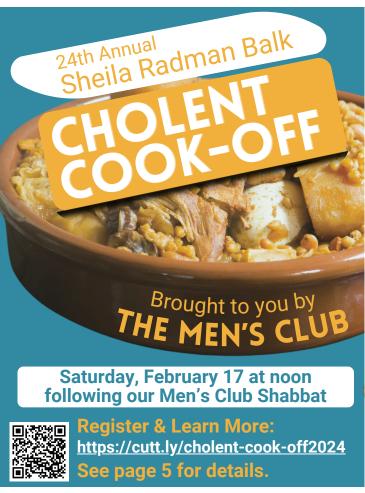


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## From the Rabbi



As the Biblical book of Proverbs states, "To everything there is a season." This month marks a time to LEAP. 2024 is a leap year in both the Jewish and the secular calendars. February marks the leap year by adding an extra day on February 29 and Adar (which begins this month) adds an entire month to the Hebrew calendar, Adar 2. This

extra day and leap month account for the adjustment for a solar calendar (secular) and lunar calendar (Hebrew) catching up to the actual orbits based on astrophysics and mathematic calculations. Putting math and science aside, how can we mark this leap year as an exceptional moment? Can we see it as a special opportunity? What will we do with these extra 24 hours on February 29th and extra month of Adar that we did not have time for last month or last year? Will we use them as just another day or as a chance to take a LEAP?

In Ethics of the Sages, Pirkei Avot 5:20: "Rabbi Yehudah ben Tema taught: Be as bold as a leopard, soar as an eagle, be as quick as a deer, and strong as a lion..." How can we learn from this Mishnah to take a leap with this extra time we've been given this month to strengthen our community and soar higher? Can we push ourselves in a bold leap that we may not have had time for in the past? Can we dedicate this extra time for Israel, for Greater Cleveland, for our Jewish community, for our synagogue, for G-d, for our own families, for learning, for volunteering and for ourselves?

How will you use your time to LEAP this month?

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria



## **Crime and Punishment**

Thursday, February 29 • 7 pm

Join the **Criminal Justice Committee** for a discussion about Jewish approaches to crime and punishment, and how our tradition informs what B'nai Jeshurun is doing as part

of Greater Cleveland Congregations to address unfairness in the criminal justice system. Hear stories about people's experiences as we explore what works and what still needs fixing in our pursuit of a safer, more just world. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations encouraged at <a href="https://cutt.ly/CrimePunishment">https://cutt.ly/CrimePunishment</a>.



## Let the Sunshine In

Tuesday, February 13 • 9 am

Spread joy and connection by volunteering with The **Sunshine Committee**, a Chesed initiative to reach out to our members living in Jewish

communal residences. Join our corps of visitors and callers to spread company and friendship to those unable to regularly attend synagogue. Our first training will be held following the morning minyan breakfast.

### **Candle Lighting**

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#### **Torah Portions**

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## **Daily Service Schedule**

Live stream our services at <a href="https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/streaming">www.bnaijeshurun.org/streaming</a> 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/i/93333898986

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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: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

Please note that Saturday, February 10 service times will be 9:45 am and 5:15 pm.

### **BJC Snowbird Gathering**

Rabbi Rudin-Luria will be in the Delray Beach/Boca Raton area for a social gathering of our snowbirds/ snowflakes this winter. If you would like to be notified of when and where the gathering will be held, please contact Diane Dronzek.

## President's Message



Last month marked another milestone in the synagogue's turning the corner on the COVID-19 era. For the first time since the pandemic, we have reconvened the Marcus Leadership Institute. Over the next 18 months, the fellows selected for this program

will gain an accelerated understanding of how the synagogue operates; deepen their understanding of Conservative Judaism and the direction in which our movement is going; and help inform the vision of the future of our own institution.

Many years ago, I was in the inaugural class of the Marcus Leadership Institute and I know from personal experience what an important and formative experience it was for me. The things I learned, the skills I gained, and the friendships were invaluable. Going through the program has influenced the way I approach the presidency, and my connection to our faith, in ways that are deep and lasting and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to experience it.

Each fellow in this cohort is impressive in their own way, and I am grateful for their commitment of time and energy to the program. Seeing the group assembled for the first time also underlined the excitement I have about the future of our institution; with emerging leaders like these, I am confident that the synagogue will be in great hands in the generation to come.

**Scott Matasar** 



View our Stand with Israel page at <a href="https://cutt.ly/BJCIsrael">https://cutt.ly/BJCIsrael</a> and learn how you can support our homeland.

## From the Rabbi



I didn't grow up camping, but Rabbi Alex did, and she loves it. Ramah had a major impact on both of us, but what I mean is roughing it in the great outdoors. Her skepticism that I was the kind of person who would enjoy camping only strengthened my resolve to prove that I

am. It took thirty seconds in Moab to prove her right. I was instantaneously swarmed by a horde of mosquitoes like it was the plague of gnats. If I was Pharaoh, the Israelites would have been freed, like, immediately.

And yet, even if nature has it out for me, Tu B'Shevat is one of my absolute favorite holidays. The Torah teaches us that in a war, you can't needlessly destroy fruit trees. It asks: "Is a human being a tree of the field?"

But Psalm 92 offers a different answer to that question: "The righteous will bloom like a date-palm, will thrive like a cedar in Lebanon."

A human being is, actually, a lot like a tree of the field. In *The Hidden Life of Trees* by forest scientist Peter Wohlleben, discussed at our Tu B'Shevat Seder, he explains how trees communicate with one another. They share nutrients with their sick and vulnerable. They have a sense of time and memory. Tu B'Shevat reminds us that nature is possessed of a miraculous hidden life that too often goes unnoticed and underappreciated. But our job as Jews is "Shema, Yisrael..." to "Hear, O Israel." To tune into this song of the earth.

One way we can all do this is by giving composting a try here at B'nai Jeshurun. Food scraps, plates and napkins can now be tossed into our green bins! Other items soon. Individuals and families can also sign up to have their home compost collected outside our building.

As Rav Kook, the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of then British Mandate Palestine, said: "Every part of the vegetable world is singing a song and breathing forth a secret of divine mystery of the creation."

Rabbi Joshua Jacobs

## **Introducing our 2024-2025 Marcus Fellows Cohort**

The Edna & Nat Marcus Leadership Institute is an 18-month program which seeks to identify and train emerging leadership within the synagogue. The Institute was created through the generosity of Herbert & Cookie Marcus and Martin & Lois Marcus to honor the memory of their parents who thought of B'nai Jeshurun as their spiritual home for nearly 50 years.

Pictured from I-r: Joel Dachner, Meryl Kramer Brown, Aaron Gross, Steven Chupnick, Kelly Kitsis, Erica Hirsh, Alex Kadis, Ben Milgrom, Judy Borgen, Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Not pictured: Jessica Miller and Andrew Spott



## Education & Youth



"You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 23:9)

This month, our Congregational Shabbaton coincides with Parashat Mishpatim, which enumerates 53

different mitzvot, some of which our Shabbaton participants will explore together - I encourage you to join us! Of these 53 mitzvot, perhaps none is more well-known than the call not to oppress the stranger, one who is vulnerable in society. The Torah demands empathy; we suffered at the hands of the Egyptians, we know how it feels, therefore we should never mistreat or abuse another human being. We take this response for granted, perhaps because it's cited so often and we have internalized the message. In fact, the Torah tells us how to act toward a stranger on 36 different occasions! And yet the Torah's response to our oppression in Egypt could have been radically different. Could we not argue that since we were oppressed, exploited, disrespected and tyrannized, and no one stepped in to help us, that we don't owe anything to anyone!?

In the Torah, God certainly demands more of us than this. We can each remember times in our own lives where we have been exploited and mistreated. It might be tempting for us to say, 'well, if you had been through what I've been through, you would understand that I don't owe anybody anything,' and yet the Torah teaches that precisely from these experiences we must learn the proper way to treat others.

We have an obligation as Jews to love and care for the stranger, articulated time and again in the Torah. Sometimes this can be difficult to hear - how can the fate of a stranger, someone I don't even know, be my responsibility? And yet, if we wish to be worthy heirs of the Torah, of our tradition, we must wrestle with these words, as we seek to grow in our kindness and compassion – working to ensure a better world for all.

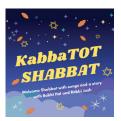
Rabbi Josh Foster

## Annual Passover Candy (& More!) Sale

Our annual Passover fundraising drive is underway. Thank you in advance for your support! Orders are only able to be placed online. Shop for a variety of Passover items, gifts, delicious frozen cookie dough and much more! You can also contact friends and family and encourage them to participate and shop online - learn more on our website and e-mails. If you have any questions, contact our parent volunteer coordinator, Robin Siff (robinpsiff@yahoo.com or 216-469-5343).

### **KabbaTOT Shabbat**

Friday, February 2 • 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 Tu B'Shevat! 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 <a href="https://cutt.ly/rwTxI4AZ">https://cutt.ly/rwTxI4AZ</a>.



#### **Mandel JDS Shabbat**

Saturday, February 3 • 9 am (during services)

Join us as our students who attend Mandel JDS lead services. If your child would like

to participate, please contact Shani Kadis. The kiddush will be sponsored in part by Mandel JDS.

## **Consecration Round Up**

Sunday, February 4 • 10:30 am

We will have a special gathering for all 1st grade students and their families to explore and learn about the Torah. We will make a special Torah cover for the Torah they will each receive at our Consecration ceremony on Sunday, April 7.

### **Mezuzah Painting** Sunday, February 11 • 11 am • Spirit of Clay



Calling all 3rd-5th graders! Join your BJC friends as we paint mezuzah cases! \$20/member; \$25/non-member which includes snacks. Please register by February 4 at <a href="https://cutt.ly/XwJcPpZX">https://cutt.ly/XwJcPpZX</a>. Spirit of Clay is located at 828 SOM Center Rd., Mayfield.

### 50/50 Purim Raffle

One half of the money collected will be used to support the school while the other half will be distributed as prize money (50%-30%-20% for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners). At only \$4/ticket or a strip of six for \$20, everyone can participate. The drawing will be held at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 24; winners need not be present. Contact Wendy Altmire for tickets. Return tickets to the synagogue, Attn: BHRS.

## From Our Affiliates

## 24th Annual Sheila Radman Balk **Cholent Cook-Off &** Men's Club Shabbat

Saturday, February 17 • starting at 9 am (during and after services)

It's time to get ready for the longest running Cholent Cook-Off in existence, which follows our Men's Club Shabbat. BJC members and guests are invited to enjoy an array of superbly cooked cholents. Our talented and diverse group of chefs/teams prepare a wide range of cholents from traditional, to vegetarian and vegan, European and Mizrachi and fusion. It is a taste experience unlike any other.

This event can be enjoyed in several ways: eat and socialize, vote to decide prize winners, lead or participate in a team preparing one of the cholents and/or volunteer to help serve. Entrants follow their own recipes; we provide your ingredients. Team up with family or friends!

The Cholent Cook-Off is FREE, but we ask everyone to register at <a href="https://cutt.ly/Cholent24">https://cutt.ly/Cholent24</a> so we have enough seating and food for all! Donations are appreciated. If you are interested in cooking and/or would like to volunteer during the prep days or the day of the event, contact Richard Berkowitz (BJCmensclub@bnaijeshurun.org). If you would like a part in the Men's Club Shabbat service (English or Hebrew), contact David Cohen at the same email address.



## **Men's Club World Wide Wrap**

Sunday, February 11 • 8 am



Join our Men's Club as we gather to wrap tefillin in solidarity with the IDF soldiers and hostages who are unable to wrap for themselves. If you want help wrapping tefillin, please arrive by 7:45 am. Plan on staying afterwards for breakfast sponsored by the Men's

Club. Everyone is welcome. Reservations encouraged at https://cutt.ly/wrap-for-israel.

#### Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

## **Women's Health Update**

Tuesday, February 27 • noon



Join Robin Rood for a review of the latest research and medicine available. \$10 per person. RSVP to Robin by February 23 (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).

## **Sisterhood Membership** Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, March 10 • 11:30 am



Come join us for a wonderful and afternoon featuring musical entertainment by Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum and Cantorial Soloist Cheryl Eitman and a Chinese Auction! Lunch

is complimentary for all Sisterhood members who have paid their 2023-2024 dues. Chinese auction tickets may be purchased at the event (cash/check only). Reservations required by March 4 at <a href="https://cutt.ly/vwKhVK3">https://cutt.ly/vwKhVK3</a>j. Questions? Contact Marcy Weinstein (blueyes122@aol. com or 216-440-0671) or Sherry Banchek (sbnurse74@ aol.com or 216-570-3830).

#### Sisterhood Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 21 • 4 pm



February's book will be Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow: A novel by Gabrielle Zein. 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. March's book will be Kantika by Elizabeth Graver. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81885748539.

## **Sisterhood Camp/Summer Experience Scholarship**

Our scholarship committee will meet in March to determine the awards. Submit your form by March 10 at https://forms.gle/aKoxF6LyUxYHvjJ69 for Jewish summer camp and experience scholarships. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelly Kitsis (kellymfedak@gmail.com or 216-233-5459) or Robin Rood (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).

## Upcoming Events

**Congregational Shabbaton** 

## The Jewish Soul Sings -**Nefesh Yehudi Homia**

Friday, February 9 - Saturday, February 10



Featuring Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum and our Artistsin-Residence Kyra Goldman and Michael Miller (Singers/ Songwriters). Connect and learn with family, friends and clergy. Catered Friday Shabbat dinner, kiddush luncheon and Saturday evening seudah shlishit. Learn more and register by January 29 at https://cutt.ly/congregational-shabbaton2024. See the front page for concert information.

Artists-in-Residence have Our been generously underwritten by The Daniel and Ethel Hamburger Music Fund. Host Committee: Judy Friedman, Lauren & Mark Freiman, Rachel & Matthew Kugelman, Rachel Zimmerman

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### **Shir Shabbat**

Friday, February 23 • 6 pm (during service)

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

## **Chesed at Kosher Food Pantry**

Sunday, February 4 • 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. The KFP is located at 2004 S. Green Rd., S. Euclid.

## **Chesed at Ronald McDonald House**

Wednesday, March 6 • 3 pm



We are looking for eight volunteers over the age of 18 to help prepare and set up a vegetarian meal. Ronald McDonald House will provide us with all the food and supplies. We will meet there (10415) Euclid Ave, Cleveland). Contact Shani Kadis to volunteer.

## **Adult Purimspiel Auditions** for Lead Roles

If you are interested in a lead role in this year's spiel, "Grease - The Megillah," email Director Lynne Yulish (mezzoforever@sbcglobal.net). No auditions are needed to participate in the ensemble, but contact Julie Berman to let her know you are interested. The performance will be held Sunday, March 17 at 7:00 pm and proposed rehearsal dates are the evenings of February 22 and 29, March 7 and 14.

## Havdalah Program Saturday, February 17 • 7:30 pm

This month, The Bridge, our group for young professionals, will be invited to a special Havdalah program led by Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum and Rabbi Alex Rosenbaum. Watch for details on our website, e-blasts and Shabbat handout.



### **Kavvanah Minyan**

Shabbat, February 17 • 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.

## C Learning Institute



Please check our website for updates at https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/adult\_ed. We look forward to seeing you in class! These classes are brought to you through the generosity of the Fersky Fund for Adult Learning, Rabbi Michael and Sheila Hecht Limmud Fund and Nelson Pole & Betsy



#### The Talmud of the Heart with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz Thursdays through February 22 • 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.



#### The Works of Nechama Leibowitz with Rabbi Josh Foster Thursdays, March 14, 21 and 28 • 7:30 pm

Delve into the writings of Nechama Leibowitz, a one-of-a-kind Bible scholar and commentator who rekindled interest in Bible study in the 20th century, reframing the study of biblical commentary around the question 'What's Bothering Rashi?' – in other words, what issues in the text prompted the classic Biblical commentators?

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

Preparing for Passover with Rabbi Carnie Rose - April 4, 11 and 18 (hybrid) Topic TBA with Cantor Aaron Shifman - May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6 (hybrid)

#### 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/i/89133175062

#### What's NU?: with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria Mondays, February 5 & 12 • noon

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

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

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

#### 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/i/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

February 3 – Cheryl Gordon February 10 – Kyra Goldman

February 17 – Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

February 24 – Rabbi Peter Haas

## Giving Opportunities

## The Gift of Giving

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller



Over the past few years, we have made a concerted effort to broaden the discussion about the many meaningful ways each of us can support our future. From a Mahar donation, to sponsoring a synagogue program, to establishing an endowment fund or estate plan, every donation helps strengthen our synagogue. Every contribution helps 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 ways to help financially support our shul, please contact Lorna Siegal (lornasiegal@bnaijeshurun.org or 216-354-0743). There is no better feeling than to make a lasting contribution to a community that provides so much meaning to so many of us.

Lorna Siegal

## Mahar

#### Please make your Mahar donation by February 12 to be included in March Tidings.



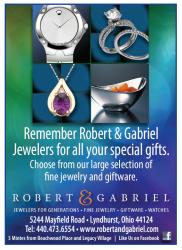
We will be formally thanking our Mahar donors and matchers in the March issue of Tidings. If you would like to be included in our list of amazing Mahar supporters, please make your donation by February 12.

This campaign continues to be critical to the health and vitality of our synagogue. Your Mahar support will help 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.

Thank you for supporting B'nai Jeshurun by donating to Mahar this year. 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 make your Mahar donation at https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/form/mahar-donation or contact Lorna Siegal (216-354-0743 or lornasiegal@bnaijeshurun.org) to make your Mahar donation today. We can't thank you enough for your ongoing support and deep generosity.









#### Tribute and memorial donations received from November 21, 2023 through December 21, 2023 total \$23,044.

To better manage administrative expenses, it is requested that contributions be at least \$10 or more each. Thank you for helping us reduce the synagogue's cost, which increases the actual value of your gifts.

#### **ABRAHAM FAMILY COURTYARD FUND**

In Honor of: Milestone birthday of **Gabe Adler** by Roz & Harry Abraham In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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In Honor of:

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#### ZIMON FAMILY EDUCATIONAL FUND

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**Aaron Milgrom** and **Ronald Goldfeder** by Jill & Jeffrey Zimon

### **January Oneg, Kiddush & Flower Sponsors**

January 6: The kiddush and congregational luncheon were sponsored by the Rose, Maoz and Shultz families in honor of the milestone birthday of their aunt, Sonya Shultz. The flowers were sponsored by Barbara Blum & David Glaser in honor of Barbara's milestone birthday.

January 13: The flowers and kiddush were sponsored by Michelle Goldstein & Aaron Goldenberg in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Minna Bailey Goldstein Goldenberg.

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#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Kids Spiel - Esther - The Barbie Spiel **Adult Spiel - Grease** 

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**Pre-Megillah Concert - Meshuganotes from OSU Megillah Reading - Traditional Teen Purim Party** 

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

**Morning Minyan Megillah Reading & Breakfast Family Megillah Reading Purim Carnival (Lunch will be available)** 

#### TO LEARN MORE:

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# Tree of Life In Memorian

We note with sorrow the passing of

#### **STEPHEN BLOOM**

Father of Tracy Goldman

#### **ARNOLD CAPLAN**

Father of Rachel Uram

#### ANDREW GROSSMAN

Father of Rachel Kugelman

\*LYNDA SIMON

#### \*FLORICE SCHLESSEL

Wife of Norman Schlessel

\* B'nai Jeshurun member

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

#### **Happy Milestone Anniversary to:**

Hana & Michael Loewenstein 50 Years Robin & Jonathan Siff 20 Years

#### **Happy Milestone Birthday to:**

Amanda Bannon Robert Brehm Norma Feigelson Edith Goldstein Lynn Katz Danzig Randy Kertesz Mathilda Kolt Vicki Long

Kathy Markowitz Eve Phythyon Debbie Rothschild **Robin Shorr** Rebecca Smith Michael Willen **Aaron Wolkoff** 

If you have an achievement or mazel 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. Anniversaries are recognized at five-year intervals.

## Mazel Tov to

- · Joann & Steve Eisenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Romy Lior Eisenberg.
- **Elaine Maniker** on the marriage of her son, Robert, to Annie Levesque.





Eisenberg

Maniker

## **Travel Opportunities**

Visit <a href="https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/be-with-us-travel">https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/be-with-us-travel</a> to learn more and check for updates.

## Israel Family Adventure with Rabbi Rudin-Luria & Rabbi Foster

June 16 - 28, 2024



This trip is being reconfigured to include a couple days for a dual track so those who would like can visit the people and communities most impacted by the war. There will also be opportunities to volunteer. A child-friendly alternative for those days will be available.

## Men's Club/Sisterhood Trip to Ireland

September 15 - 20, 2024



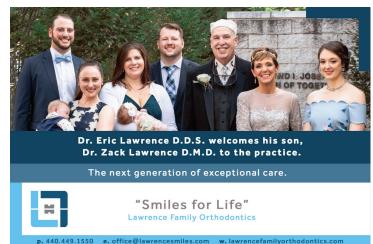
Becky Donaldson from The Travel Connection will give us an overview of our upcoming trip to Ireland. Join us on Zoom only on Tuesday, January 30 at 7 pm at <a href="https://us06web.zoom">https://us06web.zoom</a>. us/j/82599895448. Pricing and itinerary coming soon. This trip will not be led by BJC clergy or staff.



## **Adult Civil Rights Tour**

November 17-19, 2024





February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 5:15 pm KabbaTot Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir	9:00 am Service; Mandel JDS Shabbat 9:00 am Torah Café Cheryl Gordon	
9:30 am Chesed at Kosher Food Pantry 10:30 am Consecration Roundup	11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm What's NU? 6:30 pm Makom Collab 24	10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	7 10:30 am Mishnah class	12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	9 Rosh Hodesh Adar I Congregational Shabbaton 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service	Rosh Hodesh Adar I Congregational Shabbaton  9:00 am Torah Café Kyra Goldman  9:45 am Service; Rabovsky/Penberthy Aufruf  5:15 pm Mincha (no 6:00 pm service)  7:30 pm Community Havdalah Concert	
8:00 am Men's Club World Wide Wrap 11:00 am Youth Event at Spirit of Clay	11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm What's NU? 6:30 pm Makom Collab 24	9:00 am Sunshine Committee 10:30 am Bible Study	14 10:30 am Mishnah class	12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	16:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat	9:00 am Service; Men's Club Shabbat 9:00 am Torah Café Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria 10:30 am Kavvanah Minyan 12:00 pm Cholent Cook-Off 7:30 pm Bridge Havdalah Program	
18	Presidents' Day  11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda	10:30 am Bible Study	21 10:30 am Mishnah class 4:00 pm Sisterhood Book Discussion	12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Shir Shabbat 7:00 pm Mind-Full Shabbat	9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café Rabbi Peter Haas	
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