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ABRAHAM**

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**October, 2015**

**18 Tishrei – 18 Chesvan, 5776**

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**Service Schedule**

October 2 – 6:00 p.m.  
Children's Service

October 5 – Shemini Atzeret, 10:00 am  
Yizkor 11:15 am

October 5 – Erev Simchat Torah  
7:30 pm

October 6 – Simchat Torah 10:00 am

Egalitarian Friday Night Services begin  
at 8:00 p.m., followed by an Oneg.

Traditional Saturday morning services  
begin at 10:00 a.m. and are followed  
by a Kiddush.

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**Candle Lighting Times:**

October 2 – 7:11 p.m.  
October 4, Shemini Atzeret – 7:07  
October 5, Simchas Torah – after 8:04  
October 9 – 6:59 p.m.  
October 16 – 6:49 p.m.  
October 23 – 6:38 p.m.  
October 30 – 6:29 p.m.

**Yahrzeits**

May their memories  
be for a blessing.

George Kaplan – 18 Tishrei, October 1  
Zlata Winski – 18 Tishrei, October 1  
Edward Simon – 19 Tishrei, October 2  
Sig Cohen – 21 Tishrei, October 4  
Otto Lobstein – 22 Tishrei, October 5  
Sam Chosnek – 24 Tishrei, October 7  
Adele Goodman – 25 Tishrei, October 8  
Leopold Gartenhaus – 26 Tishrei, October 9  
Belle Atlass Stein – 27 Tishrei, October 10  
William Cohen – 27 Tishrei, October 10  
Samuel Goodman – 27 Tishrei, October 10  
Nathan Bercovitz – 30 Tishrei, October 11  
I. Berger – 2 Cheshvan, October 15  
Abraham Urish – 2 Cheshvan, October 15  
Morris Urish – 2 Cheshvan, October 15  
Florence Lillianfeld – 3 Cheshvan,  
October 16  
Sara Riva Kaplan – 4 Cheshvan, October 17  
Goldie Goldberg – 4 Cheshvan, October 17  
Paul Jablon – 8 Cheshvan, October 21  
Harry Zovod – 12 Cheshvan, October 25  
Harry Atlass – 13 Cheshvan, October 26  
Jacob Pearlman – 13 Cheshvan, October 26  
Bernard Axelrod – 16 Cheshvan, October 29  
Allan M. Katz – 16 Cheshvan, October 29  
Jacob Singer – 17 Cheshvan, October 30  
Sharon Bercovitz Friedman – 17 Cheshvan,  
October 30  
Marilyn Zimmerman – 17 Cheshvan,  
October 30  
Clara Glick – 18 Cheshvan, October 31



Refuah Schlemah

May the One who was a source of  
blessing for our ancestors bring blessings  
of healing upon Jo Gartenhaus.

And may G-d hear our prayers and  
grant a speedy and complete recovery  
to all those who are ill.

As you may know, the Office of President of the Board of Directors of the Shul is now rotating among board members. The schedule for the rest of calendar year 2015 is as follows:

Sept., Oct.: Scotty Rumpza  
Nov., Dec.: David Gallimore

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**Dates for your Calendar:**



Wednesday, October 7  
Sisterhood Board Meeting  
at the home of Sonya Garfinkel

Sunday, October 4, 11:30 a.m.  
Consecration  
Temple Israel Sanctuary

Sunday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.  
Mitzvah Day  
The Jewish Cemetery

Thursday, October 15  
Shul Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Chico's Shopping Spree  
Chair: Sonya Garfinkel

Sunday, October 25, 10:30  
Steve Weingram's headstone unveiling

Sunday, October 25, 6:00 p.m.  
Carry-In Dinner

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**Of blessed memory...**

The unveiling of Steve Weingram's headstone will take place at the Sons of Abraham Cemetery, on Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m.

An informal reception will follow at the Weingram home, 1619 Sheridan Rd., West Lafayette.

Congregants and friends are invited to attend.

Suggestions and information for this Bulletin are always welcome. Please contact me at [bridgejudy@aol.com](mailto:bridgejudy@aol.com).

Deadlines are usually 7 days before the end of the month.

Judy Weitzman, Editor

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**Purdue University Jewish Studies  
Program Noon Lecture and  
Discussion Series**

Wednesday, October 21 ~ Stewart Center,  
Room 313 ~ 12:30

Lukas Plank, Winner of the 2015 *Edward Simon B'nai B'rith Barzillai Lodge No. 111 Prize in Jewish Studies*, "Holocaust Denial"

Wednesday, November 11 ~ Stewart Center, Room 313 ~ 12:30  
Marcus Smith, Graduate Student, Department of History, Purdue University, "The Jewish Community in Iraq: 1951 to Present"

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



Thank you to Iris Treager for a generous donation of \$36 for children's books to the Sunday School Library, in loving memory of Irwin Treager.

Thank you to Audra, who not only helped with Sukkah construction but contributed vacuum and trash bags.



## Letter from Jerusalem

### A Recently Named UNESCO World Heritage Site:

This summer my son Rashi, with his youngest son, Yehudah enjoyed a worthwhile visit to Beit Guvrin. This area, consisting of 800 manmade caves was used as a dovecote, and as people dug the limestone making the area wider, the site became a storage and a living area. Our ancestors, in addition to quarrying for limestone, also quarried marble. Probably the caves were dug over one thousand years ago and now, however, the area is being prepared for use as an amphitheater.

During the Arabian period, chalk was found in the caves, and olive presses were in use around 200 BCE. It is perhaps the largest dovecote in the world, called a Columbarian, derived from the Latin word *columba* for dove. The walls of this particular installation feature high quality design and are carefully carved, with over 2,000 niches. The doves were apparently cultivated for consumption as well as for sacrificial purposes. Yehudah reported that as they entered the underground area, bats were hanging there and squeaking noisily. Visitors also enjoyed the cool temperature deep underground.

A little known spot in Beit Guvrin (Home of the Strong) is the "Polish Cave," a cistern hewn in the Hellenistic period. At some point, niches to raise doves were carved into the cistern walls. During World War II, Polish soldiers from General Wladyslaw Ander's army -- which was loyal to the Polish government in exile in London -- visited this cave. They carved the date "1943" along with an inscription: "Warsaw, Poland" and an eagle, symbol of the Polish army.

### A Few Notes from a Visit to Akko (Acre) and Haifa's Technion:

My family walked from the port through the Templars tunnel, about two hundred meters, built during Crusader times. It was a huge excavation, about six meters below current street level. The tunnel was originally built to provide safe passageway from the port to a bank, filled with valuables. Nearby was a Crusader Fortress which was divided into many rooms.

The area at one time housed a monastery and included a hospital that could have accommodated a thousand patients. The monks treated patients of all religions fairly, for example, providing kosher food for the Jewish invalids.

### A Personal Experience:

Recently, I learned a whole host of strategies which Israelis use to combat what seems to me, ever present bureaucracy.

Unfortunately because of some health issues, I needed an expensive medicine. Much to my disappointment, the confirmation that it would be available in three days ended up being ten days. With each passing day, my health deteriorated. There were various reasons for the delay, some to be expected: Shabbat, Rosh HaShonah. However at least 4 days were unaccounted for.

What was startling for me was the fact that when I described my frustrations with the medical clinic and pharmacy, to various people, each one responded with accounts of similar and more serious episodes. And, what surprised me even more, was the realization that there are a number of well-known strategies for combatting the expected bureaucracy. Some suggestions included: calling the secretary in the institution every half

hour, so that you become a pest and the request is filled, just to get you to stop. Another idea was to go directly to the top management and state your case forcefully. A third comment was to get in touch with a well-known rabbi who is familiar with medical personnel and can help you by using "protectzia." A fourth idea was to get in touch with a well-known Jerusalem doctor who is known to put pressure on the 'powers that be.' And, fifth, to write a letter to the Jerusalem Post. Finally, I was fortunate to have had a few ombudsmen, who made many, many phone calls and using some "protectzia" expedited my request.

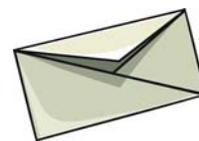
I've developed two coping mechanisms when dealing with banks, passport renewals, medical clinics or similar institutions. One, realization is that the 'client, patient, petitioner's time is of no value. Two, when I need to deal with an institution, I go mentally prepared to now achieving my goal, at least the first time. If I do get the expected result on my first try, I exit triumphantly.

And, a last unfortunate realization I've come to is that when you're sick, you're sick twice. Once, because you're sick and the second time, for the enormous hassle, lack of communication skills, that often follows getting the proper help, personnel, or paper work, that you need to get better.

I conclude this essay with a favorite quote from my late husband, Ed. "In Israel, nothing is possible and everything is possible."

With warm regards,  
Gmar Hatimah Tovah  
to all my readers,  
Cyrelle

If you need to say  
"Mazel Tov,"  
or send a greeting  
in remembrance,  
Sisterhood can take care  
of that.



To have a Happy Day card or a Memorial card sent in your name, please call either Sheila Wolinsky at 765-463-9830 or Iris Treager at 765-463-2468. They will promptly send your card for a minimum donation of only \$5.00. You need only make the call, then send your check, made payable to Sisterhood Sons of Abraham to Sisterhood Treasurer, Sonya Garfinkel, 2229 Carberry Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

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### The Jewish Connection

Something new has come to the Jewish Community of Greater Lafayette. The *Jewish Connection*, a community-wide book discussion group welcomes all members of the Jewish community, regardless of affiliation. Meetings are scheduled for the following Wednesdays, from 1:30 to 3:30.

- October 21: People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks hosted by Felice Bray, 322 Hollowood Dr., W. Lafayette.
- November 18: All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr, hosted by Harriet Morrison, 2844 Henderson, W. Lafayette.
- January 20: The Dove Keepers, by Alice Hoffman, hosted by Rose Haberer, 129 E. Navajo St., W. Lafayette.

It is not necessary to have read the monthly book choice to participate. Please contact Debby Sherman at 583-2984 for more information.



The intricate preparation for the High Holidays and the actual services themselves do not happen magically. People – hard working and devoted individuals, many

of them volunteers - combined efforts to make this year another success. We offer our heartfelt thanks to:

- Harriet and Sid Diamond, Sonya Garfinkel, and Gwen Slamovich for creating and delivering the Directory, the High Holiday and Calendar booklets;
- Isabel Blanco, Harriet Diamond and Gisela Friedlaender for polishing the Torah silver;
- David Sanders for taking orders for Lulavim and Etrogim;
- Esther and Ed Chosnek, Sid and Harriet Diamond, and Jo and Sol Gartenhaus for providing the Holiday flowers;
- Isabel Blanco, Harriet Diamond and Gisela Friedlaender for the Break Fast;
- David Sanders with help from his sons Akiva, Honi and Yinnon for orchestrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services;
- Sol Gartenhaus for unfailing efforts to insure minyans and for selling the aliyot;
- Ephraim Fischbach led the Minchah service before Kol Nidre;
- Scotty Rumpza who replaced the Ark curtains and table coverings;

- Sam Harris for his untiring presence on the Bima, insuring proper order;
- David Gallimore for handling the lights and air conditioning during the Holidays;
- Scotty Rumpza for organizing the Sukkah building, securing the schack (donated by his friend, Lee) and schlepping it nearly 8 blocks by hand;
- For work building and cleaning up after Sukkah construction, thanks go to David Gallimore, his daughter Mariah, Melanie and the 4 students she brought - Garrett, Audra, Mark and Ari – and John, Chastity and Katlynn Howieson.

Services were especially meaningful and excellent this year, and we all owe a great deal of thanks to the wonderful people who made it so and to the community whose dedication spawns our worship services.

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**Mazel Tov to:**

- Sid and Harriet Diamond who just attended the marriage of their granddaughter Yael Karni to Sam Rienstra.
- Leo and Judy Weitzman on the occasion of the formal wedding of their daughter Polly to Oliver Beeson, under the Sons of Abraham chuppa, the same chuppa used by Leo and Judy 45 years ago, and by Leo and Judy's son and daughter-in-law 10 years ago.

## Tippecanoe County Jewish Veterans

Every veteran deserves recognition for their service to our nation. Many of us are concerned because we lack a post of the Jewish War Veterans in the Tippecanoe County area that Jewish veterans and their families may not be receiving the benefits for their service to which they are entitled.

Every honorably discharged veteran deserves a flag and funeral honors, if they desire, at a minimum. They also deserve the medals from their service that can be passed on to their descendants. As many of you know, the Jewish War Veterans of America is the oldest veteran's organization in the United States. It was initially formed to combat the commonly stated, but completely false rumor that Jewish citizens had not served in the armed forces during the Civil War. Regardless of how modest veterans may be, it is important that their descendants know that they were involved and sacrificed when the country called.

Here in Tippecanoe County we are served by a Veterans Service Officer who is an expert in the complex procedures of the Department of Veterans Affairs. We are transitioning to a new person. Our long serving service officer recently retired. The telephone number of the Tippecanoe Veterans Service office is 765-742-1796. I urge all Jewish veterans to make use of this service, if they have not done so previously.

If you have your discharge certificate or DD-214 please share it with your family. If you have misplaced your documentation, it can be recovered through the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is a somewhat lengthy process but we have been successful in most instances. This document is critical for the provision of a burial flag, headstone if needed and funeral honors provided by the Department of Defense. It is also the critical document to request replacement of medals.

If the veteran or the family wishes to have three memorial volleys fired over the grave this must be requested from local

veteran's service organizations. All veteran requests for this are honored whether the veteran was a member of the organization or not. The veteran is entitled to this honor as is his family, whether he is religious, not religious or somewhere in between.

Some Jewish veterans will require a timely burial to meet religious obligations. If this is the case, please make your wishes known to your family and if possible please visit with the local veteran's service organization so that they will be able to respond quickly as the need may arise.

The organizations mean well but they may not be familiar with special customs. Adjustments can be made.

If you have a disability stemming from your military service the Veterans Service Officer here in the county can provide assistance in submitting your claim.

I urge you to have assistance as the Department of Veterans Affairs has policies and procedures that are very difficult to negotiate. Many veterans from World War II were initially denied even with valid claims and we have been able to rectify this situation in some instances.

If you have questions or would like to talk, I am available. My telephone is 765-426-5434 and my email is [soilman66@comcast.net](mailto:soilman66@comcast.net)

Gary Steinhardt  
Post 38, The American Legion

### Calling for volunteers!

If you agree that the storage room in the back of the Shul and the adjacent office space could use a little organization and cleaning, we have a spot for you on a team of volunteers.

Leo Weitzman and Sheila Wolinsky will serve as organizers for this team effort on Sunday, October 11, 1:00 pm. Please contact Leo at 463-2482 if you are willing and able to give a hand.