



Congregation B'nai Jacob

October 2010

5771 Tishrei-

Cheshvan

Mitchell Kornspan, Rabbi	Services	Ron Friedman, President
Weekly Portion: Bereshit C.L. 7:03pm Havdalah: 8:03pm	Friday, October 1st Saturday, October 2nd Shabbat School Torah Class	Simchat Torah Services 10:00am Services 7:30 pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Noach CL: 6:51pm Havdalah: 7:52pm	Friday October 8th Saturday, October 9th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Lech Lecha CL 6:40pm Havdalah: 7:41pm	Friday, October 15th Saturday, October 16th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Vayera CL: 6:30pm Havdalah: 7:31pm	Friday, October 22nd Saturday, October 23rd Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah CL: 6:21pm Havdalah: 7:21pm	Friday, October 29th Saturday, October 30th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm

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My Gratitude List

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

We have so much to be thankful for! The wonderful celebrations of the High Holy Days of 5771 and the chagim, the festivals of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, which we shared together. It was so enjoyable to see you all in synagogue.

The reason these times were so meaningful is largely due to the efforts of so many. I want to thank all of you who participated, and all of you who played leadership roles.

Please consider this heartfelt Todah Rabbah, this thank you, to all of you who facilitated:
Dan Bradley for sounding the shofar. Ron Friedman and Pam Friedman for reading the Torah.

Pam Friedman, Silvan Krel, and Mort Schaffer for chanting the haftarat .

Ron Friedman, Pam Friedman, and Mort Schaffer for being our gabbaim.

Mort Schaffer, David Miller, Ron Goltz, and Ron Friedman for being our service coordinators.

Mike Adams for orchestrating the ark openings, and being our head usher. (You will see a list of all the ushers later in this bulletin.)

Josh Tourkow for coordinating the aliyot and other honors.

The children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter of Ron and Susie Miller for the gift of the flowers for Rosh Hashanah.

Matt and Theresa Farber and family for the donation of the flowers for Yom Kippur. Melissa Schneider and Josh Friedman for preparing and running the High Holy Day Junior Congregation. Ruth Minkoff, Bee Siegel, Dr. Lynne Margolies, Donna Tourkow, Iris Fuchs, and Arlene Leib for being adult coordinators.

Jan Finkel, Paula Adams, Ruth Minkoff, Diane Wolf, Marc Spanjer and Rabbi Marla Spanjer for making the Yom Kippur break-the-fast.

Audra for producing the program booklets and Susie Miller for proofing them.

Bob Serdinak and Lazette Selan for doing a yeoman's job in beautifying the congregational grounds.

Keith Groman, Mort Schaffer, Ryan Baldwin, and Virgil Mogle, and Lazette Selan for getting the Sukkah ready, and Pam Friedman for creating and implementing the arts and crafts Ushpizin program with our religious school students.

Rebbetzin Penny Kornspan for preparing and hosting our Sukkah celebration at our home, and for all the kiddushim she prepared and prepares for the chagim (holidays).

And, weren't Kasey Bosell, Ben Finkel, and Becka Schneider just adorable as they were consecrated on Simchat Torah?

We have so much to celebrate at B'nai Jacob!

I am biased, of course, but don't we have a wonderful place to pray, to learn, to socialize, and to feel a sense of community?

See you in shul,

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan



Due to privacy laws we do not know when a member or member's loved



B'nai Jacob has a new e-mail address.

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A big thank you to Audrey Gerson for her generous donation of purchasing the new blinds for our social hall. We thank her for all she does for B'nai Jacob.

Scholarships

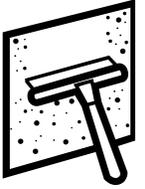
Applications for the Bill and Clara Brosler Youth Leadership Award and the Minnette Baum Israel Scholarship are available in the synagogue office.



Oops we forgot to mention a big Thank You to Dr. Marc Nusholtz, Cassie, Ian and Alex Martinez and Ryan Baldwin for helping out on Mitzvah Day. We appreciate all the hard work.

one is in the hospital. Please contact the Rabbi so he can come make a visit.

Thank you to Sam and Kathy Stoller for having the synagogue windows cleaned for the High Holidays.



Thank you to Bob Serdinak and Lazette Selan for beautifying our landscape as a gift for the High Holidays.

**A Happy New Year To All
Diane Wolf and Family**



**Health and Happiness to all for the
Next 200 Years!
The Tourkow and Sheray Families**

is death. R. Yitzchak b. Shlomo calls it the air in a state of rest before being bidden by Hashem. R. Yehuda ha Levi says they are primordial matter without quality. Other views: it is another name for the water itself over which G-d hovered. The Talmud speaks of *tohu* as the green line surrounding the universe; *vohu* is considered to be water soaked rocks. The last one I share comes from Seforno. He feels *tohu* is potential (similar to R. Ha Levi) which then appears as *vohu* in existence. I like something in each of the explanations. But what it teaches me in an instant: I know nothing! This is a line most of us little note. I often wonder, how much do we overlook and what are we missing?

Oct. 9, 2010 / 1 Heshvan, 5771 Noah

Triennial cycle: B'reshit 6:9 – 8:14

Noah is described as a righteous man, who walked with G-d and had three sons. Corruption of untold proportion was common on the earth. G-d would no longer tolerate this chaos for His creation. We are told loyalty to Hashem's plan will bring about reward, while continued disregard will bring about decimation. Noah is given specific instructions to build an ark, after which he is to bring kosher and non-kosher animals aboard. Food for the

Partaking of Parashiot

Rebbitzen Penny Kornspan

Oct. 2, 10 / 24 Tishre, 5771 B'reshit

Triennial cycle: B'reshit 1:1 - 2:3

We read of the creation of heaven and earth in the very first line of the Torah. The earth is described as *tohu* and *vohu* in line two. The first spoken creation of Hashem is light; it is called good. Light and darkness are separated and the first day of creation is concluded. The waters are separated on the second day via a sky. The third day brought a division of land and water on the earth, with vegetation sprouting on the land; the day was called good. The sun and moon are created with the intent of being signs for the time and seasons, as well as 'ruling' over day and night. The stars are mentioned without delineating a particular function. The fourth day brought the sun, moon and stars; the day was called good. Day five brought the creation of birds and fish; this day was also called good. The full animal kingdom was created on the sixth day, including man. This day is called very good after dinner. The first couple to care for the world is given is to be holy for on it Hashem dwells. The seventh day is set aside as a day of rest.



A pasuk to ponder: "The earth was *tohu* and *vohu* ..." 1:2

Here are some ideas on these words. Bereshit Rabbah calls this the chaos of the earth, and it

We would like to thank the following ushers who helped at Rosh Hashanah and

Yom Kippur:

Mike Adams- Head Usher

Paula Adams

Mort Schaffer

Ralph Tourkow

Brandon Roberts

Ruth Minkoff

David Miller

Yuval Fuchs

Rafi Friedman

Lazette Selan

Josh Friedman

Bob Serdinak

Paul Schuler

Sidney Schuler

family and the animals needed to be collected and brought aboard. The water overcame the earth for 150 days. A raven is sent out, then a dove. The dove returns with an olive branch assuring Noah the time has come to leave the ark after spending a year on it.

Psukim to ponder: “the earth was corrupt before G-d ...” “And G-d saw...” 6:11-12
R. Kimchi tells us both of these emphasize the G-d of Justice watches “over the actions of His creatures in the ‘lower’ regions of His universe, not only in a general way, but at times even over the deeds of individuals.” People can feel as though Hashem ‘forgets’ His creation at times. I think of G-d as a parent. At times as a parent, I let some of the things my children did go and go before I intervened, hoping they would ‘get it,’ realize the error and fix it. I see many parents practice this same method of instruction regarding their children ... sometimes it works! In the moments G-d seems silent and uninvolved, maybe He is closer than you know. Just as you may have been quietly watching a child of yours from a slight distance – consider whether or not Hashem is doing the same. The year is still so new. G-d has not forgotten us already, even if we have already forgotten the intensity of His love exhibited in the Machzor!

**Oct. 16, 2010 / 8 Heshvan, 5771 Lech Lacha
Triennial cycle: B’reshit 12:1 - 13:18**

Avraham is commanded by G-d to leave the land of his family to go to an unknown land Hashem will show him. He does this with his wife and nephew. Leaving Haran, heading for Canaan, G-d appears again reaffirming the bond between them as well as the promise of The Land to Avraham. While in Canaan, a famine comes upon The Land driving Abraham to seek food in Egypt. Arriving in Egypt, fear causes him to pass off his wife as his sister for the first time. She is taken to Pharaoh who becomes furious when he learns of the deception. Still, he allows Abraham to retain all the gifts given to him for Sarah. Avraham and Lot go separate ways, once conflict between the herdsmen occurs. Abraham settles in Hebron.

A pasuk to ponder: “the L-rd appeared to Avram, and said: “to your children, I will give this land,’ and he built an altar for G-d ...” 12:7
In 12:1 Avraham is told to ‘go to a land’ Hashem will show to him. Here, it is made

clear that this land is not his to possess. Immediately after this proclamation, Avram builds an altar. What love he had for Rebbono shel olam! Was it easy? No. It was one of the 10 tests he passed. We are so transient today this may not seem like much of a test, until you think back on all the trepidation you had upon your last move, even with all the ease of our day. Avraham teaches us much, and here I’d say his gratitude is quite striking.

**Oct 23, 2010 / 15 Heshvan, 5771 Vayera
Triennial cycle: Bereshit 18:1 - 18:33**

Three ‘men’ became the guests of Avraham. He ran to quickly place a fine feast before them. It was pronounced Sarah would have a child. She laughed at the notion, thinking it impossible at her age, then lied about it as fear overtook her. She realized this to be more than just a casual prediction. After Abraham escorts his guests off, Hashem feels Avraham is so special, He needs to converse with him regarding the plans for the total destruction of the cities Sodom and Gomorrah. The famous negotiations between Avraham and G-d begin regarding saving the cities to which his guests were heading. Avraham suggests 50, 45, 40, 30, 20 and lastly 10 righteous people should prevent the ruin of the cities. Hashem is finished with this dialogue and departs. It is clear in order to stop the obliteration, there must be a minimum of ten righteous people.

A pasuk to ponder: “I (Hashem) will go down now, and see whether they have really done according to the cry ...” 18:21

While we know it is unnecessary for G-d to go anywhere and look for evidence of something, there are some powerful messages here for us to learn. Some things to note: 1. The entire section uses the name of the Eternal while speaking - the name associated with mercy, not justice. 2. If there is to be justice for the cry that has reached the heavens, it must be tempered with mercy. 3. If Hashem felt He must investigate – how much more do we need to do so before imposing judgments? (Even if this is a mental exercise of judging, it is likely to effect our interactions with others.) 4. This then requires a time span had to have occurred; if He was in the middle of scrutinizing, He was not in a hurry to bring about this destruction. G-d always waits for us to change. We need to be mindful of this.

Usually we are in much less serious conditions, still, the example proves to be a good model to keep in mind.

Oct 30, 2010 / 22 Heshvan, 5771 Chaye Sarah Triennial Cycle: Bereshit 23:1 - 24:9

Avraham purchases the cave of Machpela in Hebron for the express purpose of burial of Sarah. The owner commands a high price, but Avraham is not troubled by it. He pays it and buries Sarah there. Next, the conversation between Avraham and his senior servant Eliezer (who is not mentioned by name) takes place. Yitzchak needs a wife, and Avraham places much trust and confidence in Eliezer to carry out the responsibility. Eliezer is to return to the land of Avraham's birth to find a suitable woman. Eliezer is concerned about whether he will be able to complete this task. What is he to do if the woman he finds appropriate refuses to agree to the marriage? Does he need to bring Yitzchak to her? Avraham tells him under no circumstances is he to do that, and assures him angelic help will guide him. If the woman won't come, he is released from the oath.

A pasuk to ponder: "Avraham was old; and the L-rd had blessed Avraham in all things." 24:1

Having advanced to old age, Avraham was quite concerned with finding a suitable wife for his son. The wealth he had acquired could be a motive for an unseemly match; one he needed to avoid. He was also concerned one might try to bribe Eliezer in order to obtain marriage to this wealthy heir. This is all a part of the reason for the vow in the third verse. The Sages seem to be in agreement that he was so blessed; he lacked nothing except a wife for his son. Here I pause and think. I am certain I will never be crazy rich, but I am very blessed! Sometimes I am in awe of G-d's benevolence toward me and I thank Him. I hope you spend a bit of time in your prayers noting His goodness to you and yours. It is fascinating, when you start to do this, the awareness becomes exponential! Try it.

October Birthdays

1-Ben Watson
8-Laura Zweig
8-Maggie Hammond
10-Ashley Bosell
10-Bob Watson
12-Bobbie Goltz
16-Sue Pownall

17-Irene Walters
17-Alana Sarratore
19-Renee Levin
22-Helena Finkelstein

October Anniversaries

4-Barry and Linda Snitzer
7-Melanie and Russell Bookout
15-Bob and Lazette Serdinak
16-Ron and Susie Miller
17-Bob and Luann Watson

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversaries

Bereshit Bobbie Goltz
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In honor of Baby Asher Leah Tourkow
Thank You Rabbi and Penny for everything
you did and you do for me and for the
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In honor of Rabbi's services at the cemeteries
Dan and Annie Appel

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Mitzvah Anniversary Ovadya
In honor of Yuval Fuchs' birthday Ovadya
In honor of Mark Schneider's birthday Ovadya
In memory of Gertrude Brateman

Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Brateman

Thank you to all the people of sisterhood

Franck Hagendorf

Torah Maintenance Fund

In honor of Dan and Annie Appel's wedding
anniversary Ovadya
In honor of Jennifer Trauner's birthday
Ovadya

David Siegel Memorial Fund

In memory of my beloved mother Sophie
Bialick Bee Siegel

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In memory of Sam and Norma Levin

October Yahrzeits

Tishrei

October

Melvin Shulkin	23	30-1
Simon Crell	24	1-2
Jean Pownall	24	1-2
Jack Berger	24	1-2
Harry Komisarow	25	2-3
Libbie Mull	25	2-3
Herman Schubert	25	2-3
Morris Magazine	26	3-4
Israel Bronstein	26	3-4
Dena Levant	27	4-5
Hanna Singer	27	4-5
Ethelyn Seigman	27	4-5
Helen Snitzer	27	4-5
Robert Shine	28	5-6
Rita Finkel	28	5-6
Charlotte Slutsky	28	5-6
Goldie Sunshine	29	6-7
Sally Fields	29	6-7
Sidney Klepper	30	7-8
Lou Weissman	30	7-8

Cheshvan

Sophie Bass	1	8-9
Sharon McLochlin	1	8-9
Jake Rovel	2	9-10
Sarah Brateman	3	10-11
Harry Bosell	3	10-11
Rose White	3	10-11
Loren Smith	4	11-12
Irving Walters	4	11-12
Barbara Cohen	5	12-13
Cathy Bradley	5	12-13
Jack Levin	6	13-14
Rosalie Becker	6	13-14

In memory of Ted Levy

Jacqueline Levin

Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund

In blessed memory of Margot Krel, beloved
wife, mother and sister-in-law and our loving
condolences to Steve and Amy Crell on the
loss of Amy's mother Barbara J. Schafer
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Keith Groman

Bert Silverstein	6	13-14
Max Cohen	8	15-16
Joseph Weinraub	9	16-17
Julius Gilbert	9	16-17
Mendel Hurwitz	9	16-17
Max Levy	9	16-17
Bertram Hornstein	9	16-17
Eva Jaffe	10	17-18
Sam Barabash	11	18-19
Edith Thomsen	11	18-19
Jacob Portman	12	19-20
Soloman Bleifeld	12	19-20
Bronnica Weinberg	12	19-20
Gertrude Nusholtz	13	20-21
Joseph Tillinger	13	20-21
Irving J. Pressman	14	21-22
Nathan Sheray	14	21-22
Mendel Himelstein	15	22-23
Jacob Sunshine	15	22-23
Minnie Fidler	15	22-23
Robert Edger	15	22-23
Rose Ewing	15	22-23
Leo Sunshine	16	23-24
David Lester Smith	18	25-26
George Droegmyer	19	26-27
Goldye Appel	20	27-28
Seth Aaron Horwitz	21	28-29
Lena Dinnerstein	23	30-31
Hannah Crell	23	30-31
Gittel Rovel	23	30-31

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Condolences go out to Bea Ochstein and family on the loss of nephew and cousin Joseph Goldberg.



**Thank you to Jan Finkel, Ruth Minkoff, Arlene Leib, Paula Adams, Elana Merritt and Pam Friedman for helping with Break the Fast Meal.
Also to Lazette Selan for washing the white tablecloths.**

Permit 140Z

Return Service Requested



We welcome into the B'nai Jacob family Marc, Michal and Rabbi Marla Spanjer.

Marc is a Case Manager and Behavioral Counselor at Aging and In-Home Services. He holds an M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling and a B.A. in Communications. He grew up in Skokie, has six siblings, and is fluent in sign language. He has a deep understanding of persons with disabilities, and extensive experience working with them.

Marla is a rabbi, ordained in 1991 at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she also earned a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters. She holds a B.A. in English and Rhetoric, with a Minor in Psychology and Comparative Literature. Born in Chicago, Marla grew up in Glenview, and has two brothers. She has always been a writer, and is collaborating with a local artist on a children's book.

Michal is in fifth grade at Whispering Meadows Elementary School, where she sings in the choir. She loves "Jonas L.A." (a TV show), and knows everything -- literally, everything -- about Full House (another show).

She also writes stories, enjoys drama, and loves animals.

All three of us have been warmly welcomed by the congregation, and of course, by Rabbi Kornspan.

Marc, Marla and Michal Spanjer

