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## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

Torah reader extraordinaire **Ephraim Fischbach** was featured recently on an episode of **Morgan Freeman's Through The Wormhole on *The Science Channel***. The Purdue University physicist, however, did not meet the movie and TV star, as his comments and observations were recorded and supplied to the network for inclusion in the program.

The Biblical Book of Kings relates that the Hazor was attacked by Egypt in antiquity. Proof may rest with an ongoing archeological dig at the Israeli site. **Akiva Sanders**, winner of a *Biblical Archeology Review* magazine scholarship to dig at the site, relates that an ancient Egyptian seal was unearthed during his tenure there. **Akiva** said his contribution was to sift a “lot of dirt” without tangible results of his own. This is typical of the search for relics. Impressive finds are few and far between, but certainly, provided our budding archeologist with real world experience.

Some of you have met **Maira Mejía**. She comes to services when she can. It is not always possible because she has to support herself as a night accountant at one of the local hotels. She has a grandmother who came from a converso family. Because of that connection she developed an intense interest in Judaism. **Rabbi Rascoe** instructed her and

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she went before the Bet Din in Chicago. So it is that **Maira** is now occasionally part of our Friday night minyanim.

Meanwhile, she has discovered that she has a talent that has served the Congregation well. She has so far taken and returned a total of six siddurim / Etz Chayim volumes whose bindings she has re-sewn and glued quite professionally. She now has another six in her possession and to see the respect with which she treats her wounded patients is truly heartwarming. Moreover, she notes that the sewing and gluing process is delayed by the fact that she is reading the Torah verses as she goes.

Some of us have read in the local papers that the Chabad Foundation has bought two buildings in Lafayette. It is not known whether the Foundation expects to occupy the buildings, but that cannot happen soon enough for **Maira** because she yearns to live close to a fully observant community and may leave Lafayette to do so. For now, we are grateful to her for the repair of our prayer books.

As a postscript, it is interesting to note that Friday she brought her Spanish speaking paternal grandmother who is visiting from Los Angeles to services. That grandmother is Pentecostal and was born in El Salvador. **Maira's** maternal grandmother, the converso, speaks Hebrew, and will be visiting services in a few weeks.

Condolences to the family of **Rachel Wasserman**. She died July 7 at the age of 44. She was buried in the Temple Israel Jewish Cemetery.

## Deadline for October Bulletin

Please note that due to the High Holidays, the deadline for the October Bulletin is exceptionally early this year. Material *must* be submitted by **Monday, September 19** to be included. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please send items to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

# Yahrzeits

Name	July 2011	Hebrew Date
Trueheart, Sadie	August 2	Av 2
Litman, Matilda	August 2	Av 2
Zimmerman, Morris	August 3	Av 3
Berger, Minnie	August 4	Av 4
Hartman, Sarah	August 4	Av 4
Goodman, Isadore	August 5	Av 5
Rostov, Chajah	August 8	Av 8
Pearlman, David	August 8	Av 8
Cohen, Harry	August 8	Av 8
Elkin, Barry	August 9	Av 9
Brudner, Samuel	August 9	Av 9
Bercovitz, Bessie	August 10	Av 10
Weisz, Berthold	August 10	Av 10
Goldstine, Ida	August 11	Av 11
Miller, Isadore	August 13	Av 13
Lomar, Herman A.	August 13	Av 13
Rubin, Harry	August 13	Av 14
Singer, Doba Risa	August 15	Av 15
Goldsmith, Ida	August 15	Av 15
Cember, Pearl	August 15	Av 15
Bosco, Isaac	August 19	Av 19
Zaban, Israel	August 27	Av 27
Harr, Robert	August 29	Av 29
Elkin, Devorah	August 30	Av 30
Hartman, Morris	Sept 4	Elul 5
Berman, George	Sept 4	Elul 5
Atlass, Frank	Sept 5	Elul 6
Rubinstein, Bessie G.	Sept 6	Elul 7
Artman, Morris	Sept 7	Elul 8
Myers, Bernard Harry	Sept 10	Elul 11
Lomar, Rose Elkin	Sept 10	Elul 11
Shapiro, Helen Crown	Sept 10	Elul 11
Kaplan, Gilda N.	Sept 14	Elul 15

Roger, Ethel	Sept 15	Elul 16
Slessor, Carl	Sept 18	Elul 19
Segal, M.	Sept 19	Elul 20
Garfield, Sherman	Sept 20	Elul 21
Ovsiew, Tania	Sept 21	Elul 22
Garfinkel, Bernard D.	Sept 21	Elul 22
Altman, Fannie	Sept 22	Elul 23
Leonards, Beryl	Sept 28	Elul 29

## Refuah Shelema

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

## Moving on

**Sylvia Cember**, a longtime SOA member, may have moved to Fort Wayne, but definitely wants to stay in touch! Her address is:

c/o Hadashi  
5322 Hartford Drive  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46835  
Sylvia's cell phone: 765-714-1016

She is recovering from a fractured shoulder.

## Candle Lighting Times

August 5	8:41
August 12	8:33
August 19	8:23
August 26	8:13
September 2	8:02
September 9	7:50
September 16	7:39
September 23	7:27
September 28	7:19
September 29	8:17
September 30	7:15

# August/September Calendar

August 5: Friday 8 p.m. – Shabbat Services

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

August 8: Monday -Erev Tisha B'Av

August 9: Tuesday - Tisha B'Av

August 12: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

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

August 18: Thursday 8 p.m. Board Meeting scheduled

August 19: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

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

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

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

September 2: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 3: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

September 6: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. – Sisterhood board meeting at the home of Sue Prohofsky

September 9: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 10: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

September 15: Thursday 8 p.m. Board Meeting scheduled

September 16: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 17: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

September 18: Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sisterhood Opening Tea at the home of Sonya Garfinkel

September 23: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

September 24: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

September 24: 10:00 p.m. Game Night; Selichot service - midnight

September 28: Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Services\*

September 29: Thursday 8:45 a.m. – First Day of Rosh Hashanah Services\*

September 30: Friday 8:45 a.m. – Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Services\*

*\* A complete schedule of High Holiday Services will be included in the High Holiday Bulletin, which will be distributed on Sept. 18 at the Sisterhood Opening Tea and then mailed to everyone who didn't attend.*

## Sisterhood Opening Tea Sunday, September 18

The Sons of Abraham Sisterhood holds its Opening Tea at the home of Sonya Garfinkel Sunday, September 18 from, 2 to 4 p.m. All sisterhood members are invited and encouraged to attend. The 5772 High Holiday Bulletin and schedule of services will be available at the meeting. Those not attending will receive the material in the mail.

Sisterhood Board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1:30 p.m., at the home of Sue Prohofsky.

Game Night and Selichot service on Saturday, Sept. 24 in the Shul. Games at 10 p.m., Selichot service at midnight.

## LJCRS News

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! We are beginning to gear up for the start of LJCRS, and hope to have an exciting year planned.

In the next few weeks parents should be receiving registration materials for the upcoming school year. The LJCRS school year starts on September 11. We are looking forward to another great year filled with exciting events and lots of community participation. We are hoping this year to get more parents willing to serve as substitute teachers as well.

We still have positions open for aides. These are open to any 10, 11, or 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have graduated from LJCRS. If you or your child is interested in being an aide for the upcoming year and has not yet turned in an application, please do so. Our aides are an integral part of the learning experience, and are always tremendously helpful to

both teachers and students. We hope that all of our graduating 9<sup>th</sup> graders will continue to be involved in LJCRS in this way.

As most of you know from last year, I am very interested in finding new and exciting ways to create community among our LJCRS families, and to increase connections with LJCRS and the larger community. I believe that participation in the Jewish community and meeting other Jewish families is one of the reasons that many families choose to send their children to LJCRS. We hope this year to hold many school wide events, and will be holding a parent meeting at the beginning of the year to introduce each other and to introduce new parents to the school. We hope that many parents will attend. And as always, if you have ideas for school activities, or special programs, please let us know and we will try to make them happen.

For the upcoming school year, we are also in need of a Sons of Abraham representative to LJCRS, a function that was previously served by Rabbi Rascoe. This person would come to the school about two Sundays per month, tell stories to students at some of our learners' services, and serve as a resource for the Conservative perspective on a variety of subjects. Anyone who is interested can contact me.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

B'Shalom,

Elana Salzman

## News from Jerusalem

I am planning, B"H a short visit to Lafayette Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 3 and 4. My daughter **Ronit**, her baby and I plan to stay at the Holiday Inn on South St., in Lafayette. We have a few appointments, but we would be pleased to visit with friends in the lobby of the hotel on Monday evening about 7:00 and after and hopefully, we can have lunch with some people on Tuesday about 12:30.

*Dust:*

Over the last few days I have noticed large black particles of dust that can't be easily swept away. It seems there was a major forest fire in the Jerusalem

Forest, about three miles from my home, and this is the residue. I was told this fire was reported on the national media. It took me a little while to make the connection since Jerusalem generally is very dusty during the long months without rain. The dust seems to seep in through unseen cracks and requires daily eliminating. This dust was different from the usual, for a sad reason.

*Leadership Ability:*

I realized that I am now in the midst of organizing several events. One was for the several Israeli couples who met in Lafayette, but needed a catalyst to get them together. Another was the recent reunion that I enjoy about once a year with **Gabi Heilbrun** and **Avital Arielli**, also former Lafayette sojourners. And, of course I have my music ensemble, which now practices weekly and has several gigs in the offing. And, the big event, which I am now organizing is the Israel-Hoosier reunion. There are many, maybe thirty families or more, here who are eager to come to my home after the Chaggim to reunite with one another. Most families stem from Indianapolis and South Bend. And, of course, my husband **Ed's** fifth Yahrzeit is a major project and I may have 30 family members from several continents attending.....,more details to follow on those subjects. It occurs to me that the twelve years in which I was president of the Lafayette Chapter of Hadassah and the Sons of Abraham Shul Sisterhood, probably endowed me or helped to hone these useful skills.

*Fast Day:*

I am writing this on the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, commemorating breaching the walls leading to the destruction of Jerusalem and commencing the three-week mourning period for our Holy Temple. My religious neighborhood is unusually quiet, traffic is at a minimum and shops often close early. May we have only happy occasions to celebrate in the future.

*Sad News:*

I was saddened to learn of the death of **Jonathan Pollard's** father, **Morris**. He was a friend and a colleague of **Ed's**. **Ed** was invited to speak in the biology dept. by **Morris** at Notre Dame. I came along and we were invited to the **Pollard** home where we briefly met a teen aged **Jonathan. Morris** and his

wife were our guests at Purdue where **Morris** gave a talk about **Jonathan's** situation, probably over ten years ago. We also visited with **Morris** just shortly before **Ed** died. Baruch Dayan Emet!

Visitors and another Purdue Reunion:

Joining my numerous occupants of my guest room were **Chayim** and **Alice Weizmann**. While they were Purdue students, they were very active in the Jewish community and made many friends, including a number of Israeli families. I invited **Rachel** and **Baruch Minke**, **Yossi** and **Nili Mizrahi**, and **Ruthie** and **Aryeh Gilai** for a party in honor of the visiting **Weizmanns**. The conversation was very lively as these friends reminisced about their Purdue days. The **Minkes** spent two Sabbaticals in Lafayette. The **Gilais** and **Mizrahis** were at Purdue for two years. I taught **Danny Gilai** and **Adi Mizrahi** in the Shul Nursery School when we met daily. **Roni Minke** was a member of my Israeli dance class. Their parents continue to be grateful to **Rabbi Radinsky** and me for the experiences.

Cyrelle Simon

## View the Dead Sea Scrolls online!

At <[http://www.imj.org.il/shrine\\_center/Isaiah Scrolling/index.html](http://www.imj.org.il/shrine_center/Isaiah_Scrolling/index.html)> You can view (and zoom on) the Isaiah Scroll from Qumran (1QIsaa). in high resolution and in color. The site is courtesy of the Dorot Foundation Dead Sea Scrolls Information and Study Center, in Memory of **Joy Gottesman Ungerleider**

## Shul Board to Meet

The Shul Board is scheduled to meet **Thursday, August 18 at 8 p.m.** and **Thursday, September 15.**

Board meetings are open to all members.

## 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.

# Yes, we really ARE online! ☺

Most of you know this, of course, as you are probably reading this online. There are a few "mail" subscribers, and we'd like to switch you to become online readers.

Here's how: go to the Shul Website, [www.soalafayette.org](http://www.soalafayette.org). Click on Updates/Bulletins in the upper right corner, and then scroll down to the latest issue. Anyone who would like to move from snail mail to the Web should contact **Harriet Diamond** at [hardiam819@gmail.com](mailto:hardiam819@gmail.com) or by phone at 463-1416.

Web subscribers are notified as soon as the Bulletin is posted.

## Timely humor...

Abe and Sadie make a rare appearance in synagogue. It's probably true to say that they are not the most religious of Jews. In fact they only go to Shul two or three times every year – and this is one of those days.

At the end of the service, Abe shakes the rabbi's hand and says, "Sadie and I both thoroughly enjoyed your service today, Rabbi."

Replied the Rabbi, "It's nice of you to say so, Abe, so why don't you and Sadie come here more often?"

"It's difficult," replies Abe, "but at least we keep the Ten Commandments."

"That's really good to hear," says the Rabbi.

"Yes," says Abe proudly, "Sadie keeps 6 of them and I keep the other 4."



## L'shana Tova!

Jewish Year 5772: sunset September 28, 2011 -  
nightfall September 30, 2011

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu V'Tehatemu – May you be written – and *sealed* in the Book of Life!

# Shul Board Solicits Donations to Special Purpose Funds

The **Chosnek Fund**, named for **Sam and Edith Chosnek**, is for ritual purposes. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Building) \_\_\_\_\_

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Is the donor's name to be held in confidence?

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