

Congregation B'nai Jacob

February / March 2012

Shevat / Adar / Nisan 5772

Mitchell Kornspan, Rabbi	Services	Ron Friedman, President
Weekly Portion: Beshalach CL 5:40pm Havdalah: 6:43pm Bat Mitzvah Anniversary: Susan Moyer *Reservations for Tu B'shevat Seder may be made by calling the office at 672-8459 by February 2nd.	Friday, February 3rd Saturday, February 4th Tu B'shevat Seder and Shabbat in Shul	Services 5:30pm Services 9:15am 11:30am*
Weekly Portion: Yitro CL 5:49pm Havdalah: 6:52pm Bat and Bar Mitzvah Anniversaries: Robin Schneider, Stuart Block, Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan *Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Jan Chambers in celebration of the 39th anniversary of her gerut and in honor of Rabbi Kornspan's Bar Mitzvah Anniversary	Friday, February 10th Saturday, February 11th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am* 9:30am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Mishpatim CL 5:57pm Havdalah 7:00pm Bar Mitzvah Anniversary: Jacob Bussell	Friday, February 17th Saturday, February 18th Shabbat School Torah Class	K.I.S.S. 6:00pm Services 9:15am 10:15am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Terumah CL: 6:06pm Havdalah: 7:09pm Bar Mitzvah Anniversary: Jonathan Brateman	Friday, February 24th Saturday, February 25th Shabbat School Torah Class	Community Service with the Temple at CBJ 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Tetzaveh CL 6:14pm Havdalah 7:17pm Bar Mitzvah Anniversary: Steven Crell	Friday, March 2nd Saturday, March 3rd Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 5:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Ki Tisa CL 6:22pm Havdalah 7:25pm *Dessert table following. **Seudah (lunch) following. Reservations may be made by calling the office at 672-8459 by March 2nd.	Wednesday, March 7th, Purim Thursday, March 8th, Purim Friday, March 9th Saturday, March 10th Shabbat School Torah Class	Megillah Reading 6:45pm* Megillah Reading 11:00am** Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Vayakhel-Pekude CL 7:29pm Havdalah 8:32pm Bar Mitzvah Anniversary: Michael Lewis	Friday, March 16th Saturday, March 17th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Vayikra CL 7:37pm Havdalah 8:40pm Sunday, March 25th at 1:00pm - "Scholar in Residence", Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr., at B'nai Jacob	Friday, March 23rd Saturday, March 24th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Tzav CL 7:44pm Havdalah 8:47pm Bar Mitzvah Anniversaries: Gerald Appel, Joshua Friedman, Jerry Pownall	Friday, March 30th Saturday, March 31st Shabbat School Torah Class	K.I.S.S. 6:30pm Services 9:15am 10:15am 1:00pm



Not One, Not Two, But Three

by Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

Since this is a two month bulletin, I have an opportunity to share with you the importance of, and a common thread running through, three different holidays: Tu B'Shevat, Purim, and Pesach.

Yes, Tu B'shevat is a minor observance. True, Purim is a "minor" holiday (meaning that it is not found in the Five Books of Moses, but later in the book of Esther), and that Pesach, Passover, is one of the major holidays found in the Pentateuch. Yet each has an amazing message, and I want to show you how all share a common thread.

Tu B'shevat, the Fifteenth of Shevat, arrives this year on February 8th. It is the Jewish Arbor Day, and on it many celebrate by eating fruits, especially those grown in Israel, while also underscoring the importance of trees and all of Hashem's creation. There is a custom to have a Seder, which we will have on Shabbat, February 4th.

Purim, meaning lots, comes directly from the Tanach's book of Esther. It portrays the 11th hour saving of our people from annihilation by the hands of the evil Haman. He had cast lots to find the "lucky" day when he could kill all Jews. The four mitzvot we celebrate on Purim include listening to the book of Esther read from the Megillah the evening and day of Purim, March 7th and 8th, Matanot 'Levyonim, giving tzedakah to the poor, Shalach Manot, gifts of food to one another, and Seudah, the festive meal held on Purim day.

Since Pesach commences the night of April 6th with the first Seder, and continues through the 14th, we needed to place the forms for Mechirat Chametz (the Selling of our leavening) and for Maot Chitim (tzedakah to aid individuals for the Passover holiday) in this bulletin. Of course, Pesach is one of our major holidays which affects us to this day. Our prayers include the "reminder of our going out from Egypt." For, this is the quintessential experience of actually witnessing Hashem's open miracles. From the Ten Plagues to the splitting of the Sea

of Reeds, to the giving of the Torah, our ancestors experienced G-d firsthand. The miracles were apparent, not hidden.

What is the common thread running through Tu B'shevat, Purim, and Pesach? It is none other than the hidden miracles.

Every day, three times a day, we pray in the Amidah, the Devotion, the paragraph of Modim "We give thanks." In it we include our gratefulness to Hashem for the miracles performed every day.

These hidden miracles are tremendous indeed. The fact that each day is renewed, that the Laws of Nature are intact, allowing for the proper rotation and revolution of our earth and sun, the rejuvenation of our bodies, the birth of a baby, being only some examples.

Tu B'shevat is observed when the sap begins to flow in the trees in Israel. From the budding of trees in the spring, to the growth of plants, to supplying our needs, these are all hidden miracles. When we are challenged with drought or too much rain, we are reminded that all of this and more is in G-d's hands, not ours.

Purim is the paradigm of hidden miracles. In fact Hashem's name isn't mentioned once in the book of Esther. One of the reasons is to illustrate how G-d works behind the scenes through people, Mordecai and Esther in a major way, and others in an even more hidden way. Pesach, the holiday of overt miracles, still has the hidden ones. The biggest one of these is that the B'nai Yisrael didn't lose their identities during their centuries in Egypt and that they kept alive the idea and hope that there would be a time when they would be redeemed.

With this in mind, your Hebrew for this month will be from the Modim in the Amidah:

ועל נסִיךְ שבכל יום

(And for Your miracles that daily attend us).

Literally:

V'al	Nisecha	Shebchol	Yom
And On	Your miracles	That Every	Day

B'ydidut,

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan





Tu B'shevat Seder

In celebration of the New Year of Trees, a Seder will take place in the social hall at 11:30am following Shabbat services on Saturday, February 4th. All are

welcome. Reservations are needed. Please call the office at 672-8459 by Thursday, February 2nd.

Religious School

Poetry for Tu B'shevat

Trees are so beautiful
Right next to my window
Eager for sunlight
Expanding branches
Sunlight is the key
by Zack Zemmol

Taste the fruit
Raise trees and not kill
Environments need help
Eat the food it provides
Save trees life!
by Alex Martinez

Shabbat In Shul Following the Tu B'Shevat Seder on February 4th, the Religious School students will experience *Shabbat in Shul*, which will be a day of celebrating Shabbat with fun programs and games. This is a special program, so there will be no Shabbat School at 9:30am that day.

Shalach Manot for Purim

The Religious School is having a Shalach Manot basket sale. Giving gifts of food to our friends and family fulfills one of the Mitzvot of Purim. Baskets will contain hamentaschen and other goodies and will be delivered by the Religious School families. Baskets are \$10.00 each and may be ordered by calling Iris Fuchs at 747-4523 or by completing the form included in last month's bulletin and leaving it at the synagogue office. Orders will be accepted through February 15th. Please help support our school!



תודה רבה
Thank You

to Bee Siegel, Natalie Gottesman and family, and Dr. Gordon Siegel and family for donating the hamentaschen for Purim and the Shalach Manot baskets in loving memory of David Siegel.

Speaking of Purim...the Megillah Readings will take place on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:45pm (followed by a dessert table) and on Thursday, March 8th at 11:00am (followed by a Seudah, lunch). Reservations are needed by Friday, March 2nd for the Seudah. Please call the office or sign-up on the sheet in the synagogue lobby.

Community Service

Congregations Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob will have combined Friday evening services on **February 24th at 7:30pm**. Rabbi Cattapan and Rabbi Kornspan will conduct the community services, which will take place at the synagogue.

Fort Wayne Jewish Men's Club

The IPFW Theatre Department will present *Inspector Hound and the Pot Boiler*, a brilliant Lamponing Mystery Melodrama. The date of the play is Sunday, February 26th at 2:00pm and the cost for adults is \$14.00. Invite your wife, your girlfriend, a friend, and yourself for an enjoyable afternoon at the theatre. After the performance, those that wish to go for an early dinner at a local restaurant are welcome. To attend this event and insure seating, send number of tickets requested and payment to (or call) by Friday, February 17th: Norman Cramer, 4806 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807, telephone 260-755-5226. Ticket(s) may be picked up at the theatre box office the day of the performance. The play will take place at Williams Theatre located on the IPFW campus.

The **Fort Wayne Jewish Men's Club** encourages you to visit their new website at:
<http://www.fwjewishmensclub.us/>

Partaking of Parashiot

by Rebbitzin Penny Kornspan

Feb. 4, 2012/ 11 Shevat, 5772 B'shalach

Triennial cycle: Shmot 14:5-16:10

Pharaoh and servants realize the loss they will suffer with B'nai Yisrael gone; therefore, they mount chariots to chase after them in order to bring them back. Seeing the pursuit of the Egyptians, the people begin to question the authority and wisdom of Moshe. Moshe states the L-rd will fight for them; the L-rd says, "Why cry to Me ... move forward!" The angel and the pillar of cloud that had been leading moved to the rear of the camp to stand between the two nations. Moshe then extended his hand over the sea; the people moved forward; the Egyptians chased them. At the proper time, the sea closed over the army of Pharaoh, drowning them. When the Israelites saw the outcome, they were awe struck and amazed by the power of Hashem and believed in the authority of Moshe. The sedra continues with the beginning of the Song at the Sea, recounting the power of the Eternal and the vengeance on behalf of His people.

Feb. 11, 2012/ 1 Shevat, 5772 Yitro

Triennial cycle: Shmot 19:1 – 20:23

Three months have passed since leaving Egypt, and now we are at Sinai. Moshe went up the mount to speak with Hashem, where he is told to deliver the following message to B'nai Yisrael. I brought you to Myself, and if you keep My covenant you will be a treasure and a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. The people respond 'We will do what is asked.' When Moshe returns their answer, Hashem says He will allow the people to hear His voice. Preparations take place to receive the Eternal, and a warning is issued not to trespass beyond certain points. A great spectacle took place as the time neared for the *Aseret Hadibrot* to be given. Hashem tells Moshe to descend the mount again to warn the people about walking on the mount. The next fourteen verses are the *Aseret Hadibrot*. The people are afraid of hearing the voice of G-d and suggest that Moshe should relay the information to them. A few more commands regarding idols and altars are given, along with the promise that Hashem would be with them and bless them.

Feb. 18, 2012/ 25 Shevat, 5772 Mishpatim

Triennial cycle: Shmot 22:4 – 23:19

Financial restitution continues in this portion of the cycle. It starts with cattle grazing on another's land, holding property for another and it becomes lost, and borrowing an animal and it dies. Comments on virgins being seduced, sorcerers, bestiality, and those sacrificing to idols are next. The proper care for strangers, widows and orphans are laid out. A warning is issued concerning the improper treatment of widows and orphans. The ways to lend and treat the poor are all topics. People are not to eat *t'reifah* meat. Proper and improper speech is discussed. Helping an enemy is ordered in some circumstances. The Sabbatical year is instituted for fields, trees, and vineyards. Shabbat is remembered. The *Shalosh Regalim* are to be observed, via coming before G-d. "You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk," ends the cycle. This sedra has more laws than any other Torah portion.

Feb. 25, 2012/ 2 Adar 5772 Terumah

Triennial cycle: Shmot 26:1 – 26:30

Moshe is given specifications of the *Mishkan* the Children of Israel are to build. It begins with the color of the fabric panels, their measure and how they are to be joined. The tent over the Tabernacle is to be made of goat's hair, and this is discussed fully. Acacia wood is used for the planks; their size and more are given for their use. The last report is of the bars that hold the planks together. At the end of the portion we are told the planks and the bars are to be covered with gold and the rings are made of gold. It is to be set up as the directions shown on Mt. Sinai.

March 3, 2012/ 9 Adar, 5772 Tetzaveh

Triennial cycle: Sh'mot 28:31 – 29:18

The description of the *Cohen Gadol's* clothing continues. His coat is to be blue. Its collar is to be bound in a way to prevent tears. The hem of the garment is specific: with bells and blue, red, and purple pomegranates. "Holy to the Eternal" was engraved on the gold head plate. The text continues with the robe, belt, and hat for the sons of Aharon. Moshe is to anoint the sons, and they are to serve G-d. Pants of linen were to be made for them as well. The remaining 18 psukim deal with the how of their inauguration into the priesthood.

March 10, 2012/ 16 Adar, 5772 Ki Tisa

Triennial cycle: Sh'mot 31:18 – 33:11

On Sinai, Hashem gives Moshe the *luchot* before he rejoins his people, while Aharon tries stalling the people wanting a golden idol built. It is completed. The Eternal tells Moshe to leave the mountaintop and see what “your people” are doing. Hashem is very ‘angry’, and Moshe tries to assuage Him. Moshe becomes enraged upon seeing what the people have done and smashes the *luchot* written by the finger of G-d. He sought an explanation from his brother Aharon, and proclaimed ‘who is on the L-rd’s side should come to him’. Those who did so killed around 3,000 involved with the golden calf. Moshe returns to the top of Sinai to plead for the people; he is to lead them to the land sworn to Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov. The portion concludes with the description of Hashem speaking ‘face to face’ with Moshe in the tent of meeting.

Mar. 17, 12/ 23 Adar, 5772 Vayakel-Pekude

Triennial cycle: Sh'mot 37:17 –39:21

The portrayal of the golden menorah made by Betzalel begins the section followed by the description of the incense altar. The details and proportions of the *mizbaiach* for burnt offerings are next. Women supplied their mirrors for the *laver* of brass. The dimensions of the court along with many details re its hangings, sockets and hooks complete the first sedra in the double portion. Pekude gives us an accounting of the gold, silver and brass used to construct the *mishkan*. It then turns to the garments made for Aharon to wear in his capacity of *Cohen Gadol*. Much attention is given to the breastplate, which is where the cycle ends.

March 24, 2012/ 1 Nisan, 5772 Vayikra

Triennial cycle: Vayikra 3:1 - 4:26

Peace offerings are first noted in the cycle. Separate depictions are given for using cattle, sheep or goats. In each case the animal with no flaws is brought to the Tent of Meeting for

slaughter. How the animal’s remains are used is described. All of the fat is to be used for a burnt offering, and the blood is to be splashed on the altar. We are told not to eat the blood or fat as it belongs to the L-rd. The remedy for violating a negative mitzvah unintentionally in three variant ways fills out the remainder of the cycle: by the Cohen Gadol, the whole community or the ruler.

A young bull is used in the first cases and a goat in the last. The blood is managed by different techniques, but the fat is burned as above. The remains of the animal are burned outside the camp. In all three cases, the implication is how one person’s judgment could lead others to error.

March 31, 2012/ 8 Nisan, 5772 Tzav Triennial

cycle: Vayikra 7:11 – 7:38

Shabbat Hagadol (Shabbat before Pesach)

We begin with a category of peace offering called *todah* – thanksgiving, which could be used in addition to the animal sacrifice mentioned formerly. There were three types of unleavened bread products comprising this *korban*. It would be given to the *cohen* who had previously dealt with the blood of the animal which was sacrificed. (All the meat was to be consumed the day it was brought.) A different ruling regarding eating the meal (leftovers) on the second day extends to one bringing the offering not by way of obligation, but because of the desire to come closer to Hashem. If a person was to eat from a *korban* in the state of ritual impurity, that one’s soul is *koret*, cut off from the B’nai Yisrael. The prohibitions regarding eating fat or blood from animals are repeated. *Koret* is the penalty for this also. The maker of the offering has the responsibility to take the animal to slaughter and to take the appropriate parts to the *cohen*. How the meat is apportioned is next discussed, including which portions are for the *cohanim*. The cycle ends explaining the gift to Aharon and his sons to mark their elevation to the priesthood.

February Birthdays

5 Beatrice Ochstein
6 Etta Gepsman
6 Joey Goltz
7 Paula Adams
10 Joshua Friedman
12 Kathy Stoller
14 Steve Crell
14 Rabbi Kornspan
14 Brooklyn Schreier
14 Meg Holstein
15 Rachel Wyman
19 Jonathan Mark
21 Aliza Tourkow
22 Hugo Kahn
22 Jason Barile
27 Andrew Sarratore



February Anniversaries

5 Dave and Carolyn Current
14 Jerry and Sue Pownall
17 Dr. Marc Nusholtz and Dr. Mary Wilger

March Birthdays

2 Jessica Mocle
2 Lyndsay Trauner
3 Lauren Tourkow
3 Theresa Trauner
4 Marvin Crell
4 Rebecca Margolis
5 Josh Tourkow
5 Gwendolyn Schneider
8 Dr. Donald Mark
9 Luann Watson
13 Ian Martinez
18 Shana Goltz
18 Joshua Mocle
19 Steve Appel
19 Jacob Eisbart
21 Leah Tourkow
21 Mike Adams
21 Jennifer Schuler
21 Elana Merritt
24 Gerry Appel
27 Jeanette Lewis
30 Mary Wilger
31 Annie Appel
31 Mark Rifkin



March Anniversaries

30 Mike and Paula Adams

February / March Congregational Donations

General Fund

In appreciation of Rabbi and to make his office more comfortable

Dr. Marc Nusholtz and Dr. Mary Wilger

Kiddush Fund

In memory of Pauline Brateman, Mother

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brateman

In appreciation

Keith Groman

David Siegel Memorial Fund

In memory of David Siegel

Helen and Sol Bialeck

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Bunny Posner

Steve Herman

Trekking Around Peru

It has been reported that Lauren Tourkow, granddaughter of Leah and daughter of Ralph Tourkow and Marcy Trentacosti, is climbing the mountains and canyons of Peru. Her mission...to see the Rain Forest in all of its glory. This just in...Lauren has sighted a flock of condors! (Sorry, no photos to share as of this writing.)

"i" b4 "e" except after "c"...

and "L" in Leib! The editor is learning all kinds of new spelling rules and other important items in her role in the synagogue office. She thanks Arlene Leib for sharing this easy to remember quip, thereby making it possible for her to correctly spell the Leib name forevermore. What fun it is to learn and to get to know the kind, supportive, and forgiving B'nai Jacob family!

- Your Friendly Editor

Thank you to everyone

who helped in any way while Rabbi Kornspan was vacationing. In addition, many come together throughout the year to keep our synagogue running smoothly. Your service is truly appreciated!

- Ron Friedman, President

February and March Yahrzeits



	Shevat	February
Sylvia Brateman	9	1-2
Clara Magazine	10	2-3
Hyman Jerome Bass	10	2-3
Eleanor Margolis	10	2-3
Pearl Starr Sachs	10	2-3
David Baitcher	10	2-3
Pearl Hertzman	11	3-4
Jacob Schwartz	14	6-7
Richard Sachs	14	6-7
Henri Hagendorf	15	7-8
Yetta Falk	15	7-8
Morris Kudysh	15	7-8
Benjamin Kurzner	15	7-8
Frances Herman	15	7-8
Helen Zaslowsky	15	7-8
Abraham Edelman	16	8-9
Meir Fichman	16	8-9
Esther Garber	16	8-9
Samuel Tillinger	16	8-9
Louis Abraham Messe	17	9-10
Elias Punskey	17	9-10
Mark Merlin	17	9-10
Isadore Hersh	17	9-10
Frank Winnick	17	9-10
Hyman Marcus	18	10-11
Sam Fogel	18	10-11
Mae Rifkin	19	11-12
Jennie Zweig	20	12-13
Norman Bosell	20	12-13
Anna Perlman	20	12-13
Manuel Babich	21	13-14
John Schmitz	23	15-16
Abe Ochstein	24	16-17
Beckie Metzger	24	16-17
Louis Scheinberg	24	16-17
Robert Garber	25	17-18
Jean Siegel	25	17-18
Harriet Rudensky	25	17-18
Aaron S. Heiligman	26	18-19
Dorothy Moyer	27	19-20
Ben Hersh	28	20-21
Sadie Zinn	28	20-21
Herman Rudensky	28	20-21
Eunice Greenstein	28	20-21
Molly Bleifeld	29	21-22
Irving W. Rifkin	30	22-23
Sol Greenberg	30	22-23

	Adar	February
Gertrude Kessler	1	23-24
Jesse E. Ross	1	23-24
Sam Pass	1	23-24
Pearl Leah Gladstone	2	24-25
Fred Fidler	2	24-25
Freida Barris	2	24-25
Edward Brower	2	24-25
Abraham Kritzer	3	25-26
Alexander Baruch Welcher	3	25-26
Max Salon	4	26-27
Stephen Bosell	4	26-27
Dr. Albert J. Kudysh	4	26-27
William Siegle	5	27-28
Sam Rozeen	5	27-28
Virginia C. Anderson	5	27-28
Ralph Wolf	5	27-28
Max Himselfstein	6	28-29
Helen Rath	6	28-29
Moe M. Mitzman	7	29-1
Annie Milz	7	29-1

	Adar	March
Yetta Hassan	8	1-2
Jacob Bernstein	8	1-2
Rebecca Applebaum	8	1-2
Robert Babich	9	2-3
Louis Walter	9	2-3
Abe Kaufman	9	2-3
Fannie Gary	11	4-5
Theresa Perlman	11	4-5
Nathan Liff	12	5-6
Paul Rath	12	5-6
Ruth Finkel	12	5-6
Isaac Sposeep	12	5-6
Alex Rosenberg	12	5-6
Anna Lee Marcus	13	6-7
Rose Ochstein Kaplan	13	6-7
Sarah Cohen	13	6-7
Sam Jacobson	13	6-7
Dorothy Kay	14	7-8
Frieda Kretzman	14	7-8
Mordacai Falakovicz	15	8-9
Max Levant	15	8-9
Elmer Lewis	15	8-9
Ida Stern	15	8-9
Florence Rudin	15	8-9
Rose Burrs	16	9-10
Julius Schwarz	17	10-11
Daryous Shalom Boudaie	17	10-11
Helen Himelstein	17	10-11

**February and March Yahrzeits
continued**



	Adar	March
Tauba Schachter	18	11-12
Calla Lowenhar	18	11-12
Abraham J. Goodman	18	11-12
Dorris Tillinger	19	12-13
Louis Zweig	19	12-13
Paul Lecher	19	12-13
Samuel Nemeroff	20	13-14
Sayde Marlin	20	13-14
Isadore Babich	20	13-14
Rebecca Levin	21	14-15
Leonard Rifkin	22	15-16
Margot Krel	22	15-16
Betty Cohen	22	15-16
Barney Levin	22	15-16
Abraham Kaplan	22	15-16
Ken Horwitz	23	16-17
Abe Dubin	23	16-17
Sam Kay	24	17-18
Molly Cohen	25	18-19
Phyllis Adele Agrue	25	18-19
Minnie Weinraub	26	19-20
Henry Baum	27	20-21
Issac Bosell	27	20-21
Chuma Appel	27	20-21
Edna Levine	27	20-21
Bernard Rosenblatt	28	21-22
Nathan Weinstein	28	21-22
Edith Horwitz	28	21-22
Sam Berebitsky	28	21-22
Robert Samuel Mirman	29	22-23
Melvin Smith	29	22-23
Morris Dicker	29	22-23
Joseph Chodash	29	22-23
	Nisan	March
Calvin Prady	1	23-24
Sam Babich	1	23-24
Mordecai Rifkin	2	24-25
Goldie DuBow	2	24-25
Etta Sheray	5	27-28
Izidor Schachter	5	27-28
Sarah M. Jacobson	6	28-29
David Levin	6	28-29
Herman Davis	6	28-29
Ida Price	7	29-30

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- Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund
- Sisterhood Nursery Fund
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- Yahrzeit Fund



**Scholar in Residence -
Save the Date**

Plans are underway for a Scholar in Residence event on Sunday, March 25th at 1:00pm at the synagogue.

Capers C. Funnye, Jr.

(pronounced fu-NAY), Rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, Chicago, IL, will address the community on the advancement of African Americans in the United States and their involvement in Judaism. To learn more about Rabbi Funnye, see the website of the Congregation at: <http://bethshalombz.org/blog2/leadership/rabbi-funnye/>



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.

Judges: A panel of judges from the community has been selected. Their decision will be final.

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 14, 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. As judging is anonymous, no identifying information should be placed on the other two copies. The title page should include:

- **student's name**
- **home address**
- **city, zip code**
- **telephone number**
- **name of the school, teacher, and grade level**

Entries become the property of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, which reserves the right to publish or reproduce them in part or in their entirety.

Awards: Savings bonds (\$200, \$100, and \$75), will be presented to the top three poems in each division. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation and a souvenir pen, provided by the Fort Wayne Education Association. Winners will be notified by April 9, 2012.

Public program: The first place poem in each division will be read by its author at the Yom HaShoah commemoration on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The second and third place qualifiers will be presented with their awards at this event.

Rules: The rules are simple.

- **Entries submitted must indicate a genuine knowledge of the Holocaust.**
- **Research must be assimilated by the student and be original in presentation.**
- **Poetry may be free verse, blank verse or rhymed. Poetic imagery is encouraged. The student may choose any style: narrative, sonnet, ode, etc. and the poem should contain at least 14 lines.**
- **Hand written entries will not be accepted.**
- **Entries must be received in the Federation office by 4:00 p.m. on March 14, 2012.**

Winners will be notified by mail and will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, which is a gift from the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, sponsor of this contest. ☆

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.



Mazel Tov!

As of January 4, 2012, Beatrice Ochstein has 23 great grandchildren! Asher Jacob Ochstein, son of Susan and Aaron Ochstein, was born that day in London, England. What a wonderful way to begin the year. Congratulations Beatrice and family!

Mah Jongg Classes Offered

Nina Mocle, in conjunction with the Sisterhood, is offering Mah Jongg lessons. 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!



Thoughtful Thursdays

Thank you for your continuing generosity. Current needs include non-perishable food items, toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, tissues, liquid hand soap, and canned fruit in its own juice. Donations may be placed in the barrel near the front door of the synagogue or delivered to the Temple.

A shout out of thanks to Mark and Missy for the entertaining and educational morning on bagel making in early January. It was a baking show! Fun and delicious make a great pair, as do the Schneiders. We appreciate their generosity, too!



Sisterhood News

The Sisterhood, Rabbi Kornspan and B'nai Jacob congregation would like to thank **Jan Finkel, Paula Adams, Iris Fuchs, Rebbitzen Penny, and everyone** who has been preparing the Kiddush luncheons these past years. We all appreciate and thoroughly enjoy the delicious lunch provided each week after services. **Yasher Koach, ladies, for everything you do!**

Since 'many hands make light work', we are in the process of forming a committee of eight dedicated individuals or families to help organize the Kiddushim each week. Volunteers would commit to shop, prepare, and set up for the Kiddush **once in eight weeks**. How easy does that sound?

The menu would be simple. Most of the staples would already be available. You would only be responsible for buying any fresh fruit and vegetables, preparing one additional dish, and plattering the goodies. Costs incurred would be reimbursed by Sisterhood. There is no experience necessary and menu suggestions will be provided. The kitchen and social hall can be accessible for set up on Thursday mornings, Thursday evenings from 5:00pm-8:00pm, Friday mornings, and at other times by calling the office to make a reservation or by signing up on the kitchen calendar.

Two orientation meetings are being planned on Tuesday evenings; one at 5:00pm on January 31st and the other at 7:00pm on February 7th. A daytime meeting will be available if needed.

B'nai Jacob could use the help, and this gives you and your family the opportunity to get more involved in our community.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the synagogue lobby or you can contact **Nina Mocle, Kiddush Coordinator**, at **603-493-3344** or via nmocle@hotmail.com for more information.

We look forward to working together soon!

Time to make the bagels with B'nai Jacob's very own Bagel Man - Mark Schneider!



Bagel making was a hit with all the boys, big and small!



No photos of the finished product due to eager and early consumption by the bakers. Take our word for it: they were delicious!



BAGEL MAKERS and EATERS: Janet Finkel; Pam Friedman; Iris and Yuval Fuchs; Mark and Tami Hoffman; James Holstein; Rabbi Kornspan (photographer); David and Teresa Miller; Susie Miller; Missy and Mark Schneider; and Jay and Zack Zemmol.

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