

Tidings

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PURIMANIA

<https://cutt.ly/purim2024>



SUNDAY, MARCH 17

11:00 AM: "ESTHER - THE BARBIE SPIEL" | KIDS SPIEL

Watch our talented youth take you to the world of Barbie for this Purim story. *Stream.*

7:00 PM: "GREASE" | ADULT SPIEL & DESSERT

See the Shushan Nights come alive in this fun Purim musical.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

10:30 AM: PURIM KINDER SHABBAT

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

6:45 PM: MINCHA

7:30 PM: PRE-MEGILLAH CONCERT

Featuring The Meshuganotes from The Ohio State University. *Stream.*

8:30 PM: Ma'ariv & Havdalah

8:45 PM: TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING. *Zoom & Stream.*
Hamentashen & drinks will follow.

8:45 PM: ESTHER'S CHIPWICH BAR FOR TEENS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM: MORNING MINYAN, MEGILLAH READING & BREAKFAST
Zoom & Stream.

10:30 AM: FAMILY MEGILLAH READING & COSTUME PARADE
Zoom & Stream.

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM: PURIM CARNIVAL

Learn more and pre-register for the carnival at
<https://cutt.ly/carnival2024>



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

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Men's Club and Sisterhood Offer Trip to Tuvalu

by Jerry Brodsky

A beautiful archipelago not far from Fiji, this island nation offers beaches, coral reefs and wonderful weather. In addition, it's been named the least visited nation in the world and is only a hop, skip and five direct, non-stop flights away from Cleveland. Travel time is 1 day and 2 hours each way but that includes crossing over the international date line. With stopovers in Chicago, San Francisco and Nadi, the arrival at Suva's international airport will be a real celebration. And the 3 days we stay there will seem like 3 weeks. With so few tourists, we should be able to relax and enjoy the South Pacific splendor alone. Carry-on luggage recommended. Checked bags are likely to miss more than one of those flights and never be seen again, but on the way back we have delightful layovers in Nadi (again), then Los Angeles and Las Vegas before making our way back to CLE. For more information, contact our travel agent at Dewey, Cheatem and Howe.

Synagogue Chosen for Amtrak Expansion

by Aaron Dobres

Following the report that the federal government is prioritizing Ohio in its Amtrak expansion efforts, a news release this week revealed that B'nai Jeshurun was identified as a key stop on routes spanning the midwestern United States. "The turnaround at the front of the synagogue is not just for cars anymore," noted Amtrak CEO Stephen Gardner. "After hearing from so many out-of-towners who enjoyed participating in services on Zoom, we knew we had to spare no expense to bring them to Cleveland," said Jay Ross. Riders on the so-called "BJC Line" will be treated to hot meals prepared by Murray Berkowitz and Tova Cohen in a special kosher dining car and in-seat entertainment in the form of archived Shabbat services. Gardner added that Amtrak is also considering a stop at the Mandel JCC, so weekday minyan participants can get to their morning workout in just 45 seconds!

Synagogue and LiveNation Sign Agreement, Get Ready to Rock!

by Jay Ross

In a surprise announcement, Live Nation Entertainment, the country's largest concert promoter, will be sponsoring all Shabbat morning services as they vow to take over the synagogue market worldwide. Their media release stated, "For too long there has been no Rock & Roll as part of Shabbat morning services. We are going to change this one synagogue at a time, starting with B'nai Jeshurun. We think the crowd mix is perfect, and with the wild and crazy clergy, everyone will be dancing in the aisles soon." The announcement included the following Shabbat morning service themes:

Quiet Riot – *You Have to Fight for Your Right to Daven*

Bruce Springsteen – *Born to Pray*

Taylor Swift – *Every Shabbat Is a Love Song* (feat. Travis Kelce)

Rolling Stones – *Jumping Josh Jacobs*

Chicago – *Saturday in the Sanctuary*

Kiss – *Rock & Roll All Nite and Pray for Forgiveness Every Day*

We are excited to offer this creative opportunity and hope to see the Eagles join Cantor Rosenbaum on a future Shabbat morning for a Tequila Sunrise service.

Synagogue to Launch New AI Platform

by Ethan Dobres

Noting the growth of artificial intelligence over the last year, Executive Director Jay Ross recently unveiled ChatBJC - a software-based tool that can perform many traditional functions of the synagogue and its staff. For instance, the clergy expressed excitement over ChatBJC's rAbbi feature, which can instantaneously provide spiritual guidance, offer blessings and even write speeches. "This tool will help us make sermons that are short and to the point - no more than 25 minutes," the congregation's rabbis wrote in a statement. Additionally, synagogue Treasurer Greg Goldfeder and Development Director Lorna Siegel emphasized the financial benefits from the choice to sell stock in ChatBJC. "The initial public offering for our platform was so successful that we've decided to waive all membership dues for the year," the two announced.

Suggestion to Stop Serving Booze at Minyan Inspires Broadway Megahit

by Rabbi Joshua Jacobs



"It's true," says *Hamilton* playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, "I was sitting in a Synagogue & Services Committee meeting where someone suggested we stop serving booze at minyan. Without skipping a beat, Bob Zelwin jumped out of his seat, onto the table, and started rapping." Miranda recalls an impassioned Zelwin singing, "I am not throwin' away my shot, I am not throwin' away my shot, hey, yo, just like my congregation, I like a strong libation, and I'm not throwin' away my shot." Broadway playwrights seeking inspiration have since been lining up around the block to attend B'nai Jeshurun's Synagogue & Services Committee meetings. Victor Hugo, writer of *Les Miserables*, admits that "One Day More" came from someone's suggestion we cut second day chag services. "Rabbi Hal," Hugo recalls, "barricaded us inside Halpern Hall, smeared dust on his face like a proletariat, and belted out his strong preference for 'One Day More.'" While it can't be proven that *Rent* was also inspired by these committee meetings, some speculate that it was, because they tend to last "Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Minutes."



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Candle Lighting

March 1.....	6:00 pm
March 8.....	6:08 pm
March 15.....	7:16 pm
March 22.....	7:23 pm
March 29.....	7:31 pm

Torah Portions

March 2.....	Ki Tisa
March 9.....	Vayakhel/Shabbat Shekalim
March 16.....	Pekudei
March 23.....	Vayikra/Shabbat Zachor
March 30.....	Tzav/Shabbat Parah

Daily Service Schedule

Live stream our services at
www.bnajeshurun.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

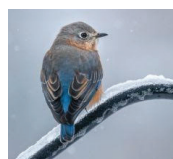
Saturdays: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm

Please note that Saturday, March 23 Mincha will be at 6:45 pm (no 6 pm minyan).

BJC Snowbird Gathering

Thursday, March 7



Rabbi Rudin-Luria will be in the Delray Beach/Boca Raton area for a social gathering of our snowbirds/snowflakes. The time and location will be advised. If you would like to be included, please contact Diane Dronzek. This is for BJC members only.

President's Message



This month, due to a quirk in the Jewish and secular calendars, Purim and St. Patrick's Day fall just days apart. And while we won't be carousing around shul drinking green beer, the two holidays have more in common than one might realize at first glance. The central figures in both holidays are heroes who resisted oppression by wrongful authority: Mordechai refused at great risk to bow to Haman, while Patrick escaped slavery in England to lead an intellectual and religious renaissance in Ireland. Celebrants in both communities love dressing up in crazy costumes. We both love using noisemakers—whether its groggers during the Megillah reading, or the vuvuzelas I hear as the parade marches past my building every year. And, of course, more than a few shots get poured on each holiday...

Why do I share this observation? Because my thoughts lately have been focused on the divisions in American society. More and more, our nation's leaders and the national press draw attention to the wedge issues that drive us apart rather than the commonalities that bind us together. The cracks that have appeared in what used to be a breakwall of unwavering support for Israel over the past few months is but one glaring example of this worrying trend.

But this Purim, let's all try to take a break from our worries and enjoy a day dedicated to reminding us that in every generation we have found a way to overcome our enemies. Have faith that this, too, shall pass. And if you see someone dressed all in green, make sure you wish them a happy St. Patrick's Day. We have much more that unites us with our neighbors in the community than you think.

Scott Matasar

Cantor's Corner



Purim is a favorite holiday for many of us—for good reason! It includes a story recounting our triumph over evil, tasty treats to eat and a focus on merriment. What's not to love? The fact that one Jewish woman found the power within herself to save our entire people is part of what makes the story so compelling and absolutely central to our celebration of the holiday.

Esther is put into her position of power as queen largely due to the fact that she obscured her Jewish identity at first. In fact, the Hebrew *Esther* literally means "I will hide." Her original name was Hadassah, and she adopted a pseudonym as she entered the contest that eventually led to her being chosen as queen. We often forget to address how difficult it must have been for her to hide who she was for so long. Esther must have been terrified that she would be punished for hiding such a big secret from King Achashverosh, yet she risked her life for the chance to save the rest of her people.

There is a noteworthy food component to this holiday: *Ta'anit Esther*, the fast of Esther, and *Se'udat Purim*, the feast of Purim. This is a holiday of extremes. The extreme kindness of Mordechai and the extreme wickedness of Haman. Here, we have the extreme fear Esther felt as she fasted and prayed for a positive outcome to our plight and the extreme joy of knowing that our people were saved.

In recent years, I have endeavored to put myself in Esther's shoes when we observe these customs (such as making vegetarian Persian dishes for my feast, as Esther would have been a vegetarian in the court while hiding her identity). Surely with the rise in antisemitism, we can empathize with her fear and uncertainty in needing to hide. Yet we also see that we must stand up and fight when there is more at stake. May we all have the courage of Esther to stand up for others and proudly proclaim our Jewish identities. And may we never feel that we need to hide who we are!

Chag Purim Sameach,

Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum



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



Havdalah Open Mic Night

Saturday, March 9 • 7:45 pm
Shekinah Wellness Center



Havdalah allows us to express many different feelings at once. Sadness as Shabbat departs. Excitement as a new week arrives. Join us for a Havdalah open mic night as we give voice to what's in our souls by sharing our original or favorite poems, songs and any other forms of creative expression. We want to hear from YOU! Wine and light snacks will be provided. \$10/per person. Shekinah is located at 5131 Warrensville Center Rd., Maple Heights. Registration coming soon.

Education & Youth



Hineni Fellowship

I am writing this article having recently returned from a very powerful Hineni Fellowship trip with 21 of our high school students, visiting New York City to explore immigration and the American Jewish experience. Read a little more about our trip from Madeline Beynenson, one of our fellows, 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 equally powerful experiences each of the last two years, when our Hineni Fellows visited the South to explore the Civil Rights movement through a Jewish lens, and Washington, DC, learning about Holocaust education, antisemitism and the US relationship with Israel. We have even heard

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Bat Mitzvah



ADVA DANA

Shabbat afternoon (Mincha), March 16

Adva attends Beachwood Middle School and enjoys reading/listening to books, swimming, crafts and baking. For her Mitzvah Project, she is making care packages for people who have cancer and mishloach manot for Purim in partnership with JFSA. She is the daughter of Ianina & Hod Dana, sister of Dotan and Gaal Dana and granddaughter of Rina & Yizhak Dana. Adva is also the granddaughter of the late Daniel & Graciela Junowicz.

1 Leaf 1 Child Help Our BJC Tree of Life Grow

Support Jewish educational opportunities for our children by purchasing a \$60 Tree of Life Leaf to recognize a birth, anniversary, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, marriage, birthday, or to honor the memory of a loved one. Donations help support the B'nai Jeshurun Youth and Learning Center. For more information or to purchase a leaf, please contact Wendy Altmire.

**BHRS Spring Break
is March 20-31**

Hineni Teen Fellowship Trip to NYC

Along with Rabbi Foster, Rabbi Rudin-Luria, Sydney Milgrom and Ethan Dobres, 21 high school teens, including me, embarked on a journey to New York City for three days with the Hineni Fellowship, from January 28-30, 2024. Our main focus on the trip was to learn about Jews who immigrated to America, and this started before we even got to New York. The week before our trip, we met with six community members who immigrated from all over the world to come to Cleveland. We learned all about their experiences, and that made me even more excited to go to New York and learn even more. One of the first things we did once we arrived was take the ferry to Ellis Island and Liberty Island. While we were at Ellis Island, we learned much more about immigrants between the years of 1892 and 1954 by walking through exhibits and using audio guides. On Liberty Island, we learned about how the Statue of Liberty was the first thing many immigrants saw when they came to New York, and they felt reassurance about their adventure. That night, we saw *Hamilton* on Broadway, and we saw that even people who immigrated could achieve their dreams. The next day, we went to the Tenement Museum, where we learned about two specific families and their struggles immigrating and living in the tenements. Hineni means 'Here I am' and I didn't fully grasp the meaning of that until I went on the trip. There was a sense of community that I hadn't felt anywhere else. Everyone was so welcoming and we had many experiences unlike anything I had done before. I truly had the trip of a lifetime.

- Madeline Beynenson, Sophomore, Orange High School

View the full photo album at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/a7mHVKBbxWyLBr8S9>.



From Our Affiliates

Sisterhood Membership Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, March 10 • noon



Come join us for a wonderful afternoon featuring Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum and Cantorial Soloist Cheryl Eitman singing contemporary music, and an auction! Lunch is complimentary for all Sisterhood members who have paid their 2023-2024 dues. Auction tickets may be purchased at the event (cash/check only). Reservations required at <https://cutt.ly/vwKhVK3j> by March 4. Questions? Contact Marcy Weinstein (blueyes122@aol.com or 216-440-0671) or Sherry Banchek (sbnurse74@aol.com or 216-570-3830).



Sisterhood Lunch & Learn Engaging Ideas for your Seder Tuesday, March 19 • noon

Bethany Salomon will lead this talk from unique table decorations, activities and games to setting up an escape room! \$10 per person. RSVP to Robin Rood by March 14 (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).

Sisterhood Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 20 • 4 pm



March's book will be *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver. 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. There will be no meeting in April due to Pesach.

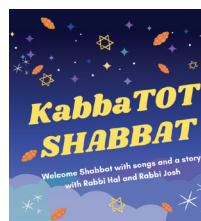
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81885748539>.

Sisterhood Camp/Summer Experience Scholarship

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

KabbaTOT Shabbat

Friday, March 1 • 5:15 pm



Let's welcome Shabbat together with songs, a story and fun with our clergy. Each family will do a craft together as well. Kids are encouraged to wear pajamas (adults too if they would like!) Every family will receive a take home Shabbat bag with a challah and treats to enjoy. FREE, registration required at <https://cutt.ly/KabbaTot>.

Chesed at Ronald McDonald House

Wednesday, March 6 • 3 pm



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

Inclusion Shabbat

Friday, March 22 • 6:30 pm



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.



Youth Shabbaton & Leadership Retreat

April 12-14 • Camp Wise

The Passport to Passover Shabbaton is for 3rd – 6th graders and the Middle School Leadership Retreat is for 7th – 8th graders. All programming, meals and snacks included. Transportation from BJC. Early bird pricing through March 18. Learn more and register at <https://cutt.ly/QwBlyxi6>. The Youth Shabbaton is sponsored in part by the Harvey A. & Harriet D. Freiman Education Enrichment Fund.

Upcoming Events

Mind-Full Shabbat

Friday, March 29 • 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 Dr. Ed Barksdale, Surgeon in Chief, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital/University

Hospitals: **Antifragility: Working to Build Resilience in the Wake of Tragedy & Violence.** Shabbat services are followed by a catered dinner by Café 56, fine wine and interactive adult conversation with a dynamic speaker. Learn more and register at <https://cutt.ly/pwBR6KAA>.

The Bridge Purim Party

March 16 • 7:15 – 11:30 pm • 78th St. Studios



Get ready to be transported to the enchanting streets of Jerusalem! Join us for The Shuk After Dark: An Israeli Market Purim Party. Experience the pulse of the ancient city, savor authentic flavors, dance to diverse rhythms and embrace the joy of unity. Don't miss this unforgettable night! See you at the Shuk! \$25/ticket early bird (through February 29); \$36/ticket regular price. All tickets include dinner, snacks, swag and your first drink. Buy your ticket at <https://bit.ly/shukafterdark>. The Bridge is our Young Professionals group. This program is generously supported by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland through an Israel at 75 microgrant.

Gross Schechter Shabbat

Saturday, March 9 • 9 am (during services)



Join us as our students who attend GSDS lead services. If your child would like to participate, please contact Shani Kadis. The kiddush will be sponsored by Schechter.

Neshama Body and Soul

Sunday, March 3 • 10 am



This workout-worship experience combines Jewish prayer with body-weight strength-training and mobility exercises in an effort to help participants connect the physical with the spiritual. We will gather in Halpern Hall and Rabbi Jaymee Alpert will join us virtually on the big screen. This event is open to everyone. There will be a good amount of physical activity including getting up and down off the floor. Please bring a mat or a towel, water, wear sneakers and workout clothes. Registration is encouraged at <https://cutt.ly/pwCawBtB>, but walk-ins will be welcome.

Assemble and/or Deliver Mishloach Manot

Sunday, March 3 • 9:30 am - 2 pm



Join us for some Purim fun as we pack mishloach manot bags while catching up with old and new friends. Stay as long as you'd like! We will also assemble on March 5 from 10 am - noon if we do not finish. We are in need of volunteers to deliver between March 6-22. Please do not deliver on Shabbat. If you will be out of town during this time, please contact Shani Kadis so we do not leave a bag at your home while you are away. Register at <https://cutt.ly/mishloach-manot2024>.

Volunteer at our Purim Carnival

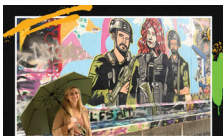
Sunday, March 24 • 9 am - 2:30 pm



Purim is just around the corner and we would love for you to lend a hand to help us hold the most memorable, magical Purim Carnival in town! We are looking for volunteers (6th grade and up) to help greet and check in, run games, pass out prizes, serve food and more. Learn more and sign up at <https://cutt.ly/volunteer-carnival2024>.

Special Makom Session

Monday, March 4 • 6:30 pm



Join us for **Beyond Borders: The Visual Language of Street Art in Times of Crisis, a Hands-On Graffiti Workshop** with Tel Aviv-based graffiti artist, Elinoy Kisslove! Since the onset of the war, Elinoy and her team have created over 20 murals around the country, each telling a unique story. In this workshop, Elinoy will share her perspective and experiences. All teens in grades 6-12 are welcome; if you are not a Makom regular, RSVP to Sydney Milgrom.

Announcements

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 Friday, April 5.** The price of a memorial plaque is \$600 and a listing is \$200. Contact Diane Dronzek to place an order or to learn more.

Change in Streaming Vendor

The synagogue is considering a change in our streaming vendor as a cost savings measure. With this change, we would likely lose access to our current streaming archives. We do have the ability to download archived files and transfer them to members. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of a specific streaming file, especially B'nai Mitzvah, please contact Jay Ross to see if they are still available in the archives. This vendor change may occur in the next few months, so please contact Jay soon.

The synagogue will continue to stream daily minyan and shabbat/holiday services. There will be no impact on the streaming schedule and quality; if all goes well you won't even notice the change.

50/50 Purim Raffle

Once again, the Education Committee of the congregation is sponsoring a "50-50" Raffle to raise money to continue our good work. This year, we will be selling the tickets online and at synagogue events. You may purchase your tickets at <https://cutt.ly/OwCGgXAb> or contact Wendy Altmire and we will complete the tickets for you and enter them in the drawing. One half of the money collected will be used for the needs of our children, while the other half will be distributed as prize money. Tickets will be drawn at the Purim Carnival. You need not be present to win.

Annual Passover Candy (& More!) Sale

Our annual Passover fundraising drive is underway. Thank you in advance for your support! Orders are only able to be placed online at <https://cutt.ly/cwBU9zI7>. Shop for a variety of Passover items, gifts, delicious frozen cookie dough and much more! You can also contact friends and family and encourage them to participate and shop online - learn more on our website and e-mails. If you have any questions, contact our parent volunteer coordinator, Robin Siff (robinpsiff@yahoo.com or 216-469-5343).

Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon

Sunday, April 14 • 11:30 am



Join fellow Torah Fund Benefactors and Supporters for our annual program featuring Dr. Sean Martin. Register by April 8 at <https://cutt.ly/kwBJ7ugY>.

Questions? Contact Judi Lauer (judithlauer@roadrunner.com or 330-888-9029) or Lynne Friedman (lfriedman2@roadrunner.com)

Music Webpage

Our new webpage is dedicated to the music we use during prayers and events! Learn more at <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/music>, or find it under the 'Pray' tab on the dropdown menu.

ShulCloud Mobile App

We are excited to announce that the BJC ShulCloud mobile app is now available for downloading in the app store. The app provides mobile phone access to the synagogue bulletin, calendar, directory, staff contact list, donations page and your member account. We hope that this application is helpful and continues to provide valuable information to you through ShulCloud.

Please be sure to type Bnai Jeshurun in the app store's search box; if you type in ShulCloud you will not find the correct app. We are aware that the Android app store does not have our app; we are working with ShulCloud to resolve this issue and will keep you posted. If you have any issues with the app or ShulCloud in general, please contact Jay Ross or Joscelyn Harris. We are happy to answer any questions and set up individual training sessions as needed for our members.

Tree of Life

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the passing of

***AUDREY GALVIN**

***HAROLD LEVINE**

Husband of Sandra Levine
Father of Marci Baker

***RHODA ROSENBLATT**

Aunt of Risa Dunn
Cousin of Eleanor Steigman

JUNE RUBINSTEIN

Step-mother of Debbie Rothschild

PAUL SANDOCK

Father of Jennifer Weinstein

HOWARD WEISS

Father of Patti Jacobs
Grandfather of Rabbi Joshua Jacobs

* B'nai Jeshurun member

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

Mazel Tov to

- Sandy & Steve Laserson** on the birth of a grandson, **Caleb Nathaniel Kardon**.
- Debby Botnick** and **Bruce & Melanie Botnick** on the birth of a grandson, **Paz Ruby Botnick Prevezer**.
- Murray & Mary Berkowitz** on the marriage of their daughter, **Pamela**, to **Rabbi Steven Abraham**. Pamela is the daughter of the late **Beva Berkowitz**.



Kardon



Prevezer



Abraham

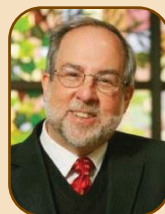


Installation of Rabbi Joshua Jacobs

with special guest Rabbi Ed Feinstein
Friday & Saturday, June 28-29, 2024

We are excited to install Rabbi Joshua Jacobs as Assistant Rabbi of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation. More information coming soon.

Please visit <https://cutt.ly/joshua-jacobs-installation> for updates.



Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Barbara & Robert Bilenker	55 Years
Shoshana & Moshe Hyer	25 Years
Cheryl Wolkoff & Charles Nachman	5 Years

Happy Milestone Birthday to:

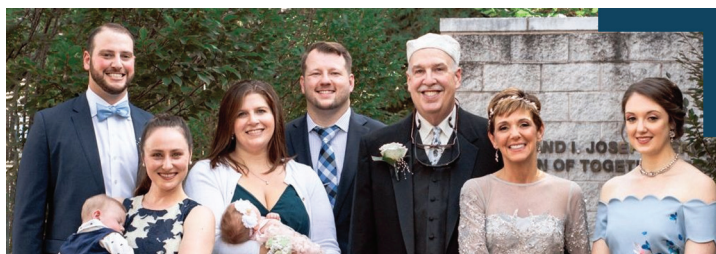
Pamela Besunder	Lana Jacobson
Grace Brower	Michael Leeson
Dana Darvin	Joy Leventhal
Deborah Deutch	Howard Levin
Rabinowitz	Kenneth Levy
Joyce Emrich	Stacie Madow
Shulamith Erenberg	Sandra Meckler
Rabbi Joshua Foster	Elizabeth Oberfeld
Steven Galun	Michael Rabovsky
Arthur Gelbart	Donald Rosewater
Marsha Goldstein	Robert Sigman
Howard Gordon	Laura Wolkoff
Lorin Gottlieb	Steve Wolotsky

Sorry we missed you in February:
Kayla Banchek

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.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the front desk. Contact Joscelyn Harris or Adina Gwartzman (630-660-6111 or agwartzman@gmail.com) to lend a hand.



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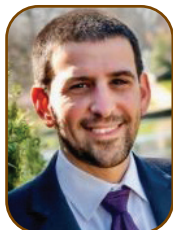
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The Works of Nechama Leibowitz with Rabbi Josh Foster

Thursdays, March 14, 21 and 28 • 7:30 pm

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



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Bible Study with Susan Wyner

Tuesdays • 10:30 am (no class March 12)

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, Chapter 29 - Samuel 2, Chapter 7.

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

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Wednesdays • 10:30 am

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Midrash: Stories to Live By with Rabbi Joshua Jacobs

Thursdays • noon

Midrash is a form of rabbinic commentary that comes in two forms, *halakhah* (law) and *aggadah* (narrative). Both, in their own way, offer guidance as to how to live a meaningful Jewish life. In these sessions, we will explore *aggadah* - the rabbinic tales that have impacted me on a soul level. My hope is that through our learning and discussions together, we will discover stories to live by - stories that stir the soul, inspire growth, and help us find ourselves in our ancient texts. This is a hybrid class and participants are encouraged to come in person. **Lunch will be provided (no lunch March 21)**; donations welcome to cover costs.

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Saturdays • 9 am

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March 2 – Sylvia Abrams

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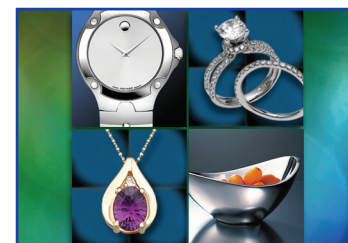
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From the Rabbi

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from so many adults who would love these kinds of experiences that we are now working on a Civil Rights Journey for adults – scheduled for November 17-19, 2024 – see the back cover for details and how to sign up!

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. Thank you to the Isakowitz family for your tremendous support of this initiative, and we look forward to the growth and continued impact of this fellowship for many years to come.

Rabbi Josh Foster

Kavvanah Minyan

Shabbat, March 16 • 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.

Shir Shabbat

Friday, March 15 • 6 pm



Shir Shabbat

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.

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February 3: The kiddush was sponsored in part by Mandel JDS in honor of their BJC students leading services.

February 10: The kiddush and congregational luncheon were co-sponsored by Laurie Linden & Michael Rabovsky in honor of the aufruf of their children, Andrew Rabovsky & Julia Penberthy; and by Karen & David Bardenstein in honor of David's milestone birthday.

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3 9:30 am - 2:00 pm Mishloah Manot Assembly 10:00 am Neshama Body & Soul	4 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 6:30 pm Makom: Graffiti Workshop	5 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	6 10:30 am Mishnah class 3:00 pm Chesed @ Ronald McDonald House	7 Snowbird Gathering 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club	8 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service	9 9:00 am Service; Gross Schechter Day School Shabbat 9:00 am Torah Café Rabbi Joshua Jacobs 7:45 pm Havdalah Open Mic
10 Rosh Hodesh Adar II; Daylight Savings Time (spring forward) 12:00 pm Sisterhood Appreciation Luncheon	11 Rosh Hodesh Adar II 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm What's NU? 6:30 pm Makom	12	13 10:30 am Mishnah class	14 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	15 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service; Shir Shabbat; Anniversary Shabbat	16 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café Rabbi Carnie Rose 10:30 am Kavvanah Minyan 7:00 pm Adva Dana Mincha Bat Mitzvah 7:15 pm Bridge Purim Party
17 11:00 am Kids Spiel: Barbie 7:00 pm Adult Purim Spiel: Grease	18 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 5:30 pm Teen Lounge Night 6:30 pm Makom	19 10:30 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn	20 10:30 am Mishnah class 4:00 pm Sisterhood Book Discussion	21 Fast of Esther 12:00 pm Midrash class with Hadar (no lunch) 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	22 10:30 am Purim Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service 6:30 pm Inclusion Shabbat	23 Erev Purim 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café 6:45 pm Mincha 7:30 pm Meshuganotes 8:30 pm Ma'ariv, Havdalah and Traditional Megillah Reading 8:45 pm Teen Purim Party
24 Purim 8:00 am Minyan, Megillah Reading & Breakfast 10:30 am Family Megillah Reading 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Purim Carnival	25 Shushan Purim 11:00 am Staying Fit with Linda 12:00 pm What's NU?	26 10:30 am Bible Study	27 10:30 am Mishnah class	28 12:00 pm Midrash class 1:15 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Spotlight Educator	29 10:30 am Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service 7:00 pm Mind-Full Shabbat	30 9:00 am Service 9:00 am Torah Café
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All ages and abilities are invited to join this trip and non-members are welcome, too! The itinerary is being revised to include some volunteer opportunities for those who wish. Eligible for Gift of Israel.



Men's Club/Sisterhood Trip to Ireland September 15 - 20, 2024

Join us for two nights in Kilkenny and two nights in Dublin with three days of touring; Thursday in Dublin on your own. This trip will not be led by BJC clergy or staff.

Adult Civil Rights Journey November 17-19, 2024

Join Rabbi Joshua Jacobs and Rabbi Josh Foster for an unforgettable trip to Georgia and Alabama.

