

# Congregation B'nai Jacob



*April 2011*

*5771 AdarII/Nisan*

Mitchell Kornspan, Rabbi	Services	Ron Friedman, President
Weekly Portion: Tazria Shabbat Hachodesh Early C.L. 6:46pm C.L. 7:46pm Havdalah: 8:49pm	Friday, April 1st  Saturday, April 2nd  Torah Class	<b>Service 7:30pm</b>  Services 9:15am  1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Metzora Early CL: 6:52pm C.L. 7:53pm Havdalah: 8:56pm	Friday, April 8th  Saturday, April 9th Torah Class	<b>Service 7:30pm</b>  Services 9:15am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Achare Mot Shabbat Hagadol Early C.L. 6:57pm C.L. 8:01 Havdalah: 9:04pm	Friday, April 15th  Saturday, April 16th Shabbat School Torah Class	<b>Service 7:30pm</b>  Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
<b>FULL PASSOVER SCHEDULE IS IN OUR CALENDAR</b>		
Shabbat Chol Hamoed  Early C.L. 7:03pm C.L. 8:08 Havdalah: 9:11pm	Friday, April 22nd Saturday, April 23rd Shabbat School Torah Class	<b>Service 7:30pm</b> Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm
Weekly Portion: Kedoshim  Early CL:7:09 pm C.L. 8:15pm Havdalah: 9:18pm	Friday, April 29th Saturday, April 2nd Shabbat School Torah Class	<b>K.I.S.S. Service 7:30pm</b> Services 9:15am 9:45am-11:45am 1:00pm



Dear friends,

This is an poignant message that Mike Adams received from Israel regarding the terrible tragedy in Itamar. Shoshana (who wrote this) is part of Yadezra, an organization in Israel to help give food and support to needy Israelis.

Mike, so glad you asked about this; so glad someone out there cares....

This happened on a Shabbat evening, I am in the morning, so I did not learn of it until after Shabbat was over. I walked to the Kotel on Shabbat afternoon, taking a short-cut through the Arab Quarter (Damascus Gate) in the heart of the crowded Muslim Arab marketplace. It was extremely crowded, with people on every side of me. I checked my back regularly, looking over my shoulder, but I was happy to be going to the Kotel, smiling at everyone, humming to myself; but looking back, I remember I got these eerie stares, and I felt something strange, weird. I can't really put it into words, but it just felt dangerous and now I know why; they all knew something I didn't...

This is major news here in Israel as it should be! Enough is enough! Just a few short months ago, 2 women were stabbed (one died of her wounds) when they were out for a hike in hills of Jerusalem (not in disputed territory) by Arab Muslim men who thought they were killing Jews (they were wrong, the women were non-Jewish and one was an American); and a few months before that, we suffered at the hands of Arab Muslim Palestinian violence again in the ambush and murder of four Israelis (one nine months pregnant) that left a whole family of children orphaned; but this story has been largely overlooked and downplayed in the major news media. They did not

mention the word Palestinian in their story, to my knowledge, nor cover the celebrating that occurred in the Palestinian controlled areas after this brutal murder (including the stabbing in the heart of a young child of four years and slitting of the throat of a baby only 3 months old!)

Contrast this with a few months ago, an Arab was arrested in the US for a murder committed here in Israel, and the news reports all called him an Israeli! They never mentioned he was an Arab man, Palestinian, from the West Bank! The news reports all said over and over again, *Israeli man* arrested for murder (in order to paint all Israelis in a bad light) and now, this brutal murder is not called murder, but a *killing*; the murderer was not a terrorist, but an intruder...and of course, no details like that one of the children was a baby 3 months old, or that the 2 year old found splattered with blood as he clung to his parents dead bodies and crying and trying to "wake them" saying over and over, Abba, Abba...or that the 12 year daughter came home and had to find her parents and siblings bloodied bodies; and of course include the mantra about how the family was a settler (right wing, extremist..) and living in a disputed territory (as if that justified the murder!) Excuse me, (CNN, BBC) your hypocrisy and your anti-Semitism is showing!

Can you imagine the uproar if this had been committed by Israelis against an Arab family? There would be mass demonstrations of solidarity all over the world. But if Arab Muslims murder Jews, the world is silent...more lambs to the slaughter...

But the world needs to be held accountable. To assist the "Palestinians" is to be complicit in the present day Holocaust facing the Jewish people! This is not a light thing; history is starting to repeat itself and the world has a chance to make a correction, but instead shows no remorse. Everyone must ask themselves what they are doing personally to help the Jewish people, and let's not deceive ourselves, if this is the way you act now and are silent, you would have done the same during the Holocaust; don't flatter yourself and think otherwise.

Shalom,

*Shoshana*

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



### **Rummage Sale in Summer at the Synagogue**

**If you have anything you would like to donate for the rummage sale, please bring it to the synagogue and place it in the utility room. We would appreciate everyone's help in making a successful rummage sale. Further details will come soon. Call the office if you have any questions.**



### **Book Fair at B'nai Jacob**

**Mark your calendars for May 15th.**

**We need your help in donating books. Please bring any to the synagogue and place them in the utility room.**

Thoughtful Thursdays has received a generous donation from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. While the grant will help with the goal of twice-monthly assistance for the 85 students who attend Head Start, we still need your involvement. Several volunteer opportunities are available to assist with this joint social action project of the Temple, Congregation B'nai Jacob and the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. If you are interested in more information please email Jamie Berger at [jberger02@comcast.net](mailto:jberger02@comcast.net). B'nai Jacobs representative is Arlene Leib, with active participants Jan Finkel, Iris Fuchs and Theresa Farber. Thoughtful Thursdays is always in need of canned fruit and vegetables, mac n cheese, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Donations can be left at B'nai Jacob or the Temple.

### **Making Your Own Gefilte Fish Workshop**

**by Mrs. Lois Zemmol, Sunday April 10th at 10 am  
Come and learn from one who knows!**

**And, if you want to make your own gefilte fish to take home, call the Zemmol's by April 1st.**

**You can order the fish to be brought from Detroit.**

**Two pounds of fish, make one pound of ground fish.**

**This will make about 6-7 pieces.**

**Please r.s.v.p.**

## **A new liver and hope for my future**

I have a chronic liver disease, called Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (not alcohol-related), caused by progressive inflammation and scarring of the bile ducts of the liver. Over the past few years, my condition has become progressively worse, resulting in multiple hospitalizations and a dramatic decrease in quality of life. At this point, in order to avoid liver failure, I must find a living donor to donate part of his or her liver. People with my disease usually cannot get cadaver livers, so a live donor is the only alternative. The longer I wait, the worse my health becomes, and my chances of getting liver cancer also increase.

Live donor liver transplantation is a procedure in which a living person donates a portion of his or her liver to another. To be tested for compatibility, one needs to meet the following qualifications:

1. Be under the age of 60, though 50 or younger is PREFERRED
2. Have Blood Type O positive or O negative
3. Be healthy, both physically and mentally, and have no underlying health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, or cancer
4. Have an average weight for his/her size
5. Have no history of substance abuse

If we find a volunteer who is a match, the procedure would take place at Northwestern, and the donor would remain there after the surgery for 5-7 days (assuming no complications), stay in Chicago for a week or two, be off work for at least a month, and will be strongly discouraged from lifting anything heavier than 10 pounds for up to 3 months.

I am deeply grateful for any assistance you can provide which might help me to locate a donor.

Sincerely,

Lois Edwards - [loisedw@aol.com](mailto:loisedw@aol.com)

### **Attention all Ladies (and Gents) of the Shul**

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to "Go out to Eat" During Pesach! Sunday, April 24, we will be meeting at 12 noon for brunch and a movie. Of course the guys can come too .... especially if they like to cook!

Last year this was a great time, and we would like to make this a yearly tradition here at B'nai Jacob.

R.S.V.P. to the office if you plan on attending, so we can have the right amount of food. There will be a Tallit and Tefilin gathering beforehand at 10:30am.

## **Partaking of Parashiot**

Rebbitzen Penny Kornspan

**April 2, 2011 / 27 Adar II, 5711 Tazria**

**Triennial Cycle: Vayikra 12:1- 13:39**

Hashem is passing on more instructions for His people regarding *tamai*, being ritually impure, which began in the last sedrah. The dialogue now turns to women after childbirth. If a woman has a son, there is a seven-day period of *tamai*. Beyond this, for thirty-three days she does not enter the Mishkan or the Temple, nor can she come in physical contact with any sacrificial offering. If she has a daughter, the times are doubled: to fourteen days and sixty-six days. She brings a *korban* at the end of that time frame. The remaining part of the triennial cycle is directed to Aharon via Moshe. It deals with skin maladies, their identification and treatment.

**A pasuk to ponder:** “When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a rash...” 13:2 Berachot 5 on this states these skin afflictions are a reminder to improve one’s lifestyle. They are described as “an altar serving as stepping stones to atonement for the character weakness that the afflicted person has to overcome.” Rashbam further tells us these are not diseases with which we are familiar; nor is there any medical treatment for them. While it is not the same, it does remind me of getting a broken leg when you just don’t listen to all the warnings to slow down! We frequently hear pleas to ‘listen to what your body is telling you.’ Let’s listen to what our souls are saying as well.

**April 9, 2011 / 5 Nisan 5711 Metzora**

**Triennial Cycle: Vayikra 14:1 – 32**

These verses speak of a double track system for being reinstated to the community once a person has contracted leprosy. (*metzorat*) The person would have been living outside the camp. The first set of *korbanot*, which included two birds, allows him to enter the camp, but not his tent. A second set of offerings are made once he has been inside the camp for seven days. Two lambs were used for one able to afford them. There is an entire ritual attached to the offerings that include having some of the blood from the animals placed on the right ear, the right thumb and the big toe of the right foot. He is then permitted to reenter his home following the completion of all the prescribed

details. This covers the first twenty *psukim*. The last twelve detail what a poor person could bring if unable to offer up the more expensive *korbanot*. It would include one lamb etc. depending upon his means.

**A pasuk to ponder:** “The Cohen shall command two live, clean birds ...” 14:4 Rashi and others suggest birds are required for the first set of *korbanot* because they chatter and squawk. Therefore, they are reminiscent of the babble of slander and gossip, which got the person into this state in the first place. Many of our sages point to haughtiness as the true underlying sin being committed. The sages equated speaking ill of others with trespassing against Hashem’s holiness. There is a plethora written on this. This callous behavior is depicted in one place as ‘trying to steal a part of G-d’s clothing.’ Sotah 5 tells us: “G-d declares that such people cannot co-exist with Him in the same universe.” Now there’s a thought for the next time you feel a need to express some unkind words behind another’s back.

**April 16, 2011 / 12 Nisan, 5711 Acharey Mot**  
**Triennial Cycle: Vayikra 16:1- 17:7**

The parsha begins by instructing Aharon how to enter the sanctuary so the fate of his sons does not befall him. It moves to explanations regarding the order of *korbanot* – his must be made first before offerings on behalf of the children of Israel. Two goats are chosen and lots are to be cast to determine the function of each. Once more, very detailed ritual is described regarding the handling of the blood from the sacrifices. One of the goats is sent off to the wilderness and the other is slaughtered in the courtyard of the Mishkan. We are then told this is the Yom Kippur service by identifying when this happens. While living within close proximity of the Mishkan one was not to eat meat unless it was slaughtered by the *Cohanim* and offered on the altar.

**A pasuk to ponder:** “They shall no longer slaughter their offerings to the demons after whom they stray ...” 17:7

This is a practice B’nai Yisrael seemed to pick up while in Egypt. Ibn Ezra, Ramban, Seforno and others comment on the existence of these beings. Further, Rav b. Rav Ashi and Rav Papa had dealings with them and may have even used their service for errands and such.

Is this something you are familiar with or believe to be true? Historical writings give evidence to their existence. Texts also make clear there is immense danger in dependency upon them, because of where it may lead. (i.e. worship of them) Any power they hold is unquestionably subservient to HaKodesh Baruch Hu. Hashem alone is to be venerated. Certainly I do not suggest this to be the same; but how reliant are you on tech today? The stuff is great, but when something crashes you ultimately know its limitations. Ah, but the Eternal has no limits. Do you note daily the Presence of G-d? Do you acknowledge Him in prayer, today's replacement of the korbanot?

**April 23, 2011 / 19 Nisan, 5711 Chol Hamoed Pesach Sh'mot 33:12 – 34:26**

Here is a conversation between Moshe and Hashem. Moshe wants assurance that The Eternal is accompanying him on the journey to The Land because it would be better to remain in the wilderness than to go without Hashem. He wants to see the glory of G-d, but he is permitted to see only the 'back' of G-d, not His face. Hashem will write the second set of the Ten Commandments on tablets cut by Moshe. The L-rd lists His Thirteen Attributes, which we recite on *chagim* before the Torah is removed from the ark. The Eternal tells Moshe He is about to create a covenant unlike anything else. He further tells Moshe that the people driven out of Canaan could become a snare to them and the altars of those people need to be destroyed. Moshe is commanded to make no idols and to keep Pesach. The firstborn is discussed as well as Shabbat, and keeping the *chag* of Shavuot. The last words mentioned are: " 'Do not cook a kid in its mother's milk.' " The Maftir lists the Pesach sacrifice. Bamidbar 28:19 - 25

**A pasuk to ponder:** "Hashem said to Moshe, 'Carve for yourself two stone tables like the first ones and I shall inscribe on the Tablets the words that were on the first Tablets, which you shattered.' " 34:1

Two things strike me, the first: Moshe, not Hashem, cuts the Tablets. Commentators suggest Yisrael was not worthy of having another set completely from the Hand of G-d. By their actions they slipped spiritually. Prior to receiving the first set they had ritually purified themselves and uttered, "we will do and we will

listen." Similar to the Garden of Eden, where a perfect existence was lost to mankind, a perfect gift from Hashem is here lost. The second is more a question, why is G-d reminding Moshe of him breaking the first set? The Talmud Shabbat 87a suggests there was justification in Moshe doing this, a sort of righteous indignation occurred. Nonetheless, Moshe accepting his responsibility, collaborates with Hashem and a partnership between them is a reflection of how we too, must be moving closer and closer to the will of G-d and refining ourselves. G-d does His part and we do ours.

**April 30, 2011 / Nisan, 5711 Kedoshim Triennial Cycle: Vayikra 19:1- 37**

Four out of the first five *asseret hadibrot* are referred to within the first four verses. G-d introduces Himself, idols are taboo, Shabbat is to be kept and parents are to be awed or feared. We are told to be holy because G-d is holy. Guidelines are given on korbanot being eaten within two days, farmers must harvest leaving areas for gleaners and then the third of the first five *asseret hadibrot* is referred to in pasuk twelve: "you shall not swear by My Name, falsely." Many more pithy statements are made regarding behavior including the famous "Love your fellow as yourself." (v. 18) The chapter concludes with the reminder: this is "your G-d who freed you from the land of Egypt."

**A thought to ponder:** The name Kedoshim is apt for the parsha since it is replete with the 'how to' of being holy; not just a command to be so. I counted 19 regulations in 27 pasukim dealing with how to treat one another. Social action is suggested as well as simple respect. HaKtav V'HaKabbalah gives a phenomenal summary: our love should be real; treat others with respect; seek the best for all; be with them in their pain; greet them cheerfully; give all the benefit of the doubt; loan if needed; help all physically even if it be light, and lastly don't consider yourself better than others. We are given such a map from which to start.



### April Birthdays

1-Bruce Merritt  
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 6-Dr. Jere Leib  
 9-Jackie Levin  
 10-Dr. Lynne Margolis  
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 14-Jay Zemmol  
 14-Brandon Roberts  
 14-Beth Zweig  
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 18-Debbie Sheray  
 18-Scott Trauner  
 20-Sheryl Merritt  
 20-Ralph Tourkow  
 21-Marci Trentacosti  
 21-Ralph Levin  
 22-Donna Tourkow  
 23-Michael P. Adams  
 24-David Bussell  
 27-Jerry Pownall  
 29-Elina Lefand  
 29-Sharone Goltz  
 29-Melissa Schneider



### April Anniversaries

1-Steve Martin and Jackie Levin  
 21-Mike and Marci Trentacosti

### Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversaries

Tazria-Rossya Klebanow  
 Achare-Kedoshim-Steven Kanter  
 Achare-Kedoshim-Jeffrey Ryneanson  
 Achare-Kedoshim-Ron Friedman  
 Achare-Kedoshim-Elana Merritt

### **April Congregational Donations**

#### **Kiddush Fund**

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 birthdays  
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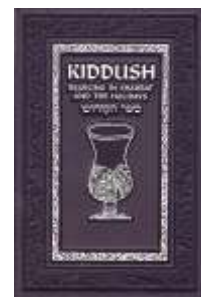
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In memory of Barney Levin  
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#### **Winnick Memorial Garden Fund**

In memory of David Winnick  
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**A big thank you to Adolph and Adrienne  
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# April Yahrzeits

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	Adar II	April
Nathan Weinstein	28	2-3
Edith Horwitz	28	2-3
Sam Berebitsky	29	3-4
Nisan		
Calvin Prady	1	4-5
Sam Babich	1	4-5
Mordecai Rifkin	2	5-6
Goldie DuBow	2	5-6
Etta Sheray	5	8-9
Sarah M. Jacobson	6	9-10
David Levin	6	9-10
Herman Davis	6	9-10
Ida Price	7	10-11
Herbert Brateman	9	12-13
Mushke Golder	10	13-14
Rae Dorman	12	15-16
Sidney Hunter	12	15-16
Samuel Appel	13	16-17
Barney Sterling	13	16-17
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Chaim Norkin	15	18-19
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Dorothy Maier	16	19-20
Ida Schneider	17	20-21
Steve Abrams	17	20-21
Ruth Mark	18	21-22
Harry Sheray	18	21-22
Harriett Mirman	18	21-22
Frederick Milz	19	22-23
Tillie Ochstein	19	22-23
Samuel Ochstein	19	22-23
Anna Trauner	20	23-24
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Ann Peltz	20	23-24
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Ronald Brateman	21	24-25
Jean Rehm	22	25-26
Jacob Bruch	22	25-26
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Erna Shulkin	23	26-27
Rosetta Siegle	23	26-27
Sonia Finkelstein	23	26-27
Morton Trauner	23	26-27
Arthur A. Sapirie	24	27-28
June Saul Himelstein	24	27-28
Leah Edelman	25	28-29
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**Thank you for supporting our school and fulfilling the Mitzvah of sending Shalach Manot baskets on Purim. Special thanks to our students who worked on preparing Purim goodies and assembling the baskets: Zack Zemmol, Alex Martinez, Rebecka Roberts, Michal Spanjer, Eden Fuchs and Ian Martinez. You all did a great job!**

**Thank you parents for making Hamantashen and helping with assembling the baskets: Mark Schneider, Mike Adams, Jay Zemmol, Yuval Fuchs, Cassie Martinez, Pam Friedman, Debby Roberts, Marla Spanjer and Dana Zemmol. Thank you Sheryl Merritt for all your help!**

**Iris Fuchs**