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# February, 2016 22 Shevat- 20 Adar I, 5776

# Service Schedule

Friday, February 5, 6:00 p.m. Children's Service

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.

# **Candle Lighting Times:**

February 5 – 5:52 p.m. February 12 – 6:01 p.m. February 19 – 6:09 p.m. February 26 – 6:17 p.m.

## Refuah Schlemah

May the One who was a source of blessing for our ancestors bring blessings of healing upon David Gallimore, Jo Gartenhaus, Iris Treager and Leo Weitzman.

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



# May their memories be for a blessing.

Simon Krushen – 23 Shevat, February 2 Rachel R. Atlass – 24 Shevat, February 3 Anna Miller – 24 Shevat, February 3 Ben Zion Klatch – 24 Shevat. February 3 Gerald Leonards – 24 Shevat, February 3 Alfred Gartenhaus – 25 Shevat, February 4 Isadore Korenstein – 26 Shevat, February 5 David Moskowitz- 26 Shevat, February 5 Samuel A. Grinberg – 27 Shevat, February 6 Gussie Harris – 29 Shevat, February 8 Mark Treager – 2 Adar I, February 11 Ruth Pickus – 2 Adar I, February 11 Edith Chosnek – 3 Adar I, February 12 Bertha H. Weisz – 4 Adar I, February 13 Rose Levine – 5 Adar I, February 14 Harry Roger – 5 Adar I, February 14 Fred Spector – 6 Adar I, February 15 Miriam (Mickey) Lobstein – 7 Adar I, Feb. 16 John Tzucker – 7 Adar I, February 16 Rosa Brodsky - 7 Adar I, February 16 Malka Molly Shainker - 10 Adar I, February 19 Herman Cember - 11 Adar I, February 20 Joseph Tubis - 12 Adar I, February 21 Hannah Gartenhaus - 12 Adar I, February 21 Solomon Goodman - 16 Adar I, February 25 Bara Pearlman - 17 Adar I, February 26 Frank Goldstine - 18 Adar I, February 27 Esther Simon - 18 Adar I, February 27 Harriet Berger - 19 Adar I, February 28 Nina Weitzman - 19 Adar I, February 28 Moshe D. Radinsky - 20 Adar I, February 29



Suggestions and information for this Bulletin are always welcome. Please contact me at bridgejudy@aol.com.

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

Judy Weitzman, Editor

## **Dates for your Calendar:**

Friday, February 5 Children's Service, 6:00 pm



Thursday, February 18 Shul Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 24
The Jewish Connection, 2:30 pm

To have a Happy Day card or a Memorial card sent in your name, please contact Esther Chosnek by e-mail at erc@wolfelt.com. She will promptly send your card for a minimum donation of only \$5.00.



You need only contact Esther, then send your check, made payable to Sisterhood Sons of Abraham to Sisterhood Treasurer, Sonya Garfinkel, 2229 Carberry Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

## **The Jewish Connection**

The Jewish Connection is a community-wide book discussion group that meets monthly. The February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Rose Haberer 129 East Navajo, West Lafayette.

The book for February is <u>The Paris Architect</u> by Charles Belfoure. Malcolm Gladwell describes this historical novel as "...a beautiful and eloquent account of an ordinary man's unexpected and reluctant descent into heroism during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War." The story traces the transformation of a gentile in Nazi occupied Paris who has little empathy for the Jews, to a man who can no longer deny reality, and with a personal passion creates ingenious hiding places for French Jews.

For additional information, please call Rose Haberer at 463-2772

# Purdue University Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series

Wednesday, February 10 ~ Stewart Center, Room 313 ~ 12:30 Amber Nickell, Graduate Student, Department of History, Purdue University, "The Holocaust in the Soviet Union"

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

## **LJCRS**

# Always in need of Substitutes:

I've received some interest in helping me with last minute subbing needs when teachers call out. I invite you to check out the school when we're in session to see what the classroom environment is like. If you like what you see, consider helping us! Contact me, Rebecca Goodman at <a href="mailto:LJCRS620@gmail.com">LJCRS620@gmail.com</a>



## **Mishloach Manot:**

# Send your friends and family a gift for Purim

It's a tradition to give food to our friends and families during Purim, called Mishloach Manot. We are so excited to present our Mishloach Manot fundraiser! Each box costs \$18 and will contain two hamantaschen, fresh fruit, a granola bar, chips, a juice box, and candy. All items are kosher. For more information, please contact Rebecca Goodman at LJCRS620@gmail.com



# "Piguaot" - Attacks (Terrorist):

Each day the newscaster announces another "piguah." When a rare day occurs without the dreadful news, we heave a sigh of relief. I notice a lot more security in Jerusalem. In the two shopping centers which I occasionally frequent, there are several policemen on motorcycles surveying the scene. Also, there are more frequent checkpoints on cars entering and leaving the city. B:H my neighborhood has been safe, so far. I still tend to look around when I go out. Unfortunately, people are avoiding the center of the city and merchants there are enduring a business slowdown.

# Israelis Big on Fruits, Vegetables, Poll Shows:

Excerpted from the Jerusalem Post -

"A poll taken by the Vulcani Institute, the country's main research lab on fruit and vegetable production, shows that 80% of Israelis eat fresh fruit and\or vegetables daily. among the highest rate in the developed world." The most popular fruits are citrus with 41.4% of Israelis preferring them followed by watermelon which 35.1% said was their favorite. In third place were grapes, with 11.6% preferring them. Among vegetables, tomatoes show up as perennial favorites with 54% responding. Tomatoes were followed by lettuce with a response of 19.4% and cucumbers at 17.4%. Fully 56.8% of Israelis ate four or more servings of fresh fruit or vegetables a day, while 38.2 percent ate them three times daily. Professor Yoram Kapulnik, head of the Vulcani Institute, commented that the Israeli public is very careful and chooses fruits based on their seasonal availability and that Israelis prefer the

Mediterranean Diet, a main feature of which is the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

#### Shotet:

I received two additional meaning of the word "shotet" from my readers. This is the first response. My son, Rabbi Hillel wrote "Ainov mishotet ba-aretz," his eyes flit around the earth. The Lubavitcher Rebbe explains: these are like angels, doing G-d's bidding in looking around the earth.

The second response to "shotet" came from a new neighbor, part of the massive Aliyah that has pervaded Bayit, V Gan, recently, from France. The host is originally from Morocco with interesting customs. For example, after eating a meal including bread, the diners say the "Birkat HaMazon." And then, the dessert is served, and it receives its own special blessings, before and after. This man, a psychiatrist who, though retaining his family traditions from Morocco, lived many years in France. He looked up "shotet" in the Talmud and said it refers specifically to when our ancestors were in the desert searching for the manna, promised by G-d.

#### **Holocaust Survivors:**

Stories abound on this subject, but I recently learned two touching episodes. When a neighbor saw me picking up detritus in front of our building he related the following tale: He knew a man who was a child in a concentration camp in World War 2. The man prayed to G-d to save him and permit him to come to Israel. He promised HaShem that he would clean streets, if he could only survive.

B:H the man did come to Israel and studied to be a pediatrician. He became head of Shaarei Tzedek hospital's pediatric department. Every morning, as promised, he takes his broom and sweeps the streets near his home.

The following tale was told to me by my granddaughter, Yocheved. During the

Holocaust, a man survived by cleaning the toilets in the concentration camps. As he cleaned, he pretended he was cleaning toilets in the Ancient Holy Temple, the Beit HaMikdash, in Jerusalem. When he arrived in Israel, he went to the Kotel, the closest place today to the ancient Temple and asked if he could clean the toilets there. I assume he has continued to do so.

# Israel Uses Grape DNA to Produce New -- Actually Ancient—Wine:

Ariel University in the Shomron, has released a report that nearly two millennia old grapes have been reconstituted in the lab. Recanati Winery in the Hefer valley is introducing the white wine. The leading researcher, Elyashiv Drori said the Marawi grapes date back some 1,890 years.

Students have been researching many varieties of grapes, producing small batches of red wine from the Kinneret's shoreline and white wine from the foothills of Jerusalem. Drori and other colleagues have identified 120 varieties of grape seeds different from French or other imported wines.

The researchers have used three dimensional scanners to analyze the DNA of burned or dried out seeds from archeological digs and replicate them in live grapes. Dr. Drori cited an example of a group of seeds that were recovered near the site of the two Batei Midrash (synagogues) beside a piece of clay marked in Hebrew script translated as "smooth wine."

I had written about this research some time ago. And I learned from a friend of one of the researchers that wild grapes with 'masculine genes' were genetically combined with other grapes with 'feminine genes' and these were thought to be connected to King David. After finding thirty types of grapes and re-sorting them to 19 different types, with results not yet conclusive, these may actually be native to Israel. This research is done, as

mentioned earlier, from burned seeds found in archeological digs.

#### MIT Connects to Israel:

A team of four MIT students, including my great-niece, Dalia, are spending a month in Tel-Aviv teaching leadership skills to Israeli High School students. The visitors spend four hours a day teaching in English to several large high school classes in Tel Aviv.

Although Dalia is an orthodox Jew the others on her team are not Jewish. MIT makes arrangements for the students to stay in a classy hotel and underwrites all their expenses. Dalia, a senior, is planning to pursue her masters' degree in materials engineering. I am very proud of the service that Dalia and her team are providing to the Israeli high schoolers.

## Weather Words:

Since we are having abundant rain, this season, I close with a few more new weather related words. Eebui (condensation) Shibare Anan (cloudburst) Tif-Tuf (drizzle) Oveysh (mold) Mod Geshem (rain guage).

With warm regards, and prayers for peace to prevail,

Cyrelle
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# **History:** Timeline for the History of Judaism

For those of you who enjoy exploring Jewish History, we recommend visiting the Jewish Virtual Library. It is maintained by the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) and is available for free at www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org.



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