

# Congregation B'nai Jacob

celebrates its 100th anniversary

1912-2012



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*Cheshvan / Kislev 5773*

*November 2012*

Weekly Portion	Services	Mitchell Kornspan, Rabbi
Weekly Portion: Vayera CL 6:15pm Havdalah: 7:16pm <b>Bar Mitzvah Anniversary:</b> David Crell	Friday, November 2nd Saturday, November 3rd Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm* Services 9:15am* 9:30am 12:45pm
<i>*Services will have as their focus the celebration of the 100 years.*</i>		
Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah CL 5:07pm Havdalah: 6:08pm <b>Bar Mitzvah Anniversary:</b> David Orensten	Friday, November 9th Saturday, November 10th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 7:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 12:45pm
Weekly Portion: Toldot CL 5:01pm Havdalah: 6:02pm <b>Bar Mitzvah Anniversary:</b> Adam Snitzer	Friday, November 16th Saturday, November 17th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 5:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 12:45pm
Weekly Portion: Vayetze CL: 4:56pm Havdalah: 5:58pm	Friday, November 23rd Saturday, November 24th Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 5:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 12:45pm
Weekly Portion: Vayishlach CL: 4:54pm Havdalah: 5:55pm <b>Bar and Bat Mitzvah Anniversaries:</b> Keith Groman; Samantha Margolis; Sindi Pass	Friday, November 30th Saturday, December 1st Shabbat School Torah Class	Services 5:30pm Services 9:15am 9:30am 12:45pm



### Clarifying Confusion

I am always thrilled when you ask me questions about Torah. It is with so much pleasure and joy that I, as your Rabbi, love to teach Torah.

Here are queries that have been asked me recently. I hope you enjoy reading them and my responses; perhaps you will add your own questions.

*The first question: Is there a difference between Shabbat and Chagim (holidays) as far as what we should refrain from doing?*

The answer may be surprising to you! Any holiday found in the Five Books of Moses has the same rules as Shabbat, with two exceptions. The Shabbat rules apply to Chagim, but a) you are allowed to carry items from a private domain into a public domain and vice versa; and b) you are allowed to prepare and cook food.

An example of part “a” would be bringing your lulav and etrog to synagogue and then back home, which cannot be done on Shabbat. (In fact on Shabbat of Sukkot, we do not perform the mitzvah of lulav and etrog. Shabbat overrides this.)

An example of “b” would be cooking foods on a stove or in the oven, when there was a flame lit before the holiday, or the electric was on before the holiday.

Otherwise the Chagim are equal to Shabbat. This means that we don’t conduct business on the holiday, or other activities we don’t do on Shabbat.

Of course, these restrictions don’t apply to Chol Hamoed, the intermediate weekdays of Sukkot and Pesach, nor do they apply to holidays found after the Five Books of Moses, for example Chanukah and Purim.

The second question arose about the lulav and etrog. May I perform the mitzvah of lulav and etrog, outside the Sukkah? The answer is absolutely!

Many have been confused about this. Why? This is because there is a minhag (a custom) to bless the lulav and etrog in the Sukkah. In this way, we are performing the mitzvah of the lulav, while immersing ourselves in the mitzvah of Sukkah! (Nice, isn’t it?)

While this minhag is “cool”, the mitzvah of lulav and etrog can be done during all the daylight hours of each weekday, anywhere.

The last question which was asked was about Cain and Abel. Was Cain guilty of full-fledged murder? After all, he had never seen a murder before this.

The answer is: Yes he was. Indeed, under G-d’s plan, Cain’s punishment of death was delayed, but it occurred later through the unwitting hands of Cain’s descendant, Lemech.

Some want to make a difference between murder and killing by noting the Hebrew is from the shoresh (root) harag, to slay. But, this isn’t a good proof, since one can slay purposefully and intentionally cause another’s death.

And this..... Is the rest of the story.

B’shalom,

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*



Please see back page of this newsletter for information on Kosher meat availability at the new Kroger Marketplace located at 5725 Coventry Lane (across the highway from former store on West Jefferson Boulevard). Tel: 260-432-2305

# Raising Koell

**From**  
**Congregation B'nai Jacob**  
**We're 100 Years Young!**

The first weekend of November will be dedicated to the celebration of the founding of B'nai Jacob. Services Friday evening, November 2nd, and Shabbat morning, November 3rd will have as their focus the celebration of the 100 years. A special oneg will follow Friday evening services, and a celebratory kiddush luncheon, sponsored by Dr. Marc Nusholtz and Dr. Mary Wilger, will follow Shabbat morning services. All are welcome.

Thank you to all who replied for the Sunday, November 4th event at the Synagogue. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, and entertainment by University of Saint Francis Jazz Ensemble and by Lyric Tenor Franck Hagendorf. In addition, an historical video, arranged by Dan Appel, will be shown and each household will receive a diary of B'nai Jacob's 100 years, written by Leah Tourkow.

Stay tuned for more commemorative events taking place throughout the coming year.

**From**  
**Beth and Dan Zweig**

Our daughter, Laura, will appear in *The Diary of Anne Frank* presented by Homestead High School on November 8-10 at 7:00pm in the auditorium. The play follows the lives of eight Jews in hiding from the Nazis. It is inspired by Anne Frank's diary that she kept during her stay in the secret annex. Stories of both those lost in the Holocaust and the inspiring narratives of area survivors will be interwoven in the performance. The show is part of a collaborative effort with Jon Baker of the HHS History Department to bring in outside groups who speak against bullying, discuss historical bigotry, and give solutions to building better communities. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

**From**  
**Our Roving News Reporter**

Robert S. Walters was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America. Congratulations, Bob!

**From**  
**Marc and Rabbi Marla Spanjer**



**Bat Mitzvah**  
**Michal Shoshana Spanjer**

Services  
Friday, December 7th  
at 7:30pm and  
Saturday, December 8th  
at 9:15am

Michal will be called to the Torah on Saturday.



## Centennial Fund Contributions

Many thanks for early contributions in celebration of Congregation B'nai Jacob's 100th anniversary this November 2-4, 2012. A commemorative book will be published containing historical anecdotes about B'nai Jacob's heritage. In honor of your donation, your name will be printed in this book and marked as a generous contributor.

*Dan and Annie Appel;*  
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## Partaking of Parashiot

Rebbetzin Penny Kornspan

**November 3, 2012 /18 Heshvan 5773, Vayera**

**Triennial cycle Bereshit: 21:1 – 22:24**

Hashem remembers Sarah and follows through with what He had spoken concerning enabling her to have a child, which He had promised. Avraham named his son Yitzchak and circumcised him on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, as G-d had commanded. We are told he is 100 years old when this happens. Sarah states Hashem had created for her much joy because of this event. When Yitzchak became two years of age and weaned, a great banquet was held. The very next pasuk tells us a problem arises with Ishmael, although the exact issue is unclear. Sarah tells her husband to expel both Ishmael and his mother, Hagar. This is very troubling to Avraham, but G-d tells him to listen to Sarah. Both of his sons will have their appointed greatness. We are familiar with what happens next: Hagar leaves; Ishmael is sick. G-d reveals water is nearby, and Ishmael remains under the protective care of G-d. The event of Avimelech and the wells occurs next, concluded via a pact between the two leaders. The 17 ensuing verses deal with the binding of Yitzchak. The time preceding the possibility of Avraham killing his own son as a sacrifice to G-d must have been macabre for him. He is given the blessing here that his offspring will be as the stars in the heaven and the sand of the sea shore. Lastly, an update of Nachor's family, including the birth of Rivkah, ends the sedra.

**A pasuk to ponder:** "...G-d... said to him, 'Avraham'; and he said: 'Here I am.'" 22:1

This may be the most beautiful answer in all of Torah, 'Here I am.' I don't believe Hashem will ever ask one to sacrifice a child again. This was the pinnacle of the 10 tests given to Avraham. But it begs a question: what am I willing to relinquish? Here is a series of questions for us to think about in this still new year: Can I go out for dinner one less time a month and donate that saving to a food pantry? Is an hour of my day once a month available to help someone or some cause? Ethics of the Fathers teaches us to greet all cheerfully; can I practice this? And from the *Machzor*, what sort of violence to my life can I walk away from to adopt a healthier life style, be it spiritual or physical?

**Nov. 10, 2012/25 Heshvan 5773, Chaye Sarah**

**Triennial cycle Bereshit: 24:53 – 25:18**

Remember that while this sedra is called the life of Sarah, it actually begins with her death. We begin our portion of the parsha with gifts being given to Rivkah, her mother and brother from (Eliezer) the servant of Avraham. After a long meal, the next morning, the servant wishes to leave with Rivkah. But there are negotiations regarding when she will depart for her marriage to Yitzchak. An agreement is reached with all, after consulting with her. Then, her mother and brother allow the departure. She is given a blessing to be the mother of thousands and she then leaves in a caravan. Yitzchak had gone off to a field toward evening for meditating, when he saw her caravan approach. She covered her face as they were being introduced; they met; they married and he loved her. Rivkah brought comfort to her husband and reestablished the traditions Sarah had begun. The cycle of the parshah shifts to Avraham who married Keturah and has more sons with her. A short list of lineage is set. We are told that Avraham gave all he had to Yitzchak, but these children are sent to the East with gifts. Avraham died at the age of 175. He was buried by his sons Ishmael and Yitzchak in the cave of Machpela, the cave that was purchased in order to bury Sarah some years before. Yitzchak settles in Be'er Lachai Roi. The remainder of the sedra names the 12 sons of Ishmael, and that he died at the age of 137 and was gathered to his people.

A pasuk to ponder: "And Yitczhak went out to meditate in the field toward evening ..." 24:63

We are taught that Avraham instituted the morning prayers, Yitzchak the afternoon service (through this verse) and that Yaakov started the evening services. Today we refer to them as Shacharit, Mincha and Maariv. What we do not know is if there was any crossover, i.e. did Yitzchak also daven in the morning? Did Yaakov daven in the morning, afternoon and at night? While our sages decreed we need to pray all 3 times, I believe this makes a case for setting even one time apart for G-d. Are you a morning person? Add the morning Shema before diving into the day. Mid-day type who refocuses? Try the Ashrei in the afternoon. Are you a night owl? The silent Amida will aid that second wind. Challenge yourself to pick one that fits you.



**November 17, 2012 / 3 Kislev 5773, Toldot  
Triennial cycle Bereshit: 27:28 – 28:9**

The deception of Yitzhak has occurred, and he is conveying the blessing of the first born upon Yaakov after he had been tricked (?) by Rivkah and Yaakov to think he was actually blessing Esau. Our cycle begins the blessing. It starts by G-d giving him the dew of heaven and ends by saying those who curse him will be cursed and those who bless him will be blessed. Yaakov exits and then Esau comes to his father, almost immediately after the closing of these blessings, with game he had caught and cooked. Yitzhak is greatly disturbed and troubled, recognizing he had not just blessed Esau, rather Yaakov. Esau in turn is extremely bitter and asks mournfully if there is any blessing left for him. The blessing provided is scarcely a blessing. He views this as the second time his brother has deceptively taken something from him. He awaits the death of his father so as to kill Yaakov. Rivkah hears of Esau's anger and his plans to kill his brother. Therefore she arranges to send Yaakov away to Lavan, until Esau calms down. The ruse she suggests to Yitzhak is that Yaakov find a fitting wife. He agrees and he blesses him concerning this endeavor, sending him off to Paddam-Aram. Yaakov needs to remain away from his brother until this intense anger subsides. Esau hears the wives he has are unfit in the eyes of his father, so he marries another woman – a daughter of Ishmael.

**A pasuk to ponder:** “And Esau hated Yaakov because of the blessing which his father blessed him...” 27:41

So the question is: did Esau hate his brother because of the blessing he, Esau, was given, or did he hate his brother because of the blessing he, Yaakov was given? In other words who is the “him” in the pasuk? You might ask if there is any significant difference, but I think that there is. “Who is happy? One who is content with his lot.” If his hatred is because of personal sadness, it causes a basic inability to enjoy, to being happy with himself and his situation. If, however, Esau hated Yaakov because of the blessing he, Yaakov, obtained, it is labeled envy which becomes sin. Which do you think it was? Are you able to compartmentalize and be really genuinely happy for others and yourself? Try it, for the sake of your joy and your serenity!

**November 24, 2012 / 10 Kislev 5773, Vayetze  
Triennial cycle Bereshit: 31:17 – 32:3**

Yaakov leaves Lavan, with family in tow, but he flees without informing his father in law, because he feared his reaction. Rachel decides to take her father's idols. When Lavan was informed Yaakov took his entire family and left, he chose to pursue them. G-d comes to him in a dream, warning him ‘speak not to Yaakov either good or bad.’ Lavan tells Yaakov he is upset that the family has left, as he would have sent them off in style. He further expresses astonishment that his idols were stolen. Yaakov, knowing nothing of the matter, proclaimed that the one carrying them ‘shall not live.’ Lavan searches and does not find the idols, because Rachel is sitting on them. She states that she is in her menses, so she cannot rise. Yaakov summarizes the past 20 years to Lavan from his prospective, how he had been honest and Lavan had not. Furthermore, he cites that G-d had judged them through His words in Lavan's dream. Lavan encourages the creation of a tangible covenant between them; therefore Yaakov sets up a pillar. All added to make a large pile of stones. A meal is eaten there. The term *Mitzpah* is used, implying Hashem would watch between them. Yaakov offered a sacrifice there and they all partook of the meal. Early the next morning Lavan left and Yaakov proceeded on his way. The sedra ends with Yaakov meeting angels of G-d.

**A pasuk to ponder:** “Yaakov went on his way and the angels of G-d met him.” 32:2

The classic commentators suggest the angels were there for his protection. Since his eminent meeting with Esau begins the next portion, one can clearly see the need for this. But at the beginning of this portion while he dreams, he is told by Hashem that He will be with him. (28:15) When Yaakov first runs from his brother, there is a promise of protection, running from Lavan there is a promise of protection via the dream of Lavan and now here is a third such promise. This is a wow moment for me. Yaakov's import is very clear. But what does it mean for me? Many sages term Yaakov as ‘every man.’ The guy next door if you will. I'd like to think that it means I too can have that type of assurance. Does The Eternal look out for all of us no matter in what direction we run? Do you think there is a line in the sand we cannot cross?

## November Congregational Donations

### General Fund

In memory of Shirley Ruth Konigsberg  
*Dan and Annie Appel*

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"Thanks for everything!"  
*Jared and Jamie Motola*

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### November Birthdays

3 Hanna Ruth Crell  
3 Adam Snitzer  
3 Sam Stoller  
7 Elianna Friedman  
12 Diane Wolf  
12 David Bosell  
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### 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



...To all those who were present for the yahrzeit of Rosalie Becker, and to Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff for your help. - *Franck Hagendorf*

...To Franck Hagendorf for sponsoring kiddush on October 20th in memory of his beloved wife, Rosalie.

...To Keith Groman for installing a door stop on Rabbi's office door.

...To Rebbetzin Penny, Nina Mocle, and Ruth Minkoff for preparing October kiddush luncheons.

November Yahrzeits



	Cheshvan	November
Robert Edgar	15	31-1
Rose Ewing	15	31-1
Minnie Fidler	15	31-1
Mendel Himelstein	15	31-1
Jacob Sunshine	15	31-1
Leo Sunshine	16	1-2
Art Perlman	18	3-4
David Lester Smith	18	3-4
Sonia Abrams	19	4-5
George Droegmyer	19	4-5
Goldye Appel	20	5-6
Seth Aaron Horwitz	21	6-7
Hannah Crell	23	8-9
Lena Dinnerstein	23	8-9
Gittel Rovel	23	8-9
Minnie Moyer Sapirie	23	8-9
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Mae Levy	24	9-10
Harry Brateman	26	11-12
Harriet Chodash	26	11-12
Jeanne Erlich	26	11-12
Jennie Gilbert	26	11-12
Elaine Lazar	26	11-12
Jack Marks	26	11-12
Fred Schneider	26	11-12
Abraham Schwartz	27	12-13
Joseph Waterman	27	12-13
Emanuel Siegel	28	13-14
Frederick Reinhold Tourkow	28	13-14
Sophia Heiligman	29	14-15
Tillie M. Kaposky	29	14-15
Jacob Levin	29	14-15
Mendel Frank	29	14-15
Don Sowles	29	14-15

	Kislev	November
Shirley Babich	1	15-16
Norman Bosell	1	15-16
Samuel S. Meyer	1	15-16
Esther Rothstein	1	15-16
Max Gilbert	2	16-17
Joseph Zinn	2	16-17
Bessie R. Schmitz	3	17-18
William Hornstein	4	18-19
Abraham Levy	4	18-19
Kathryn Sheray	4	18-19
Esther F. Grossman	5	19-20
Jacob Reich	5	19-20
Sarah Weinberg	5	19-20
Wilbur Zweig	5	19-20
Rose Cohen	6	20-21
Sidney Trivus	6	20-21
Maurice Waldman	6	20-21

	Kislev	November
Samuel Liff	7	21-22
Mildred Prady	7	21-22
David Appel	8	22-23
Roslyn Rozeen	8	22-23
Claire Selan	8	22-23
Charlotte Maier	9	23-24
Zelda Novitsky	9	23-24
Emanuel Cohen	12	26-27
Herman Himelstein	12	26-27
Rabbi Samuel D. Hurwitz	12	26-27
Toba Malka Schwartz	12	26-27
Rita Jo Levin Rainey	13	27-28
Isidor Hassan	14	28-29
Milton Jerry Ontell	14	28-29
Samuel Rothberg	14	28-29
Mindel Yoinovicz	14	28-29
Elsie Levin	15	29-30
Leonard J. Levy	15	29-30
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*Gift Shop*

Our gift shop has been replenished with lots of goodies,  
including many items for Hanukkah.  
Gift shop hours are 9:00am-1:00pm Monday-Friday.



From our representative at Kroger Marketplace...

An order has been placed for Kosher beef and chicken. The tentative arrival date at the new Kroger Marketplace is Thursday, November 1st. (The new store is located at 5725 Coventry Lane, across the highway from the former store on West Jefferson Boulevard.) On this first order we should see some of the beef selections we had last spring (chuck roasts, chuck steaks, brisket, rib steaks, and stew beef) as well as ground beef and ground chuck. Chicken varieties will include roasting chickens, leg quarters, boneless breasts, split breasts, and 8-piece cut-ups. A variety of sizes of frozen turkeys, including breasts and drumsticks, have been ordered but we are not sure how many of those will be available for the first delivery. Please spread the word that we will have these selections. After we can determine our available display space, we will look at adding more.

Telephone for Kroger Marketplace is 432-2305.