

Congregation B'nai Jacob

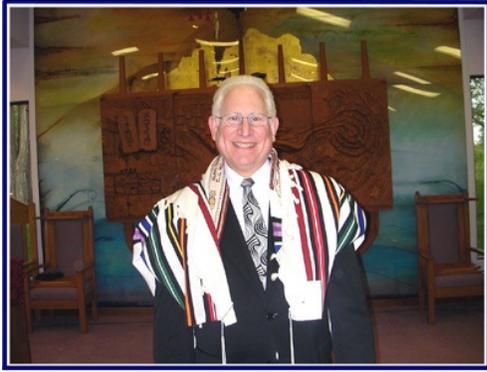
November 2010

5771

Cheshvan-Kislev

Mitchell Kornspan, Rabbi	Services	Ron Friedman, President
Weekly Portion: Toledot C.L. 6:12pm Havdalah: 7:13pm	Friday, November 5th Saturday, November 6th Shabbat School Torah Class	Simcha Shabbat Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Vayetze CL: 5:05pm Havdalah: 6:06pm	Friday, November 12th Saturday, November 13th Shabbat School Torah Class	Family Shabbat Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Vayishlach CL 4:59pm Havdalah: 6:01pm	Friday, November 19th Saturday, November 20th Shabbat School Torah Class	Early Shabbat Services 5:15pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Elianna Friedman's Bat Mitzvah		
Weekly Portion: Vayeshev CL: 4:55pm Havdalah: 5:57pm	Friday, November 26th Saturday, November 27th	Services 5:15pm Services 9:00am
Hanukkah		
Weekly Portion: Miketz CL: 4:53 Havdalah: 5:55	Friday, December 3rd Saturday, December 4th Shabbat School Torah Class	Hanukkah Shabbat Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm

Call the synagogue office if you need one mailed to you



An Uplifting Story

Dear friends,

Recently I spoke with you about an inspiring story concerning Hagbah, the lifting of the Torah. So many of you enjoyed this. I thought you would like to see it in print, especially, if you were unable to be with us when it was shared.

I know that you will enjoy this wonderful story!

IT AIN'T HEAVY; IT'S MY TORAH

By Abe Rosenberg

"I know, I know. Hagbah isn't the big aliyah. Haven't we all seen a gabbai struggle to persuade someone to accept it? Usually he scans the synagogue for someone healthy looking. The six-footer. The Macho Man. The guy who goes to Gold's gym.

Zooming in on his unsuspecting target, he gestures with a two handed lifting motion, embellished with a slight shrug, as if to say, "Would you mind?" The "victim" often responds with a downward glance, a slight shake of the head and a shrug of his own, "Oh, all right."

Incredible. The Talmud says this lucky honoree earns a reward equal to all the aliyot that preceded him. But does that mollify the fellow who wanted shlishi, the third aliyah and got the heavy lifting instead? Tell the truth. Nobody sits in shul hoping for Hagbah. Nobody pledges thousands of dollars or helps erect entire synagogue edifices for it.

Up to a point, I understand. Hagbah is, after all, different. You don't get to make a blessing. No portion of the Torah is read in your presence.

Have you been to Friday night services lately? We have missed you. Please note beginning this month. Friday night services will take on a

The fleeting moment isn't even yours alone. You have to share it with gelilah! I mean, this ain't maftir.

That's OK, I'll take it. Anytime. I love Hagbah. It's my absolute favorite honor. It beats davening at the amud, chatan bereshit, even sitting next to the president on Appeal Shabbat (not that I could afford that one). Nothing compares. Nothing gives me the rush that Hagbah generates, and nothing ever will.

Crazy you say? Stuck in the back pew too long? A few bulbs missing on the ol' wall plaque? Nope. Experienced. I love Hagbah because I remember how it felt when I couldn't lift anything.

Three years ago, my left shoulder began to ache. In a short while the ache turned to agony, and it didn't go away. I could not hail a taxi, put on a jacket or even scratch my head without feeling that sharp jab. This lifelong softball nut could no longer swing a bat or throw a ball. Swimming was impossible. Turning over in bed was excruciating. Worst of all, when my tiny nephews and nieces wanted to be picked up, I couldn't do it. That hurt more than the shoulder.

One doctor said torn rotator cuff. Another tried physical therapy. A third injected cortisone. It still hurt. Several months and two MRI's later, we found the cause. A bone spur and muscle damage. Surgery would fix everything, they promised. Minimal invasion, a one-hour procedure. I could go home the next morning. Nothing to worry about. I was terrified.

I checked into Lenox Hill Hospital early Thursday morning. Soon I was on a gurney outside the operating room. A nun in green scrubs offered to pray for me. I politely declined. "In that case," she said, "I'll just wish you a refuah shelemah. Speedy recovery."

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Rabbi and Rebbetzin Penny want to thank Bob and Lazette for the many hours of labor they performed in order that the parsonage landscape be improved and beautified.

In the months of November and December B'nai Jacob and Achduth Vesholom will holding a canned food drive to support our joint project Thoughtful Thursdays. The program benefits 85 pre-school aged students who attend Head Start. A few times a month both congregations will come together and fill bags with a meal and educational activities for the students to take home. The next two months we will be collecting canned soup and canned fruit. Please put your donation in the barrel located at the front doors.

Scholarships

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

The University of Saint Francis Announces Fall Production of The Diary of Anne Frank with Exhibitions on the Holocaust

Performances will be held at North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring Street, November 5, 6, 12, and 13 at 8 p.m. and November 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. Admission for the public is \$10. Tickets are half price for those who bring a bag of nonperishable food in support of USF Feeds the Fort. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time for general seating.

An additional exhibit used for the annual Yom HaShoah day is being loaned by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. It depicts all of the death camps and various holocaust images. These images will be displayed in the foyer along with an art installation by SOCA student Holly Hardin-Clabaugh.

For more information contact 260-399-7700, ext. 8001. The School of Creative Arts (SOCA) is an accredited school by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).



Our daughter, our sister

Elianna Bracha

*"My G-d has answered,
Blessing"*

*Will come up to the Torah as a
Bat Mitzvah,
A daughter responsible for doing
G-d's commandments*

Shabbat Vayeshev
Saturday, November 27, 2010,
20 Kislev 5771
9:00 in the morning
Congregation B'nai Jacob
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Kiddush Luncheon following
services,

With Love we invite you to
share in our Simcha!

Ron and Pam,
Josh, Rafi and Elianna Friedman

Partaking of Parashiot

Rebbitzen Penny Kornspan

Nov. 6, 2010 / 29 Heshvan, 5771 Toldot

Triennial Cycle: Bereshit 25:19- 26:22

Yitzchak is identified as the son of Avraham, and that he is 40 when he took Rivkah as his wife. Rivkah becomes pregnant after Yitzchak's prayer for her is answered. She is given painful knowledge from Hashem that she is carrying children who will be at odds with one another. The twins are born, Eisav first and then Yaakov. We are told Yitzchak is 60 when the children are born. The narrative advances to Eisav selling his birthright for some food, saying he despised his birthright. Yitzchak repeats the same experiences as his father; famine comes upon him, but G-d assures him because of the merit of Avraham, he will be safe. Yitzchak conceals his wife's identity from Avimelech, saying she is his sister. Avimelech learns the two are husband and wife and is unhappy about the deception. Afterward Yitzchak farms the land, becoming increasingly wealthy. Well water becomes an issue of contention between him and the other inhabitants. The matter is settled as he relocates and digs a third well.

A pasuk to ponder: "Yitzchak loved Eisav..."
25:28

I have yet to find a commentator speak well of Eisav - this bothers me. The least scathing is Ramban suggesting it natural for a father to love his firstborn. But that speaks well of him, not necessarily Eisav. Rashi suggests the love was dependent on the meat supplied by Eisav; but that speaks poorly of Yitzchak. Other ideas are offered, but, none kind toward Eisav. Each of the Patriarchs embodied a different sefirah, and Yitzchak was gevurah – strength. Some say Eisav mirrored his father in this personality trait, and this is why Yitzchak loved him. His hope for his son was that through the slaughtering of animals and accompanying offerings, Eisav would become more refined. Inner strength, which is to what gevurah refers, was hopefully going to be tapped into via the requirements to make the slaughter kosher. This is gevurah's work – to take the common and elevate it. This is VERY hard work, which has no real end to it. So perhaps Eisav wasn't so bad, he just was not up to the very high expectations of this demanding sefirah, but his father still loved him!

Nov. 13, 2010 / 6 Kislev, 5771 Vayatzte Triennial Cycle: Bereshit 28:10-30:13

Yaakov leaves home in search of a wife. He has the dream of the ladder, upon which angels ascend and descend. Hashem speaks to him, and the third Patriarch, Yaakov, is now given the promises of retaining possession of the Land, numerous descendants, and G-d's protection and presence shall be with him. Upon awakening, he set up the stone under his head as a pillar, which was later to be used as an altar. Continuing on his journey, he comes upon a well from which he will remove the stone so that Rachel will be able to water her flock. He stayed with Lavan for a month, and he loved Rachel, the younger daughter. He worked seven years to earn her hand in marriage, but Leah, with weak eyes, is substituted as the bride by Lavan. He states it improper to 'give' the younger daughter before the older. While Yaakov can marry Rachel a week later, this requires seven more years of work from him.

Leah is less beloved to Yaakov so Hashem 'opened her womb', but Rachel remained barren. Leah gave birth to Reuvan, Shimon, Levi and Yehuda. Rachel gave Yaakov her maid Bilhah as a surrogate, and the children born were Dan and Naftali. Leah offers up her maid Zilpah. She is the mother of Gad and Asher. The cycle ends with 8 of the 12 sons born to Yaakov and the women.

A pasuk to ponder: "...Rachel was beautiful of form and fair to look upon. And Yaakov loved Rachel..." 20:17 -18

I could not resist this from R. Kimchi - Why would a righteous man care about the beauty of a woman? "Looking at beautiful people helps a person to remain in a joyous frame of mind... a requirement... for we know that people who are not in a joyful frame of mind cannot serve Hashem in the best possible fashion."

So for those of you thinking I have gone off the deep end with this quote, sorry, as it is said "It 's all Torah." The notion calls us to look our best. We have all heard the ditties 'clothes make the man' or 'dress for success.' A scholar is expected to wear spotless clothing. Aside from the clothing, the countenance with which we greet one another is of great value. So, let's enjoy looking good ladies and gentlemen, and **enjoy** being in joy.

Nov.20, 2010 / 13 Kislev, 5771 Vayishlach Triennial Cycle: Bereshit 32:4-33:20

Eisav & Yaakov are to finally meet after 22 years have passed. Before the meeting, Yaakov makes strategic preparations. First he selects cattle etc. and sends messengers to give gifts to his brother. He divides family into two separate camps. He prays and wrestles with a 'man.' The man touches Yaakov's thigh causing him to limp. Yaakov demands a blessing from him and his name is changed to Yisrael. The next morning the brothers meet, and on the surface things seem to be well. Various ideas are promoted regarding who exactly wrestles with Yaakov, and the true tenor of the brothers' relationship. Yaakov is adamant about Eisav accepting the gifts he offers. Yaakov is equally resolute about accepting nothing from Eisav. Eisav wishes to have Yaakov join him, but he begs off citing the children and the herds would move too slowly. Then Eisav offers to have some men accompany Yaakov. Yaakov politely replies he does not need them. The two head their separate ways, Eisav toward Seir and Yaakov to Sukkot. Eventually Yaakov arrives 'in peace' to the city of Shechem in Canaan, where he buys a piece of land and sets up camp.

A pasuk to ponder: "And Eisav ran to meet him ... and kissed him..." 33:4

We know there is much controversy about the true meaning of the word kissed and Eisav's intention, because of the dots on top of the letters in the word kissed in the Torah itself. From R. Shimon b.

Elazar: "where you find the dots do not cover each letter of the word below we give preference to the meaning of the text as it is, without the dots. When there are more dots than letters, we give emphasis in our interpretation to the dots. Here the number of dots and letters is the same, so we understand the kiss was sincere, with all his heart." From R.

Yannai: "if this is indeed so, why bother to put any dots on the word if they do not affect the meaning? Surely he intended harm to Yaakov."

Which opinion feels right to you? Before you answer, think of this as an adult, not as the child you were when you heard the tale years ago in religious school. Do you have unresolved issues with siblings you've not seen in a long time? What would be your attitude toward him / her if you had the opportunity to visit?

Nov. 27, 2010 / 20 Kislev, 5771 Vayeshev

Triennial Cycle: Bereshit 37:1 - 36

As Yaakov is now dwelling in the land Yitzchak inhabited, the narrative of Yosef unfolds. In the second verse we are told he is 17, prefers the company of the children of Zilpah and Bilhah, and he tells his father of anything wrong Leah's sons are doing. Just the same, in the next verse we learn Yaakov loves Yosef the most. Yosef has two separate dreams predicting he would hold a position of power over his family, with whom he shares the dreams causing more strife. But, his father *shamar* (kept or guarded) the matter. Yaakov sends Yosef to see how things are going with the brothers tending the flocks. After some difficulty of locating them, he finds them in Dotan. Meanwhile, the plot to get rid of Yosef is conceived and executed. Reuven is able to alter the plan slightly in the hopes he will be able to rescue him, then Judah suggests selling him to an approaching caravan so that at least the brothers would not be directly guilty of murder. Reuven returns to the pit to find Yosef gone. He tears his clothing and laments the event. A goat is killed; Yosef's coat is dipped in blood to

mislead Yaakov regarding Yosef's whereabouts. Yaakov cannot be comforted.

A pasuk to ponder: "...but his father (*shamar*) kept the saying in mind." 37:11

Yaakov was certainly angry with Yosef when he related his dream regarding the sun, moon and stars bowing down to him. Some feel the anger was at the strife Yosef was causing among the brothers, others at the unseemly nature of the dream. Just the same, Yaakov kept or guarded the matter. Rashbam tells us this 'keeping' enabled him to immediately recognize his son was still alive, when the filled carriages arrived from Egypt. (c.f. 45:26 -28) Some deem Yaakov looked forward to the fulfillment of the dream. So, of course Yaakov waited for the time for Yosef to shine. Is it possible to scold a child for a thing and still be happy on account of it for the child? A wise parent or teacher sees the potential good in even a bad situation. Yaakov kept Yosef's dream in mind to be advantageous for the family at some later point in time; and as we know, the prediction served the family well when the famine came. Do you try to see the good in your children's behavior even when it may have some negativity to it?

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversaries

Toledot Adam Snitzer

Vayishlach Sindi Pass

Keith Groman

Vayeshev Matt Lerer

Alek Bussell

November Birthdays

3-Hanna Ruth Crell

3-Adam Snitzer

3-Sam Stoller

6-Ruth Minkoff

7-Elianna Friedman

12-Diane Wolf

14-Alek Bussell

16-Jan Sarratore

22-Dan Appel

22-Aaron Farber

24-Ron Goltz

24-Lester Selan

27-Tal Ben-Yehoshua

30-Mike Trentcosti

November Anniversaries

10-Bruce and Sheryl Merritt

19-Brad and Emily Finkel

20-Dr. Matthew and Theresa Farber

Dear B'nai Jacob Family,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the members of the congregation. The many phone calls, e-mails, cards and personal expressions of condolence over the passing of my mother Phyllis Groman has been sincerely appreciated. A special thank you goes out to all who helped make a Minyan on the day of mom's burial. Being able to say Kaddish at that time meant more than words can express.

**With all my love,
Keith Groman**

November Congregational Donations

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

In appreciation Bee Siegel

In appreciation Leah Tourkow

In memory of Sharon McLochlin
Mark and Melissa Schneider

General Fund

In memory of Phyllis Groman
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In honor of Rebecca Schneider's birthday
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In memory of Mel Shulkin, Linda Shulkin-Nail,
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Fred Tourkow
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Torah Maintenance Fund

In appreciation Ovadya

In honor of Dan Appel's "49th" Bar Mitzvah
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In memory of Keith Groman's mother, Phyllis
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Seth Horwitz Education Fund

In memory of Seth Horwitz
Phillip and Zelma Horwitz

Winnick Memorial Garden Fund

In honor of Bob and Lazette Serdinak's
wedding anniversary Ovadya

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Edith Thomsen
Lis Cohen-Kahn

November Yahrzeits

	Cheshvan	
Gittel Rovel	23	30-31
Minnie Sapirie	23	30-31
Mae Levy	24	31-1
Myron Horwitz	24	31-1
Jack Marks	26	2-3
Jennie Gilbert	26	2-3
Harry Brateman	26	2-3
Fred Schneider	26	2-3
Harriet Chodash	26	2-3
Joseph Waterman	27	3-4
Abraham Schwartz	27	3-4
Emanuel Siegel	28	4-5
Fred Tourkow	28	4-5
Frank Mendel	29	5-6
Jacob Levin	29	5-6
Sophie Helligman	29	5-6
Tillie Kaposky	29	5-6
Don Sowles	29	5-6
	Kislev	
Norman Bosell	1	7-8
Samuel Meyer	1	7-8
Esther Rothstein	1	7-8
Shirley Babich	1	7-8
Max Gilbert	2	8-9
Joseph Zinn	2	8-9
Bessie R. Schmitz	3	9-10
Abraham Levy	4	10-11
William Hornstein	4	10-11
Kathryn Sheray	4	10-11
Sarah Weinberg	5	11-12
Esther Grossman	5	11-12
Jacob Reich	5	11-12
Maurice Waldman	6	12-13
Sidney Trivus	6	12-13
Rose Cohen	6	12-13
Samuel Liff	7	13-14
Mildred Prady	7	13-14
David Appel	8	14-15
Claire Selan	8	14-15
Roslyn Rozeen	8	14-15
Zelda Novitsky	9	15-16
Charlotte Maier	9	15-16
Toba Malka Schwartz	12	18-19
Rabbi Samuel Hurwitz	12	18-19
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Emanuel Cohen	12	18-19
Rita Levin Rainey	13	19-20
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Isidor Hassan	14	20-21
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Milton Jerry Ontell	14	20-21
Leonard Levy	15	21-22
Elsie Levin	15	21-22
Rebecca Winnick	16	22-23
Florence Bernstein	17	23-24
Max Konigsberg	17	23-24
Clyde Gaddis	17	23-24
Abraham M. Zinn	18	24-25

Emanuel Kreitman	19	25-26
Marcus Beck	20	26-27
Audra E. Mandel	20	26-27
Yetta Magazine	20	26-27
Isadore Yourist	20	26-27
Eric E. Eling	22	28-29
Paulette Bussell-Oatley	22	28-29
Alfred Solotkin	22	28-29
Louis Groden	23	29-30
Sigmund Maier	23	29-30
Leon Seigman	23	29-30

- General Fund
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CONDOLENCES

We note with sorrow and offer our condolences to:

Bruce and Sheryl Merritt on the loss of Bruce's mother Elaine Merritt.

Virgil and Nina Mocle on the loss of Virgil's mother Josephine Mocle.

Sam and Kathy Stoller on the loss of Annette Goltz.

Keith Groman on the loss of his mother Phyllis _____

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Campaign 2011

November 15, 2010

7:00pm at the Temple

Pnina Gaday

Director of Hillel at Tel Aviv University

Pnina Gaday made Aliyah to Israel with her family from Tikel Dengy (Ethiopia) in 1984, when she was only three years old. In 2003, shortly after completing mandatory service in the Israeli Army where she worked with Ethiopian youth, Pnina enrolled at Hebrew University, where she accomplished her BA in Sociology, Anthropology, and Jewish History. Pnina quickly became involved with Hillel: The Center for Jewish Campus Life, taking on a leadership role by planning events for the entire campus community. With her strong leadership experience, Pnina graduated from the university and became a member of the Hillel staff, as the Director of Student Initiatives at Beit Hillel. She is only 28 years old and has accomplished so much.