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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:30 pm

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with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz

December 16-18

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• Study throughout the weekend with Rabbi Markiz

• Sisterhood Shabbat

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Learn more: <https://cutt.ly/rabbi-markiz-weekend>



See page 3 for our 100 Acts of Kindness Tribute to Rabbi Stanley J. Schachter

From the Rabbi



As we celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, we know that the menorah does not light itself. The *shamash* (often called the helper candle) is most essential because it provides the necessary spark for all the other candles to provide light. It is the true source of our light.

Rabbi Stanley J. Schachter^{ztl} was our *shamash*, our light and guidepost, always standing tall and upright with a welcoming and inclusive gentleness and calm. Rabbi Schachter brought so much light to our community as our beloved senior rabbi starting in 1987 and then as rabbi emeritus since 2002. Over the last month, so many in our congregational family have shared stories of how much Rabbi Schachter meant to them - his guidance, support, counsel, sermons and friendship. His intellectual brilliance was only matched by his compassion. He was a scholar, leader of the Conservative Movement, a master storyteller and lover of Jewish humor. He modeled for each of us how to live our lives as a Jew.

To honor Rabbi Schachter's memory, our congregation is launching a special initiative of 100 Acts of Kindness. Rabbi Schachter's kindness, warmth and his caring for the community defined him. He always inspired us to do more, and so we have decided to honor him in that same way. Please visit <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/sjs> to participate in the 100 Acts of Kindness, to learn more about Rabbi Schachter and his legacy, to share your personal tributes and photos and read what others have contributed. I am writing this column on my way to Israel, where I will extend our congregation's condolences to Lifsa and the entire Schachter family.

Rachel Taxer is retiring at the end of this month as our front desk receptionist and my assistant (she was also Jay Ross's assistant). She has been a *shamash* to us thanks to her long and devoted career at Beth Am and B'nai Jeshurun. Rachel's dedication to community, Judaism and Israel have always guided her work. Always welcoming congregants and visitors with a friendly smile and going out of her way to ensure that any question or concern was attended to and answered. She helped countless individuals and families prepare for life cycle celebrations, membership questions, RSVP information and was often the first to receive a call from a family in crisis. Her calm, comforting and helpful style was just right to address each situation and interaction. She went out of her way to get to know our families. Thank you for supporting me and all our congregants all these years. We are grateful for Rachel's 24 years of dedicated service to our synagogue and know she and Yaacov will have more time to spend with their son, Roni, here in Cleveland and children and grandchildren in Atlanta.

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Candle Lighting

December 2	4:39 pm
December 9	4:38 pm
December 16	4:39 pm
December 23	4:42 pm
December 30	4:47 pm

Torah Portions

December 3	Vayetzei
December 10	Vayishlach
December 17	Vayeshev
December 24	Miketz
December 31	Vayigash

Daily Service Schedule

Live stream our services at www.bnaijeshurun.org/streaming or Zoom in via phone at (929) 205-6099 or computer at:

Sunday mornings:

<https://zoom.us/j/91694216788>

Weekday mornings:

<https://zoom.us/j/96705935055>

Weekday afternoons:

<https://zoom.us/j/99872995020>

Friday evening service:

<https://zoom.us/j/99713360726>

Shabbat morning services:

<https://zoom.us/j/93333898986>

Shabbat afternoon services:

<https://zoom.us/j/97870881168>

Service Times:

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

Saturdays: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays & Holidays: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

**On December 26 & January 2,
morning minyan will be at 8 am.**

**On December 25 & January 1,
the 6 pm service will be on Zoom only
(no in-person service).**

Chag HaBanut

Friday, December 23 • 6 pm

Chag HaBanut, the Festival of the Daughters, is a Mizrahi custom celebrating the accomplishments of strong Jewish women during Hanukkah. This typically takes place on the 6th or 7th night, coinciding with the New Moon for the month of Tevet. We will have a special service to light our spirits and ignite our souls. And in honor of Judith, who triumphed over the enemy general Holofernes by plying him with wine and cheese, we will have a special oneg.

President's Message



"Do you mind being called a Jew?" asked my classmate at Bloomfield Hills Junior High in suburban Detroit. I was caught off-guard, looked at her puzzled and said proudly, "Why would I mind? That's what I am." Only much later did I realize that, for her, the word "Jew" was itself pejorative - an insult. But, I felt proud of my Jewish identity - how did that happen?

My parents were culturally Jewish with nominal religious observance in our home, but sent my brothers and me to religious school because they felt it would be important for us to have some Jewish education to support our Jewish identity. They were right! I credit my engagement at my Temple as key to helping me forge my strong and positive Jewish identity.

In our current world, where antisemitism has become socially acceptable, our children and youth are growing up in a troubling time. I ask myself, what is the role of our synagogue in combating antisemitism? Speaking out and advocating, forging bonds with the non-Jewish community and educating ourselves on the threats are all important. In addition, we must also pay special attention to the Jewish identity formation of our children. All that our synagogue offers: from our early childhood programs on through religious school and youth programs help our children develop a positive Jewish identity, based on an understanding of Jewish history, practice, traditions and the State of Israel.

And for us as adults, supporting our synagogue is a positive way to combat the negative effects of antisemitism. As we feel hostile forces swirling around us, it is important to pay attention to our own psychological well-being. The synagogue offers many ways to do that including prayer, study and social events. Our Wellness initiative is an important new way to engage with BJC and benefit from an array of programs that supports us emotionally and socially within a Jewish framework.

To help keep B'nai Jeshurun strong, I ask you to support our Mahar Campaign, our synagogue's annual fundraising effort. Your contribution - at EVERY level - is meaningful. As an added bonus, during our Eight Days of Giving, the first 100 donations will be matched and have even greater impact. Thank you for your support; it has never been more important.

Dr. Rebekah Dorman

Cantor's Corner



At the moment I am writing this, I am back in Los Angeles for a few days to attend my first-ever Cantors Assembly Convention, and this is the first one held since 2019, due to the pandemic. It is a little surreal to be back after these last five months. I find it so inspiring to sing with and learn from/alongside my wonderful cantorial colleagues and friends. As we head into the winter, I know I will continue to bring this inspiration with me.

Speaking of inspiration, I want to convey some of my plans during the month of December. I will be teaching a Spotlight Educator series on the topic of *Feminist Perspectives in the Tanakh*. There are many topics within Judaism that I am passionate about and would love to share with this community (and am sure I will in due time), but there was a good reason I wanted to start with the women of the bible. It should come as no surprise that women's stories in the *Tanakh* often seem to be marginalized when compared to many of the men. Yet, as is often true in history, women have *always* played a key role; it sometimes depends on which stories and perspectives you pay attention to in order to figure this out. These women are in inspiration to all, and I look forward to sharing their stories with you.

As we head into Hanukkah, we will also be celebrating *Chag HaBanot*, the Festival of the Daughters, on the 6th night. This gives us the opportunity to honor the heroine Judith, whose victory coincides with that of the Maccabees, and the women who rededicated the Temple. As we light the *chanukiyah* and bring its light into our homes, may we look to the example of all the righteous men and women in our stories to guide us towards being a light unto the world.

Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum

100 Acts of Kindness: A Tribute to Rabbi Stanley J. Schachter



To honor Rabbi Schachter's memory, our congregation is launching a special initiative through our Chesed committee, inviting everyone to perform *mitzvot*/acts of kindness. Rabbi Schachter's kindness, warmth and his caring for the community defined him. He always inspired us to do more, and so we have decided to honor him in that same way. Visit <https://bit.ly/chesed100> or scan the QR code to learn more and to log your *mitzvot*!



Read memories of Rabbi Schachter on our tribute webpage at <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/sjs>. If you have a memory or photo to share, contact Diane Dronzek.

Education & Youth



Shabbat B'Yachad (not just for kids!) - Join Us!

Shabbat is a time for community to come together; that is why unlike many synagogues that run learning programs on Sunday mornings, for many years B'nai Jeshurun has held its learning program for children on Shabbat morning. That being said, Shabbat mornings are not only a good time for our children to come to synagogue, but for the entire congregation to join together. As we make our way back into our physical building following the height of the pandemic, we are excited to have launched Shabbat B'Yachad (literally 'Shabbat Together') one Shabbat each month with additional programming, learning and opportunities for spiritual connection in addition to our main service every Shabbat in the David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary.

We understand that everyone connects Jewishly in their own unique way. So, while we would always love to have everyone join us for services, these offerings provide additional onramps to celebrating Shabbat with our congregation and we hope you will take advantage! This month, join us on December 17 when, in addition to Sisterhood Shabbat and a congregational lunch, we have Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Jeremy Markiz (see front cover), our monthly family service and Torah Yoga with our very own Halli Kiwi.

Looking forward, we will have Shabbat B'Yachad on January 21 with Musician-in-Residence Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, February 11 with Men's Club Shabbat, March 18 at Shabbat-on-the-Circle, our Congregational Shabbaton, April 22 celebrating Israel @75 and May 13, topic TBD. Mark your calendars and be part of everything planned on each of these special Shabbat mornings!

The Midrash asks, "Why did God bless Shabbat?" The answer is, "Because it has no partner. The first day of the week has the second, the third has the fourth, the fifth has the sixth, but Shabbat has no partner. Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai taught: Shabbat pleaded with God saying, "Everyone else has a partner, but I have nothing!" God answered, "The community of Israel will be your partner." (Beresheet Rabbah 11:8)

Each week we have this opportunity to join as a community for Shabbat – come celebrate with us *B'Yachad*, together!

Rabbi Josh Foster

Youth & Learning Center Winter Break:

December 18 – January 6
School Resumes: Shabbat, January 7

B'nai Mitzvah



SPENCER BENJAMIN KADIS

Shabbat morning, December 3

Spencer attends Mandel JDS and lives in Beachwood. He enjoys sports, cooking and drama. For his Mitzvah Project, for the past year, he has been baking and selling cookies for Cookies for a Cause to benefit Animal Rescue Village. He is the son of Shani & Dan Kadis, brother of Gabe Kadis and grandson of Cherie Rosenstein, Marilyn Kadis and Richard Kadis. Spencer is also the grandson of the late Stuart Rosenstein.



EMMA CLAIRE GINSBERG

Shabbat morning, December 10

Emma attends Gross Schechter Day School and lives in Beachwood. She enjoys rocket building, ice skating and tennis. For her Mitzvah Project, she is collecting donations and assembling baskets of comfort items for patients at Seidman Cancer Center. She is the daughter of Meredith & Jeremy Ginsberg, sister of Simon Ginsberg and granddaughter of Diane & Melvin Ginsberg.

Mazel Tov to our 2022 Consecration Class

Consecrant

Aleksey Abramov
Riley Banchek
Isla Chudakoff
Noa Diamond
Emery Fishman
Oren Gendelman
Howard Grasso
Ezra Kiwi
Noah Kohen
Jamie Malek
Landon Marshall
Jacob Stulberg

Parents

Dmitry & Mayya Abramov
Jeremy & Jessica Banchek
Jaclyn Chudakoff
Adam & Abby Diamond
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Josh & Hannah Gendelman
Joseph & Miriam Grasso
Ivor & Halli Kiwi
Maryo & Elif Kohen
Jeff & Mandi Malek
Tera Madow
Benjamin & Jill Stulberg



Education & Youth

The Bible Players

Shabbat, December 3 • starting at 10 am

The Bible Players

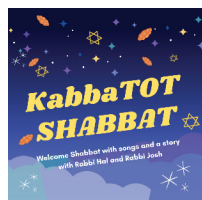
The Bible Players are a Torah Comedy team based out of New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Los Angeles that are teaching Jewish values and sweeping the nation! The Bible Players use theater and improv to infuse comedy

and laughs into tales from the Torah and beyond.

- 10:00 am Performance geared for pre-K - 2nd grade students and families
- 11:00 am Performance geared for 3rd - 6th grade students and families
- 12:00 pm Congregational lunch
- 12:30 pm Performance for the congregation

KabbaTOT Shabbat

Friday, December 9 • 5:15 pm



Let's welcome Shabbat together with a craft, songs, a story and fun with Rabbi Hal and Rabbi Josh. Kids are encouraged to wear pajamas (adults, too, if they would like)! Every family will receive

a take home Shabbat bag with yummy treats. Please register at <https://cutt.ly/KabbaTOT>.

Hanukkah Pop Up Playtime

Sunday, December 4 • 10:30 am



Join us for the perfect place for a morning of play for kids 5 and under: Treehouse Toys and Play! This new, unique toy store offers lots of stations to try out STEM and Montessori-style sustainable, environmentally friendly toys. They even have a built-in wooden play structure for more active fun! We will get ready for Hanukkah with a craft and snack as well. Space is very limited. Free, but registration required at <https://cutt.ly/TreehouseToys>. Located at 7715 Market Place Drive, Aurora (in front of Walmart plaza on Aurora Rd.).

Shabbat B'Yachad

Saturday, December 17 • 10:30 am

Explore Judaism through experiences that speak to you – alongside our traditional Shabbat morning services, we offer activities such as Jewish meditation, a hike, family services and crafts, scholars, storytelling, music, improv/comedy, yoga inspired by the Shabbat service and more.

December's experience will be in conjunction with our Scholar-in-Residence Weekend featuring Rabbi Jeremy Markiz (see front cover for more information), Sisterhood Shabbat and Torah Yoga at 11:15 am with Halli Kiwi. Future dates: January 21, February 11, March 18, April 22 and May 13.

Makom: The Place for Teens

Mondays • 6:30 pm

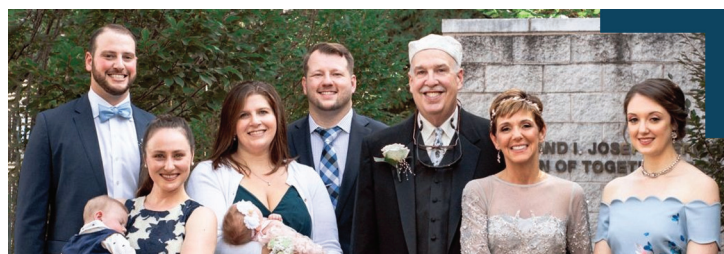


Join BJC teens in grades 7-12 every Monday evening for dinner, learning and fun! Program highlights include meaningful discussions, hot topic conversations, service projects. Contact Sydney

Ungar to learn more or sign up.

On December 5, we'll have dinner followed by a Jewish Improv-Comedy Workshop with The Bible Players at our regular time.

Join us on December 12 from 6:30 – 9 pm for latkes and fun at Whirlyball. Sixth graders are invited, too! If you are not a Makom regular, please let Sydney know you are coming. Pick-up and drop-off at Whirlyball, 5055 Richmond Rd., Bedford Hts. Free.



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From Our Affiliates

Inclusion Shabbat

Friday, December 16 • 6:15 pm (note time change)



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). Contact Gerry Erenberg (gerenberg@gmail.com) for further information.

*Heidi Solomon is the coordinator of the Horvitz YouthAbility program of the JFSA of Cleveland.

The Bridge

The Bridge, B'nai Jeshurun's downtown Cleveland initiative, just celebrated its first birthday! The Jewish community in Downtown Cleveland and the near-west side is certainly thriving; there are over 360 names in The Bridge's database as of the end of October 2022, and this list continues to grow every single day. The Bridge's program offerings throughout the last year have included happy hours, a trivia night, Jewish holiday gatherings and so much more.

For many, the highlight program of The Bridge is *Shabbat Clusters*, where individuals and couples are grouped into clusters of 10-15 people and host one another in their homes for Shabbat dinners once a month for three months. These Shabbat Clusters create opportunities for participants to take part in a meaningful Jewish experience while fostering new relationships and strengthening old ones.

Highlights from this past year include:

- Event partnerships with Moishe House, JFC's Young Leadership Division, JHUB and Downtown Chabad
- 120+ attendees at our Purim Party in Tremont
- Over 60 people currently participating in Fall 2022 Shabbat Clusters
- Launch of *The Builders*, The Bridge's leadership group
- A pop-up Sukkah Tailgate in the Muni Lot that was featured on Spectrum News 1 Ohio
- Countless new friendships and connections in the community

If you have any questions about The Bridge or know of any Downtown Clevelanders or near-west-siders, please be in touch with Sydney Ungar, the Director of The Bridge. Thank you to our generous donors; if you would like to help support The Bridge, please be in touch with Rabbi Rudin-Luria. Follow The Bridge on Instagram @thebridgeCLE or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheBridgeCleveland/>.



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From Our Affiliates

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Brunch From Brunch to Broadway Sunday, December 4 • 11:15 am



Cantors Alyssa Rosenbaum and Kathryn Wolfe Sebo will entertain us with a musical program. No charge for paid up Sisterhood members. RSVP by Wednesday, November 30 to <https://cutt.ly/PaidUpBrunch>. Questions? Contact Ileen Tepper (216-245-6113 or ileenrose6@yahoo.com) or Marcy Weinstein (BluEyes122@aol.com or 440-729-8881).

Sisterhood White Elephant Hanukkah Party Thursday, December 15 • 6:15 pm



Join us for a fun evening of a Hanukkah dinner and an entertaining gift exchange. Wrap up a used, unwanted item and let the fun begin! \$20/Sisterhood member; \$25/non-member. Register by December 11 at <https://cutt.ly/WhiteElephant>. If you are paying with cash or check, we must receive your payment prior to the event; we will not be accepting payments at the door. Questions? Contact Grace Brower (gracepepperpike@aol.com or 440-823-9445) or Carol Marcs (cmarcs@sbcglobal.net or 440-725-5753).

Sisterhood Shabbat December 17

Contact Sue Nash (snash@thenashgroupllc.com or 440-759-3042) if you'd like a part.

Men's Club Happy Hour

Wednesday, December 7 • 7 pm (note new time)



After dinner, sit back in your easy chair and enjoy an original presentation of "The Lighter Side of Hanukkah: A Collection of Video Clips and Parodies."

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88983171301>.

Save the Date

Cleveland Monsters
Wednesday, January 18 • 7 pm



Sisterhood Lunch & Learn Cookbook Update Tuesday, December 20 • noon

A presentation by Beth Salomon and Linda Weiner will be followed by an open discussion forum, questions answered and decisions made. \$10/person. RSVP by November 11 to Robin Rood (440-666-7658 or rroodrd@gmail.com).

Sisterhood Book Discussion Wednesday, December 21 • 4 pm



We will discuss *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline. All are invited to join us at BJC or on Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81885748539>. Contact Sylvia Abrams (sylvia.abrams@gmail.com) or Linda Schoenberg (drcats2224@gmail.com) with questions. January's book is *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict.

2023 Mahj Cards

Sisterhood receives a very generous donation from the National Mah Jongg League for our participation in this program. Cost is \$14 for small cards; \$15 for large cards. Contact Grace Brower (440-823-9445 or gracepepperpike@aol.com) or Cheryl Wolkoff (216-410-4767 or cherylwolkoff@gmail.com) to learn more. **The deadline for orders is December 14.**

Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, December 11 • 9 am – 2 pm



Give blood; save a life!
Register at <https://cutt.ly/okN7Eil>;
walk-ins accepted.
Sponsored by Men's Club.

Browns vs. Bengals Watch Party Sunday, December 11 • 1 pm

Cheer on the Browns with Jerry's famous corned beef with all the fixins' and an assortment of pies as well. \$15/person; register by December 8 at <https://cutt.ly/Browns22>.

From Our Affiliates

GCC: Juvenile Bindover Action

Thursday, December 6 • 7 pm

Zoom or In-Person at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church



GCC is organizing an Action focusing on ending the abuse of discretionary bindovers in Cuyahoga County. Rabbi Rudin-Luria and members of the Social Justice/GCC Core Team will be attending and are encouraging congregants interested in juvenile justice to also attend. GCC is hoping 500+ people will attend virtually or in-person.

Discretionary youth bindovers are juveniles tried in adult court, and if convicted, sent to adult prison at the discretion of judges. The purpose of the Juvenile Bindover Action is to educate GCC members, the public, and the media about the abuses of youth bindovers in Cuyahoga County and to present recommended changes needed to address these abuses. The session will follow a Q&A format with: 1) an expert from the Children's Law Center on the negative impact of bindovers on youth, families and the community at large; 2) an individual describing the personal impact of youth bindover on him and his family; 3) an attorney from the Office of the Ohio Public Defender on state-of-the-art policies which have successfully reduced bindovers in other large Ohio counties; and 4) an expert panel on recommended policy changes for the County Prosecutor, the County Executive, and Juvenile Court Judges. Register at <https://cutt.ly/Bindover>.

Find out more on our webpage <https://cutt.ly/BJCSocialJustice> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2015156585469774>.

Lee Markowitz, Chair, Social Justice/GCC Committee



Touch A Child's Heart

During the month of December, Chesed is participating in the Bellefaire JCB Holiday Gift Drive. There are three ways you can help!

1. Sign up to fulfill a child's wish list at brurl.co/BJCB
2. Donate money at www.bellefairejcb.org/donate. Click holiday gift drive as your Department and these funds will be used to purchase gifts
3. Purchase items from the list of most wanted gifts at <https://www.bellefairejcb.org/>

All gifts may be dropped off at BJC or Bellefaire JCB. Contact Shani Kadis for more information.

Israel Bonds

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On October 30, more than 100 supporters attended the 52nd annual tribute event with B'nai Jeshurun Congregation honoring **Barbara & Alan Rosskamm**. Over \$5 million of Israel bonds were purchased for the event (a new record)! Bonds may still be purchased until the end of the year in honor of the Rosskamms; call 888.519.4111 or email customer.service@israelbonds.com.



Tree of Life

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the passing of

JEAN BOCHNEK

Mother of Howard Bochnak

JULIAN COHEN

Brother of Diane Adelman

***WILLIAM JONES**

Husband of Linda Schoenberg

MARTIN MARKOWITZ

Brother of Cindy Brodsky

MITCHELL RAPKIN

Father of David Rapkin

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Husband of Marcia Rothschild
Father of Laura Bennett, Barry Rothschild,
Joyce Rothschild, Linda Rothschild

***RABBI STANLEY J. SCHACHTER**

Husband of Lifsa Schachter
Rabbi Emeritus of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation

DAVID ZUR

Brother of Leah Cooper

* B'nai Jeshurun member

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

Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Susan & Howard Levin	65 Years
Renee & Guy Greller	20 Years
Mollie & Eric Wohl	15 Years

Happy Milestone Birthday to:

Victor Amster	Sandra Lieber
Karen Barson	Phyllis Loeb
Eunice Benchell	Alvie Markowitz
Gary Berman	Theresa Markowitz
Larry Boro	Michael Marks
Robert Botnick	Harlan Meinwald
Malcolm Brahms	Ladislav Mendlovic
Harold Chaiten	Sherry Miller
Faye Diamond	Alma Perla
Dan Dobres	Arnold Rosenzweig
Amy Fishman	Norman Schlessel
Norma Geller	Robert Shapiro
Norma Goodman	Lee C. Shapiro
Stuart Greenwald	Cantor Stephen Stein
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Jeffrey Leeson	Jane Warn
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Isaac Lewin	

Mazel Tov to

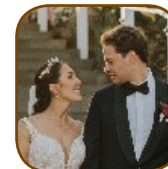
- **Marlene & Mickey Willen** on the birth of a grandson, **Jackson Ray Willen**.
- **Laurie & Ira Davis** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Sophia Isabel Davis**.
- **Patricia & Arthur Klein** on the marriage of their son, **Nate**, to **Michelle Caspio**.
- **Wendy Daroff** and **Charles Daroff** on the marriage of their son, **Adam**, to **Jourdan Buchler**.
- **Steve Steinberg & Stacy Maxson** on the marriage of their daughter, **Elana Steinberg**, to **Jason Shaltiel**.
- **Laurie Linden-Rabovsky & Michael Rabovsky** on the engagement of their son, **Andrew (AJ)** to **Julia Penberthy**.



Willen



Davis



Daroff



Shaltiel



Rabovsky & Penbrethy

Staff Transition

Rachel Taxer will retire after 24 years of dedicated service to the synagogue. We thank Rachel and wish her well as she begins her next adventure - spending lots of time with her children and grandchildren! (See Rabbi Rudin-Luria's column on page 2 for a tribute to Rachel.)



Taxer

Yasher Koach

- **Beth & Frank Rosenberg** received the Unity & Community Award from Oheb Zedek Cedar Sinai Synagogue.
- The CJN's 2022 class of Difference Makers includes our members: **Rebekah Dorman, Eliana LeVine, Alan Rosskamm** and **Neil Tramer**. Join them December 8 to celebrate; learn more at <https://cutt.ly/SMYdvJp>.



Rosenberg



Dorman



LeVine



Rosskamm



Tramer



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may be found on our website at
<https://cutt.ly/HanukkahBlessing>
or requested through the synagogue office.

Giving Opportunities

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We are in the midst of our Mahar campaign to support the operating costs of the synagogue. This campaign continues to be critical to the health and vitality of our synagogue. Your Mahar support will defray the increased costs of maintaining our building, the continued updates to our technology, and the virtual and in-person programming that brings us spiritual support and community.

B'nai Jeshurun has always been a place where we come to be inspired, to experience the joy of simchas, and where we are comforted in our times of greatest need. Whether you give \$18, \$36, \$50, \$100, \$1,000...any size donation goes a long way toward making B'nai Jeshurun the vibrant community that we have come to love. Please contact Lorna Siegal (lornasiegal@bnaijeshurun.org) or 216-831-6555 ext. 132) to learn more about this special giving opportunity.

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Thank You High Holiday Donors

We want to give a very special thank you to the many members who have donated to the High Holiday Honors Fund this year. Your generosity is inspiring! Please contact Lorna Siegal (216-831-6555 ext. 132 or lornasiegal@bnaijeshurun.org) or Joscelyn Harris (216-831-6555 ext. 105 or joscelynharris@bnaijeshurun.org) if you would like to make a donation to recognize your High Holiday honor. We are looking forward to formally thanking the donors who have given to the High Holiday Honors Fund in the January issue of *Tidings*. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

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What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Mondays • 10 am (no class December 26 & January 1)

Topical text study and discussion on the most relevant Jewish topics of the day.

<https://zoom.us/j/91220079234>.

Staying Fit with Linda Schoenberg

Mondays • 11 am (no class December 26 & January 1)

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>.

Bible Study with Susan Wyner

Tuesdays • 10:30 am

Join in for a close reading of the Bible as we make our way through our most central text. We are currently studying The Book of Judges, Chapters 9-12.

<https://zoom.us/j/94519361768>.

Mishnah: The Best Book You've Never Read with Rabbi Alan Lettofsky

Thursdays • 10:30 am

A small group of rabbis, over the course of a couple hundred years, laid out entire systems of holiday observance, civil and criminal law and taxation, among many others. It is the core of what we think of as Jewish tradition today.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87108945546>.

Talmud: Disputes for the Sake of Heaven with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz

Thursdays • noon

Talmud is one of the foundational sources of Judaism. By unpacking the discussions of the rabbis, we can uncover powerful wisdom to guide and inspire us. Join in on this journey as we closely read the text, learn how the Talmud works, and make it relevant for our lives today.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87277103560>.

Torah Café (previously Starbucks, Bread & Torah)

Saturdays • 9 am

Gain fresh insights into the Torah, and study with great teachers! Breakfast, coffee and tea are available.

<https://zoom.us/j/94718261737>.

Spotlight Educator Series

Thursdays, December 1 - 22 • 7:30 pm



Cantor Rosenbaum will teach on the topic of **Feminist Perspectives in the Tanakh**. In these classes, we will delve into the themes, stories and motivations of the named and unnamed female protagonists of our sacred books. It will be taught in hybrid format: in-person and via Zoom.

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