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September, 2014
6 Elul – 6 Tishrei, 5774

Service Schedule:

Egalitarian Friday Night Services begin at 8:00 p.m. and are followed by an Oneg. Traditional Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 a.m. and are followed by a Kiddush.

Candle Lighting Times:

September 5 – 7:55 p.m.
September 12 – 7:44 p.m.
September 19 – 7:32 p.m.
Erev Rosh Hashonah
September 24 – 7:24 p.m.
Rosh Hashonah
September 25 – 8:20 p.m.
September 26 – 7:20 p.m.





Yahrzeits

Though my loved one is beyond my sight, I do not despair for I sense my beloved in my heart as a living presence. Sustained by words of faith, comforted by precious memories, we kindle the light in remembrance. "The human spirit is the light of Adonai." (Proverbs 20:27)

- Frank Atlass,
6 Elul, September 1
- Bessie Rubenstein
7 Elul, September 2
- Morris Artman
8 Elul, September 3
- Bernard Harry Myers
11 Elul, September 6
- Rose Elkin Lomar
11 Elul, September 6
- Helen Crown Shapiro
11 Elul, September 6
- Gertrude Adler
12 Elul, September 7
- Gilda Kaplan
15 Elul, September 10
- Ethel Roger
16 Elul, September 11
- Carl Slesser
19 Elul, September 14
- M. Segal
20 Elul, September 15
- Sherman Garfield
21 Elul, September 16
- Tanya Ovsiew
22 Elul, September 17
- Bernard Garfinkel
22 Elul, September 17
- Fannie Altman
23 Elul, September 18



September Calendar

Sisterhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 1:30 pm
At the home of Jo Gartenhaus

Sisterhood Opening Tea

Sunday, September 7, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
At the home of Gisela Friedlaender
Hostesses: Sisterhood Board

Jewish Federation Picnic in the Park

Sunday, September 14, 12:30 – 3:00 pm
Squirrel Park, West Lafayette

Jewish Studies Noon Lecture

“Super *Mentsch*: Superman’s Covert and Overt Jewish Origins,” presented by Andrew Fogel, Graduate Student, History Department
Wednesday, September 17, 12:30 pm
Beering Hall, Room B222

Shul Board Meeting

Thursday, September 18

Game Night and Selichot

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 pm
Hosts: Gaby Cramer and Eyal Barash

Erev Rosh Hashonah

September 24

Rosh Hashonah

September 25 and 26

Lafayette Jewish Community Religious School

LJCRS has resumed for the new school year. For information, please contact LJCRS Director, Rebecca Goodman at 520-331-0367 or by email at kunsberg@hotmail.com.LJCRS .



Letter from Jerusalem:

August 25, 2014

A Mixed Bag:

First, the great sadness. Our Protective Edge "war" has resumed and the rockets have returned to frighten and haunt us. My friend's family who live south of Beersheva, in Netivot, did not come to her son's engagement party in Jerusalem. There are so many sirens there that they are afraid to leave their homes. Actually, last night I saw my first missiles coursing through the sky. They were very bright, like meteors. The siren here was faint, as my granddaughters said that it was sounded for another area. But I did hear the massive boom!

I heard that there is an amazing disarray in the Hamas\Fatah relationship. Very unfortunately for us, we are caught in the middle. I learned a common expression here, a new term for me. It's an acronym pronounced "ChazLash" meaning "Chazrah LaShigra - Lets return to normal" (literally, routine).

Then, a happy event. Last night I attended a lavish Bar Mitzvah party hosted by a wealthy family from England. This family spends part of the year at their home in Herzilyah. What distinguished this event, in addition to the very impressive remarks by the Bar Mitzvah in English and Hebrew, was the presence of about 40 soldiers in uniform. They were invited by the host. I discovered that the family supports an organization which supplies religious items to a particular army basis, which the family as, so to speak, "adopted". The soldiers at this base have

their own Torah, Tefillin, Aron Kodesh, Sidurim and all the necessary accoutrements to celebrate Holidays. It was so heartwarming to see these young men enjoying the evening, dancing with all the invitees including a number rabbis. It was an unforgettable sight! Guests world wide including my son, Rabbi Rashi, flew in from Europe, especially for the occasion.

A Sisyphean Task:

I attended a lecture by David Bedein in which he showed a film portraying teenagers at an UNRWA sponsored camp who talked about returning to their parents' former homes in Haifa, Acre, Safed etc. These families are still stateless refugees whose children are motivated to be suicide bombers in order to destroy the State of Israel. The message they are given is that it is important for Muslims to die as martyrs. We viewers were troubled by the violent character of their mantra The Right of Return, of course, is predicated on the destruction of Israel.

David Bedein established the Israel Resource News Agency in 1987, where he also serves as director of the Center for Near East Policy Research. He has reported for CNN, Makor Rishon, etc. David is the brother of Helen Miller who with her husband, Mike took a number of leadership positions in the Lafayette Jewish Community several years ago. Their daughters, Rachel and Esther were my students in the Shul Nursery School.

This may have been quoted in the US media. I read of this encounter in the HaModia magazine:

Several Israeli soldiers had entered a tunnel in Gaza in search of a mosque located there in which some Hamas weapons, explosives and rockets were likely stored.

They were suddenly accosted by a female suicide bomber who was about to detonate the belt she wore which would have resulted in the death of the soldiers. One of the soldiers instinctively recited "Shma

Yisrael....." and the suicide bomber hesitated and began trembling, giving the soldiers a chance to apprehend her and disable the device.

The terrorist was taken prisoner and it was discovered that her mother, who was Jewish, married to a Gaza Arab, had lived a life filled with abuse and humiliation, unable to escape.

The bomber, as well as her two small siblings who were rescued were handed over to an Israeli counterintelligence unit.

I heard a quote from Moshe Dayan at a eulogy at the funeral of the three kidnapped boys. Tragically, it is our fate, to be forced to periodically defend

Coming Here:

From anecdotal evidence, as their new "zman" (semester) commences in the month of Elul I was heartened to learn that Yeshivah students, and Seminary girls, new and returnees, are now alighting from the planes at Ben Gurion Airport. They are very welcome! I believe Yinnon Sanders from Lafayette is included in this group. In particular, I have six grandsons, a new granddaughter and a great niece included in this number.

A Personal Note:

My living room was filled with my orchestra's music, food, friends, words of Torah, as I hosted a "L'Chaim", informal party welcoming my eldest grandson, Saadia, and his new bride, Devora who will be learning, and working this year in Jerusalem.

With warm regards and wishes for a ChodeshTov,

Cyrelle

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

"*Supermentsh*: Superman's Covert and Overt Jewish Origins"

Andrew Fogel

Doctoral Student, Department of History

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

12:30 PM

BEERING HALL, ROOM B222

The Jewish Studies Program noon series lecture *Supermentsh* explores the overt and covert Jewish elements of Superman in the comics and films. Two first-generation-immigrant American Jewish teenagers from suburban Cleveland named Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster created The Man of Steel in the 1930s. They rendered Superman through their experience as American immigrants and the historical experience of Jews in diaspora. Superman is the quintessential outsider: an extraterrestrial refugee with a tripartite identity—Clark Kent, Kal-El, and Superman—residing in a multi-level diaspora. Hailing from a destroyed planet, Superman is forever in exile. He wanders between identities and locales in Smallville, Metropolis, and the Fortress of Solitude.

Andrew Fogel is a graduate student in the Department of History at Purdue University specializing in Modern U.S. History. The locus of his interests intersects U.S. popular culture, politics, and American-Jewish identity. Andrew plans to write his dissertation on the Jewish dominated American comic book industry. Jewish comic book writers led surprisingly complex and secretive lives, experienced collective alienation, and poured their critical insights as outsiders into their superhero voices. Andrew grew up in Brooklyn, and his grandfather occasionally bought him comic books. Like many other children, Andrew dressed up as Superman, but nowadays he looks more like Lex Luthor. Ironically, the comic book villain is traditionally a mad scientist or professor, Andrew's chosen profession. However, unlike the fictional academic villain, he is interested in educating, not in world domination.

*Jewish Studies Program events are free and open to the public.
Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community are cordially invited to attend.*



PICNIC IN THE PARK WITH THE JEWISH FEDERATION

The Jewish Federation of Greater Lafayette is hosting a fall picnic in the park for all members of our Jewish community: singles, couples, and families. It will be a fun way to enjoy a little more picnic time and usher in the High Holy Days season.

When: Sunday, September 14th

Time: 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Where: Squirrel Park in West Lafayette

Federation will provide the "grillables," kosher hot dogs, and veggie burgers, paper goods and beverages. You bring a side salad or dessert to share. Please bring games, chairs and other items that will add to the good time.

In order to ensure we have enough hot dogs and veggie burgers, an RSVP is required. Please specify your choice of grilled item. **RSVP is due to the Federation by Monday, September 8th. Send your RSVP to jfgl613@gmail.com.**

Save the date and make plans to enjoy a day in the park with your friends in the Jewish community!

