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# Tidings

## Kabbalistic Tu B'Shevat Seder for Adults Sunday, January 16 • 7 pm

No knowledge of Kabbalah is necessary. The seder includes four glasses of wine, fruits, nuts and a sumptuous dessert.

This program is free through the generosity of the Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal Memorial Fund.

Learn more and register at  
<https://cutt.ly/TuBShevatSeder>.



## Rachael Cerrotti Thursday, January 20 at 7 pm Virtual Author Talk

Hear about Rachael's decade-long journey to retrace her grandmother's wartime escape and weave together the thin threads of her family history.

Sponsored by the Rothschild Family Holocaust Remembrance Fund at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.

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# Beineinu - Between Us



My colleague, Rabbi Donald Rossoff, once wrote a sermon he entitled, "*Kaddish Deficiency Syndrome*." In it, he mourned the fact that so many people no longer choose to come to say *kaddish* for their loved ones on their *yahrzeit* (anniversary of death). Sadly, I see that same phenomenon in

our congregation as well. It breaks my heart, because the recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish is among the most sacred and significant of all our traditions, one which is also a deep expression of love for our family and of our faith in God.

In eastern Europe, in the shtetl, it was common for fathers to refer to their eldest son as "*mein kaddishel*" – my little *kaddish*. *Mein kaddishel* refers to the fact that the oldest son (today as Conservative Jews we would say 'or daughter') will say Mourner's Kaddish for me – at the time of death, for the first year, and at every *yizkor* service and *yahrzeit* – when I pass. It is a nickname which brings great comfort and is an expression of love. It means I have trust and faith that you, my son, will not forget me, that you will maintain a sacred relationship with me even after I have left this world. It means you will advocate for me before God that I be forgiven for my sins and granted blessing and reward for my good deeds in this life. It means that you will maintain the faith and heritage I have passed down to you from my parents.

Some will say: I can honor and remember my loved ones who are gone without saying *kaddish* in synagogue. To those, I respond, yes. You honor them all year long in many ways. But, there is a singular indescribable power to the recitation of the ancient words of the *kaddish*. It is a public proclamation made in the midst of community. It is a moment of connection to their souls, and of connection to the Divine Spirit within which they are now embraced. To those who do not regularly come at the prescribed times to say the Mourner's Kaddish, I say to you, "Come back." Come back to your spiritual home and discover this incredible source of comfort and strength, guidance and inspiration. Come discover how good it feels to do something even now that helps your loved ones, to give back to them as they for so long gave to you. Discover the way in which saying *kaddish* can elevate their souls and change your life. Do it for them. Do it for yourself. Do it for your children, your "*kaddishels*."

Rabbi Stephen Weiss

## New Phone System

The synagogue recently changed our phones to a cloud-based system. The main phone number, 216-831-6555, remains the same. as do all extensions. However, we now also have direct dial numbers for all staff. Please see the back cover of this issue of *Tidings* for the list of numbers.

## Candle Lighting

January 7.....	4:54 pm
January 14.....	5:02 pm
January 21.....	5:10 pm
January 28.....	5:19 pm

## Torah Portions

January 1.....	Vaera
January 8.....	Bo
January 15.....	Beshalach
January 22.....	Yitro
January 29.....	Mishpatim

## Daily Service Schedule

Live stream our services at  
[www.bnaijeshurun.org/streaming](http://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: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm**

## In-Person Evening Minyan

In-person evening minyan has resumed. For any service at B'nai Jeshurun, in-person attendees must be fully vaccinated, if eligible for the vaccine. Everyone attending must wear a mask and socially distance.

## Attention Snowbirds!

Rabbi Weiss will be coming to Florida to visit on both coasts this winter. If you are in Florida, or know of other congregants who are, please contact Diane Dronzek.



## President's Message



From time to time I'm asked: What's it like to be President? That question doesn't come with an easy answer. In a large congregation such as ours, there is always something that needs attention, including the concerns

of individual congregants, facility repairs, financial well-being, our cemeteries and many other assorted items including managing our response to the pandemic. In short, my answer is...I am never bored!

These issues are all important and must be addressed, but, at the same time, it is crucial not to lose sight of the "big picture" – our synagogue mission: *To ensure the flourishing of Jewish life through educational, social and Conservative religious experiences in a warm and dynamic community.* This is a lofty mission, indeed!

How does one define "The flourishing of Jewish life?" Certainly, we can look within our synagogue at the wide array of programs, events and religious experiences we offer. But I believe our mission goes beyond what happens within our building. Our synagogue community nourishes us and inspires us so the flourishing of Jewish life takes place outside the synagogue as well: in our homes and in our community. What does it look like? Check out the wonderful video created by Chad Cohen showing congregants celebrating Hanukkah with joyous home celebrations on our YouTube Channel at <https://youtu.be/of5X09bw8xQ>. The flourishing of Jewish life also occurs as we act on the Jewish value of tikkun olam (repairing the world). Our Social Justice/GCC Committee is actively involved in making our community a more just and inclusive place and is expanding to tackle a broader range of issues.

The newest, most innovative example of B'nai Jeshurun going beyond our walls is The Bridge, our program for young Jewish adults living in the City of Cleveland. Bridge events take place in Cleveland and all are welcome, including those with no connection (yet) to our shul. It has gotten off to a great start and promises to be an important component in making our mission statement real.

I am very proud that B'nai Jeshurun provides the education, opportunities and inspiration for each of us to live a flourishing Jewish life, whatever that means to you.

Dr. Rebekah Dorman

## Cantor's Corner



It's hard to believe that another year has gone by. The Talmud refers to time passing quickly as "*heref ah-yin*" – a blink of the eye. I remember over 30 years ago a congregant said to me, "Use your time wisely, it goes quickly." At the time, I didn't understand the significance of the statement.

Sabrina and I were blessed to visit our daughters in Israel this past December. Our children are in a gap year studying in Israel. It was wonderful to see each child in her environment interacting with roommates and teachers. It was a surreal experience. It was just yesterday we were picking them up from school, going to sporting events, helping them with their homework, etc.

Time is an essential component of Judaism. There is a fixed calendar, prayer times, specific holidays and their celebrations: when to burn *chametz*, chant Havdallah, bless Shabbat and festival candles, etc. In some synagogues, they even announce to the minute and second when each new month begins.

Our sages recognized how quickly time moves and therefore strongly recommended not to delay and procrastinate when one has an opportunity to do a mitzvah. This concept obviously applies to our everyday lives. It seems every time I blink, it's the weekend. Days and weeks pass by and many opportunities are lost. Relationships suffer and growth can be stunted.

Nobody knows what tomorrow brings. We need to make each day count and maximize opportunities when they are available. Our sages have a wonderful teaching: the word "*mazel*" has three Hebrew letters, *mem*, *zayin* and *lamed*. The *mem* spells "*makom*" (place). The *zayin* spells "*z'man*" (time). The *lamed* spells "*limud*" (education). If one is at the right place, at the right time, and knows what to do, then they have *mazel*.

Let's make 2022 a great year taking advantage of all our blessings and opportunities. Sabrina, Shaina, Abby and I wish you all a wonderful New Year filled with good health, blessings and all that you wish for yourselves and family.

Cantor Aaron Shifman

### Mishloach Manot Coming Soon!

Last year's *Mishloach Manot* project, executed by the 2021 class of the Edna and Nat Marcus Leadership Institute, was so warmly received by our congregation that festive *Mishloach Manot* deliveries will once again appear on your doorsteps and in your mailboxes this coming Purim!

**Volunteers Needed!** If you would like to be part of the team of volunteers needed to pull off this large-scale mitzvah, please contact Shani Kadis. If you have recently moved or have plans to be at a winter address in March that we do not have yet, please update your information with the synagogue office.

Rob Fishman and Lauren Freiman  
*Mishloach Manot* Co-Chairs

# Education & Youth



"And I will harden Pharaoh's heart and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt."

(Exodus 7:3)

This month begins in the Torah with *Parashat Va'era* on New Year's Day. We learn that as God brought each of the ten plagues upon the Egyptians, God also hardened Pharaoh's heart. I often ask students whether they think it fair of God to harden Pharaoh's heart, so he would not be willing to free the Israelites from slavery. Responses are always mixed. Yes, some say, because what Pharaoh had done was evil. God needed to ensure Pharaoh would suffer through all ten plagues; that wouldn't happen if he relented after only the first or second. Others disagree: aren't we supposed to have free will? How could God force Pharaoh to think a certain way? Perhaps Pharaoh would repent or decide enough is enough and free the Israelites.

This same question has troubled commentators for centuries. Maimonides questioned whether Pharaoh's sins were so great that he had lost his right to free will. The 15<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Rabbi Joseph Albo suggested God hardened Pharaoh's heart in order to see his true thoughts, not wanting the plagues themselves to influence Pharaoh's decision but rather see if he could have a change of heart on his own. In early 20<sup>th</sup> century Italy, Cassuto supposes the Torah attributes the hardening of Pharaoh's heart to God because every phenomenon ultimately comes from God.

I, too, am troubled by this seeming paradox. Perhaps Maimonides can provide us with deeper insight. God didn't force Pharaoh to choose evil, he wrote, that was Pharaoh's own doing. Once he continued in his course of action, however, it became increasingly hard to change his ways. In other words, Pharaoh had become so accustomed to evil he was incapable of altering his course.

While sin may lead to even greater sin, we must not forget that the opposite is also true. Whatever we become accustomed to, that will become natural to us. Let us strive to perform *mitzvot* and *gemilut chasadim* regularly, because the more we become accustomed to a life of *mitzvot*, the more it defines who we are.

Rabbi Josh Foster

**School resumes on  
Monday, January 3rd**



## MLK Day of Service Monday, January 17 • 2 – 4 pm

Calling all students in grades 3-12! Join us for a meaningful community service opportunity at BJC. Why sit at home when you could be helping others in need?! We can't wait to see you here. All participants must be masked and fully vaccinated. Contact Sydney Ungar with questions.

## Spectacular Science Havdallah

Saturday, January 22 • 6:15 pm



Families will say goodbye to Shabbat as we do Havdallah together. Then get your goggles on as we enjoy a spectacular science show and do hands on experiments with Mad Science of Northeast Ohio. Register on our website.



## Kinder Shabbat

Fridays • 10:30 am

Join Mr. Chuck and Julie Sukert for physically distanced Kinder Shabbat, now meeting inside the building (Halpern Hall), for a fun morning of Shabbat songs and blessings. All those eligible must be vaccinated and wear masks. Masks are preferred for little ones over the age of 2 who are able to wear one. Space is limited and pre-registration required. Register at <https://bnaijeshurun.formstack.com/forms/kindershabbat>. Contact Julie Sukert for more information.

## MAKOM



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## Makom: The Place for Teens

Mondays • 6:30 pm

Join B'nai Jeshurun teens in grades 7-12 every Monday evening for two hours of learning, dinner and fun! Program highlights include meaningful discussions and activities, hot topic conversations, service projects, helping plan the Purim carnival, and so much more. Contact Rabbi Foster with questions or to register.

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# Sisterhood & Men's Club

## Men's Club/Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

Saturday, January 15 • noon (following services)



This is the second in a three-part program. Rabbi Rudin-Luria will give a short presentation and then answer your questions about anything Jewish. Here's your opportunity to find out something you've always wondered about like, "Why do we...?" Reservations are required; register at <https://cutt.ly/HRLNl> to reserve a spot.



## Sisterhood Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 19 • 4 pm

We will discuss *Love in the Blitz* by Eileen Alexander. All are invited at the Beachwood Library or on Zoom. You must be fully vaccinated to attend in person. If you have questions, contact Fay Blumenthal ([blumfay@gmail.com](mailto:blumfay@gmail.com)). <https://zoom.us/j/94643444755>.

February's book is *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel

## Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

## Tu B'Shevat, Judaism and Nature

Tuesday, January 18 • noon

Nina Rosner will lead us through a Tu B'Shevat Seder, we will discuss nature and make bird houses. RSVP to Robin Rood (440-666-7658 or [rroord@gmail.com](mailto:rroord@gmail.com)) by January 13. \$10 per person; payable at the door.

## 2022 Mahj Cards

Contact Grace Brower ([gracepepperpike@aol.com](mailto:gracepepperpike@aol.com) or 440-823-9445) or Cheryl Wolkoff (216-410-4767 or [cherylwolkoff@gmail.com](mailto:cherylwolkoff@gmail.com)) to purchase. Cost is \$9 for small cards; \$10 for large cards.

## Our Town & All Around Books Now Available



Sisterhood is once again selling these discount books for \$28 each that can be purchased in the synagogue office.

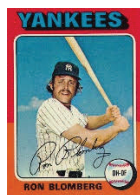


## Men's Club Happy Hour

Wednesday, January 5 • 5 pm

Our happy hours are virtual only and held the first Wednesday of each month, followed by a meeting at 7 pm for members. The happy hours are open to everyone. This month is about **Inclusion**: Do we make all men comfortable at our events and programs? Are we appropriately sensitive to those among us with physical challenges, family status uniqueness, disabilities, along with racial, gender preferences and other differences among us? <https://zoom.us/j/98638176416>.

On February 2, our famous Happy Hour debates return! Join us as we take on pro and con positions about important issues of the day, including *Should we put the second seder on the last night of Passover or leave it where it is?*



## Zoom with Ron Blomberg

Wednesday, January 12 • 7 pm

Hear from this Jewish major league baseball player and the first designated hitter. Email Mitch Lauer ([mitchell.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell.lauer@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

## Men's Club Shabbat & 23rd Annual Sheila Radman Balk Cholent Contest

Saturday, February 5 • noon (following services)

We do plan to have the 2022 contest in-person following the Men's Club Shabbat service. To be a participant, contact Mitch Lauer ([mitchell.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell.lauer@gmail.com)) to arrange your pre-contest prep time slot. CDC guidelines will be in place, meaning limited seating and table service to ensure social distancing. A celebrity judge will conduct a blind tasting to determine winning cholents. You must have a reservation to attend; a \$10 donation to defray food costs is requested. Register at <https://cutt.ly/cholent2022>.

Anyone interested in participating in the service that morning should contact David Cohen ([davidcohen125@gmail.com](mailto:davidcohen125@gmail.com)) to be assigned a part.

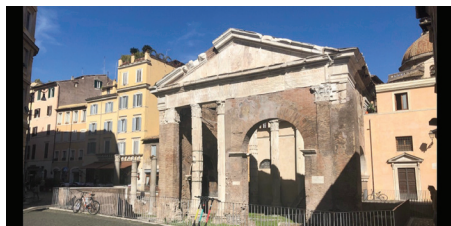


## World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 6 • 10 am

B'nai Mitzvah students will join Men's Club members for a bagel breakfast followed by a service. Whether you lay tefillin regularly or haven't since your own Bar Mitzvah, please join us. Rabbi Foster will walk everyone through the process! Bring your own tefillin or borrow a pair that morning.

# Upcoming Events



## A Virtual Tour of Jewish Rome

Sunday, January 9 • 1 pm

Learn about the history of the Jewish Community of Rome, the oldest in Europe, from its beginning in 161 BCE to modern times. Using pictures, maps, and videos, licensed tour guide Sara Pavoncello will speak about the bond between Jerusalem and the Colosseum and about the Ghetto that started in 1555 and ended in 1870. A special focus will be about the Shoah, the Nazi occupation, and how her family and other community members survived. We will learn about typical Jewish Roman traditions including delicious kosher recipes, the Giudaico Romanesco (their unique language) and the origin of some typical Jewish Roman last names.

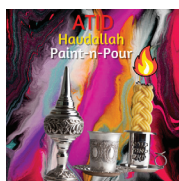
Free; donations to support BJC's Adult Education programs are always welcome (<https://cutt.ly/donatebjc>).

Register at <https://cutt.ly/JewishRome> to receive the Zoom link.



## ATID Havdallah Paint-N-Pour

Saturday, January 22 • 6:30 pm • BJC



We'll join together for Havdallah and then create our own canvas masterpiece using the technique of pouring paint. \$10 per person includes all the supplies needed for the project, drinks and snacks. Everyone participating must be fully vaccinated. This event is open to anyone in their 20s & 30s and friends are always welcome. RSVP by January 19 at <https://cutt.ly/paintNpour>.

## An Evening with Lainie Kazan

Sunday, January 30 • 8 pm



Spend an hour with Lainie Kazan as she talks about her career on Broadway, in the movies, on TV, headlining at nightclubs and more. She was nominated for an Emmy, a Tony and a Golden Globe, but may be most recognized for her role as the mother in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.

Kazan guested on Dean Martin's variety series 26 times. Her TV work includes a recurring role as Aunt Frieda on the Fran Drescher sitcom *The Nanny* and as Kirstie Alley's mother on *Veronica's Closet*. A Q&A will follow her presentation.

BJC is hosting this event with other synagogues and will email the Zoom link prior to the program. Thank you to our Men's Club and Sisterhood for sponsoring this program. Register at <https://cutt.ly/LainieKazan>.

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### What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

**Mondays • 10 am (no class January 17)**

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

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

### Staying Fit with Linda Schoenberg

**Mondays • 11 am**

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/94468946481>.

### Bible Study with Susan Wyner

**Tuesdays • 10:30 am (no class January 4 & 11)**

Join in for a close reading of the Bible as we make our way through our most central text. We are currently studying Joshua, Chapters 14-24.

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

### Mishnah: The New Scripture with Rabbi Alan Lettofsky

**Thursdays • 10:30 am**

Did you ever wonder why we have at least seven people coming up to the Torah on Shabbat, six on Yom Kippur, five on other holidays, and three on Mondays, Thursdays and Shabbat afternoons? The Mishnah Tractate Megillah answers these questions and many more. Join us and become familiar with a central, but too little known, 2nd century source for how Judaism is practiced today.

<https://zoom.us/j/98860343767>.

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

**Thursdays • noon**

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/96610389668>.

### Starbucks, Bread & Torah with rotating teachers

**Saturdays • 9 am**

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## Our GCC Committee is Now “The Social Justice/GCC Committee”: Come to Our House Meetings in March to Tell Us What You Want to Do for Social Justice



Having served as GCC Committee Chair for the past 8 months, I have heard congregants say “we like that GCC successfully pushed for crisis diversion centers and now is pushing for bail reform and for reducing juvenile bindovers. But is GCC involved in climate change, freeing the wrongfully convicted or police reform?” My answer has been that the issues you raise are important but they are not in GCC’s current focus. It was then I realized that our committee should broaden our focus in social justice. Therefore, our committee is rebranding to reflect a broader focus in social justice that includes the issues in GCC’s focus plus other issues of interest to congregants. Our new name is The Social Justice/GCC Committee.

In early March, we will hold Zoom House Meetings open to the entire Congregation. Each House Meeting will run for one hour and have 8 to 10 people. We will ask people what they want to do in social justice. We also will present ideas other local Jewish congregations are doing. We are hoping this process will energize you to take action on a social justice issue that is important to you.

As we get closer to March, we will confirm the dates. Feel free to email me with your ideas or if you would like to be involved at [lee.markowitz1@gmail.com](mailto:lee.markowitz1@gmail.com).

Lee Markowitz  
Chair, Social Justice/GCC Core Team

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## Hanukkah Recap

For eight days and nights, B’nai Jeshurun brought together our BJC family to celebrate the festive holiday of Hanukkah. Our clergy and staff loved seeing so many of you in person and being able to connect and experience the holiday together. Thank you to Zamir, Men’s Club and Sisterhood for help in lighting the Menorah at Pinecrest and our many families who helped at Eton. Hanukkah wouldn’t have been complete without our cooking show extraordinaires, Murray & Tova and their Zoom master Chad. Rabbi Michael Ungar also led an “Eight Crazy Night Workout” on Zoom. Thanks to all of you for your time and talent. Both the Zoom cooking show (along with their recipes) and workout may be found on our BJC YouTube Channel: <https://cutt.ly/Bnai-Jeshurun-YouTube-Channel>.

Our Congregational Hanukkah Party, “Light Up the Night” was a hit! Thanks to our Men’s Club and Sisterhood for their generous sponsorship. The evening would not have been possible without the many volunteers that came out to help: Murray Berkowitz, Richard Berkowitz, Jerry Brodsky, Mike Bussey, Chad Cohen, Joann Davis, Judy Friedman, Marilyn & Allen Klein, Lisa Kornspan, Toby Macknin, Hannah Markowitz, Nikona Thomas and Marla Wolf. We loved celebrating Hanukkah with you and can’t wait to celebrate again in 2022!





**Tribute and memorial donations received between October 16, 2021 through November 15, 2021 total \$28,592.**

To better manage administrative expenses, it is requested that contributions be at least \$10 or more each.  
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Aunt of Ellen Kowit-Potter

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### SALLY TURBOW

Mother of Laurence Turbow

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

## Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Judi & Marshall Wolf ..... 55 Years

## Happy Milestone Birthday to:

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Laura Bennett	Norma Maxson
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## Mazel Tov to

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- **Marsha & Roman Aronovich** on the birth of a daughter, **Haley Meira Aronovich**.
- **Lynn Katz Danzig & Allen Danzig** on the birth of a grandson, **Levi Samuel Morris**.
- **Gayle & Ronald Routman** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Ziva Ada Berk**.
- **Karen & David Bardenstein** on the birth of a grandson, **Ezra Bardenstein**.
- **Harvey & Henny Fierman** on the birth of a grandson, **Kal-el Joseph Fierman**.
- **Meryl & Jeffrey Goldberg** on the marriage of their son, **Jack to Jacqueline (Jackie) Stempkowski**.
- **Julie & Steven Deutch** on the marriage of their daughter, **Carly**, to **Michael Glantz**.
- **Sharon Comet-Epstein & Robert Epstein** on the marriage of their son, **Adam**, to **Francesca Ling Baer**.
- **Cindy & Craig Cohen** and **Marcia Schreiber** on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, **Raleigh**, to **Andrew Kaplan**.
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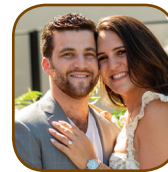
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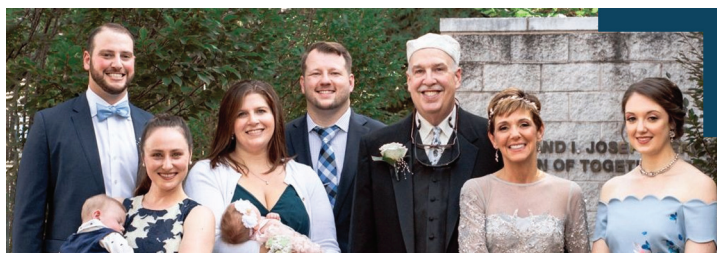
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> New Year's Day 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Rosh Hodesh Shevat 10:00 am What's NU? 11:00 Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua	<b>4</b> 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>5</b> 5:00 pm Men's Club Happy Hour	<b>6</b> 10:30 am Mishnah: The New Scripture 12:00 pm Ethics Lunch & Learn	<b>7</b> 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah
<b>9</b> 1:00 pm Virtual Tour of Jewish Rome	<b>10</b> 10:00 am What's NU? 11:00 Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua 6:30 pm Makom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Zoom with Ron Blomberg	<b>13</b> 10:30 am Mishnah: The New Scripture 12:00 pm Ethics Lunch & Learn	<b>14</b> 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service	<b>15</b> 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Hal
<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder	<b>17</b> Tu B'Shevat; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; office closed 11:00 Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua 2:00 – 4:00 pm MLK Day of Service	<b>18</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn	<b>19</b> 4:00 pm Sisterhood Book Group	<b>20</b> 10:30 am Mishnah: The New Scripture 12:00 pm Ethics Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm JCC Virtual Book Festival Speaker	<b>21</b> 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah 6:15 pm Spectacular Science Havdallah 6:30 pm ATID Havdallah Paint & Pour
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 am What's NU? 11:00 Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua 6:30 pm Makom	<b>25</b> 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:30 am Mishnah: The New Scripture 12:00 pm Ethics Lunch & Learn	<b>28</b> 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah
<b>30</b> 8:00 pm Lainie Kazan Virtual Program	<b>31</b> 10:00 am What's NU? 11:00 Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm Parshat HaShavua 6:30 pm Makom					

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