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SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Rabbi Tovia Singer

will be at

Congregation B'nai Jacob
October 31-November 2, 2014

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VINDICATOR FILE PHOTO, SEPT. 26, 1962
The choir at Temple Emanu-El has been augmented for the Jewish holy days, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The choir was formed to perform for the special days, which begin at sundown Friday. The choir includes (first row, from left) Steven Manello, Carol Katzman, Laurel Sandler, Glenn Schwartz, Mrs. Edgar Lapidus and Ben Honigman. In the back row are, from left, Jack Eidelman, Dennis Pearl, Robert Sandler, Cheryl Karner, Cantor Noah Griver, Mrs. Mickey Brenner, Mitchell Kornspan and Morris Bosch.

REFLECTIONS WITH GRATITUDE

Dear B'nai Jacob family and friends,

You see that the picture for this article isn't what you were expecting. Just recently, two friends from Youngstown sent me this from the local newspaper. I share it with you to afford you a glimpse of my early life as a youth in our congregational choir. The Cantor, Cantor Griver, Alav Hashalom (may he rest in peace), was a superb, kind and spiritual mentor. I can truly say that he positively influenced our lives, and in particular my life. Being an Israeli, he taught each of us love for Israel, for Torah, and for singing and chanting sacred music! Each of us remembers those who inspired us. Cantor Griver will forever have a special place in my heart and soul.

These High Holy Days and the ensuing Yom Tov (with the reading of Ecclesiastes), and yes the picture, made me reflect on life, and how fleeting our days are. Many of you will join me in wondering: "Where did the years go? They have flown by all too fast!" Many of you are acquainted with the phenomenon that the picture we have of ourselves in our minds is not the one we see in current photos or in the mirror! Each of us wonders: "Is that really me? I don't feel that old!"

As I am now celebrating my 10th anniversary with you at B'nai Jacob and my 42nd year of being a Rabbi, I realize that for almost two thirds of my life, I have been a Rabbi. Yet, I still have vivid memories of my first days as a new and young Rabbi. I was the new kid on the block. I was the youngest "member" of the adults in my congregation! All the "older" people were gracious in dealing with such a young person. Ah..... I'm certainly not the youngest in the congregation anymore!

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**REFLECTIONS WITH
GRATITUDE** *continued*

Then, this Yom Kippur I realized that I am not so indefatigable anymore! I actually need to prepare days, and certainly the day before, to build up the carbohydrates, protein and fat that help one to successfully fast. (Please check with your doctor, on how to do this. Remember that the Torah doesn't allow anyone to hurt his or her health!) And so it happened, that this year, I had what a friend and my doctor called, "the perfect storm!" I never factored in my change of diet, the intake of too little water and too much coffee, nor eating enough carbohydrates and protein before the fast. I learned a crucial lesson. Baruch Hashem, thank G-d, I am fine, and I now know how to approach the fast of Yom Kippur.

This also had me recognize how appreciative I am that all of you care as much as you do. Thanks to the medical professionals in our congregation for their advice; thanks to those who caught me on Yom Kippur, before I hit the floor; thanks to the youths and adults who sent such nice cards; thanks to those who visited the hospital, or delivered a care package, or who called or emailed. A special thanks to Ron Friedman for taking over the service for me, and to Ron Goltz for his assistance at that time as well.

I thank you all for your loving care and concern. Please know how much you are appreciated! Penny and I were truly touched by all of your concern.

All of this gives me pause to reflect, and at the same time be so grateful, to Hashem and to you, our B'nai Jacob family.

Throughout the years, I have felt the import of the sentence (the Pasuk) from Psalms: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:1:2. I pray that all of our days be filled with growth and wisdom. Amen.

B'ydidut, *Rabbi*

**Congregation B'nai Jacob
and the Jewish community
of Fort Wayne
welcome**



SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Rabbi Tovia Singer

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Rabbi Tovia Singer is well known as the Founder and Director of [Outreach Judaism](#), an organization dedicated to countering the efforts of evangelical Christian groups who target Jews for conversion. Rabbi Singer will speak at B'nai Jacob at the times noted below.

SHABBAT B'YACHAD

Friday Evening Community Service, October 31 at 7:00pm.

Temple Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob will hold joint Friday evening services at B'nai Jacob. Rabbi Javier Cattapan and Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan will lead services. Following services, Rabbi Tovia Singer will speak, and an Oneg hosted by both congregations will be enjoyed.

Friday, October 31 following 7:00pm services

"The Battle for the Jewish Soul: Are the Missionaries Winning?"

Saturday, November 1, 12:45pm

"Let's Get Biblical! How Do Missionaries Paint Jesus into the Jewish Scriptures?"

Saturday, November 1, 7:30pm

"Jesus was a Jew, But can a Jew be for Jesus?"

Sunday, November 2, 10:00am

Program for youths 6th grade and up.

Religious school students from the Temple and B'nai Jacob will join together at B'nai Jacob.



A Message from our President

as delivered by
Mark Schneider

during Yom Kippur services on
10 Tishri 5775, October 4, 2014

I'm not sure if it is an actual minhag that my address begins with a joke or not, but this year I thought I might take a different approach and open with a poem. If in the end you feel cheated be sure to let me know and I can tell some knock-knock jokes.

The sun lit a wet branch by the poet Zelda.

The sun lit a wet branch
and gold leaves captured my eyes.
The gold leaves that coursed
night and day
through my heart's blood
changed their configuration.
And when they reached the soul,
its solitude,
they became distant signs
of light,
clues from heaven,
ancient wonders.



To me this poem strikes a chord. It speaks to the way natural beauty is all around us. If we open our eyes to these simple gifts we can see how beautiful and inter-connected the world is and how we are all a part of something larger than ourselves.

You may be asking yourselves "this is all very moving but why is he sharing it with us?" The answer is "for several reasons..."

The first is because I feel it reflects our synagogue. We are blessed with a wonderful sanctuary that has big bright windows. One of the first things that struck me about B'nai Jacob is how inviting and peaceful it is. I often find myself gazing out during a service at the beauty that surrounds us. I find peace and inspiration in that.

The second reason is the source of the poem. It may surprise you to know that it is in the margin of page 62 in the Machzor. These wonderful Machzorim, as well as new Chumashim, were generously donated this past year to the synagogue. Both have brought joy to those who have had the opportunity to use them. I particularly enjoy the beautiful writings included in the Machzor above and beyond the normal prayers. When I noticed this passage during the Rosh Hashanah service I felt I had to share.

Lastly, the theme of the poem ties in nicely with what I would like to speak about today – being connected.

This may come as a surprise but I'm not always the most focused individual, just ask my wife. I admit that sometimes while sitting in services my mind wanders and I like to look out these big bright windows. I find a lot of peace and beauty in the trees and nature that I see. A few weeks back I was sitting in a Shabbat service and my mind was wandering. I looked out at the trees and something unique caught my eye. There suspended in midair twisting in the wind was a single leaf. It wasn't falling to the ground but rather just fluttered about 6 inches from the other leaves. It took me a moment to realize that what held it in place was a tiny silver strand of spider's silk. I thought to myself "Now if that is not a metaphor for all of us then I don't know what is."

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A Message from our President

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Imagine the tree as our congregation and each little leaf one of us. In our own way we each have a thin fragile thread that binds us to the synagogue and Judaism. Like the leaf each of us has forces that blow us in all directions. And like the thread these forces threaten to snap our connection at any given point yet like that silk we hold fast.

For some of us that thread may be family, for others it may be our roots in Judaism or the community and for some it may simply be faith. Whatever the thread one thing holds true we are all still tied to something larger. I know the thought might come to mind that the real strength for a leaf comes from its stem and for some I have no doubt that is true. I believe though, that for many of us we have slipped past that and our connection is far more delicate. With the growing demands of life it is all too easy to let that silk snap as we drift away.

There is an obvious symbolic connection here that Torah is a tree of life and those who cleave to it are blessed. For many that connection to Torah and Judaism is tied to this congregation and synagogue. Again that silk holds us firm and leads us back.

Each year a tree loses its leaves and is then renewed the coming spring. Sadly over the years many of our leaves have fallen or drifted away. While we are fortunate that each year new leaves bud to fill the void, the truth is our branches are growing sparser. Each leaf must stretch itself wider take in more light and hold tighter in order to keep our tree strong.

Each week I have the joy of seeing our youth at the bimah as Shabbat services conclude. I worry about the future of the tree for them. Without our contributions now, I fear that our tree will falter and their leaves will never have the opportunity open and bloom.

Last year I spoke about how time is money and asked each of us to devote more of themselves in making the synagogue prosper. I issued a challenge to find 1 new thing about the synagogue that brings you joy and I asked that 1 time you attend the synagogue when you might not have otherwise done so. I hope that some of you were able to do that. I know I have enjoyed seeing many of you over the past year and I look forward to seeing more of you in the future. For myself I have discovered the peace and beauty of being here on Shabbat morning, not just for the service but also for the connection to the world around me and the people that fill it. A connection, if you will, to something larger.

Even without the unexpected costs of failed appliances, storm damage or extreme winter conditions the upkeep for our synagogue is costly. It would be less than truthful if I said that we do not need every dollar you can spare. However my sentiment from last year remains as strong as ever. To be strong we need your help, we need your participation and we need your contributions but most importantly we need you. Each of you is a vital leaf on our tree. Through your support and participation we are all made stronger. Don't for a moment think that one person cannot make a difference. After all without the 10th to make a minyan, 9 Jews are just a group of people ready to eat.

As we take this time to reflect on last year I ask each of us to look inward. To see what that silk is that ties us to this larger community and to make it stronger. I have said it many times before; look beyond the high holidays and consider joining us for a regular Shabbat service or one of our special events. We are fortunate to have funding from the Salon foundation which allows us to bring in quality programming such as our upcoming guest Rabbi Tovia Singer. If you aren't comfortable attending an entire service try dropping in for just the Torah service or one of our classes such as Torah study or Mishneh Torah. Even a Kiddush lunch would offer a great chance to connect with the community. I challenge you to find your inspiration. We as a community are more than just prayers and davening. We are a people tied together by common threads.

We are all part of something larger and we each have our part to contribute. It is through these contributions that we build the whole. Together we can make our tree flourish.

Shana Tova! Gmar Chatima Tova! ☆

November Yahrzeits **יזכור****Cheshvan / November**

8	31-1	Max Cohen
9	1-2	Julius Gilbert
9	1-2	Bertram Hornstein
9	1-2	Rev. Mendel Hurwitz
9	1-2	Max Levy
10	2-3	Eva Jaffe
10	2-3	Joseph Weinraub
11	3-4	Sam Barabash
11	3-4	Edith Thomsen
12	4-5	Solomon Saul Bleifeld
12	4-5	Jacob Portman
12	4-5	Bronnica Weinberg
13	5-6	Gertrude Nusholtz
13	5-6	Joseph Tillinger
14	6-7	Irving J. Pressman
14	6-7	Nathan Sheray
15	7-8	Robert Edgar
15	7-8	Rose Ewing
15	7-8	Jacob Sunshine
16	8-9	Minnie Fidler
16	8-9	Mendel Himelstein
16	8-9	Leo Sunshine
18	10-11	Art Perlman
18	10-11	David Lester Smith
19	11-12	Sonia Abrams
19	11-12	George Droegmyer
20	12-13	Goldye Appel
20	12-13	Margaret Merin
21	13-14	Seth Aaron Horwitz
23	15-16	Hannah Crell
23	15-16	Lena Dinnerstein
23	15-16	Gittel Rovell
23	15-16	Minnie Moyer Sapirie
24	16-17	Myron M. Horwitz
24	16-17	Mae Levy
26	18-19	Harry Brateman
26	18-19	Harriet Chodash
26	18-19	Jeanne Erlich
26	18-19	Jennie Gilbert
26	18-19	Elaine Lazar
26	18-19	Jack Marks
26	18-19	Fred Schneider
27	19-20	Abraham Schwartz
27	19-20	Joseph Waterman
28	20-21	Emanuel Siegel
28	20-21	Frederick R. Tourkow
29	21-22	Mendel Frank
29	21-22	Sophia Heiligman
29	21-22	Tillie M. Kaposky
29	21-22	Jacob Levin
29	21-22	Don Sowles

Kislev / November

1	22-23	Shirley Babich
1	22-23	Samuel S. Meyer
1	22-23	Esther Rothstein

Kislev / November continued

2	23-24	Norman Bosell
2	23-24	Max Gilbert
2	23-24	Joseph Zinn
3	24-25	Bessie R. Schmitz
4	25-26	Abraham Levy
4	25-26	Kathryn Sheray
5	26-27	Esther F. Grossman
5	26-27	William Hornstein
5	26-27	Jacob Reich
5	26-27	Wilbur Zweig
6	27-28	Rose Cohen
6	27-28	Samuel Liff
6	27-28	Sidney Trivus
6	27-28	Maurice Waldman
6	27-28	Sarah Weinberg
7	28-29	Mildred Prady
8	29-30	David Appel
8	29-30	Roslyn Rozeen
8	29-30	Claire Selan
9	30-1	Charlotte Maier

December Yahrzeits **יזכור****Kislev/December**

10	1-2	Zelda Novitsky
12	3-4	Emanuel Cohen
12	3-4	Herman Himelstein
12	3-4	Rabbi Samuel D. Hurwitz
12	3-4	Toba Malka Schwartz
13	4-5	Rita Jo Levin Rainey
14	5-6	Isidor Hassan
14	5-6	Milton Jerry Ontell
14	5-6	Mindel Yoinovicz
15	6-7	Elsie Levin
15	6-7	Audra E. Mandel
15	6-7	Samuel Rothberg
16	7-8	Louis Leader
16	7-8	Leonard J. Levy
16	7-8	Rebecca Winnick
17	8-9	Florence Bernstein
17	8-9	Clyde R. Gaddis
17	8-9	Max Konisberg
18	9-10	Abraham M. Zinn
19	10-11	Emanuel Kreitman
19	10-11	Peter Lauinger
20	11-12	Marcus Beck
20	11-12	Yetta Magazine
20	11-12	Isadore Yourist
21	12-13	Arnold L. Goldsmith
22	13-14	Paulette Bussell Oatley
22	13-14	Eric E. Eling
22	13-14	Alfred Solotkin
23	14-15	Louis Groden
23	14-15	Sigmund Maier
23	14-15	Leon Seigman
24	15-16	Irene Schibel
25	16-17	Sarah Bronstein
26	17-18	Samuel Gibson

Kislev/December continued

26	17-18	Bertha Levin
26	17-18	Bunny Posner
27	18-19	J.T. Thompson
27	18-19	Ruth Zweig
29	20-21	Rebitzin Gute Goldin
29	20-21	Manuel Margulis
29	20-21	Mickey Pass
29	20-21	Sarah Weiss
30	21-22	Anna Bussell
30	21-22	K.J. Miller
30	21-22	Golda Sheray
30	21-22	Fannie Siegel

Tevet/December

1	22-23	Lou Hoffman
1	22-23	Florence Katz
1	22-23	Harry Levin
3	24-25	Benjamin Cahn
3	24-25	Solomon Safirstein
4	25-26	Joseph Kaplan
4	25-26	Bernard Kroot
4	25-26	Candy Stinnett
4	25-26	Louis Samuel Superior
5	26-27	Rosa Rappaport McKinney
5	26-27	Morris Tillinger
6	27-28	Herman Komisarow
6	27-28	Sarah Leah Komisarow
6	27-28	Dorothy Margulis
7	28-29	Nathan Bialick
7	28-29	Morris King
7	28-29	Anna Krantzle
7	28-29	Bessie Meyer
7	28-29	David Weiss
8	29-30	Frances Groden Bussell
8	29-30	Yetta Jacobson
8	29-30	Dora Sains
9	30-31	William Brosler
10	31-1	Dorothy Levant Dicker
10	31-1	Morris Forlander
10	31-1	Rosalie Freund
10	31-1	Joseph Latker
10	31-1	Sally Rosenberg
10	31-1	Toba Weinstein

**Condolences to...**

*Matt and Theresa Farber
and family on the passing of
Matt's mother,
Rena Farber,
on October 4, 2014,
Yom Kippur 5775.*

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
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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
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- 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



**Sunday, January 18,
2015 @ 2:00pm
at B'nai Jacob**

Award-winning Chicago
journalist, producer, sportscaster
and storyteller

Mike Leiderman

will present

**"Take These Jokes,
Please!" the rise,
demise and rebirth of
'Borscht Belt' humor**

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More information coming soon!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

- 1 Elijah Mamayek
- 3 Hanna Ruth Crell
- 3 Adam Snitzer
- 3 Sam Stoller
- 7 Elianna Friedman
- 7 Kathy Jarvis
- 12 David Bosell
- 14 Alek Bussell
- 14 Jaki Schreier
- 16 Jan Sarratore
- 18 Art Kupersmith
- 19 Austin Fergusson
- 22 Dan Appel
- 22 Aaron Farber
- 23 Steve Martin
- 24 Ron Goltz
- 30 Mike Trentacosti

November Anniversaries

- 5 Adolph and Adrienne Brateman
- 10 Bruce and Sheryl Merritt
- 11 James and Meg Holstein
- 19 Brad and Emily Finkel
- 20 Dr. Matthew and Theresa Farber

December Birthdays

- 1 Linda Snitzer
- 3 Alexander Mamayek
- 6 Barry Snitzer
- 8 Michal Spanjer
- 8 Daniel Goltz
- 10 Bob Serdinak
- 12 Rebekah Mamayek
- 12 Kathy Shulkin-Jensen
- 12 Marc Spanjer
- 20 Lisa Bradley
- 20 Julian Schuler
- 22 Kasey Bussell
- 22 Virgil Mocle
- 25 Bernard Gandin
- 26 Estelle Greenberg
- 27 Vicki Goltz
- 29 Pam Friedman

December Anniversaries

- 19 Kris and Rebekah Mamayek
- 24 Art and Julie Kupersmith
- 27 David and Mary Bosell

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund

In memory of Shirley Ruth Konisberg and Mary Peurye

- *Dan and Annie Appel*

Thank you for your warm welcome.

- *Henry and Goldie Fisher*

In appreciation

- *Steven and Anita McAfee*

In celebration of Mamayek Brit

- *Virgil and Nina Mocle*

In honor of the 50th anniversary of

Susie and Ron Miller

- *Sam and Kathy Stoller*

Thank you!

- *Neil and Lois Zemmol*

In memory of Matt Farber's mother, Rena Farber

- *Dan and Beth Zweig*

Kiddush Fund/Sisterhood

In memory of Aunt Gertrude Brateman

- *Adolph and Adrienne Brateman*

In memory of Grandma Sarah Brateman

- *Adolph and Adrienne Brateman*

In honor of the 50th anniversary of

Susie and Ron Miller

- *Audrey Gerson*

In memory of Matt Farber's mother, Rena Farber

- *Scott and Theresa Trauner*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Kornspan visiting the cemeteries

- *Dan and Annie Appel*

Trees for Israel

- *Keith Groman*

In appreciation

- *Irwin Mallin*

Trees for Israel

- *Virgil and Nina Mocle*

Torah Maintenance Fund

In memory of Ralph Levin and

Jacqueline Levin

- *Ovadya*

In memory of Jacqueline Levin and

Ralph Levin

- *Keith Groman*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Evelyn Feldman

- *Ken Feldman*

In memory of Seth Horwitz

- *Steven Horwitz*

In loving memory of Jere's Mom,

Rose Leib Rothman

- *Jere and Arlene Leib*

In memory of Linda Shulkin-Nail and

Melvin Shulkin - *Niesie Shulkin*

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

**JEWISH FEDERATION
CAMPAIGN OPENER
Monday, November 3
7:00pm**

Rifkin Campus @ 5200

Former Mideast Correspondent
Linda Scherzer will speak.

For more information please visit
<http://www.jewishfortwayne.org/>
If you plan to attend, please call
the Federation office at 456-0400
or e-mail office@fwjf.org.



**INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Tuesday, November 25
7:00pm**

The annual community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00pm at the Temple. The Rev. Dr. Bill McGill, senior pastor of the Imani Baptist Temple in Fort Wayne, will deliver the sermon. The service will include representatives of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu congregations. Music will be led by Suellen Kipp with members from participating congregations. Please support this important community event and the strong bonds we share with people of faith in the Fort Wayne community. Donations collected at the service will support SCAN Inc., which works to stop Child Abuse and Neglect. A reception will follow the service.



**KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF
ANNIE AND DAN APPEL**

Please join us for 9:15am services
and Kiddush to follow on
SHABBAT NOVEMBER 8, 2014
when we wish a fond farewell to
Annie and Dan Appel
and honor them for all their years
of devoted service to our congregation.



Mazel Tov!
Congratulations to
Renee Levin,
wife of the late Ralph Levin,
on the arrival of a great grandson, Isahiah, on
Thursday, September 25, 2014.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

November and December Classes

Regular classes on
November 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19 and 22.
No classes on November 26 and 29.
Regular classes on
December 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20.
No classes on December 24, 31 and 1/3.

K.I.S.S.

Friday, November 14, 2104 @ 6:00pm
with Shabbat Dinner following - RSVP by 11/7
Friday, December 19, 2014 @ 6:00pm

Hanukkah Celebration

Friday, December 19, 2014 following
K.I.S.S. - RSVP by 12/12

Sunday, November 2, 10:00am

Special Program with
Scholar in Residence
Rabbi Tovia Singer
for youths 6th grade and up.
Religious school students from the Temple
and B'nai Jacob will join together at B'nai Jacob.

2014 Maccabiah Games

Sunday, December 14 @ Temple
9:45am-12:15pm
Get ready to rumble!
All Religious School students
through high school are invited.



Nina Mocle and Beth Plotkin for coordinating and serving October Kiddushim, and everyone who helped them on Shabbat mornings.
Keith Groman for sponsoring Kiddush on October 25 in loving memory of his mother, Phyllis Groman, and for keeping the Torah crowns and shields polished.

Rebbetzin Penny for coordinating and serving Kiddushim following Sukkot services and for coordinating and serving Seudah prior to Simchat Torah Hakafot. **Annie Appel** for skirting tables for Break the Fast. **Janet Finkel** for coordinating the Oneg following Shabbat B'Yachad. **Matt and Theresa Farber** for donating the caramel and candy apples for Sukkot. **Audrey Gerson** for her generous donation to the Sisterhood in honor of Susie and Ron Miller's 50th wedding anniversary. **Rabbi and Rebbetzin Kornspan** for opening their home and Sukkah for services, hospitality, and a delicious meal on Erev Sukkot. **Rebbetzin Penny's Challah is wonderful too!**

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