



# SONS *of* ABRAHAM

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Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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Rabbinic Intern  
Michael Kushnick

## Gratitude, Condolences and Congratulations

The entire congregation is invited to a special oneg on Friday, May 3 in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of **Harriet** and **Sid Diamond**. Many thanks to **Mark Lillianfeld** and the **Salzman** family for hosting **Michael Kushnick** for dinner during his last visit.

Saturday evening, April 13th, Rabbinic Intern **Michael Kushnick** led a discussion on the “Evolving Biblical Law” at the home of **Elliott** and **Gwen Slamovich**. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all and ended with Havdalah. Stay tuned for another event during his next visit May 3 and 4.



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Mazel Tov to **Neil Zimmerman** who is retiring from Purdue University after 32 years of dedicated service. Also, Mazel Tov to **Aaron Zimmerman** upon his upcoming graduation from Purdue University with a degree in astrophysics. Said the family, “We are so proud of them and wish them luck and Mazel as they begin the next chapters in their journey of life.” From **Leah & Shai Hadashi, Hannah & Jeremy Cowles** family.

## Refuah Shelema

We offer prayers for health, complete recovery and long life to **Alan Garfinkel, Hershel Krushen, Marge Aronson, Joe Haberer, Sarah Raskin, Irwin** and **Iris Treager**, and **Harry Mindlin**.

## Sidney Berger unveiling May 12

The unveiling for **Sidney Berger's** headstone will be Sunday, May 12th, 2013 at 11am. at the Sons of Abraham Cemetery. **Rabbi Audrey Pollack** will officiate. This coincides with Mother's Day, but the family hopes as many as possible will take a moment to remember and honor **Sid** for his many contributions to Sons of Abraham.

## Deadline for June Newsletter

The deadline for the June bulletin is Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Materials should be sent to [penmike@embarqmail.com](mailto:penmike@embarqmail.com)

## Yahrzeits

Name	2013 Hebrew Date	
Paul, Laivy L.	May 1	Iyar 21
McMurray, Paul	May 4	Iyar 24
Feinstein, Jacob	May 6	Iyar 26
* Winski, Ab.	May 10	Sivan xx
* Levine, Harris	May 10	Sivan xx
Goodman, Samuel	May 13	Sivan 4
Litman, Max	May 13	Sivan 4
Spector, Jacob Aaron	May 14	Sivan 5
Berger, Mose	May 15	Sivan 6
Salzman, Freida	May 16	Sivan 7
Goldstine, Leo	May 16	Sivan 7
Klatch, Louise Solomon	May 17	Sivan 8
Bass, Samuel	May 19	Sivan 10
Roger, Louis J.	May 19	Sivan 10
Altman, Maynard	May 19	Sivan 10
Zovod, Eda	May 20	Sivan 11
Singer, Bessie	May 22	Sivan 13
Zovod, Rosa Lee	May 22	Sivan 13
Tzucker, Esther	May 24	Sivan 15
Elkin, Lucille	May 25	Sivan 16
Barash, Moshe	May 30	Sivan 21
Brodsky, Jacob	May 30	Sivan 21
Brown, Ree	June 2	Sivan 24
Leventhal, Luba	June 5	Sivan 27
Spector, Hannah E.	June 5	Sivan 27

\* The precise date of the date of death is not available.  
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## May Calendar

May 3: Friday 8 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services led by **Michael Kushnick**

May 4: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services led by **Michael Kushnick**

May 8: Wednesday Noon - Sisterhood Closing Luncheon at the home of Esther Chosnek

May 10: Friday: 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

May 11: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

May 12: Sunday 11 a.m. – Unveiling for **Sidney Berger** at the SOA Cemetery

May 15: Wednesday 10 a.m. – Shavout Services (Ten Commandments are read)

May 16: Thursday 10 a.m. – Shavout Services (Includes **Yizkor** at approximately 11 a.m.)

May 17: Friday - 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

May 18: Saturday- 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Services

May 23: Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Shul Board Meeting at home of **Gwen** and **Elliott Slamovich**

May 24: Friday 8:00 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

May 25: Friday 8 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Services

## Candle Lighting Times

May 3: 8:27 p.m.  
May 10: 8:34 p.m.  
May 14: 8:38 p.m. (Erev Shavout)  
May 15: 9:43 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> day of Shavout)  
May 17: 8:41 p.m.  
May 24: 8:47 p.m.  
May 31: 8:53 p.m.  
Source: Chabad

## Sisterhood Closing Luncheon set

The Sisterhood Closing Luncheon is Wednesday May 8 at the home of **Esther Chosnek** at noon. The program will be "Creative Garden Containers".

## Torah leining classes

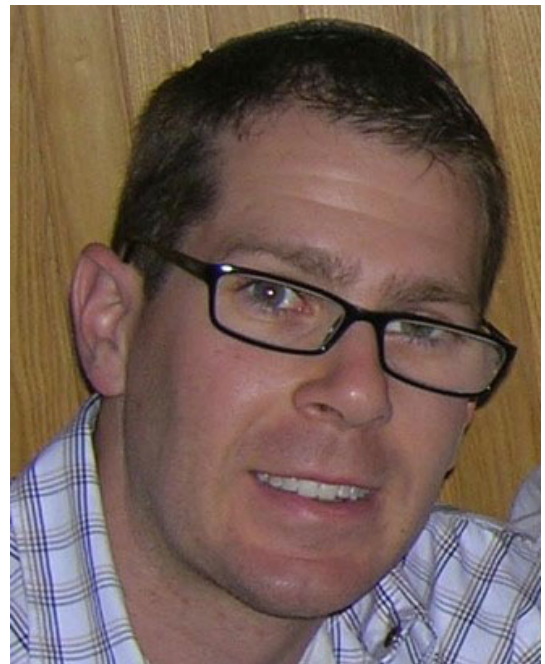
We are fortunate to have talented Torah leiners in our midst – especially one such as **Elana Salzman** who is willing to share her skill and teach the art of reading from the Torah. If you are interested in leining, or in learning to lein, please let **Elana** know. She is happy to offer support and instruction to anyone who would like to learn, even if it is just a few lines.

## Happy Day Cards

To commemorate any simcha or recognize any other event call **Sheila Wolinsky** (yes, our Snowbirds are back!) 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.

## Farewell to Legacy Heritage Rabbinical Fellow Rabbi Michael Kushnick

**Michael** was a 5th year student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City and was one of only 6 chosen to be Legacy Heritage Fellows. Now ready to graduate with a Rabbinical degree as well as a Masters in Jewish Education, **Michael** will take his first full time pulpit in Dallas, Texas. He grew up in south Florida and went to college at Indiana University.



After getting undergraduate degrees in Jewish Studies and Political Science, he spent a year living in Israel, staffing a USY program for first year college students. He and his wife Talia have one son. The congregation thanks **Michael** for his guidance, wisdom and service during his one year Fellowship with Sons of Abraham.

**Volunteer needed from  
Congregation Sons of Abraham to  
help the  
community wide hosting of the  
Hazon bike riders in  
West Lafayette**

**Hazon Cross - USA Ride**

**Seattle to Washington DC:**

**June 13 - August 16, 2013**

The Hazon Cross-USA Ride is a nine-week cycling adventure covering 3300 miles through 14 states. The ride is semi-supported, with luggage transport, all meals provided, and planned overnights. Along the way we will learn about cycling culture across America, and will visit nearly two dozen Jewish communities.



Purdue's Bug Bowl was well attended by the members of Congregation Sons of Abraham. Led by experienced cricket spitters, Mark and Becky Lillianfeld, six participants joined the competition. Four were invited back to the cricket spitting finals, resulting in multiple ribbons.



**In West Lafayette:**

**Thursday August 1**

4-6pm Hosts pick up riders to shower and bring back to Shul

6pm - 7:30pm Community Dinner and Riders speak about Hazon/or D'var Torah from Rabbi

7:30 - 8pm Home to host families

**Friday August 2**

6:00am Riders dropped off at Shul (having already eaten breakfast)

6:45am Circle up

7am Cycle to Indianapolis for Shabbat

# LJCRS News

Shalom! Another school year has come to a close, and it's amazing to think about all our students have learned and done this year! Some people think that not much happens in the Jewish world after Passover, but not at LJCRS. Our older classes commemorated Yom Hashoah with a speaker from the Holocaust conference, **Alena Hilfinger**, who talked about the effects of the Holocaust on the second and third generations. Our Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration was a great success, with dancing, music, pita making, Israeli games, and crafts. Many thanks to all the parents who attended and assisted, particularly to **Gwen Slamovich** and **Noah Salzman** who helped with the pita. We finished the year with a special service, giving certificates to our students for attendance and completion of levels, and a closing picnic celebrating Lag B'Omer. We would also like to congratulate **Noa**, who graduated from LJCRS this year. We wish her the best!

As most of you know, the end of the year means that I will be wrapping up my time as director. There is much to reflect upon, but mostly I feel enormously grateful. I feel lucky to have gotten to know such an amazing group of students—students who teach and help one another, who create skits and songs that give us fresh ways to look at our customs, who eagerly participate in whatever crazy game or activity they are asked to do (even Israeli dance), and most importantly, who are kind and positive to one another and make learning at LJCRS something to look forward to. I feel lucky to be part of such a wonderful group of parents—parents who support their kids' Jewish learning, who volunteer their time on such tasks as setting up for a seder, or driving groups of students across Lafayette for a service project, who come together as a friendly, cohesive community. I feel especially lucky to have worked with such an

amazing group of teachers—teachers who are patient, flexible, creative, and committed, who love and listen to their students, and who did not look at me like I was crazy when asked things like “Can your class do a skit about Formation for Tu B'Shevat?” Great teachers are the heart of our school, and ours have gone above and beyond expectations. I am also extremely grateful to **Rabbi Pollack** and **Michael Kushnick** for their religious guidance and answers to all my questions, and to our board for providing direction and all sorts of support.

Finally, I feel lucky to have worked with such supportive Temple and Shul communities, who understand that the education of our children is the responsibility of all of us. We have benefited enormously from the help, resources, and experience of members of these communities who did not have children in LJCRS, or whose children had graduated long ago. I hope we can continue to find ways to integrate the religious school with the larger Jewish community and create bridges across generations.

You may have seen our incoming director, **Rebecca Goodman**, helping out around LJCRS and getting to know families these past few weeks. Rebecca brings with her a wealth of experience in the Jewish nonprofit world, and will be a great asset to our school. I will be spending the next few months helping her to get oriented and prepared for the upcoming year. And of course I will still be around LJCRS! We are in the process of hiring for the next school year and still have a few open positions, particularly for next year's minicourses. Anyone interested in teaching next year should please contact Rebecca or me.

Parents will be receiving registrations sometime over the summer, probably in July or early August. If you know of anyone who might be interested in registering, please put them in touch with us. We are still finalizing the calendar for next year, but school will

likely begin August 25, with an opening picnic. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts on what you would like to see next year, please let **me**, **Rebecca**, or **Allyson** know!

Thank you all for making LJCRS what it is, and have a great summer!

L'vracha,

## A word about color...

If you are one of the few who receives this through the mail and does not read this online you are missing a lot. Such as? Well, color photos for one. Take this month's collage of Purim photos. Online they're in color; the mailed versions is dull and boring black and white. You'd rather watch a color TV, so why settle for a monochrome SOA Bulletin? Try us online at <http://www.soalafayette.org/>

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## PLEASE NOTE...

Every so often someone asks why a particular item was "omitted" from the previous month's bulletin. Actually, it wasn't "omitted." It means that either the item was never sent for publication, or arrived so far after the deadline that it was not possible to get it in without many hours of tedious work to alter the layout. The **ONLY** way to ensure inclusion is to submit material on a timely basis! No need to worry about grammar – we do our best to bring it up to standards at no additional charge! ☺

# Jerusalem correspondent Cyrelle Simon checks in

## Recent Events:

Most of the people in the country stopped their activity for 2 minutes and stood quietly praying in memory of the fallen soldiers and the terrorist victims, as the sirens sounded on Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day). There were ceremonies commemorating these people who sacrificed their lives, so we could have, with G-d's help, a State of Israel. I heard that at least one and a half million people in five or six large cities heard government ministers, among others, addressing the assembled groups.

Yom HaZikaron segues into Yom Ha'Atzmaut, a festive occasion celebrating modern Israel's 65th Independence day. It is an opportunity to chant the Hallel prayer with a brocha and wish one another Chag Sameach! It is customary after the evening ceremonies and fireworks, for families to picnic in one of the many beautiful national parks. Barbecuing (in Hebrew "al hamangal" is de rigueur, I understand. The newscaster announced reports from about five parks as having hosted a total of one million people.

## Some Recent Thoughts:

Heard from a recent American immigrant. There are about fifteen million Jews in the world and about ten percent are "observant." In Israel, the figure is about thirty per cent. In my Shul, I see highly educated families, physicians, professors, etc., all strictly observant. And, I see that their "frumkeit" enriches and ennobles them.

As I was on the way to meet a friend for lunch in a new mercantile center, I noticed two black metal statues sitting leisurely on a bench. When my friend read to me the nearby sign, I understood that these were an elderly man and woman, one holding a book, the other a cup. The statues were donated in memory of all the grandparents who died in the Holocaust.

My friend, who volunteers for a social service organization sponsored by the Ministry of Health, told me a touching anecdote. The Ministry held a Bar Mitzvah ceremony at the Kotel for Holocaust survivors who had never had a Bar Mitzvah. Two very touching comments emerged: One man said, "I was never sure if I was really Jewish without a Bar Mitzvah and you have lifted that yoke from my shoulders" Another remarked, when he was asked to lay Tefillin, which is incumbent on a Bar Mitzvah, "I have stopped speaking to G-d since the Holocaust" The person who was ready to help him realized that he didn't want to participate in the ritual. And then the man said "Persuade Me"..... Only in Israel!

Another Only in Israel from Simcha: A friend who flew to Israel on El Al during Chol HaMoed saw a sign on the plane: This plane has been cleaned for Pesach. Please keep it clean!(I had seen such a sign on a bus.) The appropriate greeting after Pesach is "A Guten Zummer," (a good summer). My readers may remember the appropriate greeting after Simchat Torah was "Choref Barie," (a healthy winter)...reminding us of the fact that mainly in Israel there are only two seasons.

Cyrelle

## From President Obama on Yom Hashoah



I join people here in the United States, in Israel, and around the world in observing Holocaust Remembrance Day. Today, we honor the memories of the six million Jewish victims and millions of others who perished in the darkness of the Shoah. As we reflect on the beautiful lives lost, and their great potential that would never be fulfilled, we also pay tribute to all those who resisted the Nazis' heinous acts and all those who survived.

On my recent trip to Israel, I had the opportunity to visit Yad Vashem, Israel's national Holocaust memorial, and reaffirm our collective responsibility to confront anti-Semitism, prejudice, and intolerance across the world. On this Yom Hashoah, we must accept the full responsibility of remembrance, as nations and as individuals—not simply to pledge "never again," but to commit ourselves to the understanding, empathy and compassion that is the foundation of peace and human dignity.