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."



Parashat Vayetzei אַבְיבָּי November 27/28, 2020 - 12 Kislev 5781



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Thank you to our readers: Paula Schaffer-Polakof, Jeremy Schaffer, Sheldon Schaffer, Evan Schaffer, Faith Schaffer and Joseph Grasso. Thank you to Joseph Grasso for chanting the Haftorah.



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

Pour presence adds to the joy of our service!

Thank you to David Shifrin for leading the Friday evening service.

Thank you to Jody Katzner for leading Musaf.

The flowers on the bima are a gift from Paula Schaffer-Polakof & Steven Polakof in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son-in-law, Joseph Grasso; and by Sheri & David Gross in honor of the Bat Mitzvah (Sunday Mincha) of their daughter, Ava Gross.





Mazal tov to Joseph Grasso on celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and to his wife, Miriam Polakof-Grasso, children, Elliot and Howie Grasso, parents Carolyn & Joseph Grasso and in-laws, Paula Schaffer-Polakof & Steven Polakof.

Chesed Committee Update and Discussion Thursday, December 3 • 7 pm

We will be discussing ways we can help make a difference in our congregation and our community as we move forward into 2021 and we would love to hear from you. We will also give an update of the Chesed Committee during the pandemic and everything we have been doing. Please contact Shani Kadis for the Zoom link.

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. December 1 we'll have a conversation with **Cantor Aaron Shifman**, who will be speaking on his family's multi-generational cantorial vocation, as well as his dedication to his craft and hopes for the shul. There will be a Q&A at the end.

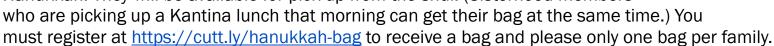


https://zoom.us/j/98877472739. If you're interested in leading a discussion or have ideas for a future topic, contact Mitch Lauer (mitchell.lauer@gmail.com).

Hanukkah Gift Bags

Sunday, December 6 • 11 am - noon

Thanks to our Sisterhood, Men's Club, ATID and the Bessie Hershey Religious School, we have a special Hanukkah gift bag available for our members (while supplies last)! Bags contain Hanukkah candles and other gifts to use during Hanukkah. They will be available for pick-up from the shul. (Sisterhood members



Congregational Candle Lighting on Zoom

Get the times, Zoom links and copies of the blessings here: https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/hanukkah-candle-lighting.



Cooking with Murray & Tova Thursday, December 10 • 7 pm

Join Murray and Tova as we make latkes and other Hanukkah favorites. Our Zoom master is Chad Cohen. Read the recipes in advance so you can have all the ingredients set up and ready. See our weekly e-blasts and website for the recipes. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468670994. View past recipes at

https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/cooking-with-murray.

Zamir Youth Shabbat & Birthday Shabbat Friday, December 11 • 6 pm

Our Zamir Children's Choir, led by Sheri Gross, will lead the Friday Shabbat Service. The choir features children in 1st - 6th grades. Zamir will sing a few Hanukkah songs and a few Hanukkah parodies. We will also celebrate December birthdays.

The Bible Players presents

Milton the Menorah – A Hanukkah Adventure!

Saturday, December 12

10:30 am Families with 2nd graders & under

11:15 am Families with 3rd-6th graders

This retelling of the Festival of Light features the story of Milton the Menorah, an insecure menorah who finds the spirit (*ruach*) to shine. From the Priest Matityahu to the buffoonish King Antiochus, this is sure to make your Hanukkah hilarious! https://zoom.us/j/486237183.

Havdallakah

Saturday, December 12 • 6:30 pm



What happens when you have havdallah and Hanukkah candle lighting together? You get... Havdallakah, an evening where we will sing, join together for havdallah and then light the Hanukkah candles. https://zoom.us/j/93848538709.

Family Cookie Baking/Decorating

Sunday, December 13 • 10:30 am

Join in for this hands-on live Zoom class taught by Sweet Samantha, a two-time Food Network competitor. Learn more and register at https://cutt.ly/hanbaking.





Hanukkah Night Live

Monday, December 14 • 7 pm

Join our clergy, musicians and a few surprise guests for an evening of song, story and revelry. https://zoom.us/s/92610296553.

Sisterhood Hanukkah Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, December 15 • 12:30 pm

Do you have a special menorah you would like to share? Bring it to our Sisterhood Show and Tell, Hanukkah Edition! RSVP to Robin Rood (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658). Free. https://zoom.us/j/92789128438.





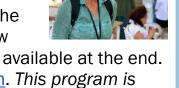
Mixologist Pam Wiznitzer

Tuesday, December 15 • 7 pm

Pam will show us how to make two holiday inspired drinks; one alcoholic and one family-friendly. https://zoom.us/j/94053244156.

Israel Virtual Tour with Rotem Wednesday & Thursday, December 16-17 • 4 pm

Climb aboard your computers as we join Rotem for another fun trip. We will explore the story of Hanukkah as we visit some of the sites associated with the Maccabees and their battles from over 1,000 years ago. We will also see how



Israel celebrates Hanukkah today. Each day will last about an hour with Q&A available at the end. \$18 per member square; \$25 guest square. Register at https://cutt.ly/rotem. This program is made possible through the generosity of the Dobres-Berkowitz Israel Programming Fund.



Congregational Team Trivia hosted by ATID

December 16 • 7 pm

We are excited to bring back a fun-filled evening of trivia with prizes for Hanukkah! The trivia will be general questions, but plan on a few Hanukkah facts to be thrown in to stump you! Erin Garrison will be back to serve as our emcee!

https://zoom.us/j/91276390751. Learn more at https://cutt.ly/hantrivia.

IllumiNation: A National Virtual Hanukkah Celebration December 18 • 7:30 pm

B'nai Jeshurun will join Conservative synagogues across the nation as we light our menorahs and share holiday music featuring singer/songwriter Neshama Carlebach and NYT best selling author and journalist AJ Jacobs.



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.

Virtual Online Learning

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.

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 beginning December 2 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.

The Most Interesting Synagogues in the World with Rabbi Josh Foster - Thursdays at 10 am While we wait for an end to the pandemic and travel to resume, join Rabbi Foster for a virtual exploration of some of the most interesting synagogues in the world and the communities they serve. https://zoom.us/j/98528322406.

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)

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.

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://www.bnaijeshurun.org/cooking-with-murray. https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/cooking-with-murray.

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

Gain fresh insights into the Torah, and study with great teachers! Rabbi Alan Lettofsky leads the discussion this week. https://zoom.us/j/979212512.



Sisterhood Book Discussion Wednesday, December 23 • 7:30 pm

This group meets the third Wednesday of the month, however, due to Hanukkah, December's date has been changed. We will discuss *The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl* by Marra B. Gad. If you have questions, contact Fay Blumenthal (blumfay@gmail.com). Zoom in at https://zoom.us/j/91870271592.



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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 DANIEL BEN LEAH

ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN

MESHELEM BEN RACHEL
AVRAHAM FAVEL BEN SARAH
EZRA SHAMID DEN GU EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH

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MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA

AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH

RENLTZION PESACH BEN

AVRAHAM BEN SHOSHANAH

DELIVEN BEN HEI AYNE

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 MASHA BAT HEINCHA
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH
MALKA BAT RATVA

MIMI DORF
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM

ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA

YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSEL

RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA
MALKA LEBA BAT MINDEL SURA
MARY ELIZABETH GREENE
HAYA SORA BAT LEAH
ITTA BAT ESTHER
DAVID SHIMON BEN RENAH

MALKA LEBA BAT MINDEL SURA
HARAV SHIMON YEHOSHUA BEN SARAH
MIRIAM ESTHER BAT MALKA LEBA
RIVKA YETTA BAT ZELDA
JONATHAN BEN RUCHEL LEAH

SARAH BAT ROIZA

ARIELLA CHANA BAT SARAH

HARAV YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINA

AARON ELI BEN TOIBA LEAH

RIFKAH BAT BASYA

SHALOM MENASHE BEN NECHA

YAKOV BEN HANA SORA

MEIR FEIVEL BEN SARAH DEVORAH

BLUMA ZISSEL BAT RACHEL HASKEL TZVI BEN MALKA

MARIE BAT MARIE

TZIVIA AVIVA BAT MINDEL HANA MINDEL HANNA BAT RACHEL

WAYNE EHRMAN

CHAYA RAZEL BAT LEAH

CHAIM BEN PNINA GERSHON BEN HANA CHANAH BAT SARAH

HANOCH YITZHAK BEN SARA

ADAM DEAL

AVRAHAM SHMUEL BEN ZENDEL

LAZER BEN MATILDA LEAH BAT RUCHEL

YECHIEL YITZHAK BEN FEIGEL

YAKOV BEN AIDA

DAVE PERKINS

YAAKOV SIMCHA BEN CHANAH ROCHEL
FAYGLE LIBA BAT LEAH

COOKEL REN GITTLE MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH
MIMI DORF

DEINSION BEN ROCHE
ISRAEL BEN MINDEL
SORI YESPI RAT LIBA BENSION BEN ROCHEL LAIBEL DOVID BEN LIBA

REUVEN LEIB HAKOHEN BEN

ESTHER MIRIEL

FAYGIE ELKE BAT RUCHEL

ESTHER BAT SARAH YA'CHET FISHEL MENDEL BEN FRAIDEL SHEVA BAT EDYAH REUVEN ZELIG BEN HESHA YAEL BAT RIVKA ARLENE LESSER SHLOMO BEN LIBA RIVKA LEAH BAT YEHUDIT NEHNA YEHUDIT LEAH BAT SARAH HARAV SHAI AVIAD BEN BALFURA HAYA BAT ESTHER ELIEZER ZEV BEN RIVKA MINDEL **BILHAH BAT MIRIAM** HARAV DAVID BEN CHAYA MORDECHAI BEN BINYAMIN SHIMON BEN SARAH MEIR HALEVI BEN ESTER HANA BAT MASHA **ELIAHU BEN YEHUDIT** HANNAH BAT SARAH ANDY BAT JEANNE AVIGAIL MEITAL BAT SABRIN SHOSHANA URI-EL SHLOMO BEN JUSTINA RACHEL BAT SARAH SANDY ZUCKERMAN

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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, from their seats.

Heinen's Gift Cards

When you purchase a Heinen's gift card through the synagogue office, B'nai Jeshurun earns up to 7% of the card's value. When you use the gift card, there is no additional cost to you. You even get Heinen's Preferred Customer Card discounts and other benefits! It's a great way to provide additional support to the synagogue. Cards can be mailed to



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

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You shop. Amazon gives. When you shop on AmazonSmile and designate BJC as your charity of choice, 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to the synagogue. This perk is a great and easy way to give back to the shul effortlessly. To learn more and sign up, visit bnaijeshurun.org/amazon, or simply switch your designation to B'nai Jeshurun if you already participate.

What's Coming Up

Friday, November 27 - office closed

6:00 pm Service

Saturday, November 28

9:00 am Service; Joe Grasso Adult Bar Mitzvah

9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah with Rabbi Alan Lettofsky

Sunday, November 29

4:00 pm Ava Gross Mincha Bat Mitzvah

Monday, November 30

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

12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua with Doron Kalir

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

Tuesday, December 1

10:30 am Bible Study with Susan Wyner

5:00 pm Men's Club Happy Hour

Wednesday, December 2

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

1:00 pm Kosher Fitness with Rabbi Michael Ungar

Thursday, December 3

10:00 am Most Interesting Synagogues with Rabbi Josh Foster

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

7:00 pm Chesed Update

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

Friday, December 4

10:30 am Kinder Shabbat

6:00 pm Service

Saturday, December 5

9:00 am Service; Sisterhood Shabbat

9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

Sunday, December 6 - Red Cross Blood Drive has been canceled

10:30 am Around the World in 8 Days - Learn about Hanukkah traditions from around the world, moderated by Mandel JDS Head of School Jay Leberman,

https://zoom.us/j/93994914744, Password: D3tv39

12:00 pm Sisterhood Paid-Up Event

Monday, December 7

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

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: https://cutt.ly/bjcShabbatAndFestivals9am, Meeting ID # 750690071
Shabbat afternoon: 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.

Member Appreciation Paid-up Lunch Sunday, December 6 • noon No Charge for 2020-2021 Sisterhood Members

Join us for a gourmet boxed lunch from **Kantina**. Contactless pick-up between 10 – 11 am at the synagogue. Savor your lunch while enjoying the all-new virtual performance of **Rick Smith**, **Jr.**, magician extraordinaire, who is back by popular demand! In addition to your lunch, please bring nine playing cards to this Zoom event. Register at https://cutt.ly/shdpaidup. Questions? Contact Laurel Sheldon (Isheldon05@sbcglobal.net).

Condolences to:

Kenny Cohen & family on the death of his mother, Minnie Cohen Shu & Gerry Erenberg on the death of their sister-in-law, Karen Erenberg Yahrzeits: November 28 - December 4, 2020

Sam Rosenblatt Marvin T. Havre Harry Abraham Leon Abrams Stefanie Donner Hellering Minnie Rosenfield **Eve Amber** Bernard Rosenwasser Harry Hershkovitz Nicholas S. Amster Israel Isenberg Cecilia Roth Hilda Itzkowitz **Donald Rothman** Sarah Apple Zelmar Barson Vicki Jacobson Nathan Rubinstein Sam Baxt Bernard Jaffe Frieda Rzepka Charles Beckerman Laura Jaye Saul D. Schloss Steve Berkman Fred Kahane Henry Senkfor Rhea Birnbaum Michelle Kahane Sam Shankman Rose Blackman George Kass Herbert Sherman Anna Esther Boman Rosa Kaufman Sarah Pearl Silberberg **Evelyn Brahms Baby Kertesz** Harry Silver Ronnie Chazen Mollie Simon Regina Klein Phyllis D. Cohen Lois I. Klein Sarah Sisser Yale J. Cohen Herbert Ira Klein Irwin N. Sokol Daniel H. Cooper Doscha Rabinowitz Kletzkin Albert P. Solomon Dorothy Kohn Jackie Davis Signe Joy Spaner **Louis Davis** Daniel Koller **Eleanor Strauss** Lena Deckelbaum Michael Kowan Cherie Joy Suid John Dressler **Ethel Kutash Hyman Sutton** Marjorie Dressler Michelle Levin Reubin Tiep Rozalia Tobak Irma Edelman Gizella Linczer Vvette Eisenberg *Earl M. Linden Pauline Trugman Miriam Falk Bernard Allen Tucker Jack Lubin Alfred Fant Sarah Ludwig Dr. Benjamin P. Turoff Esther Faren Charles R. Lurie Samuel Ullman Hyman Federman Sally Malberg Joseph A. Unger Adolph W. Feitel Jules L. Markowitz Michael M. Varady Eleanor Smylie Vicstein Mary Freeman Herbert Miller Eva Aleksandra Freeman **Esther Mintz** Ida Waldman Leonard Geller Chana Nayman Fannie Wexler Waxman Claire Glaser Nathan Wecksler Rose Newman **David Weinstein** Harry F. Glick **Evelyn Nittskoff** Charles Goldberg Bruce Oppenheim Rachel Weisberger Louis Goldfarb Nossan Oscar Janice M. Weisman Helen Judith Goldstein Sanford (Bob) Pearlman Rose Weisman Lena Golub Mary Prives Leo Weissman Allan Goodfriend Ronald Edward Razovsky Bessie Wiederhorn **Esther Greene** Nick F. Reich Rose Wyner Emma Greenwald Dora J. Robbins Albert Yedid **David Gross** Abe Ronen David Zieleniec

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