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March 2016

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**GWENDOLYN BREE
SCHNEIDER**

**Saturday, March 5, 2016
at 9:15am**

Gwen will lead the service, be called to the Torah for an Aliya and chant her Haftarah. The Kiddush following services will be sponsored by her parents, Mark and Missy Schneider, in celebration of Gwen's Bat Mitzvah.

B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Since 1912 ... Celebrating 100+ Years



Dear B'nai Jacob family and friends,

Dan Zweig is a member of Congregation B'nai Jacob and Temple Achduth Vesholom and is President of the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association. His ongoing service to the Jewish community in these roles is greatly appreciated, as is the following cemetery update provided by Dan.

- *Rabbi Kornspan*

THANK YOU FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF JEWISH CEMETERY

It's hard to describe what went through my mind looking at the widespread vandalism discovered on February 1 at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery. Sixty monuments and headstones knocked off their bases, damage scattered throughout the grounds, and police officers already looking for clues to determine who would do such a thing – it was a lot to digest. Frankly, I mostly was dreading what the investigators might find.

In my 25 years as president of the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, I've never had to contend with vandalism nor envisioned anything like this. One headstone was broken into pieces, having fallen against nearby stones. Other monuments were laying haphazardly; some face down so it was

My wife, Beth, saw that markers for cousins on both sides of my father's family were down. We noticed other familiar names, including those who had contributed much to our Jewish and Fort Wayne community over the years, as well as many others whom neither of us had known.

While the crime scene investigators worked meticulously, we discussed next steps: Contacting families directly impacted (if we could find them), determining how best to restore the markers, how the cost would be covered, what security measures were needed, and, once order was restored, how eventually to bring the community together for a rededication of the cemetery. In short order, we had a long list of items to tackle for a cemetery that is run by a small number of volunteers.

With the help of Dan Bradley and Jacob Current, who discovered the vandalism upon arriving to do landscaping work, we began to make a list of toppled stones. Police investigators found shoe prints on a marker that remained upright and theorize that vandals kicked stones throughout the cemetery to see what would fall. We answered questions about the Hebrew on the markers and why some gravestones had pebbles on top. Officers did not find graffiti or symbols and, after going through the whole cemetery, concluded that the vandalism didn't appear to be targeted at Jews.

The past few weeks have been very challenging. People with loved ones buried at the cemetery reached out from all over the country and abroad to inquire. I also heard from an Eagle Scout, church groups, the local Muslim community, organizations that fight against anti-Semitism, Jews and non-

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF
JEWISH CEMETERY** *continued*
(Photos on reverse of calendar insert.)

Jews, all wondering how they could help.

We still haven't located family for some of those whose stones were impacted, perhaps because they didn't have children or relatives moved away long ago. In addition to asking long-time and long ago people in the Jewish community, we've started to search online genealogy records and yahrzeit lists for clues. Josh Tourkow and Mike Dicker have been assisting in gathering quotes for repairs and improved security, while Janet Finkel has been assisting in finding family members.

We greatly appreciate the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne for the tremendous support, including creating a way for the Jewish Cemetery to accept donations from those who have asked to help financially. The gifts we receive will be used for repairing damaged gravestones, improving security to deter future events, and to help assure a safe and sound future. (To make a donation, write a check to the JFFW and indicate your gift is for the Jewish Cemetery.) With help from the Federation staff, we are now working with Crime Stoppers to offer a reward with monies that were given by two Jewish donors.

We are grateful to Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob, their rabbis, staff, boards and members, for their interest and help. We, too, are glad to be part of the Rifkin Campus at 5200.

The sense of community that has enveloped us is truly amazing. Please continue to support all the Jewish organizations in our area. Don't take for granted that they'll always be here without your assistance. Despite the terrible nature of the vandalism, it's heartening to know that so many stand with us as we repair the damage and restore the sacred ground where Jews have rested since 1912. ☆

Dan Zweig, President
Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 5776

March Class Schedule

Hebrew School	2, 9, 16, 30	4:00pm-6:00pm
Havurat No'ar	2, 9, 16, 30	4:30pm-6:00pm
Shabbat School	12, 19, 26	9:30am-11:45am

☆The Megillah Reading and religious school Purim festivities take place on Wednesday the 23rd at 6:30pm. No regular classes. ☆

HAGIGAT SIDDIR - MARCH 26

At Shabbat Services on March 26, our Kita Aleph class, taught by Rebbetzin Penny, will celebrate Hagigat Siddur, when Geoffrey Long and Zoey Zemmol will be presented their own Siddurim. These students have successfully learned how to read Hebrew and having begun to learn their prayers will be awarded their very own prayer books!

5776 SHALACH MANOT FUNDRAISER

******ORDERS DUE ON MONDAY, MARCH 14******

One of the most joyous mitzvot associated with the festival of Purim is Shalach Manot, the sending of treats to friends and family.

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In honor of the mitzvah, please join in sending gifts to your family and friends. Each family will receive one package filled with an assortment of Kosher goodies and treats, including homemade hamantaschen. Included will be a card listing the names of those sending goodies.

If you are interested, please call our office at 260-672-8459, or complete and return an order form included in this newsletter. Your generous support of our religious school is greatly appreciated.

ADULT EDUCATION PURIM WORKSHOP

******SUNDAY, MARCH 13 - RSVP BY MARCH 9******

Tallit and Tefillin davening will be at 10:00am and a workshop discussion on the deeper spiritual meaning of Purim at 11:00am. Brunch will be served. This will be held at the home of Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger. Please RSVP to Marc, Mary, or the office by 3/9.

MEGILLAH READINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 24

On Wednesday evening, March 23rd at 6:30pm, we will hold the religious school and congregational reading of the Megillah of Esther with costumes, graggers and song. Then on Thursday, March 24, at 9:00am, the Megillah will be read again. Costumes and noisemakers are encouraged!

March Yahrzeits **זכור**

Adar I / March

21	29-1	Becky Levin
22	1-2	Betty Cohen
22	1-2	Margot Krel
22	1-2	Leonard Rifkin
23	2-3	Abe H. Dubin
23	2-3	Ken Horwitz
24	3-4	Sam Kay
25	4-5	Molly Cohen
25	4-5	Elaine Shine
27	6-7	Chuma Appel
27	6-7	Henry Baum
27	6-7	Isaac Bosell
27	6-7	Edna Levine
27	6-7	Minnie Weinraub
28	7-8	Bernard Rosenblatt
29	8-9	Joseph Chodash
29	8-9	Morris Dicker
29	8-9	Robert Samuel Mirman
29	8-9	Melvin Smith

Adar II / March

3	12-13	Ralph Wolf
6	15-16	Max Himelstein
6	15-16	Helen Rath
7	16-17	Moe M. Mitzman
8	17-18	Rebecca Applebaum
12	21-22	Alex Rosenberg
12	21-22	Isaac Sposeep
13	22-23	Ed Roberts
15	24-25	Florence Rudin
16	25-26	Rose Burrs
16	25-26	Jim Long
17	26-27	Helen Himelstein
19	28-29	Paul Lecher
20	29-30	Reuben Leb Komisarow
22	31-1	Abraham Kaplan
22	31-1	Barney Levin



Condolences to...

Mike and Paula Adams and family on the passing of beloved brother, brother-in-law, and uncle

Bob Adams,

on February 20, 2016

11 Adar 1 5776.

May his memory be for blessing.

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund

With my sincere thanks to Penny Kornspan. Happy 2016!
- *Lis Kahn*

Kiddush / Sisterhood Fund

In memory of Pauline Brateman, mother
- *Adolph and Adrienne Brateman*
In memory of Helen Zaslowsky, mother
- *Adolph and Adrienne Brateman*
In honor of Rabbi Kornspan's Bar Mitzvah Anniversary
- *Keith Groman*

In memory of Henri Hagendorf, father
- *Franck Hagendorf*

In appreciation

- *Rita White*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation

- *Michael and Marina Epstein*

In memory of Henri Hagendorf, father

- *Franck Hagendorf*

In appreciation

- *Steven and Anita McAfee*

In appreciation

- *Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger*

In memory of Diane Wolf, mother

- *Jeff Wolf*

Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund

In memory of Margot Krel's birthday

- *Melvin Krel*

Yahrzeit of Margot Krel

- *Melvin Krel*

In thanksgiving for my recovery and return home from hospital

- *Melvin Krel*

Torah Maintenance Fund

In honor of all who are celebrated birthdays in January and February

- *Ovadya*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Daryoush S. Boudaie

- *Kourish and Doris Boudaie*

In memory of Meir Fichman

- *Ann Fichman*

In memory of Jean Siegel

- *Ron and Vicki Goltz*

In memory of Fran Herman

- *Jeffrey and Marilyn Herman*

In memory of Bunny Posner

- *B. Steven Herman*

In memory of Fran Herman

- *B. Steven Herman*

In memory of John Schmitz

- *Elsa Jakob*

In memory of Julius Schwarz

- *Elsa Jakob*

In memory of Morris Tillinger

- *Howard and Jenny Levitin*

In memory of Sam Nemoff

- *Nancy Nemeroff*

In memory of Sarah Cohen

- *Michael and Rebecca Park*

In memory of Solomon Safirstein

- *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Frieda Safirstein

- *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Max Salon

- *Marilyn Salon*

In memory of Lena Salon

- *Marilyn Salon*

In memory of Jacob Schwartz

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

In memory of Diane Wolf, mother

- *Jeff Wolf*



**Congregation B'nai Jacob
welcomes**

**Attorney Michael C. Ross,
new member in our midst!**

March Birthdays

2	Jessica Mocle
2	Lyndsay Trauner
2	Emily Finkel
3	Lauren Tourkow
3	Theresa Trauner
4	Marvin Crell
5	Josh Tourkow
5	Gwendolyn Schneider
9	Luann Watson
11	Joshua Mocle
13	Ian Martinez
18	Shana Goltz Wasserman
19	Steve Appel
19	Jacob Eisbart
21	Mike Adams
21	Jennifer Schuler
24	Gerry Appel
25	Michael Ross
29	Elana Merritt
30	Mary Wilger
31	Annie Appel
31	Eileen Baitcher
31	Mark Rifkin

March Anniversary

30	Mike and Paula Adams
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B'NAI JACOB THANKS

Janet Finkel, Sheryl Merritt, Mark and Missy Schneider, and Mike and Paula Adams for coordinating and preparing Kiddushim in January and February; *Franck Hagendorf* for sponsoring the

Kiddush Tu B'shvat Seder on January 23 in memory of his father, Henri; *Loni Wolf* for sponsoring Kiddush on January 30 in celebration of Jeff Wolf's birthday; *Mike and Paula Adams* for sponsoring Kiddush on February 13 in celebration of Ian Martinez' Bar Mitzvah Anniversary; *Bob and Laura Long* for sponsoring Kiddush on February 20 in celebration of Miranda's Bat Mitzvah; and *Anngil Culp* for her fine office administration while Tami was away.



INDIANA UNIVERSITY'S JEWISH A CAPELLA GROUP TO PERFORM AT FEDERATION'S ANNUAL SHALOM PARTY

**Sunday, April 17 at 4:00pm
The Temple, 5200 Old Mill Road**

Hooshir A Cappella is Indiana University's Jewish A Cappella group and premiere Co-ed A Cappella Group. Hooshir has performed around the United States in cities such as New York, Chicago, Washington DC, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Akron, Louisville, Miami, Hollywood, Key Largo, Indianapolis, and Los Angeles. Recently, Hooshir had the honor of sharing the stage with Six13 and The Maccabeats, as well as opening for Matisyahu in April 2015.

The group was formed in 2006 after the White House called Rabbi Sue, the rabbi at Indiana University's Helene G. Simon Hillel Center, to ask whether IU had a Jewish A Cappella group that could perform at the White House Hannukah party. Rabbi Sue replied that such a group did exist. It did not. Singers from Straight No Chaser and Ladies First, the all-male and all-female IU a cappella groups at the time, were brought together to form Hooshir.

Hooshir sings a mix of Jewish music, secular Israeli pop music, and American pop music and standards. Groups such as Pentatonix and Tizmoret have served as inspirations for Hooshir. The members of Hooshir are linked by a desire to share their love of song.

FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MONDAY, JUNE 6
More details to follow.

FOR TY's Annual Purim Carnival Sunday, March 20 at Temple 12:15-2:00pm

- Wear your costumes and bring the whole family
- Lots of games and prizes
- Moon bounce, cake walk and more
- Lunch available for purchase
- Game, raffle, and auction tickets sold at the door

Proceeds Benefit the FOR TY Youth Group. Support teens from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob with your attendance! Thanks to the Junior Youth Group, too!



5776 SERVICES AT B'NAI JACOB

Friday, April 23
9:15am - Services

Saturday, April 24
10:00am - Services

Friday, April 29
10:00am - Services

Saturday, April 30
9:15am - Services
11:00am - Yizkor

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Officers

Mark Schneider, President
 Ron Friedman, 1st Vice President
 Jay Zemmol, 2nd Vice President
 Pam Friedman, Recording Secretary
 Melissa Schneider, Treasurer
 Mike Adams, Financial Secretary
 Ron Friedman, Past President
 Josh Tourkow, Past President

Board Members

Janet Finkel	Debbly Roberts
Jerry Jarvis	Mort Schaffer
Virgil Mocle	Marc Spanjer
Marc Nusholtz	Jay Zemmol

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Please join us for a Purim celebration and Megillah reading at the synagogue on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30pm. Baskets will be delivered to those in attendance at the end of the event. Alternately, you can pick up bags for personal delivery the morning of March 23 between 9am and 12pm at the synagogue office.

Again this year, we are offering additional ways to support our fundraiser and enhance your holiday:

- MITZVAH MANOT - Send Shalach Manot to a congregation family or member who would not otherwise receive one!
- THE WHOLE MEGILLAH - For an additional donation of \$100, you can send Shalach Manot to all recipients. Your generous support of our religious school is greatly appreciated!

SHALACH MANOT FUNDRAISER 2016 – ORDER FORM

**** Orders due by Monday, March 14 ****

Name _____

Phone _____

Recipients (or circle names on back of this form)

Total baskets ordered for delivery at Purim celebration _____ x \$10 = _____

Total baskets for pickup on Wednesday morning, March 23 _____ x \$10 = _____

Mitzvah Manot baskets for families/members who would not otherwise receive one _____ x \$10 = _____

The Whole Megillah – your name signed to all cards \$100 = _____

TOTAL = _____

How would you like your name(s) to appear on the gift card?

*Checks payable to:
Congregation B'nai Jacob*

CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB
HOUSEHOLDS

Adams, Mike and Paula	Jarvis, Jerry and Kathy	Schneider, Mark and Missy
Baitcher, Neal and Eileen	Kornspan, Rabbi and Rebbetzin	Schreier, Eric and Jaki
Baldwin, Rachel	Krel, Silvan	Schuler, Paul and Jennifer
Bradley, Dan and Lisa	Leib, Jere and Arlene	Serdinak, Bob and Lazette Selan*
Brateman, Adolph and Adrienne	Levin, Renee*	Shaw, Sarah Jo
Campbell-Russ, Esther*	Lewis, Mooch and Barbara	Sheray, Debbie*
Chambers, Janet Nordtvedt and Bill	Long, Bob and Laura	Shulkin, Niesie
Cole, Mark and Donna*	Mamayek, Kris and Rebekah	Siegel, Bee*
Crell, Marvin and Harriet*	Margolies, Lynne*	Spanjer, Marc and Marla
D'Angelo, Daniel and Victoria	Martinez, Cassie	Stoller, Sam and Kathy
Droegmyer, Daniel and Anne	Merritt, Bruce and Sheryl	Tourkow, Aliza*
Eisbart, Ben and Sharon	Miller, Amy	Tourkow, Josh and Donna
Farber, Matt and Theresa	Miller, David and Teresa	Trauner, Scott and Theresa
Finkel, Bradley and Emily	Miller, Susie	Trentacosti, Michael and Marcella
Finkel, Janet	Mocle, Virgil and Nina	Wahli, Shmuel Aharon
Friedman, Ron and Pam	Nusholtz, Marc and Mary Wilger	Walters, Bob and Irene
Fuchs, Iris	Plotkin, Beth	Watson, Bob and Luann
Fuchs, Yuval	Rifkin, Danny*	Wolf, Jeff
Goltz, Ron and Vicki	Roberts, Keith and Debby	Wyman, Scott and Diana
Greenberg, Estelle	Rosenberg, Leona Zweig*	Zemmol, Jay and Dana
Groman, Keith	Sarratore, Steve and Jan	Zweig, Dan and Beth
Hagendorf, Franck*	Schaffer, Mort and Ruth Minkoff	

***Shalach Manot to this household requires pick-up at synagogue and delivery/shipping by giver.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!