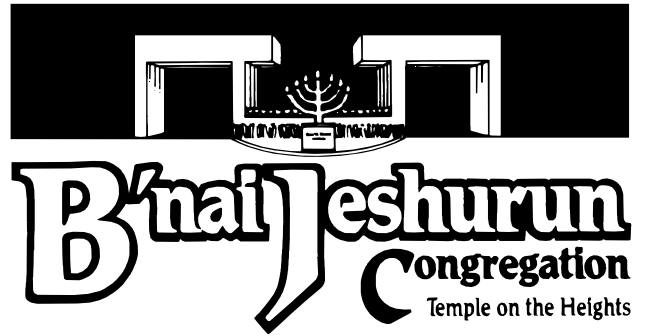


Shabbat Shalom!

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Our Mission is "To ensure the flourishing of Jewish life through educational, social and Conservative religious experiences in a warm and dynamic community."

This Shabbat, we read the blessing for the new month of Iyar, which begins on Friday and continues on Saturday.

Parashat Shemini

שְׁמִינִי

April 17/18, 2020 - 24 Nisan 5780

Etz Hayim

Verse

Rishon	630	Lev. 9:1 - 9:6
Sheni	630	9:7 - 9:10
Shlishi	631	9:11 - 9:16
Revi'i	632	9:17 - 9:23
Chamishi	632	9:24 - 10:3
Shishi	634	10:4 - 10:7
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Maftir	635	10:8 - 10:11
Haftarah	645	Samuel II 6:1 - 7:17

Thank you to Jacob Wolinsky for reading Torah and for chanting the Haftarah.

Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Senior Rabbi
Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria
Cantor Aaron Shifman
Education Engagement Rabbi Josh Foster
Rabbi Emeritus Stanley J. Schachter
President Gena Cohen
Executive Director Jay Ross

Your presence adds to the joy of our service!

Mazal tov to all of our couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month!



Mazal tov to Jacob Samuel Wolinsky on celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and to his parents, Yingli & Mark Wolinsky, brother Joshua Wolinsky and grandmother Kunzhi Song.

We remember with love Jacob's grandparents, Dorothy & Louis Wolinsky^{ר' & ר' & ר'} and Yongfang Song^{ר' & ר'}.

For his Mitzvah Project, Jacob is volunteering at and supporting the Kosher Food Pantry.

Free Jewish Virtual Learning for Adults

We are just a click or a phone call away! Stay connected with BJC! Zoom in via computer or phone at (929) 205-6099, the Meeting ID is the number at the end of each link. We are also utilizing our live streaming capabilities, Facebook and other available technologies. Please check our website frequently for updates. We look forward to 'seeing' you in class!



What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria - Mondays at 10 am
Topical text study and discussion on the most relevant Jewish topics of the day. <https://zoom.us/j/665686986>

Neffesh Ha-Chayyim – The Mystical Secrets of God, Life, the Universe and Everything with Rabbi Stephen Weiss - Mondays at 8 pm
Exploring Jewish beliefs and practice through Kabbalah. <https://zoom.us/j/683-716-8354>.

Bible Study with Susan Wyner - Tuesdays at 10:30 am
Join in for a close reading of the Torah as we make our way through our most central text. We are currently studying the book of Deuteronomy. <https://zoom.us/j/864643841> or call (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 864 643 841, Password: 875861.

Parshat HaShavua with Prof. Doron Kalir, CSU - Tuesdays at noon
Discuss the weekly Torah portion from a liberal viewpoint. In particular, we will examine implications of the text for today's community and the meaning of *emunah* (faith) in the 21st century. <https://zoom.us/j/213131426>

Free Jewish Virtual Learning for Adults (continued)



Conversational Hebrew with Rabbi Josh Foster Tuesdays at 2 pm

Come join for Hebrew conversation and learning with Rabbi Josh.

We will watch and practice through a variety of Hebrew video clips.

<https://zoom.us/j/896167443>

Mishnah: The New Scripture with Rabbi Alan Lettovsky Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Most Jewish institutions and values, while based on the Bible, were created by the ancient rabbis. The Mishnah and its expansion into the full Talmud are the core texts for our Jewish foundations. <https://zoom.us/j/408458674>

Ethical & Ritual Issues Through the Lens of Conservative Jewish Law with Rabbi Stephen Weiss - Thursdays at noon

Through the study of *responsa* (Jewish law papers) from the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, we will explore what Jewish tradition has to say about the most pressing and significant issues of our day. Class is always lively, filled with text study and discussion. <https://cutt.ly/bjcEthicsInJewishLaw>
Meeting ID# 388326341.

The How & Why of Jewish Rituals with Cantor Aaron Shifman Fridays at 10 am

We will discuss kaddish, mikvah, tallit and tzizit, brit milah, Shabbat and havdallah and more using Medrashim and Talmudic resources.

<https://zoom.us/j/524068297>

Come Learn Torah Trope with Rabbi Josh Foster - Fridays at 2 pm

Have you ever wanted to learn to chant from the Torah? Join us as we learn the melodies of the cantillation notes so that you can take on this sacred role in our services. <https://zoom.us/j/642708239>

Starbucks Bread & Torah with rotating teachers - Saturdays at 9 am
Gain fresh insights into the Torah, and study with great teachers! This week will be led by Susan Wyner.

<https://zoom.us/j/979212512>.

Kosher Fitness Workout with Rabbi Michael Ungar Mondays - Fridays at 10 am

Request to join the Facebook Group page of “kosher-fitness”.

MISHABERAH

JAYDEN BARBER
FRUMA BAT JANETTE
MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH
DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH
GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM
RONI BEN RACHEL
RAISEL MALKA BAT FREDA
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI
YAKOV BEN SARA
DANIEL BEN LEAH
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN
RUVENA SHIFRA
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA
SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH
REUVEN BEN ADELINE
MALKA BAT RAISA
MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA
AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH
BEN-TZION PESACH BEN
SHAINDEL CHAYAH
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER
MASAHIRO UENO
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA
MASHA BAT HEINCHA
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH
MALKA BAT BATYA
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH
MIMI DORF
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA
YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSSEL
RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA
MARY ELIZABETH GREENE
YONKEL MOSHE BEN LEAH
HAYA SORA BAT LEAH
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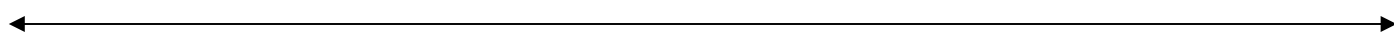
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EPHRAIM CHAYIM BEN ITA CHANA
AVRAHAM BEN SHOSHANAH
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DAVE PERKINS
NOAH BEN ZELDA
ASHER REUVEN BEN LILA
REUVEN LEIB HAKOHEN BEN
ESTHER MIRIEL
FAYGIE ELKE BAT RUCHEL
MALKA LEBA BAT MINDEL SURA
HARAV SHIMON YEHOSHUA BEN SARAH
BRIAN VALENTINO
MIRIAM ESTHER BAT MALKA LEBA
HALLEL ADINA BAT HARAV RIVKA GITTEL
RIVKA YETTA BAT ZELDA
JONATHAN BEN RUCHEL LEAH
RUT TAMAR BAT ORAH
YEHUDIT DVORAH BAT RACHEL
MOSHE ABBA BEN BRACHA
YOSEF MI-CHAL BEN MIRIAM HINDA
SHLOMIT YAKOVAH BAT ZELDA
JEAN BAT JANET
JD OLIVER
ERIC BEN ARLENE
IRWIN BROWNSTEIN
SVI YITZCHAK BEN YOSEFA BELLA
YISROEL BEN SIMCHA
SHANI BAT DAVINA

AVRAHAM BEN SYLVIA
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 ESTHER BAT LEAH
 AHARON TZVI BEN LIBA SARAH
 MOSHE BEN RIVKA
 ESTHER BAT SARAH YA'CHET
 YOSEFA ESTHER BAT FAYGA
 SHAYNA HENNA BAT SORAH RIVKA

On this (Sabbath, Festival, Judgment or Penitence) day we pray that they be spared further pain. May God grant them health of body and health of spirit and mind. May we speedily be privileged to greet their return to good health by welcoming them once again into our midst. Let us say: Amen.

May He who blessed our ancestors and is the source of all healing bless and heal those who are ill. May the Holy One Praised Be He mercifully restore them to vigor and lift the burden of anxiety from their loved ones and friends.

Anyone wanting to add a name to the list should contact Diane Dronzek (216-831-6555 ext. 104 or dianedronzek@bnaijeshurun.org) by Thursday afternoon at the latest for inclusion in that Shabbat's program. We will also pause during the prayer for people to recite additional names from their seats.



3rd-6th Grade "Virtual" Youth Shabbaton
Friday, April 24 • 5:30 pm & Saturday, April 25 • 8:30 pm

While we will unfortunately not be able to go out to Camp Wise this year, join us as we welcome Shabbat together virtually! The link for Friday is <https://cutt.ly/ltzfiDb> and Saturday is <https://cutt.ly/4tzkSQ3>. Free.

Kinder Shabbat - Fridays • 10:30 am

Have fun with us on Facebook (Mishpachot - B'nai Jeshurun Young Families), Zoom in at <https://zoom.us/j/233169518> or (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID# 233169518 as we welcome Shabbat with your favorite songs with Mr. Chuck and prayers with the clergy, too!



Yom Hashoah v'Hagvurah - Cleveland's Commemoration of the Holocaust & Heroism - April 20 at 7 pm via Zoom

Yom HaZikaron - Israel's Memorial Day Commemoration
 April 27 at 7 pm via Zoom

Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel's 72nd Independence Day
 Join the community between April 26-30 for several exciting virtual programming options for all ages, including music, PJ Library Story Time, Israeli cooking demonstrations, a young adult party, crafts for kids to create at home, Israeli dancing in your living room, and more. A full menu of opportunities will be available shortly.

Visit <https://www.jewishcleveland.org/> for more information.

Condolences to:

Cheryl Spira & family on the death of her husband, our member, Robert Spira

Dawn Nickman & family on the death of her father, Richard Carr

The family of Hilda Goldstein

Yahrzeits: April 18 - 24, 2020

Julius (Julie) Abrams	Fannie Goldberg	Ann Platt
Alvin Alper	Max Goldweber	Irene Platzner
Ronald Cory Altman	Edward Greenberg	Frances Ann Polster
Max Atkins	Lewis M. Gross	Blanche Polster
Fannie Barron	Jackolyn Kala Hanan	Barbara Ram
Ian Michael Baskind	Yetta Havre	Julia Reich
Lena Benchell	Ben Hirsch	Ibolya Revesz
Nathan Berman	Aaron D. Horwitz	Natalee Robinowitz
Jerome Besuner	Phillip R. Horwitz	Sheldon M. Rose
Jack Bloom	Florence Goldberg Hyman	Sanford H. Rose
Myer Bloom	Anne Jaffe	Milton Rosenthal
Jane Deutsch Bloomberg	Leonard B. Kahn	Sadie Rosenzweig
Shirley Blum	Sol Kailes	Ira Rosin
Sophie (Bubie) Brownstein	Samuel L. Katz	Adelaide Rubin
Dr. Joseph N. Bruckman	Florence B. Katz	Donald G. Saunders
Aaron Buchman	Donna Milner Katz	Max Schleifer
Herma Burian	Tillie Kaufman	Max T. Schmitz
Morris Chanan	Helen Kitman	Rose Sentner
Becky Cohen	George J. Klein	Harold Sevel
Mark Allen Cohen, Psy.D.	Marie Prince Kohn	Sidney Shafron
Ruth Cutler	Dr. Henry A. Koplow	Joseph Sharon
Stephan Danciger	Beatrice Kurlansik	Kate Siebert
Ralph Davis	Anne C. Kusens	Alvin L. Siegan
Frieda DeSatnik	Sarah Levin	Saul Silverman
Arlene Douglass	Louis Levine	Benjamin Singer
Max Drew	Lillian Lewin	Irving Smylie
Daniel Eisenberg	Bernice Lichtenstein	Karen M. Sobol
Donald L. Englehart	Nate Lippe	Samuel S. Spiegle
Harvey Fagen	Mildred Ludwig	Fannie Spitz
Phyllis Ann Fisher Feldman	Bernard Margolis	Andrew Spreiser
Abe E. Fingerhut	Violet Marmorstein	Samuel Stein
Samuel Finkelstein	Louis Marmorstein	Tillie Stein
Milton Fisher	Sara Mayerson	Austin L. Sukol
Charles Jack Fishman	Avis Dolgoff Meyers	Mildred Sunshine
Sidney Franklin	Charles Miller	Pearl Tansky
Rose Friedman	Gloria Miller	Arthur J. Tramer
Anna Glick Friedman	Sam Palchick	Allen Trangle
Leon Friedman	Lillian Perlman	Sanford Wasserman
Jerome H. Garber	Morris Peters	Bessie Wasserman
Herman Givertz	David M. Pickus	Herman Weiner

Yahrzeits continued

Marilyn Weiss
Harry Williams

Jerry S. Wolkoff, M.D.
Ronald H. Wynbrandt

Hymie Zimmer
Anna Zimmer

All names will be read aloud for yahrzeit during this time when services are streamed only.

ALL prayer services are available by live stream and Zoom. For live stream, visit <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/streaming> and click on the appropriate box. Friday night and Saturday morning will appear in the window for the David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary. All other services will appear in the window for Nickman Chapel. For Zoom, call in at (929) 205-6099 and reference the Meeting ID# below or click the links for video:

Friday evening: <https://cutt.ly/BJC-Shabbat-and-Festivals-6pm>
Meeting ID #843828395

Shabbat morning: <https://cutt.ly/BJC-Shabbat-and-Passover-Mornings>
Meeting ID # 750690071

Sunday morning minyan: <https://cutt.ly/bjcSundayMorningMinyan8am>
Meeting ID #298 657 543

Weekday morning minyan: <https://cutt.ly/bjcMorningMinyanM-F715am>
Meeting ID #413 413 630

Afternoon minyan: <https://cutt.ly/bjcWeekdayAfternoonMinyan6pm>
Meeting ID #200 230 834

Service Schedule: Weekdays : 7:15 am, 6:00 pm
 Saturdays: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
 Sundays: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

PDF copies of the prayer book can be downloaded from the Rabbinical Assembly website (<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/form-download-e-siddur-0>). We will use the Sim Shalom prayer book for weekdays and Saturday afternoon. We will use the Lev Shalom prayer book for Friday night and Shabbat Morning.

The minyan will always have a minimum of ten participating by stream. Rabbi Weiss has ruled, based on rabbinic and *halakhic* sources, that – on a temporary, emergency basis, and not as a permanent change – a minyan may be comprised of ten Jews at different locations linked over the internet. Therefore, the services will still include those parts that require a minyan and will fulfill that obligation. This includes the mourner's kaddish.

D'var Torah: Life in a Capricious World
Rabbi Joel Levy, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty & Rosh Yeshiva

The ceremonial ordination ceremony for the priesthood appeared to go very well and the new tabernacle seemed to be in working order. At the close of the ceremony Moses and Aaron blessed the people and divine fire consumed only the correct parts of the sacrifices (Vayikra Chapter 9): 23. *And Moses and Aaron went into the Meeting Tent, and came out, and blessed the people; and the glory of Adonai appeared to all the people. 24. And a fire came out from before Adonai, and ate upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat; and all the people saw and they shouted, and they fell on their faces.* And then, immediately, disaster struck in Chapter 10: 1. *And Nadav and Avihu, the sons of Aaron, each of them took his censer (a tray for burning incense) and put fire in them, and put incense on it, and offered strange fire before Adonai, which he had not commanded them. 2. And a fire went out from Adonai, and ate them, and they died before Adonai.*

Now that was not supposed to happen! The divine fire that a moment ago had seemed benign, is now revealed to be lethal. Worse even than the danger, is the lack of a clear warning. Nadav and Avihu appear to be acting in good faith. How is it possible to live alongside a God who may, at a moment's notice, strike out and consume those in presence? Would it be possible to be in a covenantal relationship with such a God? The Midrash makes repeated attempts to understand what was wrong with Nadav and Avihu's behavior? The attempt to understand this event is crucial; lack of mutual comprehension makes it difficult to maintain a relationship with God. These midrashic efforts take the rabbis in different directions, but I'd like to focus on just one. Later, in Ch. 10 verses 8-10 Aaron is warned never to drink alcohol while in the Mishkan:

8. *And Adonai spoke to Aaron, saying, 9. "Do not drink wine or strong drink, you, or your sons with you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, in case you die; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations; 10. And that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean.* On this Vayikra Rabbah (Shmini 12) expounds as follows:

"wine... yafrish (stings or maybe spits)... like a viper." (Proverbs 23:32) Just as a viper mafrish (divides) between life and death, so wine hifrish (made a division) between Aaron and his sons by causing death. As R. Shimon taught: The sons of Aaron only died because they entered the Tent of Meeting drunk with wine. R. Pinchas said in the name of R. Levi: this may be compared to the case of a king who had a faithful attendant. When he found him standing at tavern entrances he severed his head in silence (i.e. without explaining his reason) and appointed another attendant in his place. We would not know why he put the first to death, but for his teaching the second thus: 'You must not enter the doorway of taverns'; from here we know that for such a reason he had put the first one to death. Thus [it is said] "And fire came out from before Adonai, and ate them, and they died before the Lord (Vayikra 10:2) but we would not know why they [i.e. Nadav and Avihu] died but for His commanding Aaron "Drink no wine or strong drink" (Vayikra 10:9) We know from this that they died precisely on account of the wine.

The author of this midrash can now breathe a sigh of relief. He understands a little better the apparent capriciousness of God's mind. Wine blurs and the Mishkan requires clear headedness and precision; each sacrifice in the right place. The parasha ends with long lists of culinary laws and states that holiness comes when we, with clarity: (11:47) *...distinguish between the unclean and the clean, between the living things that may be eaten and the living things that may not be eaten.*

Does that ring true for you? Are you drawn to a type of sober spirituality which involves shaping and maintaining distinctions and boundaries? Is the right way to avoid danger in our lives by staying as cold sober as possible?