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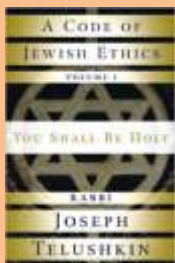
Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

President Mark Schneider

November 2016

Tishri and Cheshvan 5777

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**ETHICS CLASS  
LED BY  
RABBI KORNSPAN  
CONTINUES....**

**NEXT CLASS IS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
AT 10:30AM  
9:30AM TALLIT AND TEFILLIN  
EACH CLASS IS PRECEDED BY  
A LIGHT BRUNCH.**

# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

*Since 1912 ... Celebrating 100+ Years*



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARK SCHNEIDER (As Delivered On Yom Kippur 5777)**

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

Every Sunday morning a man takes a jog around a park near his home. In one corner of the park is a lake where he would see the same elderly woman sitting at the water's edge with a small metal cage.

One Sunday curiosity got the best of him and he stopped jogging and walked over to her. As he got closer, he realized that the metal cage was in fact a small trap. There were three turtles, unharmed, slowly walking around the base of the trap. She had a fourth turtle in her lap that she was carefully scrubbing with a spongy brush.

"Hello," he said. "I see you here every Sunday morning. If you don't mind my nosiness, I'd love to know what you're doing with these turtles."

She smiled. "I'm cleaning off their shells," she replied. "Anything on a turtle's shell, like algae or scum, reduces the turtle's ability to absorb heat and impedes its ability to swim. It can also corrode and weaken the shell over time."

"Wow! That's really nice of you!" he exclaimed.

She went on: "I spend a couple of hours each Sunday morning, relaxing by this lake and helping these little guys out. It's my own strange way of making a difference."

"But don't most freshwater turtles live their whole lives with algae and scum hanging from their shells?" he asked.

"Yep, sadly, they do," she replied.

He scratched his head. "Well then, don't you think your time could be better spent? I mean, I think your efforts are kind and all, but there are freshwater turtles living in lakes all around the world. And 99% of these turtles don't have kind people like you to help them clean off their shells. So, no offense... but how exactly are your efforts here truly making a difference?"

The woman laughed aloud. She looked down at the turtle in her lap, scrubbed off the last piece of algae from its shell, and said, "If this little guy could talk, he'd tell you I just made all the difference in the world."

The obvious message here is that each person can make a difference in the world even if it is on a small scale, one person or one action at a time. Even if the woman cannot help all the turtles in the world, her small action has brought change to the ones in front of her.

The other question we are probably all asking is "If the turtle would normally live his life this way, why do anything at all? Would he know any different if she had not helped?"

For me the answer is "Because if we have the power to make a difference, no matter how small, are we not in some way obliged to act?" Isn't that what tikkun olam is all about? Small acts of kindness performed to repair the world?"

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR  
PRESIDENT MARK SCHNEIDER  
(As Delivered On Yom Kippur 5777  
and continued from page one)**

Over the past 4 years I have stood here and asked for your support in our community. I have asked for your participation, your engagement and your money. I would like to wholeheartedly thank those of you who have answered those calls. As I stand here today delivering my final appeal, I again ask for that support but I need something more.

As with so many congregations across the country, our membership and attendance is declining. Our congregation is also aging and we lack a large pool of young adults living and maturing in our community working to take over the reins of leadership. The natural extension of that decline is that we no longer have the number of steady annual contributions and large donations. It was not that long ago that we had to add rows of seating in the back to accommodate the crowds during the High Holidays and now we are barely able to fill what we have. Too often we worry about making a minyan during Shabbat or for other holiday services.

Please don't mistake my meaning - I'm not admonishing anyone, each and every one of you is a blessing. I am simply pointing out what is evident to us all. We are a shrinking community and it is becoming ever more difficult to sustain our synagogue. As most of you are aware, we are operating at a loss and are increasingly relying on our reserves in order to meet our financial obligations. Your contributions are now and will remain critically important. Bluntly put the more we can rely on your donations, the longer we can hold onto our reserves; the longer we can keep the doors open.

With smaller numbers there is more for each of us to do. Participation and engagement is more important than ever before. We rely on each of you to help make a minyan, to lead services, to help prepare a Kiddush lunch, to help make a

holiday special; in short, to help make our community more vibrant and alive. Believe me I know it's difficult to give more when we already give so much, but as Mark Twain said "If work were so pleasant, the rich would keep it for themselves."

As I mentioned before though I have something else I must ask for. It has been said that "Changing is what people do when they have no options left." While that may be a little cynical I do feel we are reaching a point where we will have to adapt to our new reality and our decreasing size. The next few years will likely be ones filled with uncertainty and change. We have some difficult choices ahead of us as we work to find a vision and path for our congregation and synagogue.

What I ask from each of you is to contribute your patience, your understanding, your commitment and your vision. In order to survive we need the congregation to work together as we find our way forward. Just as with the turtle story, each of us has the ability to affect change and I feel we owe it to each other to do so. Each of us brings our own unique talents and perspectives to the congregation. We all have something to contribute. As H.E. Luccock said: "No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it."

When we share those talents we join together as something larger and more powerful. We have the ability to strengthen and rebuild our congregation as a Jewish community that enriches each of our lives. I cannot predict what our future will look like but I do know that we are coming to a critical juncture. Each one of us has the opportunity to act - to make that one small difference in each other's lives. So grab that turtle and scrub it with everything you've got.

Gmar Chatima Tova.

*Mark Schneider, President*



**November Birthdays**

- 1 Elijah Mamayek
- 3 Hanna Ruth Crell
- 3 Adam Snitzer
- 3 Sam Stoller
- 7 Elianna Friedman
- 7 Kathy Jarvis
- 12 David Bosell
- 14 Alek Bussell
- 14 Jaki Schreier
- 16 Jan Sarratore
- 18 Art Kupersmith
- 19 Austin Fergusson
- 22 Dan Appel
- 22 Aaron Farber
- 23 Steve Martin
- 24 Ron Goltz
- 26 Karen Yost
- 30 Mike Trentacosti

**November Anniversaries**

- 5 Adolph and Adrienne Brateman
- 10 Bruce and Sheryl Merritt
- 11 James and Meg Holstein
- 19 Brad and Emily Finkel
- 20 Dr. Matthew and Theresa Farber



**MAZEL TOV  
to  
Grandpa Shmuel Wahli  
and family on the blessed  
arrival of  
Hudson Malachi Wahli!  
Born at 2:30am on Sunday,  
October 23, 2016,  
Hudson is the son of  
Yahutsadaq and Michal Wahli.**

**November Yahrzeits** **יזכור**

**Tishri/ November**

30 31-1 Sidney Klepper  
30 31-1 Lou Weismann

**Cheshvan/November**

1 1-2 Sophie Bass  
1 1-2 Phyllis Groman  
1 1-2 Sharon McLochlin  
2 2-3 Jake Rovel  
3 3-4 Harry Babich  
3 3-4 Harry Bosell  
3 3-4 Sarah Brateman  
3 3-4 Rose White  
4 4-5 Edward Baum  
4 4-5 Loren Smith  
4 4-5 Irving Walters  
5 5-6 Cathy Bradley  
5 5-6 Barbara Cohen  
5 5-6 Roberta Rezits  
6 6-7 Rosalie Becker  
6 6-7 Bert Silverstein  
7 7-8 Jack Levin  
8 8-9 Max Cohen  
9 9-10 Julius Gilbert  
9 9-10 Bertram Hornstein  
9 9-10 Rev. Mendel Hurwitz  
9 9-10 Max Levy  
10 10-11 Eva Jaffe  
10 10-11 Joseph Weinraub  
11 11-12 Sam Barabash  
11 11-12 Edith Thomson  
12 12-13 Solomon Saul Bleifeld  
12 12-13 Jacob Portman  
12 12-13 Bronnica Weinberg  
13 13-14 Gertrude Nusholtz  
13 13-14 Joseph Tillinger  
14 14-15 Irving J. Pressman  
14 14-15 Nathan Sheray  
15 15-16 Robert Edgar  
15 15-16 Rose Ewing  
15 15-16 Jacob Sunshine  
16 16-17 Minnie Fidler  
16 16-17 Mendel Himelstein  
16 16-17 Leo Sunshine  
18 18-19 Art Perlman  
18 18-19 David Lester Smith  
19 19-20 Sonia Abrams  
19 19-20 George Droegmyer  
20 20-21 Goldye Appel  
20 20-21 Margaret Merin  
21 21-22 Seth Aaron Horwitz  
23 23-24 Hannah Crell  
23 23-24 Lena Dinnerstein  
23 23-24 Gittel Rovel  
23 23-24 Minnie Moyer Sapirie

**November Yahrzeits** **יזכור**

**Cheshvan/November**

24 24-25 Myron M. Horwitz  
24 24-25 Mae Levy  
26 26-27 Harry Brateman  
26 26-27 Harriet Chodash  
26 26-27 Jeanne Erlich  
26 26-27 Jennie Gilbert  
26 26-27 Elaine Lazar  
26 26-27 Jack Marks  
26 26-27 Fred Schneider  
27 27-28 Abraham Schwartz  
27 27-28 Joseph Waterman  
28 28-29 Emanuel Siegel  
28 28-29 Frederick R. Tourkow  
29 29-30 Mendel Frank  
29 29-30 Sophia Heiligman  
29 29-30 Tillie M. Kaposky  
29 29-30 Jacob Levin  
29 29-30 Don Sowles

**Kislev / November**

1 30-1 Shirley Babich  
1 30-1 Samuel S. Meyer  
1 30-1 Esther Rothstein

**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  
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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  
 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



*Condolences to  
 Fda Kyner  
 and family  
 on the passing of  
 their beloved  
 Leonid Usakovich  
 Kyner  
 on the  
 7th of Tishri 5777  
 October 9, 2016.*



*Condolences to  
 the family and friends of  
 longtime member  
 Renee Levin  
 who passed on the  
 15th of Tishri 5777  
 October 17, 2016.*

## CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

### General Fund

In memory of mother,  
Shirley Konigsberg

- *Dan and Annie Appel*

In memory of grandmother,  
Mary Peurye

- *Dan and Annie Appel*

In honor of Janet Finkel receiving the  
Goldie DuBow Award

- *Michael and Marina Epstein*

In memory of Dr. Abraham Fichman  
- *Ann Fichman*

In memory of Mariam Nemoff

- *Nancy Nemeroff*

In memory of Barry Pass

- *Sharlene Pass*

In memory of Sharon McLochlin

- *Mark, Missy, Gwen, and Becca  
Schneider*

In memory of Linda Shulkin-Nail

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

In memory of Melvin "Moey" Shulkin

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

In appreciation of all who lead  
High Holiday Services

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

### Kiddush Fund

In memory of Phyllis Groman

- *Keith Groman*

Wishing you all L'shana Tova Tikatevu!

- *Keith Groman*

In memory of Josephine Mocle

- *Keith Groman*

In memory of Grace and Benjamin  
Becker

- *Franck Hagendorf*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Grace and Benjamin  
Becker

- *Franck Hagendorf*

### Religious School

In memory of Grace and Benjamin  
Becker

- *Franck Hagendorf*

### Winnick Memorial Garden Fund

In memory of Mariam (Bubby) Nemoff

- *Howard Nemeroff*

### Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of family

- *Robert Brateman, MD*

In memory of Evelyn Feldman

- *Kenneth Feldman*

In memory of Linda Shulkin-Nail and  
Mel Shulkin

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### November Class Schedule

Hebrew School 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th 4:00pm-6:00pm

Shabbat School

and Havurat No'ar 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 9:30am-11:45am

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!**



Congregation B'nai Jacob thanks:

- The **Farber and Zemmol** families for sponsoring the beautiful fresh flowers at the Bima for Yom Kippur.
- **Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger** for sponsoring, coordinating and preparing Break the Fast and **Janet Finkel and her helpers** who served the meal and cleaned up afterward.
- **Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger; Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff; and Mike and Paula Adams** for sponsoring the security for the High Holidays.
- **Ruth Minkoff and Dana Zemmol** for coordinating, preparing, and serving the Sukkah Decorating lunch on Sunday, October 16.
- **Adolph and Adrienne Brateman** for sponsoring Kiddush on October 22 in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary. Mazel Tov!
- **Janet Finkel and Sheryl Merritt** for coordinating, preparing and serving Kiddush on October 22.
- **Rebbetzin Kornspan** for coordinating, preparing and serving Kiddushim during Sukkot.



Congregation B'nai Jacob thanks:

- **Ruth Minkoff** for coordinating and baking; **Missy Schneider** for donating snacks; and **Theresa and Matt Farber** for sponsoring the caramel apples for Simchat Torah Hakafot.
- **Ruth Minkoff, Janet Finkel, and Sheryl Merritt** for volunteering to coordinate, prepare and serve October Kiddushim.

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Josh Tourkow, Past President

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Marc Nusholtz Marc Spanjer  
Jay Zemmol



**From the Mailbox of  
Rabbi Kornspan**

*Dear Rabbi Kornspan,*

*Thank you for leading us in our Shabbat Service. It was a wonderful way to finish this year's camp. All of us - campers and grownups - enjoyed the story you shared with us. The kids had a lot of fun being active participants in the story.*

*Larisa and Samantha*

*Camp Joe Levine Counselors*



**THANK YOU:** Sisterhood Treasurer, Donna Tourkow, would like to thank the women who have sent in their checks for 2016-2017 Sisterhood dues. For those who have yet to do so, your prompt attention is greatly appreciated and enables the Sisterhood to continue to serve Congregation B'nai Jacob and the community in a variety of ways: weekly Kiddushim; special holiday events; a well supplied gift shop (the only one of its kind in the Fort Wayne area); maintenance of the Kosher kitchen including paper goods and other supplies; hosting bereavement and other community needs.

**DECEMBER NEEDS:** Volunteers are needed to coordinate the congregation's annual Hanukkah party. If you would like to be involved, please call the office or let Rabbi Kornspan know.

We are also seeking volunteers who will choose to cover one Kiddush at a time. The current need is to identify volunteers for December. Menus can be prepared on Shabbat at the synagogue and can be as simple as herring or gefilte fish with cottage cheese and crackers, or cream cheese and bagels served with a tossed salad or a bowl of fruit. Ingredients, however, must be delivered to the synagogue kitchen prior to the beginning of Shabbat.

Reimbursement of \$40 or less is available from Sisterhood if requested with a receipt.



**DECEMBER NEEDS continued:** Please consider selecting a Shabbat in December (and in the coming months) and coordinating a light meal for the enjoyment and nourishment of the B'nai Jacob family. To volunteer, you may reply via email to the office or call the office at 260-672-8459.

The Sisterhood is grateful to those who volunteered to coordinate Kiddushim in the months of October and November. ☆

## JEWISH COMMUNITY DATES



**November 1 at 6:00pm**

1st Meeting of Rosh Chodesh Jewish Women's Club  
@ Janet Finkel's home

**November 7 at 7:00pm**

Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne Campaign Opener @ The Temple Yotam  
Goram, Israeli Diplomat, speaker

**November 22 at 7:00pm**

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ The Temple  
Rev. Dr. Terry Anderson, Just Neighbors, speaker

**December 1**

Rosh Chodesh Jewish Women's Club @ The Temple  
Destiny Rescue to speak about child exploitation and slavery.