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OFFICIAL PURIM DECREE

AND IT HAS COME TO PASS IN THE CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

that a decree has been issued that the holiday of Purim shall be observed with joy and gladness, the evening after Shabbat, Saturday, March 15th and on Sunday, March 16th.

LET THERE BE the reading of the Megillah, the singing of songs, the attirement in costumes, and the booing of Haman, the villain!

AND IT HAS BEEN FURTHER

DECREED that all humankind endeavor to rid itself of the influence of Haman and evil, so that all may ever know joy and happiness unto the fullness of days.

so with the beginning of Adar rejoicings are increased.” In keeping with this, we could say: “Be happy. It’s Adar!”

In the Halachot of the Shulchan Aruch and its commentaries, there are fascinating laws dealing with how we are all to hear the Megillah reading in the evening and the next morning. Even the study of the Torah is held in abeyance, so that the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah read aloud can be fulfilled.

It is also intriguing to see a commentary explain that if someone could not hear the Megillah read on the evening of Purim and it was beyond his or her control, the next morning’s reading would suffice, as the evening’s reading was by Rabbinic enactment, while the morning’s was m’divrei kabbalah, handed down from our prophets. I wonder how many know the importance of the Megillah reading the next day?

Since Purim begins at the close of Shabbat, we will first gather at 7:00pm for a Shabbat meal (Seudah Shlishit). Please R.S.V.P. by March 6th to the shul office.

Let us please remember the minhag (custom) to contribute three half dollars the night of the Megillah reading, to commemorate the half shekels that were donated at this time of the year in the days of the Beit Hamikdash, the Temple. This money is given to tzedakah.

Also, there is a mitzvah to give shalach manot, Purim gifts, to at least one other person, consisting of at least two varieties of food. (You will note in this bulletin, as well as synagogue emails, that our religious school provides you with a wonderful opportunity to perform this mitzvah, and also help support our religious school.)

Dear B’nai Jacob Family and Friends,

By the evening of March 1st, we will have reached Rosh Chodesh, and the beginning of the month of Adar Sheni (Adar II). Shortly we shall begin the celebration of Purim. In the Gemara Taanit 29a we learn: “Rav Yehudah the son of Rav Shmuel ben Shilat said in the name of Rav: Just as with the beginning of Av rejoicings are curtailed,



DATES TO NOTE

- March 5 - Shalach Manot orders due. See flyer insert.
- March 6 - Reservations due for March 15 Shabbat Seudah & March 16 Seudah Brunch.
- March 15 @ 7:00pm - Shabbat Seudah followed by Havdalah at 8:30pm and Megillah Reading / Purim Celebration.
- March 16 @ 11:00am - Megillah Reading followed by Seudah Brunch.

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As well, there is a mitzvah to give matanot la'evyonim, money or food to at least two poor individuals on Purim. (Our collection is dispersed to those who need help.)

And then there is the mitzvah to have a Purim Seudah meal during the day of Purim, March 16th. Penny will be preparing this brunch to occur after Sunday's 11 a.m. Megillah reading. Please RSVP by March 6th.

Regarding alcoholic beverages.....give me a call, and I will explain it to you!

Rebbetzin Penny and I wish you a Chag Purim Sameach!

See you in shul!

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

Religious School

- **Friday, March 14**
6:00pm - K.I.S.S.
Hagiat HaSiddur
- **Saturday, March 15**
8:30pm Megillah Reading
and Purim Party



Thank you to Janet Finkel, Annie Appel, Pam Friedman, and Rabbi Kornspan for all the help with the Kiddush, the Tu B'Shvat Seder and the Minyan. I also appreciate all those who attended in memory of my father, Henri Hagendorf.

Franck Hagendorf



Hugo and Joe Kahn in 2005.

TWIN BROTHERS TO CELEBRATE 69th BAR MITZVAH ANNIVERSARY
Saturday, March 15, 2014
@ 9:15am at B'nai Jacob

Some 20 years ago, twin brothers Hugo and Joe Kahn decided to chant their Haftorah at different venues. Two years ago they did so in Rosh HaAyin, Israel. This year, they will celebrate the 69th anniversary of their Bar Mitzvah at B'nai Jacob.

Why are they coming to B'nai Jacob, one may ask?

"My wife, Lis Lynderup Cohen, a former Fort Waynian, said 'it's time for B'nai Jacob'. So here we will be the 15th of March 2014. Y'all come, remember - Zachor - at 9:15am, 13 Adar II. Happy Purim! My brother will add his comments that day. Come and hear - Sh'ma!", explained Hugo Kahn.

Of course, there is more to their story. Hugo and Joe's father, Eduard Kahn, was one of hundreds of Jews arrested, without official charges, following the violent Kristallnacht that swept Germany in November 1938. Eduard was imprisoned in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp north of Berlin and was also one of the fortunate few released. In August of 1939, he and his wife, Johanna Levy, made plans to leave Meurich, Germany with their 6-year old sons and 2-year old daughter, Therese. Correspondence with a wealthy Nebraskan, merchant-benefactor-rescuer, David Kaufmann, resulted in their arriving in America in February, 1940 under his care and support...

...and, of course, there must be more to their story! Won't you join us for this unique occasion during Shabbat services and learn more from Hugo and Joe Kahn themselves?

A special Kiddush, sponsored by Lis and Hugo Kahn, will be prepared by the Sisterhood and served following services, in honor of the twin brothers' 69th Bar Mitzvah Anniversary.



Joseph and Hugo Kahn, at age 6, in the doorway of their home in Meurich, Germany.



Joe and Hugo Kahn in Meurich, Germany in 2002.

March Yahrzeits **יזכור**

Adar I / March

- 29 28-1 Joseph Chodash
- 29 28-1 Morris Dicker
- 29 28-1 Robert Samuel Mirman
- 29 28-1 Melvin Smith

Adar II / March

- 3 4-5 Ralph Wolf
- 6 7-8 Max Himelstein
- 6 7-8 Helen Rath
- 7 8-9 Moe M. Mitzman
- 8 9-10 Rebecca Applebaum
- 12 13-14 Alex Rosenberg
- 12 13-14 Isaac Sposeep
- 15 16-17 Florence Rudin
- 16 17-18 Rose Burrs
- 17 18-19 Helen Himelstein
- 19 20-21 Paul Lecher
- 20 21-22 Reuben Leb Komisarow
- 22 23-24 Abraham Kaplan
- 22 23-24 Barney Levin
- 25 26-27 Phyllis Adele Agrue
- 28 29-30 Edith Horwitz
- 28 29-30 Nathan Weinstein
- 29 30-31 Sam Berebitsky

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...

Marc, Marla, and Michal Spanjet and family on the passing of Marc's mother on the 11th of Adar, 5774, February 11, 2014.

Temple Youth Group and FORTY to host
Annual Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 16
12:15pm-2:00pm
at
Achduth Vesholom.

Moon Bounce, Cake Walk, Shoot a Basket, Aim for a Bagel, Bid on a Silent Auction Item, and more! Proceeds benefit the Temple's high school youth group.



NEWS AND SCHMOOZE



Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Rebbetzin on the arrival of their granddaughter, Tair Lael, born in Israel on January 1, 2014 to Yishai and Yael Kornspan! Tair Lael means "May G-d Shine".



With great joy, Nina and Virgil Mocle (Fort Wayne, IN) and Ilene and Harold Lawsky (Queens, NY) announce the engagement of their beloved children, Joshua Adam and Samantha Rose. Esteemed grandparents are Lolita Hasid (Montreal, PQ), Ben Mocle (Toronto, ON), and Helen and Harry Lawsky (Bronx, NY).



A hearty Mazel Tov to Dan and Lisa Bradley as they anticipate the March wedding of Aaron and Olivia Olson!

March Birthdays

- 2 Jessica Mocle
- 2 Lyndsay Trauner
- 2 Emily Finkel
- 3 Lauren Tourkow
- 3 Theresa Trauner
- 4 Marvin Crell
- 5 Josh Tourkow
- 5 Gwendolyn Schneider
- 9 Luann Watson
- 13 Ian Martinez
- 18 Shana Goltz Wasserman
- 18 Joshua Mocle
- 19 Steve Appel
- 19 Jacob Eisbart
- 21 Leah Tourkow
- 21 Mike Adams
- 21 Jennifer Schuler
- 24 Gerry Appel
- 27 Jeanette Lewis
- 29 Elana Merritt
- 30 Mary Wilger
- 31 Annie Appel
- 31 Mark Rifkin

March Anniversaries

- 30 Mike and Paula Adams

Thank You So Much

- **Annie Appel and Janet Finkel** for coordinating, preparing, and serving Kiddushim in January.
- **Franck Hagendorf** for sponsoring Kiddush and the Tu B'shvat Seder on January 18 in loving memory of your father, Henri Hagendorf.
- **Rebbitzen Kornspan** for helping to keep the sidewalks clear around the shul and parish during this snowy winter.
- **Nina and Virgil Mocle** for preparing and sponsoring Kiddush on February 1 in celebration of the engagement of Joshua Adam and Samantha Rose and of all January birthdays and anniversaries.
- **Paula Adams, Kathy Jarvis, and Ruth Minkoff** for coordinating, preparing, and serving Kiddushim in February.
- **Jeff Wolf** for sponsoring Kiddush on February 15 in honor of your mother, Diane.

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund

In honor of Leah Tourkow's speedy recovery
- *Becky and Michael Park*

In memory of father, Abe Dubin
- *Donna and Josh Tourkow*

In memory of Tami's father, Henry Lepper
- *Donna and Josh Tourkow*

In appreciation of your hospitality
- *David Victor*

Kiddush Fund

In honor of all who celebrated birthdays -
"Happy Birthday!" - *Ovadya*

In honor of Diane Wolf's 85th birthday
- *Lilly and Dale Seltzer*

In appreciation

- *Shmuel Wahli*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of Rabbi

- *Mark and Donna Cole*

To help replenish a local Food Bank

- *Keith Groman*

In memory of Douglas Martin

- *Jacqueline Levin and Steve Martin*

Torah Maintenance Fund

In honor of all who celebrated wedding and

Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversaries -

"Mazel Tov!" - *Ovadya*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Pauline Brateman

- *Elaine and Irving Brateman*

In memory of Louis Samuel Superior

- *Elaine and Irving Brateman*

In memory of Fran Herman

- *B. Steven Herman*

In memory of John Schmitz

- *Elsa Jacob*

In memory of father, Julius Schwarz

- *Elsa Jacob*

In memory of Margot Krel's birthday and
yahrzeit

- *The Krel Family*

In memory of grandma, Clara Magazine

- *Jeanette Lewis*

In memory of husband, Elmer Lewis

- *Jeanette Lewis*

In memory of Frieda Safirstein

- *Kay and Moses Safirstein*

In memory of Solomon Safirstein

- *Kay and Moses Safirstein*

In memory of Jean Siegel

- *Vicki and Ron Goltz*

In memory of Joseph Doran

- *Louise and Bill Warshauer*

In memory of Bertha Doran

- *Louise and Bill Warshauer*

In memory of Anne Doran

- *Louise and Bill Warshauer*

In memory of Rae Lipp

- *Louise and Bill Warshauer*

In memory of Abe Lipp

- *Louise and Bill Warshauer*



In the 1950s, Irvin Naxon, the son of Lithuanian immigrants, invented what he called the Naxon Beanery, a plug-in pot with an electric heating element that was eventually sold to Rival in 1971 and renamed --- you guessed it --- the Crock-Pot.



Bella Boosta!

A PASSING THOUGHT:

The trouble with being a self-made person is that you don't want to sue the manufacturer. ☺

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