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ETHICS CLASS
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016
9:30am Tallit and Tefillin davening prior to 10:30am class at the Shul

Our Ethics Class continues with food for the body and the soul: refreshments and our studies of Rabbi Telushkin's book on Holiness.

B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Since 1912 ... Celebrating 100+ Years



A STORY FOR YOM HAATZMAUT ON ITS 68TH BIRTHDAY

Dear B'nai Jacob family and friends,

This is an amazing story about a man who loved Israel. It happened over 100 years ago, but inspires us even now!

Nathan and Isadore Straus were indeed some of the greatest philanthropists in America. In the spring of 1912, they and their wives went on a tour to Europe. After enjoying the greatness of Europe with its museums, operas and palaces, they decided to travel for a visit to Israel, which was then called Palestine. There they were welcomed with open arms as great visiting dignitaries.

After a week Isadore and his wife decided to leave, while Nathan refused. He had witnessed thousands of Jews devoted to the study of Torah, yet dwelling in wretched poverty. This deeply moved him.

Nathan Straus became a man with a mission, and desired to remain longer in Palestine and became more involved with his people.

Now, his brother Isadore and Isadore's wife Ida left for Europe on a highly publicized trans-Atlantic connection, which they had been looking forward to. In Southampton, England on April 10, 1912, Ida and Isidor Straus boarded the

Titanic and were among more than 1500 passengers and crewmen who perished.

Brother Nathan who was now in mourning, tried to console himself that G-d had spared him for a reason. In the future, he went on to become a true philanthropist, as well as public servant.

He became New York City's Park Commissioner and President of its Board of Health. But beyond all of this, he will be remembered for his support of the poor Jews living in Palestine! He did this tirelessly, recalling his purpose for having been saved from death on the Titanic.

He dedicated his efforts and aided the Jews to such a great extent that he gave two thirds of his fortune! In fact, Nathan Straus founded a domestic science school for girls, a health bureau to fight malaria and trachoma, and a free public kitchen. Among many other amazing efforts, he funded the Nathan and Lina Straus Health Centers in Jerusalem, which are now part of the Hadassah Medical Center!

Do you know how much he was beloved? The city of Netanya, was named in his honor, and Rechov Straus (Straus Street) was also named for him!

May this amazing man and his story help influence us as we are about to celebrate Israel's anniversary as a modern nation. Thursday, May 12th, remember Israel in your prayers and rejoice! Say Hallel!

Then, on Wednesday, May 18th, join us at B'nai Jacob as we mark this special occasion with a presentation by Rabbi Shalom Hammer, who is a renowned motivational speaker and an IDF Rabbi!

May we merit to see peace at last in Israel, and, indeed, in our world!

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan



**In celebration of
Yom Haatzmaut - Israel Independence Day**

**please join us on
Wednesday, May 18 @ 7:00pm
for**

An Evening to Unite with TZAHAL / IDF

Congregation B'nai Jacob is pleased to announce that **RABBI SHALOM HAMMER**, motivational lecturer for the Israeli Defense Forces and contributing writer for the Jerusalem Post, will celebrate Yom Haatzmaut in Fort Wayne and speak at the synagogue on **"WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?"**

Rabbi Hammer, served under the Rabbinic Division of the Israeli Defense Forces, and now delivers crucial lectures to various divisions in the IDF promoting ideology and unification. This presentation is based on many of the inspiring ideas which Rabbi Hammer imparts to motivate combat troops. The lecture is anecdotal and includes analysis from the Torah on how assessing the needs of the collective and promoting communal values secure the future of the land of Israel.

Following the presentation, there will be an outstanding slide power point presentation. For more information about Rabbi Hammer, visit <http://www.rabbihammer.com>

*The evening is free and open to the community, thanks to the generosity of the
Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.*

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May Yahrzeits זיכור

Nisan / May

23	30-1	Sonia Finkelstein
23	30-1	Anna Lee Schefman
23	30-1	Erna Shulkin
23	30-1	Rosetta R. Siegle
23	30-1	Morton Trauner
24	1-2	June Saul Himelstein
25	2-3	Leah Edelman
25	2-3	Zelda Punskey
25	2-3	Arthur Albert Sapirie
26	3-4	Rebecca (Brocha) Kaplan
26	3-4	Gary Nemeroff
27	4-5	Samuel Brateman
27	4-5	Louis Latker
28	5-6	Lena Goltz
28	5-6	Larry Levin
29	6-7	May Bussell
29	6-7	Sophia Ebner
29	6-7	Nate Nemeroff

Iyar / May

1	8-9	Alan Slutsky
1	8-9	Ida Ruth Superior
2	9-10	Louis Masursky
2	9-10	Minnie S. Mendelson
2	9-10	David Ochstein
2	9-10	Lillian Weiss
2	9-10	Harvey Wolf
3	10-11	Ann Block
3	10-11	Jacob Brateman
3	10-11	Samuel Zaslowsky
5	12-13	Irvin Adams
5	12-13	Dora Kudysh
6	13-14	Ruth Cohen
6	13-14	Pearl Fichman
6	13-14	Morris Ruderman
6	13-14	Sidney David Troy
6	13-14	Jennie Weisman
6	13-14	Molly Wolf
8	15-16	Janet Perlman
8	15-16	Harry Peurye
9	16-17	Freda M. Dubin
9	16-17	Sylvia Forlander
9	16-17	Sarah Komisarow
9	16-17	Minnie Silverman
11	18-19	Gabor Fenyes
11	18-19	Alexander S. Fiegler
11	18-19	Selman Kaufman
12	19-20	Rabbi Samuel Goldin
12	19-20	Grace Kupersmith
12	19-20	Rebeca Pressman
13	20-21	Esther Schwartz
14	21-22	Marion Kaufman
15	22-23	Stephen Cohen
15	22-23	Irene Gazda Schwarz
16	23-24	William Walter
17	24-25	Sarah Beck

May Yahrzeits זיכור

Iyar / May

17	24-25	Theodore Levy
18	25-26	Harry Lechtner
18	25-26	Esther Pomerantz
19	26-27	Mathilde Kaufman
19	26-27	David Winnick
20	27-28	Max Kaplan
20	27-28	Isidore Nemeroff
20	27-28	Mayora Rosenberg
21	28-29	Bonnie Harrison
21	28-29	William Landy
21	28-29	Rivah Meyers
21	28-29	Carolyn Katz Polakoff
22	29-30	Deborah Rifkin
22	29-30	Yitschok Isaac Schwartz
23	30-31	Fannie Trivus
24	30-1	Eva Bosell
24	30-1	Rosa Levin
24	30-1	Shulamith Troy

Condolences to...
Dr. Fric and Jaki Schreier,
and family on the passing of
Fric's mother,
Barbara Hirsch Schreier,
on March 27, 2016
17 Adar 11, 5776.
May Barbara's memory ever
be for blessing.

Condolences to...
Kasey Bussell and family on
the passing of Kasey's father,
Richard Carroll Myers,
on Thursday, April 21, 2016
14 Nisan 5776
in St. Petersburg, Florida.
May Richard's memory ever
be for blessing.

Editor's Note: If you would like to send a condolence card to Kasey, please call the synagogue office at 260-672-8459 for her contact information.



**Introducing
the Noshmobile!**

Steven Meralevitz, who recently relocated to Fort Wayne, generously offers the following: "I've been chatting with a few congregants who tell me they often schlep back to Chicago for Pesadik food, kosher nosherai and whatnot. This gives me a BRILLIANT idea. I drive back home to Buffalo Grove, IL, every other weekend—it's a Northwest Chicago suburb. I could make a pit stop at the kosher Jewel, Romanian Kosher Sausage or wherever and load up the trunk of my Manly Man car with munchies for all the congregants.

(This is the stop you'll love!)
<http://www.romaniankosher sausage.com/>

Just email me or call me with any questions and your shopping list.
Email: Meralevitz@gmail.com
Cell phone: 847-710-3331."

**Thank you,
Steven, for this
extension of
friendship and
service to our
Congregation!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bessie Levy
- 2 Amy Crell
- 3 Franck Hagedorf
- 5 Abraham Schreier
- 5 Sarah Rifkin
- 6 Larry Greenberg
- 7 Abby Miller
- 7 Paul Schuler
- 8 Dr. Ron Friedman
- 11 Rafi Friedman
- 13 Debby Roberts
- 18 Esther Campbell-Russ
- 18 Isaac Adams
- 19 Dan Bradley
- 21 Adolph Brateman
- 21 David Miller
- 21 Mark Cole
- 22 Kris Mamayek
- 25 Neil Pabla
- 25 Neal Rifkin
- 26 Janet Finkel
- 27 Amber Shad
- 28 Shmuel Wahli
- 28 Bob Walters

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Sam and Kathy Stoller
- 28 Jay and Dana Zemmol
- 31 Jerry and Kathy Jarvis



Shavuot Holiday Reminder

**Begins Saturday evening,
June 11 and continues
June 12 and June 13.**

Editor's Note: The following invitation from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society was received via email by the office of Congregation B'nai Jacob on March 16, 2016. This information is provided to the members and friends of the synagogue, who may in turn suggest nominees for Hoosier Jewish Legends - A Hall of Fame (HJL) to Rabbi Kornspan or to Mark Schneider, President of Congregation B'nai Jacob.

MAY 31st is deadline for nominations for Hoosier Jewish Legends - A Hall of Fame.



The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) would like to invite you to share in this year's Indiana Bicentennial celebration by participating in the **Hoosier Jewish Legends – A Hall of Fame (HJL)** celebrating Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact to their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana's continuing story.

Nomination requirements include persons (living or deceased) from one of the following disciplines: Profession, Cultural Arts, Clergy, Educator, Athletic/Sports, Volunteer, or Community Benefactor. **Nominations will be accepted between March 15, 2016 and May 31, 2016.** Inductees will be recognized in conjunction with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Annual Meeting in October.

Download the nomination form at www.ijhs.org [or call the synagogue office and request a copy.]

All nominations forms should be mailed to the IJHS Hoosier Jewish Legends, c/o Sheila Greenwald, 1839 Box Elder Court, Indianapolis, IN, 46260 and postmarked no later than May 31, 2016.

The Bicentennial offers a venue to ensure our Hoosier Jewish story, and those of you and your local Jewish community to remain alive for future generations. If you have specific questions regarding the HJL Program or the Hoosier Jewish Bicentennial, please email Mark Roger, Jewish Bicentennial Commemoration Chair, at mroger@frannet.com. Further information at the IJHS office at 260.459.6862 or visit www.ijhs.org.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this most worthwhile endeavor - sharing and celebrating our Jewish heritage and collective Hoosier past in Indiana.

L'Shalom,

Mark A. Roger
Chair, Indiana Jewish Historical Society
Indiana Bicentennial Commemoration

DEAR CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB:

Thank you for your generous and thoughtful donation to Thoughtful Thursdays on behalf of your congregation. It has been wonderful working with members from your congregation. Arlene Leib, Jan Finkel and Donna Tourkow are a true blessing.

We look forward to many more years of working together on this mitzvah.

*Sincerely,
Jami Berger*

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

The annual meeting of members of Congregation B'nai Jacob will be held Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. at the Congregation building located at:

**7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46814**

The following will be discussed:

1. Election of Directors
2. Ratifying the acts and actions taken by the Board of Directors since the last annual meeting
3. Ratifying the acts and actions of the Officers of this corporation
4. Receiving committee reports
5. Hearing the President's report
6. Adoption of the budget
7. Transactions of other business that may come before the meeting

PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING

Pamela Friedman
Recording Secretary

SIYUM HATORAH - CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Following the Annual Meeting, at 3:00pm Congregation B'nai Jacob will mark the graduation of the Havurat No'ar Class 10th graders. For further information, see "Religious School" on page 7 of this newsletter.

ROLL CALL FOR GRADUATES

Do you have a loved one graduating from high school or college this spring? If so, we want to know so that we can acknowledge their accomplishments. Please call or send an email to the synagogue office telling us from which school or college they are graduating, on what date, their degree, future plans, and anything you wish to kvell about.

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CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund

- In thanksgiving to Hashem
- *Mark and Donna Cole*
In memory of Herb Rynearson
- *Harry David Bosell*
- *C.G.H., Inc. dba C. Henry Steel*
- *Harold and Barbara Connell*
- *George and Janice Haskins*
- *Bret and Brenda Jackson*
- *Michael J. Ochstein*
- *OmniSource*
- *Cheryl Samet*
- *Marvin and Penny Shefsky*
- *Alex and Rosie Simon*
- *Leendert and Debra Stange*
- *Todd and Linda Tsiguloff*
- *Thomas and Patricia Tuschman*

Kiddush Fund

In honor of all April birthdays and anniversaries
- *Keith Groman*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

For Camp Joe Levine
- *Esther Campbell-Russ*
In appreciation
- *Michael and Marina Epstein*
In memory of my mother, Diane Wolf
- *Jeff Wolf*

Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund

Thank you for the Shalach Manot gift
- *Dan and Annie Appel*

Winnick Memorial Garden Fund

In memory of David Winnick
- *Ed and Kris Winnick*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Herb Rynearson
- *Adolph and Adrienne Brateman*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Zelda Punsky
- *Enrique and Fani Kozolchyk*
In memory of Etta Sheray
- *Bob and Deborah Sheray*
In memory of Frieda Kretzman
- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*
In memory of Abe Dubin
- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*
In memory of Morton Trauner
- *Scott and Theresa Trauner*

Maot Hittim 5776

Mike and Paula Adams; Dan and Annie Appel;
Janet Finkel; Ron and Pam Friedman;
Keith Groman; Susie Miller;
Virgil and Nina Mocle;
Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger;
Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff;
Mark and Missy Schneider

FORT WAYNE JEWISH FEDERATION Events

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Professor Robert Melson
May 2, 2016
Rifkin Campus
7:00 PM

WOMEN AND THE HOLOCAUST: BETWEEN PERPETRATORS & VICTIMS

Dr. Atina Grossmann
Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 PM
Free and open to the public
Rifkin Campus
5200 Old Mill Road

Atina Grossmann is Professor of History in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Cooper Union in New York City. She will be the keynote speaker at a six-day symposium on the Holocaust on the campus of IPFW from May 15 to May 20.

CAMP JOE LEVINE 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

Camp dates are July 4-8, July 11-15, and July 18-22.

Sign up for one, two, or all three weeks!!

<http://fwjf.org/Events/CampJoeLevine.aspx>



**SIYUM HATORAH -
CONFIRMATION CEREMONY**

At 3:00pm on Sunday, May 15th, Congregation B'nai Jacob will mark the graduation of the Havurat No'ar Class 10th graders.

Mazel Tov to Eden Fuchs, Ian Martinez, Rebecka Roberts, Michal Spanjer, their parents and families!

Our class will lead a creative service with music and thoughtful presentations, which reflect the students' religious and spiritual experiences and aspirations.

Please plan to join us! Following the Siyum, refreshments will be served.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MAY SCHEDULE

Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00pm and on Shabbat mornings at 9:30am. Havurat No'ar and Confirmation Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30pm.

Classes meet on May 4th, 7th, and 11th.

On May 11th, our Religious School will hold its last session at 4:00pm. Towards the end of our classes, we will hold an assembly to mark Yom Haatzmaut and present certificates to our students.

All of our students and teachers are wished a happy and safe summer vacation. See you in the fall!



We are grateful to....

- Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger** for hosting an adult education workshop on the deeper meaning of Purim;
- Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff** for hosting an adult education workshop on the deeper meaning of Passover;
- Paula Adams, Kathy Jarvis, and Ruth Minkoff** for coordinating and serving April Kiddushim;
- Rebbetzin Penny** for kashering the kitchen for Pesach, and for coordinating and serving Kiddushim during Pesach;
- Keith Groman** for preparing the memorial plaques for Yizkor and for continuing to care for the Torah crowns and shields.



**LAG B'OMER PICNIC
AND BONFIRE**

**Thursday, May 26, 2016
6:00pm**

Our annual Lag B'Omer event, celebrating the 33rd day of Omer, includes an outdoor picnic and bonfire. **RSVP's a must, by Monday, May 16.**

SISTERHOOD REPORT

During a recent meeting of the Sisterhood, it was decided to simplify Shabbat Kiddushim due to lack of funds and volunteers plus time constraints. The new monthly menu plan will be as follows:

First Kiddush

Fruit bowl
Bagged salad and dressing
Bagels
Cream Cheese
Lemonade

Second Kiddush

Taco chips
Salsa
Hummus
Cake
Coke / Pepsi

Third Kiddush

Tuna Salad
Assorted bread
Cream Cheese
Cake
Lemonade

Fourth Kiddush

Bagels
Herring
Cream Cheese
Cookies
Coke / Pepsi

Donations are always appreciated as are volunteers. Supplies such as napkins; plastic silverware; styrofoam coffee cups; 8" paper plates; 8 oz. cold cups; and 2-liter bottles of Coke, Pepsi, 7-Up and Sprite are welcome. If you would like to sponsor one of the above simplified Kiddushim or help with preparation, please be in contact with Kathy Jarvis, President. Sponsorship of more elaborate Kiddushim for special occasions may still be requested and arranged by calling Kathy Jarvis or the synagogue office. Many thanks from Kathy Jarvis to all who have supported and helped coordinate Kiddushim over the years and to those who continue to do so.

Welcome New Members!

*Hillary and Mark Radovich
Mical Rynearson*

Mazel Tov!

Eileen and Neal Baitcher on the birth of their first grandchild, Kaylie David, on April 2, 2016 in Chicago. Kaylie is the daughter of Jonathan and Krystina Baitcher and she is named after her Uncle David.

Rebecka Roberts on winning the Baum Goldberg Scholarship awarded by the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation to enable teens to go to Israel.

Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer on being awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Josh Tourkow on being elected to his fourth term as chair of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the Allen County Bar Association!

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