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February, 2018
16 Shevat – 13 Adar, 5778

Service Schedule

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

Children's Services begin at 6:45, when scheduled

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

Candle Lighting Times:

February 2, 5:49 p.m.
February 9, 5:58 p.m.
February 16, 6:06 p.m.
February 23, 6:15 p.m.



Mark your calendars:



February 2 – Tu B'Shevat Shabbat at Hillel
February 3 – Luncheon following services to honor Sharon Sanders
February 6 – Sisterhood Board Meeting, 1:30 pm
February 14 – Jewish Studies, 12:30 p.m., Stew. 313
“The Great Synagogue of Rome”
February 15 – Shul Board Meeting
February 16 – Children's Service, 6:45 pm
February 21 – The Jewish Connection
February 28 - The Fast of Esther, Sunrise - Sunset
February 28 – Erev Purim and Megillah Reading



Yafir-zeits

May their memories be for a blessing.

David Simon - 17 Shevat, February 2
Florence Urish – 18 Shevat, February 3
Maurice Lipschutz – 18 Shevat, February 3
Simon Krushen – 23 Shevat, February 8
Rachel Atlass – 24 Shevat, February 9
Anna Miller – 24 Shevat, February 9
Ben Zion Klatch – 24 Shevat, February 9
Gerald Leonards – 24 Shevat, February 9
Alfred Gartenhaus – 25 Shevat, February 10
Isadore Korenstein – 26 Shevat, February 11
David Moskowitz – 26 Shevat, February 11
Samuel Grinberg – 27 Shevat, February 12
Gussie Harris – 29 Shevat, February 14
Mark Treager – 2 Adar, February 17
Ruth Pickus – 2 Adar, February 17
Edith Chosnek – 3 Adar, February 18
Bertha Weisz – 4 Adar, February 19
Rose Levine – 5 Adar, February 20
Harry Roger – 5 Adar, February 20
Fred Spector – 6 Adar, February 21
Miriam (Mickey) Lobstein – 7 Adar, February 22
John Tzucker – 7 Adar, February 22
Rosa Brodsky – 7 Adar, February 22
Malka Shainker – 10 Adar, February 25
Herman Cember – 11 Adar, February 26
Joseph Tubis – 12 Adar, February 27
Hannah Gartenhaus – 12 Adar, February 27



Suggestions and information for this Bulletin are always welcome. Please contact me at bridgejudy@aol.com with your thoughts. Deadlines are usually seven days

before the end of the month.

Judy Weitzman, Editor

The Jewish Connection Book Group



The Jewish Connection Book Group will meet next on Wednesday, February 21, 2:30 p.m. at the home of Rose Haberer, 129 East Navajo in West Lafayette.

The novel to be discussed is From Sand and Ash, by Amy Harmon. Set in Italy before and during World War II, it is a dramatic story of love, belief and commitment between a priest and a Jewish woman.

Although Eva and Angelo's story is fiction, the focus of From Sand and Ash, a beautiful and compelling novel by Amy Harmon, the settings and instances surrounding the two aren't, giving the book a glorious realism that is at times brutally yet compellingly honest. As Italy joins the Axis powers, Eva learns that her forgotten religion defines her in a way she never considered. And as Angelo immerses himself deeper in his faith, he realizes that the love he has for Eva isn't as easy to bury as he'd assumed.

Newcomers are always welcome, and it is not necessary to have read the book to join in the lively discussion and enjoy delicious refreshments.

Carpooling is available. For more information, call Rose Haberer at 463-2772.

HILLEL, YOUR HOME FOR JEWISH LIFE AT PURDUE

Community members are always welcome to join us at Hillel for Friday night services and dinner, Bagel Breaks and other events. For more information on these and other Hillel programs please visit our web site, www.purduehillel.org, or write us at Hillel@purduehillel.org.



Please note:
Geri Horwich has a new phone number.
You can reach her now at 765-413-9925.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Sam Harris for his weekly notifications of Shabbat schedules.

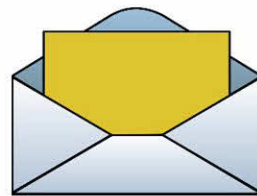
Thanks to Sam Harris, David Sanders, for conducting services.

Thanks to Sonya Garfinkel for preparing Onegs.

David Sanders is very pleased to invite Shul members to attend a luncheon following services on Saturday, February 3, in honor of his wife, Sharon, receiving permanent residency approval.



To honor someone with a new leaf on the **Tree of Life** in the Shul simply call Jo Gartenhaus at 765-464-1209 to learn how.



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.

Fast of Esther Guidelines

Taanit Esther 2018 will begin on February 28th at dawn (*alot hashachar*), and end at nightfall of that same day. There are special prayers added in the morning, called *selichot*. Like other Jewish fast days, Taanit Esther is observed by refraining from eating and drinking for the duration of the fast – from dawn until nightfall.

However, unlike other fasts that are obligatory, Taanit Esther is considered to be a custom and therefore there is more leniency regarding conditions under which people may be exempt from fasting, such as pregnancy, nursing, or someone who is ill even if it is not life threatening (for more on this, see Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chayim 686:2).

Purdue University Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture and Discussion Series

Wednesday, February 14
Stewart Center, Room 313
12:30 p.m.

“Tempio Maggiore di Roma”
The Great Synagogue of Rome
A guided tour will be offered by Lynn Parrish, PhD
student in Philosophy and Classical Literature

Jewish Studies program events are free and open to
the public.

Did you know?

Rising Sun is recognized as the oldest Jewish
settlement in Indiana, established in 1826.

PURIM CUSTOMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Germany

On Purim eve, torches containing gunpowder would be ignited. During the Megillah reading, the gunpowder exploded with a deafening noise. In one town in Germany, on the eve of Purim, two candles would be lit in the synagogue. One was called "Haman" and the other "Zeresh" (Haman's wife). The candles were allowed to burn down completely, and were not extinguished. Thus should the haters of Israel be burnt. Doll-shaped cakes, called "Haman", were also prepared. The children would cut off the doll's head and eat it with great glee.

Italy

The youngsters would divide into two camps and throw nuts at each other. The adults rode through the streets of the town on horseback, with cypress branches in their hands. They also placed an effigy of Haman in a high place, and encircled it, to the sound of trumpets.

France

Children used to take smooth stones, write or engrave Haman's name on them, and strike them together during the Megillah reading whenever Haman's name was mentioned, in order to erase it, in compliance with the verse: "I shall surely wipe out the memory of Amalek".

Afghanistan

The children drew pictures of Haman on planks or cardboard. During the Megillah reading, the planks were thrown to the ground and trampled on, making a lot of noise. Wooden gloves (a kind of wooden sandals) were held in the hands and clapped together, also making a loud noise.

The synagogue carpets were taken up and the congregants trampled underneath them, in case Haman was hiding there.