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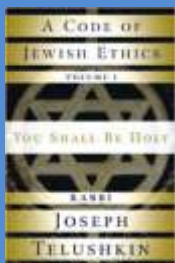
President Mark Schneider

December 2016

Kislev and Tevet 5777

- 1 Ethics Class;
Modern Maccabees
Inspire
- 2 Shop for Hanukkah;
Torah Classes Break;
Birthdays; Anniversaries;
- 3 Yahrzeits; Condolences
- 4 Donations;
Religious School;
Thank You!

Extra December Calendar and
Jewish Community Dates



**ETHICS CLASS
LED BY
RABBI KORNSPAN
CONTINUES....**

**NEXT CLASS IS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
AT 10:30AM
9:30AM TALLIT AND TEFILLIN
EACH CLASS IS PRECEDED BY
A LIGHT BRUNCH.**

B'nai Jacob Bulletin

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HOW THE MODERN MACCABEES CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

During the time period when Chanukah occurred, our people, outnumbered and oppressed, fought for religious freedom. To this day we are inspired by them. Today we have the modern Maccabees, who seek to protect peoples' faiths and defend them, physically and spiritually.

How many know that in October, Israel's President Rivlin hosted a meeting of Israeli Jewish religious leaders with senior Palestinian Muslim clerics? This was done specifically to issue a proclamation against the terrible atrocities occurring in Syria. Among those in attendance were Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yosef and Sheikh Mahmoud Habbash, the Palestinian Supreme Sharia Court judge and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas's Islamic affairs adviser. Isn't that an amazing accomplishment?

Each page in our history is filled with the blood of our families who were killed by enemies wishing to destroy them either spiritually or physically, or both! And in every age, we had those, who at the risk of their own lives, inspired and continue to inspire us to follow in their footsteps.

Jews see what is happening in Syria, and we remember full well the Holocaust, focusing on an entire people effecting a genocide of six million Jewish men and women; one and a half million were infants and children. On my father's side of the family alone, 25 members were killed. And it is precisely because of this, Jews care so much about everyone, working for peace and trying to prevent genocide.

How do we do more than talk? Do you know that Israeli surgeons have treated more than 2,000 Syrian victims of the war? Just this last year, hundreds of patients from Gaza have been to Israel for medical treatment, and there were almost 400 Palestinians given medical help in Israel last year.

Last year Palestinian Prime Minister Abbas' brother-in-law received life saving heart surgery, and before this, Amina Abbas, the Palestinian leader's wife, had successful care at an Israeli hospital. Moreover, even the sister of Hamas senior official Moussa Abu Marzouk and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh's mother-in-law, daughter and granddaughter were all given medical aid in Israeli hospitals.

This is as it should be morally, ethically and with love of one another! You would not find this mind set or action in a country bent on annihilating another people! Indeed there are about 4.43 million Palestinians, 1.7 million living in the Gaza Strip and 2.8 million in the West Bank. This could never happen if genocide was occurring!

Just some worthy facts to consider as well. The Jewish people have continued connection to their historic homeland for more than 3,700 years.

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During that time period, there were always Jews living in Israel even after the destruction of the Temple by the Romans. This is when the Romans renamed Israel to Palaestina or Palestine.

Israel has its ancient validity from the Bible. It is taught also in the Qur'an wrote Shaykh Prof. Abdul Hadi Palazzi as he quotes the Qur'an, "Night Journey," chapter 17:100-104. Jews have lived there since the time of Joshua.

On the world scene, reaffirmation occurred through the 1917 Balfour Declaration of, the League of Nations Mandate, the 1947 United Nations partition resolution, the 1949 admission to the UN, and it's 69 years as a modern state.

This is the continuation of the Chanukah story. Where there is darkness, we seek to bring light; where there are lives endangered, we bring hope, healing and treatment.

Now, please listen closely to this "in plain sight" solution to the Israel Palestinian conflict.

It's so easy. Palestinians recognize that Israel exists; that they will talk rather than fight; and that they are willing to figure out a way to work out and sign a document for peace!

Penny and I wish you a Chag Chanukah Sameach!

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan



Hanukkah Gift Ideas



SHOP NOW FOR HANUKKAH!!

The first night of Hanukkah is December 24. Shop now in our Gift Shop for the best selection of sun catchers; snow globes; rulers; erasers; chocolate gelt; dreidels; games; toys; paper goods; greeting cards; decorations; serving dishes; menorahs and candles; plush animals; and lots and lots of wrapping paper! Proceeds from Gift Shop sales assist with our Kiddushim. Thank you so much for your support!

TORAH CLASSES TAKE WINTER BREAK

Torah class meets on Shabbat at 12:45pm. We are continuing our studies of Vayikra, the Book of Leviticus. We are currently studying the inauguration of the Priesthood and the tragedy of Aaron's sons' deaths.

Mishneh Torah class meets at 7:00pm on Wednesdays. We are studying the laws of the covenant of circumcision.

Winter break for both Torah classes begins on Wednesday, December 21; classes resume on Wednesday, January 4 and Saturday, January 7, 2017.



December Birthdays

- 1 Linda Snitzer
- 3 Alexander Mamayek
- 6 Barry Snitzer
- 8 Michal Spanjer
- 8 Daniel Goltz
- 10 Daniel D'Angelo
- 10 Bob Serdinak
- 12 Rebekah Mamayek
- 12 Kathy Shulkin-Jensen
- 12 Marc Spanjer
- 20 Lisa Bradley
- 20 Julian Schuler
- 22 Kasey Bussell
- 22 Virgil Mocle
- 23 Victoria D'Angelo
- 26 Estelle Greenberg
- 27 Vicki Goltz
- 29 Pam Friedman



December Anniversaries

- 10 Mooch and Barbara Lewis
- 19 Kris and Rebekah Mamayek
- 24 Art and Julie Kupersmith
- 27 David and Mary Bosell

December Yahrzeits יזכור

Kislev / December

- 1 30-1 Shirley Babich
- 1 30-1 Samuel S. Meyer
- 1 30-1 Esther Rothstein
- 2 1-2 Norman Bossell
- 2 1-2 Max Gilbert
- 2 1-2 Joseph Zinn
- 3 2-3 Bessie R. Schmitz
- 4 3-4 Abraham Levy
- 4 3-4 Kathryn Sheray
- 5 4-5 Esther F. Grossman
- 5 4-5 William Hornstein
- 5 4-5 Jacob Reich
- 5 4-5 Wilbur Zweig
- 6 5-6 Rose Cohen
- 6 5-6 Samuel Liff
- 6 5-6 Sidney Trivus
- 6 5-6 Maurice Waldman
- 6 5-6 Sarah Weinberg
- 7 6-7 Mildred Prady
- 8 7-8 David Appel
- 8 7-8 Roslyn Rozeen
- 8 7-8 Claire Selan
- 9 8-9 Charlotte Maier
- 10 9-10 Zelda Novitsky
- 12 11-12 Emanuel Cohen
- 12 11-12 Herman Himmelstein
- 12 11-12 Rabbi Samuel D. Hurwitz
- 12 11-12 Toba Malka Schwartz
- 13 12-13 Rita Jo Levin Rainey
- 14 13-14 Isidor Hassan
- 14 13-14 Milton Jerry Ontell
- 14 13-14 Mindel Yoinovicz
- 15 14-15 Elsie Levin
- 15 14-15 Audra E. Mandel
- 15 14-15 Samuel Rothberg
- 16 15-16 Louis Leader
- 16 15-16 Leonard J. Levy
- 16 15-16 Rebecca Winnick
- 17 16-17 Florence Bernstein
- 17 16-17 Clyde R. Gaddis
- 17 16-17 Max Konigsberg
- 18 17-18 Abraham M. Zinn
- 19 18-19 Emanuel Kreitman
- 19 18-19 Peter Lauinger
- 20 19-20 Marcus Beck
- 20 19-20 Yetta Magazine
- 20 19-20 Isadore Yourist
- 21 20-21 Arnold L. Goldsmith
- 22 21-22 Paulette Bussell Oatley
- 22 21-22 Eric E. Eling
- 22 21-22 Alfred Solotkin
- 23 22-23 Louis Groden
- 23 22-23 Sigmund Maier
- 23 22-23 Leon Seigman
- 24 23-24 Irene Schibel

December Yahrzeits יזכור

Kislev / December

- 25 24-25 Sarah Bronstein
- 26 25-26 Samuel Gibson
- 26 25-26 Bertha Levin
- 26 25-26 Bunny Posner
- 27 26-27 J.T. Thompson
- 27 26-27 Ruth Zweig
- 29 28-29 Rebitzin Gute Goldin
- 29 28-29 Manuel Margulis
- 29 28-29 Mickey Pass
- 29 28-29 Sarah Weiss
- 30 28-29 Anna Bussell
- 30 28-29 K.J. Miller
- 30 28-29 Golda Sheray
- 30 28-29 Fannie Siegel

Tevet / December

- 1 29-30 Lou Hoffman
- 1 29-30 Florence Katz
- 1 29-30 Harry Levin
- 1 29-30 Betty Wald

If you would like to make a donation in honor/memory of someone, please fill out the form and submit it with your check to:
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I have enclosed \$ _____ in honor/memory of: _____

From: _____

Fund Preference: Please indicate which fund you prefer to donate to:
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 Kiddush Fund
 Levy/Levin Endowment Fund
 Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
 Seth Horwitz Education Fund
 Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund
 Sisterhood Nursery Fund
 Torah Maintenance Fund
 Winnick Memorial Garden Fund
 Yahrzeit Fund



*Condolences to
 Fileen and Larry Goltz
 and family
 on the passing of
 Fileen's mother
 Anita Weinfield
 on
 November 3, 2016.*



*Condolences to
 Bobbie and Jeff Goltz
 and family
 on the passing of
 Bobbie's mother
 Sharlene Pass
 on
 November 8, 2016.*

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund

In memory of Renee Levin
- Margaret E. Ford

In memory of Renee Levin
- Haas Caywood Attorneys & Counselors

In honor of our friend, Rebbetzin Penny
- Lis and Hugo Kahn

In memory of Jean Pownall
- Jerry and Sue Pownall

In memory of Nathan Sheray
- Robert Sheray

In memory of Charlotte J. Slutsky
- Jeff and Helene Slutsky and family

In memory of Renee Levin
- John and Linda Smits

In memory of Eileen Goltz's mother,
Anita Weinfield
- Josh and Donna Tourkow

Kiddush Fund

In appreciation
- Keith Groman

In memory of Rosalie Becker
- Franck Hagendorf

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
In memory of Samuel Boudaie
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In memory of Rosalie Becker
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In memory of Seth Horwitz
- Phillip Horwitz

In memory of Seth Horwitz
- Steven Horwitz

Torah Maintenance Fund

In memory of Max Cohen
- Michael and Rebecca Park

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Goldye Appel
- Dan and Annie Appel

In memory of Simon Crell
- Marvin and Harriet Crell

In memory of Edith Thomson
- Lis and Hugo Kahn

CAV - Thoughtful Thursdays

Apple Project

- Anonymous, in honor of CBJ
- Anonymous, in honor of the Mocles

- Janet Finkel

- Keith Groman

- Jere and Arlene Leib

- Josh and Donna Tourkow



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

December Class Schedule

Hebrew School 7th, 14th 4:00pm-6:00pm
Shabbat School
and Havurat No'ar 3rd, 10th, 17th 9:30am-11:45am
HAPPY HANUKKAH EVERYONE!



Congregation B'nai Jacob thanks:

- **Kathy Jarvis** for serving as President of Sisterhood.
- **Franck Hagendorf** for sponsoring Kiddush on November 5 in loving memory of his wife, Rosalie Becker.
- **Shmuel Wahli** for sponsoring Kiddush on November 12 in honor of the safe arrival of his new grandson, Hudson Malachi Wahli.
- **Victoria and Daniel D'Angelo** for sponsoring Kiddush on November 19 in honor of the 1st anniversary of their Mikvah.
- **Missy Schneider and the Religious School Students** for preparing and serving Kiddush on November 5.
- **Nina Mocle and Shmuel Wahli** for preparing and serving Kiddush on November 12.
- **Ruth Minkoff** for coordinating and serving Kiddush on November 19 and 26.

November 7, 2016

Dear Congregation B'nai Jacob,

It has been my privilege to serve as president of B'nai Jacob's Sisterhood for more than a year and I thank all who have pitched in to serve the congregation and its guests with me. After much consideration, I have made the difficult decision to resign from the role effective immediately. I plan to continue to help with Kiddushim, special events, and wherever I can.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kathy Jarvis

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