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# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Celebrating 100 Years ... 1912-2012



## Our Own Backyard

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

I want to share with you a famous story from Rebbe Nachman of Breslav, which has been adapted from Rabbi Gedaliah Fler. It has so much to teach us.

### The Treasure Under the Bridge

There was once a poor, G-d fearing Jew who lived in the city of Prague. One night he dreamt that he should journey to Vienna. There, at the base of a bridge leading to the King's palace, he would find a buried treasure.

Night after night the dream recurred until, leaving his family behind, he traveled to Vienna to claim his fortune. The bridge, however, was heavily guarded. The watchful eyes of the King's soldiers afforded little opportunity to retrieve the treasure. Every day the poor Jew spent hours pacing back and forth across the bridge waiting for his chance.

After two weeks time one of the guards grabbed him by the lapels of his coat and demanded gruffly, "Jew! What are you plotting? Why do you keep returning to this place day after, day?" Frustrated and anxious, he blurted out the story of his dream. When he finished, the soldier, who had been containing his mirth, broke into uncontrollable laughter.

The poor Jew looked on in astonishment, not knowing what to make of the man's attitude. Finally, the King's guard caught his breath. He stopped laughing long enough to say, "What a foolish Jew you are believing in dreams. Why, if I let my life be guided by visions, I would be well on my way to the city of Prague. For just last night I dreamt that a poor Jew in that city has, buried in his cellar, a treasure which awaits discovery."

The poor Jew returned home. He dug in his cellar and found the fortune. Upon reflection he thought, the treasure was always in my possession. Yet, I had to travel to Vienna to know of its existence.

So too, in our time, many spiritually impoverished Jews travel in search... finally returning to Judaism to claim what was always their own.

This is the end of Rabbi Fler's account of this story.

I am always saddened when I see Jews who do not realize the treasure they possess. How we take for granted the priceless heritage we have and the incomparable knowledge we glean from Torah.

Just as the Jew in the story, we take journeys in search of happiness, running after the glitter of the object or the latest fad, and dash after the newest theories, which are accepted as the ultimate in wisdom. Please do not misunderstand. Happiness, fulfillment and wisdom are worth our efforts and struggles to obtain. The only problem is that we search here and there to find what we have in our own backyard, and in our own soul.

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## Our Own Backyard

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For unless happiness comes from within, we will exhaustingly run after it, but never find it. If we run away from the wisdom of G-d, whose Torah and teachings lay out for us the preeminent way to live, the happiest way to live, we will also find false treasure which will last for a short period of time, and leave us empty and confused.

The truth of the matter is that we already possess the blueprint for the "good life." If we could just remember that we are the people who stood at Mount Sinai, on the first Shavuot, and met the Holy One, as a bride meets her groom; if we could just recall how we heard the Creator's commandments; if we could just evoke the stirring of our souls who KNOW Hashem, then we would all be excited about learning Torah each day, practicing the path to happiness, and finding the joy of communion with the Holy One.

With this in mind, the Rebbetzin and I wish you a Chag Sameach, as we celebrate Shavuot, the time of G-d's giving the Torah. We hope to see you in shul to celebrate Shavuot together.

As you will see in the bulletin, we have Shavuot services, and Elie Friedman's Confirmation. The modern custom of having a Confirmation on Shavuot fits perfectly with the Chag. We wish a Mazel Tov to Elie and her parents, Ron and Pam Friedman!

Kol Tuv,

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*

### **Religious School**

#### **Dates to Note**

**Saturday May 4th, 11th, 18th, 9:30am**

Shabbat School - last day is 18th

**Tuesday, May 7th, 4:00pm**

Religious School

**Wednesday, May 15th, 6:00pm**

Dinner - RSVP by May 10th

**Wednesday, May 15th, 7:30pm**

Shavuot and

Elie Friedman ☆Confirmation☆

**Z'MAN MATAN  
TORATEINU!!**

**THE CELEBRATION OF  
SHAVUOT**



*and the  
Confirmation of Elianna Friedman*

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

*Dinner at 6:00pm*

*Services at 7:30pm*

**PLEASE RSVP to office by Friday, May 10  
out of courtesy for those who are preparing the Yom Tov meal.**



**☆Bar Mitzvah☆**

**Mark Cole**

**Saturday, May 25, 2013 at  
9:15 in the morning**

Kiddush luncheon

following services sponsored by

Mark and Donna Cole



### **Volunteers Appreciated**

The following people volunteered to sponsor and/or prepare April kiddushim:

*Pam and Ron Friedman;  
Iris and Yuval Fuchs (and a cast of  
thousands!); Nina Mocle;  
Debby and Keith Roberts;  
Jen and Paul Schuler;  
Dana and Jay Zemmol*

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Call or email the office to make a date to help with kiddushim.



## Butterflies Released to Holocaust Museum Houston

Butterflies, decorated by the Religious School students and members of Congregation B'nai Jacob and displayed at the shul for the school season, were released in April on their way to be part of an exhibit of 1.5 million handmade butterflies at the Holocaust Museum Houston in the Spring of 2014. The exhibition is in memory of 1.5 million children killed in the Shoah. (For more information, see <http://www.hmh.org>.)

The poem in the center of the above photo is from the book *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, a collection of works of art and poetry by Jewish children who lived in the concentration camp Theresienstadt. This book is named after a poem by Pavel Friedman, a young man born in 1921 who was incarcerated at Theresienstadt and was later killed at Auschwitz.

### *The Butterfly*

The last, the very last,  
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.  
Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing  
against a white stone....  
Such, such a yellow  
Is carried lightly 'way up high.  
It went away I'm sure because it wishes to  
kiss the world good-bye.  
For seven weeks I've lived in here,  
Pinned up inside this ghetto.  
But I have found what I love here.  
The dandelions call to me  
And the white chestnut branches in the court.  
Only I never saw another butterfly  
That butterfly was the last one.  
Butterflies don't live in here,  
in the ghetto.

- by Pavel Friedman, June 4, 1942, age 21



**"Preventing a Nuclear Armed Iran"- Bob Feferman Tuesday, May 14th, Noon Luncheon @ History Center**

Bob Feferman is Outreach Coordinator for the advocacy group United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI). He also serves as chairman of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation in South Bend, Indiana.

In 2009, Bob helped to initiate and support divestment legislation in the Indiana General Assembly that required Indiana's state pension funds to divest from holdings in companies working in Iran's energy sector. In 2011, he helped to support the efforts of the Indianapolis JCRC in passing Iran Contracting legislation- a UANI legislative initiative - that was signed into law in 2012. For the past 20 years, Bob taught Junior High School Social Studies at the Montessori Academy in Mishawaka. After graduating from Indiana University in 1975, Bob lived in Israel for 11 years and served in the Israel Defense Forces.

Please RSVP at 260-422-8566 or email [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org). ☆

**There is no time like the present to go to Israel! Join us for a Community Mission to Israel, November 4-13, 2013**

*Doris Fogel, Executive Director, Fort Wayne Jewish Federation*

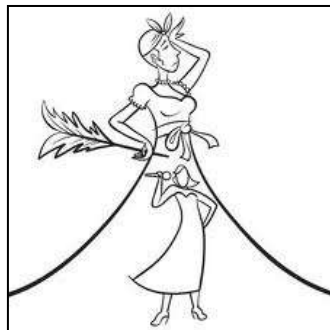
The group will depart from Peoria, Illinois on Saturday evening, November 3rd. We will stay in Chicago, and leave from O'Hare at 11:00am the next day. Flight arrives in Tel Aviv at 9:40am on Monday, November 4th. Participants from other communities will leave from their home community

and meet the Peoria contingent in Chicago on Saturday evening, November 3rd.

Our journey begins at the Ayalon Institute, which tells the story of the Haganah's secret ammunition factory. Tour includes the Rabin Center and many other sites in Tel Aviv. We'll go from Tel Aviv to the north to visit Caesarea and the City of Tzfat. While in the north, we will travel to Tel Hai and drive ATV's in the Golan Heights. The week will end in Jerusalem as we say the Shechiyanu and visit the Old City, the tunnels, the Hurva Synagogue and, of course, the Kotel. The General Assembly, the premiere event for the Jewish Federations of North America, begins on Sunday, November 10th. For those not attending the General Assembly, there are other options available.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$4,200, based on double occupancy. (We are waiting on the flight details to give a more exact estimate.) Price includes: roundtrip airfare Chicago to Tel Aviv; Kosher meals: 4 dinners, 6 lunches; hotel accommodations, including full Israeli breakfasts; entrance fees to sites; fully guided trip in luxury tour bus; travel insurance; experienced English speaking guide throughout; tips for guide and driver.

Interested? Please call Doris Fogel at 260-422-8566. ☆



**Bella Boosta!**

**Dear Bella,** At services last week, several people were talking even during the Rabbi's sermon. One in particular always interrupts when people are relating an experience or giving an opinion and puts in her own words. I

find this so disrupting that I lose my train of thought. Do you ever have this problem and how do you handle it? **Kaye Serah**  
**Dear Kaye,** The people who do this are very insecure and are afraid that someone else will be the center of attention or appear more intelligent. I just pause and wait until they are done, then continue. Actually I feel sorry for them as much as I am annoyed by them. This is a condition called *Lingua Interruptus* and can't be cured.

**dear bella/** i ain't to smart but i gradated hiskool an i needa get a job; i kan werk in a grosry but they aksed if i want comishun or celery. what shoold i take? **I.M.Confused**

**Dear Confused,** I suggest that you take the "celery" so at least you won't starve.

**Dear Bella,** I am outraged! I am furious! I just received an email from my grandson and in the subject line was "STD announcement". Naturally I didn't open it. Now why would a 12-year old boy even know about such things? And why would he send it to his grandmother?

**Dear** , "STD" is an abbreviation for Save The Date. He's almost 13, his Bar Mitzvah is coming up soon. Feel better?

**Dear Bella,** I'm new to the computer thing and don't know some of the rules. For instance, do I need to wear a special bathing suit to surf the web? **Dinah Soar**

**Dear Ms. Soar,** well..umm.. yes.. maybe...sure...

**Dear Bella,** If I'm surfing the web and my computer crashes, where do I get a new surf board? **Dot Kahm**

**Dear Dot,** The same place Dinah got the bathing suit.

**Dear Bella,** I just graduated from Medical School and need some advice on talking to patients. Can you help?

**Chip Schott, M.D.**

**Dear Doctor,** Be compassionate and maintain a professional attitude without being smug. For instance, when you tell a patient that he is completely cured, and he says "Thank G-d" - DON'T SAY "YOU'RE WELCOME".

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## WALK THE LAND

Coordinated by the Afikim Foundation and sponsored by the World Zionist Organization and the Israel Ministry for Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs.

El Al Flight 613 departed from Fort Wayne International to land on a chilly morning in Eretz Yisrael. Religious school students, parents and teachers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob participated in "Walk the Land" to celebrate Israel's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Along the way, everyone had the opportunity to visit the Makolet in Netanya and a kibbutz to help prepare Israeli salad. In Beersheva, we made the desert bloom by decorating planters for the sunflower seeds from the Land of Israel. A visit would not have been complete without stopping at the Kotel and in Eilat, having a "taste of Israel." Dancing in Tel Aviv could be seen as well as scholars debating in Tzefat!  
Did anyone make aliyah?

Many, many heartfelt thanks to...

Nili Ben-Yehoshua for helping to plan, coordinate and support this community event!  
Jay Zemmol for putting up the banners in the shape of Eretz Yisrael...you helped to create the vision of "Walk the Land"! ...Zack Zemmol for helping to set up late Saturday night and early Sunday morning!  
All the teachers and teenagers who were the tour guides and city guides; airplane captain and border security!  
Ruth Minkoff, Jan Finkel, and Nina Mocle who set up the Taste of Israel!  
Rabbi Kornspan and Rabbi Cattapan who give their constant support to the youth in our community!  
The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation for their sponsorship in this endeavor!

And most importantly, all the students and family members who came and participated so enthusiastically in all the activities to celebrate and learn about the land of Israel!!!

<http://walktheland65.org>

## CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS - MAY

### David Siegel Memorial Fund

With wishes for good health to Bee Siegel  
- Heidi and Jeffrey Bail

### General Fund

In appreciation of the Passover Services  
- Don Zelman

### Kiddush Fund

In memory of beloved Father,  
Samuel Brateman  
- Adrienne and Adolph Brateman

In memory of beloved Father,  
Samuel Zaslowsky

- Adrienne and Adolph Brateman

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

In memory of parents, Abe and Freda Dubin  
- Donna and Josh Tourkow

- Donna and Josh Tourkow

In memory of Grandmother,  
Esther Schwartz

- Donna and Josh Tourkow

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Stephen Cohen  
- Susie and Ron Miller

In memory of Max Kaplan

- Susie and Ron Miller

In honor of high school graduation

Rafi Friedman

Brandon Roberts

Julian Schuler

- Susie and Ron Miller

### Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Grandfather, Harry Peurye

- Annie and Dan Appel

In memory of May Bussell

- Paula and David Bussell

In loving memory of Mother, Rosetta Siegle

- Arlene and Jere Leib

In memory of Jennie Weisman

- Linda and Barry Snitzer

## May Birthdays

- 1 Bessie Levy
- 2 Amy Crell
- 3 Franck Hagendorf
- 4 Elaine Shine
- 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
- 25 Neil Pabla
- 25 Neal Rifkin
- 26 Janet Finkel
- 27 Amber Shad
- 28 Robert Walters

## May Anniversaries

- 17 Sam and Kathy Stoller
- 28 Jay and Dana Zemmol

(The following is a reprint from the April newsletter, with corrections.)



## **Todah Rabah!**

This year's Shalach Manot Basket Sale in support of our Religious School was a major success thanks to the efforts of coordinator Iris Fuchs. In addition to overseeing the sale, Iris baked a number of pastries and helped to assemble the gifts, adding special decorative touches to make them a delight to receive. Pam Friedman, Rebbetzin Penny; Nina Mocle; Missy Schneider; Laura Long; Dana Zemmol; Cassie Martinez; Mark Schneider; Zack Zemmol; and Miranda Long all contributed their fine baking talents as well (the latter nine made the delicious Hamentaschen), and Sheryl Merritt helped with assembly. We're sure these words of praise speak for everyone who was fortunate to receive a Shalach Manot Basket. To everyone who purchased baskets this year, thank you so much! 112 baskets were sold!



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**Contact:** John Perlich, City PIO,  
427-6957, [john.perlich@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:john.perlich@cityoffortwayne.org)

### Prayers for the City event is Sunday

Fort Wayne, Ind. – Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry today was joined by local religious and community leaders who will participate in the upcoming "Prayers for the City – A Celebration of One Community, Many Faiths." Mayor Henry and the participants encouraged the public to attend the special service.

The prayer event will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at the downtown Performing Arts Center of the University of Saint Francis (the former Scottish Rite Auditorium); 431 W. Berry St.

The program and participant list was also released at today's news conference.\*

The prayer service is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item. The donated items will be shared with Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana and the food bank at the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

The event will feature prayers, singing, dances, and readings. Religious traditions represented will include Baha'i; Buddhism; Christianity; Hinduism; Judaism; Islam; Sikhism; and Unitarian Universalism. Those who aren't able to attend are asked to pray for the city in their places of worship.

Mayor Henry developed the program with assistance from Rev. Dr. Terry Anderson, Interfaith Hospitality Network; Amir J. Tamir Rasheed, Islamic Center of Fort Wayne; and Dr. Michael Spath, IPFW.

A reception with light refreshments will be held following the service.

\*For additional information see <http://cityoffortwayne.org/>



### **"ABCs of Shavuot" by Rabbi Shraga Simmons**

Be sure to read this excellent article from Aish.com included on the reverse side of the May Calendar insert in this newsletter. Enjoy!

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*



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## **Notice of Annual Meeting of Members**

The annual meeting of members of Congregation B'nai Jacob, Inc. will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Congregation building located at:

**7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive  
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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**

Sincerely,

Pamela Friedman  
Secretary

**May Yahrzeits**



**Iyar / May**

21	30-1	Bonnie Harrison
21	30-1	William Landy
21	30-1	Rivah Meyers
21	30-1	Carolyn Katz Polakoff
22	1-2	Yitschok Issac Schwartz
22	1-2	Deborah Rifkin
23	2-3	Fannie Trivus
24	3-4	Eva Bosell
24	3-4	Rosa Levin
24	3-4	Shulamith Troy
25	4-5	Wolf Soloway
25	4-5	Lena Salon
25	4-5	Paul Gepsman
26	5-6	Max Weisman
28	7-8	Dora Rozeen
29	8-9	Pearl Waterman
29	8-9	Hyman Dicker
29	8-9	Anna Hurwitz
29	7-8	Jennie Nemeroff

**Sivan / May**

1	9-10	Sidney Goldin
2	10-11	Esther Brateman
2	10-11	Sara Goldberg
2	10-11	Bonny Gould
4	12-13	Franz Reiman
5	13-14	Baruch Bronstein
6	14-15	Alice Fenyes
6	14-15	Harry King
6	14-15	Anna Landy
6	14-15	Joseph Schachter
6	14-15	Rose K. Weigler
7	15-16	Morris Meyer
7	15-16	Bessie Ochstein
8	16-17	Fannie Edelman
8	16-17	Miriam Falakovicz
8	16-17	Motel Golder
8	16-17	Louis Smith
8	16-17	Zuse Silverman
9	17-18	Yitzchok Falk
10	18-19	Irving Zeal
11	19-20	Jacob Kaplan
11	19-20	Ann Levy
12	20-21	Getel Himelstein
12	20-21	Jan Levin
12	20-21	Harry Slutsky
12	20-21	Samuel Weiner
13	21-22	Peter Bronstein
13	21-22	Danny Levin
14	22-23	Rae Lipp
15	23-24	Mitchell Bronstein
15	23-24	Kate Dicker
16	24-25	David G. Altheide
16	24-25	Rose Gibson
16	24-25	Helen Kornspan

**May Yahrzeits**



**Sivan / May**

16	24-25	Rabbi Herman Price
16	24-25	Esther Smith
16	24-25	Norma Trauner
17	25-26	Norma Jean Chambers
17	25-26	Leon Hasid / Aryeh Chaim ben Godel
17	25-26	Pearl Marks
17	25-26	Beryl Novitsky
17	25-26	Isador Vigran
18	26-27	Abraham Brateman
18	26-27	Louis Siegel
19	27-28	Max H. Leib
20	28-29	Jean Fishbein
20	28-29	George Sandle
20	28-29	Isaac Schwartz
21	29-30	Ann Golder
22	30-1	Ruth Davis
22	30-1	Becky Weinberg
22	30-1	Florence Weinberg
22	30-1	Etta Hoffman Zussman

**If you would like to make a donation in honor/memory of someone, please fill out the form and submit it with**

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- Torah Maintenance Fund**
- Winnick Memorial Garden Fund**
- Yahrzeit Fund**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Our next bulletin will be a combined publication for the months of June and July.

Submissions are welcome and are due to the office by Friday, May 17th.

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