Shabbat Shalom!

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Parashat Vayechi יְיָחֵל January 1/2, 2021 - 18 Tevet 5781



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Pour presence adds to the joy of our service!

Mazal tov to everyone who is celebrating a birthday this month!



A Kabbalistic Tu B'Shevat Seder Wednesday, January 27 • 7 pm

Tu B'Shevat has taken on many new and modern meanings, each of which has added new layers. This seder will follow closely the original, traditional Kabbalistic seder. Kabbalists understand an upside down tree to be a metaphor for the way that God's light flows into the world. Through ritual, song, meditation and food, the seder seeks to

celebrate the ten sephirot (aspects of God) through which God's blessings flow and to bring that shefa (flow) down upon ourselves to cause our lives and world to blossom. No knowledge of Kabbalah is necessary.

The seder includes four glasses of wine, fruits, nuts and dessert. Get your shopping list at https://cutt.ly/GhS5sM3 and Zoom in with us at https://zoom.us/j/98431934250.



ATID Havdallah & Tu B'Shevat in the Kitchen Saturday, January 23 • 6:30 pm

ATID, our 20s & 30s group, will join together on Zoom as we end Shabbat with Havdallah and then have **Hedy Milgrom** show us a recipe that will highlight the fruits of Tu B'Shevat. Everyone participating will receive a Tu B'Shevat package delivered to their home on Friday, January 22 for this

unique experience. RSVP by January 17 to https://cutt.ly/Hhljdzh. https://coom.us/j/94927248247.

Family Chavaya Program
Tu B'Shevat Garden Growing
Wednesday, January 27 • 4:30 pm

Join us for the next program in our Holiday Chavayot (experiences) series. We will celebrate Tu B'Shevat together with an educational

and engaging family activity. Check email and the website for more details. All programs include materials to be picked up in advance.

B'nai Jeshurun Congregation gratefully acknowledges the Retreat Institute (RI) and Congregational Enrichments Funds (CEF) of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JEC) for financial and programmatic assistance. The JEC's RI and CEF are supported by the Fund for the Jewish Future of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.



Coffee Talk with the Clergy Tuesdays, beginning January 5 • 2 pm

All are welcome to join us for a weekly check-in and conversation with the clergy, who will rotate weeks. https://zoom.us/j/94801989217.





Robyn Helzner presents Kreplach & Dim Sum: Yes, There Are Jews in China! Sunday, January 10 • 7:30 pm

Celebrate the extraordinary presence of Jews in China LIVE via Zoom! Through stories, photos, videos and music, Robyn Helzner shares an irresistible enthusiasm for both the ancient and modern Jewish communities of Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Kaifeng. Robyn served as

the Cantor for the United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong. No cost to members; \$10 guests. Register at https://cutt.ly/Helzner.



A Conversation about Race Sunday, January 31 • 5 pm

Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr. is Chief Rabbi of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis as well as rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation in Chicago. He will speak about race and racial justice from his own perspective as a Black Jew and communal leader. Learn more about him at

https://www.blackjews.org/biography-of-rabbi-capers-shmuel-funnye/.

This program is sponsored by the Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal Memorial Fund. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735372001 (there is no password).

An Historical Introduction to the Laws of Purim Fridays, January 29 – February 19 • noon

Rabbi Noah Bickart will trace the ways the laws of Purim have developed from the text of the Megillah (The Biblical Book of Esther) through Modern Codes. We will study the way that the performance of these commandments translates the values of the holiday into the living reality of the Jewish (and broader) community. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88311615204.





Pre-Havdallah & Virtual Family Concert: Safari Party! Saturday, January 16 • 5:45 pm

Every child will make their very own safari stuffed animal pal. Then, we will say goodbye to Shabbat as we do Havdallah together. The party continues with a virtual concert with recording artist and song leader Josh Warshawsky. Learn more and register here: https://bnaijeshurun.formstack.com/forms/safariparty.

START SPREADIN' THE NEWS!

VIRTUAL TOUR TO NEW YORK CITY

SPONSORED BY MEN'S CLUB & SISTERHOOD

Sunday, January 24 Kick-off: 7 - 8 pm Monday - Thursday, January 25 - 28: 4 - 5 pm



Only \$18 per Zoom square for the entire week!
Register and view the full itinerary at https://cutt.ly/nyctour.

Enjoy a helicopter tour, bike ride through Central Park, visit the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Madison Square Garden, MOMA, Times Square, Empire State Building, the World Trade Center site, JTS and lots more. Plus - at no additional cost - an evening at a Broadway show!

Weingold Online Learning

Zoom in via computer or phone at (929) 205-6099; the Meeting ID is the number at the end of each link. We look forward to 'seeing' you in class! Classes are made possible through the generosity of the Weingold Family.

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/97066069527.



NEW CLASS! Staying Fit with Linda - Mondays, beginning January 4 at 11 am

Join certified Silver Sneakers instructor Linda Schoenberg for her 60-minute total body work out for seniors. Please have a sturdy chair, light weights and a squishy ball handy. Sponsored by Na'amat USA. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880852411.

Parshat HaShavua with Prof. Doron Kalir, CSU - Mondays 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.

The Mystical Secrets of God, the Soul and the Universe - Part 2 of Neffesh Ha-Chayyim with Rabbi Stephen Weiss - Mondays at 8 pm

No prior knowledge of *Kabbalah* or of *Neffesh Ha-Chayyim* is necessary. Learn how we can achieve spiritual union with God and draw Divine light and energy into our souls and our world. https://zoom.us/j/95702368445.

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.

Mishnah: The New Scripture with Rabbi Alan Lettofsky - 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.

Kosher-Fitness with Rabbi Michael Ungar - Wednesdays at 1 pm

It's back and better than ever! Get moving and get fit as we approach the secular new year. Join Certified Personal Trainer (and Rabbi!) Michael Ungar for a weekly 45-50 minute workout - appropriate for all levels; no need for special equipment since we will use objects you already have at home! https://zoom.us/j/98278241024.

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://zoom.us/j/388326341.

Weingold Online Learning (continued)

Cooking with Murray & Tova - select Thursdays at 7 pm

Join Murray Berkowitz and Tova & Chad "Zoom Master" Cohen for cooking fun. Read the recipes in advance so you can have all the ingredients set up and ready:

https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/cooking-with-murray.https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468670994.



The How & Why of Jewish Rituals with Cantor Aaron Shifman

Thursdays at 8 pm

We will discuss baby namings, marriage, divorce, hospitality, visiting the sick, death and mourning. https://zoom.us/j/524068297.

Starbucks Bread & Torah with rotating teachers - Saturdays at 9 am

Gain fresh insights into the Torah, and study with great teachers! Jerry Isaak-Shapiro leads this week's discussion. https://zoom.us/j/979212512.

Sisterhood Jewish Genealogy - Bogart and Bacall Sunday, January 10 • 12:30 pm

Join us as genealogist **Amy Wachs** tells us about the family tree of Hollywood legends Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall. RSVP to Cathy Randall (216-408-1926 or crandall218@gmail.com). https://zoom.us/j/91607478465.



Sisterhood Book Discussion Wednesday, January 20 • 7:30 pm

This group meets the third Wednesday of the month. We will discuss *The Book of V: a novel* by Anna Solomon. If you have questions, contact Fay Blumenthal (blumfay@gmail.com). https://zoom.us/j/91870271592. February's book is *And in the Vienna Woods the Trees Remain: The*

Heartbreaking True Story of a Family Torn Apart by War by Elisabeth Asbrink.



Sisterhood Lunch & Learn Get Your Zen On through the Art of Zentangle Sunday, January 24 • 1 pm

Join us for this fun Zentangle workshop led by **Lynda Braff** and **Marlene Deutsch**, Creative Judaic Arts Co-Chairs of our Central Great Lakes Region of Women's League. All you'll need is a pencil, cotton swab, an ultrafine tip black Sharpie

and two sheets of unlined paper. Artistic ability is not required. Get your Zentangle at https://cutt.ly/ZenTangle. RSVP to Robin Rood (440-666-7658 or rroodrd@gmail.com) for more information. https://zoom.us/j/94938437212.

MISHABERAH JAYDEN BARBER MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH

DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH

GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM
RONI BEN RACHEL
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI
YAKOV BEN SARA

YAKOV BEN SARA DANIEL BEN LEAH

ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN

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MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA BEN-TZION PESACH BEN SHAINDEL CHAYAH

SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER

MASAHIRO UENO

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

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YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSEL

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YAKOV BEN HANA SORA

MEIR FEIVEL BEN SARAH DEVORAH

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HANOCH YITZHAK BEN SARA

MASHA BAT PESHKE

HAYA DEVORA HANA BAT SORA BLUMA EPHRAIM CHATIM DE...
AVRAHAM BEN SHOSHANAH EPHRAIM CHAYIM BEN ITA CHANA

REUVEN BEN HELAYNE AVRAHAM SHMUEL BEN ZENDEL

LAZER BEN MATILDA LEAH BAT RUCHEL

YECHIEL YITZHAK BEN FEIGEL

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MALKA LEBA BAT MINDEL SURA

HARAV SHIMON YEHOSHUA BEN SARAH

MIRIAM ESTHER BAT MALKA LEBA

RIVKA YETTA BAT ZELDA

JONATHAN BEN RUCHEL LEAH HAYA SORA BAT LEAH

ITTA BAT ESTHER

DAVID SHIMON BEN RENAH

SARAH BAT ROIZA

ARIELLA CHANA BAT SARAH

AARON ELI BEN TOIBA LEAH

SONATIAN BEN ROCHEL LEAH

ESTHER BAT SARAH YA'CHET

FISHEL MENDEL BEN FRAIDEL

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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.

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.

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.

Men's Club Happy Hour Tuesdays • 5 pm

Tune in every Tuesday afternoon via Zoom for an entertaining and enlightening time. Be prepared to enjoy an hour of interesting programming, humor, as well as outstanding guest presentations. ZOOM YOU THEN! Open to everyone. If you're interested in leading a discussion or have ideas for a future topic, contact Mitch Lauer (mitchell.lauer@gmail.com). https://zoom.us/j/98877472739.



January 5: This week, the Men's Club Happy Hour is a presentation and discussion about the observance of **Kwanzaa**. Our community is a blending of various nationalities and cultural observances, and Kwanzaa is celebrated by many people in our community. **Mike Bussey**, a retired PE Engineer, and a FirstEnergy Project Manager for over 30 years, is our speaker this week. Mike will share the seven principles and historical aspects of Kwanzaa, as well as his own family's personal reflections during this seven day holiday.

What's Coming Up

Saturday, January 2

9:00 am Service

9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah with Jerry Isaak-Shapiro

Monday, January 4

10:00 am What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda

12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua with Doron Kalir

8:00 pm Neffesh Ha-Chayyim with Rabbi Stephen Weiss

Tuesday, January 5

10:30 am Bible Study with Susan Wyner

11:00 am A Conversation with Eyal Rob: From Hava Nagila to Sticker Song - Game Changing Songs in Israel's Society Learn more and register at https://case.edu/lifelonglearning/lectures/israeli-speaker-series

2:00 pm Coffee Talk with the Clergy

5:00 pm Men's Club Happy Hour

7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 6

10:30 am Mishnah: The New Scripture with Rabbi Alan Lettofsky

1:00 pm Kosher Fitness with Rabbi Michael Ungar

Thursday, January 7

12:00 pm Ethics Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Stephen Weiss

7:00 pm Cooking with Murray & Tova

8:00 pm How & Why of Jewish Rituals with Cantor Aaron Shifman

Friday, January 8

10:30 am Kinder Shabbat

6:00 pm Service

Saturday, January 9

9:00 am Service

9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

Sunday, January 10

12:30 pm Sisterhood Genealogy Program: Bogart & Bacall

7:30 pm Kreplach & Dim Sum

Monday, January 11

10:00 am What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda

12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua with Doron Kalir

8:00 pm Neffesh Ha-Chayyim with Rabbi Stephen Weiss

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. All Shabbat services (Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon) 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 use these links for video:

Friday evening: https://cutt.ly/FriNt, Meeting ID # 962 5683 8863

 $Shabbat\ morning:\ \underline{https://cutt.ly/bjcShabbatAndFestivals9am},\ Meeting\ ID\ \#\ 750690071$

Shabbat afternoon followed by Havdallah: https://cutt.ly/Saturday-Festival-Day-6-pm,

Meeting ID # 932 5191 4283

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: Mondays - Fridays: 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 are available on our website.

We use the Sim Shalom prayer book for weekdays and Saturday afternoon and the Lev Shalem prayer book for Friday night and Shabbat Morning. The weekly Haftorah is also available. Visit https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/pray-with-us-shabbat.

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.

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you or your can pick them up at the synagogue with contactless delivery. Contact Jay Ross to learn more.

Condolences to:

Carolann Cohen, Rifka Claypool, Rachel Heiser, JoAnn Eisenberg, Adam Eisenberg & families on the death of their husband, father, brother and uncle, Martin Cohen Rosalyn Platt & family on the death of her sister, Charlotte Reiter Rachelle Korland, Robyn Gelwasser & families on the death of their aunt and great-aunt, Maria Lola Malcmacher

Yahrzeits: January 2 - 8, 2021

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