



Congregation B'nai Jacob

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August
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Av/Elul
5772

Weekly Portion	Services	Mitchell Kornspan, Rabbi
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Bat Mitzvah of Rebecka Rose Roberts

Weekly Portion: Va'etchanan Early CL 7:25pm CL 8:34pm Havdalah: 9:35pm	Friday, August 3rd Saturday, August 4th Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Ekev Early CL 7:18pm CL 8:26pm Havdalah: 9:26pm Bat Mitzvah Anniversary: Molly Cohen	Friday, August 10th Saturday, August 11th	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am
Weekly Portion: Re'eh Early CL 7:10pm CL 8:16pm Havdalah: 9:16pm	Friday, August 17th Saturday, August 18th	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am
Weekly Portion: Shoftim Early CL 7:02pm CL: 8:05pm Havdalah: 9:06pm Bat Mitzvah Anniversaries: Rachel Kelman, Sydney Schuler	Friday, August 24th Saturday, August 25th Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Ki Tetze Early CL 6:52pm CL 7:54pm Havdalah: 8:55pm Bar and Bat Mitzvah Anniversaries: Aaron Bradley, Dan Bradley, Jeffrey Crell, Marc Slutsky, Aliza Tourkow	Friday, August 31st Saturday, September 1st Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 1:00pm

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, September 4th @ 4:00pm - Religious School Begins
 Sunday, September 16th @ 7:30pm - Rosh Hashanah Services
 Monday, September 17th @ 8:30am - Rosh Hashanah Services
 Tuesday, September 18th @ 8:30am - Rosh Hashanah Services
 Tuesday, September 25th @ 7:30pm - Kol Nidre
 Wednesday, September 26th @ 8:30am - Yom Kippur



Dear B'nai Jacob family,

Mom used to come to Fort Wayne for Pesach. Many of you met her. She enjoyed the Yom Tov and she enjoyed you!

It will now be almost two months since my mother died. During this time period, so many of you have reached out and given Penny and me comfort. There were those of you who sent cards or an email of condolence. There were those of you who contacted me by phone. You gave me a gift of your friendship.

Then, there were those of you who came to minyan during the shloshim, the thirty days. During this time, we experienced the deaths of Lauren Noyes' husband and Bee Siegel's brother.

Penny and I appreciate the commitment that you made. Each of you travelled a distance to get to the synagogue; many of you came multiple times; some of you were there for nearly all or for all of the minyanim. I can't even begin to put into words our appreciation, and the feelings of love which we felt. Traditionally, one does not have one's hair cut or shave during shloshim. To me, the discomfort of not shaving and the feeling of being unkempt, were a constant reminder that I was in mourning. I marked the end of the thirty days by having my hair cut and shaving.

No, this doesn't take away the feeling of mourning. Of course not. It does help me make a transition to the rest of the year of mourning for my mother, zichrona livracha, may her memory be for a blessing. Ideally, it would be wonderful to have minyan every day. This occurs only in larger communities. In these minyanim, the mourner can say kaddish daily. So, what does a mourner do, when this isn't possible?

One then devotes learning in memory of his loved one, and tries to follow the teachings that were given by the deceased.

Every class that I will be giving this year, and all the private study, will be dedicated by me in memory of my mother, Helen Kornspan. Beyond this, I have learned from my mother, the importance of prayer, of maintaining a positive attitude, of enjoying friends and family, being kind and generous, and appreciating each day which Hashem gives us.

Then there is the huge teaching that Mom gave to me, to us. Don't gossip about others, and never speak ill of anyone. Concentrate and speak instead about the good you see in others and the joy you find in Simchas. These are the practices that we should all try to incorporate in our lives. May her memory be for a blessing.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan



...to

*David and Teresa Miller and family
on the passing of Teresa's mother on
Monday, June 11th, 2012.*

...to

*Bee Siegel and family
on the passing of Bee's brother, Joseph Bialick,
on Saturday, June 23rd, 2012.*

...to

*Bill and Jan Nordtvedt Chambers and family
on the passing of Bill's mother, Norma Jean
Chambers, on Thursday, July 7th, 2012.*



Bat Mitzvah

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to join us at the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter

Rebecka Rose Roberts

on Friday, August 3rd, 2012

at 7:30 in the evening

and on

Saturday, August 4th, 2012

at 9:15 in the morning.

Oneg and Kiddush luncheon will be sponsored by Debby and Keith Roberts in Rebecka's honor.



...**Irene and Bob Walters** on receiving the Bill Latz Award for extraordinary service to the United Way of Allen County. ...**Dr. Ben Tourkow**, son of Josh and Donna Tourkow, on graduating from a fellowship in abdominal radiology at University of Michigan and accepting a position with Summit Radiology in Hawaii. ...**Miya Farber** on graduating from the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina. Miya will be at Simmons College in Boston this fall.

*To my B'nai Jacob Family,
I truly appreciate all the condolences,
sympathy, hugs and kind deeds for me
on the recent loss of my brother.
Thank you one and all very much.
With love, Bee Siegel*



Rooney Lewis

was born on 5/15/12 in Chicago to parents Michael Joshua and Sarah Lewis. Grandparents are Michael and Lita Lewis. Great Grandmother is Jeanette Lewis. Mazel Tov to all!

Eshet Chayil

During the recent blackout Estelle Greenberg visited a number of people to ensure their safety, including me. She took me to the only open restaurant so that I could have a cooked meal instead of raw PB&J again. She offered to have me sleep at her house when she was the first to get power. Thank you, Estelle! - *Niesie Shulkin*

August Birthdays

- 1 Molly Zweig
- 5 Scott Wyman
- 7 Dana Zemmol
- 12 Carolyn Current
- 14 Melvin Krel
- 17 Aaron Bradley
- 20 Mark Schneider
- 21 Eric Schreier
- 22 Jeremy Goltz
- 22 Sydney Schuler
- 22 Laura Long
- 23 David Michael Parker
- 25 Mallory Schreier
- 25 Nina Bosell
- 30 Dan Zweig
- 31 Jane Markin



Many thanks to the following people who provided / prepared delicious kiddush luncheons in June and July: **Ruth Minkoff and Mort Schaffer; Nina and Virgil Mocle; Mary Wilger and Marc Nusholtz; Rabbi and Rebbetzin Kornspan; Iris and Yuval Fuchs.**



The gift shop has recently been refreshed with many new items. Be sure to check them out!

August Anniversaries

- 18 Mark and Donna Cole
- 24 Eric and Jaki Schreier
- 30 Josh and Donna Tourkow

Partaking of Parashiot

Rebbetzin Penny Kornspan

August 4, 2012/ 16 Av, 5772 Va'etchanan

Triennial Cycle: Devarim 5:1 – 6:25

Moshe reminds the people that Hashem is now making a covenant with them, not their fathers; what's more, 'face to face' they were spoken to by the Eternal. The *Aseret Hadibrot* are repeated with the word *shamor* (keep) Shabbat rather than (remember) *zachor* as in Sh'mot. Also the animals most likely involved with tilling are not to be worked. Furthermore the order of the last command is changed and not coveting your neighbor's field is added. (In the desert the people had no fields, but upon entering the Land they would.) Moshe relates their fear of hearing G-d speak, and G-d understands their fear. The people are adjured 'not to stray to the right or the left' regarding following the mitzvot, so things will be well for them. They will live long lives and will have success in the Land they are about to enter. The next nine verses are the Shema and its first paragraph. B'nai Yisrael are to remember all the goodness of the Land came to be theirs via a gift from Hashem. Total annihilation could come upon them if they choose to ignore the teachings. The proper response to a child's question regarding what are the laws, includes G-d freeing us as slaves through and including bringing us to the Land.

A pasuk to ponder: "...observe and do; that it be well with you, and that you may increase mightily..." 6:7

Performance and awareness of the mitzvot will cause one to understand the tremendous value instilled in all the commands from Hashem. We develop consciousness of the benevolence included in the legislation! This leads to seeing G-d's love for us, and hopefully cultivates ours for Him. This optimistically becomes an ever-expanding circle of love. We can only benefit by increasing our knowledge and understanding of Torah. The last part of the verse refers to the land flowing with milk and honey. How much easier do you think it is to live well and pursue Torah if your source of revenue is assured? While we need to be careful about thinking life will always be simple and tranquil, one truly rooted in Hashem's love generally sees the good He provides, even if it is not conventional by the standards of others.

August 11, 2012/ 16 Av, 5772 Ekev

Triennial Cycle: Devarim 9:4 –10:11

Immediately we note that those nations residing in The Land will lose possession of it, since they are evil, not because B'nai Yisrael is so good. The theme of the peoples' lack of righteousness is repeated thrice. What is more, ridding the land of the current residents is also tied to the covenant promised to the Patriarchs. The fact that they are obstinate is stated, before Moshe reminds them of deeds demonstrating their ill behavior from the time they left Egypt and onward. He recalls Hashem was willing to destroy them because of the golden calf, and also when they believed the evil report of the ten spies. He also mentions to them that he threw the first set of *luchot*, written 'with the finger of G-d' and broke them. B'nai Yisrael are reminded that Moshe frequently prayed on their behalf and for his brother as well. They are also told the Eternal was quite willing to make a great nation from Moshe, destroying them. He details receiving the *Aseret Hadibrot* for the second time and placing the Tablets in the Ark G-d had commanded him to make. The death of Aharon is recalled and the mission of the people to enter the Land is approved by G-d.

A pasuk to ponder: "Know therefore that it is not for your righteousness that the L-rd your G-d gives you this good Land to possess it; for you are a stiff necked people." 9:6

From Seforno: "Being stiff necked and righteous simultaneously is a non starter as these qualities are mutually exclusive. Being stiff-necked means following the dictates of one's own heart and one's own opinions instead of accepting the order of the Creator. Such a person will reject theories proven beyond doubt if they conflict with a personal agenda." Each one of us has a tendency to 'dig in our heels' about something. Have you ever watched a child attempting to do something the incorrect way? Have you noted how the whole fiasco can end in tears or a temper tantrum? Sometimes we are no different. Years ago someone said to me: "Some people would rather be right than be G-d." It took me a long time to understand that. But now it is embarrassing when I see it in myself, clinging stubbornly to some misguided plan. If there is an imagined battle between "who" is right, well, Hashem will always be triumphant!

August 18, 2012/ 16 Av, 5772 Re'eh
Triennial Cycle: Devarim 12:29 – 14:29

When G-d prepares the way for B'nai Yisrael to enter the Land, they are to take it, but they are not to become entwined with the gods of the people, nor are they to even inquire about the services directed to them. Those nations had been involved with human sacrifices. That one should not add or subtract from the mitzvot is repeated. The Israelites are warned not to following a prophet or a dreamer suggesting the worship of false gods. Even if one is able to give a prophecy that comes to pass, the people know a true prophet would not suggest worshipping any other than The Eternal. A list of relatives is given who might entice one to worship idols. They are not to be heeded and in fact, "you shall surely kill him" is prescribed. This penalty was to instill fear in the people. Any city found guilty of promoting idol worship is to be destroyed and its inhabitants killed. No one was to profit from any wealth of the city. We are G-d's children and we are to be holy. People are not to cut themselves (as idol worshippers had done). Animals, fish and fowl we are permitted to eat are discussed. The ones not permitted are also referenced. The famous: you shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk is here listed. The cycle concludes with a discussion of tithing.

A Pasuk to ponder: "All this word which I command you, that shall you observe to do; do not add to it nor diminish from it." 13:1
This was already stated in 4:2, but there is a difference in application according to The Vilna Gaon. The first mention alludes to not adding to, or subtracting from the actual number of laws. Here, the reference is not changing the details of an existing law. E.g. the tefillin contain 4 scrolls; one is not to place 3 or 5 scrolls in them instead. Chazal take a little different twist; they point out that adding to the commandments subtracts from their sanctity. What could be so bad about doing more? The concluding discussion in this section gives us an example. Being generous with your wealth is good, however, what if a man gave away so much, he found himself in need? Does that sound logical or good? Well meaning persons could fall victim to a desire to help too many or too much, thereby placing themselves in a vulnerable position. The Torah sets limits for reasons, even when we don't understand them.

August 25, 2012/ 16 Av, 5772 Shoftim
Triennial Cycle: Devarim 18:6 – 19:13

Levites are first spoken of in our passage in regard to ministering and serving. Then, more instructions are laid down regarding what is to be and not to be done upon entry into Canaan. Warning is given to stay away from astrologers and such, some of the very people being ousted from the Land. Moshe assures them Hashem will establish a prophet for them to whom they shall listen. The people need to obey the instruction from this man, and he shall speak only what he is told from G-d. The test of a true prophet is simply the outcome of his words. If his words come about, they were to heed his advice. If his words are not fulfilled, one has no need to fear him. In fact, the prophet would die. They are told the expectation is to take the cities and homes they conquer. Three cities within the boundary of the Land are designated as cities of refuge for one who accidentally murders someone whom he bore no grudge against in past times. (More were to be built later.) The actual example given is if the head of an axe flies off the handle and kills someone. Innocent blood is not to be shed, so these cities enabled people to live without fear of retribution. No such sites existed for those guilty of premeditated murder. If one is guilty of intentional murder and escapes to one of these cities, the elders are not to protect that person.

Psukim to ponder: "When the Levites will come ... then he shall minister in the Name of Hashem." 18:6-7
The Levites? Didn't the Kohanim perform the Temple service? What is this all about? There is an interesting discussion among the sages regarding this. Some say the passage refers only to the Kohanim. Others feel it refers to all the Levites, as they were the ones making up the Temple choir. In the Hebrew there are only 2 words making up the English phrase 'he shall minister in the Name of.' (v'sheret b'shem)
The first word refers to the actual ministry that is the work of the Kohanim. But the second word, (in the Name) is what causes the disagreement. How does one specially 'minister in the Name?'
The Gemara teaches that it is done through sacred song. Hence the passage refers to all the Levites. For those of you loving detail, here's another instance of just that ... enjoy.

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Many, many thanks to everyone for the delicious pastries that arrived during shiva; for the numerous donations made in memory of Helen Kornspan; and for the support of the minyanim during the shloshim. We so appreciate all of you!

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Kornspan

August Jahrzeits



	Av	August
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	Elul	August
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HATS OFF!!!!

to the team that went immediately to work following the recent severe wind storm.

Lazette Selan and Bob Serdinak delivered the supplies for **Mark Cole** to patch the roof. **Mort Schaffer, Marc Nusholtz, and Mark Cole** sawed the huge branches and cleared them.

Iris Fuchs and Laura and Bob Long and family helped to clear the storm's debris from our property.