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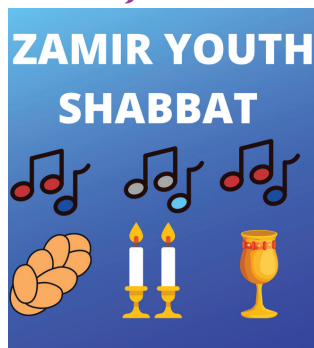
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Dec. 10 - 7:00 pm



Dec. 11 - 6:00 pm



Dec. 12
10:30 & 11:15 am



Dec. 12 - 6:30 pm



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Dec. 16 & 17
4:00 pm



Dec. 16 - 7:00 pm



Dec. 17 - 8:30 pm

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR A CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING EACH NIGHT.

Beineinu - Between Us



I want to share with you a change that we will be making in our prayer services. Beginning with the first Shabbat of December, we will begin a practice of allowing the *shaliach tzibbur* – the one who is leading the chanting of the service on behalf of the congregation – to choose whether or not to include the *imahot* – matriarchs – in the

prayers for that service.

Our congregation is a big umbrella that includes congregants across the spectrum of Conservative Judaism. We have a significant number of members on each side of this issue, many wanting to include *imahot* and many wanting to maintain the traditional text which includes only the *avot* – patriarchs.

Conservative Judaism has long been committed to the concept of *halakhic* pluralism: there can be more than one way in which Jewish law can be interpreted. In that spirit, Cantor Shifman, Rabbi Rudin-Luria and I decided together to implement this change in order to address the desires of both groups. At the same time, each person fulfills the obligation to recite the *Amidah* by their individual silent prayer, in Hebrew or English. Regardless of the choice made by the *shaliach tzibbur*, you can opt for either formulation – with or without *imahot*. They appear side by side in our Shabbat and festival *siddur* and on a and b pages in our weekday prayerbook. A more complete explanation of the *halakhic* basis for this change was emailed to the congregation.

Today, within Conservative Judaism and within our synagogue, the Judaism we practice is fully egalitarian in every way. Women act as *shaliach tzibbur*, fulfilling the obligation of prayer as they chant prayers for the congregation. Women take *aliyot* at the Torah and read from the Torah as well. Many

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Cemetery Plot Price Increase

In January 2020 the Cemetery Committee approved cemetery plot increases effective July 1, 2020. Due to the pandemic, these rate increases were changed to a January 1, 2021 start date. The rate increases for B'nai Jeshurun members at all four synagogue cemeteries will go into effect on January 1, as follows: Bet Olam – from \$1,000 to \$1,500, Chesterland – from \$650/\$750 to \$1,000, Glenville – from \$600 to \$700 and Zion – from \$350 to \$700. Non-members pay higher plot costs and may not purchase plots at Bet Olam.

If you are interested in cemetery plots and want to purchase at the current rates, please contact Paula Botkin before the end of the year. If you have any questions regarding the cemeteries and these rate increases, you may contact Cemetery Committee chair Mel Ginsberg (ginzabba5@gmail.com or 216-407-1862), Executive Director Jay Ross or Paula. Thank you for your understanding, as these rate increases are necessary due to the increased costs of operating the cemeteries.

Candle Lighting

December 4	4:38 pm
December 11	4:38 pm
December 18	4:40 pm
December 25	4:44 pm

Torah Portions

December 5	Vayishlach
December 12	Vayeshev
December 19	Miketz
December 26	Vayigash

Daily Service Schedule

Live stream our services at

www.bnaijeshurun.org/streaming or Zoom in via phone at (929) 205-6099 (Meeting IDs: Weekday mornings 413 413 630; Evenings 200 230 834; Sunday mornings 298 657 543) or computer at:

<https://cutt.ly/bjcSundayMorningMinyan8am>

<https://cutt.ly/bjcMorningMinyanM-F715am>

<https://cutt.ly/bjcWeekdayAfternoonMinyan6pm>

Friday evening service:

<https://cutt.ly/FriNt>

Meeting ID # 962 5683 8863

Shabbat morning service:

<https://cutt.ly/bjcShabbatAndFestivals9am>

Meeting ID #750 690 071

Shabbat afternoon service:

<https://cutt.ly/Saturday-Festival-Day-6-pm>

Meeting ID #932 5191 4283

Service Times:

Mondays - Fridays: 7:15 am, 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays & December 25: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

Join us for in person minyan on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:15 am. (8:00 am on December 25). Registration preferred to Robert Zelwin (216-409-9928 or rzelwin@aol.com) or <https://decembermorningminyan.eventbrite.com>

Hanukkah Blessings

Copies of the Hanukkah blessings may be found on our website at

<https://cutt.ly/hanukkahblessings>

or requested through the synagogue office.

President's Message



We are nearly eight months into this pandemic, and we still don't know when life will be back to "normal" or what that new normal will look like. While we all miss seeing family, going out to restaurants and movies, and hosting indoor dinners with friends, I also miss being at synagogue.

Through my 2½ years as president, Shabbat has become an even more important part of my week, a time for reflection, spirituality and friendship, all grounded at B'nai Jeshurun. At services, I looked forward to seeing many of you every week. I enjoyed kibbitzing with the clergy, greeting fellow daveners during the Torah procession and schmoozing over the wonderful kiddush, with an occasional whisky shot.

I miss the energy of the children, whether watching them lead services with Zamir or running in at the end of the service from religious school. I miss being part of the crowd at our numerous in person programs. While we were pleased with the High Holy Day services online, I especially missed walking to the back of Rosenthal Auditorium with the Torahs to greet congregants. I even missed giving my speech, so I could see everyone at the Schechter service as well. I missed breaking bread in the synagogue sukkah and dancing around with the Torahs on Simhat Torah.

As a result of this pandemic, I now appreciate the "little things" more than ever. I look back on Purim 2020, the last time we saw each other in person en masse, and I look forward to doing it again. I will let the kids take as many hamentashen as they want this time!! I will laugh even harder at both Purim Spiels. I will greet each family as they come to the Purim carnival and appreciate the privilege of spending time together as a community.

No one knows when we will all be together again. Let's remember the community we still have and appreciate each other even more. In that way, when we are able to safely congregate again, we won't take the "little things" for granted.

Gena Cohen

From the Rabbi



Be the Helper (Candle)

The Menorah is the main symbol of Hanukkah. When we light the candles, the *Hanukiyah* symbolizes: religious freedom; the miraculous victory over oppression; the miracle of survival of our people in difficult times; the miracles we appreciate each and every day; the resolve to bring light in times of darkness; the Maccabees' courageous choice to use precious, sacred resources when scarce; and the joy of bringing family together to celebrate the "lights" in our lives.

The Hanukkah Menorah (*Hanukiyah*) need only be designed with spots for eight candles (or oil containers) to commemorate the eight days of the holiday. Why do all the *Hanukiyot* that we use have nine? The extra candle, called the *Shamash* or the "Helper Candle," sometimes stands apart, distanced from the eight required candles. In some *Hanukiyot*, the *Shamash* is elevated, towering high above the line of eight candles. On my favorite Menorah, the *Shamash* is sandwiched right in the middle in a place of prominence. What is so special about this candle which isn't even required, shouldn't even be there?

The *Shamash* is the candle that we light first. We use it to light the other candles of the Menorah. *Shamash* means to serve. This service/helper candle helps light the way for all the candles. It enables the other candles to shine. The helper candle brings joy and warmth to others. And in its service, its own light is never diminished. Perhaps, the *Shamash* glows even brighter by helping others and sharing light.

As we approach the dark, cold days of winter, many in our congregational family remain isolated and in need of our help. Throughout the pandemic, we are grateful to our small and committed group of synagogue volunteers who have been regularly calling and "virtually visiting" our most vulnerable congregants. We are looking to expand the volunteer base and are asking for your help to join our caring callers team (under the auspices of the Chesed Committee) so we can reach, engage, virtually visit and support more of our isolated members and each other. We may also expand to offering deliveries. If you would like to be the *Shamash* and help light the way for those vulnerable in our congregation, join our volunteer network, or if you know of a congregant needing additional support, please let me know. Be the Helper (Candle)!

Hag Orim Sameah, Wishing you and your family a happy Hanukkah!

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Education & Youth



What Is the Light of Hanukkah?

We know the story of the miracle – the oil that should have burned but one night and miraculously lasted for eight. Yet, the Talmud (*Avodah Zarah 8a*) also relates the following tale: When Adam, the first human, saw the daylight hours were becoming shorter and shorter, he said, “Woe is me! Perhaps because I have sinned, the world is becoming dark around me and is returning to *tohu va-vohu*, utter chaos. This is the death sentence declared upon me by Heaven!” He sat for eight days in fasting and prayer. After the winter solstice, when he saw the days becoming longer and longer, he said, “This must simply be the way of the world!” He went and made an eight-day festival...for the sake of Heaven.

Perhaps the origins of Hanukkah have less to do with the Maccabees or the miracle of the oil, but rather came about as a celebration of light during the darkest point in our year. At its essence, Hanukkah is a holiday about experiencing fear, vulnerability and darkness, yet not being consumed. Literally, on our darkest days, the Hanukkah lights remind us that light and security will return again.

Living in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, this message is all the more striking. Unable to celebrate in the ways we are accustomed, needing to retreat indoors as the weather continues to get colder and daylight hours dwindle, we could all benefit from a little more light. Adam, in this tale, reminds us that the darkness will not last forever. Our Hanukkah lights are a testament to the faith we have of brighter days ahead: days will again begin to get longer, the cold and snow winter brings will dissipate, and at some point (God-willing soon), the pandemic that has upended so much about how we live our lives will recede as well, giving way to brighter days ahead.

Hag Sameach,
Rabbi Josh Foster

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Bar Mitzvah



ZACHARY DAVID SMITH

Shabbat morning, December 19

Zachary attends Gross Schechter Day School and lives in Solon. He enjoys soccer, basketball and video games. For his Mitzvah Project, he is making a donation to an animal shelter. He is the son of Rebecca & Jason Smith, brother of Ethan Smith and grandson of Helen Moskovitz. Zachary is also the grandson of the late Jack Moskovitz.

Kinder Shabbat

Fridays • 10:30 am



Have fun with us on Facebook (Mishpachot - B'nai Jeshurun Young Families) as we sing your favorite songs with Mr. Chuck and pray with the clergy, too! Zoom in at <https://zoom.us/j/233169518>.

Kadima Kinnus

December 3 - 6



Join us for a Disney Cars themed convention for 5th-7th graders. Kadima Kinnus is a weekend long online convention. Students will make lifelong Jewish friends from all around the Midwest and will learn about Judaism and USY in general. There is no additional cost for the convention, but you must be a registered member of #MyUSYfiFall to attend. Register at regpacks.com/usyfi2020 for #MyUSYfiFall and at tinyurl.com/kadimakinnus2020 for Kadima Kinnus. Scholarships are available.

**Bessie Hershey Religious School
winter break is from Saturday,
December 19 – Sunday, January 3.**

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Shabbat December 5

If you would like a part in the service, contact Sue Nash (440-759-3042 or snash@thenashgrouppllc.com).

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 (lsheldon05@sbcglobal.net).



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>.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 23 • 7:30 pm

We will discuss *The Color of Love: A Memoir of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl* by Marra B. Gad. All are invited to participate at <https://zoom.us/j/91870271592>. If you have questions, contact Fay Blumenthal (blumfay@gmail.com).



January's book is *And in the Vienna Woods by the Trees Remain: The Heartbreaking True Story of a Family Torn Apart by War* by Elisabeth Asbrink.

2021 Mah Jongg Cards

Standard Card - \$9; Large Print Card - \$10

Send your order and a check made payable to B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood to the synagogue office. Orders must be received by January 10. For more information, call Paula Botkin or Nicki Adler (216-360-9549).

Israel/Summer Camp Experience

Sisterhood is awarding scholarships for Israel/Summer Camp Experiences to students whose mothers are Sisterhood members. If you are interested in having a scholarship awarded to your child, you must join Sisterhood by December 31. For more information, contact Carolyn Marcs (cmarcs@sbcglobal.net or 440-725-5753) or Robin Rood (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).



Torah Fund Cards

Buy Torah Fund cards for any occasion from Sisterhood! Contact Lynne Friedman (440-605-1999).

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open by appointment only. To purchase personalized *kippot* for *simchas* or any of our lovely gifts, contact Bonnie Huston (440-336-5289). Did you know our wide selection of invitations for all occasions and personalized note cards are sold at discounted prices? Save money while supporting Sisterhood! Browse our sample books in the comfort of your own home.

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Upcoming Events

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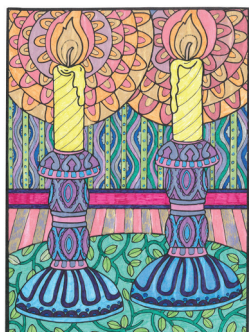
Sunday, December 6 • 9 am – 1:30 pm



Save a life – donate blood! To schedule your appointment online, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and enter sponsor code: BnaiJeshurun. Walk-ins accepted as space allows. This will be held in Gottlieb Auditorium; please enter and exit the building through the doors near the Pit.

Virtual Inclusion Shabbat

Friday, December 18 • 6:30 pm



Rabbi Foster and Heidi Solomon* will lead this 30 minute service where we will use a special, colorful *siddur* with shortened prayers. Everyone is encouraged to participate, at their own level; there are parts in Hebrew and in English. This service allows everyone to enjoy the warmth of Shabbat. Open to the entire community, the service is geared toward those who are mentally and physically other-abled (and their families).

Zoom in at <https://zoom.us/j/6954312474>. Download the *siddur* at <https://cutt.ly/inclusionsiddur>. Contact Gerry Erenberg (gerenberg@gmail.com) for further information.

*Heidi Solomon is the coordinator of the Horvitz YouthAbility program of the JFSA of Cleveland. YouthAbility empowers exceptional youth through volunteerism and social engagement. She has played an important role in ensuring the success of our Inclusion Shabbat program.

Men's Club Happy Hour

Tuesdays • 5 pm



Tune in via Zoom for an entertaining and enlightening time. Be prepared to enjoy an hour of interesting programming, humor, as well as outstanding guest presentations. <https://zoom.us/j/98877472739>. ZOOM YOU THEN!

If you're interested in leading a discussion or have ideas for a future topic, please contact Mitch Lauer (mitchell.lauer@gmail.com).



Men's Club Virtual Bus Trip to NYC

Well, you wanted to go to New York City! Here we go -- VIRTUALLY! This year, we plan on ZOOMING to NYC in January or February. We have some options, so please complete the survey then wait for us to collate

results and send you dates and other information: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/298ZZFP>.

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Tree of Life

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the passing of

MARK BRICKMAN

Son of Marilyn Brickman

***MARVIN CHERNIN**

HERBERT FELDMAN

Father of Wendi Shapiro

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Father of Jeffrey Kahana

***RONNA DELSON LEUBITZ**

AUDREY ANN RICHTER

Mother of Peggy Lipp

***SAM ROSE**

* B'nai Jeshurun member

We extend our deepest condolences
to all the members of their families.

Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Donna & Howard Sperber	55 Years
Beth & David Orlove	45 Years
Robyn & William Weiss	45 Years
Howard Epstein & Gregg Levine	35 Years
Michelle & Efi Golan	15 Years
Gretchen & Gregg Levy	10 Years

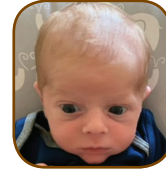
Happy Milestone Birthday to:

Michael Adler	Mady Kaiser
Ziona Austrian	Aaron Kamat
Malcolm Brahms	Orit Krivis
Wendy Dobres	Phyllis Loeb
Henny Fierman	Alma Perla
Betty Fishman	Monique Polar
Ellen Gelles	Maurice Sanders
Norman Gordon	Raphael Simon
Robert Greenberger	Arlene Willen
Anne Heiss	David Yahr
Stephen Hoffman	

If you have an achievement or mazal tov to share, please contact Diane Dronzek. We are happy to share your good news! Milestone listings recognize birthdays at five-year intervals beginning with age 25, and every year after 90. Anniversaries are recognized at five-year intervals.

Mazal Tov to

- Lauren & Michael Feig** on the birth of a son, **Elliot Phillip Feig**. Grandfather is **Joe Feig**.
- Carol & David Willen** on the birth of a grandson, **Samson Reid Willen**.
- Lisa & Ken Ingber** on the birth of a grandson, **Grey Dawson Blum**.
- Sherry & Ira Feuer** on the birth of a grandson, **Holden Edge Feuer**.
- Suellen & Larry Kadis** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Amelia Max Szabo**.
- Laurie & Ira Davis** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Amora Rose Davis**.
- Barb & Lee Friedman** and **Rose & Steve Viny** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Ada Jane Viny**.
- Terri Morris** on her marriage to **Anthony Rozman**.



Feig



Willen



Blum



Davis



Viny



Rozman

Yasher Koach

- Charles Daroff** and **Susan Hurwitz** have been named to the CJN's 2020 Class of 18 Difference Makers.
- Jason Wuliger** won the Lake County Commissioner race.



Daroff



Hurwitz



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What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Mondays • 10 am (no class December 21 & 28)

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 • 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 • 8 pm (no class December 14, 21 & 28)

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 • 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 Lettovsky

Wednesdays • 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 • 1 pm

NEW!

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 • 10 am (class ends December 17)

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 • noon (no class December 24 & 31)

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>.

The How & Why of Jewish Rituals with Cantor Aaron Shifman

Thursdays • 8 pm (no class December 17, 24 & 31)

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 • 9 am

Gain fresh insights into the Torah, and study with great teachers! <https://zoom.us/j/979212512>.



Hanukkah Gift Bags

Sunday, December 6 • 11 am - noon

Thanks to Sisterhood, Men's Club, ATID and our Bessie Hershey Religious School, we have gift bags available for our members while supplies last! Bags will contain Hanukkah candles along with other special gifts. Pick-up at the synagogue. (Sisterhood members who are already picking up a Kantina lunch earlier that morning can get their bags at the same time.) You must register at <https://cutt.ly/hanukkah-bag> to receive a bag and please only one bag per family.

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>.

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>.

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>.

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>.

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.

Giving Opportunities

Smart End of Year Giving

Pay your synagogue dues, Mahar pledge and/or other synagogue obligations by December 31 and reap potential tax benefits while providing meaningful support to B'nai Jeshurun. **Please consult with your tax advisor for further information related to the following points.**

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If these potential tax benefits are not enough reason to give before the end of the year, an anonymous congregant will match the first 100 Mahar pledges/donations dollar for dollar made during our Eight Days of Giving campaign between December 10 - 18!



B'nai Jeshurun Eight Days of Giving

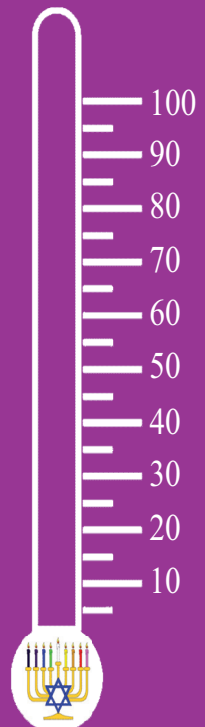
**The 2020 8 Day Mahar Challenge
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The first 100 Mahar donations made during the Eight days of Hanukkah (December 10-18), will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor! Yes...a member has made this challenge and the thermometer will track as we count to 100 pledges.

Let's finish strong and build our B'nai Jeshurun community together!

Contact Lorna Siegal at lornasiegal@bnaijeshurun.org with your pledge.

*Mahar funds go directly to the synagogue's operating budget so we can continue to operate at full capacity.



Spotlight on our Members: Paloma & Dustin Goldberg, Goldie's



Are you new to Cleveland? How did you meet?

Dustin was born and raised here and attended University Schools; Paloma moved from Puerto Rico when she was 12.

They met at a party when he accidentally spilled wine on her clothes. He got them dry cleaned for her and then held them ransom for a date.

What is your favorite thing to do at the synagogue?

By far, Kinder Shabbat is our favorite activity. We love the huge turnout, cheerfulness of the day and the amazing energy from all the staff members. Penelope has a great time every week.

How did you get into the bakery business?

We have been avid foodies since birth. Upon becoming increasingly frustrated with the lack of quality, seven day

a week fresh bakeries here on the east side, we decided to try our hand at it.

Tell us what's so great about Goldie's!

Our beloved staff has more than 150 years combined experience in the donut and baking business, and we are forever grateful for their expertise, commitment and service. To say our customers are family would be an understatement. We do not settle or take short cuts, ever. We proudly serve kosher only donuts and pastries. Our goods are made daily with love by our bakers and we are proud to say that we sell out almost daily. Local favorites include our sour cream old fashion donut and our gigantic apple fritters. Russian tea biscuits are Dustin's number one, and Mama Goldie's chocolate chip cookies would most definitely be Paloma's favorite.



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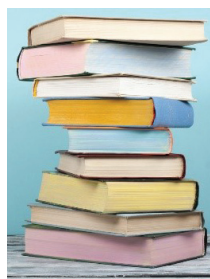
women in our congregation have taken on the obligation of wearing a *tallit* and a few even wear *tefillin*. We have women Cantors and Rabbis. Women serve as synagogue president and in the highest levels of community leadership. The Judaism we live and breathe sees women as fully equal partners with men in all aspects of our religious lives, just as they should be in every other aspect of our personal, family and communal lives.

And yet, despite all these changes that have embraced full equality in religious life, a woman opening up a traditional *siddur* is unable to see herself in its pages. Adding the *imahot* to the *Amidah* is in line with the many variations of our prayers that have evolved in different communities over the centuries. It preserves the tradition's essential meaning of the prayer while enabling us to draw inspiration and spiritual strength from God's unique and powerful relationship with each of the founding mothers of our faith. I hope that for those who desire to include the *imahot*, this change will create opportunities to find deeper connection to our prayers and tradition.

Naomi joins me in wishing you a Happy Hanukkah!

Rabbi Stephen Weiss

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