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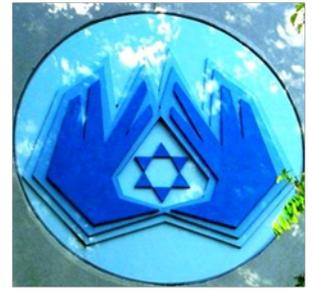
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# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

*Since 1912 ... Celebrating 100+ Years*



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT Pamela Friedman (As Delivered On Yom Kippur 5779)

In the Passover Haggadah put out by the Shalom Hartman Institute, there is a small excerpt that says that Abraham and Sarah were Jews by choice, making spiritual choices; today, many of us are also Jews by choice, whether as converts or as born Jews. That we each continuously reflect on choices we make on what kind of Jew we wish to be and how central Judaism may be in our lives.

Each of us made the choice to be here today, either physically and/or spiritually. Why is that? Did you come because the calendar told you that today is the day that one must attend services? Are you here as a result of guilt? Are you here because you are obligated to be here? Are you here because your parents used to attend this synagogue or their parents before them? Did you come because you wanted to see a friend? Or did you come simply because you are Jewish and on Yom Kippur this is what Jewish people do; we attend services and participate in the communal dialogue with G-d to ask for forgiveness.

As a congregation we know what we do and how to do it. At Congregation B'nai Jacob we conduct Shabbat and holiday services and celebrations, we provide a religious school for our youth, adult learners have opportunities for study. If you need a new challah cover or yahrzeit candle, we have a gift shop. Perhaps too, if you have a question about Judaism or you are wrestling with some other dilemma, Rabbi Kornspan is available as a resource. Yes, this is what we do!

We offer membership for people to engage in the daily life of our congregation; holidays, life cycle events, etc. Our doors are open for people to come and participate; whether to worship, to learn, or to socialize. We meet with one another outside the structure of this building to nurture our friendships, to create community. Yes, this is how we do what we do!

Simon Sinek, a self proclaimed optimist and motivational speaker as well as a marketing consultant has written a book, "Start With Why." He challenges people or organizations to ask the question, 'why.' Earlier I asked, "why are you here?" Another question I want to explore

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*The High Holidays  
Continue*

**L'shana Tova!**

**We look forward to seeing everyone for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.**

**Please see page 5 of this Bulletin for all of the opportunities to joyfully gather together at B'nai Jacob.**

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is "why does Congregation B'nai Jacob exist?" Is it to secure a Jewish future? Is it to foster community within the framework of Jewish life? Is it to provide meaningful Jewish experiences? Does Congregation B'nai Jacob exist to promote conservative Judaism? Perhaps if we try to answer these questions that in turn will help dictate what we should be doing and how to achieve those goals.

At our last annual meeting we began a dialogue about the sustainability of our congregation. We talked about and are wrestling with the continuity of conservative Judaism in Fort Wayne. Based on the results of the questionnaire that was handed out, over 80% of the respondents are in favor in engaging in a dialogue with Congregation Achduth Vesholom in order to explore combining resources in some capacity.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks discusses seven key principles for maintaining Jewish dialogue. He touches upon the ideas of being humble, not seeking victory, talking even when we disagree, listening carefully to one another, and being respectful. He states, "we are united by a covenant of shared memory, shared identity, and a shared fate, even if we have differing perspectives on our faith." Recently, a group of 10 people gathered to explore what the Fort Wayne Jewish community may look like in the future. It is imperative that each member of the Fort Wayne Jewish community be mindful as Rabbi Sacks states, "to listen to one another, to forgive one another and to remain committed to each other as an extended, almost infinitely varied family."

How many of you have heard of the Once-ler, brown Bar-ba-loots or truffula trees? "Now I'll tell you," he says with his teeth sounding gray, "how the Lorax got lifted and taken away... It all started way back..." (Yes, the story of Congregation B'nai Jacob goes way back, over 100 years ago) "such a long, long time back..." Dr. Seuss wrote the story of the Lorax in 1971, presenting a parable about environmental awareness, certainly a very Jewish concept. I

would like to posit before you that this story also teaches us about social responsibility. At the end of the story the Lorax leaves behind a pile of rocks with one word, "UNLESS" in which the Once-ler states, "whatever *that* meant, well I just couldn't guess." On the very next page of the story, the Once-ler is telling the narrator, "but *now* says the Once-ler, now that *you're* here, the word of the Lorax seems perfectly clear. UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

A pioneer of Israeli rock music Arik Einstein wrote the lyrics, "*ani v'ata n'shaneh et ha'olam,*" translating means "you and I will change the world." Viewed by some as the most beloved, most influential Israeli artist of all time, Arik Einstein stated, "the natural desire of every generation is to make a better world. To me it's not something that's done with flags and revolution but by you and me being together. As in: if we're together, it will be better."

There is a story told about the 1st Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rav Kook, who was being visited by a group of kibbutzniks on a fast day. He asked his wife to prepare some refreshments. "But it's a fast day," she protested. "Yes," replied Rav Kook, "we know that but they do not and they are hungry and thirsty, they've come a long way." Like Rav Kook, we need to keep in mind *Ahavat Yisrael*, the love of our fellow Jew and affirm our unity as a people and our desire for connection with each other.

Jews have always argued. How many of you know that Maimonides himself was excommunicated by the French rabbis because they found his philosophy incompatible with their own understanding of Judaism! But yet, we must keep in mind that our heritage is the same. We read from the same Torah, we all learn from the same Oral Tradition; we use the same language to pray, we celebrate the same holidays and observe the same life cycle events. We all hold dear the same core values.

One of those core values is that of giving *tzedakah*. I would like to remind you that our tradition

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**Yahrzeits**



**Tishrei/October**

23	1-2	Melvin Shulkin
23	1-2	Sonya Turetzky
24	2-3	Jack Berger
24	2-3	Simon Crell
24	2-3	Jean J. Pownall
25	3-4	Harry Komisarow
25	3-4	Libbie Mull
25	3-4	Herman Schubert
26	4-5	Israel Bronstein
26	4-5	Morris Magazine
27	5-6	Dena Levant
27	5-6	Ethelyn Seigman
27	5-6	Hanna Singer
27	5-6	Helen Snitzer
28	6-7	Rita Finkel
28	6-7	Robert E. Shine
28	6-7	Charlotte Slutsky
29	7-8	Sally Fields
29	7-8	Goldie Sunshine
30	8-9	Sidney Klepper
30	8-9	Lou Weissman

**Cheshvan/October**

1	9-10	Sophie Bass
1	9-10	Phyllis Groman
1	9-10	Sharon McLochlin
2	10-11	Jake Rovel
2	10-11	Anita Weinfield
3	11-12	Harry Babich
3	11-12	Harry Bosell
3	11-12	Sarah Brateman
3	11-12	Rose White
4	12-13	Edward Baum
4	12-13	Loren Smith
4	12-13	Irving Walters
5	13-14	Cathy Bradley
5	13-14	Barbara Cohen
5	13-14	Roberta Rezits
6	14-15	Rosalie Becker
6	14-15	Bert Silverstein
7	15-16	Jack Levin
7	15-16	Sharlene Pass
8	16-17	Max Cohen
9	17-18	Julius Gilbert
9	17-18	Bertram Hornstein
9	17-18	Rev. Mendel Hurwitz
9	17-18	Max Levy
10	18-19	Eva Jaffe
10	18-19	Joseph Weinraub
11	19-20	Sam Barabash

11	19-20	Edith Thomson
12	20-21	Solomon Saul
Bleifeld		
12	20-21	Jacob Portman
12	20-21	Bronnica Weinberg
13	21-22	Kathy Chapman
13	21-22	Gertrude Nusholtz
13	21-22	Joseph Tillinger
14	22-23	Irving J. Pressman
14	22-23	Nathan Sheray
15	23-24	Robert Edgar
15	23-24	Rose Ewing
15	23-24	Jacob Sunshine
16	24-25	Minnie Fidler
16	24-25	Mendel Himelstein
16	24-25	Leo Sunshine
18	26-27	Art Perlman
18	26-27	David Lester Smith
19	27-28	Sonia Abrams
19	27-28	George Droegmyer
20	28-29	Goldye Appel
20	28-29	Margaret Merin
21	29-30	Seth Aaron Horwitz



**October Anniversaries**

4	Barry and Linda Snitzer
15	Bob and Lazette Serdinak
17	Bob and Luann Watson



**October Birthdays**

6	Jonathan Baitcher
8	Laura Zweig
13	Donna Cole
17	Irene Walters
23	Rabbi Marla Spanjer
25	Mooch Lewis
27	Mical Rynearson

**COME AND GET 'EM!**

**5779 CALENDARS  
ARE IN!**

**PICK ONE UP AT  
THE SYNAGOGUE TODAY!**

*Many thanks to  
D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home  
for providing these calendars each year.*

*Please call the synagogue before you  
come to make sure the building is open.*



**RABBI'S HOURS IN  
OCTOBER**  
Rabbi Kornspan will  
be available for  
consultation from  
October 13th to the  
20th. Please call the  
office to make an  
appointment.

**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  
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fund Preference: Please indicate which fund you prefer to donate to:**

_____ <b>A.J. Ochstein Fund</b>	_____ <b>Building Fund</b>
_____ <b>David Siegel Memorial Fund</b>	_____ <b>General Fund</b>
_____ <b>Kiddush Fund</b>	_____ <b>Levy/Levin Endowment Fund</b>
_____ <b>Library Fund</b>	_____ <b>Rabbi's Discretionary Fund</b>
_____ <b>Seth Horwitz Education Fund</b>	_____ <b>Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund</b>
_____ <b>Sisterhood Nursery Fund</b>	_____ <b>Torah Maintenance Fund</b>
_____ <b>Winnick Memorial Garden Fund</b>	_____ <b>Yahrzeit Fund</b>

## **TZEDAKAH**

### **A.J. Ochstein Fund**

#### **Building Fund**

#### **David Siegel Memorial Fund**

#### **General Fund**

In appreciation

*-Steve Herman*

In appreciation of Rabbi Kornspan & Religious Leaders

*-Jeffrey & Marilyn Herman*

In appreciation

*-Marina & Michael Epstein*

In memory of William Edward Pownall

*-Jerry & Sue Pownall*

#### **Kiddush Fund**

In memory of Renee Levin

*-Keith Groman*

In honor of Olga Malloris' conversion

*-Keith Groman*

In appreciation of the Sisterhood

*-Eileen Baitcher*

In appreciation of the Sisterhood

*-Beth Zweig*

In memory of Grace and Benjamin Becker

*-Franck Hagendorf*

#### **Levy/Levin Endowment Fund**

#### **Library Fund**

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

In appreciation

*-Matthew Farber*

In appreciation

*-Franck Hagendorf*

In memory of Rose Walters

*-Robert & Irene Walters*

In appreciation

*-Ruth Minkoff & Morton*

*Schaffer*

### **Seth Horwitz Education Fund**

#### **Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund**

#### **Sisterhood Nursery Fund**

#### **Torah Maintenance Fund**

#### **Winnick Memorial Garden Fund**

#### **Yahrzeit Fund**

In memory of Andrew Helfgott

*-Michele Helfgott &*

*Rodney Kraisinger*

In memory of Mary Peurye

*-Dan & Annie Appel*

In memory of Shirley Ruth

Konigsberg

*-Dan & Annie Appel*

In memory of Joseph Y. Goltz

*-Ronald & Vicki Goltz*

In memory of Leonid Isakovich

Kyner

*-Eda Kyner*

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### October Class Schedule

Simchat Torah	Thursday, October 1	6:00pm 7:00pm	Seudah Hakafot
Hebrew School	10th, 17th (Wednesdays)	4:00pm-6:00pm	
Shabbat School	13th, 20th (Saturdays)	9:30am-11:45am	

### ETHICS CLASS

Sunday, October 14  
at 10:30 am

### TALLIT AND TEFILLIN

Sunday, October 14  
at 9:30 am

Each class is preceded by a light brunch.

### MISHNEH TORAH

Wednesdays, October 10 & 17  
at 7:00 pm



### SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday morning, October 1

Services - 9:15 am

Yizkor - 10:30 am

Services conducted by **Hazzan Giora Sharon**

### SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Monday evening, October 1,

Seudah - 6:00 pm

Simchat Torah Hakafot - 7:00 pm

Services conducted by **Hazzan Giora Sharon**

On Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah **Cantor Giora Sharon** from Indianapolis, will lead services. With his traditional Ashkenazi *nusach* and rich baritone voice, Cantor Sharon and his wife Clara will join us to celebrate these joyous occasions.

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teaches us that giving *tzedakah* is a commandment. Another why question...why does the Torah require us to fulfill the mitzvah of *tzedakah*? We have an opportunity to act as partners with G-d in healing the fractures in our communities. That giving *tzedakah* is vital to our spiritual and moral growth. That we become good by doing good. We become good people and can connect with G-d and each other through doing acts of kindness.

Your generosity will help to strengthen our community in Northeast Indiana by ensuring a Jewish future. At the end of the story of the Lorax, the Once-ler gives the very last truffula seed to the boy, encouraging him to plant it. Please take the time to plant a seed for our Jewish community now and for our Jewish community in the future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend the prayer that each of us be sealed in the Book of Life for a year of blessings. I would like to wish everyone a happy and sweet New Year and leave you with one other teaching...

Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev taught that when a Torah scroll is sewn together it becomes holy, and it is forbidden to remove even a single letter in it. But when it is still in several separate parts, it is permissible to make a deletion in it. Those letters represent souls of the Jewish people; when united, none may be blotted out.



Please join the family for the unveiling of the grave stone for

**Melvin Krel**

**Monday, October 15 at 11:00 AM**

at the

Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery  
6224 Old Decatur Road  
Fort Wayne, IN

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## JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS



### **Author Leslea Newman: October 4-7th**

"*October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard* is award-winning author Lesléa Newman's deeply personal literary and theatrical response to the events of October 6, 1998, when 21-year-old Matthew Shepard was brutally beaten and hung on a fence to die in one of the most brutal gay hate crimes of recent memory. This work serves as an illumination to those unfamiliar with the tragedy, and as a powerful, enduring tribute to Matthew Shepard's life and legacy.

Ms. Newman will be in Fort Wayne for this premiere. She will be offering a talkback session after the concert as well as making presentations around Fort Wayne leading up to the performance. Ms. Newman will be at **Temple on Sunday, October 4 at 11 am**. She is the author of over 70 books for readers of all ages. [www.lesleanewman.com](http://www.lesleanewman.com)

### **Yiddishe Cup Klezmer band**

Yiddishe Cup, formed in 1988, is one of the Top 10 klezmer bands in America. The group has played throughout the United States at festivals, colleges and hundreds of Jewish celebrations. They will be playing on **October 14th at 3:00 pm at the Rifkin campus**.



### **“Startup Nation” and the United States: “How US-Israel business partnerships are making the world a better place”**

Larry Turow, co-founder of Project [Welaunch](http://Welaunch.com), has spent 20+ years in corporation finance, international business development, and investment planning. He is a Certified Financial Planner Professional. He is Managing Director with The Grabovsky Group, CEO and founder of both Accelerate Israel—bi-national business development, and Israel Investment Consultants—international investment consulting.

His presentation will be on **Monday, October 29 at 7 pm at The History Center** at 302 East Berry Street. The event is free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

## Thoughtful Thursdays

The ninth year of Thoughtful Thursdays kicked off on September 5, helping the 70 Brightpoint Head Start students who attend class at the Temple and bringing together volunteers from the Jewish community. Additional volunteers are welcome at the next bag assembly on **Wednesday, October 3 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.**

This summer backpacks have been donated. We were able to purchase the backpacks thanks to the continuous support of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, along with John Stein and Wendy Stein. Apples from the Apple Project will be sent home with students in mid-October. We are hoping to donate turkeys to all 70 of our Head Start families for Thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone who helped from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. A special thanks to Bonnie & Alex Crubaugh for their continued support of Thoughtful Thursdays. Thank you all for your support.



*Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs*



## Israel Women Leading A Dialogue: Overriding Differences

What happens when a group of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian women in the Western Galilee come together for conversation – people who traditionally wouldn't interact on a personal level? Could they overcome obstacles resulting from political tensions, religious differences, and diverse upbringings? Is it possible to find common ground to develop a relationship that could bring about larger change in Israel?

Twelve Israeli women who did come together in this way will visit Fort Wayne for three days in October to take their story to schools, universities – and the public. They'll share their experiences being part of the Women Leading a Dialogue program sponsored by Partnership2Gether in the Western Galilee. The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is one of the communities in the U.S. affiliated with the Partnership2Gether program and is hosting the women during their stay in our community. Please plan to join us on **Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. at The History Center, 302 E. Berry Street**, to hear these vibrant women share how they overcome their differences to forge strong friendships and build leadership and project-building skills. A reception will follow the program. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

More information can be found on the Fort Wayne Jewish Federations October Chailights at <http://jewishfortwayne.org>