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## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

Condolences to **Sheila and Joe Wolinsky** following the sudden death of granddaughter **Brittany Wolinsky**. Condolences to **Geri Horwich** following the death of her daughter **Ellen Horwich**. Condolences to **Mike Adler** following the death of his mother **Trudy** (she always disliked her given name, **Gertrude!**)

Mazel tov to **Jo and Sol Jo Gartenhaus** who celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an Oneg following Friday Shabbat services. Mazel tov to **Mike and Helen Miller** on the marriage of their daughter **Rachel** to **Chris Griffith**.

Thank you to **Sam Harris** and **Scotty Rumpzah**. They changed the ark curtain and torah covers for the holidays. Thank you to **Gaby Cramer** and **Eyal Barash** for hosting Game Night on Selichot. It was a fun evening, filled with laughter. Also, many thanks to **David Sanders**, who led the Selichot services.

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Thank you to **Ida Cohen** and **Sylvia Cember** for providing flowers for the High Holidays. **Ida's** flowers were in memory of **Isadore** and his family. **Sylvia's** flowers were to remember **Marilyn** and **Herman**, and also **Sylvia's** and **Herman's** parents. Also, our thanks to **Michael Kushnick**, rabbinical intern, for his excellent leadership and presentation of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to meet his family, and to hear several well thought out commentaries.

Many thanks go out to those who have hosted meals and offered Hoosier hospitality to **Michael** and **Tanya Kushnick** during their High Holiday visits. Honorable mention goes to **Becky** and **Mark Lillianfeld**, **Susan Prohofsky**, **Elana** and **Noah Salzman**, **Mickey** and **Sam Harris**, **Jo** and **Sol Gartenhaus**, **Gwen** and **Elliott Slamovich**.

Mazel tov to **Margret Robb** on her appointment as Chief Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Thank you to **Sonya Garfinkel** for hosting the Sisterhood Opening Tea.

## Refuah Shelema

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

## Yahrzeits

Name	2012	Hebrew Date
Pearlman, Ida	October 2	Tishrei 16
Singer, Rebecca	October 2	Tishrei 16
Joseph, Rose	October 3	Tishrei 17
Kaplan, George	October 4	Tishrei 18
Winski, Zlata	October 4	Tishrei 18
Simon, Edward H.	October 5	Tishrei 19
Cohen, Sig	October 7	Tishrei 21
Lobstein, Otto	October 8	Tishrei 22
Axelron, Barney	October 10	Tishrei 24
Chosnek, Sam	October 10	Tishrei 24
Goodman, Adele L.	October 11	Tishrei 25
Gartenhaus, Leopold	October 12	Tishrei 26
Stein, Belle Atlass	October 13	Tishrei 27
Cohen, William	October 13	Tishrei 27
Goodman, Samuel	October 13	Tishrei 27
Zaban, Pauline	October 15	Tishrei 29
Bercovitz, Nathan	October 16	Tishrei 30
Berger, I.	October 18	Cheshvan 2
Urish, Abraham	October 18	Cheshvan 2
Kaplan, Sara Riva	October 18	Cheshvan 2
Goldberg, Goldie	October 18	Cheshvan 2
Jablon, Paul	October 20	Cheshvan 4
Zovod, Harry	October 28	Cheshvan 12
Atlass, Harry H.	October 29	Cheshvan 13
Pearlman, Jacob	October 29	Cheshvan 13
Katz, Allan M.	November 1	Cheshvan 16
Singer, Jacob	November 2	Cheshvan 17
Friedman, Sharon Bercovitz	November 2	Cheshvan 17
Zimmerman, Marilyn	November 2	Cheshvan 17

## October Calendar

October 1: Monday 10 a.m. – Sukkot Services

October 2: Tuesday 10 a.m. – Sukkot Services

October 3: Sunday 1:30 p.m. – Sisterhood Board Meeting at home of **Esther Chosnek**

October 5: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

October 6: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

October 8: Monday 10:00 a.m. – Shemini Atzeret (includes **Yizkor**)

October 9: Tuesday 8 p.m. – Simchat Torah (Marching with Torah & Flags)

October 12: Friday 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

October 13: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

October 16: Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Shopping Spree at **Chico's**

October 18: Thursday – 7:30 p.m. Shul Board Meeting at home of **Elliott and Gwen Slamovich**

October 19: Friday **Carry in Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

October 19: 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

October 20: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

October 26: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

October 27: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

# Memorial opportunity for Madelyn Lillianfeld

Recently, we became aware of an opportunity to memorialize **Madelyn Lillianfeld** through contributions to a cause her family holds dear. This message is from **Rafat Abonour, M.D.**, and Associate Dean for Clinical Research for the Multiple Myeloma Program at Indiana University Simon Cancer Center.

*"Last year, I lost a very special patient. **Madelyn Lillianfeld** was an extraordinary person, and my colleagues and I here at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center adored her.*

In light of her passing, **Madelyn's** family chose to create a legacy for **Madelyn** here at IU by establishing a myeloma research memorial fund bearing her name.

*Despite **Madelyn's** frustrating and often debilitating health challenges, she remained positive and focused on others, especially her own beloved family.*

To make gifts to the **Madelyn Lillianfeld Memorial Fund**, please make checks payable to *IUF/Madelyn Lillianfeld Memorial Fund* and mail to *IU Simon Cancer Center, c/o IU Foundation, PO Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266.*

# Board meetings schedule

The SOA board is scheduled to meet Thursday, October 18: 7:30 p.m. Shul Board Meeting at home of **Elliott** and **Gwen Slamovich** As always, all members are welcome to attend.

# 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.

# Candle Lighting Times

Source: Chabad

October 1:	After 8:10 p.m.
October 5:	7:05 p.m.
October 7:	7:02 p.m.
October 8:	After 7:58 p.m.
October 12:	6:54 p.m.
October 19:	6:43 p.m.
October 26:	6:34 p.m.

# Memorial contributions to SOA

A Donation in memory of **Brittany Wolinsky** has been made to Sons of Abraham by **Sandy & Ken Brown**. Their generosity is appreciated.

# Deadline for November Newsletter

The deadline for the October bulletin is Thursday, October 25. Materials should be sent to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

## **A message from Michael Kushnick, Rabbinical Intern**

*Editors note: This message was first published in the Sisterhood's New Year's Greetings booklet*

The High Holiday season is a time of introspection. We spend a great deal of time thinking about our actions of the past year. We try to focus on where we 'missed the mark' and then cognitively think about how we can try to do better in the coming year. Much of what we do during this season is cognitive. We spend time in synagogue thinking and there is very little time for action. This is a stark contrast to some of our other holidays. Purim comes especially to mind. On Purim we are explicitly commanded to give gifts and to provide for the poor. What type of physical action are we expected to do on the High Holidays? Yes, we ask others for forgiveness for our sins and we pray to God that we will try to do better in the coming year, but we rarely engage in any specific acts to improve the world in which we live in. On the surface it seems that the High Holidays are personal days with few communal elements.

One of the clearest examples of the personal nature of the High Holidays is our fast on Yom Kippur. We fast for ourselves so that we can focus fully on our prayers and not be distracted by eating. We also hope to cleanse our bodies in order to symbolize the theme of starting fresh. Every year the Haftorah for Yom Kippur morning grabs my attention. The Haftorah asks us, what kind of fast does God want from us? We are challenged to think about what we are doing by fasting. For a moment, think of the prophet Isaiah bursting into the Temple in Jerusalem and saying, is a fast **“merely to deprive one's body, to bow one's head in prayer? Do you call this a fast, a day in which the Lord delights?”** asks the prophet. And he answers for God: **“Is not this the fast that I desire: the unlocking of**

**the chains of wickedness, the loosening of exploitation, the freeing of those oppressed, the breaking of the yoke of servitude? Is it not the sharing of your bread with those who starve, the bringing of the wretched poor into your house, or clothing someone you see who is naked, and not hiding from your own kin?”** The Haftorah teaches us that a fast where we only focus on ourselves is not the only thing God wants. Yes we are supposed to spend time focusing on how we can improve our lives in the future, but if we do not take serious steps to improve our world then we miss some of the point of the fast and the High Holiday season.

This year as we gather together for High Holiday services, let us not lose sight of our obligation to our world. Many people in our communities are struggling personally and financially. How can each of us use the words of Isaiah to dedicate ourselves to not only fast in the traditional sense but also use our fast to improve the lives of others? By doing this we will help to break down the idea that the High Holidays are a personal exercise. Instead of only thinking about how we can change, we will actively create change in our lives and the lives of others.

As we begin the year 5773 together at Sons of Abraham, how can we dedicate ourselves to personally improving and actively engaging to improve our own personal community and others? Hopefully the words of Isaiah will ring in our minds not only during the High Holidays but throughout the year. Then next year we can answer the challenge of what kind of fast does God want, with confidence that we not only improved our own lives made a difference in other peoples lives as well.

I wish everyone a Shanah Tovah. May this coming year be full of good things and sweetness for you and your family.

Michael Kushnick  
Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Fellow

# Greetings from Co-President Gwen Slamovich

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**If not me, than who?**

**If not now, than when?**

**If not here, than where?**

The first line of this oft quoted phrase has come to mind from time to time over the past 9 months that I have been co-president of the Shul. Perhaps it was when I was on top of the scaffolding, washing down the walls and the Ten Commandments. Perhaps it was when Elliott and I schlepped 6 full boxes of second hand prayer books into the Shul. Or, perhaps it was when I shoveled snow from the steps on a Saturday morning, or reset the timers, or took out the trash or cleaned out the fridge etc. etc. I am not saying this to let you know how much work I have done, but to let you know how much work it takes to run our little Shul.

Imagine my surprise upon discovering that the origin of this famous quote is quite ancient. It is from none other than Rabbi Hillel and in it's somewhat different, original form, it is actually from the Talmud. It is paraphrased from the following:

**לִי מִי, לִי אֲנִי אִין אִם?**

**אֲנִי מִה, לְפָנַי וּכְשָׁאֲנִי?**

**אֵימַתַּי, עֲכָשְׁיוֹ לֹא וְאִם?**

*Im ein ani li, mi li? U'kh'she'ani le'atzmi, mah ani? V'im lo 'akhshav, eimatai?*

If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And when I am for myself, then what am "I"? And if not now, when?

Pirkei Avot 1:14

I am not a religious scholar and I won't attempt to address its meaning other than to say that, as spoken by Hillel, it has to do with the struggle of self. Today, its use has been made popular by politicians like John F Kennedy and Michael Gorbachev and by the likes of the Peace Corps and the Animal Legal Defense fund. As a motivational tool it calls upon us to look outside ourselves and our busy lives, to the here and now of our communities and to the world around us. It is a compelling argument for increased civic engagement, but I would suggest that couched within its simple wording, lie both obligation and opportunity.

This is where I get stuck, because if you don't feel the obligation than I don't know how to show it to you. I would suggest that it is a responsibility that we, who have made our Jewish home at Congregation Sons of Abraham, share together. It is a responsibility to ensure that our Shul continues to be a home for future generations of Jews in our community. It was created thru the hard work and passion of generations before us and entrusted to today's generation. Do we deserve it?

Life is busy these days, believe me, I know! We think that there will always be someone else to do the things that allow services to function and the doors to open and that ensure that we are a community rather than just a house of worship. Let me tell you...that pool has dwindled to a mere handful, it is tired, it has gotten older and there is no one waiting in the wings to step in. Will you?

And here is the opportunity. It is the chance to be a part of a community that has existed for 123 years and the prospect to ensure that it is here for another 123 years. Sadly, the light that streams thru the magical window above our doors falls on but a few and our

Jewish family is no longer young and vibrant. Rather, it limps along, waiting to be rejuvenated with new blood and the energy of youth. I have been told, "You're me twenty years ago, or me 30 years ago", so I see this job as an opportunity to continue the work of those who have done it before me in order to ensure that Sons of Abraham would continue to exist. There are no heroics involved. It was a necessary job, THE necessary job that needed to be done, HAD to be done in order for our way of doing things to even hope to survive, and if not me, then who?

Of all the organizations that you belong to, THIS one, will not survive if you do not help, now. Without your commitment to the legacy that is the Shul, the doors won't open, the torah won't get moved ahead, children will not be welcomed into the Jewish community and we will not be a family that cares for and supports one another. And, of course, no one will be here praising G-d. Where will you be?

## LJCRS News

Our LJCRS year is off to a great start! We have been focused on the High Holidays the past month, and the sound of shofars and the sweetness of apples and honey permeate our hallways. We are hearing other sounds as well—the sound of Jewish jazz musicians from our minicourse, **Miriam's** melodic fiddle to which the children are dancing, singing, and shaking things, strains of Hebrew conversation from **Adi**, and our enthusiastic students asking questions and helping each other in their learning.

October will bring more holidays—by the time you read this, students will have helped with the decoration of the Sukkah, and the

older students with putting it up. There will be more dancing and Torah activities for Simchat Torah.

In other class news, our seventh graders have been learning about Talmud and making their own. Our K/1 class, in addition to holidays, is learning about what it means to be an everyday hero. If you are interested in reading more about our teachers, new and old, their bios are in our current newsletter. Take a look!

Some upcoming events:

October 21 is our next Parent—Tot Time, at 10:30 in the Temple Social Hall. Any Jewish children aged 0-3 and their caregivers are welcome to attend. We will be doing songs, stories, and crafts about the recent holidays.

On October 28, our school will participate in Mitzvah Day, doing different service projects in the community. This is a great opportunity for our students to put Jewish values into practice and to interact with the larger community. If you have any ideas for projects, please let us know.

Also, we are still looking for board members, including a secretary. This is a great way to get involved in the school and help to make some decisions. If you are interested, please contact **Allyson Steselboim** or myself.

We will also be organizing parent workshops over the course of the year, date to be announced. If you have any topics you would like to see us cover, please let me know. And as always, we welcome feedback, questions, and comments, so feel free to get in touch!

Happy Tishrei!

Elana

## Beautiful photo from the Olympics

The IOC's refusal to permit a minute's silence for victims of the Munich terror attack 40 years ago has already provoked a protest from the Italian team, who staged a minute's solidarity silence outside the Israeli team's quarters.

A French swimmer found another method of commemoration. Fabien Gilot, a member of the gold medal-winning 4 x 100 team raised his arm in triumph to reveal a tattoo in Hebrew reading: **אני כלום בלעדיהם** - in English: I am nothing without them.



It is a tribute to his grandmother's Jewish husband, Max Goldschmidt, an Auschwitz survivor and a huge influence on his life.



## Jewish Studies Program Evening Events Fall 2012

5th Annual Larry Axel Memorial Lecture in Religion

Monday, October 22 ~ Krannert Auditorium  
~ 8:00 p.m.

Kenneth Seeskin, Professor of Philosophy,  
Northwestern University

"Is Judaism Really Monotheistic? A  
Maimonidean Inquiry"

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

### Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series Fall 2012

Wednesday, October 24 ~ Stewart Center,  
Room 313 ~ 12:30

Philip Schlossberg, Director, Purdue Hillel,  
"The Ideology of the Birthright Israel  
Program"

Wednesday, November 14 ~ Stewart Center,  
Room 313 ~ 12:30

Anna Parra Sanchez, Teaching Assistant,  
School of Languages and Cultures, Purdue  
University, "The Myth of Don Juan in the  
Sephardic Tradition"

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

# Cyrelle Simon checks in from Jerusalem

## Birthright\Taglit:

Although the Lafayette community is likely familiar with the Birthright program since Purdue's Hillel director, Phil Shlossberg has been leading groups of students to Israel for many years, you still might be interested in a few details I gleaned from my grandson, Saadia. Several weeks ago he spent ten days in Israel in charge of a busload of college students aged eighteen to twenty-six. He told me of his detailed preparation including reading the applications of each participant, so he would be familiar with them. He said that this summer there had been a backlog of five thousand students who wanted to be part of Birthright( which is called *Taglit* here, meaning Discovery or Revelation). A wealthy donor, Sheldon Adelson, who had recently contributed \$20 million to the program added another \$13 million to reduce the waiting line. So, with three weeks notice, Saadia and his charges were on their way. The program estimates that they will have brought forty-two thousand people to Israel within the year. I read in the Jerusalem Post that a poll revealed that although middleagers in the U.S. were not as supportive of Israel as their parents' generation, their teenage children were much more supportive of Israel. The poll claims that this phenomenon is due to the Birthright program. In addition to traveling the length and breadth of the country, there was time for discussions and evaluations. Each bus, in addition to the driver and Saadia, had an Israeli tour guide and another Israeli to answer any specific detailed questions. Of course, there was an armed soldier and for a day, several more soldiers joined the group in

an effort for both the Israelis and Americans to become better acquainted.

## Sites of Interest:

This summer, in addition to celebrating my great grandson's brit mila and then his pidyon haben, which events brought Rashi and his family here for some time, I hosted Hillel's fifteen year old son, Mendy for 3weeks.While his brother Dovid was on vacation, the boys visited the graves of famous rabbis and old shuls in Tzvat, and swam in the Mediteranean near Natanya. After Dovid returned to his yeshiva studies, Mendy was able to explore 2 of the 4 interesting sites within walking distance from my home. Although he didn't stroll through the Military Cemetery, or the beautiful Jerusalem Forest he did spend a meaningful afternoon at Yad v Shem. The room where each of the names of the millions of children killed in the holocaust, each one symbolized by a small brightly lit bulb, made a sobering impression on Mendy. He also walked to Har Hertzl where he learned a great deal about the founder of the State of Israel with an hour tour of the museum.

With my other London grandchildren, Elisheva and Yehuda, Mendy and I found the visit to the Menachem Begin Heritage Center well worthwhile. Begin's values, strong leadership and oratory skills, being a recipient with Sadat of the Nobel Peace Prize, were very skillfully portrayed. The three grandchildren and I also visited Rachel, our foremother's grave. It is about a 50 minute bus ride from the center of Jerusalem, passing seamlessly through Bethlehem, though somewhat daunting is a very high gray stone wall housing an army compound assuring the safety of the pilgrims to the area. The cozy women's section in full view of the



casket was filled with people beseeching Mama Rochel's help. She is typically known as crying for her children to return to their homeland here. Often, the thin red string worn on the wrist which is known to have some kabalistic significance is sold here for some tzedaka. Those in Lafayette who remember the late Mimi Hasson, might recall that she wore this as a "segula", (a treasure, or promise) of good health.

### **New Olim:**

Some of you may remember Chaim and Alice Weizman who met at Purdue about 40 years ago. Recently, I had the opportunity to welcome them to their new home in Jerusalem. Alice, a pharmacist, retired from Cleveland Clinic and Chaim returned from teaching in India for 12 years. They sold their home and have come to join their two daughters, and 4 grandchildren so far, to begin a new chapter in their lives. Their eldest daughter made Aliyah with them. Nefesh B Nefesh is the group which very capably facilitates the entire transition. The organization has brought many thousands of people here in the last ten years.

### **A Bar Mitzvah Celebration:**

I recently attended the Bar Mitzvah party of Jacob Gottlieb's son. Jacob, his lovely wife Tamar and their seven children came to Israel to celebrate the Simcha. Their grandmother, Sarah hosted a beautiful evening at which the celebrant, his father and a rabbinical friend each gave impressive Divrei Torah. Jacob was my student in the Shul Nursery and Hebrew Schools. Mazal Tov to the Bar Mitzvah's grandfather, Danny, his brother Alex and the entire family.

### **A Golden Experience:**

A friend is a docent at the Jerusalem Bible Lands Museum and recently, I joined one of

her tours learning about the pure exquisite golden treasures of the Ancient world. The museum featured priceless jewelry and vessels from Mesopotamia, Persia, the Baltic Sea Region and China. I hope to return to enjoy the video descriptions enlarging on many details of the rare and astonishing exhibits.

Warm wishes to all for a Sweet, Healthy New Year.

Cyrelle (Tzirel)

## **Films coming to Purdue**

**These films will be screened at 8pm in UNIV 219 on the following Wednesday evenings:**

October 24th: Love (Szerelem) - Hungarian: the story of a mother & daughter-in-law following the post-1956 Hungarian Revolution imprisonment of their son & husband

November 7th: Man of Marble (Czlowiek z Marmuru) - Polish: a film student uncovers a story of the regime's corruption and intrigue doing her thesis project in the 1970s

## **Jewish Film Series**

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## Film Screenings for IDIS 491 / FVS 491: Jewish Cinema, Professor Jennifer William

Below is a list of the films we will view and discuss as a class, on Thursdays in BRNG 1230, starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

The public is invited as long as space available (I anticipate approximately 20 empty seats once the students enrolled in the course are seated).

Screening Date	Film Title	Director / Country	Date	Length
Aug. 23	<i>East and West</i>	Ivan Abramson, Sidney Goldin / Austria	1923	85 min.
as above	<i>Yiddle with his Fiddle</i>	Joseph Green, Jan Nowina-Przybylski / Poland, US	1936	92 min.
Aug. 30	<i>The Dybbuk</i>	Michal Waszynski / Poland	1937	121 min.
Sept. 6	<i>American Matchmaker</i>	Edgar Ulmer / US	1940	85 min.
Sept. 13	<i>The Pawnbroker</i>	Sidney Lumet / US	1964	111 min.
Sept. 20	<i>The Shop on Main Street</i>	Ján Kadár, Elmar Klos / Czechoslovakia	1965	125 min.
Sept. 27	<i>Jakob the Liar</i>	Frank Beyer / East Germany	1974	100 min.
Oct. 4	<i>Annie Hall</i>	Woody Allen / US	1977	93 min.
Oct. 11	<i>Crossing Delancey</i>	Joan Micklin Silver / US	1988	97 min.
Oct. 18	<i>Liberty Heights</i>	Barry Levinson / US	1999	128 min.
Oct. 25	<i>The Komediant</i>	Arnon Goldfinger / Israel	2000	85 min.
Nov. 1	<i>Keeping the Faith</i>	Edward Norton / US	2000	128 min.
Nov. 8	<i>Nowhere in Africa</i>	Caroline Link / Germany	2001	141 min.
Nov. 15	<i>The Pianist</i>	Roman Polanski / France, Germany, Poland, UK, US	2002	150 min.
Nov. 29	<i>A Hebrew Lesson</i>	David Ofek, Elinor Kowarsky, Ron Rotem / Israel	2006	123 min.
Dec. 6	<i>A Serious Man</i>	Ethan and Joel Coen / US	2009	106 min.



Molly Picon in *East and West* (1923)

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