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# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Celebrating 100 Years ... 1912-2012



## B'nai Jacob Welcomes New Members

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

Throughout the years, I have had the privilege of educating many students. Teaching Torah is one of my highest joys. In the midst of this, I can sense G-d's nearness, and hear His loving instructions for life.

When I find sincere individuals who wish to chose Judaism, I share their exuberance their passion and their joy!

Recently, we have had the honor of welcoming into our B'nai Jacob family, Jane Markin and Robert, Laura, Miranda and Geoffrey Long. How fortunate we are to have them as members!

I asked Jane and the Long family if they would like to share some of their thoughts with us. Jane and Robert have graciously submitted articles. Each submission is marvelously unique.

I know you will enjoy reading them on pages two and three.

As Passover is approaching, Rebbetzin Penny and I wish you a Chag Kosher V'sameach!

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*

## B'nai Jacob Celebrates with a Weekend of Art and Music, March 8-10

*Ron Friedman*

Gan Eydn (Yiddish for Garden of Eden) in rural Colrain, Massachusetts is the home of resident artists Peggy Davis and Yosl (Joe) Kurland. It is a center for Yiddish language and music and Jewish art.

Peggy Davis is an accomplished calligrapher, having been introduced to Hebrew calligraphy in Jerusalem and later studying with Ismar David in New York and with many teachers of English calligraphy. She draws inspiration from traditional texts, old Hebrew manuscripts and Jewish folk art for her varied work which celebrates Jewish ritual and ceremonial life in home and synagogue.

Yosl (Joe) Kurland began realizing years ago that Yiddish culture was in danger of dropping out of the reach of second and third generation Jewish families. He started collecting old records of Yiddish music - especially Klezmer music - from friends of his and at Hadassah thrift stores around the country. The rest is history.

As a couple, Peggy and Joe are extraordinarily gifted in the expressive arts, and their Klezmer band music is irresistible fun!

The congregation is excited to welcome Peggy and Joe to B'nai Jacob the weekend of March 8-10, when the talented duo will conduct a series of art and music workshops plus an evening concert of Yiddish songs and Klezmer music with "The Wholesale Klezmer Band".

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## B'nai Jacob Celebrates

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The weekend's plans are as follows:

### **Friday, March 8th, 7:30pm**

Services followed by an oneg. Joe will lead services and Peggy will give the Dvar Torah.

### **Saturday, March 9th, 9:15am**

Services followed by kiddush lunch. Joe will lead services and Peggy will give the Dvar Torah.

### **Saturday, March 9th following kiddush lunch**

Joe Kurland presents: "Yiddish Midrash: An Examination of Yiddish Poetry and Song that Comments on Torah/Tanakh Stories"



*The Wholesale Klezmer Band*

### **Saturday, March 9th, 8:00pm**

Havdalah followed by an evening concert of Yiddish songs and entertainment by "The Wholesale Klezmer Band" (Joe, Peggy, Christina Crowder, David Tasgal)

### **Sunday, March 10th**

9:30am-12:30pm: Series of art and music workshops

12:30pm-1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-2:00pm: "How to Dance at a Jewish Wedding"

This weekend continues the series of multigenerational events in celebration of Congregation B'nai Jacob's centennial. All events are open to the community and are sponsored by **PNC Schneider Charitable Trust**.

For more information on Peggy H. Davis Calligraphy, The Wholesale Klezmer Band, and Gan Eyd, visit [www.ganeydn.com](http://www.ganeydn.com). ☆



## Thoughtful Thursdays Wins National Social Action Award *Beth Zweig*

Congratulations to the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays team! The project was named a winner of the Irving J. Fain Social Action Award to be presented April 21-23 at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Consultation on Conscience in Washington, DC.

Calling Thoughtful Thursdays an "outstanding initiative," the Fain Award Committee said they were inspired by the sense of community responsibility demonstrated by the program that helps the 85 Head Start students who attend class at the Temple. They plan to highlight the program over the next two years to "serve as an inspiration to the greater Reform community and encourage others in our Movement to undertake similar initiatives." They noted "the work of *tikkun olam* is our common endeavor, and that work merits respect and appreciation."

Chaired by Jamie Berger, the Thoughtful Thursdays Committee includes members of B'nai Jacob (**Arlene Leib and Janet Finkel**), Achduth Vesholom, and the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. The project has involved the Jewish community, as well as Girl Scouts, key clubs, local businesses, and college students. Financial supporters include individuals, groups and the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

Thoughtful Thursdays began in October 2010. Bags with non-perishable food and education items are sent home on Thursdays with the students to be returned the following Monday to be refilled. Some of the notices and educational materials are also provided in Spanish. ☆

## Why Have I Chosen to Become a Jew?

*Jane Markin*

If I were writing this at the beginning of my journey to Judaism I would have said that I felt pulled toward Judaism. I knew by the time I was 12 years old that Christianity did not resonate with me. It has some lovely ideas and beliefs but it didn't "fit" me. It was like wearing clothes that are too small, it covered parts of who I am but not enough, and was uncomfortable. I had spent several years studying various religions...not "shopping" but open to possibilities. I am by nature attracted to ritual and my first exposure to Judaism was through pictures, films, and discussion of Pesach and Shabbat candle lighting. As I looked, watched, and listened I felt both a longing and a connection. After meeting Ron, and through him you, I began a more focused study of what Judaism was about...beyond the beauty of its rituals. This study strengthened the attraction, resonated deeply, and I began finding clothes that fit. I will never forget the day that Ron turned around as he was leaving my office and said, "You can convert, you know." ...one simple sentence can change a life. After attending my first Friday evening service I knew that this was a journey I had to continue, seriously and with commitment.

To answer this question in the midst of this journey I would have written about Jewish thought and ethics; how Judaism is a way of life that seems right and natural to me. I would have said how this way of life acknowledges my humanness and elevates the everyday mundane to the sacred...connecting all things to Hashem. You would have read about the joy I experience whenever I light the candles, study, and even check labels at the grocery store...my love of Torah and all that I've learned. I would have written about the beauty of the holidays and how the year flows from one to the next. You would have read about how I almost drowned poor Virgil...the martyrology and the blowing of the shofar brought me to tears. Most of all I would have

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written about the sense of family and community I have found. For an only child with few relatives this feeling of family is an amazing blessing.

But, here I am at the end of this part of my journey, a journey that will take me through the rest of my life. My answer now is simple but incorporates it all... I make this choice because... I am a Jew and I have come home. ☆

## My Journey to Judaism

*Robert Long*

If you've had an aliyah card and not looked carefully, you might think the top line says "You have been ignored with" instead of "You have been honored with". Sometimes we don't pay attention closely enough and miss things like Pharaoh did in today's parsha. My journey to Judaism involved overlooking a lot of things.

It began several years ago when I was teaching a class in Midtown Manhattan. I had some extra time on my hands and was exploring the neighborhood when I found a store, which has since closed, called Manhattan Judaica. I figured if I could go inside without lightning striking me, I would be good. Once I got in, I saw him.

He was wearing black trousers, a black jacket and a white shirt. I felt sorry for him because his shirt wasn't tucked in, and it was frayed with all these strings hanging out. He asked if I was looking for anything in particular, and I said I was just browsing. He told me they had a mini-bun in the store each morning, and I was welcome to join them. I wasn't really interested in any mini-buns, but I did walk out with a cookbook.

It, like many other things, sat on my shelf for years without getting much attention. But every so often I would get it down and flip through it, each time wondering why on Earth I had a kosher cookbook. Finally, I started to wonder more about what eating kosher was all about. So I began to do some research. I learned some of the what and why of

kosher, and a bit about the Jewish concept of G-d and the movements. I wanted to take the next step.

Awhile later I was in St. Louis and again had some extra time. I was driving past a synagogue and decided to stop in. I told the receptionist I had never seen a synagogue before and wondered if I could have a look around. She said ... no. It turns out they had a day school, and I couldn't wander the building. Their Education Director was there, and she was glad to show me around.

In the course of the conversation, she said reading about Judaism and touring a synagogue is well and good, but to understand Judaism one needed to see a service and appreciate Jewish prayer. It turns out her husband was having one of those mini-bun things the next morning. The next morning I found myself in a very foreign world which felt much closer to Hashem. Imagine how this looked to an outsider.

First, everything was in Hebrew, which I expected. But these people couldn't make up their minds. They would sit, and stand, shuffle forward and backward, and keep leaning over to check their shoelaces. The worst part was that whomever wrote their Siddur was a terribly confused person who put all the pages out of order. The leader had to keep saying what page they were on. At first I assumed this was a courtesy to me, but eventually I figured out no else knew which page came next either. After all of this, I decided a Reform congregation might not be for me.

When I returned home, I sent an email off to both local rabbis. I recall Rabbi Kornspan replied back saying he was on vacation with his wife. Coming from a Catholic background I was surprised he got a vacation and even more so had a wife! I attended a service one Saturday morning and the first person I saw was Keith. He asked me "Are you a Cohen?" I figured some guy named Cohen was on the guest list. I told him my name was Long. He said we needed to get me a key something. We went out to the table in the entryway and he

handed me what I now know is a kippah. I wasn't sure what do with it at first.

Since that time I have learned so much, and what was once quite foreign to me has become home. That's thanks to each of you. I remember one special moment when the topic of whether the word "bad" or "badly" applied to a particular sentence. I felt at home. In our family I am that irritating person who is always correcting people and saying "you meant 'with whom should I speak'" or "no it's not me and sissy, it's sissy and I" or "you're not doing good that's an adjective, you're doing well, that's an adverb." I owe that to going to a high school and college both of which hit writing very hard.

As I continued to learn, each of you has played a vital role. Whether it was Keith asking if I was Cohen, or Ron discussing adjectives versus adverbs, you have supported us. Thankfully, most of you do not know what kind of a support system it takes when you become Jewish. It involves making new friends, and when rejected, a new family. You have been great friends and a wonderful family. As we go forward learning together, I cannot imagine a better place to be. Thank you. ☆



## Mazel Tov - It's a Girl!

Elianna Rosemary Bradley, born at 5:04pm on Monday, February 4th to Aaron Bradley and Olivia Olson, made **Dan and Lisa Bradley** grandparents for the first time. Congratulations!

## Attorneys Donate Help

The Volunteer Lawyer Program of Northeast Indiana announced that 24 area attorneys donated 50 or more hours of legal assistance in 2012. Our **Josh Tourkow** was listed as one of the 24.





# Passover Information and Services

## Kosher for Passover

Kroger on 24 West will have Kosher for Passover meats and poultry, as well as other Kosher for Passover items. Please support our effort to maintain Kosher foods locally.

## Pesach Workshop - RSVP

**Sunday March 3rd, 11:00am** at the home of Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger. Tallit and Tefillin preceding at 10:00am. Please RSVP to Marc or Mary.

## Pesach Trip to Chicago - RSVP

**Sunday March 17th.** Please RSVP to Mike Adams. Drivers needed.

## Preparing for Passover, Bedikat Chametz\*

**Sunday, March 24th, 8:30pm**

After the house has been thoroughly cleaned, a ceremonial search is performed for whatever "chametz" may remain. All chametz should have already been put away in cabinets, the garage or in some place where it can be marked and not be used, even by accident. The "chametz" found in the ceremony is burned on the following morning. This is called Biur Chametz. Biur Chametz completes the removal of all leavened products from our possession.

\*Selling of Chametz form included with this newsletter.

**Monday, March 25th, 7:00am** - Siyum for the firstborn. The "Siyum" Service for the firstborn is held in gratitude to G-d for sparing the firstborn among the children of Israel when the last plague was brought against the Egyptians. A siyum is a public completion of the study of a tractate of the Talmud. Afterwards, we will share breakfast.

**Monday, March 25th, the eve of Pesach** - One may eat a chametz meal until 11:42am. No matzah is to be eaten until the Seder that night.

**Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26th and 27th** - Passover Services will be at 10:00am.

**Monday, April 1st** - Passover Services begin at 9:15am and Yizkor at approximately 10:30am.

**Tuesday, April 2nd** - Passover Services begin at 10:00am.

## CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS - MARCH

### David Siegel Memorial Fund

In memory of Leo Applebaum

- *Bee Siegel*

In memory of Lester Selan

- *Bee Siegel*

### General Fund

- *Ron and Pam Friedman*

- *George Modena II*

### Kiddush Fund

In honor of all who celebrated birthdays -

"Happy Birthday!" - *Ovadya*

In honor of all who celebrated wedding and

Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversaries - "Mazel

Tov!" - *Ovadya*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- *Scott and Sheryl Ferguson*

In memory of Lazette Selan's father

- *Ron and Susie Miller*

In memory of Bea Ochstein

- *Ron and Susie Miller*

In memory of Jeanne Winnick

- *Ron and Susie Miller*

### Winnick Memorial Garden Fund

In memory of Jeanne Winnick, one of the

original book club members

- *"Babes of the Books"*

In memory of my loving sister, Jeanne

Brower Winnick

- *Robert and Marcy Brower*

In memory of Jeanne Winnick

- *Leslie and Paula Rudnick*

In memory of Jeanne Winnick

- *Harold and Ellyn Schneider*

### Winnick Memorial Garden Fund

In memory of Jeanne Winnick

- *Barry and Linda Snitzer*

### Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of cousin John Schmitz

- *Steven and Elsa Jakob*

In memory of Julius Schwarz

- *Steven and Elsa Jakob*

In memory of Sarah Cohen

- *Michael and Rebecca Park*

In memory of Frieda Safirstein

- *Moses and Kay Safirstein*

In memory of father Manuel Babich

- *Diane Wolf*

In memory of brother Robert Babich

- *Diane Wolf*

In memory of sister Fanny Gary

- *Diane Wolf*

In memory of sister Dorothy Kay

- *Diane Wolf*

## Partaking of Parashiot

Rebbetzin Penny Kornspan

### March 2, 2013 / 20 Adar, 5773 **Ki Tisa** **Triennial cycle: Shemot 33:12- 34:35**

Hashem and Moshe are in talks again, and he wishes to see God. An arrangement is made allowing him to view only His back. Moshe cuts the *luchot* that God will inscribe. He ascends the mountain alone. Hashem comes to him and the *yud gimel medot* are given. Moshe pleads with Him to accompany them and to forgive 'our iniquity.' A record covenant will be made with God and the nation of Israel. Six nations will be forced out of The Land. B'nai Yisrael should not make any alliances with those nations. Their altars used for idol worship must be shattered. Marriages with the people of these nations are taboo. Warnings are serious re idol worship. Mitzvot are reviewed: Pesach, the redemption of the firstborn, Shabbat, Shavuot, and coming before Hashem for the *shalosh regalim*. The command not to cook a kid in his mother's milk is given. Moshe was on the mountain for forty days. Upon his return, the skin of his face was so brilliant, that after sharing what God had said with the assembly, he covered his face. When Moshe spoke with the Eternal, he removed his face covering, related the commands to B'nai Yisrael and then replaced the covering.

**A Midrash:** Moshe was given a vision of the treasures awaiting those performing certain mitzvot. Different riches were stocked for separate good deeds, and all were very impressive. Lastly, he is shown an immense cache; he wonders who will receive this fantastic gift. Hashem responds, "This is the treasure of those who lack merits but upon whom I bestow My favor since I am merciful."

### March 9, 2013 / 27 Adar 5773, **Vayakel-Pekudei** **Triennial cycle: Shemot 39:22 – 40:38**

The explanations of the garments of the *Kohen Gadol* are continued. The mantle was to be woven in such a way as to prevent it from being torn. Bells and pompoms edged the hem of the garment. The shirt and the turban were

made of linen. The pants and the belt were made of twisted linen. The head plate was made of gold and was engraved with the words "Holy to the Eternal." All of this is to be accomplished via the instruction Moshe received from Hashem. After these things are described, the required goods for the construction of the *Mishkan* are listed and brought to Moshe, from the beams to the menorah to the anointing oil. Moshe was commanded to erect the *Mishkan*; it was his effort in the work, which he did alone. This was to be done on the first day of the first month. Most of the remaining words of Shemot depict Moshe's task of assembling the *Mishkan* and applying the oil on all of its articles as a part of making it holy. The *Mishkan* was covered with a cloud and the 'glory of Hashem' filled it. The cloud sat by day and a pillar of fire rested by night upon the *Mishkan*. The Israelites moved from camp only when the cloud lifted.

**A Midrash:** Why did Moshe feel the need to give a precise accounting of the materials used to construct the Mishkan? Because he did not want anyone to suspect him wrongly, that could bring on sin for the suspicious person. It is not enough for people to self-righteously declare: "God knows the truth."

### March 16, 2013 / 5 Nisan 5773, **Vayikra** **Triennial cycle: Vayikra 4:27 - 5:26**

More regarding sin offerings begins the section. The procedures involved for the person bringing the prescribed sacrifice as well as the process the Kohen must complete are discussed. These are some of the cases listed: one unwittingly commits a sin and then becomes aware of the transgression; one who is not certain, but thinks he has committed a sin; one who withholds testimony; one coming into contact with impure items; one who vocalizes an oath [swears] to do/not do then realizes later the mistake. Less expensive offerings are listed if one cannot afford the requisite one. The category of misusing Mishkan articles is also discussed. There is a required standard of returning the principle plus 20% of something stolen or obtained

through oppression. This is in addition to offering a sacrifice.

**A Midrash:** There was a prescribed sacrifice for one who realized at a later time he had sinned. Why was there a sacrifice for someone unsure of whether he had committed a sin? Certainly the commission of an actual error is more logical. Through this, the Torah teaches we need to avoid situations which might lead to sin. We need to be careful in spiritual matters, because not doing so is considered a vice. One example (as we approach Pesach): you bought matzah and used it during the 8 days, threw out the box and then realized, while it was matzah, it might not have been marked kosher for Pesach. This speaks directly of the need to be attentive to our actions and mindful of our choices everywhere including the grocery store.

### March 23, 2013 / 12 Nisan 5773, **Tzav** **Triennial cycle: Vayikra 8:1 – 8:36**

Moshe is told to bring Aharon and his sons to the entrance of the Mishkan. He is also told to gather the *Kohen's* garments, the anointing oil, animals for sacrifice and bread. All the people are to come to the entrance in order to witness the installation of the priesthood. Moshe begins his work by telling the people this is the Lord's command. He places the priestly garments on his brother and anointed him with oil. He anointed the Mishkan, the altar and all of its vessels. He did likewise with the sons of Aharon. Moshe acted in the stead of the priest on behalf of his brother and nephews. He put the blood from the sacrificial animals on strategic spots of their bodies including ears, thumbs and toes. There was a wave offering taking place (perhaps similar to the lulav and etrog). Aharon and his sons were to eat from the sacrifices at the door of the Mishkan. They were to remain there for seven days, as this is the time deemed necessary by The Eternal.

**A Midrash:** Why was Aharon summoned via his brother Moshe for this honor? There are at least two reasons for this. Aharon was very bothered by the display of anger from

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## Partaking of Parashiot

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both Hashem and Moshe regarding the incident of the building of the golden calf. He needed to be spoken to gently and be convinced that he was still worthy of the position of High Priest. These words needed to be conveyed to Aharon with great affection; affection that could be easily seen coming from his very own brother. Also, Aharon was never fond of assuming any position of great distinction; therefore Hashem asked Moshe to use words of persuasion in order to convince his brother to step up to the position.

**March 30, 2013 / 19 Nisan 5773**

**Shabbat Pesach Sh'mot 33:12- 34:26**

Hashem and Moshe are in conference once more. Moshe wants desperately to see G-d; an arrangement is made that will allow this, but only His back. Moshe is to carve the second set of Tablets that Hashem will inscribe. He does so and he ascends the mountain alone; no person or animal can be on Mt Sinai. Hashem comes to him there and the *yud-gimel medot* (the 13 attributes of the Eternal) are given. Moshe pleads with Him to accompany them and to forgive 'our iniquity.' An unprecedented covenant will be made between G-d and the nation of Israel. Six nations will be forced out of the Land. B'nai Yisrael should not make any alliances with those nations. When altars used to sacrifice to idols are found, they must be shattered. Marriages are not to be arranged with these nations either. Warnings are grave concerning not becoming involved with idol worship. Select mitzvot are reviewed and the command "you shall not cook a kid in his mother's milk" is given. Moshe was on the mountain for forty days before he returned. When he did, the skin of his face was so brilliant, that after sharing what G-d had instructed him with the assembly, he covered his face. Whenever Moshe spoke with the Eternal, he removed his face covering, related the commands to B'nai Yisrael and then replaced the covering.

**A Midrash:** It is fascinating when Moshe said he desired to see The Eternal and He fulfilled the wish; Hashem uttered His 13 Attributes of Mercy to Moshe. It was so appropriate after the golden calf sin that the people would know the great depth of the compassion of God. So much is written on these; here is a small sample. One who ignores the anguish or insult others have caused and truly forgives them, will be treated likewise by Hashem. That person will not be judged with strict justice; rather, his faults will be ignored. Moshe asked to see God. Hakadosh Baruch Hu could have revealed ANYTHING at that moment. Great mysteries of creation, future events, even deep Torah knowledge could have been discussed ... oh but perhaps this is the deepest knowledge we could ever have about our Creator. Our God is totally filled with mercy; mercy that He is ever ready to dispense.



## Interfaith Build Project Moving Forward

*Jan Sarratore, Jaki Schreier, Mike Adams*

You may remember hearing about a possible Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build last spring. It's taken a lot of time and effort to make this happen, but the first Interfaith Build is slated for this fall.

Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity is partnering with congregations and organizations throughout the city – including the Jewish community - for the first "Interfaith Build" in Allen County. Currently, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Congregation B'nai Jacob, Come2Go Congregation, Congregation Achduth Vesholom, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne Friends Meeting, The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, Peace United Church of Christ, Plymouth Congregational Church, The Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, St. John's Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church, The Sikh Community, Trinity English Lutheran Church, and the Unitarian Universalist

Congregation of Fort Wayne are uniting through the shared commitment to help provide the basic human right of decent, affordable housing for a family in need.

These congregations and organizations will work side-by-side with individuals from different backgrounds, learn more about the unique beliefs in our community, and put faith into action to make the dream of home ownership a reality for a hardworking family.

A steering committee has been formed to make the plans for this amazing event. Mike Adams will represent B'nai Jacob, Jan Sarratore will represent the Temple, and Jaki Schreier will represent the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation on this committee. At the present time, the steering committee is in the process of putting together a large fundraising event to raise the additional funds needed to complete this build. Whenever a Habitat house is being built, \$60,000 must be in the bank as a commitment to the project. To date, almost \$40,000 has been committed through the congregations and organizations involved.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Tickets will soon be available for a jazz concert featuring Mark Maxwell planned for Thursday, June 6. You'll have the option of purchasing \$20 tickets to attend the concert OR \$100 VIP tickets, which will include food specialties from each congregation, a pre-concert session with the musician, a glass of wine or beer AND a party favor! We're also looking for sponsors for this event. If you or your business are interested in having your name or logo on all of the publicity for this event, please let us know. We'll have Laurie Brumbaugh from Habitat for Humanity to contact you with the details.

**FREE-WILL OFFERING FOR INTERFAITH BUILD** - At two Fort Wayne Jewish Federation events this spring, baskets will be passed around for goodwill offerings to benefit Interfaith Build. Plan to attend and make a donation at the showing of

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A special thank you to **Mark Schneider** for repairing the bent and cracked silver Shield of David that is the top finial on one of our Torah crowns. Mark is a multi-talented individual who we are fortunate to have in our congregation. Again, thank you Mark.

-Keith Groman

Thank you to all for your prayers, cards, calls, flowers and love while I've been recovering. I really appreciate it!

-Leah Tourkow

The congregation thanks **Ryan Baldwin** who recently spent some free time one afternoon cleaning up willow and other tree debris.

Look up next time you're in the sanctuary and you will see that ceiling tiles and all fluorescent lights have been replaced, thanks to **Mike Adams** who went up on a rented scissor lift to get the job done!

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### Celebrating Friday Evenings at Home

Many in the congregation have shared their desire to celebrate Friday evening Shabbat in their own homes or with friends, enjoying all the beautiful ceremony and camaraderie of the evening. The congregation's Religious and Ritual Committee and Board have decided that weekly Friday evening services will not be held at this time. Instead, special Friday evening services, such as K.I.S.S. (Kids in Shabbat Services), Scholar-In-Residence, special events, and requests from congregants who need a yahrzeit minyan, will be scheduled. Congregants are encouraged to enjoy Friday evening with family and friends, and to extend invitations to others in our congregation and community. ☆



### Announcing ... Results of the First Annual Kugel Cook-Off Pam Friedman

**Adam Shain:**

**B'TAYAVON AWARD:** Given to the kugel that satisfied everyone's appetite. It was wholesome and fulfilling!

**Donna Tourkow:**

**BUBBI AWARD:** Given to the kugel that conjured up wonderful memories of how Bubbi used to make her kugel. It fed our soul!

**Penny Kornspan:**

**MAVEN AWARD:** Given to the kugel maker who really knows what they are doing. Our expert kugel maker!

**Pam Friedman:**

**M'CHAYAH AWARD:** Given to the kugel that made everyone feel good. Ahhh, what a m'chayah!!

**Janet Finkel:**

**MEICHAL AWARD:** This award is given to the kugel that was simply delicious! What more is there to say?

**The Religious School Students:**

**ZIE GEZUNT AWARD:** Given to the kugel that although tasty, was a heart-attack in the pan. To our health!

AND THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR... **Janet Finkel...**

**is our overall winner of the 5773**

**Noodle Kugel Cook-off!!** Here is the winning recipe:

**SWEET KUGEL by Janet Finkel**

- 1 lb. broad noodles
  - 4 large eggs
  - 1 small carton sour cream
  - 1 small carton cottage cheese
  - 1 can crushed pineapple, drained
  - 1 can Eagle Brand
  - 1 tsp. vanilla
  - 1/2 box yellow raisins
  - 1 1/2 stick of melted butter
- Cook noodles and drain. Beat eggs and add vanilla to eggs. Fold into noodles. Add Eagle Brand, sour cream, cottage cheese, and drained pineapple to noodles and then mix in butter, sugar to taste, and raisins. Place noodle mixture into buttered 9x13 pan. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees until done. Enjoy!

And if you wanted Potato Kugel...

...Kugel Cook-Off 5774

Winter of 2014...

...start planning now! ☆

### Bat Mitzvah - Eden Fuchs

Services on Friday, April 19th at 7:30pm and on Saturday, April 20th at 9:15am, when Eden will be called to the Torah.



תודה רבה

Thank You

We have **Bee Siegel,**

**Natalie Gottesman and family,** and **Dr. Gordon Siegel and family** to thank for donating the hamentaschen for Purim and the Shalach Manot baskets, in loving memory of David Siegel.



### March Birthdays

- 2 Jessica Mocle
- 2 Lyndsay Trauner
- 2 Emily Finkel
- 3 Lauren Tourkow
- 3 Theresa Trauner
- 4 Marvin Crell
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- 21 Mike Adams
- 21 Jennifer Schuler
- 24 Gerry Appel
- 27 Jeanette Lewis
- 29 Elana Merritt
- 30 Mary Wilger
- 31 Annie Appel
- 31 Mark Rifkin

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- 30 Mike and Paula Adams

**March Jahrzeits**



**Adar / March**

- 19 28-1 Doris Tillinger
- 19 28-1 Louis Zweig
- 20 1-2 Isadore Babich
- 20 1-2 Sayde Marlin
- 20 1-2 Samuel Nemeroff
- 21 2-3 Becky Levin
- 22 3-4 Betty Cohen
- 22 3-4 Margo Krel
- 22 3-4 Leonard Rifkin
- 23 4-5 Abe H. Dubin
- 23 4-5 Ken Horwitz
- 24 5-6 Sam Kay
- 25 6-7 Molly Cohen
- 27 8-9 Chuma Appel
- 27 8-9 Henry Baum
- 27 8-9 Isaac Bosell
- 27 8-9 Edna Levine
- 27 8-9 Minnie Weinraub
- 28 9-10 Bernard Rosenblatt
- 29 10-11 Joseph Chodash
- 29 10-11 Morris Dicker
- 29 10-11 Robert Samuel Mirman
- 29 10-11 Melvin Smith

**Nisan / March**

- 1 11-12 Samuel Babich
- 1 11-12 Calvin Prady
- 2 12-13 Goldie DuBow
- 2 12-13 Mordecai Rifkin
- 5 15-16 Izidor Schachter
- 5 15-16 Etta G. Sheray
- 6 16-17 Herman Davis
- 6 16-17 Sarah Mildred Jacobson
- 6 16-17 David Levin
- 6 16-17 Shirley Ruth Marer-Brateman
- 7 17-18 Ida Price
- 9 19-20 Herbert Brateman
- 9 19-20 Ryan Zimmerman
- 10 20-21 Mushke Golder
- 10 20-21 Pres. Gen. Chaim Herzog
- 11 21-22 Libby Babich
- 12 22-23 Rae Dorman
- 12 22-23 Sidney Hutner
- 13 23-24 Samuel Appel
- 13 23-24 Jerry Morgenstein
- 13 23-24 Ann Peltz
- 13 23-24 Barney Sterling
- 15 25-26 Chaim Norkin
- 16 26-27 Isser Goldin
- 16 26-27 Mary Levy
- 16 26-27 Dorothy Maier
- 17 27-28 Steve Abrams
- 17 27-28 Harry S. Dale
- 17 27-28 Ida Schneider

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- 18 28-29 Ruth Mark
- 18 28-29 Harriet Mirman
- 18 28-29 Harry Sheray
- 19 29-30 Louis Hirsch
- 19 29-30 Samuel Kornspan
- 19 29-30 Frederick Milz
- 19 29-30 Samuel Ochstein
- 19 29-30 Tillie Ochstein
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- 21 31-1 Tina Wilcox



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*Everything Is Illuminated* on Sunday, April 21 at 2:00pm at Cinema Center and at the People of the Book Lecture on Monday, April 29 at 7:30pm at the Temple featuring author Jonathan Safran Foer.

In the meantime, you are welcome to make personal donations to the Interfaith Build. Please drop your check off at either B'nai Jacob, Congregation Achduth Vesholom, or the Federation. Your check should be made out to *Habitat for Humanity/Interfaith Build*. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

There will be MUCH for you to do! As soon as the rest of the money is raised, plans will begin on the actual build that will take place over an eight-week period this fall. There will be many opportunities to sign up for projects that fit your expertise. We look forward to sharing more information with you as it becomes available. Please let us know if you have any questions. ☆

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