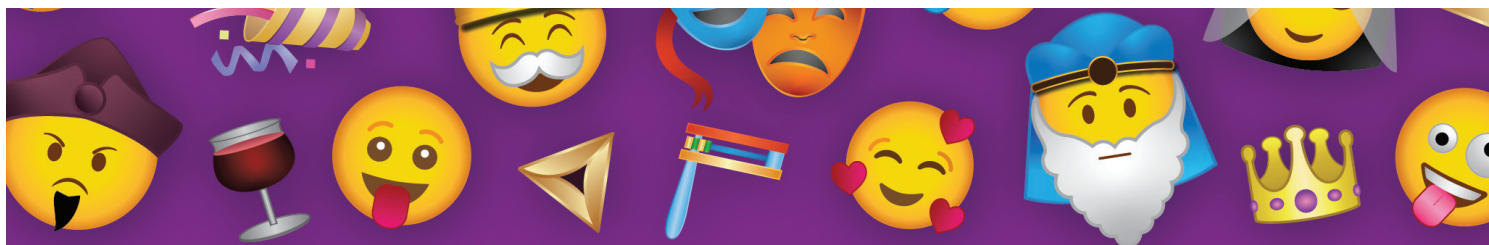


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Tidings



WE FEEL YOU'RE GONNA LOVE PURIM 2021!

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 17 & 24

5:00 pm Purim Art Studio with Marjorie Falk

Marjorie will guide you in creating your own Purim art project in this two part class. See page 10 for details.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:30 am Hamentashen Baking

Learn how to bake hamentashen with Sweet Samantha, a two-time Food Network Competitor. See page 6 for details.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 pm Mixology with Pam Wiznitzer

Create a Purim concoction with Pam Wiznitzer as she prepares two drinks that relate to the holiday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 (Erev Purim)

6:30 pm Family Megillah Reading

An interactive program for all ages with the Bible Players, our clergy, teen readers and you! Costumes, noisemakers and graggers are encouraged!



6:45 pm Minyan & Traditional Megillah Reading

Hear the story of Esther read by our members. Wear a costume and grab your gragger as we dance & celebrate.

8:00 pm The Nest Comedy Improv Theatre

Join us for a live, fast-paced, interactive improvised comedy show that will be fun for all ages.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (Purim)

7:00 am Minyan & Megillah Reading

10:30 am Purim Kinder Shabbat

Dress in costume as we celebrate Purim and prepare for Shabbat.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

11:00 am Purim Puppet Fun

Award-winning Wonderspark Puppets will teach us how to make a puppet and will share a virtual performance. See page 6 for details.



More Purim Spectacular Experiences

Celebrate Purim throughout the day with fun virtual and **afternoon outdoor experiences** that will culminate with everyone online together! Info coming soon!

A Message from the 2019-2021 Marcus Cohort!

See our latest video: marcus.emoji.url and get ready for a special mishloach manot delivery from the Marcus Fellows! Chag Purim Sameach!



Visit our website for more:
bnaijeshurun.org/purim2021

CHESED WEEK
February 7-14
Details on page 3



Shalom Congregants,

As we look to the months ahead, the synagogue leadership is eagerly preparing to welcome you back to the building when it's safe to do so. On top of health precautions, we know that you've gotten used to attending services and programs from your homes this past year, so we'll be making the following additions to the shul to ease your transition back to spending time here:

- Each seat will come with a square frame that can be clipped onto a yarmulke or doily to suggest a Zoom box surrounding the wearer's head. If you wish to "turn off the camera", the frame will have a retractable cover as well.
- We have replaced most of the old sanctuary seats with a huge array of seating options ranging from comfy couches to rolling desk chairs to hard-wood kitchen chairs. Wherever you've been seated for services the past year, we've got an option that should replicate it perfectly, or we guarantee your money back!
- Every room now has an antechamber where paid actors and sisterhood volunteers will perform embarrassing conversations to simulate the Zoom background chatter we know you all just couldn't get enough of. On some weeks, we'll bring in a dog to bark as well.
- We've created a giant magnifying glass for the Torah table, so people with honors will be visible up close and personal to the whole congregation as they perform them and for an additional 5 to 150 seconds (determined randomly) afterward.
- All *siddurim* now have a large "raise hand" light on the front that you can flash obnoxiously to get an usher's attention if you ever need help.
- We have hired the clergy an "executive assistant for muting." Anytime they feel that a congregant is being too loud, this person will find the noisy individual and pop a piece of Bar Mitzvah candy into their mouth, muting them. But don't get ideas; if one continues to require muting, the quality of the food given to them will decrease until it's several-month-old leftovers from Murray and Tova's Hanukkah cooking class.

We hope you find these accommodations helpful and look forward to putting them into practice when the time is right! In the meantime, stay safe and well, and remember, if you thought the clergy were dancing up a storm on Simhat Torah, brace yourselves for Purim! Note to self: also add guardrails around the bima for safety...

Warmest wishes, and, as always, praying for precipitation through Pesach,

Gena Cohen, President

Synagogue to be Converted

The Board approved renting the synagogue building to Amazon since we're not using it. They're going to convert everything except the Family Restroom to a warehouse for locally delivered products. When you order your essentials from Amazon Prime, rest assured they're coming blessedly from Moskowitz Sanctuary. Food products will be stored in Rosenthal and jewelry, appropriately, will be in Gottlieb. By the way, they do plan to change the door codes at the entrances, so don't try your password anymore!

Shushan Purim is Renamed 'Unboxing Day'

In a move sponsored by the Recycling Council of Great Britain, there has been a campaign to change the name of the celebration of the day after Purim from Shushan Purim to Unboxing Day. Since many *mishloach manot* come in paper and cardboard containers, it is hoped that this name change will promote recycling and make people aware of their obligation to the environment. "And besides," Kris Kringle, the council chairman states from his headquarters in Beit Lechem, "Jerusalem has had enough attention for the last 2,000 years, we have to now repackage our message."

Meditations for Finding Inner Strength

I am a rock
I am an island
A rock feels no pain
An island never cries
Good thing I can still order Oreos on Instacart

Office Phone Confusion Resolved

If you called the synagogue office recently and were told you had the wrong number, worry no longer! When people used voice command to tell their phones to "Call B'nai Jeshurun," the phone called Ben A. Yashuren, a North Olmsted lawyer. "I couldn't figure out why so many people wanted to know about virtual Israel tours or something called a Shabbat stream," said Mr. Yashuren. Fortunately, after a lengthy discussion with Apple and Samsung, the issue will be fixed in their latest updates. Yashuren added that two of his neighbors, Shari Tikva and Farrah Mount-Temple, have been experiencing similar issues.

Thanks to our Tirades contributors: Russell Cohen, Jerry Brodsky, Murray Berkowitz and Aaron Dobres.

Chesed Week



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7 ~ KICK OFF AT 11:00 AM

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, Chesed Chair Rachel Schwarz, and our CHESED Committee will describe each project and answer your questions. <https://zoom.us/j/95440028162>

SUNDAY~HILLCREST HOSPITAL

Bake NUT FREE cookies and put 4-5 cookies in Ziploc bags that will be provided to nursing stations as "Grab-n-Go" snack bags. These can be frozen until you drop-off at the synagogue on Sunday.

MONDAY~PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Reserve a no-sew blanket kit (while supplies last) at: <https://cutt.ly/Signupgenius-no-sew-blankets> and then join Margie Cohen for a demo at 5 pm. <https://zoom.us/j/99663865285>

TUESDAY~KOSHER FOOD PANTRY & JFSA

Drop off unexpired peanut butter, canned salmon and tuna in the bins outside the synagogue from 7 am - 6:30 pm. Join the Sisterhood Lunch & Learn at 12:30 pm where the Director of KFP will speak (see page 7). We are also collecting Giant Eagle gift cards for JFSA for Passover that can be mailed to or dropped off at the synagogue.

WEDNESDAY~WALLS OF LOVE

Create a scarf for this locally-founded nationwide project to help the homeless. All levels are welcome. Zehava Galun will lead this project on Zoom at 7 pm. See our Chesed website for supplies needed. <https://zoom.us/j/94961050791>

THURSDAY~ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

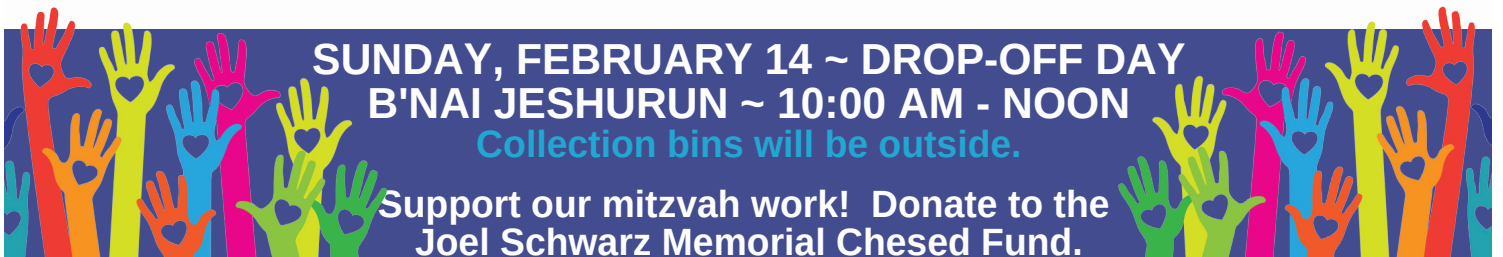
Prepare vegetarian lasagna in a disposable pan or join Murray & Tova for their Chesed Edition Cooking class at 7 pm, where Tova will share her lasagna recipe. Carl Cook, Director of St. Herman's, will also join us to share a few words about the shelter and mission. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468670994>

FRIDAY~MENORAH PARK

Print out and decorate one of our PDF Shabbat cards, found on our Chesed website, or create your own. Call fellow members to wish them a "Shabbat Shalom."

SATURDAY~CHESED & MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

We will honor our front line workers and first responders. Please share names by emailing shanikadis@bnaijeshurun.org. We will also highlight our Men's Club, who will host a Virtual Comedy Benefit (see page 9).



Beineinu - Between Us



It is hard to believe that we have been living with the pandemic for a full year. The Coronavirus first hit our community days before last Purim. Twelve months later, our lives have been transformed in every conceivable way by this invisible threat. Yet now at last we can begin to glimpse the coming end of the pandemic thanks to new Covid vaccines.

It is appropriate that the beginning of this pandemic and the beginning of its end are both framed by the festival of Purim. The name of the holiday means "lots." Haman draws lots to determine on which date his decree will order the Persians to massacre the Jews. Lots depend purely on chance. So, too, almost every significant turning point in the story of Esther occurs by happenstance. One lesson of the Book of Esther is that our lives are often turned upside down in ways we cannot expect.

One thing, however, is not a matter of luck. We get to choose how we respond to the events in our lives. When Esther is hesitant to go to the King, her uncle Mordecai tells her: "Who knows whether it is for a moment just like this that you arose to power?" When we face challenges, we can respond in one of two ways. We can respond with compassion, courage, and wisdom, seeking the welfare of all, or we can abdicate responsibility, allowing the chance nature of the moment to serve as our rationalization for inaction. Esther rises to the moment and because she does, our people were saved.

So, too, it is for us. We are all fatigued by a year of Covid precautions. We are worn down and feel like we are no longer in control of our lives. But we are in control. We get to choose how we respond. I am proud of this congregation for its choices. Over the past year we have responded to the pandemic with grace, compassion, faith and courage. We have reached out to each other and collectively we have reached upward to God.

At the end of the Purim story, we read that the Jews went "from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning to a good day." So may it be for us, that we see an end to this pandemic once and for all, and that our days are filled once again with "light, joy and all that is precious."

Naomi joins me in wishing you a *Hag Purim Sameach!*

Rabbi Stephen Weiss

Candle Lighting

February 5.....	5:29 pm
February 12.....	5:38 pm
February 19.....	5:47 pm
February 26.....	5:55 pm

Torah Portions

February 6.....	Yitro
February 13.....	Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim
February 20.....	Terumah/Shabbat Zachor
February 27.....	Tetzaveh

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: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

Afternoon minyan on Thursday, February 25 will be at the beginning of the Megillah reading at 6:45 pm; there will be no 6:00 pm service.

The morning minyan on Purim, Friday, February 26, will begin at 7:00 am.

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President's Message



Throughout my two plus years as B'nai Jeshurun's president, I have been so proud of the many examples of leadership exhibited by our congregants, staff and clergy. In the fall of 2018, after the shootings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, security became our top priority. Our Security Committee jumped into action to ensure the safety of our staff, clergy and congregants. A few months later, Jim Hartnett, the head of Security at Cleveland Federation, stood on our bima and said we were the gold standard in security in the community.

In January of 2020, we implemented a change in our synagogue management system. At the time, we did not fully appreciate the importance of having a cloud-based system that allowed remote access for everyone. Our staff managed this transition seamlessly, just before the pandemic kicked in. As the pandemic hit, our clergy and staff kept the synagogue running at the highest possible level given that everyone was remote. We immediately pivoted to virtual services, programs and learning, utilizing the streaming we had already installed and adapting quickly to Zoom.

I was especially proud with how we handled the High Holiday services, surveying our members and trying to meet their needs while prioritizing safety. So many members, staff and, of course, clergy stepped up to help, serving as members on the High Holiday and Pandemic Procedure Task Forces, helping as Zoom moderators and Gabbais, calling other congregants who live alone, planning additional programming and so much more.

Most recently, I was impressed by our community's response to the Mahar campaign, our biggest annual fundraiser, including the Eight Days of Giving. While we know that many are suffering financially, those who were able stepped up to fill the gaps. Yasher Koach to Lorna Siegal, our Development Professional, who managed the campaign, which exceeded budget for the second year in a row. Those dollars are even more important this year, when dues are down. Remember, it's still not too late to make your Mahar pledge for the '20-'21 fiscal year.

Gena Cohen

From the Rabbi



A Prayer for Receiving the Covid Vaccine (adapted from a prayer by Rabbi Susan Elkodski)

Master of Healing, I am about to be given a vaccine to protect me against the novel Coronavirus which has claimed so many lives this year.

I am ever grateful:

For those whom you have endowed with the knowledge and ability to create vaccines and medications that can protect us against or slow the progress of devastating diseases;

For my doctors and practitioners who care for me, body, mind and spirit;

For the miraculous work of the researchers, essential supply chain and the one who is administering this protective injection to me this day.

I know this vaccine may have side effects and I pray for the strength and grace to handle any that I experience. Help my mind to be calm and to trust in this medication and its healing capabilities.

I am mindful that this first dose is a new beginning and that I must still be careful and wear my mask and PPE equipment.

May this vaccination bring me healing.

May I be granted peace of mind in the knowledge that I am sheltered beneath Your wings.

May those suffering find healing and may we all only know health, safety and peace. AMEN

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh HaOlam She-he-che-yanu Ve'kee-ye-manu Ve-Hee-gee-yanu Laz-man Ha-Zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and enabled us to reach this moment. AMEN.

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

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On Eagle's Wings

"I lifted you up on the wings of eagles, and brought you to me." Exodus 19:4

Our first Torah portion this month, Yitro, comes on the heels of the Israelites' journey out of Egypt, out of slavery. The imagery of their departure, "I lifted you up on the wings of eagles," has been debated throughout the centuries. Is it simply that God transported the people swiftly and safely over the sea like an eagle, as Rashbam interprets? Bekhor Shor, Rashbam's student, claims that just as the eagle flies higher than all other birds, God lifted the Israelites to the highest elevation. Or Ha-Hayyim notes the majesty of the eagle, and Rashi focuses on the protective nature of eagles, "All other birds clutch their young between their legs underneath, afraid of another bird flying over them. The eagle however, is only afraid of the hunter's arrow since no other bird can fly higher than it. It therefore places its young on top of its wings saying: Let the arrow pierce me rather than my young..."

Centuries later, the prophet Isaiah prophesies that Jews scattered around the world will one day be brought back to Israel 'on eagle's wings.' Fast forward to 1949: many Jews in Yemen, cut off from the rest of the world for centuries, believed themselves to be the last remaining Jews on Earth. So much so that when Mossad agents from the newly established State of Israel snuck into Yemen in Muslim dress to find them, they did not believe they were Jewish.

Finally convinced, Israel flew airplanes to their villages in a clandestine operation, bringing the Yemenite Jews to Israel. Just having learned of the existence of other Jews, let alone the establishment of the State of Israel, and never having seen an airplane, to the Yemenite Jews this was the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy – it was as if God personally told them, "I have lifted you up on the wings of eagles, and brought you to me."

Just as those who came before us, with all of the challenges we face today we continue to pray – may God deliver us on eagles' wings, to healthier, safer and more prosperous times to come.

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Bar Mitzvah



DOTAN YITZHAK DANA

Shabbat morning, February 6

Dotan attends Beachwood Middle School and enjoys computer programming, 3D modeling, reading, Taekwondo and sketching. For his Mitzvah Project, Dotan is helping to pack Passover packages for the Cleveland Chesed Center. He is the son of Ianina & Hod Dana, brother of Adva and Gaal Dana and grandson of Rina & Yitzhak Dana. Dotan is also the grandson of the late Graciela & Dani Junowicz.



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>.

Hamentashen Baking with Sweet Samantha

Sunday, February 21 • 10:30 am

Let's get ready for Purim with Samantha, a two-time Food Network competitor, who will lead us in a delicious class as we make our own Purim treats.

Purim Puppet Fun!

Sunday, February 28 • 11 am

We are excited to virtually bring in the award-winning **WonderSpark Puppets** of NYC for this special morning. We will watch a performance of *Esther Saves the Day!* and then everyone will have the chance to try out their puppet making skills in a workshop led by one of the puppeteers.

Registration for both of these programs to follow on our website and Mishpachot Facebook page.

From Our Affiliates

Men's Club/Chesed Shabbat & 22nd Annual Sheila Radman Balk Virtual Cholent Showcase

Saturday, February 13

Men's Club will lead the 9 am service as we honor our first responders and essential/frontline workers. Know someone who should be honored? Contact Shani Kadis.

Following services, stay online to enjoy a showcase of superbly cooked cholents prepared by our wonderful chefs. Entrants follow their own recipes and we'll just have to savor the smell and taste via our own digital device from home! If you are interested in showing off your cholent, contact Richard Berkowitz (rrberk@yahoo.com or 216-245-6403) prior to the event. No cost. Little planning. Just enjoy this online event!

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>.

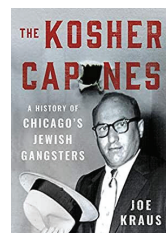
If you're interested in leading a discussion or have ideas for a future topic, please contact Mitch Lauer (mitchell.lauer@gmail.com).

Happy Hour Special Evening Edition: *The Kosher Capones*

Tuesday, March 9 • 7 pm (no 5 pm program)

Joe Kraus will lead a discussion about his book, *The Kosher Capones: A History of Chicago's Jewish Gangsters*. Sponsored by Men's Club & Sisterhood.

<https://zoom.us/j/98877472739>.



Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 9 • 12:30 pm



Devorah Alevsky, Director of the KFP, will speak to us about the history of the KFP, how the pandemic has impacted them and how their dedicated volunteers are on the front line assuring that seniors and low income families receive the meals they need. Questions? Contact Harriet Mann (216-978-0451 or harrietrmann@gmail.com).

<https://zoom.us/j/99694986840>.



How Sweet It Is

Tuesday, February 23 • 7 pm

Now is the time to bring out your favorite sweet confection and share it with your sisters. It can be anything that satisfies your sweet tooth. Be creative! Share your recipe, even prepare it, and let's spend some sweet time together. Please email your recipes to Cathy Randall. Questions? Contact Cathy (216-408-1926 or crandall218@gmail.com). <https://zoom.us/j/96134915374>.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 17 • 7:30 pm

We will discuss *And in the Vienna Woods the Trees Remain: The Heartbreaking True Story of a Family Torn Apart by War* by Elisabeth Asbrink. All are invited to participate at <https://zoom.us/j/91870271592>.

If you have questions, contact Fay Blumenthal (blumfay@gmail.com).

March's book is *On Division* by Goldie Goldbloom.



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What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Mondays • 10 am

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

<https://zoom.us/j/97066069527>.

NEW! 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>.

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 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 (no class February 16)

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>.

Coffee Talk with the Clergy

Tuesdays • 2 pm

All are welcome to join us for a weekly check-in and conversation with the clergy who will rotate weeks.

<https://zoom.us/j/94801989217>.

Mishnah: The New Scripture with Rabbi Alan Lettowsky

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

It's back and better than ever! Join Certified Personal Trainer (and Rabbi!) Michael Ungar for a weekly 45-50 minute workout - appropriate for all levels; no need for special equipment since we will use objects you already have at home!

<https://zoom.us/j/98278241024>.

Ethical & Ritual Issues Through the Lens of Conservative Jewish Law with Rabbi Stephen Weiss

Thursdays • noon (no class February 25)

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 February 25)

We will discuss baby namings, marriage, divorce, hospitality, visiting the sick, death and mourning.

<https://zoom.us/j/524068297>.

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Saturdays • 9 am

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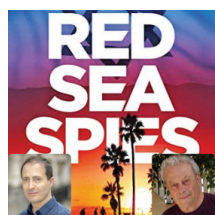
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Upcoming Events

Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort **by Raffi Berg**

with special guest Dani Limor

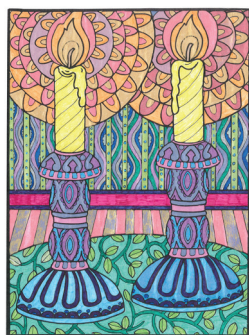
Monday, February 1 • 1 pm



What began with one cryptic message pleading for help turned into the secret evacuation of thousands of Ethiopian Jews and the spiriting of them to Israel. This page-turner tells the true story that inspired the recent Netflix drama, *The Red Sea Diving Resort*. Raffi

Berg is the Middle East editor of the BBC News website. Dani Limor, the Mossad commander of the operation on which the book is based, will join the discussion.

This program is free and sponsored by the Brenda Zimm Oscar Memorial Lecture Fund at BJC and is part of the Mandel JCC Cleveland Jewish Book Festival: Next Chapter. Learn more and get tickets at <https://mandeljcc.org/cleveland-jewish-book-festival/book-festival/>.



Virtual Inclusion Shabbat

Friday, February 19 • 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). <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.

An Historical Introduction to the Laws of Purim

Fridays, through February 19 • noon



Rabbi Noah Bickart will help us trace the ways the laws of Purim have developed from the text of the Megillah through Modern Codes. We will study the way that the performance of these commandments translates the values of the holiday into the living reality of the Jewish (and broader) community.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88311615204>.

Breishit Bara: Lessons for a Creative Life

Wednesdays, February 3, 10 and 17 • noon



Jenny Kaplan from Omanoot Studio will bring together art and texts from Genesis to inspire us to embody our creative spirits. Join us to explore new ways of looking at creation in our lives. <https://zoom.us/j/95534590771>.

Purim Art Studio

Wednesdays, February 17 & 24 • 5 pm



Want to tap into your creative mode? Marjorie Falk will teach us about art and artists from various cultures that have used disguise and beautification to create. We will be guided in making our own Purim art project. No experience necessary. A materials list will be provided for you to create from home.

Session 1: Mask making

Session 2: Whole body costumes

<https://zoom.us/j/96935066842>.

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Mazal Tov to

- Katie & Rabbi Josh Foster** on the adoption of a son, **Ezra Judah Foster**.
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- Jennifer & Neil Tramer** on the birth of a grandson, **Philip Richard Tramer**.
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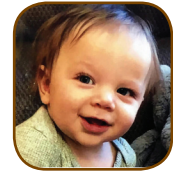
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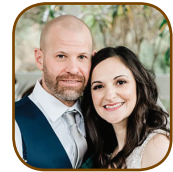
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Yasher Koach

- Ollie Cooperwood** on five years of dedicated service to the synagogue.
- Raanan Shalom** won Indie Shorts Mag's Best Screenplay of the Year Award for his film, *Call the Shot*. He is the son of **Diane & Murray Dronzek**.



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Shalom

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.

Donor Profile: Bernice Rothman



Jerry Silver and I joined BJC in 1956 to be married by Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal. At that time, there was a Young People's Congregation and we became active. I served on its Board and was co-editor of the YPC newsletter. I applied for a part-time job at the shul in 1975, after my youngest child started school. I was secretary to the Assistant Rabbi, Herbert Schwartz, and also worked in the school office. When Rabbi Rosenthal retired, I became the full-time secretary to Rabbi Schwartz and did whatever else was needed. This was in the old building on Mayfield Road. When we moved to Pepper Pike in 1980, the carpeting had not yet been laid, so we were allowed to wear slacks and tennis shoes, which was unheard of at that time.

Those were the days before computers! Rabbis dictated letters and sermons, yahrzeit notices were handwritten, and we were busy! Rabbi Stanley Schachter began his tenure in 1987. Shortly after, computers were purchased and we were mentored by computer guru and Assistant Rabbi David Seed and we learned a whole new way of working.

A highlight of the year 1995 was the musical produced by Charlie Gruenspan, "Shul Daze," where I played my role as secretary on roller skates. You can view the program at <https://cutt.ly/shuldaze>. I would love to see that or other parodies showcased. Under Cantor Meisels, we produced a musical a year, which brought a lot of camaraderie for members of all ages.

I was always a member of Sisterhood, holding several positions. Following my retirement in 1996, I became Co-President for three years. As Sisterhood President, I was a member of the Board and I also became a member "on my own" after that.

My 70th birthday present to myself was to be part of the B'nai Mitzvah class taught by Cantor Shifman, something that was not available to me as a youngster.

Three years ago, I was able to create the **Silver/Rothman Staff Appreciation Fund**. As an employee for so many years, I wanted to have a Fund specifically for our employees, one that would assist in their growth as well as provide money for holiday festivities.

Memorial Plaques & Book of Remembrance

A beautiful way to honor the memory of a loved one is with a memorial plaque or listing. Plaques are displayed on the Memorial Wall at the rear of the David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary. During the week of yahrzeit, your loved one's name is also highlighted in the center section of the Wall. The Wall is an adjustable, alphabetic memorial. The Golden Book of Remembrance is on permanent display in the case outside Nickman Chapel.

Orders are accepted at any time, but dedications are made only at Yizkor Pesach and Yom Kippur. **The deadline for dedications in time for Pesach this year is Wednesday, March 10.** The price of a memorial plaque is \$600 and a listing is \$200. Contact Diane Dronzek to place an order or to learn more.

Virtual Second Seder

Sunday, March 28 • time TBD

We will connect over Zoom for an evening of prayer, song, study and discussion as we share in a joyful journey through the Haggadah in celebration of the holiday. We will provide the Haggadah; you will need to provide your own wine, food and seder items. More information coming soon!



The Gift of Giving

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." At B'nai Jeshurun, we are making a concerted effort to broaden the discussion about the many meaningful ways each of us can support our future. From sponsoring a synagogue program to establishing an endowment fund or estate plan, every donation helps strengthen our synagogue as we grow our vibrant community today and secure a legacy for our children and our children's children. If you would like to explore the many meaningful giving opportunities for you and your family, please contact me. There is no better feeling than making a lasting contribution to a community that provides so much meaning to so many of our lives.

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