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ADULT EDUCATION PASSOVER WORKSHOP

when the deeper meaning of Passover will be discussed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

10:00am Tallit and Tefillin
11:00am Discussion and Brunch
at the home of
Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff
RSVP to Mort or Ruth

B'nai Jacob Bulletin

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FROM THE RIDICULOUS TO THE SUBLIME

Dear B'nai Jacob family and friends,

As we view events unfolding in our world we see so much that confounds us, so much that makes no sense. To me it reaches the heights of absurdity. I can only shake my head with dismay. It would be comedic if it weren't true.

In Palestinian school text books the State of Israel is not mentioned! Only Islamic holy sites are cited. And, beyond all of this, there is the "glorification" of martyrdom and death! And they "want" peace? REALLY? In what universe? How about starting with recognizing that Israel exists and has a right to exist?

Did you know that Iran has been paying for Palestinian "martyrdom" since the '80's? It currently is compensating \$7,000 to each family of a slain terrorist who murders Israelis! Additionally, if Israel demolishes the family home of the terrorist as a punishment, Iran will furnish the family with \$30,000!

But wait, it gets much worse, as if that were possible! The "peace loving" Palestinian Authority doesn't like this! Oh, not for the reason we would hope. They find this objectionable because **they** are demanding that the monies

from Iran should funnel through the PA, so that it can distribute the reward to the "martyrs'" families! Since Iran doesn't trust the Palestinian Authority enough to let them be the conduit for delivering these monies, she is insisting in doing it herself. This is all despicable, isn't it?

All of this is ridiculous, the result of unadulterated hatred. All of this together with the activities of ISIS, Hamas, Hezbollah and other haters remind us of the teaching of the Haggadah: "In every generation they rise against us to destroy us, but the Holy One delivers us from their hand."

Yes it is the Holy One who delivers us from their hand! Little Israel's existence is a miracle, isn't it? And, the sublime is also hidden here: "But the Holy One delivers us from their hand." Not only with G-d's help do we continue to exist and survive, but we also are blessed and thrive.

On another level the Holy One delivers us from their hand, by our being like the Holy One, who with compassion seeks to heal, to nourish, and to bless. When Israel does this, when we do this, we are emulating G-d and are delivered from being like the haters of the world.

Did you know, for example, that the Israeli company Soda Stream, was employing Palestinians but was forced to move from the West Bank, because of the misguided BDS movement. Due to this pressure, the company had to let the Palestinian workers go. Neither the Arab workers nor the company, a model of Israelis and Arabs working together, wanted this to happen. But, it did!

Israel supplies most of the electricity to the Gaza and West Bank helping the PA financially! Israel provides extensive medical care to the Palestinians. Even the Palestinian media, at one time, had

to admit that Israel was helping its people with treatment. Indeed, Israel is still continuing to train Arab doctors as well.

We, as Jews, never give up our hope in Hashem and in the goodness He has instilled in our hearts and in this world. Israel has so many startup companies that are making scientific, medical and technological breakthroughs for the benefit of all in our world.

I am hopeful that the door we open for Elijah will one day soon herald the coming of the era of peace! I see hints of this, however small, as former enemies are turned to friends. If you wish to read an amazing blog, please see: <http://www.thankyouamisrael.com/thank-you-am-israel> and go to commentaries. It is written by a remarkable Syrian refugee. He sees the truth about the so-called "enemy" Israel, and finds that the Jew wants to aid Syrians and help save them! Take a moment and read his blog. You will be rewarded and uplifted!

May there come a day when those who hate Israel; the Jews; the United States; and others who disagree with them discover that their hatred is totally misplaced and absolutely wrong. Then, may we be greeted with appreciation and love!

Rebbetzin Penny and I wish you a Chag Kasher V'Sameach,

- *Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*



Congregation B'nai Jacob Passover Preparation & Service Times

Thursday, April 21 at 8:40pm - Bedikat Chametz*

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. *Return to office or Rabbi by Monday, April 18.*

Friday, April 22, 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. Afterward, we will share breakfast.

Friday, April 22 - Eve of Pesach

One may eat a chametz meal until 11:20am. No matzah is to be eaten until the Seder that night.

First Seder - Candle lighting: 8:09pm.

Saturday, April 23, 9:15am - Shabbat Pesach Services

Second Seder - Candle lighting: 9:09pm.

Sunday, April 24, 10:00am - Second Day Pesach Services

Friday, April 29, 10:00am - Seventh Day Pesach Services

Saturday, April 30, 9:15am - Eighth Day Shabbat Pesach Services

Yizkor at approximately 10:45am.

April Yahrzeits **יזכור**

Adar II / April

22	31-1	Abraham Kaplan
22	31-1	Barney Levin
23	1-2	Abe H. Dubin
25	3-4	Phyllis Adelle Agrue
28	6-7	Edith Horwitz
28	6-7	Nathan Weinstein
29	7-8	Sam Berebitsky

Nisan / April

1	8-9	Samuel Babich
1	8-9	Calvin Prady
2	9-10	Goldie DuBow
2	9-10	Mordecai Rifkin
5	12-13	Izidor Schachter
5	12-13	Etta G. Sheray
5	12-13	Diane Wolf
6	13-14	Herman Davis
6	13-14	Sarah M. Jacobson
6	13-14	David Levin
6	13-14	Shirley Marer Brateman
7	14-15	Ronald Miller
7	14-15	Ida Price
9	16-17	Herbert Brateman
9	16-17	Ryan Zimmerman
10	17-18	Mushke Golder
10	17-18	Pres. Gen. Chaim Herzog
10	17-18	David Ochstein
11	18-19	Libby Babich
11	18-19	Sharon Subeck
12	19-20	Rae Dorman
12	19-20	Sidney Hutner
13	20-21	Samuel Appel
13	20-21	Jerry Morgenstein
13	20-21	Ann Peltz
13	20-21	Barney Sterling
15	22-23	Chaim Norkin
16	23-24	Isser Goldin
16	23-24	Mary Levy
16	23-24	Dorothy Maier
17	24-25	Steve Abrams
17	24-25	Harry S. Dale
17	24-25	Ida Schneider
18	25-26	Ruth Mark
18	25-26	Harriet Mirman
18	25-26	Harry Sheray
19	26-27	Louis Hirsch
19	26-27	Irving Luskin
19	26-27	Frederick Milz
19	26-27	Samuel Ochstein
19	26-27	Tillie Ochstein
20	27-28	Anna Trauner
20	27-28	Samuel Kornspan
20	27-28	Philip Trivus
20	27-28	Samuel Weinberg
21	28-29	Ronald Brateman
21	28-29	Tina Wilcox

April Yahrzeits **יזכור**

Nisan / April

22	29-30	Jacob Bruch
22	29-30	Jean Rehm
23	30-1	Sonia Finkelstein
23	30-1	Anna Lee Schefman
23	30-1	Erna Shulkin
23	30-1	Rosetta R. Siegle
23	30-1	Morton Trauner

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
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

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...

*Mical Rynearson and family
on the passing of their
beloved,*

*Herbert J. Rynearson,
on March 27, 2016
17 Adar 11, 5776.*

*May Herb's memory ever be
for blessing.*



Please join the family as they dedicate the monument for

**Ronald Miller
Sunday, April 10
2:00pm**

at the Jewish Cemetery
5800 Old Decatur Road
Fort Wayne

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Gwen Schneider
- *Esther Campbell-Russ*

Kiddush Fund/Sisterhood

In honor of Michael Ross
"Welcome to B'nai Jacob"
- *Ovadya*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of husband
Ron Miller
- *Susie Miller*

Torah Maintenance Fund

In memory of Bob Adams
- *Keith Groman*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Molly Cohen
- *Hugo and Lis Kahn*
In memory of Margot Krel
- *Howard and Rossya Klebanow*
In memory of father Abe Dubin
- *Niesie Shulkin*



Editor's Note: The following invitation from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society was received via email by the office of Congregation B'nai Jacob on March 16, 2016. This information is provided to the members and friends of the synagogue, who may in turn suggest nominees for Hoosier Jewish Legends - A Hall of Fame (HJL) to Rabbi Kornspan or to Mark Schneider, President of Congregation B'nai Jacob.

The Bicentennial offers a venue to ensure our Hoosier Jewish story, and those of you and your local Jewish community to remain alive for future generations. If you have specific questions regarding the HJL Program or the Hoosier Jewish Bicentennial, please email Mark Roger, Jewish Bicentennial Commemoration Chair, at mroger@frannet.com. Further information at the IJHS office at 260.459.6862 or visit www.ijhs.org.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this most worthwhile endeavor - sharing and celebrating our Jewish heritage and collective Hoosier past in Indiana.

B'shalom,

Mark A. Roger
Chair, Indiana Jewish Historical Society
Indiana Bicentennial Commemoration

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bruce Merritt
- 6 Karmiya Farber
- 6 Dr. Jere Leib
- 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 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



The Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) would like to invite you to share in this year's Indiana Bicentennial celebration by participating in the **Hoosier Jewish Legends – A Hall of Fame (HJL)** celebrating Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact to their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana's continuing story.

Nomination requirements include persons (living or deceased) from one of the following disciplines: Profession, Cultural Arts, Clergy, Educator, Athletic/Sports, Volunteer, or Community Benefactor. **Nominations will be accepted between March 15, 2016 and May 31, 2016.** Inductees will be recognized in conjunction with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Annual Meeting in October.

Download the nomination form at www.ijhs.org [or call the synagogue office and request a copy.]

All nominations forms should be mailed to the IJHS Hoosier Jewish Legends, c/o Sheila Greenwald, 1839 Box Elder Court, Indianapolis, IN, 46260 and postmarked no later than May 31, 2016.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Mike and Marci Trentacosti

THANK YOU
to everyone for the wonderful Shalach Manot Bag!

Avi Epstein and Family;
Mike & Paula Adams and Family ;
Anonymous;
Theresa & Matt Farber;
The Friedman Family;
Audrey Gerson;
Keith Groman;
Jerry & Kathy Jarvis;
Amy Miller;
Ruth Minkoff & Mort Schaffer;
Nina & Virgil Mocle;
Dr. Mary Wilger & Dr. Marc Nusholtz;
Debby & Keith Roberts;
Jan & Steve Sarratore;
The Schneider Family;
Bee Siegel;
The Spanjer Family;
Sam & Kathy Stoller;
Josh & Donna Tourkow;
and The Zemmol Family

*Lots of Love,
Arlene and Jere*



Mazel Tov!
to
Rebbetzin and Rabbi Kornspan

on the marriage of their daughter
Colleen to Matthew Magreta
on March 20, 2016
in Orlando, Florida.



Adult Education Purim Workshop
at the home of Dr. Mary Wilger and Dr. Marc Nusholtz
on Sunday, March 13, 2016.
(photo taken by Rabbi Kornspan)

**FORT WAYNE
JEWISH FEDERATION
EVENTS**

**From Diversity to Uniformity:
The Growing Intolerance in the Region,
and Why is Israel Important?**



With
George Deek

Arab-Christian Veteran of the Israeli
Diplomatic Corps, Attorney,
Current Fulbright Scholar at
Georgetown University

Sunday, April 10, 2016 • 3:30 PM
The History Center • 302 E. Berry Street

Free and open to the public

Sponsored by



Shalom Party

**April 17
4:00 PM**

**Rifkin Campus
5200 Old Mill Road**



Dessert reception
to follow.



Hooshir A Cappella



Hooshir A Cappella is Indiana University's Jewish a cappella group and premiere co-ed a cappella group. Hooshir has performed around the United States.

Hooshir had the honor of sharing the stage with Six13 and The Maccabeats, as well as opening for Matiegaba.

Hooshir sings a mix of Jewish music, secular Israeli pop music, and American pop music and standards. Groups such as Pentatonix and Timoriet have served as inspirations for Hooshir.

The members of Hooshir are linked by a desire to share their love of song.

Sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Dr. Louis and Anne Schneider Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

ABC'S OF PASSOVER

by Rabbi Shraga Simmons

Passover is brimming with symbols of slavery and freedom.

Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is known as the "holiday of freedom," commemorating the Jewish Exodus from Egypt following 210 years of slavery. Passover is regarded as the "birth" of the Jewish nation, and its lessons of struggle and identity continue to form the basis of Jewish consciousness 3,300 years after the event.

Passover is an 8-day holiday (in Israel, seven days). The name derives from the fact that during the final plague – the slaying of the first born – G-d “passed over” the Jewish homes.

SEDER NIGHT – The holiday is marked by the celebration of an elaborate Seder on the first two nights (in Israel, on the first night only). The Seder is designed to give each Jew the experience of "going from slavery unto freedom." As recorded in the Haggadah, we tell the Exodus story and recount the Ten Plagues. We eat symbols of slavery and freedom, and the festive meal includes many delicious recipes for foods that people look forward to all year (think matzah balls!). We recite the Hallel prayer of praise, and end the Seder with the hope of “Next year in Jerusalem!”

The Seder is a special tie of family bonding and children are a particular focus of the night. They enjoy a variety of Passover songs like the Four Questions (Ma Nishatana), tell of the Four Sons, sing the “Dayenu” song, try to “steal” the Afikoman, and open the door for Elijah the Prophet.

MATZAH – At the Seder, it is a special mitzvah to eat matzah, the Seder’s main symbol. Everyone should try to eat 2/3 of a square matzah (or 1/2 of a round matzah) within 4 minutes, while leaning to the left. The most common reason for eating matzah is that on the morning of

the Exodus, the Jews were so rushed in getting out of Egypt that the bread didn’t have time to rise. At the end of the festive meal, the special “dessert” is another piece of matzah, called the Afikoman.

FOUR CUPS – At the Seder, we drink four cups of wine – corresponding to the four expressions of freedom mentioned in the Torah (Exodus 6:6-7). Everyone should have their own cup, which holds minimally 98cc (3.3 oz). Try to drink the entire cup for each of the Four Cups (or at least drink a majority) within 4 minutes. And as an expression of freedom, we lean to the left and back while drinking the Four Cups.

KARPAS – Toward the beginning of the Seder, we eat karpas – a vegetable (e.g. celery, parsley, potato) dipped in saltwater, to commemorate the tears of hard labor.

BITTER HERBS – Later in the Seder, we eat Marror, the bitter herbs. Though many have the custom of using horseradish, Romaine lettuce is also used. (“Red horseradish” in jars bought from the stores should not be used, since it’s a mixture of mostly beets with some horseradish.) The Marror is dipped into Charoset, a bricks-and-mortar mixture of dates, wine, nuts and apples.

SEDER CHECKLIST – Seder means “order” because there are so many details to remember. Your Seder table should include:

- a Seder plate with:
 - Celery, parsley or potato (Karpas)
 - Lettuce (Marror)
 - Horseradish (Chazeret)
 - Charoset
 - Roasted chicken wing (Zero'ah)
 - Hard-boiled egg (Beitzah)
- matzah cover with 3 matzot (and extra matzah)
- wine and grape juice

- Haggadahs
- cup for Elijah
- saltwater
- Kiddush cups
- pillows for reclining
- Afikomen prizes

CHAMETZ-FREE ZONE – During the week of Passover, Jews are forbidden to eat or possess any chametz (leavened grain). For this reason, we dispose of (or sell) all bread, cookies, pasta, beer, etc. – and purchase only products labeled “Kosher for Passover.” (Ashkenazi Jews also refrain from eating kitniyot – rice, beans, etc.) To avoid any problems of residual chametz, we also have special sets of dishes and pots for Passover. As a practical consideration, many people begin cleaning for Passover weeks before the holiday begins.

- **SEARCH-AND-BURN** – On the evening before Passover, we conduct a careful search of the home for chametz. It is done by candlelight and is a memorable experience for the whole family. Any remaining chametz is either burned the next morning (in a ceremony called *Sray'fat Chametz*), or is sold to a non-Jew for the week of Passover. The sale must be serious and legally binding; it should be done only through the assistance of a qualified rabbi. Any food that is sold must be put in a cabinet and taped shut. ✪

The full article with hyperlinks can be read at:
<http://www.aish.com/h/pes/t/g/48959286.html>

Dear members of my B'nai Jacob family,

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the Purim Shalach Manot package I received. I am enjoying it very much. Especially since I live in Arizona now and my wonderful BJ family sent it across the country to celebrate Purim with you!

With LOVE, *Bee*

SHTAR HARSHAAH (Selling of Chametz) 5776
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 18.

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

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)

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.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

April Classes

Regular classes on
April 9, 13, 16, 20, 27, 30.

No classes on April 2, 6, 23.



SHALACH MANOT FUNDRAISER
 Thanks to everyone who made this year's Shalach Manot fundraiser a success! Together we raised almost \$2,200 for the religious school program. Thanks to Bee Siegel for sponsoring the hamentaschen, in loving memory of David Siegel.

Special thanks to those who helped with the baskets and celebration, including Sheryl Merritt, Amy Miller, Ruth Minkoff, and Janet Finkel. Thanks as well to everyone who helped fulfill the mitzvah by delivering baskets. And of course our appreciation goes to all of our donors for your generous support of our religious school. We couldn't have done it without you!

- *Missy Schneider*



We are grateful to....

Missy and Mark Schneider for sponsoring Kiddush on March 5 in celebration of Gwen's Bat Mitzvah and birthday that day;

Nina and Virgil Mocle for sponsoring, coordinating, and serving Kiddush on March 12 in celebration of the March birthdays of their children, Jessica and Joshua;

Rebbetzin Penny and her helpers for coordinating Kiddushim on the remaining March Shabbatot;

Missy Schneider and her helpers for coordinating the Shalach Manot Fundraiser and for all those who helped with the Purim Celebration;

Everyone who donated toward the Purim tzedekah for the poor.

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