WL, has lots of Israeli products (especially pastries and other goodies, but shampoos, etc., too). They also carry other OU kosher products.

If you are looking for middle eastern and/or Jewish ethnic fare, but would prefer not to shore up the coffers of Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey, please stop by Spacibo. The woman who runs the shop indicated that she would be happy to bring in other/ additional products for our community, so just let her know that you are interested and what you are interested in seeing on her shelves and in her freezer cases.

Questions? E-mail me (gdashv@comcast.net).

Marji G-V

editor's note: The owner told us that she has a source for Challah baked in a kosher kitchen that lacks only a hechsher. If the bread sells, she will attempt to get a hechsher.

Letter from Jerusalem

Cyrelle Simon

I have a few more tidbits for my continuing letter from Jerusalem: Following my grandson's Bar Mitzvah in London in July, my family celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of my youngest Israeli grandson, last week in B'nai Brak. I am always a little startled by the davening times. Shira's family Shul starts at 7:30 a.m. and finishes about 10:20. We really had to get there early to participate in all the service. I remember when we first came to Lafayette in 1960, the Shul services started at 7:30 a.m. since most of the attendees were businessmen who needed to open their stores by 9:00 a.m.

More Bar Mitzvah related details: At the celebratory party several days later, in addition to the continuous smile on my grandson's face, my sons Rashi and Hillel gave very impressive speeches in fluent Hebrew, and Ronit's husband, also gave a fine

"drosh" in English. Adding to the festivities, we enjoyed a mini Lafayette reunion including Honi Sanders, Giora Dula and Jun Miyamoto. We were very proud of Shmueli's excellent rendition of the haftarah and the achievements of the entire family.

Talented Entertainers: Several weeks ago, I enjoyed a concert by the world famous clarinet player, Giora Feidman. His group's show was held in a fascinating venue called the Valley of the Communities, a stone amphitheater, which is a section of Yad V Shem. The names of hundreds of communities attacked or decimated in the Holocaust, were engraved on the various walls. It was a sobering experience to walk through the several stone chambers. The concert, however, which touched on the Holocaust, was in the main very "freilach".

My other recent musical event was a show featuring Dudu Fisher, singing so many beloved and new Yiddish songs. Some were liturgical (Avinu Malkenu), some New York 2nd Avenue (Bai Mir Bistu Shein), some klezmer tunes by his support klezmer band etc. The Jerusalem Theatre was full.

Miscarriages and Abortions: My hostess at a recent Shabbos meal is about 38 years old. She has ten children ranging in age from 2 to 16 and she has had 5 miscarriages. She told me that she had to call 5 hospitals in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv to find a physician who would take care of her most recent miscarriage without removing her uterus. Apparently, non religious women, are usually comfortable with the idea of a hysterectomy following an abortion or miscarriage. While, my friend, typical of most, if not all, religious women, wants the option of having more children. She described to me an organization that collects money to provide women, who plan to have abortions, with money to provide all the necessary supplies and equipment to care for the impending baby. Apparently, there are many thousands of abortions in Israel per yr. and this group claims credit for averting a significant number of them. Quite interesting. By the way, Israel has very advanced "fertility" clinics to help women conceive.

With my warm wishes for a Chativa vchatimah tova and a year of good health to all my friends,

Cyrelle Simon

Candle Lighting Times

(source: Orthodox Union)

October 2	7:12
October 9	7:01
October 16	6:50
October 23	6:40
October 30	6:31

Last Laughs

There's big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until after it graduates from medical school.

A Jewish telegram: "Start worrying. Details to follow."

Even if you are Catholic, if you live in New York you're Jewish. If you live in Butte, Montana, you are going to be goyish even if you are Jewish.

- Lenny Bruce

Source:

http://www.sillymusic.com/jewish_jokes_one_liners.asp