

Congregation B'nai Jacob
7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46814
Tel: 260-672-8459
Fax: 260-672-8928

Email: office@bnaijacob.com
Website: www.bnaijacobfw.com
Visit us on Facebook

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

President Mark Schneider

December 2015

Kislev and Tevet 5776

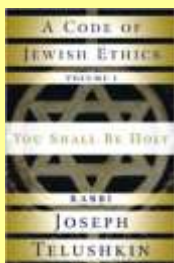
1 Being Grateful

2 Hanukkah Celebration
Religious School
New Members

3 Yahrzeits
Birthdays
Anniversaries

4 Donations
Raising Kvell
Thank You

Extra Confronting the Shoah



**ETHICS CLASS
LED BY
RABBI KORNSPAN
CONTINUES....**

**NEXT CLASS IS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
AT 10:30AM
9:30AM TALLIT AND TEFILLIN**

B'nai Jacob Bulletin

Since 1912 ... Celebrating 100+ Years



BEING GRATEFUL

Dear B'nai Jacob family and friends,

Since my early years of learning, I was struck by the great sages' instruction that we should bless G-d for all the good that comes into our life, but also bless Hashem for all evil.

Really? Do I truly want to do this? Do I wish to make a bracha, when my heart is breaking and thank G-d when my loved one dies, my family or friends are hurt, or there are horrendous tragedies in the world? Indeed, what has been happening in Israel, France and so much of the world brings us to this blessing of "Dayan HaEmet"... You are the True Judge."

How can we understand this, and how does this fit in with being joyful and grateful, which is one of the prime messages of Chanukah? I owe this thought to Rabbi Avi Kilimnick. Rabbi Kilimnick in an article on "Being Thankful on Chanukah", writes: "Chanukah is a time of LiHodot UliHallel- to give thanks and praise to G-d for the wonderful Miracles that He performed on behalf of our nation at the time of Chanukah. It would seem as though we are asked to transcend reality in order to give proper recognitions to our creator. We were not present to experience the miracles, yet through the lighting of the Menorah, we transport ourselves to a different place, a different

time, we are in the holy Temple, lighting the candelabra, with the oil that was only supposed to last one day, and we celebrate a victory that was against all odds, over the Hellenistic rule which was threatening the survival of our Jewish faith. What a beautiful moment of gratitude and praise."

Now at the time Rabbi Kilimnick wrote this, we were undergoing in the United States, the after effects of Hurricane Sandy and Israel was once again defending itself from its enemy. Therefore, he writes: "Then reality hits... And we think about the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, where so many still suffer the loss of shelter, electricity and the possessions which carried the memories of life. We think of the ongoing threat of constant rocket fire aimed at our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel, which ruin any sense of security. And to our Israeli soldiers and their families who once again put their lives on the front line to protect our Homeland. These are the realistic events that challenge our ability for "LiHodot UliHallelodot UliHallel."

I very much appreciate his teaching next as he learns from King David. King David himself faced the same dilemma. As he wrote in Psalm 142 Verse 8 "Release my soul from confinement that I may give thanks to your name."

"King David realized that the reality of struggle does affect the soul. Pain and opposition closes the soul from what it would like to do, to praise G-d. From King David we can learn two different ways of how to express gratitude to our creator. There are times, which we hope are most, when we are actually joyful, where we are able to dance and sing for something great that has happened. We would all prefer this type of celebration.

continued on next page

BEING GRATEFUL

continued from previous page

However, there is another way to thank G-d, which is to "Want" to thank Him. For a person to desire the ability to Thank G-d is in it of itself a way of showing gratitude to our creator. Even at the most difficult moments, to not allow the pain and struggle to define who we are, to say that "I want to be thankful, just right now it's very difficult" is another way of showing our appreciation to G-d.

Isn't that an amazing thought to ponder? May we have many reasons and occasions to be grateful, but even when we are confronted with sorrow and tragedy, may we "want" to be grateful.

Perhaps, the word here is acceptance.

Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

Hanukkah Gift Ideas



SHOP NOW FOR HANUKKAH!!

The first night of Hanukkah is December 6; shop in our Gift Shop for the best selection of sun catchers; snow globes; rulers; erasers; chocolate gelt; dreidels; games; toys; paper goods; greeting cards; decorations; serving dishes; chanukiahs and candles; plush animals; and lots and lots of wrapping paper! Proceeds from Gift Shop sales assist with our Kiddushim. Thank you so much for your support!



HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 9, 5:30-7:00pm

Please join us for an evening of music and fun as we celebrate Hanukkah together! Our traditional hot dog dinner, including potato latkes, will be served at 5:30pm. Each adult and child is welcome to bring a gently used, wrapped gift for a white elephant exchange. Bring your menorah for a congregational candle lighting!

Please RSVP to the congregation office by December 1, 2015.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

December Class Schedule

Hebrew School	2nd, 9th, 16th	4:00pm-6:00pm
Havurat No'ar	2nd, 9th, 16th	4:30pm-6:00pm
Shabbat School	5th, 12th, 19th	9:30am-11:45am

Hanukkah Celebration will be on Wednesday, December 9 from 5:30-7:00pm.

Mazel Tov and Welcome to our Newest Members

Amy Miller
Victoria and Daniel D'Angelo

(see photos on reverse side of calendar insert to this bulletin)

December Jahrzeits יזכור

Kislev/December

- 19 30-1 Emanuel Kreitman
- 19 30-1 Peter Lauinger
- 20 1-2 Marcus Beck
- 20 1-2 Yetta Magazine
- 20 1-2 Isadore Yourist
- 21 2-3 Arnold L. Goldsmith
- 22 3-4 Paulette Bussell Oatley
- 22 3-4 Eric E. Eling
- 22 3-4 Alfred Solotkin
- 23 4-5 Louis Groden
- 23 4-5 Sigmund Maier
- 23 4-5 Leon Seigman
- 24 5-6 Irene Schibel
- 25 6-7 Sarah Bronstein
- 26 7-8 Samuel Gibson
- 26 7-8 Bertha Levin
- 26 7-8 Bunny Posner
- 27 8-9 J.T. Thompson
- 27 8-9 Ruth Zweig
- 29 10-11 Rebitzin Gute Goldin
- 29 10-11 Manuel Margulis
- 29 10-11 Mickey Pass
- 29 10-11 Sarah Weiss
- 30 11-12 Anna Bussell
- 30 11-12 K.J. Miller
- 30 11-12 Golda Sheray
- 30 11-12 Fannie Siegel

Tevet/December

- 1 12-13 Lou Hoffman
- 1 12-13 Florence Katz
- 1 12-13 Harry Levin
- 1 12-13 Betty Wald
- 3 14-15 Benjamin Cahn
- 3 14-15 Solomon Safirstein
- 4 15-16 Joseph Kaplan
- 4 15-16 Bernard Kroot
- 4 15-16 Candy Stinnett
- 4 15-16 Louis Samuel Superior
- 5 16-17 Rosa Rappaport McKinney
- 5 16-17 Morris Tillinger
- 6 17-18 Herman Komisarow
- 6 17-18 Sarah Leah Komisarow
- 6 17-18 Dorothy Margulis
- 7 18-19 Nathan Bialick
- 7 18-19 Morris King
- 7 18-19 Anna Krantzle
- 7 18-19 Bessie Meyer
- 7 18-19 David Weiss
- 8 19-20 Frances Groden Bussell
- 8 19-20 Yetta Jacobson
- 8 19-20 Dora Sains
- 9 20-21 William Brosler
- 10 21-22 Dorothy Levant Dicker
- 10 21-22 Morris Forlander
- 10 21-22 Rosalie Freund

December Jahrzeits יזכור

Tevet/December

- 10 21-22 Joseph Latker
- 10 21-22 Sally Rosenberg
- 10 21-22 Toba Weinstein
- 11 22-23 Salomon Efroim Borenstein
- 11 22-23 Clyde R. Gaddis
- 11 22-23 Sidney Katz
- 11 22-23 Sam Krantzle
- 12 23-24 Max Zinn
- 13 24-25 Rebekah Schwartz
- 13 24-25 Jeanette Sunshine
- 14 25-26 Howard Dinnerstein
- 14 25-26 Thomas Portman
- 15 26-27 Fannie Franklin
- 15 26-27 Joseph Wiesenthal
- 16 27-28 Henry J. Friedman
- 18 29-30 Pauline Brateman
- 18 29-30 Frederick Gee
- 18 29-30 Benjamin Ochstein
- 19 30-31 Stanley Kornspan
- 19 30-31 Emanuel Levy
- 19 30-31 Michelle Lundmark
- 20 31-1 Norma Jean Rifkin
- 20 31-1 Morris Abraham Ruchman



December Birthdays

- 1 Linda Snitzer
- 3 Alexander Mamayek
- 6 Barry Snitzer
- 8 Michal Spanjer
- 8 Daniel Goltz
- 10 Daniel D'Angelo
- 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
- 26 Estelle Greenberg
- 27 Vicki Goltz
- 29 Pam Friedman

December Anniversaries

- 10 Mooch and Barbara Lewis
- 19 Kris and Rebekah Mamayek
- 24 Art and Julie Kupersmith
- 27 David and Mary Bosell

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**
- ___ **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**



Office and gift shop hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm. The entrance to and exit from Bittersweet Moors Drive at U.S. 24 West continues to be closed. Alternate routes are via Dell Loch Way at Homestead Road; and Glen Lake Drive via Amber Road.

CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund

In memory of Goldye Appel

- *Dan and Annie Appel*

Kiddush Fund

In appreciation

- *Adolph and Adrienne Brateman*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation

- *Adolph and Adrienne Brateman*

In appreciation

- *Avi Epstein*

In appreciation

- *Franck Hagendorf*

In appreciation

- *Steven and Anita McAfee*

Seth Horwitz Education Fund

In memory of Seth Aaron Horwitz

- *Phillip and Zelma Horwitz*

In memory of Seth Aaron Horwitz

- *Steven Horwitz*

Simon and Hannah Crell Education Fund

In memory of our parents, Simon and Hannah Crell and Julius and Jennie Gilbert; In gratefulness for Melvin Krel's recovery from recent illness; and in celebration of many happy events in our family. (See Raising Kvell in the next column of this bulletin.)

- *Marvin and Harriet Crell*

Torah Maintenance Fund

In memory of the victims of terrorist attacks in Israel

- *Keith Groman*

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of grandfather

David Appel

- *Dan and Annie Appel*

In memory of Edith Thomson

- *Hugo and Lis Cohen-Kahn*

In memory of Bessie Schmitz

- *Elsa Jakob*

In memory of Seth Aaron Horwitz

- *Marilyn J. Katz*

In memory of Jean Pownall

- *Jerry and Sue Pownall*

In memory of Claire Selan

- *Lazette Selan*

In memory of Nathan Sheray

- *Bob and Deborah Sheray*

In memory of Fred Tourkow

- *Bob and Deborah Sheray*

In memory of Fred Tourkow

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

In memory of Rose Cohen

- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*



with

Marvin and Harriet Crell

- **Jacob Crell** received the Founders Scholar award for the third year in a row! This award is the highest honor offered to students by Indiana University. For starters, it requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.8.
- **Steven Crell** was selected to the 2016 Super Lawyer list, for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. Only 5% of all attorneys in Indiana receive this distinction.
- **Jeff and Linda Friedman Crell** became first time grandparents.
- **Marvin and Harriet Crell** became first time great grandparents.
- **David and Kate Crell** are parents of **Cora Leigh**, born on October 15, 2015.

Published by

Congregation B'nai Jacob

Officers

Mark Schneider, President
Ron Friedman, 1st Vice President
Jay Zemmol, 2nd Vice President
Pam Friedman, Recording Secretary
Melissa Schneider, Treasurer
Mike Adams, Financial Secretary
Ron Friedman, Past President
Josh Tourkow, Past President

Board Members

Janet Finkel Debby Roberts
Virgil Mocle Mort Schaffer
Marc Nusholtz Marc Spanjer
Jay Zemmol



CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB says "Todah, Thank You" to:

- The **generous person** who regularly sponsors every breakfast that the Ethics Class enjoys.
- **Kathy and Sam Stoller** who donated a case of wine to the synagogue.
- **Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz** who donated Hanukkah items to brighten our celebration.
- **Missy and Mark Schneider** and **Pam Friedman** for coordinating and serving November kiddushim.
- **Kathy and Jerry Jarvis** for sponsoring Kiddush on November 7 in celebration of Kathy's birthday.
- **Missy and Mark Schneider** for sponsoring Kiddush on November 21 in honor of our newest members, Amy Miller and Victoria and Daniel D'Angelo.
- **Keith Groman** for sponsoring Kiddush on November 28 in celebration of his Bar Mitzvah anniversary.
- **Virgil Mocle** who upgraded the office computers to Windows 10.



Confronting the Shoah

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (JFFW) cordially invites you to attend its **six-session program** *Confronting the Shoah*. The adult education course, which has been offered annually since 2004, will provide participants with comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding the Nazi Holocaust.

Presented by Dr. David Lindquist



1. An Introduction to the Study of the Holocaust
2. Contextualizing the Study of the Holocaust
3. The Setting for the Holocaust.
4. Evolution of the Holocaust
5. Bystanders, Collaborators, Rescuers, and Resisters during the Holocaust
6. The Conclusion and Aftermath of the Holocaust



When: January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9

Who: Adults, High School Juniors & Seniors

Where: Rifkin Campus, 5200 Old Mill Road

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: No cost for teachers and Federation members

\$5.00 for everyone else to cover cost of materials

Register by: December 28 by calling 260-456-0400
or email office@fwjf.org

Major funding for the program is provided by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and by gifts to the JFFW's Annual Campaign.