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The True Impact of What We Do

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

Here is a story from the Talmud, which relates to life and to Tu B'shvat.

In the Talmud, Taanit 23 a-b, we find the following:

Once it happened that the greater part of the month of Adar had gone and yet no rain had fallen. The people sent a message to Honi the Circle Drawer, Pray that rain may fall. He prayed and no rain fell. He thereupon drew a circle and stood within it in the same way as the prophet Habakuk had done. He exclaimed [before G-d], Master of the Universe, Your children have turned to me because [they believe] me to be a member of Your house. I swear by Your great name that I will not move from here until You have mercy upon Your children!

Rain began to drip and his disciples said to him, We look to you to save us from death; we believe that this rain came down merely to release you from your oath. Thereupon he exclaimed: It is not for this that I have prayed, but for rain [to fill] cisterns, ditches and caves. The rain then began to come down with great force, every drop being as big as the opening of a barrel. His disciples then said to him: Master, we look to you to save us from death; we believe that the rain came down to destroy the world. Thereupon he exclaimed before

[G-d], It is not for this that I have prayed, but for rain of benevolence, blessing and bounty. Then rain fell normally until the Israelites [in Jerusalem] were compelled to go up [for shelter] to the Temple Mount because of the rain.

R. Johanan said: This righteous man [Honi] was throughout the whole of his life troubled about the meaning of the verse, A Song of Ascents, When the Lord brought back those that returned to Zion, we were like unto them that dream. (Psalm 126:1) Is it possible for a man to dream continuously for seventy years? [Honi reasoned that the Psalmist was referring to the Babylonian Exile, which lasted for 70 years.]

One day he was journeying on the road and he saw a man planting a carob tree; he asked him, How long does it take [for this tree] to bear fruit? The man replied: Seventy years. He then further asked him: Are you certain that you will live another seventy years? The man replied: I found [ready grown] carob trees in the world; as my forefathers planted these for me so I too plant these for my children.

[Now, did you know that we have a Jewish Rip Van Winkle? Learn what happens next!]

Honi sat down to have a meal and sleep overcame him. As he slept a rocky formation enclosed upon him which hid him from sight and he continued to sleep for seventy years. When he awoke he saw a man gathering the fruit of the carob tree and he asked him, Are you the man who planted the tree? The man replied: I am his grandson. Thereupon he exclaimed: It is clear that I slept for seventy years. He then caught sight of his ass who had given birth to several generations of mules; and he returned home. He there inquired, Is the son of

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SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP

Sunday, February 2
"Chaverim"

12:30pm - 2:00pm @ Temple
Lunch and craft sponsored by the
Fort Wayne Jewish Federation.
All Jewish children welcome.

Friday, February 14
Potato Kugel Cook-Off
following 6:00pm K.I.S.S.

@ B'nai Jacob.
See flyer insert.

The True Impact of What We Do
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Honi the Circle-Drawer still alive? The people answered him, His son is no more, but his grandson is still living. Thereupon he said to them: I am Honi the Circle-Drawer, but no one would believe him. He then repaired to the Beit Hamidrash and there he overheard the scholars say, The law is as clear to us as in the days of Honi the Circle-Drawer, for whenever he came to the Beit Hamidrash he would settle for the scholars any difficulty that they had. Whereupon he called out, I am he; but the scholars would not believe him nor did they give him the honor due to him. This hurt him greatly and he prayed [for death] and he died. Raba said: Hence the saying, Either companionship or death.

There are many lessons from the Talmudic story, including how important friendship is. I want to reinforce that the Talmud is teaching a great lesson, related to Tu B'shvat, and another that transcends any holiday.

Regarding Tu B'shvat, we clearly learn the positive consequences that there are, when one generation plants the seeds and saplings to nourish the next. Indeed our support of our ecosystem, or our actions that help destroy it, have repercussions for our children and grandchildren. This can also be true of our example and our deeds.

Beyond this, we never may know in our lifetime the impact we have on another. Reflecting on this thought, we should truly strive to live in such a way that, when we are remembered, our family and friends can recall how we by speech and deed were the best examples of what it means to be a Jew and a mensch!

Looking forward to celebrating Tu B'shvat with you,

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan



MAZEL TOV, IRENE WALTERS!!!

B'nai Jacob congratulates *Irene Walters* who will be presented with Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly's 2014 Legend of Leadership Award at a breakfast event on Thursday, February 27 at the Landmark Conference and Reception Centre. *Ben Eisbart* will serve as the master of ceremonies and will be joined by *Sharon Eisbart*, Sharon Eisbart Corporate Art, and other area leaders who will highlight Irene's contributions to the community in business, education, social services and civic pride.

Irene will share this distinction with two previous winners of the award, Ian Rolland and Keith Busse.

Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly is a business journal covering the 12-county region surrounding Fort Wayne. For more information, and to purchase tickets to the event, call (260) 426-2640 or visit <http://www.fwbusiness.com>.

MAZEL TOV, BOB LONG!!!

B'nai Jacob also congratulates *Bob Long* who qualified for Global Knowledge's Instructor Excellence Program during the third quarter of 2013. This award is given to instructors who achieve an 80% response rate to student satisfaction surveys averaging 4.9/5.0 or better throughout the quarter. Bob teaches both classroom and virtual courses. Global Knowledge (a client of Bob's) is an industry leader in hands on IT and business training. For more information about courses and certifications offered, visit <http://www.globalknowledge.com>, or talk to Bob!

Bella Boosta!

Dear Bella, We are thinking of buying an Australian animal as a pet for our children. What do you suggest? **Kay Oss**

Dear Kay, If you get the symbolic Australian animal, you might rue the day.

Dear Bella, Well, instead we got a panda and now we can't think of a good name. Help! **Kay Oss**
Dear Kay, How about "Monium"?

Dear Bella, I just got a copy of last month's bulletin and I was shocked to read in your column the identical item that I read in a national magazine by a famous author. Shame! **J. Kuze**

Dear J., I consider it an homage to that author rather than a crime.

Dear Bella, Since you're so good with names, help me. I have a tiny kitten and want a great name for him. **Anne Gora**

Dear Anne, May I suggest Fellini?

Dear Bella, My brother-in-law is always belching and burping. He says it's a medical condition, but I think he's just rude. Should I say something to him? **Warren Pease**

Dear Warren, No, to air is human; to be silent - divine.

Dear Bella, My wife is president of the Women's Club but she has trouble making decisions so she always asks me what she should do. I help her and the members all say that she is so smart. But it is really ME who runs that club. Should I say something?

Marc Thyme.

Dear Marc, No, don't say anything. Just be happy being the power behind the crone. ☺☺☺☺☺

January Yahrzeits יזכור

Tevet / January

29 31-1 Tillie Auerbach
29 31-1 Philip Dorman

Shevat/January

2 2-3 Margo Hirshfeld
4 4-5 Joseph Doran
4 4-5 Aida McCassey
5 5-6 Fannie Hassan
5 5-6 Lester Selan
5 5-6 Bea (Bertha) Waldman
6 6-7 Morris Begun
6 6-7 Rose Latker
6 6-7 Jay Rosoff
7 7-8 Alan Richie
9 9-10 Sylvia Brateman
10 10-11 David Baitcher
10 10-11 Hyman Jerome Bass
10 10-11 Rose Leader
10 10-11 Clara Magazine
10 10-11 Eleanor Margolis
10 10-11 Pearl Starr Sachsels
12 12-13 Pearl Hertzman
12 12-13 Shari Troy
14 14-15 Richard Sachsels
14 14-15 Jacob Schwartz
15 15-16 Yetta Falk
15 15-16 Henri Hagendorf
15 15-16 Fran Herman
15 15-16 Morris Kudysch
15 15-16 Benjamin Kurzner
15 15-16 Helen Zaslowsky
16 16-17 Meir Fichman
16 16-17 Esther Garber
16 16-17 Samuel Tillinger
17 17-18 Abraham Edelman
17 17-18 Isadore Hersh
17 17-18 Mark Merin
17 17-18 Louis Abraham Messe
17 17-18 Elias Punskey
17 17-18 Frank Winnick
18 18-19 Sam Fogel
18 18-19 Hyman Marcus
19 19-20 Douglas Martin
19 19-20 Mae Rifkin
20 20-21 Norman Bosell
20 20-21 Anna Perlman
21 21-22 Manuel Babich
21 21-22 Jennie Zweig
22 22-23 Shirley Cohodes
23 23-24 William (Papa) Ochstein
23 23-24 John Schmitz
24 24-25 Becky Metzger
24 24-25 Louis Scheinberg
25 25-26 Robert Garber
25 25-26 Abe Ochstein
25 25-26 Harriet Rudensky

Shevat/January

25 25-26 Jean Siegel
26 26-27 Aaron S. Heiligman
27 27-28 Dorothy Moyer
28 28-29 Eunice Greenstein
28 28-29 Dr. Herman Rudensky
29 29-30 Molly Bleifeld
29 29-30 Ben Hersh
29 29-30 Sadie Zinn
30 30-31 Sol Greenberg
30 30-31 Irving W. Rifkin

February Yahrzeits

Adar I / February

1 31-1 Sam Pass
1 31-1 Jesse E. Ross
1 31-1 Frieda Safirstein
2 1-2 Frieda Barris
2 1-2 Edward Brower
2 1-2 Fred Fidler
2 1-2 Pearl Leah Gladstone
2 1-2 Gertrude Kessler
3 2-3 Abraham Kritzer
3 2-3 Alexander Baruch Welcher
4 3-4 Stephen Bosell
4 3-4 Dr. Albert Kudysch
5 4-5 Virginia C. Anderson
5 4-5 Sam Rozeen
5 4-5 Max Salon
6 5-6 William L. Siegle
7 6-7 Anne Milz
8 7-8 Jacob Bernstein
8 7-8 Yetta Hassan
9 8-9 Robert Babich
9 8-9 Abe Kaufman
9 8-9 Louis Walter
11 10-11 Fanny Gary
11 10-11 Theresa Perlman
12 11-12 Ruth Finkel
12 11-12 Nathan Liff
12 11-12 Paul Rath
13 12-13 Sarah Cohen
13 12-13 Sam Jacobson
13 12-13 Rose Ochstein Kaplan
13 12-13 Anna Lee Marcus
14 13-14 Dorothy Kay
14 13-14 Frieda Kretzman
15 14-15 Mordacai Falakovicz
15 14-15 Max Levant
15 14-15 Elmer Lewis
15 14-15 Ida Stern
17 16-17 Daryoush Shalom Boudaie
17 16-17 Julius Schwarz
18 17-18 Abraham J. Goodman
18 17-18 Calla Lowenhar
18 17-18 Tauba Schachter
19 18-19 Doris Tillinger

Adar I / February

19 18-19 Louis Zweig
20 19-20 Isadore Babich
20 19-20 Sayde Marlin
20 19-20 Samuel Nemeroff
21 20-21 Becky Levin
22 21-22 Betty Cohen
22 21-22 Margot Krel
22 21-22 Leonard Rifkin
23 22-23 Abe H. Dubin
23 22-23 Ken Horwitz
24 23-24 Sam Kay
25 24-25 Molly Cohen
27 26-27 Chuma Appel
27 26-27 Henry Baum
27 26-27 Isaac Bosell
27 26-27 Edna Levine
27 26-27 Minnie Weinraub
28 27-28 Bernard Rosenblatt
29 28-1 Joseph Chodash
29 28-1 Morris Dicker
29 28-1 Robert Samuel Mirman
29 28-1 Melvin Smith

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:
Congregation B'nai Jacob
7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

I have enclosed \$ _____ in honor/memory of: _____

From: _____

Fund Preference: Please indicate which fund you prefer to donate to:

- A.J. Ochstein Fund**
- Building Fund**
- David Siegel Memorial Fund**
- General Fund**
- Kiddush Fund**
- Levy/Levin Endowment Fund**
- Library 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**

Religious School

- **Friday, January 10**
6:00pm - K.I.S.S. & Dinner
- **Thursday, January 16**
4:00pm - Tu B'Shevat Seder
sponsored by Franck Hagendorf in loving memory of his father, Henri.
- **Friday, February 14**
6:00pm - K.I.S.S. & Dinner
Hagigat HaSiddur
Kugel Cook-Off Contest

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

David Siegel Memorial Fund

In memory of David Siegel

- *Bee Siegel*

In memory of Fannie Siegel

- *Bee Siegel*

General Fund

In memory of Eric Eling, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Myron R. Eling

- *Roslyn Katz-Eling*

Kiddush Fund

In honor of all who celebrated birthdays -

"Happy Birthday!" - *Ovadya*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of Rabbi

- *Mark and Donna Cole*

In appreciation

- *Steve Martin and Jackie Levin*

Torah Maintenance Fund

In honor of all who celebrated wedding and

Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversaries -

"Mazel Tov!" - *Ovadya*

Winnick Memorial Garden Fund

In memory of Jeanne Winnick

- *Ed and Kris Winnick*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Hannah Bussell

- *David and Paula Bussell*

In memory of Frances Bussell

- *David and Paula Bussell*

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- *David and Paula Bussell*

In memory of Louis Groden

- *David and Paula Bussell*

In memory of Bunny Posner

- *B. Steven Herman*

In memory of Anna Krantzle

- *Arthur and Julie Kupersmith*

In memory of Harry Levin

- *Steve Martin and Jackie Levin*

In memory of mother Yetta Magazine

- *Jeanette Lewis*

In memory of Arnold L. Goldsmith

- *Steven and Janet Sarratore*

January Birthdays

- 1 Zoey Zemmol
- 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
- 30 Geoffrey Long

January Anniversaries

- 6 Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff
- 15 David and Teresa Miller
- 26 Scott and Theresa Trauner



February Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Finkel
- 2 Miranda Long
- 6 Etta Gepsman
- 6 Joey Goltz
- 7 Paula Adams
- 8 Jerry Jarvis
- 10 Joshua Friedman
- 12 Kathy Stoller
- 14 Steve Crell
- 14 Rabbi Kornspan
- 14 Brooklyn Schreiber
- 14 Meg Holstein
- 15 Rachel Wyman
- 19 Jonathan Mark
- 20 Denise Miller
- 21 Aliza Tourkow
- 22 Hugo Kahn
- 27 Andrew Sarratore

February Anniversaries

- 5 Dave and Carolyn Current
- 14 Jerry and Sue Pownall
- 17 Dr. Marc Nusholtz and Dr. Mary Wilger
- 18 Dan and Beth Zweig



Because of the efforts of a lot of people, the month of December held many times of Simcha for our congregation:

a successful and fun Chanukah Dinner and Party; a Shabbat Dinner after KISS; and four Kiddushim following Shabbat services.

All those who participated in making these gatherings warm and memorable are truly appreciated.

תודה רבה!!!

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CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB POTATO KUGEL COOK-OFF CONTEST Friday, February 14 following K.I.S.S.

Rules:

1. Anyone may enter the Potato Kugel Cook-Off contest. Entry fee is \$5 per kugel. This is a fundraiser for our Religious School.
2. A completed entry form must accompany each kugel entered and will be submitted to Rabbi Kornspan. **(Please note, that rules #1 and #2 must be completed by February 7.)**
3. Kugels must be cooked at the shul and be prepared in a 9x13 disposable pan.
4. All ingredients brought into the synagogue must be certified kosher and unopened.
5. Have fun and B'tayavon!!

Judging will be by everyone present on Friday, February 14.
For questions, please contact the Synagogue office (672-8459).

POTATO KUGEL COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

Category check one: Dairy Parve

Name of Potato Kugel: _____

****Ingredients**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

****Note:** Ingredients list will be available to public to provide allergy information and/or food intolerances.



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Chanukah 5774
Light It Up Party!
Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Menorah Lighting, Singing,
Dinner, Bingo, Auction, and
White Elephant Exchange
★CELEBRATION★

