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**Monday, October 5**  
Services at 9:15am  
Yizkor at 10:30am  
Seudah at 6:00pm  
Simchat Torah Hakafot  
at 7:00pm

# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

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## EXPERIENCING LOVE AT THE HOLIDAYS

Dear B'nai Jacob family,

We have arrived at the wonderful time of Sukkot-Simchat Torah. What tremendous moments of joy and celebration. From the waving of the lulav and etrog to taking pleasure eating in the Sukkah, to dancing with our Torahs, this is certainly the season of gladness!

I am not sure whether you have ever considered how this is also a time of expressing our relationship of love with our G-d? In a superb teaching about the Shalosh Regalim, the Three Pilgrimage Festivals (Passover, Shavuot, Sukkot), Rabbi Benjamin Blech writes about the three models of love embodied by our Patriarchs and also mirrored in these three holidays!

(By the way, on page 6 of this newsletter you will see information about Rabbi Blech's visit to our community and his bio. I highly recommend you come and enjoy his presentation. He is an amazing teacher, author and speaker.)

In the Shema's first paragraph, we learn: "And you shall love the Lord

your G-d with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." These are three different ways to love Hashem. The famous Baal Haturim notes that the first Hebrew word, V'ahavta, has the letters which can be transposed to say Ha'avot, the Fathers!

Rabbi Blech continues in his teaching, citing appropriate verses, how Abraham is the paradigm for loving G-d with all one's heart; Isaac with all one's soul; and, Jacob with all one's might (wealth).

This is also paralleled by the Three Pilgrimage Festivals! Pesach is the model for loving G-d with all our heart. We can see the love relationship between Hashem and the B'nai Yisrael in His redemption of our people and our believing in Hashem. The model for loving G-d with all our soul is seen in Shavuot, where we accepted the Torah with all our souls!

The model for loving G-d with all our might (wealth) is Sukkot. While we rejoice in the thanksgiving for the harvest, we leave our homes to go into the Sukkah, reminding us to put these material blessings in perspective, to tithe, to care about the poor and the needy. Thus, we are assuring that they have reason to rejoice too!

Amazing, isn't it? The connections of the Shema, our Avot, and our holidays. They are all tied together as different manifestations of how to love G-d!

Rebbetzin Penny and I wish you a Chag Sameach,

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*

**Yahrzeit Minyan at Shul**  
**Saturday, October 3 @ 7:30pm**

for Kathy Stoller's mother, Dorothy Marks Fidler, of blessed memory. Please notify Rabbi if you can help.

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*Together for the Holidays at B'nai Jacob*

**SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH**

Monday, October 5, 9:15am - Shemini Atzeret Services with Yizkor at approximately 10:30am

Monday, October 5, 6:00pm - Simchat Torah Celebration with Seudah at 6:00pm;

***RSVP for Seudah due to office by Noon, on Thursday, October 1.***

Simchat Torah Hakafot at 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 6, 10:00am - Services



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**October Class Schedule**

Hebrew School	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	4:00pm-6:00pm
Havurat No'ar	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	4:30pm-6:00pm
Shoreshim	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st	9:30am-11:45am
Shabbat School	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st	9:30am-11:45am

**Shabbat B'yachad**

Friday, October 16

7:00pm

at B'nai Jacob

Coming together with the Temple to celebrate Shabbat as a community. Oneg to follow.



**GETTING TO AND FROM  
CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB**

Until further notice, the Indiana Department of Transportation has closed the entrance to and exit from Bittersweet Moors Drive at U.S. 24 West. The disruption is due to a box culvert replacement project on U.S. 24 West between Homestead and Amber Roads. Completion of the project is expected by November 20, 2015. This means all members and visitors to the synagogue must use alternate routes via Dell Loch Way at Homestead Road; and Glen Lake Drive via Amber Road. If necessary, please call the office at 672-8459 for further assistance. Map available at <http://mapq.st/1NJQSqr>



With warmest regards to my B'nai Jacob Family

*Bee Siegel*

Congregation B'nai Jacob is deeply appreciative to **Arlene and Jere Leib** for their generous donation in loving memory of **Michael Leib**. May his memory be for blessing.

**October Yahrzeits יזכור**

**Tishri / October**

18	30-1	Samuel N. Field
18	30-1	Linda Shulkin-Nail
19	1-2	Gertrude Brateman
19	1-2	Molly Frank
19	1-2	Abe Lipp
19	1-2	Jennie Schneiderman
20	2-3	Dr. Abraham Fichman
20	2-3	Abraham Zimmerman
21	3-4	Dorothy Marks Fidler
21	3-4	Anna Levin
21	3-4	Lona Ruchman
23	5-6	Melvin Shulkin
23	5-6	Sonya Turetzky
24	6-7	Jack Berger
24	6-7	Simon Crell
24	6-7	Jean J. Pownall
25	7-8	Harry Komisarow
25	7-8	Libbie Mull
25	7-8	Herman Schubert
26	8-9	Israel Bronstein
26	8-9	Morris Magazine
27	9-10	Dena Levant
27	9-10	Ethelyn Seigman
27	9-10	Hanna Singer
27	9-10	Helen Snitzer
28	10-11	Rita Finkel
28	10-11	Robert E. Shine
28	10-11	Charlotte Slutsky
29	11-12	Sally Fields
29	11-12	Goldie Sunshine
30	12-13	Sidney Klepper
30	12-13	Lou Weissman

**Cheshvan / October**

1	13-14	Sophie Bass
1	13-14	Phyllis Groman
1	13-14	Sharon McLochlin
2	14-15	Jake Rovel
3	15-16	Harry Babich
3	15-16	Harry Bosell
3	15-16	Sarah Brateman
3	15-16	Rose White
4	16-17	Edward Baum
4	16-17	Loren Smith
4	16-17	Irving Walters
5	17-18	Cathy Bradley
5	17-18	Barbara Cohen
5	17-18	Roberta Rezits
6	18-19	Rosalie Becker
6	18-19	Bert Silverstein
7	19-20	Jack Levin
8	20-21	Max Cohen
9	21-22	Julius Gilbert
9	21-22	Bertram Hornstein
9	21-22	Rev. Mendel Hurwitz
9	21-22	Max Levy

**October Yahrzeits יזכור**

**Cheshvan / October**

10	22-23	Eva Jaffe
10	22-23	Joseph Weinraub
11	23-24	Sam Barabash
11	23-24	Edith Thomson
12	24-25	Solomon Saul Bleifeld
12	24-25	Jacob Portman
12	24-25	Bronnica Weinberg
13	25-26	Gertrude Nusholtz
13	25-26	Joseph Tillinger
14	26-27	Irving J. Pressman
14	26-27	Nathan Sheray
15	27-28	Robert Edgar
15	27-28	Rose Ewing
15	27-28	Jacob Sunshine
16	28-29	Minnie Fidler
16	28-29	Mendel Himelstein
16	28-29	Leo Sunshine
18	30-31	Art Perlman
18	30-31	David Lester Smith
19	31-1	Sonia Abrams
19	31-1	George Droegmyer



**October Birthdays**

- 1 Ben Watson
- 6 Jonathan Baitcher
- 8 Laura Zweig
- 10 Bob Watson
- 12 Bobbie Goltz
- 13 Donna Cole
- 16 Sue Pownall
- 17 Irene Walters
- 17 Alana Sarratore
- 19 Renee Levin
- 20 Nancy Fergusson
- 21 James Holstein
- 22 Helena Finkelstein
- 23 Rabbi Marla Spanjer
- 25 Mooch Lewis

**October Anniversaries**

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

**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:**

- A.J. Ochstein Fund
- Building Fund
- David Siegel Memorial Fund
- General Fund
- Kiddush Fund
- Levy/Levin Endowment Fund
- Library 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  
Nina and Virgil  
Mocle  
and family  
on the passing of  
Nina's Aunt  
Claire Beer  
on the  
13th of Flul 5775  
August 28, 2015*



## ***A Message from our President***

as delivered by

Mark Schneider

during Yom Kippur services on  
10 Tishri 5776, September 23, 2015

Several times a daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come see the daffodils before they are over." The mother wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from her home. "I will come next Tuesday," she promised, a little reluctantly. Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, she had promised so she drove there. When she finally arrived she said "Forget the daffodils! The road is invisible in the clouds and fog. You won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!"

"I was hoping you'd run me over to the garage to pick up my car," the daughter requested. "How far will we have to drive?" "Just a few blocks," replied the daughter. "I'll even drive since I'm used to this weather."

After several minutes the mother asked "Where are we going? This isn't the way to the garage!" "We're going to my garage the long way," the daughter smiled, "by way of the daffodils." After about twenty minutes, they turned onto a small gravel road and saw a hand-lettered sign that read, "Daffodil Garden."

They got out of the car and followed a small gravel path. When they turned the corner the mother looked up and gasped. Before them lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns - great ribbons of color. In all there were 5 acres of beauty. "But who has done this?" asked the mother.

"It's just one woman. She lives on the property. That's her home," the daughter answered as she pointed to a small well-kept house. On the patio, was a poster that read "Answers to the Questions I Know You are Asking". The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and very little brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

"It makes me sad in a way," admitted the mother. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

The daughter's reply was simple. "Start tomorrow," she said.

I was recently pondering how to approach this year's appeal, much more recently than I should be. During the midst of my mental ramblings I got to thinking, "Why is it that we have an appeal on Yom Kippur?"

Perhaps it is because these are the days of awe. Maybe since we are engaged in T'shuvah it is a perfect time to reflect on our commitment to the synagogue? Perhaps it is because this is the New Year? What better time to assess your commitment than at the start of a brand new year! Or maybe it is for the reason that might have popped right into your mind? It is the one time of the year when we are guaranteed a large crowd.

Here we are at the start of the New Year and we have the largest gathering of the season and what do we do? We ask for money. Kind of unseemly... I know. I'd like to take that idea and toss it out and approach this another way.

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## ***A Message from our President continued***

What is it that brings us together today? A religious commandment? A sense of obligation? A feeling of connection? Tradition? The Torah tells us on Yom Kippur we are to rest from prohibited labor and afflict ourselves. I certainly hope that coming to Shul isn't seen as an affliction. Perhaps it is to hear the sounding of the shofar? The question remains why are we gathered here together? The answer is Kehillah - Community.

Community can be defined as "A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals."

Clearly we as a congregation fit this definition. We are a place you can join. We are a place to belong. We share our interests in Judaism but I feel there is more.

Another definition states that community is "ownership or participation in common."

To me this states that community is not just a place to belong, or a place to share, it is a place you build. We are not only members of the B'nai Jacob community, we are also the architects. Each of us makes a choice to engage in the community and make it stronger. We do this through our participation and we do this through our financial contributions. Many of us, and I encourage even larger numbers, actively participate in the life of B'nai Jacob – we attend Shabbat and Holiday services, we serve on various congregational committees, we prepare Kiddush luncheons and help lead services, we serve on the Board of Directors. Each time we engage in the community, we engage in an act of construction. Strengthening who we are and defining who we will be.

In addition to our wonderful Rabbi, I feel the real assets of B'nai Jacob are The Torah behind me, and the community in front of me. While each are uniquely priceless, their value skyrockets when they connect. A Torah scroll that is not loved, not studied and ignored is nothing more than a roll of parchment and a community that does not have a blueprint to follow, a foundation to live on and a set of ideals to pass from one generation to the next is forever lost. Each one of us has the power to take up that blueprint and help build that foundation.

We need to always remember that B'nai Jacob belongs to every one of us. Make your voice heard on how to improve the workings of the congregation and how to strengthen our sense of community. Help us generate ideas for fundraisers and become actively involved so that fundraising events can become a reality. For if we do not step up to the challenges, who will? And, to quote the famous passage, if not now, when?

It may sound overly dramatic but in reality the very survival of our congregation is currently at stake. Our congregation is filled with people who are so much more precious than money; however the reality in life is that we need funds to survive. We are caught between the realities of modern Jewish life and its significant fiscal demands.

Over the years our congregation has declined in size, leaving us with a much smaller pool of talent and resources. Our current synagogue was built during a time when B'nai Jacob served a much larger congregation. As a result we are struggling to remain financially viable.

Now is the time for our action. As members of the congregation each of us has the power to make a choice. We can actively devote ourselves to building the community and funding the synagogue or we can sit idly by as it slips further into decline.

As a community we need to stand together when we rise up and say, this is important to me, this is important to us. We prioritize our faith to the community and to the world. We become proud of who we are. We are Jews and the continuation of Judaism in our homes and in our community is vital to our very existence. If we all commit ourselves today to building something lasting and beautiful, imagine what we could accomplish.

**Shana Tova; Gmar Chatima Tova**



# Rabbi Benjamin Blech

## The Sistine Chapel: Michelangelo's Forbidden Messages in the Heart of the Vatican



University of St. Francis  
Sunday, October 25, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

2701 Spring Street  
(North Campus Facility Auditorium  
Across from the Bass Mansion)  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

- A 10<sup>th</sup>-generation Rabbi, he is an internationally recognized educator, religious leader, author and lecturer.
- Author of 15 highly acclaimed and bestselling titles including three as part of the *Idiot's Guide* series and *If God is Good, Why is the World So Bad?*
- Currently in negotiations to bring his current book and subject of this lecture to film.
- Has appeared on national television including Nightline, Good Morning America, 20/20 and the Oprah Winfrey Show and written for Newsweek, The New York Times, Newsday and numerous scholarly publications.

*Enlightening, insightful, and revealing . . . . It tied everything together on the 50th anniversary of the Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate* on Jewish-Christian relations.*

Father George Balasco of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio after Rabbi Blech spoke at a celebration on the 80th anniversary of his baptism. Father Balasco has been involved in Jewish-Christian studies for 45 years and has received numerous awards from the Catholic, Jewish and Youngstown community.

For more information please visit [www.fwjf.org](http://www.fwjf.org)



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**Toda Rabba to all who made our High Holidays so wonderful:**

**Kathy and Sam Stoller** for sponsoring the cleaning of the shul's windows; **Dana and Jay Zemmol** for sponsoring the flowers for Rosh Hashana; **Theresa and Matt Farber** for sponsoring the flowers for Yom Kippur and for sponsoring Break the Fast; our Ritual Committee, headed by **Ron Friedman**; **Josh Tourkow** for facilitating aliyot; **Rabbi Kornspan** for leading services; **Dan Bradley** for sounding the shofar; **Pamela and Ron Friedman** who chanted Torah; **Pamela Friedman and Silvan Krel** who chanted Haftorot; the service coordinators **Mort Schaffer and Ron Friedman**; **Jay Zemmol**, as head usher and **Zack Zemmol** who helped him; **Penny Kornspan, Melissa Schneider, Elie Friedman, Laura Long and Rabbi Marla Spanjer** who taught Religious School classes during High Holiday Services; **Mark Schneider** for the Yom Kippur appeal; **Kathy Jarvis, Dana Zemmol, Janet Finkel and Ruth Minkoff** who assisted with preparation and serving of Break the Fast; **Tami Hoffman** for producing the service programs and Yizkor remembrances, and to **Susie Miller** for proofreading these



**Rebbetzin Kornspan, Laura Long and Dana Zemmol** who prepared Kiddushim in October; **Jay Zemmol, Marc Spanjer, and Iris Fuchs** who tidied up the landscape and installed river rock in the beds; **Keith Groman** who faithfully cares for the Torah crowns and shields.

## **Baum/Goldenberg Israel Scholarship**

If you are entering your sophomore or junior year in high school this coming fall and are thinking about participating in a first time peer program in Israel in the summer of 2016 and you reside with family who are contributing members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne Campaign, you are eligible to apply for the Baum/Goldenberg Israel Scholarship.

Please contact the Federation as soon as possible for an application. Upon receipt of your application you will be notified of the timeline and procedures that will be followed. The deadline for submitting your application is October 29, 2015.



## CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

### David Siegel Memorial Fund

In memory of mother,  
Sophie Bialick  
- *Bee Siegel*

### General Fund

In memory of Annie's mother,  
Shirley Ruth Konigsberg and Dan's  
grandmother, Mary Peurye  
- *Dan and Annie Appel*

### Kiddush Fund

In honor of Congregation B'nai  
Jacob's Board of Directors, the  
Ritual Committee, and Rabbi  
Kornspan for a well organized  
High Holiday Season  
- *Keith Groman*

In memory of Jere's mom,  
Rose Leib Rothman  
- *Jere and Arlene Leib*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation to the Rabbi  
- *The McAfee Family*  
In gratitude for Rabbi's presence in  
our lives

- *The Epstein Family*

In appreciation of Penny and Rabbi  
- *Keith Groman*

### Torah Maintenance Fund

In memory of Eddie Lefand  
- *Keith Groman*

### Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Evelyn Feldman  
- *Kenneth Feldman*

In memory Joseph Goltz  
- *Ron and Vicki Goltz*

In memory of William Edward  
Pownall

- *Jerry and Sue Pownall*

In memory of Moses Safirstein  
- *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Mildred Kurtz  
- *Linda and Barry Snitzer*

In memory of Rose Walters  
- *Bob and Irene Walters*

In memory of Alan Milstein  
- *Jay and Dana Zemmol*



**mike  
adams**

**artisan  
among  
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"The tree was the second Ornamental Cherry on the right side of the [synagogue] drive as you enter. It died a couple of years ago and had been there for as long as we've been members. I'm guessing it was part of the original landscaping. The trunk was probably 10" in diameter and when I saw the colors and grain I decided to save it for a bowl turning. I belong to the Huntertown Woodworkers Club, as did past president Bob Sheray, and recently have been practicing wood turning. I decided to try my hand at bowl turning. One of the members, Dan Holmes, coached me and helped me remove some of the tool marks before finish sanding.

I saved a piece from one of the Black Locust limbs that was part of the cleanup [following the significant storms in June] and have it roughed into bowl form. I hope to finish turning it yet this week, in between building a book shelf for Ruth and Mort."

- *Mike Adams, July 2015*



**Multi-talented Iris Fuchs  
flexing her muscles while  
spreading river rock  
in the landscape beds  
at the shul. 😊**

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