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B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Celebrating 100 Years ... 1912-2012



6, 7, 8, Let Us Celebrate!

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

Rebbetzin Penny and I wish you Chanukah Sameach, a very happy Chanukah!

Most people know so much about the history and the story of Chanukah. In this article I want to go beyond these and focus on the power of eight!

I am indebted to Rabbi Avraham Sutton for the core of this idea. [The article NIFLAOT #2, printed in Ascent Quarterly #37.] He reminds us that the main mitzvah of Chanukah is the lighting of the Menorah. The fact that this is celebrated for eight days has an interesting undercurrent.

Let us examine the meaningfulness of the numbers 6, 7 and 8. Hashem created the world in 6 "days". The number 6 can symbolize the natural world, with its six directions: north, south, east, west, up and down.

Hashem ceased from creation and made the seventh day holy, Shabbat. Thus the number 7 reflects Hashem's immanence. It is the very soul, which permeates all of the 6 days, all of the world, with G-d's holiness.

Eight is the number representing Hashem's transcendence. Eight is unique; it is above and it is beyond our world. This is the realm of the miracle.

It is fascinating that in Hebrew, the word shemonah (eight) is made up of the same letters as the word hashemen (the oil), neshama (soul), and Mishna! Thus, when the Rabbis in the Talmud related the story of how the Syrian Greeks had desecrated the Temple and the jars of oil used for lighting the Menorah, they are presenting for us a way to reflect on a deeper meaning.

What does the oil symbolize? It represents the innermost level of the Jewish soul. Even when we are challenged, living in the midst of exile, we can stir ourselves; we can find our true potential, our light.

It is amazing in the story of the little cruse of oil, that only the one vessel that still had the seal of the Kohen Gadol, the High Priest, was acceptable. It had the purity. It represented the seal of the holy man, this High Priest, who wore 8 special garments when officiating in the Temple!

Now for another amazing occurrence! Our siddur, prayerbook, has the prayer "Al Hanisim" that we recite on Chanukah. In it, Mattityahu is called the Chashmonai (Mattithias the Hasmonean). He, his sons, and followers were the devoted Jews who defended Torah, and risking their lives, saved Judaism. This, of course, could only be won because of Hashem's support.

The name *Chashmonai*, *Hasmonean*, can be divided into two parts, the letter *chet*, the eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, followed by the word for oil, *shemen*. In this name, is hidden, in open sight, the concept of the power of 8, right alongside the concept of shemen, oil.

Chanukah has this amazing message. It is beckoning us to see the 8 in our lives. We are more than physical human beings. We are physical beings with a soul! This soul is linked continuously

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with the One, who is immanent and transcendent.

The "Eight" calls us to transcend the smallness of time and space, and to imagine, see, and experience the miracles in nature, the miracles in our lives, the ways that Hashem guides us, and is ever present.

Chanukah is reminding us of the time when Hashem "stepped into history", and changed the natural course of events. Logically, there is no way that a small band of Jews could fight the super power, which was the Syrian Greeks, and be victorious.

Indeed, the very fact that we, as Jews, exist, is a mystery to many. There is an account that relates that Queen Victoria of England asked her Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli: "Mr. Prime Minister, what evidence can you give me of the existence of G-d?" Disraeli thought for a moment and then replied, "The Jew, your majesty."

As we kindle the Chanukah lights, let us ponder the miracles that are daily with us. Let us marvel about how Hashem has kept the Jewish people alive and given them the modern state of Israel. Then let us resolve that we will do everything we can for our children and our family to be active and committed Jews, worthy of the name of Israel. After all, the Jews who wished to assimilate with the Hellenist Greeks, forsaking the Torah, disappeared from the Jewish people. It was the Jews who took a stand and held the Torah close and dear to them, who passed on Judaism to us. May we follow in their footsteps.

Chanukah Sameach,

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

*** ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS ***
Are you migrating to a warmer climate for the winter months? Please provide your forwarding address to the office **before you leave** so that you can continue to receive mail from the shul without interruption.



In conclusion of
Congregation B'nai Jacob's
100th Anniversary Celebration,
PLEASE JOIN US!

**Scholar in Residence
Arthur Kurzweil**

*sponsored by
PNC Schneider Charitable Trust*

November 1-3, 2013

- **Friday, November 1 @ 6:00pm** - Services, followed by Shabbat Dinner. Please call the office today if you plan to be present for dinner. (260-672-8459)
- **Friday, November 1 @ 7:30pm** - "Who Says We Can't Study Kabbalah?"
- **Saturday, November 2 @ 12:45pm** - "I Can't Read Hebrew, I Never Went to a Yeshiva, But I Want to Study Talmud: An Introduction to Talmud Study in English"
- **Saturday, November 2 @ 7:30pm** - "Searching for G-d in a Magic Shop"
- **Sunday, November 3 @ 10:00am** - Doroteinu Program - "From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History".

*All lectures take place at the synagogue,
are open to the community, and are sponsored
by PNC Schneider Charitable Trust.*

*For more information on Mr. Kurzweil, please refer to
his website at: <http://arthurkurzweil.com>.*

KOSHER AROUND TOWN

Susie Miller reports that Belmont Beverage on St. Joe Center Road now carries Kosher wines other than Mogen David and Manischewitz. The more purchased, the more variety will be available. Phone: 260-485-8164; Hours: 9am-10pm (M-Th) 9am-12am (Fri & Sat).

Nina Mocle and Donna Tourkow recently visited the new Costco at 5110 Value Drive (off Lima Road). "Among so many other things, we were very excited to find the Hebrew National 2 lb. beef salami (the torpedo), fantastic lox, jarred herring, Empire (frozen) chicken and Empire chicken breast cutlets. We will do further research (when it's not so crowded and crazy) to see what else the local Costco is carrying that is *heckshered*. We'll keep you posted." Costco Phone: 260-481-1100.

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS - NOVEMBER

General Fund

In memory of Goldye Appel
 - Dan and Annie Appel
 In honor of Geoffrey Long's consecration
 - Austin and Nancy Fergusson
 Thank you for making me feel so welcome
 - Irwin Mallin

Kiddush Fund

In memory of Grandma Sarah Brateman
 - Adolph and Adrienne Brateman
 In memory of Julius Gilbert; Simon Crell;
 Hannah Crell; Jennie Gilbert; Maureen
 Gilbert; Charlotte Gilbert Schiff
 - Marvin and Harriet Crell
 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

In appreciation of Rabbi
 - Mark and Donna Cole
 Thank you Rabbi Kornspan for making
 possible the yahrzeit of Rosalie.
 - Franck Hagendorf

Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund

In memory of Hannah Crell
 - Howard and Rossya Klebanow
 In memory of Seth Aaron Horwitz
 - Marilyn J. Katz

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Seth Horwitz
 - Steven Horwitz
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 - Hugo and Lis Kahn
 In memory of Jean Pownall
 - Jerry and Sue Pownall
 In honor of Mom Sharon McLochlin
 - Mark and Melissa Schneider
 In memory of Linda Shulkin-Nail and
 Melvin Shulkin
 -Niesie Shulkin



November Birthdays

- 3 Hanna Ruth Crell
- 3 Adam Snitzer
- 3 Sam Stoller
- 7 Elianna Friedman
- 12 Diane Wolf
- 12 David Bosell
- 14 Alek Bussell
- 14 Jaki Schreier
- 16 Jan Sarratore
- 18 Art Kupersmith
- 19 Austin Fergusson
- 22 Dan Appel
- 22 Aaron Farber
- 24 Ron Goltz
- 30 Mike Trentacosti

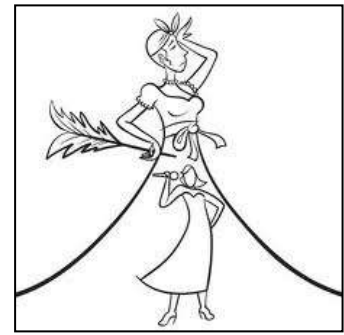


November Anniversaries

- 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



for all Jewish children
Sunday, December 15
 "Chaverim" will take place at the
 Temple from 12:30pm - 2:00pm
 following the Maccabiah Games.
 All Jewish children welcome.
 Lunch and craft sponsored by the
 Fort Wayne Jewish Federation.



Bella Boosta!

Dear Bella, My girlfriend got a nose job last month and now that it's healed she doesn't like it.

What's happening? **Hi Klass**

Dear Hi, It sounds like she has post nasal depression.

Dear Bella, If fish don't have noses, how do they smell?

Anne Chovy

Dear Anne, AWFUL!

Speaking of noses: If you run into an old friend who seems to have a new nose, don't greet her with "It's a Dr. Eppstein job, isn't it?"

Dear Bella, My sister-in-law thinks she's the best cook in Fort Wayne, but really, her food makes the whole family sick. Is there anything I can do or say to make her stop cooking? **Marc Thyme**

Dear Marc, First, be gentle. Try saying, "Sister, your cooking speaks for itself - and repeats and repeats..."


Dear Bella, I love to make my own clothes, but when I find a mistake, I get upset and don't want to re-do the whole thing. Am I wrong?

Mae Hemm

Dee Mae, Sometimes you must rip what you sew.

Dear Bella, When does winter start? **Hannah Kah.**

Dear Hannah, When autumn leaves. ☆



Thank you to *Nina Mocle, Donna Tourkow, and Susie Miller* for preparing the very good Kiddush. Thank you to *Dr. Marc Nusholtz and Dr. Mary Wilger* for the donation of lox. Thank you to *all of the congregants present* for the memory of my beloved wife,
Rosalie Becker.
 - Franck Hagendorf



ABC's of Chanukah (Hanukkah) by Rabbi Shraga Simmons

Everything you need to know about the holiday of Chanukah - Hanukkah. Chanukah (Hanukkah), the Festival of Lights, begins on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev, and lasts for eight days.

(1) A Bit of History

The Hebrew word Chanukah means "dedication." In the 2nd century BCE, during the time of the Second Holy Temple, the Syrian-Greek regime of Antiochus sought to pull Jews away from Judaism, with the hopes of assimilating them into Greek culture. Antiochus outlawed Jewish observance — including circumcision, Shabbat, and Torah study — under penalty of death. As well, many Jews — called Hellenists — began to assimilate into Greek culture, taking on Greek names and marrying non-Jews. This began to decay the foundation of Jewish life and practice.

When the Greeks challenged the Jews to sacrifice a pig to a Greek god, a few courageous Jews took to the hills of Judea in open revolt against this threat to Jewish life. Led by Matitياهو, and later his son Judah the Maccabee, this small band of pious Jews led guerrilla warfare against the Syrian-Greek army.

Antiochus sent thousands of well-armed troops to crush the rebellion, but after three years the Maccabees beat incredible odds and miraculously succeeded in driving the foreigners from their land. The victory was on the scale of Israel defeating the combined super-powers of today.

Jewish fighters entered Jerusalem and found the Holy Temple in shambles and desecrated with idols. The Maccabees cleansed the Temple and re-dedicated it on the 25th of Kislev. When it came time to re-light the Menorah, they searched the entire Temple, but found only one jar of pure oil bearing the seal of the High Priest. The group of believers lit the Menorah anyway and were rewarded with a miracle: That small jar of oil burned for eight days, until a new supply of oil could be brought.

From then on, Jews have observed a holiday for eight days, in honor of this historic victory and the miracle of the oil. To publicize the Chanukah miracle, Jews add the special Hallel praises to the Shacharit service, and light a menorah during the eight nights of Chanukah.

(2) Lighting Instructions

In Ashkenazi tradition, each person lights his own menorah. Sefardi tradition has just one menorah per family.

What Menorah to Light

To publicize which night of Chanukah it is, all eight candles on the menorah should be at the same height — and preferably in a straight line. Otherwise, the candles may not be easily distinguishable and may appear like a big torch.

In addition to the eight main lights, the menorah has an extra helper candle called the "Shamash." As we are forbidden to use the Chanukah lights for any purpose other than "viewing," any benefit is as if it's coming from the Shamash.

Since the Shamash does not count as one of the eight regular lights, your menorah should have the Shamash set apart in some way — either placed higher than the other candles, or off to the side.

What Candles to Light

The most important thing is that that your candles must burn for at least 30 minutes after nightfall. (Those famous colored candles barely qualify!) Many Jewish bookstores sell longer colored candles. Actually, it is even better to use olive oil, since the miracle of the Maccabees occurred with olive oil. Glass cups containing oil can be placed in the candle holders of any standard menorah. Many Jewish bookstores even sell kits of pre-measured oil in disposable cups.

Where to Light

To best publicize the miracle, the menorah is ideally lit outside the doorway of your house, on the left side when entering. (The mezuzah is on the right side; in this way you are "surrounded by mitzvot.") In Israel, many people light outside in special glass boxes built for a menorah. If this is not practical, the menorah should be lit in a window facing the public thoroughfare. Someone who lives on an upper floor should light in a window. If for some reason the menorah cannot be lit by a window, it may be lit inside the house on a table; this at least fulfills the mitzvah of "publicizing the miracle" for the members of the household.

Since the mitzvah occurs at the actual moment of lighting, moving the menorah to a proper place *after* lighting does *not* fulfill the mitzvah.

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November Yahrzeits זיכור

- Cheshvan / November**
 28 31-1 Emanuel Siegel
 28 31-1 Frederick R. Tourkow
 29 1-2 Mendel Frank
 29 1-2 Sophia Heiligman
 29 1-2 Tillie M. Kaposky
 29 1-2 Jacob Levin
 29 1-2 Don Sowles

- Kislev / November**
 1 3-4 Shirley Babich
 1 3-4 Samuel S. Meyer
 1 3-4 Esther Rothstein
 2 4-5 Norman Bossell
 2 4-5 Max Gilbert
 2 4-5 Joseph Zinn
 3 5-6 Bessie R. Schmitz
 4 6-7 Abraham Levy
 4 6-7 Kathryn Sheray
 5 7-8 Esther F. Grossman
 5 7-8 William Hornstein
 5 7-8 Jacob Reich
 5 7-8 Wilbur Zweig
 6 8-9 Rose Cohen
 6 8-9 Samuel Liff
 6 8-9 Sidney Trivus
 6 8-9 Maurice Waldman
 6 8-9 Sarah Weinberg
 7 9-10 Mildred Prady
 8 10-11 David Appel
 8 10-11 Roslyn Rozeen
 8 10-11 Claire Selan
 9 11-12 Charlotte Maier
 10 12-13 Zelda Novitsky
 12 14-15 Emanuel Cohen
 12 14-15 Herman Himelstein
 12 14-15 Rabbi Samuel D. Hurwitz
 12 14-15 Toba Malka Schwartz
 13 15-16 Rita Jo Levin Rainey
 14 16-17 Isidor Hassan
 14 16-17 Milton Jerry Ontell
 14 16-17 Mindel Yoinovicz
 15 17-18 Elsie Levin
 15 17-18 Audra E. Mandel
 15 17-18 Samuel Rothberg
 16 18-19 Louis Leader
 16 18-19 Leonard J. Levy
 16 18-19 Rebecca Winnick
 17 19-20 Florence Bernstein
 17 19-20 Clyde R. Gaddis
 17 19-20 Max Konigsberg
 18 20-21 Abraham M. Zinn
 19 21-22 Emanuel Kreitman
 20 22-23 Marcus Beck
 20 22-23 Yetta Magazine
 20 22-23 Isador Yourist
 21 23-24 Arnold L. Goldsmith

November Yahrzeits זיכור

- Kislev / November**
 22 24-25 Paulette Bussell Oatley
 22 24-25 Eric E. Eling
 22 24-25 Alfred Solotkin
 23 25-26 Louis Groden
 23 25-26 Sigmund Maier
 23 25-26 Leon Seigman
 24 26-27 Irene Schibel
 25 27-28 Sarah Bronstein
 26 28-29 Samuel Gibson
 26 28-29 Bertha Levin
 26 28-29 Bunny Posner
 27 29-30 J.T. Thompson
 27 29-30 Ruth Zweig



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 Torah Maintenance Fund
 Winnick Memorial Garden Fund
 Yahrzeit Fund



David Miller (foreground) was pictured on the front page of the Journal Gazette on October 6, 2013 as a member of the color guard participating at the Vietnam Veterans of America Homecoming Celebration at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne.

Volunteers and Sponsors Appreciated

Susie Miller, Nina Mocle, and Donna Tourkow volunteered to prepare October Kiddushim. They thank *Annie Appel, Janet Finkel, and Ruth Minkoff* for pitching in to help.

Franck Hagendorf sponsored the October 12 Kiddush in memory of his beloved wife, Rosalie Becker.

Mike Adams coordinated plumbing repairs in Rabbi's office and also did some organization and delineation of space in the Electrical Room.

- Religious School*
- **Sunday, November 3, 10:00am**
Doroteinu Program
 - **Friday, November 8, 6:00pm**
K.I.S.S. (Kids in Shabbat Services)
 - **Tuesday, December 3**
Chanukah Party



Ben and Sharon Eisbart recently delivered to B'nai Jacob Senate Concurrent Resolution Thirty-Nine of the Indiana General Assembly signed on April 8, 2013.

(transcribed below for ease in reading)



**State of Indiana
Indiana General Assembly
Senate Concurrent Resolution Thirty-Nine**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the State of Israel on the occasion of its sixty-fifth anniversary and strongly support the Jewish State's inherent right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens from terrorism.

WHEREAS, Israel was born as an independent nation on May 14, 1948, as a democratic Jewish state, built on the framework of liberty, justice, and peace;

WHEREAS, Israel has much to commemorate and celebrate, most notably the fact that it has established, in a short time and in the face of intractable opposition and hostility, a free, modern, and politically stable nation;

WHEREAS, Israel is a leading contributor in the world toward the advancement of agriculture, computer sciences, electronics, genetics, medicine, engineering, and arts and culture;

WHEREAS, As a true democracy, Israel gives voice and power to its people and continues to do so as a matter of course even as thousands of rockets have targeted Israeli cities; and

WHEREAS, In spite of continued aggression in recent years, Israel continues to stand united with America as beacons for liberty, democracy, and freedom:

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State of Indiana
Indiana General Assembly
Senate Concurrent Resolution Thirty-Nine
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Therefore,
Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives
concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates and salutes the State of Israel, one of America's most reliable and valuable allies, on the occasion of its 65th anniversary.

SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its unwavering commitment to the security of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizes and strongly supports its inherent right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, Roey Gilad, and to the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for Israel's accomplishments and strength, as well as best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous future.

Adopted by voice vote this eighth day of April, 2013.

Sponsoring Representatives:
Steven Braun, Edward DeLaney, Mara Candelaria Reardon

Signatures of State Senators reading left to right: Thomas J. Wyss; Ron Alting; James Arnold; Jim Banks; Vaneta Becker; Phil Boots; Rodric Bray; Jean D. Breaux; John Broden; James Buck; Ed Charbonneau; Michael Crider; Mike Delph; Doug Eckerty; C. Susan Glick; Ron Grooms; Randy Head; Brandt E. Hershman; Travis Holdman; Lindel O. Hume; Luke Kenley; Dennis K. Kruse; Sue Landske; Jean Leising; James Merritt, Jr.; Patricia L. Miller; Pete Miller; Ryan Mishler; Frank Mevan, Jr.; Johnny Nugent; Allen E. Paul; Lonnie M. Randolph; Earline Rogers; Scott Schneider; Timothy Skinner; James C. Smith, Jr.; Brent Steele; Mark Stoops; Karen Tallian; Greg Taylor; Jim Tomes; Greg Walker; Brent Waltz; John Waterman; Carlin Yoder; R. Michael Young; Richard D. Young; Joseph C. Zakas; David C. Long, President Pro Tempore; and Tim Lanane, Minority Leader. Jennifer L. Mertz, Secretary of the Senate.

**2013-2014 Federation
Campaign Opener
November 4, 2013 @ 7:00pm**

Jeannie Smith is the daughter of Polish rescuer Irene Gut OpDyke who passed away on May 18, 2003. A brave and inspiring figure, Irene received international recognition for her life-saving actions during the Holocaust when working for a high ranking German official. Irene's life story was recently told each night on Broadway in the nationally acclaimed play "Irene's Vow," starring Tovah Feldshuh. Irene's book, "In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer," published by Random House, relays the detailed account of her life during the years of

WWII, and is used in classrooms around the country.

The Israeli Holocaust Commission named Irene one of the Righteous Among the Nations, a title given to those who risked their lives by aiding and saving Jews during the Holocaust. She was presented with the Israel Medal of Honor, Israel's highest tribute, in a ceremony at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

The Vatican has given Irene a special commendation, and her story is part of a permanent exhibit in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. In 2008, Irene was presented posthumously with the Commanders Cross, the Polish medal of honor, given by the President and First

Lady of Poland and, in 2009, with the Courage to Care award by the Anti-Defamation League in a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. Both of the awards were accepted by Jeannie Smith, who is Irene's only child.

The Campaign Opener will take place at The Temple, with Jeannie Smith as the featured guest speaker. ☆





Honor Flight Transports B'nai Jacob's Sam Stoller to Washington, D.C.

In May of this year, Sam Stoller was one of 70 World War II survivors who boarded a Northeast Indiana Honor Flight to visit our nation's capitol for a day. Specifically, Sam and his comrades had the opportunity to see and spend time at the WWII Memorial dedicated to their honor in May of 2004. "It [referring to the monument] is a long overdue 'Thank You' to the men and women who sacrificed so much for our freedom, and a memorial to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It was so long overdue that many WWII survivors have been unable to visit their memorial due to the barriers of advanced age, such as health matters, stamina, finances, or other travel impediments. Honor Flight provides a way for many of these veterans to visit and reflect at their memorial." (Honor Flight Northeast Indiana website)



The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort (1939-1945) from home. It is located at 17th Street SW at the east end of the Reflecting Pool and is flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

Since its inception in 2009, Honor Flight Northeast Indiana has flown eleven groups of veterans directly from Fort Wayne to Washington, D.C., where motor coaches stand by to transport them to their WWII Memorial, as well as other memorial stops throughout the day, before flying them back home the same evening. The honorees pay absolutely nothing for the trip. All expenses are covered solely by individual and corporate donations. The Northeast Indiana organization is part of a network of 127 hubs in 41 states.

Congratulations, Sam, on receiving this honor, and thank you to all of our veterans for your service to our country! We will remember and be thankful.

For more information about the history of Honor Flight Network and its local hub, see <http://www.hfnei.org/>.



November 11, 2013

Rabbi Joseph Hirsch to Speak on Judaism's Conservative Movement Thanksgiving Weekend

Thanksgiving weekend at B'nai Jacob will be enriched by the presence and participation of Scholar Rabbi Joseph Hirsch, who will give the Dvar Torah during Shabbat services and speak on the history of Judaism's Conservative Movement at 12:45pm, following Kiddush.

Rabbi Hirsch will travel to Fort Wayne from his home in Palm Coast, Florida, where he retired from Temple Beth Shalom in 2005, after 36 years in the rabbinate. Throughout his career, Rabbi Hirsch served at various congregations in Massachusetts; Ohio; Okinawa, Japan (Air Force Chaplain); California; New York; and Pennsylvania.

He studied Talmud at Yeshiva Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan; graduated magna cum laude from Yeshiva College with a B.A. in History; and received an M.H.L. and rabbinic ordination from Jewish Theological Seminary. In 1974 he earned a Doctorate of Hebrew Literature in Modern Jewish History from Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Hirsch is a member of the Rabbinical Assembly; the Greater Jacksonville Board of Rabbis and the Board of Rabbis of Southern California.

He taught Judaism at Gannon University (Catholic) in Erie, PA; was a founding member of Erie Jewish History Center at Mercyhurst College (Catholic), also in Erie, PA; and remains a sought after speaker on American Jewish History.



We hope many will partake in Rabbi Hirsch's scholarly presentation sponsored by the Harry W. Salon Foundation.

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