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A hearty “thanks for a job well done” to **Sonya Garfinkel** for arranging the Sisterhood Calendar and for hosting the Sisterhood Opening Tea. **Gwendolyn Slamovich** and **Harriet Diamond** prepared the High Holiday booklet and the Calendar & Directory booklet. U.S. Mail should have delivered these to those who did not attend the Sisterhood Opening Tea.

We’re glad to know that Irwin Treager is rapidly recovering from hip replacement surgery, as his daily joke blog is once again gracing our inboxes!

## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Rabbi David S. Blumofe**, 80, who passed August 26. The congregation extends condolences to his wife **Amy** and their children **Jonathan, Ari, Jordana** and **Noah**. *May God comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

**Amy Blumofe** sent the following: “Thank you to Sons of Abraham synagogue for your message of condolence. **David** enjoyed being part of your synagogue, and community. He had fond memories of the people he served, during those years he was actively in your pulpit.

Warmest regards for a Shana tova, May it bring us all health, happiness, mazel and parnassah.

**Amy Blumofe, and family (Jonathan, Ari, Jordana, and Noah).”**

We welcome new member families Sons of Abraham. **Aaron and Beth Zimmerman** and family and **Rebekah Klein-Pejsova** and her husband **Stanislaw Pejša** are now on our roles. We hope for their active participation in the years to come!

## Refuah Shelema

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

## Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad

October 7 - 7:03

October 12 - 6:55

October 13 - 7:52

October 14 - 6:52

October 19 - 6:45

October 20 - 7:42

October 21 - 6:42

October 28 - 6:32

# Yahrzeits

Name	Hebrew Date	2011
Roger, Nechama	October 8	Tishrei 10
Bercovitz, Isaac A.	October 8	Tishrei 10
Tap, Nathan	October 9	Tishrei 11
Bercovitz, Anna	October 10	Tishrei 12
Nathan, Louis	October 11	Tishrei 13
Tubis, Rose	October 11	Tishrei 13
Elkin, David Abraham	October 12	Tishrei 14
Pearlman, Ida	October 14	Tishrei 16
Singer, Rebecca	October 14	Tishrei 16
Joseph, Rose	October 15	Tishrei 17
Kaplan, George	October 16	Tishrei 18
Winski, Zlata	October 16	Tishrei 18
Simon, Edward H.	October 17	Tishrei 19
Cohen, Sig	October 19	Tishrei 21
Lobstein, Otto	October 20	Tishrei 22
Chosnek, Sam	October 22	Tishrei 24
Goodman, Adele L.	October 23	Tishrei 25
Gartenhaus, Leopold	October 24	Tishrei 26
Stein, Belle Atlass	October 25	Tishrei 27
Cohen, William	October 25	Tishrei 27
Goodman, Samuel	October 25	Tishrei 27
Zaban, Pauline	October 27	Tishrei 29
Bercovitz, Nathan	October 28	Tishrei 30
Berger, I.	October 30	Cheshvan 2
Urish, Abraham	October 30	Cheshvan 2
Kaplan, Sara Riva	November 1	Cheshvan 4
Goldberg, Goldie	November 1	Cheshvan 4

# October Calendar

**SEE SISTERHOOD CALENDAR ON NEXT PAGE**

October 1: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

October 7: Friday 6:30 p.m. – Kol Nidre\*

October 8: Saturday 8:45 a.m. – Yom Kippur\*

October 13 & 14: Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. Sukkot Services

October 14: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

October 15: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

October 17: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

October 18: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

October 20: Thursday 10 a.m. – Shemini Atzeret (Yizor at approximately 11:15 a.m.)

October 20: Thursday 8 p.m. – Simchat Torah (Marching with Torah & Flags)

October 21: Friday 10 a.m. – Simchat Torah

October 21: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

October 22: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

October 28: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

October 29: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

\* For a full listing of Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services, please see your 2011 New Year Booklet.

## Cyrelle Simon plans visit

**Cyrelle** will be in town for a couple of days in October. She would like to meet anyone interested for lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 12:30PM at Christos in West Lafayette. Please RSVP to **Harriet Diamond**, 463-1416, so that she knows how many reservations to make.

# Sisterhood October Calendar

Oct. 3: Monday, 1:30 p.m. – Sisterhood Board Meeting at the home of Harriet Diamond

Oct. 8: Saturday, Break the Fast. Co-Chairs: Harriet Diamond and Gisela Friedlaender

Oct. 12 & 13: Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Host: Hershel Krushen

Oct. 16: Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Carry-In Dinner. Chair: Heather Moskowitz

Oct. 20: Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Shemini atzeret. Host Hershel Krushen

Oct. 20: Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah. Hostesses: Geri Horwich and Sonya Garfinkel

Oct 21: Friday, 10:00 a.m. Simchat Torah. Host: Hershel Krushen

Oct 25: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood General Meeting. We will meet at Chico's for a shopping Spree.

## Correction

The telephone number for Sheila Wolinsky phone number is incorrect on the first page of the new Calendar & Directory booklet. In the paragraph headed "Cards" the last four digits of her phone number should be 9830.

## Donations to Sons of Abraham

**Judith Silverman** has made a generous donation, which she requested be toward the Building Fund. Thank you!

### Deadline for November Bulletin

The deadline for the November Bulletin is **Tuesday, October 25**. Please send items to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

## 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 Gomei 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 to: \_\_\_\_\_

Ha Gomei (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

## 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.

# 4th Annual Larry Axel Memorial Lecture in Religion

**Tuesday, October 4 ~ STEW 202 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

**Mark Noll**

**Professor of History**

**University of Notre Dame**

**“The King James Bible and the U.S. Populace”**

Mark Noll is Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at Notre Dame University. His talk will include material from his current research of the Bible in U.S. history, which coordinates nicely with commemorations across the globe and here at Purdue of the 400-year anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible.

Just a few of his intriguing books are *The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith* (InterVarsity Press, 2009); *God and Race in American Politics: A Short History* (Princeton UP, 2008); *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006); *The Rise of Evangelicalism: The Age of Edwards, Whitefield and the Wesleys* (InterVarsity Press, 2004); *America’s God, from Jonathan Edwards to Abraham Lincoln* (Oxford UP, 2002).

Co-sponsored by the Purdue Jewish Studies and Religious Studies Programs

<http://www.cla.purdue.edu/religious-studies/events/index.html>

All members of the Purdue University community and the public are cordially invited to attend this free event. <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/jewish-studies/>

## **Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series**

**Wednesday, October 26 ~ Stewart Center, Room 320 ~ 12:30**

**Stella Setka, Doctoral Student, Literary Studies, Department of English, Purdue University, “Trends in 21st-century Jewish American Fiction”**

Stella Setka is a third-year doctoral student in Literary Studies at Purdue University, and is working on several articles pertaining to the representation of Jews and the Holocaust in post-9/11 American fiction and literature. Stella’s dissertation will examine the parallels in representation of cultural traumas by American ethnic writers, with an emphasis on Jewish American and African American fiction. She was awarded a Department of English Excellence in Teaching Award for 2009-2010 for her outstanding work in the classroom, and also received university recognition for teaching excellence at an event sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants (CETA). Currently, she is working on several articles that examine the representation of the Holocaust in post-9/11 fiction and film.

Stella’s lecture on “Trends in 21st-Century Jewish-American Fiction” responds to the claim made in the April 2009 issue of *Vanity Fair* that contemporary Jewish American writers, unlike their 20th-century predecessors, are writing literature that celebrates a “newfound ethnic pride.” Ms. Setka will explore the merits of this claim by discussing the works of the so-called “New Yiddishist” writers, such as Michael Chabon, Dara Horn, and Jonathan Safran Foer, in light of earlier works by Jewish American legends such as Philip Roth and Saul Bellow.

All members of the Purdue University community and the public are cordially invited to attend this free event offered by the Jewish Studies Program. <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/jewish-studies/>

# Letter from Jerusalem

## In the Air:

Each taxi driver in the past several days has wished me a Shannah Tovah. People are shopping like frenetically; the airport predicts well over a million flights in the next few days. Tomorrow, my 12 year old granddaughter and I expect to be on one of them, traveling to Milwaukee for the Bat Mitzvah of my children **Ronit** and **Boruch's** daughter, **Rifka**. Our stay in the Midwest is planned to include a brief visit to physicians and friends in Lafayette.

## A Quote That Resonated with Me:

Israel as a society is a living, energetic, vibrant society. It's also the land of the biggest contrasts in the world. If you take Chareidim and Chilonim (non religious), Sephardim and Ashkenazim, young, old, poor, rich, Arabs, Jews, you have all these contrasts. It makes Israeli society so vibrant, so "leibedig". And because we are so vibrant, this mosaic of a society, we are able to have all these innovations. We are creating energy. That's the Jewish people's history and that's the State of Israel. It's this creative energy that people do not understand, because when somebody comes and writes about Israel, he's writing about the state of conflict, and that's not the main point.

## Merrily We Roll Along:

Recently, the Light Rail, whose construction start date was in 2006, accepted passengers for it's maiden public voyage. Rides were free for the first few weeks, because of problems with the ticketing system. Also, since the traffic lights haven't yet been installed, the train trip will be 70 minutes, about 30 minutes slower than a car can make the journey from near the Old City to close to my neighborhood on Hertzl Blvd. Apparently there were dozens of policemen along the tracks along with hundreds of ushers answering questions and directing passengers. It's a big day for Jerusalem!!!

## Vacationing in Jerusalem:

My daughter **Shira** and 5 of her children spent almost a week with me. **Shlomo**, **Shira's** husband, loves to come here, from B'nai Brak, for the mountain air. **Shira** and the family took in various sights including the very interesting **Menchem Begin** Heritage Museum. They were impressed with the experience. We recollected a quote from **Begin** when he was handed a letter by former **President Carter**, asking him to sign on the subject of negotiating the status of Jerusalem. He refused to sign. **Carter** said, "I thought that you Jews would give up a limb to save the whole body." **Begin** replied, "At every wedding for thousands of years we say, Let my right hand lose its cunning and let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I forget thee, O Jerusalem." Jerusalem is our heart and it is non negotiable.

## More Family,

I was pleased to host my 16 year old grandson from Milwaukee for two and a half weeks following a very positive month in Israel with his NCSY youth camp. (By the way, NCSY brought two thousand teenagers, aged 14 to 18 to Israel this summer.) **Yecheiel** has a friend with whom he learns Jewish subjects in B'nai Brak and several days a week he traveled to study with this friend. The rest of the time, his cousins invited him and me for some quality family time and delicious meals. **Yecheiel** also did some sight seeing such as visiting the Herzl Museum nearby and also Mini Israel in Latrun. He visited his cousins' yeshivas and enjoyed touring Geula, the section where the religious kids shop and "hang out" on Friday afternoons. **Yecheiel** said, upon his departure, "This was the best summer in my whole life." My granddaughter **Yocheved** and her husband, **Yehoshua**, who live here, enjoyed an amazing two hour hike in the Jerusalem hills. Their well signed trail featured fulsome foliage and stunning scenery. They came upon a fresh water natural spring, which created a "swimming hole" which was enjoyed by some children. **Yocheved** and **Yehoshua** chose not to immerse.

## Shabbat Coke:

Coke, which is called Cola here, just put on the market a cardboard box, which holds 6 bottles, imprinted with two challos, two candles and a Kiddush cup. The packaging obviates the need to tear letters on Shabbat. The legend says Coca Cola is happy to be part of your Oneg Shabbat each week anew. Shabbat Shalom! There is a game board on the carton that is appropriate for Shabbat.

I wish my family and friends a "Chtivah v Hatimah Tovah" a Healthy, Sweet year. Warm Regards, Cyrelle