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# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Celebrating 100 Years ... 1912-2012



## A SEDER FILLED WITH MEANING

Dear B'nai Jacob Family and Friends,

If we have a Seder, which uses the Haggadah as a speed read, and if the main question is "when will we eat?" then we have missed the entire reason for having the Seder. Judaism is a way of life that prods us to ask questions. The Talmud, housing our Oral Torah, is replete with questioning. So much of the Seder contains different practices to stimulate our children to ask: "Mah Nishtanah, Why is this night different?"

Did you know that there is no mitzvah to recite the Seder all in Hebrew, if you don't understand the original? It is a mitzvah to comprehend the Haggadah, and beyond this it is praiseworthy to dig deeply for meaning.

As a Rabbi, I enjoy teaching. I look forward to these opportunities, and I have such joy when I meet each Tuesday with our older youths. In our teen class, Havurat Noar, I asked: "What is the deeper significance of Passover?" At first, the class noted how it was so wonderful for family to gather together. I informed them that this holiday, more than any other, brought families from far and near to the Seder table. I then asked them why was this so? Why did Pesach attract this reaction, more than Sukkot, Shavuot, or even Rosh Hashanah?

I "shepped nachat" (felt such joy) as the discussion became animated. One of the students answered that this was the holiday, commemorating our freedom from Egypt. This was the beginning of our physical freedom that culminated with our people receiving the Ten Commandments and the Torah!

This was the occurrence of our deeper experience as Am Yisrael!

I feel this same joy when I teach our adults. Our last Pesach Workshop reflected the thirst for a deeper understanding of Pesach. We learned together deeper insights from the Haggadah, and shared an amazing Haggadah that was brought to my attention by Ron and Pam Friedman. It is entitled *A Different Night* and is a publication of the Shalom Hartman Institute. It is filled with tremendous explanations and insights. The "menu" can keep you learning the deeper spirituality of the Seder for years!

I am including a link for you that may help you with your Seder and Pesach experience:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/sederidea/sforkids/7-recommended-haggadot-for-purchase>

Here you will see a total of 9 links that will help you, your children and grandchildren.

I am concluding this article with one story from the Shalom Hartman Institute Haggadah. By itself, it relates to us how living Judaism is filled with sensitivity and with love and respect for each other.

"Rabbi Akiba Eiger (Germany, 18th C.) used to be very strict about the mitzvah of hospitality especially on Pesach. Once when he was leading a large seder, one of the guests happened to spill a cup of wine. The clean white tablecloth was stained. Seeing the

★**Bar Mitzvah**★  
Friday, May 2 - Saturday, May 3

Share with us these special days of ceremony and celebration at the Bar Mitzvah of our son

**Zackary Zemmol**

Zackary will lead Shabbat services on Friday evening at 7:30pm and on Saturday at 9:15am.

On Shabbat morning, Zackary will be called to the Torah and chant his portion. Kiddush Luncheon following.

*Dana and Jay Zemmol*

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guest's enormous embarrassment, Rabbi Eiger himself bumped the table spilling his own glass of wine. He exclaimed: "Oh this table must be off balance." - from p. 25, "A Different Night: The Family Participation Haggadah, c. 1997 by Noam Zion and David Dishon, The Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.

Penny and I wish you a Chag Kasher V'sameach and a very meaningful Seder!

Kol Tuv,

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*



**Shalach Manot Fundraiser a Success!**

*Thank you to all who helped make our Shalach Manot fundraiser a success!*

*Special thanks to:*

*Rebbetzin Penny; Kathy Jarvis; Laura Long; Cassie Martinez; Sheryl Merritt; Ruth Minkoff; Nina Mocle; and Dana Zemmol, as well as to all who helped fulfill the mitzvah by delivering baskets.*

*Special thanks to Bee Siegel, Natalie Gottesman and family, and Dr. Gordon Siegel and family for donating the hamantaschen for Purim and the Shalach Manot baskets, in loving memory of David Siegel.*

*- Missy Schneider*



**Passover Information and Services**

**Kosher for Passover**

Kroger on 24 West will have Kosher for Passover meats and poultry, as well as other Kosher for Passover items. Please support our effort to maintain Kosher foods locally.

**Preparing for Passover, Bedikat Chametz\***

**Sunday, April 13th, at night**

After the house has been thoroughly cleaned, a ceremonial search is performed for whatever "chametz" may remain. All chametz should have already been put away in cabinets, the garage or in some place where it can be marked and not be used, even by accident. The "chametz" found in the ceremony is burned on the following morning. This is called Biur Chametz. Biur Chametz completes the removal of all leavened products from our possession.

\*Selling of Chametz form included with this newsletter.

**Monday, April 14th, 7:00am** - Siyum for the firstborn. The "Siyum" Service for the firstborn is held in gratitude to G-d for sparing the firstborn among the children of Israel when the last plague was brought against the Egyptians. A siyum is a public completion of the study of a tractate of the Talmud. Afterwards, we will share breakfast.

**Monday, April 14th, the eve of Pesach** - One may eat a chametz meal until 11:28am. No matzah is to be eaten until the Seder that night.

**Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15th and 16th** - Passover Services will be at 10:00am.

**Sunday, April 20th** - Lunch and a Movie "The Prince of Egypt" at the synagogue at Noon. Please RSVP to the office by April 10.

**Monday, April 21st** - Passover Services begin at 9:15am and Yizkor at approximately 10:30am.

**Tuesday, April 22nd** - Passover Services begin at 10:00am.

**Religious School**

- **Spring Break April 1-5** Classes Resume on Tuesday, April 8
- **Friday, April 18** 7:00pm - K.I.S.S.
- **Saturday, April 19** 10:00am Shabbat School

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT B'NAI JACOB**

**Sunday, May 18, 11:00am** - Doug Cotler Concert and Lag B'omer picnic. Doug Cotler is a Grammy award winning singer-songwriter and composer.

**Wednesday, May 28, Noon and 7:00pm** - Charlie Harary, Guest Speaker. Charlie Harary, Esq. is CEO of H3 Capital LLC, and a Senior Lecturer for the OU, Aish Hatorah and NCSY. He is the founder and president of Milvado Inc., an organization that develops innovative methods to teach spirituality in relevant and modern ways.

**April Yahrzeits יזכור**

Nisan / April		
1	31-1	Samuel Babich
1	31-1	Calvin Prady
2	1-2	Goldie Dubow
2	1-2	Mordecai Rifkin
5	4-5	Izidor Schachter
5	4-5	Etta G. Sheray
6	5-6	Herman Davis
6	5-6	Sarah Mildred Jacobson
6	5-6	David Levin
6	5-6	Shirley Ruth Marer-Brateman
7	6-7	Ida Price
9	8-9	Herbert Brateman
9	8-9	Ryan Zimmerman
10	9-10	Mushke Golder
10	9-10	Pres. Gen. Chaim Herzog
11	10-11	Libby Babich
12	11-12	Rae Dorman
12	11-12	Sidney Hutner
13	12-13	Samuel Appel
13	12-13	Jerry Morgenstein
13	12-13	Ann Peltz
13	12-13	Barney Sterling

**April Yahrzeits יזכור**

Nisan / April		
15	14-15	Chaim Norkin
16	15-16	Isser Goldin
16	15-16	Mary Levy
16	15-16	Dorothy Maier
17	16-17	Steve Abrams
17	16-17	Harry S. Dale
17	16-17	Ida Schneider
18	17-18	Ruth Mark
18	17-18	Harriet Mirman
18	17-18	Harry Sheray
19	18-19	Louis Hirsch
19	18-19	Samuel Kornspan
19	18-19	Irving Luskin
19	18-19	Frederick Milz
19	18-19	Samuel Ochstein
19	18-19	Tillie Ochstein
20	19-20	Anna Trauner
20	19-20	Philip Trivus
20	19-20	Samuel Weinberg
21	20-21	Ronald Brateman
21	20-21	Tina Wilcox
22	21-22	Jacob Baruch

**April Yahrzeits יזכור**

Nisan / April		
22	21-22	Jean Rehm
23	22-23	Sonia Finkelstein
23	22-23	Anna Lee Schefman
23	22-23	Erna Shulkin
23	22-23	Rosetta R. Siegle
23	22-23	Morton Trauner
24	23-24	June Saul Himmelstein
25	24-25	Leah Edelman
25	24-25	Zelda Punsky
25	24-25	Arthur Albert Sapirie
26	25-26	Rebecca (Brocha) Kaplan
26	25-26	Gary Nemeroff
27	26-27	Samuel Brateman
27	26-27	Louis Latker
28	27-28	Lena Goltz
28	27-28	Larry Levin
29	28-29	May Bussell
29	28-29	Sophia Ebner
29	28-29	Nate Nemeroff



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:

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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
- 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...**

*Keith, Debby, Brandon, and Becka Roberts and family on the passing of Keith's brother, Ed Roberts, on the 13th of Adar 11, 5774, March 15, 2014.*

*Bob, Laura, Miranda, and Geoffrey Long and family on the passing of Bob's step-father, Jim Long, on the 16th of Adar 11, 5774, March 17, 2014.*

**Fort Wayne Jewish Young Professionals**



The **Fort Wayne Tribe** is a group to bring together the young Jewish adults, ages 18 - late 30s, of Fort Wayne and NE Indiana to form and promote a social community of learning, intermingling, and support.

The main focus of this group is the social aspect of being Jewish. We organize events at least once a month which include:

After work happy hours at restaurants, volunteering events, concerts and shows, Shabbat dinners, Hanukkah and Purim parties, hikes, or any other ideas that Tribers suggest.

Join our Facebook or Meet-Up groups at <http://www.meetup.com/Fort-Wayne-Tribe/> or on the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Web site at [www.fwjf.org](http://www.fwjf.org).



**April Birthdays**

- 1 Bruce Merritt
- 6 Karmiya Farber
- 6 Dr. Jere Leib
- 9 Jacqueline Levin
- 10 Dr. Lynne Margolies
- 12 Zackary Zemmol
- 14 Joshua Bradley
- 14 Cassie Martinez
- 14 Brandon Roberts
- 14 Jay Zemmol
- 14 Beth Zweig
- 17 Noah Bussell
- 18 Sharon Eisbart
- 18 Theresa Farber
- 18 Debbie Sheray
- 18 Scott Trauner
- 20 Sheryl Merritt
- 21 Ralph Levin
- 21 Marci Trentacosti
- 22 Donna Tourkow
- 23 Michael P. Adams
- 24 David Bussell
- 27 Dan Droegmyer
- 27 Jerry Pownall
- 28 Julie Kupersmith
- 29 Sharone Swedarsky
- 29 Melissa Schneider

**April Anniversaries**

- 1 Steve Martin and Jacqueline Levin
- 21 Mike and Marci Trentacosti

**CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS**

**General Fund**

For healing of Jacqueline Levin  
 - *Esther Campbell-Russ*  
 In appreciation  
 - *Lis and Hugo Kahn*  
 In appreciation  
 - *Diane Wolf*

**Kiddush Fund**

In memory of Jean Siegel  
 - *Vicki and Ron Goltz*  
 In honor of all who celebrated birthdays -  
 "Happy Birthday!" - *Ovadya*  
 In appreciation  
 - *Kathy and Jerry Jarvis*  
 In honor of Joe and Hugo Kahn's Bar  
 Mitzvah Anniversary  
 - *Linda and Barry Snitzer*

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

In honor of Irene Walters and her special  
 recognition in the Fort Wayne community  
 - *Janet and Steve Sarratore*

**Religious School**

Thank you to everyone who sent Shalach  
 Manot baskets to the Tourkow Family.  
 - *Josh, Donna, Aliza, and Leah Tourkow*  
 In appreciation  
 - *Irene and Bob Walters*

**Torah Maintenance Fund**

In honor of all who celebrated wedding and  
 Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversaries -  
 "Mazel Tov!" - *Ovadya*

**Yahrzeit Fund**

In memory of Daryoush Shalom Boudaie  
 - *Doris and Kourosh Boudaie*  
 In memory of Molly Cohen  
 - *Lis and Hugo Kahn*  
 In memory of Abe Dubin  
 - *Niesie Shulkin*  
 In memory of Helen Rath  
 - *Irene and Bob Walters*  
 In memory of Marc Spanjer's mother, Diane  
 - *Beth and Dan Zweig*

*Thank You  
So Much*

- *Rebbetzin Penny, Dana Zemmol, Nina Mocle, and Annie Appel* for coordinating, preparing, and serving Kiddushim in March, and to all who help with serving and clean-up on Shabbat.
- *Nina and Virgil Mocle* for preparing and sponsoring Kiddush on March 8 in honor of the March birthdays of their children, Jessica and Joshua, and in memory of the 19th yearzeit of Nina's cousin, Peter Wechsler.
- *Joe and Eleahn Kahn and Hugo and Lis Kahn* for sponsoring Kiddush on March 15 in celebration of the 69th Bar Mitzvah anniversary of Joe and Hugo.
- *Annie Appel, Paula Adams, Janet Finkel, Ruth Minkoff, and Nina Mocle* for coordinating, preparing, and serving Kiddush on March 15 in celebration of the 69th Bar Mitzvah anniversary of Joe and Hugo Kahn.

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**WHEN BODY WASH IS A LUXURY ITEM**

The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers this month will be preparing springtime personal hygiene bags for our 82 Head Start families. In early March, we sent home shampoo and conditioner in our bags. Many of the families stopped by to tell us how much they appreciated and needed the items. When I asked the Head Start parents what items they would like to receive in a future bag, they overwhelmingly said they'd like body wash, which they consider to be a luxury item. We want to include a 15 ounce or larger bottle of body wash that is either unscented or gently scented. Please consider when you are shopping to pick up a bottle or two to donate. If you would like to help, but don't have the time, consider a monetary donation. We have personal shoppers who have volunteered to pick up the hygiene supplies. Thank you for helping to sustain this important program.

- *Jamie Berger, Thoughtful Thursdays Committee chair*

**SHTAR HARSHAAH (Selling of Chametz) 5774**  
**PLEASE READ, COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SHUL OFFICE**

Chametz (leavened products), which were impossible to finish or give away before Passover, may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday, and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form below and return it no later than April 10.

Mail the completed form to:

Rabbi Kornspan  
Congregation B'nai Jacob  
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Fort Wayne, IN 46814

or email this completed form to  
mkornspan@gmail.com

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ fully empower and permit Rabbi Kornspan to act in my behalf to sell all Chametz possessed by me - knowingly or unknowingly - as defined by Torah and Rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein Chametz owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print your name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Home telephone #)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Home address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business address)

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**Maot Hittim**

It has been a tradition to collect "money for wheat" (donations for the poor for Passover.) If you would like to make a contribution to aid the needy, please make out a check to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, earmarking it for Maot Hittim or Passover charity.

Please send it to Congregation B'nai Jacob, 7227 Bittersweet Moors, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am donating \_\_\_\_\_ for Maot Hittim, to be used to aid the needy.