

Tidings

Congregational Shabbaton at B'nai Jeshurun

Nefesh Yehudi Homia נפש יהודי הומיה The Jewish Soul Sings



Culminating with a soulful Havdalah concert featuring Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum and our Artists-in Residence Kyra Goldman & Michael Miller (Singers/Songwriters)

February 9-10, 2024

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Host Committee:

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Register online: <https://cutt.ly/congregational-shabbaton2024>

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From the Rabbi



As we begin the secular new year with resolutions to change for the better, I am beginning to teach a new class on Mondays at noon on Zoom where we will explore the most recent legal decisions within our movement. Conservative Judaism balances tradition and change embracing innovation and modernity while holding strong to our customs.

"The Torah provides a framework for the infusion of spiritual and religious values into every aspect of daily life...the word *halakhah* denotes Jewish law in the fullness of its detail and complexity...the values that the ancient sages wished to project into the world through the prism of their interpretive tradition into the lives of ordinary Jews... Among the core tenets of Conservative Judaism is the belief that *halakhah* evolves and develops over the course of time. Furthermore, just as every generation faces new issues and challenges, so must the *halakhah* be deemed capable of responding and adapting to new circumstances... The process of reviewing and renewing Jewish law continues into modern times."

- *The Observant Life: The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews*, Martin S. Cohen, Senior Editor & Michael Katz, Associate Editor

Recent decisions from the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) will be our sources as we delve deep into the questions of modern day Jewish law and what it means to be a Conservative Jew today. We will explore topics such as the kashrut of lab grown meat, can we drive electric cars on Shabbat, should we still stream and Zoom on Shabbat and what is proper language to call up non-binary people to the Torah for aliyot.

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Candle Lighting

January 5	4:52 pm
January 12	5:00 pm
January 19	5:08 pm
January 26	5:16 pm

Torah Portions

January 6	Shemot
January 13	Vaera
January 20	Bo
January 27	Beshalach/Shabbat Shirah

Daily Service Schedule

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

Sunday mornings:

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

Weekday mornings:

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

Weekday afternoons:

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

Friday evening service:

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

Shabbat morning services:

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

Shabbat afternoon services:

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Service Times:

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

Saturdays: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

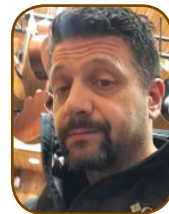
Sundays: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

Staff Transitions



Stahm

As part of our transition to a new accounting system on January 1, 2024, **Marcy Stahm** will be moving to a part-time basis in January and retiring as Controller by the end of the first quarter. Along with this transition, we will be outsourcing a significant portion of our accounting services to Kesef, a national accounting firm that handles over 100 synagogues. Our Controller position will change to a limited, part-time role, and we have hired **Brian Burtnett** to fill this position. We wish Marcy well as she transitions to retirement, thanking her for 20 years of dedicated service, and welcome Brian to the office staff.



Burtnett

President's Message



I've given a lot of thought the last several months to one big question: why is it that antisemitism continues to rear its ugly head, even now in this modern age? We are centuries past the days when the populace's ignorance could be used to convince them that we caused the Black Plague and a host of other societal ills—and yet. Given that I'm writing this during the holiday season, I hope I can be excused for taking a break and using my column this month to share one of the most compelling explanations I've ever read—authored by Bret Stephens, a Jewish Op-Ed columnist at the New York Times:

"Jews have long stood for a set of ideas that, if not radical now, were radical in their time. Among them: monotheism, freedom, general literacy and what Jewish tradition calls 'argument for the sake of heaven.'

Monotheism imposes a single ethical standard — such as "thou shalt not kill" — on all people, regardless of their country or culture. It's the seed of the idea of universal rights. The story of the Book of Exodus has been an inspiration for all freedom-seeking people — "Let my people go!" Literacy, a prerequisite for becoming a Jewish adult, is the basis for the unshackling of the mind. And argument for the sake of heaven — inscribing dialogue and dissent into religious tradition — is central to any democratic society.

No wonder Jews have inspired so much loathing from every ruler, religion or ideology seeking to keep people in servitude and ignorance. Whenever antisemitism rears its head, it isn't just Jews who are in the cross hairs. It's freedom, education and human dignity — values all of us should share, whether you're Jewish or not."

Mr. Stephens' words have the ring of truth to them: I never considered how the requirement of a Bar Mitzvah over the centuries resulted in near-universal adult literacy in our community. But I am proud that those traits that make the Jewish People a target are also our best qualities, and I wouldn't change a thing.

Best wishes to us all for a more tranquil 2024, and a swift and safe return of our brethren being held hostage in Gaza.

Scott Matasar

Cantor's Corner



Whenever I look back through my photos of vacations or interesting places I've visited, I'm struck by just how many of my pictures are of trees. I catch myself looking up and marveling at how beautiful nature is as the sun shines through the branches. There is even a word for this phenomenon in Japanese: *komorebi*. For all the different angles of the sun and all the different types of foliage on trees (or even snow on bare tree branches!), the possible views are nearly endless and never cease to amaze and inspire me.

In the non-Jewish world, it may seem somewhat odd to have a religious holiday dedicated to trees. However, trees factor prominently into the stories of the Tanakh if you look closely enough: the gopherwood used to build Noah's Ark, the unconsumed burning bush in which G-d revealed G-d's self to Moses, the acacia wood used to construct the *Mishkan*, the *kikayon* G-d sent to shade Jonah before causing it to wither and die, the palm under which Deborah the prophetess sat where Barak sought her counsel...the list goes on. None of these stories would be the same if it weren't for the role these trees played. Trees provide shade, food, air, fuel and building materials, in addition to their aesthetic benefits. So, I think the real question is: why doesn't everyone else have holidays for the trees?

Though Tu B'Shevat may be considered a minor holiday, it's an opportunity for us to recognize the blessing trees represent in our lives and not take them for granted. We turn our focus to nature and find new ways to sustain ourselves by planting trees, learning more about plants and caring for the earth. Personally, since cacao grows on trees, that alone would be enough to make me incredibly grateful, as a world without chocolate is too grim to even contemplate! Even as we face winter weather, I continue to appreciate the role nature plays in our lives — especially trees — and I hope we will all find new ways to celebrate that this year!

Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum

Welcome to our New Members

Please give a warm welcome to our new members as you meet them in services and see them at programming.

Nancy Schwartz-Katz & Jordan Katz
Asa Zoeckler
Miriam Borensztein and Addison
Talía & Andrew Karas, Stella and Gavi

Talia Horvitz & David Radzynski
Rachel Zimmerman
Ariel & Justin Wexler
Patricia & Michael Jacobs

Education & Youth



Who Am I To Go To Pharaoh?

Have you ever been in a situation where you knew the right thing to do, yet dreaded doing it? Maybe you were worried about how your actions might be perceived, maybe concerned about potential consequences? Moses is famously faced with such a dilemma at the beginning of the Book of Exodus, *Shemot*, which we begin reading this month.

Even in the presence of a miracle, the burning bush, and hearing God charge him with the most critical of missions, to go back to Egypt and save his people, Moses tries to back out not just once, but on five separate occasions! The dialogue between Moses and God mimics what one might expect from a child trying to get out of what a parent is telling them to do.

Rashi, the great medieval French commentator, provides a compelling argument for Moses' behavior at the burning bush. Not only is Moses asking, "Who am I, important enough to speak with kings and Pharaohs?" but also, "What have the Israelites done to deserve a miracle to be performed for them that I should bring them out of Egypt?" To this question, God responds, "They are destined to receive the Torah on this very mountain, three months after they leave Egypt." Moses is not simply being asked to do something, he is being charged with a sacred mission. So too, the Israelites are not simply being freed from all burden or responsibility. They are being freed from serving their masters in Egypt so that they can accept the service of another – of God: Torah and Mitzvot.

As we support our brothers and sisters in Israel and as we see a disturbing rise in antisemitism in our country and around the world, may we all heed this charge – doing nothing is simply not an option. In this moment, we must stand up for our right to exist and proudly claim our Jewish heritage, to never let those who might seek us harm deter us, and may we be blessed to fill our world with Torah, Mitzvot, and Gemilut Hasadim.

Rabbi Josh Foster

**School resumes
January 6**

Bat Mitzvah

MINNA BAILEY GOLDSTEIN GOLDENBERG

Shabbat morning, January 13



Minna attends Shaker Middle School and enjoys flute, soccer, theater and travel. For her Mitzvah Project, she is running a book drive for Cleveland Kids' Book Bank. She is the daughter of Michelle Goldstein & Aaron Goldenberg, sister of Emily Goldenberg and granddaughter of Marsha Goldstein, Ernie Goldstein, Enid Bienstock and William Goldenberg.

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 <https://cutt.ly/rwTx14AZ>.

Children's Purim Spiel Auditions

Sunday, January 21 • 11 am

All K-7th grade students are invited to audition for a role in this year's spiel! Contact Julie Sukert to let us know you're coming, or to arrange an alternate audition time if necessary. Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 11 am between February 4 - March 10. This year's performance will be on Sunday, March 17 at 11 am with a reception following. Participants will reprise songs during our Family Megillah Reading on Sunday morning, March 24.

Consecration Round Up

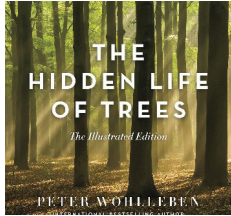
Sunday, February 4 • 10:30 am

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.

Upcoming Events

Tu B'Shevat Seder & Book Discussion

Thursday, January 25 • 7 pm



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

A Tu B'Shevat Havdalah

Saturday, January 27 • 7 pm • The Wicked Plant Co.



Join Rabbi Alex and Cantor Rosenbaum for our Havdalah program in honor of Tu B'Shevat. This Havdalah will have an environmentalist bent — the venue for our program is Wicked Plant Co in Lyndhurst. After a soulful Havdalah ceremony surrounded by living greenery, our hosts will take us through a Plants 101 workshop learning how to care for various types of plants, make cuttings and propagate properly. You will leave with a cutting of your own to take home — plus 10% off anything you may wish to purchase in the store! Space is limited to 30 people; \$25 per person. Please register by January 25 at <https://cutt.ly/ewShw8Mo>.

The Bridge Tu B'Shevat Tasting & Happy Hour

Wednesday, January 24 • 6:00 – 8:30 pm • Jukebox



Enjoy traditional Tu B'Shevat foods from 6:00-6:30 pm and from 6:30-8:30 pm, join us for our regular happy hour! Your first drink and light appetizers are on The Bridge. See you there! Contact Sydney Milgrom with questions.



Kavvanah Minyan

Shabbat, January 27 • 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.

Mind-Full Shabbat

Friday, January 19 • 7 pm Dinner • 8 pm Speaker



Eat and engage at Mind-Full Shabbat, an exciting way to connect with congregants, the community and meaningful Jewish and community topics. This month's speaker is **Joe Cimperman**, President and CEO of Global Cleveland. Shabbat services are followed by a catered dinner by Café 56, fine wine and interactive adult conversation with a dynamic speaker. Register by January 15 at <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/event/mind-full-shabbat>. **Earlybird pricing through January 8!** Contact Rabbi Foster to learn more.

Save these dates for future Mind-Full Shabbats:

February 23 – featuring Regina Brett, Author & Columnist (with Shir Shabbat during the service)

March 29 – featuring Dr. Ed Barksdale, Surgeon in Chief, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital/ University Hospitals: *Antifragility: Working to Build Resilience in the Wake of Tragedy & Violence*

Shir Shabbat

Friday, January 19 • 6 pm



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.

New Member & Baby Shabbat

Shabbat, January 20 • 9 am (during services)

Everyone is invited to celebrate as we welcome our new members from 2023. All of our newborn babies will receive a "special blessing." Children's activities and snacks will be provided during the morning and a "kid friendly" kiddush will follow.

Sisterhood

What Is Sisterhood Jeopardy?

Sunday, January 28 • 10 am



THE ANSWER IS: BJC Sisterhood Jeopardy! THE QUESTION IS: Where can you have fun and meet new people?

Join us for a fun morning of playing Jeopardy and munching on snacks. We will have raffle drawings to win exciting prizes! (Cash or check only to buy raffle tickets.) Free admission! Please register by January 22 at <https://cutt.ly/YwA6mCOE>. Questions? Contact Laurel Sheldon (lsheldon05@sbcglobal.net).

Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

Creating Personal New Year's Resolution Vision Boards

Tuesday, January 23 • noon



Rabbi Alex Rosenbaum will lead us. Immerse yourself in a visual representation of what you want or hope to achieve. Please bring any pictures or quotes or anything that inspires you to achieve your goals for 2024. \$10 per person. RSVP by January 18 to Robin Rood at (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).

Sisterhood Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 17 • 4 pm



January's book will be *One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World* by Michael Frank. 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. February's book will be *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow: A novel* by Gabrielle Zein. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81885748539>.

Waterways Car Wash Gift Certificates



Sisterhood is selling these certificates for \$24 each. Certificates do not expire and make great gifts! Call Bonnie Huston (440-336-5289) to purchase yours today.

Men's Club

Men's Clubs Dinner & Dance in Support of Israel

Saturday, January 20 • 7 pm • Park Synagogue



Join the Men's Clubs of BJC, Park and Shaarey Tikvah for a fun night benefiting the America Friends of Neve Hanna. Neve Hanna Children's Home in Israel provides a loving home for children who have been scarred by war. The evening will include music by The No Name Band, Israeli food catered by Cafe 56, open bar, Scotch tasting, raffle for Israel and dancing. \$75 per person. There are also opportunities for table sponsorship. Prepaid reservations required at <https://cutt.ly/fwPRRJu9>.

Men's Club at the Cleveland Monsters

Wednesday, January 24 • 7 pm
Rocket Mortgage Field House



We've reserved a suite for the first 18 people who make reservations. At \$20/person, it's a bargain! Reserve your seat at <https://cutt.ly/AwPRn3tU>. Reservations that go beyond the suite limit will be filled with good seats in the lower bowl.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 4 • noon – 6 pm



Sponsored by Men's Club. Save a life; give blood. Walk-ins welcome or register at <https://cutt.ly/okN7Eil>.

24th Annual Sheila Radman Balk Cholent Cookoff & Men's Club Shabbat

Saturday, February 17

Contact David Cohen if you'd like a part in the service and Richard Berkowitz if you'd like to cook or volunteer at the cookoff (BJCmensclub@bnaijeshurun.org).

From Our Affiliates

Inclusion Shabbat

Friday, January 26 • 6 pm



INCLUSION SHABBAT

We will join with the congregation in the main service this month. Gain a deeper appreciation of both Shabbat and the power of inclusion as we create an inclusive space for everyone in our community to take a role leading our prayers and welcoming in Shabbat together.

Grief Support Group

Beginning January 22, B'nai Jeshurun will be offering a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or parent a month or more ago. This group will be facilitated by experienced mental health and grief social worker, Mary Fisher Bornstein, LISW-S and Rabbi Alex Rosenbaum. The group will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 4:30-6:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please provide your information at <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/form/support-group> and we will be in touch with you soon. This initial group will be limited to 15 people which we will re-evaluate to make sure this is meeting people's needs. We think this is a very important part of The Wellness Center's mission and we look forward to offering this vital service.

Chesed Volunteers at Ronald McDonald House

Wednesday, January 10 • 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.

Preparing for the College Campus: How Antisemitism & the Current Climate Impact the College Process

Thursday, January 11 • 7:30 pm • @akiva (MJDS)



Join us as we hear from experts across the field and discuss how antisemitism and today's campus climate impact the entirety of the college process, from choosing which schools to tour, to picking the right campus, and everything in between. Families will gain a better understanding of the current climate on campus, important information that will allow students to make informed college decisions, and resources and tools for both parents and students upon arriving on campus. This program is free and open to the community, but registration is requested for planning purposes. Please register by Friday, January 5 at <https://cutt.ly/LwP4XJpx>.

The Collab 24: Mission Possible

Mondays, January 8 – February 12 • 6:30 – 8:00 pm



Join us for five weeks of learning, together with Temple Emanu El, Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple and Suburban Temple-Kol Ami. During these sessions, you will have the opportunity to choose from an array of classes taught by clergy and educators from these synagogues and the Cleveland community. Learn with teens from all over. Our focus will be on self-care, mental health and positive outcomes. What does Judaism teach us about mental health? What is our responsibility to ourselves and others around us? How do we change our mindset to create the best outcomes in our lives? Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to join us on Monday nights this winter at the Collab!

Note: timing during these five weeks will be 6:30-8:00 (NOT 8:30). This will be in place of Makom at the synagogue. Registration information will be sent via email to all Makom participants.

Locations will be:

January 8 - The Temple-Tifereth Israel
January 15 - no meeting due to MLK, Jr. Day
January 22 - Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple
January 29 - Temple Emanu El
February 5 - B'nai Jeshurun Congregation
February 12 - The Temple-Tifereth Israel

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Eight Days of Giving Mahar Campaign Update

We are so excited to report that we have already exceeded our 100-donor goal which means that we can access all the donor matching dollars that were pledged this year. We are also happy to report that Mahar donations and pledges continue to roll in, so if you have not yet had a chance to make your 2023 Mahar pledge, it's not too late. Please call me today at (216) 354-0743.

Thank you to the many donors who have contributed to Mahar during the Hanukkah "Eight Days of Giving" campaign, to our group of Mahar matching donors, and to everyone who has supported the Mahar campaign so far this year! By participating in this campaign, you have shown your dedication to the important mission of our synagogue and the commitment required to create a sense of purpose and belonging as we work together to strengthen our Jewish community.

We are excited to thank all our 2023 Mahar donors in the March issue of *Tidings*, so please give to Mahar by February 8 so you can be included in our long list of generous Mahar donors. Thank you for your generosity. We couldn't do all that we do without your support!

Lorna Siegal, Development Director

B'nai Jeshurun Addresses Medical Debt



Over the past 40 years, medical costs have doubled, insurance copays and deductibles have spiked and bankruptcy rates have quadrupled. All of this has created an avalanche of destructive medical debt. A 2019 study found that 35% percent of Ohio adults struggled to pay their medical bills. The root cause of more than 60% of bankruptcies in America is due to medical debt.

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), through its Color of Health campaign, is asking its congregations to focus on retiring medical debt for disadvantaged citizens in Cuyahoga County. Using a 501c3 called RIP, \$1 is leveraged to abolish every \$100 in medical debt. Every donation made through the link below is spent directly on abolishing medical debt in Cuyahoga County.

Join us in bringing hope and restoration to those who are financially suffering and are crippled by medical bills and debt by donating at <https://cutt.ly/6wAymxbn>. The campaign will run through March 2024.

"If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, do not act toward them as a creditor..." -Ex. 22:24

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, Deby Auerbach-Brown and Lee Markowitz
Tzedek Committee

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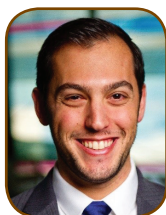


Please check our website for updates at https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/adult_ed. We look forward to seeing you in class! **These classes are brought to you through the generosity of the Fersky Fund for Adult Learning, Rabbi Michael and Sheila Hecht Limmud Fund and Nelson Pole & Betsy Greene.**



Spotlight Educator **Chesed Shel Emet: Traditions and Rituals at the End of Life** with Rabbi Efreim Reis, Hebrew Free Burial Association Thursday, January 4 • 7:30 pm

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



The Talmud of the Heart with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz Thursdays, January 11 – February 22 (no class January 25 due to Tu B'Shevat) • 7:30 pm

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

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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.
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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.
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Midrash: Stories to Live By with Rabbi Joshua Jacobs Thursdays • noon

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January 6	Rabbi Peter Haas
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We note with sorrow the passing of

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We extend our deepest condolences
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Mazel Tov to

- Lindsay & Matthew Stahm** on the birth of a son, **Eli Jordan Stahm**. Grandmother is **Marcy Stahm**.
- Janet & Lee Shapiro** on the birth of a grandson, **Jack Louis Shapiro**.



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Yasher Koach

- Sydney Milgrom** will receive the Lee Kohrman Award from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland at their Annual Meeting on March 3. The award recognizes an outstanding experiential or informal "Beyond the Classroom" Jewish educator; the award is focused on those educational experiences that take place outside of a traditional classroom. Sydney is BJC's Youth Director and Director of The Bridge.



Milgrom

Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Amy & Stephen Hoffman	45 Years
Alexandra & Marius Shpaner	35 Years
Monique & Wayne Kawalek	25 Years

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.

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14	15 Martin Luther Day, Jr. Day; office closed 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda	16 10:30 am Bible Study	17 10:30 am Mishnah class 4:00 pm Sisterhood Book Discussion	18 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:30 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	19 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat; Shir Shabbat 7:00 pm Mind-Full Shabbat	20 9:00 am Service; New Member & Baby Shabbat 9:00 am Torah Café Rabbi Carnie Rose 7:00 pm Men's Clubs Dinner Dance for Israel at Park
21 11:00 am Children's Purim Spiel Auditions	22 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm What's NU? Jewish Law Edition 6:30 pm Makom Collab 24	23 10:30 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn	24 10:30 am Mishnah class 6:00 pm The Bridge Happy Hour at Jukebox 7:00 pm Men's Club at Monsters Game	25 Tu B'Shevat 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:30 pm Yiddish Club 7:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder & Book Discussion	26 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Inclusion Shabbat	27 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café Rabbi Joshua Jacobs 10:30 am Kavvanah Minyan 7:00 pm Havdalah @ Wicked Plant Co.
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