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# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Celebrating 100 Years ... 1912-2012



The truth of the matter is that the Book of Esther portrays not just one event in our history, but a recurring theme. Anti-Semitism rears its ugly head and increases. The situation is dangerous for the Jewish people, and many are hurt and killed. With G-d's help, we unite and defend ourselves.

With the aid of Hashem, we survive and we are victorious.

Every page of Jewish history has this repeat theme. It is a very sobering thought that Anti-Semitism is increasing in an alarming proportion in Europe. In Arab countries, it may be cloaked as Anti-Israel, but do not be naive, that is a facade for hating all Jews. Even in our own United States, there is no immunity to this disease.

Here again, the Book of Esther illustrates the answer. Although it was dangerous to do so, Esther stepped forward and spoke out for her people. The Jewish citizens made sure to defend themselves. In all of this, G-d was there, hidden, in the background. This sounds so much like today!

In fact, how eerie and ironic, that the background for the Book of Esther took place in Persia, while today's headlines are focusing on the warning of Israel about the modern Persia, Iran! How amazing that you have the wicked Haman orchestrating his evil plans against the Jews, while basically duping the ruler, Achashverosh. I believe you can discern some parallels here for today!

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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 of Wednesday, March 4th and on Thursday morning, March 5th.

**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.

## Purim: The Reality and The Hope

Dear B'nai Jacob Family and Friends,

Purim is such a joyous holiday. It is described in a classic internet joke. A Jewish holiday is: They persecuted us; they tried to kill us; G-d saved us and we won; let's eat!"



## DATES TO NOTE

- March 1 @ 10:30am: Ethics class with Rabbi Kornspan: Tallit and Tefillin at 9:30am
- March 4 @ 6:30pm - Megillah Reading followed by Purim Celebration.
- March 5 @ 11:00am - Megillah Reading followed by Seudah Brunch.
- March 8 @ 11:00am: Brunch and Passover workshop at Ruth and Mort Schaffer's. Tallit and Tefillin @ 10:00am

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Everything looked so dire, so final, for the Jews in Persia and beyond, during the events recorded in the Book of Esther. But then, Mordecai and Esther rallied our people. We prayed and we acted. We were victorious, because at each moment G-d was with us.

This is why Purim is so wonderful! We read and remember the grim reality, and we learn about the miraculous deliverance! Instead of a time of great mourning, we celebrate a time of great joy! THIS is the hope for our generation and the future of our people and of Israel.

May we merit soon to see the times of Mashiach!

Rebbetzin Penny and I wish you a Chag Purim Sameach!

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*



**DATES TO NOTE**

- March 2 - Reservations due for March 5th Purim Seudah Brunch.
- March 3 - Reservations due for March 8th Brunch and Passover workshop.

**Temple Youth Group and FORTY to host Annual Purim Carnival**  
**Sunday, March 8**  
**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. Everyone welcome!



*Thank you to Paula Adams, Ruth Minkoff, Janet Finkel, and Iris Fuchs for all the help with the Tu B'Shvat Kiddush in memory of my father, Henri Hagendorf. I also appreciate all those who attended.*

*Franck Hagendorf*

**March Yahrzeits**

**Adar / March**

11	1-2	Fanny Gary
11	1-2	Theresa Perlman
12	2-3	Ruth Finkel
12	2-3	Nathan Liff
12	2-3	Paul Rath
12	2-3	Alex Rosenberg
12	2-3	Isaac Sposeep
13	3-4	Sara Cohen
13	3-4	Sam Jacobson
13	3-4	Rose Ochstein Kaplan
13	3-4	Anna Lee Marcus
14	4-5	Dorothy Kay
14	4-5	Frieda Kretzman
15	5-6	Mordechai Falakovicz
15	5-6	Max Levant
15	5-6	Elmer Lewis
15	5-6	Ida Stern
15	5-6	Florence Rudin
16	6-7	Rose Burrs
17	7-8	Daryoush S. Boudaie
17	7-8	Helen Himmelstein
18	8-9	Abraham J. Goodman
18	8-9	Calla Lowenhar
18	8-9	Tauba Schachter
18	8-9	Julius Schwartz
19	9-10	Doris Tillinger
19	9-10	Louis Zweig
19	9-10	Paul Lecher
20	10-11	Reuben L. Komisarow
20	10-11	Isadore Babich
20	10-11	Sayde Marlin
20	10-11	Samuel Nemeroff
21	11-12	Becky Levin
22	12-13	Abraham Kaplan

**March Yahrzeits cont'd**

**Adar / March**

22	12-13	Barney Levin
22	12-13	Betty Cohen
22	12-13	Margot Krel
22	12-13	Leonard Rifkin
23	13-14	Abe H. Dubin
23	13-14	Ken Horwitz
24	14-15	Sam Kay
25	15-16	Phyllis Adele Agrue
25	15-16	Molly Cohen
27	17-18	Chuma Appe
27	17-18	Henry Baum
27	17-18	Isaac Bosell
27	17-18	Edna levine
27	17-18	Minnie Weinraub
28	18-19	Edith Horwitz
28	18-19	Nathan Weinstein
28	18-19	Bernard Rosenblatt
29	19-20	Sam Berebitsky
29	19-20	Joseph Chodash
29	19-20	Morris Dicker
29	19-20	Robert S. Mirman
29	19-20	Melvin Smith

**March Yahrzeits**

**Nisan / March**

1	20-21	Samuel Babich
1	20-21	Calvin Prady
2	21-22	Goldie DuBow
2	21-22	Mordechai Rifkin
5	24-25	Isidor Schachter
5	24-25	Etta G. Shery
6	25-26	Herman Davis
6	25-26	Sarah M. Jacobson
6	25-26	David Levin
6	25-26	Shirley Marer Brateman
7	26-27	Ida Price
9	28-29	Herbert Brateman
9	28-29	Ryan Zimmerman
10	29-30	Mushke Golder
10	29-30	Pres. Gen. Chaim Herzog
11	30-31	Libby Babich

**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  
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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...**

*Jennifer, Paul, Julian and Sydney Schuler and Family, on the passing of Jen's beloved grandmother **Alleda Elam**.  
Mooch and Barbara Lewis and the entire Lewis Family on the passing of long time friend and member **Jeanette Lewis**.  
Beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.  
Neal and Eileen Baitcher and family on the death of his mother, **Judith Baitcher** on February 3, 2015 in Lake Forest, IL*

**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
- 11 Joshua Mocle
- 13 Ian Martinez
- 18 Shana Goltz Wasserman
- 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*

- *Janet Finkel, Paula Adams, and Ruth Minkoff* for coordinating, preparing, and serving the Kiddushim in January.
- *Shmuel Wahli* for sponsoring the Kiddush on January 3 in memory of *Diane Wolf*.
- *Janet Finkel* for coordinating and to *Arlene, Audrey, Cassie, Iris, Loni, Marlene, Mary, Nina, Paula, Penny, Risa, Ruth* and *Sheryl* for all their help in preparing, and serving the special Kiddush on January 17 in honor of *Bee Siegel's 90th Birthday*.
- *Janet Finkel* and *Jay Zemmol* for catering the refreshments for our Sunday program on January 18 featuring comedian *Mike Leiderman*.

*Thank You So Much*

- *Kathy and Jerry Jarvis* for sponsoring Kiddush on January 24 in memory of her beloved parents *Donald James Seabold* and *Virginia Lee Lewis*
- *Franck Hagendorf* for sponsoring the Kiddush on February 7 in loving memory of his father, *Henri Hagendorf* and in celebration of *Tu B'Shevat*.
- *Ruth Minkoff* for catering the delicious Shabbat dinner following our monthly *K.I.S.S.* on Friday February 13.
- *Cassie and Alex Martinez and Paula and Mike Adams*, for sponsoring and preparing, the Kiddush on February 21 in honor of *Ian's* Bar Mitzvah anniversary and in memory of Paula's mother *Virginia Anderson*.
- *Nina and Virgil Mocle* for sponsoring and preparing the Kiddush on February 28 in memory of the 20th Yartzeit of her cousin, *Peter Wechsler*.
- *Paula Adams, Kathy Jarvis, Mary Wilger and Ruth Minkoff* for coordinating, preparing, and serving the Kiddushim in February.



## **CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS**

### **General Fund**

In memory of Leah Tourkow  
- Ron and Vicki Goltz  
In appreciation  
- Shmuel Wahli  
Donation  
- Ben and Sharon Eisbart

### **Sisterhood Kiddush Fund**

In honor of Ryan Baldwin's birthday  
- "Happy Birthday!" - Ovadya  
In memory of Jeanette Lewis  
- Adrienne and Adolph Brateman  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Risa Dashevsky  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Eileen and Neal Baitcher  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Audrey Gerson  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Marlene Cooper  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Alberta Cesa  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Dan and Annie Appel  
In Honor of Nina and Virgil Mocle US  
citizenship - Dan and Annie Appel  
In memory of Pauline Brateman  
- Adolph and Adrienne Brateman

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

#### **Tzedakah**

In appreciation  
- Daniel Dangelo  
In appreciation  
- Shmuel Wahli  
In memory of Jeanette Lewis  
- Linda and Fritz Beckman  
In memory of Jeanette Lewis  
- Donna M. Wojtkowiak  
In memory of Jeanette Lewis  
- Joseph and Barbara Reed  
In appreciation  
- Matt and Theresa Farber  
- Mort and Ruth Schaffer  
- Mike and Paula Adams  
- Bruce and Sheryl Merritt  
- Marc and Rabbi Marla Spanjer  
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Janet Finkel  
- Iris Fuchs  
- Bee Siegel  
- Keith Groman  
- Steve and Jan Sarratore  
- Jerry and Kathy Jarvis  
- Ben and Sharon Eisbart  
- Steven and Anita McAfee

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

#### **Trees for Israel**

In appreciation - Bee Siegal

In memory of Jeanette Lewis  
- Denise Vigil and Family  
In memory of Jeanette Lewis  
- Linda and Fritz Beckman  
In memory of Jeanette Lewis  
- Michael and Rita Lewis  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Mary Wilger  
In Honor of Tatum Sloan Goodman  
- Mary Wilger  
In Honor of Elizabeth Hayden  
- Mary Wilger  
In memory of father Henry Lepper  
- Tami and Mark Hoffman  
In memory of Leah Tourkow  
- Tami and Mark Hoffman  
In honor of Rabbi and Rebbitzin Kornspan  
- Tami and Mark Hoffman  
In appreciation  
- Marc and Rabbi Marla Spanjer  
- Rabbi and Penny Kornspan  
- Keith Groman  
- Beth Plotkin  
- Dr. Michelle Helfgott  
- Virgil and Nina Mocle  
- Bob and Lazette Serdinak  
- Dr. Marc Nusholtz and Dr. Mary Wilger  
- The Little Caesars Corporation  
- Mark and Missy Schneider

### **Torah Maintenance Fund**

In honor of Rabbi Kornspan's birthday  
- Ovadya  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Keith Groman

### **Yahrzeit Fund**

In memory of Helen Zaslowsky  
- Adrienne and Adolph Brateman  
In memory of Hyme Sans  
- Brad Finkel  
In memory of Elias Punskey  
- Fani Kozolchyk  
In memory of Louis Groden, Frances  
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Anna Bussell  
- David Bussell  
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In memory of Fran Herman  
- Jeffrey and Marilyn Herman  
In memory of John Schmitz  
- Elsa Jacob  
In memory of Betty Wald  
- Vicki and Ron Goltz  
In memory of Margot Krel's birthday and  
yahrzeit  
- The Krel Family  
In memory of grandma, Clara Magazine  
- Jeanette Lewis  
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 Helen Rath  
- Robert and Irene Walters  
In memory of beloved husband David Siegel  
- Bee Siegel

### **David Siegel Memorial Fund**

In memory of beloved husband David Siegel  
- Bee Siegel  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Sol Bialek  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Jeff and Heidi Baill  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Harriet and Norman Wechter  
In Honor of Bee's 90th Birthday  
- Keith Groman

### **In Memory of Jeanette Lewis**

- Paragon Medical  
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- Jerry Sloan  
- Steve Sloan  
- Dick Sloan  
- Loretta Reeder  
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- John and Carol Sloan  
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- To Camp Joe Levine  
- Esther Campbell-Russ

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### **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**

### **Siyum for the Firstborn**

#### **Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 a.m.**

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.

### **Bedikat Chametz\***

#### **Thursday, April 2nd, at 8:40 p.m.**

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.**

**Friday, April 3rd, the eve of Pesach** - One may eat a chametz meal until 11:35am. No matzah is to be eaten until the Seder that night.

First Seder - Candle lighting: 7:49 p.m.

**Shabbat Pesach - Saturday, April 4th** Services at 9:15 a.m.

Second Seder - Candle lighting: 8:50 p.m.

**Second day - Passover Services, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** Services 10:00 a.m.

**Seventh day - Passover Services, Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>,** Services 10:00 a.m.

**Eighth day - Passover Shabbat,** Services begin at 9:15 a.m. and Yizkor at approximately 10:30 a.m.

**SHTAR HARSHAAH (Selling of Chametz) 5775**  
**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 March 30.

Mail the completed form to:

Rabbi Kornspan  
Congregation B'nai Jacob  
7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive  
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.