

Tidings

A very DISNEY Purim

All programs will take place in person, online options in italics
To learn more, go to: <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/purim2023>

Friday, March 3



10:30 AM | PURIM KINDER SHABBAT

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

6:00 PM | ZAMIR PURIM SHABBAT

Our youth choir will lead the service and sing Purim songs and parodies. Festive oneg to follow. *Zoom & Stream*

Saturday, March 4

8:30 PM | PURIM IN THE 90s AT HI AND DRY IN TREMONT

Join The Bridge, jHUB, Moishe House, and YLD at the biggest young professionals' party of the year. Contact Sydney Ungar for more information.

Sunday, March 5

1:00 PM | THE LITTLE MERMAID KIDS' SPIEL

Watch our talented youth take you under the sea for this Purim story. *Stream*

1:30-3:45 PM

PURIM CARNIVAL & ANIMAL SHOW

Learn more and pre-register for the carnival: <https://cutt.ly/carnival2023>

7:00 PM | ADULT SPIEL & DESSERT THE MEGILLAH ACCORDING TO DISNEY

Our adults will have you singing your favorite Disney tunes as they retell the story of Purim. *Stream*

Monday, March 6

5:30 PM | THE MAGIC OF PURIM YOUNG FAMILY DINNER AND MAGIC SHOW

<https://cutt.ly/magic-purim>

6:30 PM | FAMILY MEGILLAH READING & COSTUME PARADE

Stream

7:00 PM | TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING & MINYAN

Zoom & Stream

Hamentashen & drinks will follow both megillah readings

TEEN PURIM PARTY FOLLOWING MEGILLAH READING

Hang out in our renovated youth lounge for food & fun.

Tuesday, March 7

7:00 AM | MINYAN, MEGILLAH READING & BREAKFAST

The celebration continues.

Zoom & Stream



Contact Shani Kadis, Membership & Programming Director for more information.

Tirades

PURIM 2023 ~ Adar 5783

Cleveland Kosher Society Announces New Kashrut Designations

by Jerry Brodsky

The cost of certifications has driven prices up on all kosher products more than all the other inflationary reasons combined. To respond to this problem, The Cleveland Kosher Society is eliminating the need for all those various and confusing symbols with **Special K**, **Special KP**, and **Special K+** logos. The Special K will first appear on Kellogg's Special K cereal in the large letters of the product's actual name on the box. The **Special KP** will first appear on potatoes in honor of military veterans who found themselves peeling tons of potatoes during their basic training. And the **Special K+** will first appear on products that contain at least 50% of the average daily requirement of potassium. (Bananas will also be among the first products you'll notice the Special **K+** logo on.) Cleveland Kosher Society spokesperson Menachem Mendel Rudin-Luria (no relation) says, "Forget the triangles, the U's inside the O's, the Hebrew letters, and all the other *mishigas*. With one simple Special K, you'll know the product is kosher and if it also has a P or a + you'll know what you can eat with it. If it was any simpler, we'd be *goyim* and eat anything we want!"

Nobel Peace Prize Awarded to Minyan

By Aaron Dobres

The B'nai Jeshurun morning minyan has been awarded the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize, following the successful combination of the 7:00 am and 7:30 am minyanim into one group that meets at 7:15 am. "In the time since the merger, arguments over who gets the jelly in the fridge, what type of herring to order and the proper speed to read the *V'ahavta* have vanished," noted Norwegian Nobel Committee chair Berit Reiss-Andersen. The committee also marveled at the decrease in complaints about the temperature in Nickman Chapel. At press time, a few minyanaires were seen calmly discussing the correct prayer to say when a Nobel has been won.

Mystery Rabbinic Candidate Has Unbelievable Resumé

By Murray Berkowitz

A recent graduate of the Rabbinic College of Sri Lanka, who at this time desires to remain anonymous due to some immigration misunderstanding, has submitted a fantastic resumé. Some of the highlights include that he or she can daven the entire daily morning service by memory, backwards. The candidate also has great *yichis* as a descendant of King David, the Bal Shem Tov, Golda Meir, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Sandy Koufax. The candidate has developed an app to teach Torah chanting by use of 17 pastel colors. The system, he or she states, even works for color blind students. The candidate created a "half dollah" program for the conclusion of Shabbat which teaches the young and old safe betting practices. He or she works well with all ages and even purports to speak with the dearly departed. We are most certain that the search committee will pursue this most special candidate.

Synagogue's Yom Ha'atzmaut Plans Criticized

By Ethan Dobres

BJC's Israel at 75 co-chairs Zehava Galun and Adam Hirsh have planned milestone celebrations for Yom Ha'atzmaut. "We initially prepared basic things, like falafel at kiddush," Galun said. "Then we thought bigger." One plan celebrating Israel's army recently sparked criticism. "I like honoring the IDF," argued one congregant, "but Ruth Dobres demonstrating her military-learned sharpshooting skills in Halpern Hall feels wrong." The committee plans on sponsoring a free, 4-week synagogue trip to Israel for all its members. "In fact, it's required to go," Hirsh said. Not all were excited by the prospect of the trip, which will be entirely funded by the synagogue's budget. "I think it's just too big of an expense," said one staff member who wished only to be identified as 'Jay R' out of concerns for his privacy. Galun and Hirsh also called on synagogue staff to briefly change their names after Israel's founders. "I don't like this one bit," said maintenance supervisor Austin 'Belle-Gurion'.

From the Rabbi



The new Book of Esther megillah books that we are using for our traditional megillah reading recently published by the Rabbinical Assembly contain thought-provoking and informative commentaries written by Conservative rabbis across the world. I am drawn to the discussion at the introduction of Chapter 4, a pivotal moment in the story when Mordechai confronts Esther after hearing the horrifying news of the decree to kill the entire Jewish people: “Don’t imagine that, of all the Jews, you can escape with your life in the king’s house... Who knows if whether for a time like this you have reached royal status?” (Esther 4:13-14)

The commentary poses the question to readers whether this is a glimmer of hope and a door of opportunity for rescue that at first was unnoticed. It asks the reader how many times we pass by moments when we could be the one to open the door and help lift up others in crisis or difficulty as we remain unaware. The unlikely story of how Esther became queen now unfolds into this moment, precisely why she is queen. The introduction states: “Esther was in that specific place because of the great good that she was about to be able to accomplish. She is the living embodiment of the thought of the great poet Hafiz: “The place where you are right now, G-d circled on a map for you.”

The book asks us to reflect on our lives and the choices we make. “We want G-d to have maneuvered Esther into place, but what about us?” Have we been guided to a specific place and moment for a reason? Are we part of a divine plan and our lives imbued with purpose? “We think of ourselves as free agents possessed of the ability to chart our own way forward in life.”

For Esther in the Purim story, she was in that specific place in order to save our people, a great good she and only she could accomplish. The megillah inspires us to ask this question: what is the great good that each of us can accomplish in order to help our community, our neighbors and our world? In this specific moment, who and what can we do together to better our world?

May your Purim celebrations be joyous, fun and meaningful.

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Candle Lighting

March 3.....	6:01 pm
March 10.....	6:09 pm
March 17.....	7:17 pm
March 24.....	7:24 pm
March 31.....	7:32 pm

Torah Portions

March 4.....	Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor
March 11.....	Ki Tisa/Shabbat Parah
March 18..	Vayakhel-Pekudei/Shabbat HaHodesh
March 25.....	Vayikra

Daily Service Schedule

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

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

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

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

Friday evening service:
<https://zoom.us/j/99713360726>

Shabbat morning services:
<https://zoom.us/j/93333898986>

Shabbat afternoon services:
<https://zoom.us/j/97870881168>

Service Times:

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

Saturdays: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays & Holidays: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

Purim

Tuesday, March 7 – Minyan; Adult Megillah Reading at 7 pm (no 6 pm minyan)
6:30 pm Family Megillah Reading

Wednesday, March 8 – Minyan; Megillah Reading at 7 am (instead of 7:15 am)

President's Message



My earliest memory of Purim is excitedly getting dressed up as Queen Esther. This was long before you could go to Disneyworld and have the “princess experience” of getting dressed up as one of the Disney Princesses. But perhaps this was even better: I got to be a Jewish Queen. These types of early experiences helped to form my positive Jewish identity. And this year, we are even having a Disney Purim at B’nai Jeshurun!

Another vivid childhood memory is of Purim Carnivals at my temple in Detroit. Now I’ve added memories of our B’nai Jeshurun Carnival. My favorite was actually just from last year, when we were in person again for the first time after the pandemic. In stark contrast to the isolation we experienced, it was wonderful to see families and children enjoying the carnival together. The words of a Joni Mitchell song came to mind, “You don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone.” This year, we will have our fun-filled Purim Carnival on March 5. Stop by to join in the fun and see the joy of that day as we gather together to celebrate.

One childhood memory I do not have is of Mishloach Manot. I learned about this tradition of giving baskets of goodies during Purim as an adult. So, while I have no warm memories of this tasty tradition from my childhood, I may take even more delight in it because I do not take it for granted. During the pandemic, our Marcus Leadership Cohort created the B’nai Jeshurun tradition of sending Mishloach Manot to the congregation. As one of many volunteers who’ve delivered these packages, it was a wonderful experience to see the delighted faces of congregants as this warm extension of our synagogue’s caring came right to their doorstep. Last year, they were delivered in a bright green bag with our logo emblazoned on it. My husband and I now carry that very useful bag with us on vacation (so far it’s been to California, Hawaii and Florida - next stops Portugal and Israel) as it’s great to put wet swimsuits into, among other uses. Each time I use the bag, I think of what it symbolizes to me: our joyful, warm and caring synagogue community.

Chag Purim Sameach!

Dr. Rebekah Dorman

Cantor's Corner



I think it’s common among clergy for Purim to be a favorite holiday. I have fond childhood memories of dressing up as Queen Esther and parading through my synagogue, waving homemade puppets of the characters and booing Haman at the top of my lungs. There is a clear delineation of characters fulfilling classic fairytale tropes in the story. Mordechai and Esther are the heroes. Haman is the main villain. Though he’s king, Achashverosh appears to be the fool of the story. He parties and lets his advisor make all the decisions, and it almost leads to dire consequences. But what of Vashti, Achashverosh’s first wife? How does she factor into the story?

Vashti is only a small part of the megillah, providing backstory narrative as to why Esther was eventually chosen to be queen: the king was unhappy with his previous queen and sent her away. It would be easy to dismiss Vashti, saying she must have done something wrong. But her “crime” was refusing to show off in her crown at the king’s party. This demonstrates humility and probably also a desire to not be ogled by a bunch of drunk, rowdy men, which seems like a smart choice. But this displeases her husband, so she is banished. Vashti is often understood as a lesson and foil to Esther. Esther is more obedient, following the advice of her uncle Mordechai to the letter and careful not to agitate her new husband. It is only when not just her life but the lives of her entire people are at stake that she steps up to break down the barriers set upon her as queen. In contrast to Vashti, Esther is rewarded by earning the king’s love and loyalty, thus saving the Jews.

In the story, it is the men who have the most agency. The wise uncle. The evil vizier. The foolish king. But it is these queens who drive the story forward. The silent one who sets expectations, and the quiet one who eventually breaks expectations. From this, we learn the value of silence and the power of breaking it at the right time.

Chag Purim Sameach!

Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum



Shir Shabbat

Friday, March 24 • 6 pm

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



Education & Youth



Hineni Fellowship

I am writing this article having recently returned from a very powerful Hineni Fellowship trip with our high school students, visiting Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham while exploring the Civil Rights Movement through a Jewish lens. Read a little more about our trip from Emily Kurland and Bethany Weisberg below. Our Hineni Fellows are now processing their experiences and each beginning to work on a creative presentation reflecting on what they've learned, connecting their learning with core Jewish texts and values. Hineni – literally 'Here I am,' is a declaration, stating unequivocally that I am ready to serve, ready to heed God's call, whatever it might be. And that is exactly what this Fellowship is – giving our students a platform to say Hineni – Here I am, ready to learn, ready to reflect, ready to turn my learning into action to make a difference in our community, our society, our world.

This year's trip follows up on an equally powerful experience for last year's fellows, who visited Washington, DC, learning about Holocaust education, antisemitism and the US relationship with Israel, and we are already getting excited for next year's fellows, who will visit New York City to explore immigration and the American Jewish experience. We have even heard from so many adults who would love these kinds of experiences that we are now working on a **Civil Rights Journey for adults for the fall**; stay tuned for more information and I hope you will be able to join us!

Through it all, most gratifying and awe inspiring for me is seeing the thoughtfulness and passion in our Hineni Fellows, putting our Jewish values into action, and providing a wonderful reminder of the indelible impact every individual can make on our world.

Rabbi Josh Foster

School Spring Break:
March 24 – April 2

Hineni Fellowship Trip to Georgia and Alabama



really enjoyed talking to Bishop Calvin Woods and all the inspirational topics he talked about. I loved going to the Rosa Parks Museum and seeing the bus exhibit, where we were able to see a visual representation of the people that were in the bus with Rosa Parks when she refused to give up her seat.

Emily Kurland: I am so glad I ended up taking the Hineni Fellowship trip. I learned so much new information surrounding the civil rights movement, and all the suffering so many people had to deal with on a daily basis. The complexity of the movement and its events was like nothing I have ever seen or learned before. I will take the information and lessons I have learned with me for the rest of my life. I am so lucky and grateful that I was able to participate in this experience.

Bethany Weisberg: I had an amazing time on the Hineni trip to Georgia and Alabama because of the sites we saw and the people we talked to. I

Bat Mitzvah



CAILEY CATHI ZELWIN

Shabbat morning, March 4

Cailey attends Solon Middle School and enjoys soccer, drawing and watercolors. For her Mitzvah Project, she is partnering with America Scores by collecting donations, youth soccer cleats and shin guards. She is the daughter of Courtney & Jeremy Zelwin, sister of Cole Zelwin and granddaughter of Ronna & Robert Zelwin and Edrea & Bruce Lazerick.

Makom: The Place for Teens

Mondays • 6:30 pm



Join us for **Torah in Our Hands:** a three-part series with Rabbi Bec Richman, a local *soferet* (scribe), who will introduce us to the world of scribal arts, offer a chance to do some hands-on Torah maintenance and repair and facilitate Hebrew calligraphy learning.

February 27, March 13 & 20. Open to all students in grades 7-12. Contact Sydney Ungar with questions or to RSVP if you aren't a Makom regular.



Kabbatot Shabbat

Friday, March 31 • 5:15 pm

Let's welcome Shabbat together with a craft, songs, a story and fun with Rabbi Hal and Rabbi Josh. Kids are encouraged to wear pajamas (adults, too, if they would like)! Every family will receive a take home Shabbat bag with yummy treats. Please register at <https://cutt.ly/Kabbatot>.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 15 • 4 pm



We will discuss *The Netanyahus* by Joshua Cohen. All are invited to join us at BJC or on Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81885748539>. Contact Sylvia Abrams (sylvia.abrams@gmail.com) or Linda Schoenberg (drcats2224@gmail.com) with questions. There is no discussion in April due to Pesach.

Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

The History of Pioneer Women to Na'amat Today

Tuesday, March 21 • noon



Linda Schoenberg will be our guest speaker today. \$10/person at the door; RSVP by March 17 to Robin Rood (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).

Torah Fund Luncheon

Sunday, April 30 • 11 am • BJC



Join fellow Torah Fund Benefactors and Supporters from Park Synagogue for our annual program featuring **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, as performed by Juliette Regnier. \$25 per person; RSVP by April 23 to Judi Lauer (judithlauer@roadrunner.com or 330-888-9029). Learn more at <https://cutt.ly/33luD3K>.

To attend this special luncheon, you must be a current Torah Fund Benefactor (contributed \$180 or more during the last year) or a Torah Fund Supporter (contributed \$20 or more to the Torah Fund, including purchase of Torah Fund Greeting Cards during the last year). There is still time to make your 2022-2023 contribution to become a Benefactor or Supporter. Contact your Torah Fund co-chairs today!

Sisterhood Fundraiser

B'tayevon Pie Pan Sales

(that's Hebrew for bon appétit)

These 9" custom designed glass pie pans, created by Zehava Galun, make a special gift for a loved one or friend. Choose from two designs, with our without handles; only \$30 each. Place your order by March 30 for pick-up by May 8. Order at <https://cutt.ly/PiePan> or contact Sue Nash (440-759-3042 or snash@thenashgroupllc.com).



A Contemporary & Creative Women's Passover Experience

featuring Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum

Tuesday, March 28 • 6:15 pm

Join us as we present a closer look at how to engage creatively during the Passover holiday. Bring a favorite Haggadah and unique recipe and be ready to share a special family tradition. We will compile the recipes after the event. \$25/Sisterhood member; \$30/guest – price includes dinner. Register at <https://cutt.ly/c3G0LC1> by March 22. Questions? Contact Grace Brower (gracepepperpike@aol.com or 440-823-9445) or Carol Marcs (440-725-5753 or cmarcs@sbcglobal.net).

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Upcoming Events

Mandel JCC Book Festival **The Thread Collectors** Thursday, March 2 • 7:30 pm • Virtual Event



Enjoy a **FREE** virtual talk with authors Alyson Richman and Shaunna J. Edwards. Inspired by the authors' own family histories, *The Thread Collectors* is a rich historical novel set during the Civil War about two women - one Black and yearning for freedom in New Orleans, the other a Jewish abolitionist in New York - whose resourceful sewing to support their communities leads them on unexpected, dangerous journeys as they fight to bring their beloveds home from the front. Free; register at <https://cutt.ly/ThreadCollectors>.

This is part of the Mandel JCC Cleveland Jewish Book Festival and sponsored by The Norma and Albert Geller Social Justice Endowment Fund at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.



Volunteer with Chesed at the Kosher Food Pantry Sunday, March 12 • 9:30 am



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

Save these Dates

Journey through the Passover Story Sunday, March 26 • 10 am

Families will come together for a fun and interactive morning as we get ready for Passover.

Youth Shabbaton at Camp Wise April 28-30

For 3rd-6th grade students.

More information coming soon for both of these programs.

Beyond Borders: The Art of Siona Benjamin Thursday, March 9 • 6:30 pm



Samantha Baskind, Professor of Art History at CSU, will provide us with an hour long private tour of the exhibit. This show features over 40 pieces that consider and challenge the perception of immigration, gender, race, religion, global politics and the concept of home. RSVP to Shani Kadis by March 5 and advise if you are interested in carpooling. Free. Located at The Galleries at CSU – 1307 Euclid Ave.



Sharing Our Stories: Congregational Shabbaton

March 17-18 • Courtyard by
Marriott, University Circle



Fun and educational experiences for all ages, featuring **Andre Ivory**, Jewish Educator and Motivator. Catering by Kantina.

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/3XgoSvo> or scan the QR code.



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Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, March 30 • 9 am – 2 pm

Sponsored by Men's Club. Save a life; give blood. Walk-ins welcome or register at <https://cutt.ly/okN7EiL>.



Yom HaShoah Candle Packing Sunday, March 12 Drop-in between 9 – 10 am

We need your help to prepare the candles for distribution. No RSVP needed! Just as importantly, please volunteer to help deliver the candles to homes in your neighborhood. Contact Paul Wolf (paul.s.wolf@alum.wpi.edu or 216-291-0796).

BJC Learning Institute



Free Jewish Virtual Learning for Adults is just a click or a phone call away!

Stay connected with BJC! Zoom in via computer or phone in at (929) 205-6099, the Meeting ID is the number at the end of each link. Please check our website frequently 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.**

What's NU? with Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria Mondays • 10 am (no class March 13 & 27)

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>

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 The Book of Judges, Chapters 13-21.
<https://zoom.us/j/94519361768>

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

Wednesdays • 10:30 am (resuming March 8 • note new day)

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>

Talmud: Disputes for the Sake of Heaven with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz

Thursdays • noon

Talmud is one of the foundational sources of Judaism. By unpacking the discussions of the rabbis, we can uncover powerful wisdom to guide and inspire us. Join in on this journey as we closely read the text, learn how the Talmud works, and make it relevant for our lives today.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87277103560>

Torah Café Saturdays • 9 am

Gain fresh insights into the Torah, and study with great teachers! Breakfast, coffee and tea are available.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83603008490>

Thursday Monthly Series: Spotlight Educator



Jews and Judaism of Seinfeld March 16 • 7:30 pm

Andre Ivory is a Jewish educator and motivator from Scottsdale, AZ. He is joining us for Shabbat on the Circle (see pg 7). This session will be hybrid.



Pre-Passover Workshops Thursdays, March 23 & 30 • 7:30 pm

Rabbi Stephen Grundfast will lead these hybrid sessions. We encourage you to be in person to see and examine a wide variety of Haggadot.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82247940770>

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List as of February 20, 2023

Dear Friend(s),

The Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide, which I hope will add to your observance of Pesach (Passover), includes the rules and procedures relating to the special food requirements of Pesach observance. They have been compiled by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) of the Rabbinical Assembly and Conservative Movement. This information can serve as an annual reference for you. Any items not covered, and about which you have a question, should be discussed directly with me. I hope your preparations for Pesach will lead to a joyous holiday for you and your dear ones. The 2023 – 5783 guide and addendum is not available yet. Please see last year's at <https://cutt.ly/PesachGuide5782>. Hard copies will be available on the information table in Gross Atrium, or you may call the synagogue office to have one mailed to you.

Sincerely,

Hal Rudin-Luria

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Siyyum B'Chorim

Firstborns, normally required to fast the day before Pesach, are relieved of this requirement by attending a Torah study session (*siyyum*) on the morning before the holiday. This year's *siyyum* will be held on Wednesday, April 5, at the conclusion of the *Shaharit* service. Minyan will begin at 7:15 am.

Passover & Hametz Food Collections

Chesed is collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items. Kosher for Passover items will be distributed to needy Jewish families. *Hametz* items will be donated to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank as part of Harvest for Hunger. Food may be dropped off in the bins in Gross Atrium through Friday, March 31.

Looking for a Seder?

If you are looking for home hospitality for the seders, or are willing to open your home to guests, please contact Rabbi Rudin-Luria.

HAMETZ TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

The transfer of the ownership of *HAMETZ* during the Pesach holiday will be accomplished by your signing and returning the form below. Please keep in mind that the Pesach season has always been a time for tzedakah. You may choose any cause. Contributions to our B'nai Jeshurun Passover Fund will be distributed to MAZON, the National Jewish Response to Hunger, to our Cleveland Chesed Center, and to our local Passover Meals on Wheels and Passover Assistance Fund project.

Date _____

I, _____
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do hereby authorize, empower and enable Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, to sell all the *hametz* as defined by the Rabbis of the Talmud in the Tractate Pesachim, and which is located at the above address, to whomsoever he wishes provided that ownership of the same *hametz* is restored to its original owner one minute after the close of the Festival of Pesach. In addition, I authorize Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria to appoint another agent to carry out this sale in his stead. I also empower him to sell the *hametz* located at the following locations under the same terms and conditions as set forth: (please list name and address)

(signed)

Please return by **Tuesday, April 4 at 5 pm** to B'nai Jeshurun Congregation (attn. Diane Dronzek), 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124. **Authorization forms are also available on the synagogue website at <https://cutt.ly/hametz>.**

SPECIAL TIME SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT:

**CALLING FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS
NOW THROUGH MARCH 17TH**

FIRST EVER! BJC INFLUENCER AWARDS

WHAT TO DO: Here is your opportunity to nominate a person, group, committee, or family that you think has had an outsized impact on the leadership, volunteerism, programming, social action, prayer services, fundraising or educational aspects of B'nai Jeshurun from January 1, 2022 through TODAY.

The award winners will be honored at the BJC Influencer Awards 2022-2023 Gala Sunday evening, June 11, 2023. The deadline to nominate is March 17, 2023.

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT:
<https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/form/Influencers.html>
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AT lornasiegal@bnaijeshurun.org or 216-354-0743



2022-2023 GALA: SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH AT 6:00PM

Memorial Plaques & Golden 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 a beautifully calligraphed volume 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 Thursday, March 23.** The price of a memorial plaque is \$600 and a listing is \$200. Contact Diane Dronzek to place an order or to learn more.

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 5; winners need not be present. Contact Wendy Altmire for tickets. Return tickets to the synagogue, Attn: BHRS.

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GCC Helps Achieve a Significant Win in Court Representation for Youth



Youth who have committed serious offenses may be bound over to adult court at the discretion of a judge. It is important that these youth are represented by experienced attorneys. In Cuyahoga County, attorneys representing youth are selected by the judge overseeing the case. The judge may decide to select a public defender, who is a specialist in juvenile law. Or, the judge may select a private attorney, who may not be as experienced.

In December, GCC held a public meeting attended by almost 1,000 people, either in-person or virtually, on the topic of youth bindover. One of GCC’s demands is increased representation by public defenders.

Just recently, the Juvenile Court agreed to increase delinquency appointments to the Public Defender’s Office from 25% to 40%. This is a significant win for our youth and our community. Cullen Sweeney, Chief Public Defender, Cuyahoga County Public Defender’s Office said, “GCC’s advocacy on juvenile justice issues and on the problem of juvenile bindovers in Cuyahoga County, directly contributed to this positive development.” Public Defender’s offices in other major Ohio cities receive 100% of the juvenile delinquency appointments, so Cuyahoga County still lags far behind. Sweeney said he looks forward to continuing to work with GCC to improve the representation of children and to reduce the number sent to adult courts and adult prisons. See more information on this positive development in this Signal Cleveland article: <https://cutt.ly/V3Eeb0r>.

Lee Markowitz
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Pesach 5783

- Tuesday, April 4:** Search for hametz (evening)

Wednesday, April 5: Erev Pesach – 1st Seder
No eating of hametz after 11:18 am; sell and burn hametz before 12:23 pm

 - 7:15 am Minyan; Siyyum b’Chorim (Fast of the First Born)
 - 6:00 pm Mincha/Evening Festival Service

Thursday, April 6: 1st Day of Pesach – 2nd Seder

 - 9:30 am Shabbat/Festival Service
 - 6:00 pm Mincha

Friday, April 7: 2nd Day of Pesach

 - 9:30 am Festival Service
 - 6:00 pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

- Tuesday, April 11:** Erev 7th Day of Pesach
6:00 pm Mincha/Evening Festival Service

Wednesday, April 12: 7th Day of Pesach

 - 9:00 am Festival Service
 - 6:00 pm Mincha

Thursday, April 13: 8th Day of Pesach

 - 9:00 am Shabbat/Festival Service/Yizkor/ Dedication of Memorial Plaques
 - 6:00 pm Mincha
 - 8:47 pm Pesach ends**

If you sold your hametz through the shul, you may eat it right away, as the sale reverts immediately.

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We note with sorrow the passing of

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Brother of Charles Huston

***DAVID KAHAN**

Husband of Gloria Kahan

***JULIAN KAHAN**

Husband of Etole Kahan

LEONARD KATZ

Father of Lauri Sigman

***MONIQUE POLAR**

***DAVID WAKSER**

* B'nai Jeshurun member

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

Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Lynda & Harold Pollov	55 Years
Judy & Leonard Clark	40 Years
Meryl & Jeffrey Goldberg	40 Years
Debbie & Michael Marks	35 Years
Robyn & David Gelwasser	25 Years

Happy Milestone Birthday to:

Harry Abraham	Michael Milgrom
Connie Altose	Char Rapoport Nance
Howard Bergson	Marilyn Ozan
Amy Berman	Estelle Payner
Benjamin Finer	Deborah Rossman
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Wayne Kawalek	Clifford Sobol
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Adam Levine	Ethan Walker
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Hedy Milgrom	

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, and every year after 90. Anniversaries are recognized at five-year intervals.

Mazel Tov to

• **Elizabeth Groothuis & Jeffrey Gardner** and **Lynn Gardner** on the birth of a daughter and granddaughter, **Alice Leslie Gardner**.

• **Carly Deutch Glantz & Michael Glantz** and **Julie & Steven Deutch** on the birth of a daughter and granddaughter, **Logan Cara Glantz**.

• **Gayl Berger** and **Alan Berger** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Layton Elizabeth Berger**.

• **Susan & David Rapkin** and **Gloria Kurland** on the birth of a granddaughter and great-granddaughter, **Isabella Sydney Rapkin**

• **Laura & Jody Katzner** on the engagement of their son, **Jonathan, to Anna Schottenstein**.

• **Judy Friedman** on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, **Jacob Asher Bayrer**.



Gardner



Glantz



Berger



Rapkin



Katzner & Schottenstein



Bayrer

Yasher Koach

• **Claudella Stewart** for five years of dedicated service to the synagogue.



Stewart

Purim Volunteers Needed!

Purim is just around the corner and we need MANY volunteers! Sign up to help with our Purim Carnival at <https://cutt.ly/Carnival> or contact Shani Kadis. In order to volunteer at the carnival, you must be 12 years old or older.

Synagogue Shabbat Security Training

Shabbat morning, March 11 • after services

With the ongoing security concerns in America and around the world, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland is coordinating safety drills at local synagogues. This drill will have the active participation of clergy, staff, and members/guests. JFC Security, in partnership with the Pepper Pike police department, will conduct a building lockdown followed by a slow walk evacuation drill. We have learned from experience that conducting this type of live training drills with congregants' participation has great value in identifying security gaps and preparing community members on how to react when facing a critical incident. If you have any questions please contact our Executive Director, Jay Ross.

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				12:00 pm Talmud class 1:30 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Mandel JCC Book Festival (virtual only)	10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir	9:00 am Service; Cailey Zelwin Bat Mitzvah 9:00 am Torah Café
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1:00 pm Kids' Purim Spiel 1:30 pm Purim Carnival 7:00 pm Adult Purim Spiel	Erev Purim Fast of Esther 10:00 am What's Nu? 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 5:30 pm Young Families Dinner & Magic 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm Megillah Readings 8:00 pm Teen Purim Party	Purim 7:00 am Minyan; Megillah Reading 10:30 am Bible Study	Shushan Purim 10:30 am Mishnah class 6:30 pm Beyond Borders Gallery Tour	12:00 pm Talmud class 1:30 pm Yiddish Club 6:00 pm Service	10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service	9:00 am Service; Security Training 9:00 am Torah Café
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward 9:30 am Chesed @ Kosher Food Pantry	11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 6:30 pm Makom	10:30 am Bible Study	10:30 am Mishnah class 4:00 pm Sisterhood Book Discussion	12:00 pm Talmud class 1:30 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	Shabbat on the Circle 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat	Shabbat on the Circle; Safety Training 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 6:30 pm Makom	10:30 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	10:30 am Mishnah class	Rosh Hodesh Nisan 12:00 pm Talmud class 1:30 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Shir Shabbat	9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10:00 am Journey through the Passover Story	11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda	10:30 am Bible Study 6:15 pm Sisterhood Passover Experience	10:30 am Mishnah class	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 pm Talmud class 1:30 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 5:15 pm KabbaTOT Shabbat 6:00 pm Service	