

Tidings

Spread the Light for Israel

Congregational Hanukkah Dinner

December 10 • 5:30 pm

B'nai Jeshurun Congregation

Register & learn more: <https://cutt.ly/spread-the-light>



**Celebrate the 4th night of Hanukkah
as we UNITE to SUPPORT ISRAEL**

• Vendors will donate all proceeds to Israel

• Dinner catered by AROVA

• Lots of Latkes

• Sufganiyot Station

• Children's Activities

• Gaga

• Songs for Israel

and more...



From the Rabbi



We traveled to Washington, DC with signs that read Cleveland Stands with Israel and Cleveland Stronger than Hate joining together in the March for Israel on Tuesday, November 14, traveling by bus, car and plane. We were 300,000 strong! Standing for hours, joined by more than 250,000 watching on the live stream, we marched to raise our voices, to be counted and heard to bring the hostages home. We marched to combat rising antisemitism. We marched to show America and our elected leaders the importance of continuing their support for Israel and for all Americans and the world to join us. And we marched to show Israel, they are not alone and we are standing with you.

The march was powerful and historic, showing the solidarity of our people and those who stand with us. There were young and old marching together. So many parents and grandparents brought their children and grandchildren to this significant moment of unity and strength. The march was safe and peaceful, incredibly well organized thanks to our Jewish Federation of Cleveland. It was a moment of intense pride to sing Hatikvah with 300,000 voices together and 300,000 hearts beating as one. In order to get to the National Mall, between the Washington Monument and the Capital Building where we stood to raise our voice for Israel, we had to march walking from the Kennedy Center past the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II memorial. We passed American history recalling moments of courage, bravery, sacrifice, the highest values we hold, the times our nation stood up to injustice and evil. And during our march, there was a sea of Israeli flags, voices raised in Hebrew chants guiding us on our mission to rally for Israel in the nation's capital.

We came back to Cleveland inspired and determined. If you weren't able to make the trip, we know you were there with us because the march wasn't just one day on the calendar. We all must march on for Israel every single day. We are still marching to bring the 240 hostages home (I pray by this printing they are safe at home). We are still marching to end antisemitism and hate, following a week when two Ohio State students were assaulted on campus simply for being openly Jewish and the Chesed Shel Emet cemetery was desecrated. Every day, we pray for Israel in our sanctuary and end each service with Hatikvah.

As the Hanukkah lights brighten our days, may Israel and our world fill with more light and peace.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Candle Lighting

December 1	4:39 pm
December 8	4:38 pm
December 15	4:39 pm
December 22	4:42 pm
December 29	4:46 pm

Torah Portions

December 2	Vaylishach
December 9	Vayeshev
December 16	Miketz
December 23	Vayigash
December 30	Vayechi

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 25 & January 1, the morning minyan will be at 8 am.

Grief Support Group

Beginning in January, B'nai Jeshurun will be offering a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or parent a month or more ago. This group will be facilitated by experienced mental health and grief social worker, Mary Fisher Bornstein, LISW-S and Rabbi Alex Rosenbaum. The group will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 4:30-6:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please provide your information at <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/form/support-group> and we will be in touch with you soon. This initial group will be limited to 15 people which we will re-evaluate to make sure this is meeting people's needs. We think this is a very important part of The Wellness Center's mission and we look forward to offering this vital service.

President's Message



When my children were young, every Martin Luther King, Jr. Day we would sit down for a few minutes to talk about who the reverend was, why we celebrate his legacy, and watch a clip from his "I Have A Dream" speech at the Lincoln

Memorial in 1963. I'd often think about the courage it took for Dr. King to appear so publicly, and the risks and persecution so many who traveled from the Deep South faced in making the trip to be present for that landmark event.

Those feelings were very much on my mind when I decided to travel to Washington, DC for the rally in support of Israel. I'll be honest: while they never tried to convince me not to go, my wife and family were nervous about my attending. And I understood their hesitancy—for anyone set on harming the Jewish people, 300,000 of our brethren and allies at the National Mall made a prime target. But there was never a doubt in my mind about going the minute I learned it was happening. To me, this was our community's March on Washington and I had to be there to lend my voice, and to bear witness.

We have all seen the sobering statistics about the spike in antisemitic incidents in America since October 7th. But I am heartened by the bipartisan and bi-cameral support shown by senior Congressional leadership at the Rally. We cannot take that for granted. We need to continue to speak out. Thank those in government and leaders in civil society for their support for Israel and for our community. And make clear to everyone else that we will not be intimidated into hiding our identity or permitting hate speech against us to be normalized.

These are difficult times, and it is hard to say when things will get better. But, by speaking out like the hundreds of thousands who witnessed Dr. King's speech, we can help turn the tide.

Scott Matasar

Staff Transitions



Due to health issues, **Austin Belle** has retired as the maintenance supervisor effective November 1, 2023. We hope that Austin has a speedy recovery and we wish him well in retirement. **Tyrice Taylor** is our interim maintenance supervisor.

From the Rabbi



A New Light

This is the first time I've understood Hanukkah. Because it's the first time I've understood winter. Latkes taste good in LA too, but they taste better when you're freezing and have hot potato pancakes to warm and comfort you.

Candles burn brighter here in Pepper Pike, where the pitch dark isn't interrupted by light pollution. There's sharper contrast here. The cold helps us appreciate the warmth. The dark helps us bask in the light.

This year, we feel an existential darkness. We're still reeling from October 7th and all that's transpired since. At the time I'm writing this, more than 240 hostages are still waiting for a Hanukkah miracle. To come home for the holidays. We have borne witness to immeasurable suffering and loss. But the existence of Israel also stands in sharp contrast to the Jewish experience of oppression throughout much of our history. We are not without the means to defend ourselves. We are not as the world wants us to be - powerless. We are Maccabees, standing up to oppose a force of darkness, which takes aim not only at Jewish bodies and the Jewish homeland, but at Judaism itself.

And yet, we know that the miracle of Hanukkah is not only the military victory. "Hanukkah" means "Dedication." The story doesn't end with victory over the Greeks; it ends with the rededication of our sacred temple. As we continue to stand with Israel and pray for peace, how can we rededicate ourselves not only to the safety and security of the Jewish body, but to the health and thriving of the Jewish collective and national soul?

Ahad Ha-Am wrote, "The deliverance of Israel will come at the hands of 'prophets,' not at the hands of 'diplomats.'" While our primary concern in this time of war remains Israel's physical security, Hanukkah calls us to renew our dedication to who we are. To envision new ways to achieve our spiritual *raison d'être*. To proudly hold our light up in a world shrouded in darkness.

"Or chadash al Tzion tair - Cause a new light to shine upon Zion."
Happy Hanukkah.

Rabbi Joshua Jacobs

BJC Wellness Center Survey

Wellness -- especially the integration of mind, body and soul -- is baked into our holy text and liturgy. Trendy as it may be in popular culture, this is a way of moving through the world that isn't new to the Jewish tradition. The Wellness Center will be an integrated mind-body-soul model, where every program and activity is grounded in Jewish wisdom. We need to tap into new and ancient modes of worship, connection creation and healing. Help us bring this vision to fruition by sharing your level of interest in different offerings that the Wellness Center could provide. Access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJ2023>.

Education & Youth



There is no question the last two months have been particularly challenging for our community in the wake of the horrific massacre of Israelis by Hamas terrorists on October 7th, Shabbat and Simchat Torah. We find ourselves overwhelmed by a sense of sorrow and anger, and further shocked to witness the support for Hamas

on some college campuses and urban centers which has left many in the Jewish community, including our own congregants, feeling oppressed, alienated and subjected to verbal assaults.

Our students, together with all of us at B'nai Jeshurun, have come together in support of Israel – adding a little light in the midst of our pain and darkness. It has been a blessing to sing Hatikvah with our teens at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse as the Cavs hosted Maccabi Ra'anana, to watch as they wrote heartfelt letters to those defending the State of Israel, and to help as they created signs and posted on social media in support of our homeland. It has been clear in all of my discussions with our students the care they have for our brothers and sisters in Israel and the desire they have to do everything they can to make a difference.

In the words of our tradition, "a little light dispels much darkness." Even during this difficult time, our students' light is shining bright. And as we approach Hanukkah this year, may the lights we kindle dispel the darkness and evil forces that wish destruction upon us. Just as a small cruse of oil in the Temple was able to illuminate far beyond what could have ever been imagined, so too may our Hanukkah candles restore light to our world, far greater than we have reason to hope for at this moment, lighting a path forward toward justice, righteousness and peace.

Rabbi Josh Foster

Celebrate Hanukkah at Whirlyball

Monday, December 11 • 6:30 – 9:00 pm



Students in grades 6-12 are invited. Latkes will be served for dinner, and teens will enjoy playing Whirlyball and Laser Tag. Drop-off and pick-up at Whirlyball, 5055 Richmond Rd., Bedford Hts. Contact Sydney Milgrom for more information. This program will be held during Makom.

**YLC winter break:
December 20 – January 5**

Teen Comedy/Advocate Show

Monday, December 4 • 6:30 pm



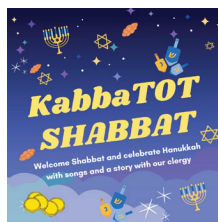
Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to a comedy show and discussion on inclusion by **Pamela Schuller**. As a teen, Pamela had the worst-diagnosed case of Tourettes in the country, a touch of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, and a whole lot of pent-up anger. She spent

years depressed, suicidal and wishing her differences away. Over time, she started looking at her life differently and turned her obstacles and challenges into the very fuel that propels her.

Now an internationally known disability and mental health advocate and professional stand-up comedian, Pamela's stories of growing up in a body she had no control over are engaging, powerful, a little bit heart-wrenching and unapologetically funny. This program will be held during Makom and includes dinner. Contact Sydney Milgrom for more information.

KabbaTOT Shabbat

Friday, December 8 • 5:15 pm



Let's welcome Shabbat together with songs, a story and fun with our clergy. Families can do a fun craft together as we celebrate Hanukkah! Kids are encouraged to wear pajamas (adults, too, if they would like!) Every family will receive a take home Shabbat bag

with yummy treats to enjoy. FREE, registration required at <https://cutt.ly/rwTx14AZ>.

Hanukkah B'Yachad Family Program

Saturday, December 9 • 10:30 am

All families with students in 2nd grade and younger are invited to join us for a family service followed by exciting activities and songs for Hanukkah. We will join the congregation to lead concluding prayers on the bimah at the end of Shabbat morning services.

Students in grades 3-6 and their families are invited to join us in Nickman Chapel at 11 am as we add special songs and learning for Hanukkah in our weekly Youth Service.

Sisterhood



Sisterhood Lunch & Learn Nature Education for All Ages

Tuesday, December 12 • noon

Guest speaker Renee Boronka, Manager of Conservation Education and Outreach at Western Reserve Land Conservancy will join us.

\$10 per person. RSVP by December 8 to Robin Rood at (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).

Sisterhood Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 20 • 4 pm



December's book will be *Kunstlers in Paradise* by Cathleen Schine. All are invited to join us at BJC or on Zoom. Contact Linda Schoenberg (drcats2224@gmail.com) or Sylvia Abrams (sylvia.abrams@gmail.com) with questions. January's book will be *One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World* by Michael Frank. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81885748539>.

Sisterhood Bingo Night Hanukkah Party

Thursday, December 14 • 6:30 pm



Join us for a special Hannukah celebration. The evening will include a catered dinner and a lively night of Bingo with non-cash prizes and gifts. Bring your Bingo dauber and get ready to play! \$20/Sisterhood member; \$25/

non-member includes dinner and two cards. Additional Bingo cards will be sold for 1/\$2; 6/\$10 (cash only). Register by December 10 at <https://cutt.ly/SHDBingo>. Questions? Contact Grace Brower (440-823-9445) or Carol Marcs (440-725-5753 or cmarcs@sbcglobal.net).

**Sisterhood Shabbat
is December 2.**

2024 Mah-Jongg Cards

Please support BJC Sisterhood by purchasing your 2024 Mah-Jongg cards through us! \$14/Standard; \$15/Large size. Deadline for orders is December 22. Please make checks out to B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood and write Mahj in the memo. Please include your email address and phone number with your order and mail them to Grace Brower, 29275 S Woodland, Pepper Pike Ohio 44124. Questions? Contact Grace Brower (440-823-9445) or Cheryl Wolkoff (216-410-4767).

Waterways Car Wash Gift Certificates



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From Our Affiliates

The Bridge Hanukkah Happy Hour

Wednesday, December 13 • 6 – 8 pm
Southern Tier Brewing Company



Join The Bridge for Latkes and L'chaims, a Hanukkah happy hour for Young Professionals. Light appetizers will be provided, and your first drink is on The Bridge. We can't wait to see you there! Contact Sydney Milgrom with questions.

Inclusion Shabbat

Friday, December 15 • 6:30 pm



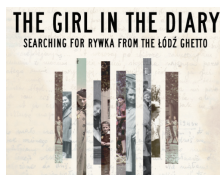
Join us in Nickman Chapel to gain a deeper appreciation of both Shabbat and the power of inclusion as we create an inclusive space for everyone in our community to take a role leading our prayers and welcoming in Shabbat together.

Germany Close Up (for Young Professionals)

August 4-11, 2024



Join The Bridge and BJC for a Cleveland Community Young Professionals trip to Berlin, Germany! The trip will cover issues related to Germany's reflection on its past and its efforts to deal with the memory of the Holocaust and Nazi terror up to this very day. Participants will also explore Germany's more recent transformation into a modern, reunified and democratic country in the heart of the European Union. The seven-day program will expose participants to Berlin's multicultural life by visiting Jewish and historical sites and seeing other key cultural venues. Applicants must live in Cleveland and be between the ages of 22-39. For more info or to apply, visit thebridgecle.org/travel.



The Girl in the Diary: Searching for Rywka from the Lodz Ghetto

Sunday, December 17 • noon

Men's Club is sponsoring this private, one-hour group tour at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. We only have space for 25 reservations. Free! RSVP to David Cohen (BJCmensclub@bnaijeshurun.org) by December 15 to reserve your spot today! Questions? Contact Joel Herman (zmanjoel51@gmail.com).

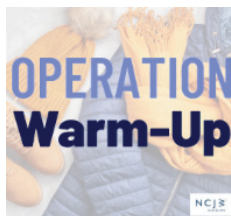
Chesed Volunteers at the Kosher Food Pantry

Sunday, December 17 • 9:30 am

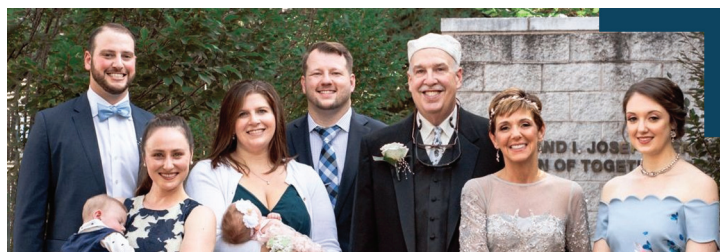


We will sort and pack food that will be delivered to families in the community. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7 and ready to work. You must contact Shani Kadis to volunteer so we know you are helping. KFP is located at 2004 S. Green Rd., S. Euclid.

Chesed Collection: Operation Warm-Up



We are once again partnering with NCJW for this community-wide collection of winter clothing items for those in need. We have a bin located in Gross Atrium where you can drop off new or gently used items through mid-December.



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Upcoming Events

Hanukkah Family Fun

Sunday, December 3 • 1 pm



Test your skills in our Hanukkah game show and then learn how to decorate Hanukkah cookies beyond the icing and sprinkles! This family program is open to all with children under the age of 12. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free; registration requested

so we can have plenty of supplies for everyone at <https://cutt.ly/hanukkah-family-fun>. Contact Julie Sukert to learn more.



Mark Freiman & the Key Tov Orchestra

Sunday, December 3 • 2 pm

This community concert features an eight-piece professional orchestra, special guest performers and a few surprises! They will entertain everyone with a mix of Jewish and popular music for all ages. FREE and open to the community. Learn more and register at <https://cutt.ly/TwntEEKg>.



Kavvanah Minyan

Shabbat, December 16 • 10:30 am

Our Shabbat liturgy is a rich collection of religious poetry, of deep yearnings of the heart, of individual and communal hopes and dreams for this world. Experience the joy of Shabbat as we bring the siddur to life. Engage in deep self-reflection, meaningful prayer and uplifting song! Join Rabbi Alex in Gottlieb Auditorium for this 90-minute alternative wellness service the third Shabbat of every month.

Havdalah Kumzitz

Saturday, December 16 • 7 pm



Calling all music lovers! Join Rabbi Alex and Cantor Rosenbaum for the second Havdalah program of our new monthly series. This one will be a Havdalah Kumzitz, from the Yiddish for "come sit" - a joyful, home-hosted musical gathering! We'll follow our Havdalah ceremony with a night of *ruach*, making soulful music together with our voices. (Bringing your own instruments is encouraged!) Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP at <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/event/Havdalah-kumzitz>. The address and donation opportunity to support Havdalah programming will be available upon registration.

Shir Shabbat

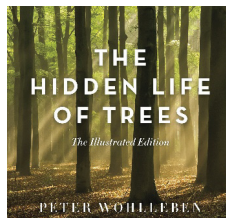
Friday, December 15 • 6 pm



Inspiration, contemplation and sheer joy! Join Cantor Rosenbaum and Rabbi Rudin-Luria for our uplifting, creative musical service designed to integrate new melodies into our prayer experience and reinvigorate our souls in preparation for Shabbat.

Tu B'Shevat Seder & Book Discussion

Thursday, January 25 • 7 pm



Join the **Environmental Action Committee** for a short Tu B'Shevat Seder followed by a discussion on the best-selling book *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben. It will forever change your perspective on how trees feel and communicate. Free; RSVP at <https://cutt.ly/2wYbDTxu>.

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Spotlight Educator

Chesed Shel Emet: Traditions and Rituals at the End of Life with Rabbi Efreim Reis, Hebrew Free Burial Association

Thursdays, November 30, December 7, December 14 and January 4 • 7:30 pm



Death and rituals around the end of life are essential aspects of the Jewish Lifecycle, yet so many of us are unfamiliar with the customs and traditions because discussion of end of life is often considered taboo. Join Rabbi Reis as he teaches about the rituals associated with death and why caring for the deceased is called *Chesed Shel Emet* - the greatest form of charity.



The Talmud of the Heart with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz

Thursdays, January 11 – February 22 (no class January 25 due to Tu B'Shevat) • 7:30 pm



Explore the depths of our core human emotions through the lens of the Talmud in this six-week series. Reflect on the wisdom of the tradition that shines a light on our emotional landscape.

These classes are on Zoom only. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82247940770>

Staying Fit with Linda Schoenberg

Mondays • 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>

What's NU?: Hanukkah Edition with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Mondays, December 4 & 11 • noon

Join our virtual class for discussion on the most relevant and timely classic and current sources and topics on Israel.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81206438286>

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 Samuel 1, Chapters 18-28.

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

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

Wednesdays • 10:30 am

See our website and emails for updates.

Midrash: Stories to Live By with Rabbi Joshua Jacobs

Thursdays • noon

Midrash is a form of rabbinic commentary that comes in two forms, *halakhah* (law) and *aggadah* (narrative). Both, in their own way, offer guidance as to how to live a meaningful Jewish life. In these sessions, we will explore *aggadah* - the rabbinic tales that have impacted me on a soul level. My hope is that through our learning and discussions together, we will discover stories to live by - stories that stir the soul, inspire growth, and help us find ourselves in our ancient texts. This is a hybrid class and participants are encouraged to come in person. **Lunch will be provided;** voluntary donations welcome to cover costs.

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

Torah Café

Saturdays • 9 am

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83603008490>

December 2	Rabbi Carnie Rose
December 9	Prof. Doron Kalir
December 16	Rabbi Joshua Jacobs
December 23	Rabbi Enid Lader
December 30	Cheryl Gordon

Tree of Life

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the passing of

BARBARA BERNIS

Mother of Jonathan Bernis

ANNETTE GAVENS

Mother of Michelle Gavens

RONALD GOLDFEDER

Father of Greg Goldfeder

*JEAN LETTOFSKY

Wife of Rabbi Alan Lettofsky

* B'nai Jeshurun member

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

Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Sandra & Harold Levine	60 Years
Jacqueline & Warren Udisky	55 Years
Marcia & Alec Berezin	50 Years
Lynn & Edward Barry	50 Years
Shelley & Lawrence LeBois	50 Years
Diane & Michael Ellis	40 Years
Helayne & Richard Loeb	40 Years
Myra & Erwin Weiss	40 Years
Devora Shapiro & Brian Risling	15 Years
Jill Weiss & Ken Moss	10 Years
Alison & Tyler Riegle	5 Years

Happy Milestone Birthday to:

James Besunder	Phyllis Loeb
Randy Botkin	Michael Miller
Howard Darvin	Howard Nearman
Steven Eisenberg	Alma Perla
Diane Ellis	Rabbi Alexandra
Marjorie Falk	Rosenbaum
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Steven Goodman	Leonard Steiger
Jeffrie Greenberg	Leah Stella
Marilyn Jacobs	Marcy Weinstein
Laura Katzner	Rena Wish
Ellen Kowit-Potter	Joseph Zomber
Kenneth Kurland	

Mazel Tov to

- **Jessica Robins & Andrew Spott** on the birth of a son, **Caleb Maccabee Spott**.
- **Jennifer & Neil Tramer** on the birth of a grandson, **Charles Moore Lebovitz**.
- **Michele & Harvey Sass** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Ava Sass**.
- **Terry Amon** on the birth of a grandson, **Zachary Moris Konjevich**.
- **Carolyn & Bernie Stulberg** on the birth of a grandson, **Henry Thomas Stulberg**.
- **Kenny Cohen & Leslie Koblentz** on their marriage.
- **Laura & Jody Katzner** on the marriage of their son, **Jonathan**, to **Anna Schottenstein**.
- **Gayl Berger** on the marriage of her son, **Michael**, to **Jenna Iszauk**.
- **Linda & Gary Feldman** on the marriage of their daughter, **Danielle**, to **Jeremy Winkler**.
- **Cassie Harris** on her engagement to **Chad Fortenbaugh**. Parents are **Lynn Benchell-Harris & Marvin Harris** and grandmother is **Eunice Benchell**.
- **Miriam Vishny & Mark Cohen** on the engagement of their daughter, **Danielle Cohen**, to **Dylan Hurwitz**.



Spott



Lebovitz



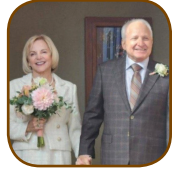
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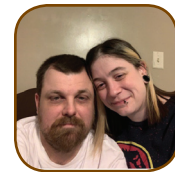
Cohen



Katzner



Winkler



Fortenbaugh & Harris



Hurwitz & Cohen

Yasher Koach

- **Dr. Rebekah Dorman** has been appointed by the County Executive to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County.
- **Bob Jacob** will be inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame on November 28.



Dorman



Jacob

Giving Opportunities

Mahar

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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.

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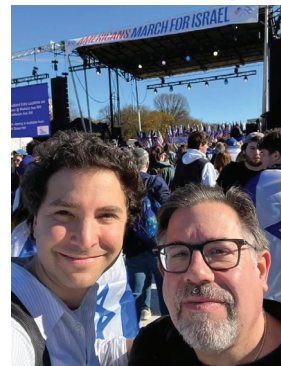
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Over 100 BJC members traveled to Washington, DC on November 14 to March for Israel with over 300,000 others. At our Israel Bonds dinner honoring Diane & Jesse Frankel on November 19, **\$11,573,360** in bonds were purchased. View more photos on our Facebook page and website. (photo credit for Bonds Dinner – Joe Pollack)



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3 1:00 pm Hanukkah Family Fun 2:00 pm Mark Freiman & Key Tov Orchestra	4 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm What's NU? Hanukkah Edition 6:30 pm Makom with Pamela Schuller	5 10:30 am Bible Study	6 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	7 Erev Hanukkah; light 1st candle 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	8 1st day of Hanukkah; light 2nd candle 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 5:15 pm KabbaTOT Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir	9 2nd day of Hanukkah; light 3rd candle 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café Prof. Doron Kalir 10:30 am Shabbat B'Yachad Family Program
10 3rd day of Hanukkah; light 4th candle 5:30 pm Congregational Hanukkah Dinner	11 4th day of Hanukkah; light 5th candle 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm What's NU? Hanukkah Edition 6:30 pm Makom at Whirlyball	12 5th day of Hanukkah; light 6th candle 10:30 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn	13 6th day of Hanukkah; light 7th candle; Rosh Hodesh Tevet 6:00 pm Zamir Choir Candle Lighting at Menorah Park 6:00 pm The Bridge at Southern Tier Brewery	14 7th day of Hanukkah; light 8th candle 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 5:30 pm Candle Lighting at Pinecrest 6:30 pm Sisterhood Hanukkah Bingo 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	15 8th day of Hanukkah Shabbat Clusters 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat; Shir Shabbat 6:30 pm Inclusion Shabbat	16 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café Rabbi Joshua Jacobs 10:30 am Shabbat b'Yachad 10:30 am Kavvanah Minyan 7:00 pm Havdalah Kumzitz Program
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If 100+ Mahar donations or pledges are made during Hanukkah between December 7 - 15, a group of members will match the first 100 donations dollar for dollar! Yes...a group of donors 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! Mahar funds go directly to the synagogue's operating budget so we can continue to achieve our goals and operate at full capacity. Contact Lorna Siegal (lornasiegal@bnaijeshurun.org or 216-354-0743) or Joscelyn Harris (joscelynharris@bnaijeshurun.org or 216-354-0745) with your Mahar pledge.

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