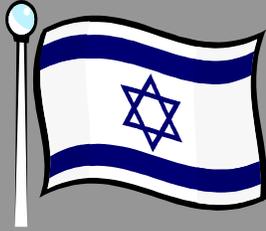


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Kadima & United Synagogue Youth, Southwest Region

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Monthly Joke

A Jewish man was troubled by the way his son turned out, and went to see his Rabbi about it. "I brought him up in the faith, gave him a very expensive bar mitzvah, cost me a fortune to educate him. Then he tells me last week he has decided to be a Christian. Rabbi, where did I go wrong?" "Funny you should come to me," said the Rabbi. "Like you I too brought my boy up in the faith, put him through University, cost me a fortune, then one day he too decided to become a Christian." "What did you do?" asked the man. "I turned to God for the answer" replied the Rabbi. "And what did he say?" pressed the man. "God said, 'Funny you should come to me...'"

SWUSY SWIZZLE BACK FROM THE GRAVE

Hello everybody, this is your 2011-2012 SWUSY Regional Communications VP telling you that the SWIZZLE is back and ready for action. Now I know for most USYers the SWIZZLE pre-dates your time so what exactly is it? Good question! And with all good questions there is a good answer.

The SWIZZLE is a monthly news article written by me, the regional board, the regional general board, the regional director, and even you. Yes YOU, the USYer's. The SWIZZLE will be released about once every month to give chapter updates or regional updates or international updates or interesting events coming up or an important update about anything relating to Judaism or USY. Which means we need YOU to write articles pertaining to your chapter or about anything important happening.

Chapter updates can be written by a chapter member or chapter board member to discuss the details of what is going on in your chapter monthly. Regular updates about Judaism or Israel are important and can be written by anyone. For example in this issue there is infor-



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mation about the upcoming holiday Sukkot and the upcoming UN decision for making Palestine a sovereign nation.

The SWIZZLE is ready for a comeback and I need all of you to help make that happen. I am looking forward for a terrific year!

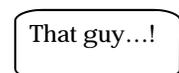
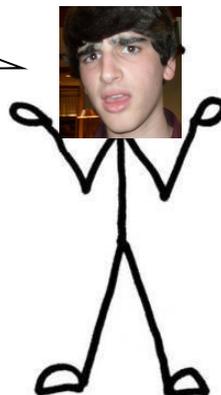
With all of my love,
Douglas Coppock



Designed and compiled by:

Douglas Coppock (left)

Freda Coren (right)





A word from your Regional Director

Dear SWUSY,

I am so excited to be writing to everyone in SWUSY in the first SWIZZLE that has been made in many years. For those of you who do not know me, I am Maury Jacobs, and I am the new SWUSY Regional Youth Director. I grew up in Dallas, was a member of Rashi USY, advisor for AAUSY and involved in the region for over 13 years now. As many of you know, we got the year off to a great start at LTI. Planning is moving nicely for Fall Kallah – SWUSY King: The Circle of Life. Please help spread the word about this amazing convention. We hope to have over 120 USYers and Kadimanicks there!

This year I hope to help build up our chapters and increase attendance at regional conventions. We all know the amazing friends and life changing experiences that USY and SWUSY in particular has to offer. It is up to each and every one of us to bring our friends to chapter events and conventions. SWUSY, let's work together to make this the best year ever! If you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to ask!

I can't wait to see you at Fall Kallah!

B'ruach SWUSY,

Maury Jacobs

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Maury approves of this message!

Sukkot: It's a Jewish thing (information by Liora Zhebker)

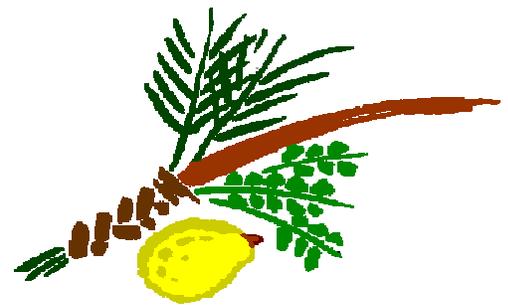
STORYTIME!

When the Jews were in the desert (before entering their promised land), they had no permanent homes to dwell in so they built sukkot—huts—to temporarily reside in as they travelled through the desert. God assured that these sometimes-unsteady huts would remain stable and protected us from the dangers of the desert. We remember God's protection over us during those tough times by creating a temporary dwelling place of our own during Sukkot—a sukkah

A Jewish Herbolology Lesson!

On Sukkot, we observe the mitzvah of shaking a lulav and etrog. "But what is a lulav and an etrog?" you ask. A lulav consists of a group of branches from various trees which include:

- Hadassim (הדסים) Myrtle branches
- Aravot (ערבות) Willow branches
- Lulav (לולב) Date palm tree branches
- An Etrog (אתרוג) Citrin.



It is customary to take the lulav and etrog, hold them together, and shake them in each direction (right, left, up down, and back) to signify that God's presence is everywhere.

Must-haves for your Sukkah

So you built a sukkah, right? You have the walls (three walls), the Schach (roof covering: leaves, bamboo, really any natural material), and the assorted tables and chairs to sit in. But there's something missing...What is it? Aha the decorations! But what kind of decorations do you put in your Sukkah? Well, have no fear for here is the solution!

1. Choose a theme for your Sukkah. Think outside of the box. The crazier the theme, the better. (We are USYers, after all)
2. Decorate your Sukkah according to your theme.
3. Don't forget to add Jewish components to your Sukkah like some B'kol Echads for a Ruach session with some USY friends or a few handy brachot signs to remind you which brachot you need to say (when shaking the lulav and etrog or when simply sitting in the Sukkah)
4. Let the Sukkot festivities begin!



An example Sukkah

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2011!!!

"Light Up Your Life" for five days of excitement that will begin on Sunday, December 25, 2011, at the beautiful Marriott Philadelphia Downtown. SWUSY will join hundreds of USYers from around North America and participate in a fun filled week of friends, ruach, USY and Ramah summer program reunions, great entertainment, Chanukah celebrations, exciting Social Action, leadership and Israel programming as well as energetic t'fillot. Join your friends, see old friends and make new ones. In case you were wondering, SWUSY will not be having a Pre Convention this year.

COST

The cost of International Convention 2011 is \$865 per person not including transportation. It includes the following:

- Accommodations and programming at the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown
- Kosher meals
- All programming and sightseeing charges
- SWUSY IC t-shirt
- Charter bus transportation from the Philadelphia International Airport to the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown hotel and back (depending on your flights) See travel information.

IC 2011
Philadelphia

For More Information, please contact Maury Jacobs at the regional office. (Jacobs@uscj.org or 214-450-6666)

Chapter Updates

AAUSY

- Freshman Kidnapping/Broomball
- Natural Spring/Pool event/swimming

BZUSY

- Ice Skating/Broomball
- Bake sale/Regalia
- NEW ADVISORS

CATUSY

- NEW ADVISOR
- Events coming soon

CLUSY

- CLUSY goes Bowling
- Children's Services
- Thanksgiving Event

FWUSY

- Back-to-School party
- Spring event open to all chapters

HOUJEW

- Pool Party/Elections
- Rock Climbing Event

RASHI

- Pool Party
- Movie Night in Sukkah
- Costume Party
- Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser

SOONER

- Pool Party
- Bowling
- Movie Night

ZOHAR

- Selling Food at Shul
- Community Service at JCC
- NEW ADVISOR

ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Israel update of UN decision by Alex Hamilton



The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict has been raging longer than Israel has been a recognized nation. In the past few weeks the conflict has changed from throwing mortars and rockets at each other to throwing paper and diplomatic insults at each other. This summer the governing body for the Palestinians, the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), has made a push for a unilaterally declared state of Palestine.

On Friday, September 23rd, Mammoud Abbas, the President of the PLO, formally submitted to the United Nations an appeal for statehood. There will be two votes, one in the General Assembly and one in the Security Council. If the PLO's goals become a reality, and their appeal is approved in both sessions then, it will be a validation to everything that they have done to Israel. In addition, the UN will recognize them as a sovereign nation and allow them voting privileges in the international body.

This outcome will most likely not play out how the Palestinians hope. For the UN Security Council to vote in favor of a Palestinian State, then there cannot be one vote against it. The United States, Great Britain, and France have all made formal announcements saying that they will not support this motion in the Security Council. The General Assembly will most likely vote in favor of a unilaterally declared state of Palestine. If this happens then the Palestinians will gain Observer Status. The Vatican currently is the only State with observer status.

During Abbas' speech asking for support, he accused Israel of prolonging and intensifying the situation by their settlement policies and of ethnic cleansing. There were accusations of "the occupying nation and army" being terrorists. Abbas says that his people are simply hoping for peace and that the only way for lasting peace is by supporting independence.

During Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rebuttal against Palestinian statehood he told the General Assembly that "Israel has extended its hand in peace from the moment it was established 63 years ago... Especially to the Palestinian People with whom we seek a just and lasting peace." He then went on to accuse the other nations of denouncing Israel's push for peace and of being liars and corrupt. He cited that the 1975 Egypt Peace Accords were denounced, as were the 1980 Peace Accords with Jordan. He also cited that out of the 27 General Assembly resolutions, 21 of them condemn Israel. He went on to say that, "Israel wants peace with the Palestinian State, and the Palestinians want one state without peace. And the truth is you shouldn't let that happen." He said that the only way for peace is to have the Palestinians recognize Israel as the Jewish State. Netanyahu accused the Palestinians of ethnic cleansing because of the previous comments made in New York by Abbas that the Palestinian State will not have any Jews, a Juden-rhine.

Whether we should support this push for having two states on the same land is debatable. Some people believe that having two states would allow peace; that the Palestinians just need a chance to prove themselves. While others think that it will just endorse the desire to destroy the Jewish State of Israel. There is another idea that says a two state solution is the final solution to this bloody conflict, but now is not the right time. They cannot support the current push for Palestinian statehood unless there is a well thought out solution with borders that both parties are happy with.

Thank you for reading!

There will be more to come!

