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## High Holiday Services

- **Friday, October 3**  
6:45pm Mincha; 7:00pm Kol Nidre
- **Saturday, October 4**  
8:30am Yom Kippur Shacharit  
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11:00am Yizkor  
6:00pm Mincha  
7:00pm Neilah  
7:45pm Maariv  
7:59pm Havdalah  
Break the Fast (by reservation)

**Complete schedule through Simchat Torah on page 2.**

# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

*Since 1912 ... Celebrating 100+ Years*



## OUR CHILDREN ARE SO AMAZING!

Do some of you remember Art Linkletter and his show: "Kids Say the Darndest Things?" Out of the mouths of babes came rather humorous remarks. We enjoyed their sincerity, while they, with great assurance, pronounced such funny ideas.

Although the following wasn't on his show, it is an example of what could have been. This comes from *G-d's Little Acre*: Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"

Ah, now you know why, in traditional Judaism, the groom wears a white kittel. (Of course, there is a deeper reason for this!)

Yes, everyone enjoys the breath of fresh air that children bring! Now, let me tell you one example of how our children in our religious school give us an amazing and important gift. I will share with you an example of their insightful questions on very complex theology!

Two of our students, Ben Finkel and Rebecca Schneider, members of Missy Schneider and Pam Friedman's class,

have asked many good questions about G-d. I understand that these arose during Missy's time with our children. She had our students compile them. Then they presented me two sheets of paper that contained these queries.

At the Shabbat Kiddush, Ben and Becca, sometimes joined by other youths, discuss deep theology with me. I am absolutely thrilled that our youths are asking these essential and profound questions!

Here they are:

- Does G-d exist?
- Where is G-d?
- Is G-d a person? What does G-d look like?
- Why can't I see G-d?
- Can G-d talk to me?
- Does G-d listen when we pray?
- How does G-d do things like creation?
- How did G-d make the Torah?
- How did G-d make me?
- Why did G-d make me?
- Where is heaven? How do you get there?
- Why isn't G-d there for me when I'm sad?
- Why does G-d allow sad and bad things to happen?
- Why did G-d make hatred in the world?

Wow! Are you impressed? I am! I love how our children are so insightful! I love that our religion encourages questions! I am overjoyed that we can talk and learn together!

In fact, some of our adults, hearing about this, have asked if we could do the same thing in the future. So, if you are interested, let me know, please. Speaking about a request, I was asked if I would have a class using Rabbi Telushkin's book: *A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 1: You Shall Be Holy*.

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**OUR CHILDREN ARE SO AMAZING!** *continued from page 1*

Beginning in November, I would like to have such a class with all who are interested. This would be an 11 a.m. class either on Wednesday or Friday. Please let me know if you wish to be part of this class, and which day is better for you.

Looking forward to a year of learning Torah and incorporating its teachings in our life, as we embark on the New Year 5775.

As I close, I wanted you to consider two points about the New Year. First of all, 5775 is a palindrome! This won't happen again for a century. Second, the Hebrew word made from these letters spells: Tisheh, תשעה, which can be translated: "You shall consider (or pay heed)." Let us consider and pay heed to each day of this year, to make it the best we can!

Looking forward to seeing you in shul,

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*



**High Holidays Schedule**

- **Friday, October 3**  
6:45pm Mincha; 7:00pm Kol Nidre
- **Saturday, October 4 @ 8:30am**  
Yom Kippur
- **Wednesday, October 8 @ 6:45pm**  
Sukkah Seudah at Rabbi and Penny's
- **Thursday, October 9 @ 10:00am**  
Sukkot Services
- **Friday, October 10 @ 10:00am**  
Sukkot Services
- **Thursday, October 16 @ 9:15am**  
Shemini Atzeret Services
- **Simchat Torah Seudah @ 6:00pm**  
**Simchat Torah Celebration @ 7:00pm**
- **Friday, October 17 @ 9:15am**  
Simchat Torah Services

In honor of their parents'  
50th wedding anniversary

the children of  
**RON AND SUSIE MILLER**



will host an  
**Open House Reception**  
**Sunday, October 12, 2014**  
**2:00pm to 4:00pm**



at  
Congregation B'nai Jacob  
7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Please RSVP to the synagogue office  
by Monday, October 6, 2014  
(260) 672-8459



*Jacqueline Levin*

*April 9, 1952 - September 20, 2014*

*Our heartfelt condolences to  
her husband, Steve Martin,  
her family, and her friends.*

# Fascinating excerpts from Sukkot in 60 Minutes or less

## SUKKOT IN THE TORAH

*Leviticus 23:33-43*

*Deuteronomy 16:13-15*

Rabbi Eliezer holds that these booths were the Clouds of Glory which encircled and protected us throughout our stay in the desert. Rabbi Akiva explains that the verse refers to the actual tents in which we lived while sojourning the desert.

*Talmud, Tractate Sukkah 11b*

What is the significance of the tents in the desert that they deserve such a serious commemoration? The Sukkah reminds us of the great faith of the Jewish people, who followed G-d's command, traveling into the uninhabitable desert and living in makeshift booths. They trusted wholeheartedly that He would care for their every need in the wilderness.

*Aruch HaShulchan*

**From the Chassidic Masters** Sukkot is also known as the Season of our Rejoicing, because of the special obligation to rejoice during this time. True happiness derives from being satisfied with one's lot, regardless of how materially wealthy he is. When we leave our comfortable homes and sit in the impermanent Sukkot, we remind ourselves that physical comforts cannot provide true happiness. We thus ingrain in our hearts and minds the importance of being satisfied with whatever G-d grants us.

*Olelos Ephraim*

## THE HOLIDAY HAS FOUR NAMES

1. **Sukkot — Booths:** Referring to the temporary booths in which we dwelled in the desert.
2. **Chag HaAssif — Festival of the Harvest:** Referring to the fact that this holiday was celebrated at the conclusion of the harvest season.
3. **Z'man Simchoteinu — Season of our Rejoicing:** Referring to the special obligation to rejoice during these festive days.
4. **HaChag — The Festival:** With the close of the harvest season, this was the farmer's first occasion to relax and rejoice.

It is told that someone once asked the Gaon of Vilna which mitzvah he considers to be the most difficult of all the 613 mitzvot. The Gaon did not immediately respond. After contemplating the matter, he answered that the mitzvah to rejoice for the entire eight days of Sukkot is the most difficult to fulfill. After all, he explained, the mitzvah obligates us to lay aside all our worries and fears and embrace a positive and joyous state of mind for eight complete days! While not impossible, this is surely a difficult feat to accomplish.

**From the Mystics** Peleh Yoetz quotes Ariza'l, who says that one must make a great effort to rejoice during this holiday; if he succeeds in this, he is assured of having a similarly joyous and positive year.

While fulfilling the mitzvah to be joyous, one should not close his door and celebrate with only his family members, for that is not joy that emanates from a mitzvah, but an act that borders on self-interest. Rather, true joy is achieved when one invites needy people into his home and enables them to partake of the special holiday feeling.

*Kad HaKemach*

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## UNIQUE FEATURES OF SUKKOT

Sukkot is the only holiday that really encompasses two holidays: Seven days of Sukkot and one day of Shmini Atzeret [upon which we celebrate Simchat Torah]. Sukkot begins just five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot has the greatest number of unique mitzvot to fulfill on the holiday:

1. Lulav [palm frond]
2. Etrog [citron]
3. Aravah [willow]
4. Hadass [myrtle]
5. Water libations on the Altar
6. Holding the Aravah on Hoshanah Rabbah [the 7th day of Sukkot]
7. The obligation to rejoice

## SHMINI ATZERET

The seven days of Sukkot lead into another segment of the holiday that is essentially independent, yet related to Sukkot — Shmini Atzeret. It is described in the Torah [Leviticus 23:34] as follows:

“On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Festival of Sukkot, seven days for the Lord... on the eighth day, there shall be a holy convocation for you.”

## SIMCHAT TORAH

In Israel, where only one day of Yom Tov [with the exception of Rosh Hashanah], is celebrated, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are celebrated simultaneously. In the Diaspora, where each day of the holiday is celebrated for two days, Shmini Atzeret is celebrated for two days, with the focus on the second day being Simchat Torah, a celebration of the completion of the public Torah reading cycle. The Torah scrolls are removed from the Ark and read in the evening, unlike the rest of the year, when the Torah is read in public only by day. The following morning, the last parshah of Deuteronomy and the first parshah of Genesis are read in the synagogue. Prior to the Torah readings, all the Torah scrolls are removed from the Ark and carried round the *bimah* [center platform], accompanied by lively singing and dancing for a total of seven *Hakafot* [circuits].

## MAKE IT MEANINGFUL

If Sukkot this year is just like all the others in past years, it will not have the same meaning. Here are six suggestions for how you can make this Sukkot even more meaningful than all the others:

1. **The Great Outdoors:** If you haven't yet invested in a Sukkah, there's no better time than now. Easy-to-assemble Sukkot are available in a wide range of prices, sizes and colors, and you'll save on your air-conditioning bills.
2. **Get Together With Friends:** Sukkot just isn't the same when it's limited to the family. Invite some friends over, especially those who don't get invited elsewhere, and spread the joy.
3. **Membership Has Its Privileges:** Don't spend all that membership money just to attend synagogue on the High Holidays. Make sure to attend on Sukkot as well, and get your money's worth.
4. **Be A Mover And A Shaker:** Pick up a nice set of Four Species in advance of the holiday and move and shake with the rest.
5. **Just Beat It:** If you've never done a Hoshanah Rabbah service, this is the year to start. Say it in English so you can appreciate what you're asking for and then beat those willows until their leaves leave.
6. **Dance For Your Life:** Don't settle for a relaxed and tranquil Simchat Torah experience. Locate a synagogue that goes all-out and dance until the scroll is embedded in your soul.

For Yom Kippur in 60 Minutes or Less go to: <http://www.partnersintorah.org/jewish-holidays/yomkippur>

For Sukkot in 60 Minutes or Less go to: <http://www.partnersintorah.org/jewish-holidays/sukkot> ☆

**October Yahrzeits יזכור**

**Tishri / October**

7	30-1	Louis Israel Brateman
7	30-1	Clifford Ewing
7	30-1	Mary Peurye
7	30-1	Mashe Soloway
8	1-2	Lottie Guttmacher
10	3-4	Herman Brateman
10	3-4	Siegmund Kaufmann
10	3-4	Shirley Ruth Konigsberg
10	3-4	Joseph Lowenhar
10	3-4	Sima Lowenhar
10	3-4	Fanny Merin
10	3-4	Seigmond Merin
10	3-4	Siegmund Merin
10	3-4	Simon Merin
11	4-5	Louis Goldberg
12	5-6	Milton Jay
12	5-6	Esther Rose Weinstein
12	5-6	Samuel N. Weinstein
13	6-7	Steve Kelman
13	6-7	Lillian Starr Messe
14	7-8	Israel Edelman
14	7-8	George King
14	7-8	Simon Singer
15	8-9	Charles Bernstein

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**October Yahrzeits יזכור**

**Tishri / October**

15	8-9	Sheldon Goltz
16	9-10	Sam Boudaie
16	9-10	Martin Joe Dicker
16	9-10	Rose Rubenstein
17	10-11	Josephine Mocle
18	11-12	Samuel N. Field
18	11-12	Linda Shulkin-Nail
19	12-13	Gertrude Brateman
19	12-13	Mollie Frank
19	12-13	Abe Lipp
19	12-13	Jennie Schneiderman
20	13-14	Dr. Abraham Fichman
20	13-14	Abraham Zimmerman
21	14-15	Dorothy Marks Fidler
21	14-15	Anna Levin
21	14-15	Lona Ruchman
23	16-17	Melvin Shulkin
23	16-17	Sonya Turetzky
24	17-18	Jack Berger
24	17-18	Simon Crell
24	17-18	Jean J. Pownall
25	18-19	Harry Komisarow
25	18-19	Libbie Mull
25	18-19	Herman Schubert
26	19-20	Israel Bronstein
26	19-20	Morris Magazine
27	20-21	Dena Levant
27	20-21	Ethelyn Seigman
27	20-21	Hanna Singer
27	20-21	Helen Snitzer
28	21-22	Rita Finkel
28	21-22	Robert E. Shine
28	21-22	Charlotte Slutsky
29	22-23	Sally Fields
29	22-23	Goldie Sunshine
30	23-24	Sidney Klepper
30	23-24	Lou Weissman

**Cheshvan / October**

1	24-25	Sophie Bass
1	24-25	Phyllis Groman
1	24-25	Sharon McLochlin
2	25-26	Jake Rovel
3	26-27	Harry Babich
3	26-27	Harry Bosell
4	27-28	Sarah Brateman
4	27-28	Loren Smith
4	27-28	Irving Walters
5	28-29	Cathy Bradley
5	28-29	Barbara Cohen
5	28-29	Roberta Rezits
6	29-30	Rosalie Becker
6	29-30	Bert Silverstein
7	30-31	Jack Levin
8	31-1	Max Cohen

**CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS**

**General Fund**

A sweet new year to all!  
- Sam and Kathy Stoller

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In memory of Great Aunt Lottie Colucci  
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Thank you, Rabbi, for all the good work you do.

- Franck Hagendorf

In appreciation

- Steve and Anita McAfee

In memory of Leah Tourkow, Ralph Levin, and Diane Wolf

- Sam and Kathy Stoller

In memory of Leah Tourkow,

for Stop the Sirens

- Jeff Wolf

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In appreciation

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To B'nai Jacob Family "Happy New Year" and "Shana Tova Tikatevu V'techatemu"

- Keith Groman

In appreciation of Rabbi Kornspan for fixing our Torah

- Ovadya

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In appreciation

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In memory of Michael Kupersmith

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In memory of Abraham Siegel

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In memory of Rose Walters

- Bob and Irene Walters



Wishing all a sweet new year!  
*Kathy and Sam Stoller*

*Mazel Tov*  
 מזל טוב

to  
**Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff**  
 on the arrival and naming of their  
 new granddaughter, Francesca Ann,  
 and to parents  
 AJ and Nick Ferraro!

to  
**Robert S. Walters**  
 from the Fort Wayne law firm of  
 Barrett & McNagny LLP,  
 who was named in the  
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**Toda Rabba to all who made  
 our High Holidays so wonderful!**

**Adrienne and Adolph Brateman** for your generous donations to the Kiddush, Kitchen, and Yizkor Funds and for sponsoring Break the Fast in honor of your sons and grandchildren; **Debby and Keith Roberts** for sponsoring the cleaning of the sanctuary carpet; **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; our **Ritual Committee**, headed by **Ron Friedman**; **Rabbi Kornspan** for leading services; **Dan Bradley** for sounding the shofar; **Pamela and Ron Friedman** who chanted Torah; **Mike Adams, Silvan Krel, Penny Kornspan, and Pamela Friedman** who chanted the Haftarat; the service coordinators **Mort Schaffer, Mike Adams, and Ron Friedman**; **Josh Tourkow** for being the facilitator for aliyot; **Tami Hoffman** for producing the program booklets and the Yizkor booklet, and to **Susie Miller** for proofreading these publications; **Jay Zemmol**, as head usher, and to those who helped him; **Penny Kornspan, Melissa Schneider, and Elie Friedman** for leading the Junior Congregation sessions; **Mark Schneider** for the Yom Kippur appeal; **Paula Adams, Janet Finkel, and Ruth Minkoff** who prepared Break the Fast; and **Bob Sheray** for High Holiday security.

**October Birthdays**

- 1 Ben Watson
- 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



**October Anniversaries**

- 4 Barry and Linda Snitzer
- 15 Bob and Lazette Serdinak
- 16 Ron and Susie Miller
- 17 Bob and Luann Watson





# SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

## Rabbi Tovia Singer

at

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

*sponsored by the Harry W. Salon Foundation*

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. As a world renowned public speaker, Rabbi Singer addresses more than 100 audiences a year. Through his stimulating and provocative appearances, Rabbi Singer has been an inspiration to thousands. Lecturing on college campuses and synagogues throughout the country has become an integral part of his work. He is the author of the two-volume book "[Let's Get Biblical: Why Doesn't Judaism Accept the Christian Messiah?](#)," and is a frequent guest on television and radio shows. He is the host of one of Israel's most compelling radio talk shows, "The Tovia Singer Show," on Israel National Radio (Channel 7).

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.



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Classes

Regular classes on  
October 1, 11, 18, 22, 25 and 29  
No classes on October 8 and 15

## Yom Kippur

Junior Congregation  
Saturday, October 4, 2014 @ 10:30am

## Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah Hakafot  
Thursday, October 16, 2014 @ 7:00pm  
Students may also join their families  
at the 6:00pm Seudah prior to the Hakafot.

## Sukkot

Religious School  
at the  
You Pick  
Apple Orchard  
Sunday,  
October 5, 2014  
@ 10:00am



12818 Edgerton Road, New Haven, Indiana 46774  
Telephone: 260-749-0891

<http://www.advancedtree.com/orchard/Produce-You-Pick.aspx>

Then, please be at the synagogue by 11:30 a.m. for lunch. After lunch, parents are asked to assist our students who will be making fun decorations for the Sukkah and their own Simchat Torah flags! If you have any questions, please let me know.

L'shalom, Rabbi

## *A message from the Religious Committee...*

In the spirit of High Holidays, we want to remind our congregants and guests about the following:

- Modest attire should be worn to services. For example, it is traditional to have one's shoulders covered.
- Dress attire is customary when coming to Synagogue services
- Cell phones should be silenced at all times.

*Wishing you all  
L'shana Tova Tikatevu!*



Thank you to **Rebbetzin Penny, Laura Long, and Dana Zemmol** for coordinating and serving September Kiddushim, and to **Franck Hagendorf** for sponsoring Kiddush on September 6 in loving memory of Grace and Benjamin Becker. We also thank **Mike Adams** for installing new locks on the classroom doors and **Keith Groman** for adjusting the office chair and sliding closet doors. Thank you, **Mike Adams** and **Marc Nusholtz**, for preparing the garden boardwalks for painting.

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