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Service Schedule:

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

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

Candle Lighting Times:

May 2, 8:26 p.m.
May 9, 8:33 p.m.
May 16, 8:40 p.m.
May 23, 8:46 p.m.
May 30, 8:52 p.m.



Special Shabbat Celebrations May 2

There will be an oneg In
celebration of Harriet Diamond's
80th birthday and Sid and Harriet's
61st anniversary.

Everyone is invited to join this
celebration.

May 9

There will be a farewell oneg
for Neil and Jane Zimmerman. They
are moving to Cincinnati. Please
come to wish them goodbye.

May Calendar

May 5 – Yom HaZikaron

May 6 – Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

**May 7 – Sisterhood Closing
Lunch**

**May 14 – Hadassah Donor
Luncheon**

May 15 – Shul Board Meeting

May 18 – Lag B'Omer

May 28 – Yom Yerushalayim

We offer our heartfelt **THANKS** to
Sam Harris and **Ephraim
Fishbach** for arranging and leading
services during Passover.

If you experience any mistakes with
our new dues billing and receipt
process, please contact Tamara
Schwartz.

Jewish American Heritage Month

The month of May is Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM). This recognition was started by President George W. Bush in 2006 as a result of efforts by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish Community leaders. They coordinated requests to congressional leaders urging then-President Bush to recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture.

The annual recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM) has been continued by President Barack Obama.

JAHM acknowledges the achievements of American Jews in fields ranging from sports and arts and entertainment to medicine, business, science, government, and military service.

The 2014 theme for Jewish American Heritage Month is "*American Jews and Tikkun Olam--Healing the World.*" This theme celebrates Jewish Americans who have substantially strengthened the fabric of American culture, history and society with humanitarian causes, social justice, medical and scientific research, community-building, and philanthropy.

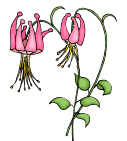
This year, JAHM is partnered with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The

JDC celebrates its 100th anniversary as a Jewish international humanitarian organization, putting into action the precept that all Jews are responsible for one another and for all humankind. The JDC was founded at the beginning of WWI and since then has benefited people and transformed lives in Israel and 90 other countries.

The JAHM has a website with educational features for this year's theme: <http://www.jahm.us>. That site also has an interactive calendar for organizations to place their programs celebrating JAHM, a gallery of famous Jewish Americans and a 50 States/50 Stories gallery.

Sisterhood Closing Luncheon

Wednesday, May 7
12:00 noon



At the home of
Esther Chosnek
5009 Swisher Rd.
West Lafayette

The program will be given by
Angie Manuel, Prophetstown State
Park Naturalist.

Please contact Esther by May 4 at
567-8569 or esther@wolfelt.com.
The cost is \$10 per person.

Yahrzeits

*May their memories be
for a blessing.*

May 2, Iyar 2
Madeline Lillianfeld
May 3, Iyar 3
Betty Bernstein Gordon
May 7, Iyar 7
Anne Silver
May 12, Iyar 12
Harry Brodsky
May 13, Iyar 13
Jacob Salzman
May 13, Iyar 13
Rose Horwich
May 17, Iyar 17
Jean Berk
May 20, Iyar 20
Dora Goodman
May 21, Iyar 21
Laivy L. Paul
May 24, Iyar 24
Paul McMurray
May 26, Iyar 26
Jacob Feinstein



Letter from
Jerusalem

A Shaliach Mitzvah:

It is a custom to give a traveler some money for tzedaka or some-thing to carry for a good deed upon his arrival at his destination.

Since a purpose of his trip is doing a mitzvah, he will receive extra protection from HaShem. Purdue graduate and Jerusalem resident Chaim Weissmann went to Cochin, India before Pesach to accompany an Israeli scientist to an academic conference. He will be taking matzo and Kosher for Pesach products for the small community of Jews living in Cochin. Chaim spent ten years in India and has close ties with the Cochin Jewish community. B:H his trip was safe and uneventful.

A Marathon:

Many streets were cordoned off on a beautiful spring morning for a marathon when 26,000 runners from 50 countries. Mayor Nir Barkat's goal of enlarging Jerusalem's image to include more sports and cultural events, was achieved, as the event proceeded without a hitch. Sitting at a coffee house in Katamon watching the runners on a Friday morning, as Israelis bought challah and greeted one another with Shabbat Shalom was a special experience for me.

In the Air:

What's the main topic of conversation here. ? You guessed it: Pesach plans! Where will you be etc. for the chag? The emphasis seems to be on being together with family, since in our small country

this is imminently achievable. In the taxi, at the dentist, at the manicurist, at the money changer and at the grocer I'm wished a Kosher and Happy Pesach. I'm pleased to say that my daughter Shira and family will join me at the Kibbutz Chofetz Chaim guest house for a refreshing and liberating holiday. I should also add that the Secretary Kerry's attempt to create good relations between Israel and its Palestinian neighbors, the hope for release of Jonathan Pollard, how well over 3,000 wounded Syrian refugees have been given medical treatment in our hospitals, how China is giving President Peres a royal welcome and giving 'maot chittim (extra tzedaka) during this holiday so the poor can also enjoy the Pesach necessities, are also important concerns of people here.

Leaving Jerusalem:

My grandson Yechiel, son of Rabbi Boruch and Ronit wrote these sentiments upon his recent departure from Israel Yechiel studied at the Ohr Sameach Yeshivah . " I love Israel so much and it is so sad to say goodbye. I made so many good friends and met amazing rabbis. I really grew in Torah learning and how to serve G-d in the best way possible. My first year in Israel (at a special Bar Ilan University program for Americans) got me to want to learn,

and want to serve HaShem, my second year at the yeshivah, I actually put into practice what I learned. An example of how I grew so much when I first came to Israel is that I was fighting (myself) on whether to put on tefillin. I finally gave in and put them on.....Now, going back to (Milwaukee) today, I already prayed with ten people in the morning and put on my tefillin.

Personal News:

On a happy note, I am delighted, to report that my eldest grandchild, Saadia, son of Rabbi Rashi and Ruth was just engaged to Devora Tanny of Montreal, Canada. I look forward to meeting Devora at the engagement party, called an "erusin," in London soon after Pesach. May we always have good news to share!

Correction:

My daughter, Ronit writes that her husband leads services in Meconomowac for a "chavurah" in various homes and not in the Reform Temple. Also, Ronit reminds me that Boruch is a certified hospital chaplain, as well as a hospice and military chaplain. .

With warm regards for a Kosher and festive celebration of our festival recollecting our liberation from slavery,

Cyrelle



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Hevre,

You may have read about recent developments in the quest to secure a place for egalitarian prayer at the Kotel. In light of this news, I wanted to share with you the letter below written by the Masorti Movement in Israel.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Steven Wernick

For several long months we, along with the Reform Movement and Women of the Wall, have been engaged in intensive negotiations with the Israeli government over new arrangements for prayer at the Kotel. There have been ups and downs, progress and setbacks, yet all of us felt that we were engaged in a sincere effort to come to an historic solution. The Cabinet Secretary has served as the primary negotiator for the Government and he has acted with integrity.

Thus, we were very surprised at reports last week that the

Government was in the advanced stages of handing over authority of the Robinson's Arch area (the entire archaeological garden)' including management over our egalitarian prayer area, to Elad, a non-profit organization with agenda which in no way supports Jewish pluralism. After our strong reactions and the intervention of the Cabinet Secretary, the Attorney General sent a letter to Minister Uri Ariel warning him to not hand over authority over the Robinson's Arch area to Elad.

However, we were further taken aback to learn yesterday evening that on the very day that the Attorney General's letter was sent, two government bodies seeking to wrest control of the area rushed to a court to present a compromise. The court made judgment and granted Elad control of the area, effective in thirty days.

The Masorti Movement takes no official stance regarding the political views of Elad. Yet, it is all but inconceivable that while the Government has hesitated to give us full authority over the site, it would give such authority to an alternate body – all the more so an Orthodox association that would, as a matter of course, strengthen the hold of a non-pluralistic approach on both sides of the Kotel. This development greatly alarmed and distressed the Movement

leadership both here and abroad. During the past few days we have been in intensive contact with Government representatives. Last evening a difficult meeting took place with the Cabinet Secretary who is currently in Washington, DC with the Prime Minister. Information we received indicates that various parties within the government who do not wish to see pluralism advanced at the Kotel are doing their best to sabotage an agreement between the Government and us, the Reform Movement and WOW.

At this moment, the situation is that we have received a promise that the Government shall take all necessary steps to prevent Elad from assuming authority over the site. We received additional assurances that the final report to be presented by the Cabinet Secretary, which shall be adopted by the government and anchored in legal regulations, will clarify these matters.

This affair is not yet finished. Until we see all final details of the agreement that is being drawn up, and see that they are in consonance with our talks till now, we shall not be able to welcome the results as a done deal.

Rabbi Mauricio Balter,
President of the RA in Israel

Rabbi Dubi Hayun,
President of the RA in Israel

Rabbi Andrew Sacks,
Secretary of the RA in Israel

Emily Levy- Shochat,
Chair of the Masorti Movement

Yizhar Hess,
CEO of the Masorti Movement

Rabbi Steven Wernick,
CEO of USCJ

Rabbi Julie Schonfeld,
Executive Vice-President of the RA

Rabbi Gerald Skolnik,
President of the RA

Richard Skolnik,
President of USCJ

Hadassah Medical Organization Annual Donor Luncheon

Wednesday, May 14, 12:00 noon

At the Lafayette Country Club

All members and friends of Hadassah are invited, and all profits benefit Hadassah Medical Organization. For information and to make reservations, please call Heather Moskowitz, 497-1483 or Sheila Wolinsky, 463-9830.

Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival

(The following message was sent to us by Bob Epstein from Indianapolis, with a request to be included in our Bulletin.)

I wanted to give a little background as to the development of the first Indianapolis Jewish Film Festival. About 3 years ago, a new Jewish congregation was formed in the suburbs of Indianapolis. Several of us realized that Indianapolis was perhaps the largest city in the United States that did not sponsor a Jewish Film Festival. And, so Congregation Beth Shalom began the process of creating such a festival.

We decided that there was so much in the way of Jewish film, either American or Israeli, that a local film festival would be a great idea for the local community and nearby communities as well.

That is the reason that a small committee of about twenty came together to put the pieces together for this year's festival.

We have put together a group of comedic, thought provoking, romantic, dramatic and historical films.

We hope that the entire Central Indiana community will enjoy our

efforts, and we look forward to this becoming an annual event.

The series begins on Saturday night, May 3 and continues with daily showings through Saturday night, May 10. Our schedule also includes a Gala Event and two panel discussions.

Please visit our web site at www.indianapolisjewishfilmfestival.org for additional information and to purchase tickets.

Cyrelle provides this delightful description of a new fruit.

“Today, I tasted a completely unfamiliar fruit, Hebrew name: pesiflora. It seems a combination of kiwi, pomegranate and orange.

“The skin is hard and brownish and the Fruit is sliced in half and eaten with a spoon. The inside has many edible seeds like the pomegranate, has a tangy citrus flavor like the kiwi and is colored orange.

“So, I said ‘borei pri ha etz’ and ‘shehechianu’ and enjoyed my new experience. I was told, not definitively, that it may be imported from Kenya.”

