

Congregation B'nai Jacob

*January
2012*



*Tevet/Shevat
5772*

Mitchell Kornspan, Rabbi	Services	Ron Friedman, President
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Weekly Portion: Vayechi CL 5:08pm Havdalah: 6:11pm	Friday, January 6th Saturday, January 7th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 5:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 1:00pm
Bar Mitzvah Anniversary: Marvin Finkelstein		
Sunday, January 8 "Bagel Making with Mark Schneider"- 10:00am		

Weekly Portion: Shemot CL 5:15pm Havdalah: 6:18pm	Friday, January 13th Saturday, January 14th Shabbat School	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am
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Weekly Portion: Va'era CL 5:23pm Havdalah: 6:26pm	Friday, January 20th Saturday, January 21st Shabbat School	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am
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Weekly Portion: Bo CL: 5:31pm Havdalah: 6:35pm	Friday, January 27th Saturday, January 28th Shabbat School Torah Class	K.I.S.S. and Hagigat HaSiddur 6:00pm Services 9:30am* 10:15am 1:00pm
Bar Mitzvah Anniversaries: David Deitch, Jeff Wolf *Kiddush sponsored by Diane Wolf in honor of Jeff's Bar Mitzvah Anniversary		
Sunday, January 29 - "Afternoon of Games" from 2:00pm - 4:00pm		



Dear B'nai Jacob family,

At the time of this writing, we have experienced successful K.I.S.S. and also a Religious School Friday evening Shabbat Dinner. Many thanks to Sarah Jo Shaw for reinforcing the prayers with our children and coordinating the services. Toda Rabba to all of our parents who helped implement a lovely Shabbat Dinner.

We also had a joint session with Temple Achduth Vesholom Religious School. Our children and parents enjoyed themselves at the Maccabiah games. (You will see pictures later in our bulletin.)

We had a great time at Janet Finkel's home with the Q and A session. It's amazing what great questions are asked and what very interesting areas we explore! Thank you Jan for your hospitality.

The Chanukah party that was held on December 25th was so successful and enjoyable because of the efforts of many people. Our thanks to: Annie Appel and Mary Wilger for making the cookies; Janet Finkel, Paula Adams, Sheryl Merritt, and Mike Adams for making the latkes; Arlene Leib and Dana Zemmol for helping in the kitchen; and Iris Fuchs, Deb Tepfer, Sheryl Merritt, Janet Finkel, Paula Adams, and Arlene Leib for cleaning up and putting the synagogue back in order. A very special thank you to Zack Zemmol for setting up tables and collecting money. Great work, Zack!

We have a change that is now being followed in the kitchen. In honor of Shabbat, the dishes and utensils are not being washed on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. They are left to soak and then washed after the Shabbat. This adds to Oneg Shabbat, to the enjoyment of Shabbat, allowing our members the opportunity to relax, schmooze and enjoy each other's company. This also adds to Shmirat Shabbat, the keeping of the Sabbath.

Whether at our synagogue or at home, the only time we can clean our dishes and utensils is when we need to use them again on Shabbat. This is not the case if we are cleaning them to put away for use after Shabbat, e.g. for Sunday, the rest of the week, or for the next Shabbat.

For a while this was not able to be done, because we did not have volunteers who were able to come back on Saturday evening after Shabbat or Sunday to wash the dishes and utensils. We now have volunteers who will do so, but we are always happy to have more. If you would like to help, please let our office know this. Toda Rabba!

There has also been a request that we try to learn Hebrew words that will make our prayer experience deeper. If we learned one new Hebrew word a week, then we would have 52 words, each year. This is certainly doable. With the idea that one Hebrew word opens up (with its Shoresh or root) more, that 52 can at the very least be doubled.

HEBREW LESSON

גדל	הבו	אקרא	שם	כי
Godel	Havu	Ekra	Shem	Key
Greatness	Give	I shall call	name	when

These are the key words (besides G-d's names) in the verse introducing the Afternoon and Musaf Devotion (Amida). This verse from Deuteronomy 32:3 says: When I shall call on the Name of G-d, [you] give greatness to our G-d.

Our sages learned from here that there are times when we should respond to others' praise of Hashem, e.g. Invitation to the Birkat Hamazon (Grace after meals), to the Barchu, to Kaddish, and Baruch Hu Uvaruch Shmo (Blessed is He and blessed is His name).

Amazing! All these from one sentence of Torah!

Looking forward to seeing you in shul.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

Bagel Making

How many of you have ever wanted to learn how to make homemade bagels? Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun-filled morning with Mark Schneider.



Sunday, January 8, 2012

10:00am

Shul Kitchen



At this time, Rabbi Kornspan will meet with us to share important information regarding the synagogue kitchen.

Mah Jongg Classes Begin in January

Nina Mocle, in conjunction with the Sisterhood, is offering Mah Jongg lessons beginning in January. If you are interested in learning how to play Mah Jongg or just want to improve your game, contact her at nmocle@hotmail.com or call the synagogue office. Beginner (and intermediate) classes will be held at various times to try and accommodate everyone's schedule. Meeting places and times will be posted as soon as we have a definite count of interested players. Everyone is welcome!

Religious School

K.I.S.S. Continues with Special Presentation of Prayer Books

K.I.S.S. (Kids in Shabbat Services) involves our religious school students in helping lead Shabbat Friday Evening Services. This month members of the Kitah Alef class will celebrate their mastery of the Hebrew alphabet, and their beginning to read Hebrew. Siddurim, prayer books, will be given to Gwen Schneider and Shelah Shaw. This class will be highlighted and join the entire religious school in leading services. Sarah Shaw is the Tefillah leader and coordinator for our K.I.S.S.

Religious Service Attendance Requirements

We have Friday evening service requirements twice a month. One can be fulfilled by attending K.I.S.S., and the other can be fulfilled by attending another Friday evening service. We have tried to make this easier by offering a second early Friday evening service each month. See the calendar insert to this bulletin.



Let's Stay Connected!

Rabbi Kornspan invites you to correspond with him via email at mkornspan@gmail.com.

You are also encouraged to join B'nai Jacob's Facebook group by visiting our page and sending your request for membership. Thanks!



Thoughtful Thursdays

Thank you for your continuing generosity. Current needs include toilet tissue, liquid hand soap, and toothbrushes for adults and children. Donations may be placed in the barrel near the front door of the synagogue or delivered to the Temple.



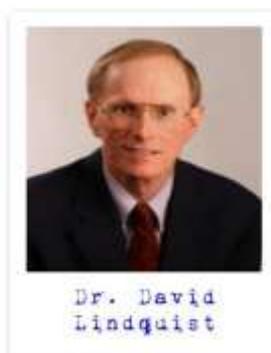
Need a Jewish Calendar?

Jewish calendars for the year 5772 are available on the hallway table at the synagogue. Please take one!

Condolences Correction

Our continuing condolences to the Wolf family in the passing of Diane's niece, Sonia Abrams, on Wednesday the 19th of Cheshvan 5772. The editor extends apologies to the family and community for the misprint of the last name of the loved one in December's bulletin.

"Facing the Shoah"



Dr. David Lindquist

The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation invites you to attend a six-session program, **"Confronting the Shoah."** Taught by IPFW Professor and USHMM Mandel Fellow, Dr. David Lindquist, the sessions will take place at the Temple. The two hour classes will begin at 7:00pm and will be held on the following Tuesdays: Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14.

There is no cost for the series to Federation members. The program is supported by **the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and gifts from Federation members to the Annual Campaign.** Please call the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation at 422-8566 or register by email at office@fwjf.org. ☆

Partaking of Parashiot

by Rebbitzin Penny Kornspan

January 7, 2012/ 12 Tevet,5772

Vayechi Tri. cycle: Bereshit 49:1 – 49:26

Yaakov knows he is about to die so he calls his sons together. His words are commonly dubbed 'blessings', yet some recipients could have felt otherwise. Reuven is called unstable though he should have been bestowed with the rights of first born. Shimon and Levi are called violent and angry. Their anger is cursed, because it has such a violent nature. Y'hudah, the fourth son, is the lion and kings will be his descendants, as well as Mashiach. Zevulan will be involved with shipping and commerce while supporting Issachar who will study and teach Torah. The sons of Dan will become judges and Gad's offspring will be fine warriors. The sons of Asher will produce marvelous olive crops. Naftali's progeny will also yield fine warriors. Lastly, Rachel's first son, Yosef, is blessed with the rights of the first-born. He is called a fruitful vine that Hashem watched over and protected. Benjamin's blessing begins the third cycle.

A pasuk to ponder: " 'Y'hudah, you shall your brothers praise...Your father's sons shall bow down before you.' "49:8

Rashbam: "Anyone thinking the brothers ought to praise Y'hudah is grossly mistaken." He tells us the reason for the position of Y'hudah is not because of such merit on his part, but more because of the indiscretions of the three older brothers. It is suggested he thought his father was going to bring up the incident with Tamar thereby disqualifying him from the position of firstborn. But beyond this, Yaakov is stating the position Y'hudah will attain will actually be initiated by the brothers. Seforno takes it one step further by stating the brothers will accept him since he *is* fit to rule. And Kimchi offers a reason why this is so: he publicly acknowledged his sin with Tamar and he repented. The last words Yaakov shares with his sons are dramatic, searing and filled with much prophecy. They deserve to be read and studied in great detail since there is so much there.

January 14, 2012/ 19 Tevet,5772

Shemot Triennial cycle: Sh'mot 3:1 – 4:17

The cycle begins with Moshe tending the flock of his father-in-law, Yithro. Moshe sees a burning bush. Hashem speaks to him; identifying Himself as the G-d of Avraham, the G-d of Yitzchak and the G-d of Yaakov. (This is repeated 4 times in the cycle.) The Eternal confers a mission of telling Pharaoh to let B'nai Yisrael leave Egypt upon Moshe, who doubts that Pharaoh or the Israelites will listen to him. He is quite uncomfortable and has questions that Hashem reassuringly answers. The promise is made that women will ask for jewels from the Egyptians, and they will give them. Also, he is given three signs to use as methods of persuasion to which Moshe responds he is not a man of words. The Eternal becomes angry with the stall tactics and finally assigns Aharon as his mouthpiece. Without question the order of transmission is clear: G-d will be speaking to Moshe and Moshe will speak to Aharon, his older brother, who will tell Pharaoh.

Psukim to ponder: " 'G-d of Avraham, G-d of Yitzchak & G-d of Yaakov' 3:6,15,16; 4:5

The first citing clarifies Who is speaking; there must be certainty. When hearing this, Moshe turned in fear. He knew an awesome thing was happening. Hashem had been quiet for a long while; now suddenly He is vocal. Imagine yourself there.

The second is what Moshe is to say to B'nai Yisrael. Seforno tells us this refers to the wise men. They were to understand Hashem's promise was soon to be fulfilled. G-d's name is said to be a memorial forever. Do you think *all* of the people had held onto this hope of redemption? Would you have?

The third repetition is said to the elders who would be the leaders; it would be impossible to gather all of the men. Here 'G-d of' is only before Avraham, since he is the one with whom the covenant was actually made.

The fourth is mentioned so that the people would believe He appeared to Moshe. This is said in juxtaposition to the signs given to him. Dramatic times are about to begin. Put yourself there without knowing the outcome. Can you feel the power of Hashem?

January 21, 2012 / 26 Tevet,5772

Vaera Triennial cycle: Sh'mot 7:8 – 8:15

Moshe and Aharon are about to meet with Pharaoh. Hashem instructs them regarding what they will do, and they follow His orders. Aharon's rod becomes a serpent swallowing the magicians' rods turned serpents. Next, Moshe is to meet Pharaoh at the water in the morning as per G-d, with Aharon and his rod. Pharaoh is warned to let the people go; he will not, and thus begins the ten plagues. The water turns to blood, but the magicians are also able to perform this feat. This lasted for seven days; all the water in the vessels of the Egyptians became blood. The second plague (frogs) is sent. Pharaoh, having had enough of them, calls for the brothers to take away the frogs. Third, the gnats came; as Pharaoh did not keep his word to let the people go if the frogs were removed. The magicians say, "This is the finger of G-d." They were unable to duplicate this plague. Yet, Pharaoh's heart remained hardened and he would not allow the people to leave. All transpires as Hashem had said would happen.

P'sukim to ponder: Moshe to Pharaoh- what time do you want the frogs to leave your homes? Pharaoh responds- tomorrow. Moshe replies, according to your word so you know none is like the L-rd. Summary of 8:5,6

Rashi notes the use of l'mati (against what time) instead of mati (when) as a challenge for Pharaoh, who imagines if he makes it too difficult, Moshe will not be able to perform the task. On the other hand, Moshe sees this as an opportunity to show the power of Hashem. All the frogs residing in their homes dying at once would be quite abnormal, but certainly within the power of G-d. Seforno notes the frogs being restricted to the river reveals the difference between the powers of the One and the powers of the sorcerers. The latter would be able to destroy a thing completely; Hashem can affect nature as He chooses. This scene is much more intense than the child-like vision we carry of the frogs coming and then going. There is a huge power play occurring between Pharaoh and Moshe. As an aside, according to Seforno, they were not frogs...they were crocodiles. Hmmm.

January 28, 2012/ 4 Shevat,5772

Bo Triennial cycle: Sh'mot 11:4 – 12:28

The tenth plague, the death of the first-born is described at the beginning of the triennial cycle. Nisan is given the status of the first month, and direction is given regarding the Pesach lamb and the meal. The lamb is set aside on the tenth of the month and slaughtered on the fourteenth. Its blood is to be painted on the lintel and side posts of each house where the meal is eaten. The lamb is to be roasted and eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They were to eat hastily and know that it is to be repeated forever. Seven days are to be set aside without normal bread found even in the homes. One eating bread during this time is to be cut off from the congregation of Yisrael. All the people were to stay inside their homes while the plague occurred. Later in The Land when children question this practice, the people are to explain what happened. Once given the information regarding the Pesach offering, the people departed to carry out the task.

A pasuk to ponder: " 'This month shall be the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year' ". 12:2

R. Chananel brings this notion. If the pillar of cloud was with them by day and the pillar of fire by night, how were they to observe the skies to ascertain when the new moon came into view? Here we learn the new moon is based upon calculation and not observation. The Sages teach the year of 12 months has 5 of 30 days, 5 of 29 days and the remaining 2 sometimes have 29 or 30 days. (There is also Adar II) They also tell us each Jewish month consists of 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and about 3 seconds. When a month contains 30 days, the last day of that month and the first day of the new month are both considered Rosh Chodesh. This is why in shul you hear sometimes two days being listed for the new moon. This is just a taste of the conclusions of the complicated mathematical equations our ancients used to set our current calendar. Also, according to Rashbam, this pasuk was uttered while the people were still in Egypt; which would have allowed for the correct timing of the very first Pesach.



Show off your writing skills with the annual poetry contest

In recognition of Yom HaShoah, the National Day of Holocaust Remembrance, the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation will again sponsor a student poetry contest. The contest is open to all middle and high school students in Allen County, regardless of the school system and is open to home-schooled students. There is a middle school and a high school division.

Criteria: All entries will be judged for originality, content and understanding of the theme. Poetry should contain at least 14 lines.

Entries: The **deadline is March 13, 2012 by 4:00 PM.** Send or deliver **THREE** separately stapled copies of each entry, but only **ONE** title page to the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, 227 East Washington Blvd., Suite 303, Ft. Wayne, IN 46802. Attach the title page to one of the three copies.

January Birthdays

- 1 Zoey Zemmol
- 5 Myesha Barile
- 7 Brittany Sheray
- 14 David Crell
- 14 Rachel Current
- 15 David Current
- 17 Levi Goltz
- 17 Keith Groman
- 18 Arlene Leib
- 20 Jeff Goltz
- 21 Melanie Bookout
- 23 Bee Siegel
- 23 Illana Nugas
- 24 Shelle Pabla
- 25 Jacob Bussell
- 25 Brian Leib
- 25 Nathan Wyman
- 26 Ryan Baldwin
- 29 Jeff Wolf
- 30 Harriet Crell
- 31 Nina Mocle



January Anniversary

- 26 Scott and Theresa Trauner

January Congregational Donations

Kiddush Fund

In memory of Grandfather David Appel

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In appreciation

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In appreciation

Keith Groman

David Siegel Memorial Fund

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Steven Horwitz

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Bee Siegel

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Diane Wolf's niece, Sonia Abrams

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In memory of Eric E. Eling

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Eling

In memory of Yetta Magazine

Jeanette Lewis

In memory of Solomon Safirstein

Moses and Kay Safirstein



100th Anniversary Celebration October 12-14, 2012

The weekend of October 12th will be dedicated to the celebration of the founding of our Congregation. Services Friday evening and Shabbat morning will have as their focus the celebration of the 100 years. Hold the date of Sunday, October 14 when there will be a community-wide event marking this momentous occasion. Plan now to be with us! More details will follow.

January Jahrzeits



	Tevet	January
Sarah Leah Komisarow	6	31-1
David Weiss	6	31-1
Herman Komisarow	6	31-1
Dorothy Margulis	6	31-1
Nathan Bialick	7	1-2
Morris King	7	1-2
Bessie Meyer	7	1-2
Frances Groden Bussell	8	2-3
Yetta Jacobson	8	2-3
Joseph Latker	9	3-4
William Brosler	9	3-4
Dora Sains	9	3-4
Dorothy Dicker	10	4-5
Toba Weinstein	10	4-5
Sally Rosenberg	10	4-5
Morris Forlander	10	4-5
Rosalie Freund	10	4-5
Clyde R. Gaddis	11	5-6
Salomon Efroim Borenstein	11	5-6
Sidney Katz	11	5-6
Max Zinn	12	6-7
Rebekah Schwartz	12	6-7
Jeanette Sunshine	12	6-7
Howard Dinnerstein	14	8-9
Thomas Portman	14	8-9
Fannie Franklin	15	9-10
Henry J. Friedman	16	10-11
Joseph Wiesenthal	17	11-12
Norma Levin	18	12-13
Pauline Brateman	18	12-13
Benjamin Ochstein	18	12-13
Stanley Kornspan	19	13-14
Michelle Lundmark	19	13-14
Emanuel Levy	19	13-14
Morris Abraham Ruchman	20	14-15
Norma Jean Rifkin	20	14-15
Deborah Gorelick	21	15-16
Marlene Ochstein	21	15-16
David Siegel	21	15-16
Samuel Finkelstein	21	15-16
Herman Lowenhar	22	16-17
Sam Nemoff	22	16-17
Ethel Schecter	23	17-18
Fannie Kravitz	24	18-19
Maureen Gilbert	24	18-19
Sol Bronstein	24	18-19
Sarah Masursky	24	18-19
Minnette Ruchman	25	19-20
Julius Kaufman	26	20-21
Sam Jaffe	27	21-22
David Weinberg	28	22-23

	Tevet	January
Hannah Royter	28	22-23
Bonnie Weiler	28	22-23
Herman Ivan Messe	28	22-23
Harry Papier	28	22-23
Hyme Sains	28	22-23
Philip Dorman	29	23-24
Tillie Auerbach	29	23-24

	Shevat	January
Margo Hirshfeld	2	25-26
Joseph Doran	2	25-26
Aida McCassey	4	27-28
Fannie Hassan	5	28-29
Bea Waldman	5	28-29
Morris Begun	6	29-30
Rose Latker	6	29-30
Alan Ritchie	7	30-31

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 Yahrzeit Fund



- Our condolences to the Jourkow and Zweig families on the passing of Wilbur Zweig.
- Our condolences to Jan and Steve Sarratore and family on the passing of Jan's father, Arnold J. Goldsmith.

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Bill and Clara Brosler Youth Leadership Award

This award is established in honor and in memory of Bill and Clara Brosler. Through their generosity and concern for the future, the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation has a secure future and the ability to maintain and develop new programs. The award honors the achievements of Fort Wayne Jewish youth demonstrating leadership in their activities at their respective congregations and recognizes their successful balancing of Jewish leadership, academics, and activities in the community. There will be one nomination from each congregation. In the event that a single congregational nomination is impractical, then the award will be split among those nominated from that congregation. The award is a \$250 grant to be used by the selected youth for Jewish Youth group conference fees, camp tuition, Israel trip expenses, Jewish training or Jewish educational opportunities. Each year recipients will receive a plaque and certificate and a plaque bearing their names will be displayed in the Federation office. The selection process for this award allows each student to self-nominate himself or herself. The final selection will be by members of the Youth Committee.

Award Criteria:

To be a nominee for this award the student must be:

1. A resident of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation service area and attend a secular high school program.
2. A Jewish youth enrolled and participating in their congregation's upper level religious school program.
3. Must demonstrate outstanding leadership skills in their respective youth group.
4. Must demonstrate outstanding leadership in their secular school program through participation in school sponsored activities, academic or athletic teams, or clubs.
5. The student's parents must be members of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, as defined by a gift to the most recent Campaign.
6. The student must be in grades 9-11.
7. The recipients of this award will be required to make a presentation to the Federation Board of Directors detailing their use of the award.

Application forms will be mailed shortly to parents and their children. The self-nominations are due by April 30, 2012.