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Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

Yasher Koach to **Sue Prohofsky** and her stalwart group of dedicated congregants for arranging and presenting the Purim reading of the Megillah. **Eyal Barash, Ivy Coleman, Herb Moskowitz, Susan Prohofsky, and Elana Salzman** all took turns on the Bimah to read and chant the ancient text, followed by Havdalah, led by **Noah Salzman**. There was a parade of children in their wonderful Purim regalia – and all had a stomping good time! Afterwards, participants gathered in the basement social hall for Hamantashen – a treat brought to the Shul by **Rabbi Michael Rascoe** who traveled to Chicago on our behalf. During these trying times it is worthy of note that members of our congregation filled an unfortunate void left by the departure of **Rabbi Rascoe** and hit a home run!

Iris and Irwin Treager are pleased to announce the engagement of their grandson **Eric Segal (Lisa's son)** to **Allegra Flohr**.

Mazel Tov to **Sonia Barash** on becoming a great-grandmother. Granddaughter **Ilana** and husband **Tom** are the parents of a girl, born March 11. Also, **Cyrelle Simon** became a great-grandmother for the

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2nd time when **Shira** and **Shlomo's** daughter, **Tovahleh**, gave birth to her second son.

Mazel Tov to **Yona (Jun) Miyamoto**, who was a Shul member for years, as he is getting married to **Sherry Brachfeld**, in Canada. Yona would greatly appreciate people not writing to him personally if they want to comment. Instead, he asks that people visit this website and only leave messages there: <http://www.onlysimchas.com/v4/index.cfm/fuseaction:simcha.view/simchaid:97424>

Refuah Shelema

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

Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call or **Iris Treager** at (765) 463-2468 or **Bette Rubinstein** at (765) 463-4754. 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.

Rumor has it...

President Shimon Peres has invited Mubarak for Pesach to celebrate together the exodus from Egypt...

Deadline for April

Monday, April 25 is the deadline for submission of material for the Sons of Abraham Bulletin. Please send material to penmike@embarqmail.com

April Calendar

April 1: Friday 8 p.m. – Shabbat Services
 April 2: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
 April 3: Sunday, Stewart Center, Purdue – 12:30 p.m.
 Holocaust Conference Begins
 April 4: Monday, 1:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
 at home of Sonya Garfinkel
 April 8: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services
 April 9: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
 April 15: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services
 April 16: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
 April 18: Monday – First Seder
 April 19 Tuesday 10 a.m. – Pesach Services
 April 19: Tuesday – Second Seder
 April 20: Wednesday 10 a.m. – Pesach Services
 April 20: Wednesday – Counting the Omer begins
 April 21: Thursday 8 p.m. Board Meeting Scheduled
 April 22: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services
 April 23: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
 April 25: Monday 10 a.m. – Pesach Services
 April 26: Tuesday 10 a.m. – Pesach Services
 April 29: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services
 April 30: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services
 May 1: Sunday – Yom Hashoa

Candle Lighting Times

Source: Orthodox Union

April 1 – 7:53
 April 8 - 8:00
 April 15 – 8:08
 April 18 – 8:11
 April 19 – 9:12
 April 22 – 8:15
 April 29 – 8:22

Yahrzeits

Name	2011	Hebrew Date
Kaplan, Hillel	April 5	Nissan 1
Bosco, Bessie	April 5	Nissan 2
Savitz-Brownstein, Kay	April 9	Nissan 5
Garfinkel, Tillie Schaffner	April 9	Nissan 5
Pickus, Morris L.	April 10	Nissan 6
Zaban, William	April 12	Nissan 8
Rostov, Samuel	April 13	Nissan 9
Rubinstein, Morris L.	April 16	Nissan 12
Fishelson, Matus	April 19	Nissan 15
Gordon, Kusiel Daniel	April 19	Nissan 15
Goldberg, Rae	April 20	Nissan 16
Schreiber, Marvin	April 20	Nissan 16
Ben-Ami, Henia	April 21	Nissan 17
Winski, Rose F.	April 22	Nissan 18
Stinebaugh Jr., Jack Allen	April 22	Nissan 18
Winski, Oscar	April 27	Nissan 23
Kaplan, Lillian	April 27	Nissan 23
Cohen, Lee	April 28	Nissan 24
Goldstein, Bella Wolf	April 29	Nissan 25
Goodman, Anna	May 1	Nissan 27
Horwich., George	May 2	Nissan 28
Salzman, George	May 2	Nissan 28
Mazor, Albert N.	May 2	Nissan 28
Friedman, Mary	May 3	Nissan 29
Fischbach, Rachel Lew	May 3	Nissan 29
Goldberg, David	May 4	Nissan 30

LJCRS News

Shalom, Happy Spring and Chag Sameach! It is hard for me to believe how little time we have left in the school year! We have had a festive Purim, and I am expecting an equally festive Pesach coming up, as well as many other exciting activities for our students and community.

For Purim we made Hamantashen and assembled Mishloach Manot for families in the community, in a school wide project that involved a lot of participation from parents and students alike. We are especially and extremely grateful to all the parents who helped with making Hamantashen, assembled baskets, and drove our students around town to deliver them. Special thanks also to Sons of Abraham for letting us use their kitchen for the baking! I am always excited to see opportunities for our students to fulfill mitzvot and connect with the older generations in our community. We continued the Purim celebration with the Temple Israel/LJCRS Megillah Reading on Purim itself. Many of our students, and some parents, read chapters, while the rest waved their groggers at Haman's name and clapped and danced to Purim songs. Our preschool and kindergarten students made masks and held up captions during the reading to let us know what to expect in each chapter.

In our class news, our 7/8/9 graders are wrapping up their year with a Service Learning course, taught by David Weir. In this capstone class, students will be putting Jewish ideals and values into practice as they work on one or more projects of their choosing, focusing on service and social action.

We are still looking for teachers for our minicourses for next year. If you think you might be interested in teaching, please contact me at ljcrs@templeisraelwlafl.org. Minicourses typically run either for one semester or half a semester, depending on content.

Some upcoming events:

On April 3, Holocaust survivor **Anatole Kurdsjuk** will be speaking to some of our students about his experiences. **Anatole** was born in Russia, and survived a forced march from his home and two

years in a German labor camp during the war. He later immigrated to the United States. He is visiting as part of the Holocaust conference, and we are grateful to have him share his story with us.

Also on April 3 will be our next Parent-Tot Time! It will take place at 10:30 in the Multipurpose Room, and we will have activities related to the upcoming Passover holiday. All children aged 0 - 3 and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

On April 10, at 10:15 in the Multipurpose Room, will be our annual Parent Meeting. This is an important opportunity to learn about any changes in the upcoming year, voice any feedback or questions, and get to know some of the other parents. Breakfast will be served.

And don't forget that Passover is coming! On April 17, we will hold our school wide Model Seder. This is an exciting event for parents and students alike, and will include many fun student-produced songs and skits. Parents are encouraged to attend!

I hope everyone has a Happy Passover, and we hope to see you around LJCRS!

L'vracha,

Elana

B'Shalom, Elana

Chametz should be sold before Pesach

To fully honor the Laws of Pesach it is tradition and custom to arrange for the sale of chametz to a non-Jew prior to the onset of the holiday, which begins this year Monday, April 18 at sundown. Three Web links below provide free alternatives to the sale of your chametz.

https://www.mychabad.org/holidays/passover/sell_chometz.asp?aid=111191&jewish=Sell-Your-Chametz-Online.htm&site=chabad.org

<http://www.torah.org/learning/yomtov/pesach/mechira.html>

<http://www.ottawatorah.org/c-intro.htm>

“Jerusalem Correspondent” to visit!

Cyrelle Simon and daughters **Ronit and Shira** will be spending 2 days in Lafayette. Everyone is invited to visit them at the home of **Heather and Herb Moskowitz** at an Open House at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. They will be staying at the University Inn for one night.

Letter from Jerusalem:

*Following the tragic news of the devastation in Japan, we are mourning our own tragic attack and murder by terrorists of a family of five in the Yishuv of Itamar. All of Israel is greatly shocked and saddened by the news of this horrific event. The family was buried in Jerusalem, and all traffic was at a standstill for several hours, as many thousands of people accompanied the biers. Two days later, the entire country stood in silence at eleven a.m. joining in the pain of the family, whose son **Gilad Shalit** has been imprisoned in enemy hands for over five years.*

In contrast, during the recent Purim festival and we are enjoined to be happy. I have heard at least three lectures on various commentaries on Megillat Esther. I also learned a clarification of the contents of Mishloach Manot. I had realized that it is customary to include two items requiring different “brachot” (blessings), but one should also make sure that there is one baked food item and a beverage, almost always of wine or grape juice, since these can be used for the Purim “seudah,” the traditional meal. In addition to sending at least two gifts of food to one another and eating the festive meal, the other requirements for Purim include listening to the Megilla and giving charity.

This Purim my family had an extra special personal reason to celebrate. The brit mila (bris) of my second great grandson took place, B”H on Purim morning. My children **Shira** and **Shlomo’s** daughter, **Tovahleh**, gave birth to her second son. We are very grateful and happy! Although **Tovah** lives in a small town called, variously Kiryat Sefer, or Modiin Illit, she chose to give birth in Shaarei Tzedek, the hospital, about five minutes ride from my house. I found **Tovah** glowing and I was able to hold the half-day-old infant. in my arms. I traveled to B’nai Brak for the bris on their Purim and then returned with my younger granddaughters to Yerushalayim for our Shushan Purim celebration. They are delivered my “mishloach manot” in the neighborhood. We were invited to my neighbors’ seudah, which was held in a hall, since

that’s the best venue for their family of fourteen children, thirteen of whom are married with families.

Pesach is in the air, and everyone I talk to has already made their Yom Tov plans. It is traditional here, as in the world over for Jews to sell their “chametz” by giving a donation to a rabbi or community leader who then sells it to a non Jew. However, there is an additional safeguard in place in Israel. The Chief Rabbis take responsibility to sell the chametz for every Jew in the land. This is necessary, I learned, because some stores may not have sold their chametz individually, and then Jews are prohibited from eating food from those establishments for a defined time after Pesach

As we have an abundance of sunlight all year round, solar heating is very common here. There is also a great awareness of the necessity to conserve water. Since the water emanating from the shower, for instance, takes a few minutes to warm up, many families keep a bucket under the shower to collect the initial cold water and then use it for doing sponga (washing the floor), watering the plants, etc. ...

Warm regards, Cyrelle

Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series

**Wednesday, April 6 ~ Beering Hall, Room 1222
~ 12:30**

Fritz Cohen, Professor Emeritus, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Purdue University, “Demonization of the Jew in German Popular Plays of the Late Middle Ages.”

The topic of the Jew in German popular plays of the late Middle Ages has, until relatively recently, generated remarkably little interest in histories of German literature and culture. One reason for past neglect may be the longstanding bias against literary texts that were considered to have little aesthetic value. As to the figure of the Jew, who was central to the action of the most popular of the plays - the Passion and Resurrection dramas — little has been said beyond explanatory notes and synoptic overviews. Whatever the reason for the deficiency, popular plays in German speaking countries of the late Middle Ages deserve much closer scrutiny than they have received heretofore. A study of their texts, written in the vulgate, while didactic, contribute to a

better knowledge of German literature on the one hand, and will, on the other, reveal much about the landscape of popular perceptions and expectations. Last but not least such investigations will add knowledge to a chapter of Jewish existence and experience, and will possibly prompt additional questions about the nature and evolution of anti-Judaism and, ultimately, may make visible the outlines of a continuum linking the past to the present and vice versa.

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

<http://www.cla.purdue.edu/jewish-studies/>

30TH ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CONFERENCE

APRIL 3 - 8, 2011

“FEAR OF THE ‘OTHER’: STILL WITH US”

(Please note: This is the program as of our deadline and is subject to change. A complete and “official” program will be included in the April Sons of Abraham Bulletin)

SUNDAY, April 3, 2011

STEWART CENTER, Room 214,
Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN

1:00 PM Registration

1:20 PM Session Chair: **Susan Prohofsky**

Mayors’ Proclamation: **John Dennis**, Mayor, West Lafayette & **Tony Roswarski**, Mayor, Lafayette

Color Guard

Candle Lighting accompanied by Ani Ma’amim – The Anthem of the Victims Sung by Esther Weiner

Candle of Remembrance: Survivors

Candle of Hope: Children and Grandchildren of Survivors

Memorial Prayer: **Rabbi Audrey Pollack**

Musical Tribute: *Psalm 90: In Every Age*,

Music by **Dr. Brad Bodine** & the St. Thomas Aquinas Singers

1:40 PM Opening Remarks:

2:00 PM The Fifth Annual **Rabbi Gedalyah Engel** Lecture

Dr. Steven Jacobs – Prof., Aaron Aronov Endowed Chair in Judaic Studies, Univ of Alabama

“Genocides are NOT ALL ‘Accidents’ in History”

Introduced by **Sarah Powley**, McCutcheon HS, Head, English Department

3:00 PM **Randy Bytwerk** - Prof. of communication arts and sciences; Calvin College

“Methods of Nazi Propaganda”

Introduced by **Rebekah Klein-Pejsova**, Prof. Jewish Studies and History, Purdue University

FOWLER HALL, STEWART CENTER

4:00 PM **REMEMBERING THE WARSAW GHETTO WITH ‘THE PIANIST’:**

CONCERT COMMEMORATING THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY THROUGH THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF **WŁADYSŁAW SZPILMAN**

Prof. Edward Auer, piano – Indiana U. and others

Prof. Halina Goldberg, Narrator – Indiana U.

PURDUE MEMORIAL UNION

ANNIVERSARY DRAWING ROOM

6:00 PM Supper (\$18.00 donation, \$3.00 students)

KRANNERT AUDITORIUM, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

7:30 PM **LIBERATORS AND SURVIVORS**

Liberator: **LeRoy Carson**

SURIVORS

Robert Melson

Anatole Kurdsjuk

Monday April 4, 2011

HILLEL FOUNDATION, 912 State St., WL

9:00 AM University Religious Leaders –

Breakfast and Conversation with **Steven Jacobs**, **Randy Bytwerk** and **Anatole Kurdsjuk**

Joseph Haberer, Moderator

KRANNERT AUDITORIUM, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

7:30 PM “Comparing Nazi Propaganda Methods to Today’s Media Coverage of Islamophobia”

Session Chair: **Robin Clair**, Prof. Communications, Purdue

Prof. Randy Bytwerk, Prof., of communication arts and sciences; Calvin College

Prof. Erik C. Nisbet –Prof. of Communications Ohio State U

TUESDAY, April 5, 2011

WEST LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**4:00 PM – 8:00 PM “Teaching Defiance”:
Workshop for Middle School Teachers**

Jonathan Furst, Outreach Coordinator, The Jewish Partisan Education Foundation

TUESDAY, April 5, 201

HILLEL FOUNDATION

7:00 PM *A Film Interrupted*

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 201

BEERING HALL, ROOM 1222

12:30 PM

“Demonization of the Jew in German Popular Plays of the Late Middle Ages.”

Fritz Cohen, Professor Emeritus, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Purdue Univ.

WEST LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

6:00 PM

Movie: *A Film Interrupted*

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011

KRANNERT AUDITORIUM, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

7:00 PM

Panel Discussion “Fear of the ‘Other’ in Tippecanoe County”

Moderator: **Dewayne A. Moffit** – Executive Director, Hanna Community Center

Ashley Smith - President Pride Lafayette, Inc.

Ivan Hernandez – Director of Admissions, Ivy Tech

Lisa Hanasono – Graduate Student, Communications, Purdue

Movie Series West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia, WL

Wednesday, April 6 - 6:00 PM *A Film Interrupted*

Saturday, April 9 – 5:00 PM *Defiance*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 7:00 PM

Loeb Theater, Purdue University

“My Heart in a Suitcase” presented in conjunction with Purdue Convocations

WLPL April 1 - 23 Photo Exhibit – *Pictures of the Resistance*, Photos by **Faye Schulman**

SUNDAY, MAY 2 Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day -27 Nisan

Shul Board Solicits Donations to 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 **100th Anniversary Fund**, established by **Ed Simon**, is for capital expenses related to building maintenance. 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 to: _____

Ha Gomel (recovery) of: _____

100th 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



SEDER PLATE

Purdue Jewish Studies Program
presents
THE LAFAYETTE KLEZMORIM
“An Evening of Jewish Music”



WINNERS OF JEWISH CHICAGO'S GOT TALENT 2010
<http://lafayetteklezmerim.com/>

Monday, April 11, 2011
Krannert Auditorium
8:00 p.m.

A Ben and Louise Klatch Jewish Arts Series Presentation

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

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