

Our mission is to ensure the flourishing of Jewish life through educational, social and Conservative religious experiences in a warm and dynamic community.

Tidings



Senior Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria Installation Weekend

May 5-7, 2023

Featuring Artist/ Scholar-In-Residence
Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz

Celebrating Our Future

<https://cutt.ly/rabbi-hal-rudin-luria-installation2023>

ALL services will be available on Zoom and live stream.



FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

5:15 pm | Family Art Workshop with Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz & the East Coast Ice Cream Truck
'If You Will It, It is No Dream': Celebrating Israel at 75 - A Family Workshop led by Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz
6:30 pm | Shabbat services with our Zamir Choir & Birthday Shabbat
7:30 pm | Congregational Oneg
7:45 pm | Shabbat Dinner catered by Café 56 • \$36/Adult \$20/Children (12 and under) 2 & under are free
REGISTER REQUIRED (for Shabbat Dinner) by April 24: <https://cutt.ly/RabbiHal-Shabbat-dinner>
Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz will speak during dinner | "On Chutzpah, Community & Choreography"

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

9:00 am | Torah Café with Guest Speaker Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz "Parshat Emor: On the Origin of the Menorah"
9:00 am | Shabbat Morning Services and Installation
Our congregation will join together to bless Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria
• Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz will speak | "On Counting the Omer and Qualities of Leadership".
• Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria will address the congregation and share his vision for the future.
Noon | Free Congregational Luncheon

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8:00 am | Morning Minyan
9:00 am | Breakfast
9:45 am | The "State" of Israel: Democracy or Theocracy with Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz
REGISTER ONLINE by May 4: <https://cutt.ly/installation-israel>

Donate to the "Fund for our Future" in honor of Rabbi Hal Rudin Luria's Installation - <https://cutt.ly/fund-for-our-future>
The "Fund for our Future" supports B'nai Jeshurun's new vision and helps seed and support our current new projects including the Wellness Center and The Bridge Downtown as well as provide initial funding for future initiatives.

Rabbi Berkowitz's visit as Artist/ Scholar-in-Residence is funded through the generosity of the Marcus Leadership Institute Endowment Fund.

Co-Chairs: Cindy & Louis Chaiten, Rabbi Melinda Mersack & Mark Jacobs and Allison & Jason Wuliger

Share your favorite memory, photo, or send well-wishes to Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria on a platform called Kudoboard.
<https://cutt.ly/share-a-message>



From the Rabbi



Israel at 75

HaTikvah, Israel's national anthem, was composed by Naftali Herz Imber. He was born in Galitzia where he dreamed like so many Jews of a Jewish state in the land of Israel for a homeland and hope (HaTikvah) in the 1870's. He wrote those words living in Europe in the face of rising antisemitism and pogroms nearly 75 years before the rebirth of the modern state in 1948. He wrote them before Theodore Herzl, the father of modern Zionism, convened the first World Zionist Congress. Could Imber have imagined an Israel like we have today?

As we mark this incredible milestone of Israel at 75 and we celebrate the miraculous story of the rebirth of the Jewish state, our Promised land and start-up nation, we celebrate Israel's incredible story. Even in the midst of Israel's current civil unrest and political challenges, the protests over the judiciary and the ongoing conflict with the Palestinians and terror attacks, we have to marvel that Israel is flourishing and a model nation for the world. In Joel Chasnoff and Benji Lovitt's new book, *Israel 201: Your Next-Level Guide to the Magic, Mystery and Chaos of Life in the Holy Land*: "In under a century, we have transformed ourselves into a thriving democratic state - a regional superpower, economically advanced, creating and sharing ideas that impact the entire world."

In Daniel Gordis' new book, *Impossible Takes Longer: 75 years after its creation, has Israel fulfilled its founders' dreams?*, he writes: "Israel has mesmerized the world because of its magical story, one of the greatest stories of resilience, rebirth and triumph, a nation literally reborn after a 2,000 year hiatus, born with the expressed purpose of saving the Jewish people, deeply committed to creating a society much more perfect than those from which it had come. Israel's successes make it too easy to forget the magnitude of what it has accomplished."

Imber's lyrics of HaTikvah composed more than a century ago still carry our hope and pledge our unbreakable bond of love for Israel: "As long as the heart of the Jewish people beats, As long as the eyes of the Jewish people looks to the east, Then our hope is not lost to be a free nation in our land."

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Candle Lighting

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May 19.....	8:24 pm
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Torah Portions

May 6.....	Emor
May 13.....	Behar-Bechukotai
May 20.....	Bamidbar
May 27.....	2nd day Shavuot

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

**The Friday evening service on May 5
will begin at 6:30 pm.**

**1st day Shavuot festival service on
Friday, May 26 will begin at 9 am.**

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.

Daurielle & David Leopold
Karla & Louis Williams, Maximilan, Nathaniel and Theodore
Pauline & Rabbi Carnie Rose, Ellior, Nadiv, Noa and Zakai

Arica Jacobson & Ryan Levine and Maya
Glorina & Jeffrey Morris
Shelley & Lawrence LeBois

Welcome Back to our Returning Member

Adam Cohen

President's Message



It has come quickly - my final *Tidings* column as President. Two years ago as I anticipated my Presidency, I wondered how would I come up with 24 different topics and would anyone read my columns? Today, I have the answers. It was surprisingly easy for me to think of topics: it seems that I have a lot to say to you. And, yes, people do read the column. But you already knew that because you are one of those people (thank you)! I didn't anticipate that I would miss this monthly opportunity to share my thoughts.

That is not all I will miss! As President, I've had the opportunity to get to know many congregants better, listen to your feedback (both positive and negative), and have a birds-eye view of how much our synagogue community means to so many people. The visibility of the Presidency is a great way to meet people! In addition, I will miss working closely with clergy, staff and other lay leaders on the entire array of issues that arise in a synagogue. From the excitement of two clergy searches to the installation of our Tech Suite and a new HVAC system - it was never boring!

I will miss sitting on the bimah every Shabbat and holiday: the privilege of sitting next to our Senior Rabbi, welcoming everyone who comes up on the bimah for an honor, walking in the Torah Procession and having my brief moment at the end of services to say Good Shabbos and give announcements. I'll return to my "regular seat" (we all have them) and enjoy services from that familiar spot.

I plan to stay active in (at least) two areas. My top priority is our new Wellness Center. The Center, guided by Jewish values and teachings, will support congregants in times of pain and challenge, as well as proactively to live enriched and healthy lives. I am very excited about what lies ahead. I also look forward to working with our Communications Committee on the branding and logo revision process that is just getting started. With the new energy and excitement in our synagogue, it's the right time for us to tell our story more effectively.

Thanks to everyone who supported me over the past two years: Clergy, Staff, Officers, Congregants...I couldn't have done it without you!

Dr. Rebekah Dorman

Cantor's Corner



It is undoubtedly the case that Judaism has changed a lot over the course of the past couple thousand years. Yet there is a major commonality which has sustained our people throughout the centuries: the commitment to learning. We aren't just encouraged but *commanded* to teach the words of our laws to our children. Moreover, the word Torah itself means 'teaching' in Hebrew. One of the many meaningful names we cling to as Jews has been "People of the Book." And we have quite a number of books—sacred and otherwise—to choose from in order to live up to this moniker. (In fact, we may even take the abundance of books available to us for granted.)

Books help bring the past to life, bring comfort when we feel lost, bring our imaginations to new heights. All the books we read which hone our minds and widen our worldviews can deepen our understanding of how to live a meaningful life. Some books are even good enough to occasionally reread and rediscover something new or relive our nostalgia. Our ultimate reread and ultimate teacher truly is the Torah, our Tree of Life.

This month, we continue counting down the days until we reach Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks. This holiday is not necessarily well understood by the rest of

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Cemetery Update

B'nai Jeshurun has burial rights at four cemeteries: Bet Olam, Chesterland, Glenville and Zion. Two cemeteries, Chesterland, and Glenville are fully owned by the synagogue. To maintain the cemeteries at the highest level possible while managing our expenses which have risen steadily, we are no longer allowing any monuments more than eighteen inches high to be placed on graves unless there is already a double stone in place. We ask that no artificial flowers or pots be left on the plots for maintenance workers to pick up; fresh flowers are acceptable. No large stones, borders, bushes, trees or frames are allowed on graves. Small stones are welcome.

At Bet Olam Cemetery over the next few years, B'nai Jeshurun and its cemetery partners are considering removing existing frames from all sections of the cemetery with new topsoil and grass planted; a final decision on frame removal will occur this year. Existing monuments will not be touched. This is being done to enhance the beauty of the cemetery while reducing maintenance costs. Frames will not be allowed on any future plots. As is the case with many facilities, labor is scarce and hand cutting weeds and replanting plants is becoming cost prohibitive. Please note as well that only members may be buried in the B'nai Jeshurun section at Bet Olam. Non-members may be buried at the other three cemeteries.

If you have any questions about the cemeteries, please call Cemetery Committee Chair Mel Ginsberg, Executive Director Jay Ross, or Operations Manager Joscelyn Harris.

Education & Youth



Counting the Omer

Throughout this month we count the Omer, the seven weeks from Passover until we arrive at Shavuot. There are two primary reasons for this counting – the first agricultural, recognizing the spring harvest, and the second historical, counting the fifty days between the Exodus from Egypt until the Israelites arrived at Mount Sinai and received the Torah.

So why do we count? We can all think of times we have counted days – when we're counting down to the next vacation we have, until the Browns' next game, time until we're out of quarantine... – anytime we're excited or anxious for something to occur. According to the *midrash*, when Moses told the Israelites, 'you shall worship God,' they asked him: 'When will this be?' He replied, 'at the end of 50 days,' and so each of them began counting for themselves. Having witnessed God take them out of Egypt, they had every reason to count these days in excitement and anticipation of when the rest of God's promise, receiving the Torah, would be fulfilled. Based on this, the Sages ordained the counting of the Omer.

While the Israelites in the wilderness were excited, the spring harvest likely made our ancestors anxious. They didn't know whether their crop would be strong, whether they would have enough for themselves and their families. They counted anxiously until the crop was harvested and were sure they would have enough.

Interestingly, during the Omer we count the days that have passed rather than the days which still lie ahead. The Rabbis of the Talmud decided that we should say the blessing for counting the Omer on each and every day, as the number rises, emphasizing the significance of each day.

Sometimes we get so caught up counting down to the next momentous occasion in our lives that we forget to live for today. Our tradition reminds us that it is not only those major events in life that are worthy of blessing; every single day is a blessing with the potential to be great if only we give it a chance.

Rabbi Josh Foster

Mazel tov to our Confirmands

2nd day Shavuot/Shabbat, May 27 • 9 am

Student

Caroline Auerbach-Brown
Kiva Jacobs
Sara Kurland
Jake Leeson
Jacob Morris
Shira Polikoff
Rachel Wolf
Jacob Wolinsky

Parents

Deborah & Chris Auerbach-Brown
Rabbi Melinda Mersack & Mark Jacobs
Amanda & Kenneth Kurland
Julie & Michael Leeson
Terri & Anthony Rozman
Leah Eisenberg and Todd Polikoff
Marla & Howard Wolf
Yingli & Mark Wolinsky

Thank you to Dr. R. Raphael Simon for sponsoring the congregational luncheon.

Bar Mitzvah



EMMETT SOLOMON WULIGER Shabbat morning, May 20

Emmett lives in Hunting Valley and attends University School. He enjoys soccer, football and animals. For his Mitzvah Project, he made dog biscuits and donated them to Rescue Village. He is the son of Allison & Jason Wuliger, brother of Naomi and George Wuliger, grandson of Sandy & Tim Wuliger and Rosalie & Morley Schwebel and great-grandson of Donald Fleishaker.



KabbaTOT Shabbat Friday, May 19 • 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>.

3rd Grade Siddur Presentation Ceremony & Class Service

Saturday, May 13 • 10 am

Student

Daphne Dachner
Charles Fishman
Dalia Gendelman
Emily Goldenberg
Jillian Lazarus
Evelyn Miller
George Wuliger

Parents

Allison & Joel Dachner
Courtney & Robert Fishman
Hannah & Josh Gendelman
Michelle Goldstein &
Aaron Goldenberg
Jana Rossman Lazarus &
Jeff Lazarus
Jessica & Fred Miller
Allison & Jason Wuliger

End of School Dates

Makom - May 8
Last Tuesday - May 9
Last Shabbat - May 13

YLC Shabbat lunch for all families -
Saturday, May 13 • noon • Halpern Hall

From Our Affiliates

Apiculture & Honey Making

Tuesday, May 9 • 4 pm • at the home of Bobbi Pincus



Our very own **Bobbi Pincus** will give a presentation on the science of beekeeping and honey making. See Bobbi's apiary "Royal Cottage" and enjoy her herb and pollinator garden; share recipes for using honey and celebrate Lag B'Omer. \$10/person on the patio of her home (rain or shine). Pre-paid reservations required by May 2 at <https://cutt.ly/Apiculture>. Due to patio and parking, space is limited.

Pre-order Bobbi's Bee J Honey for \$10 per 8 oz jar also at <https://cutt.ly/Apiculture>. Sales benefit BJC Sisterhood. Pick up at event. Questions or to help arrange carpooling from BJC contact Harriet Rosenberg Mann (harriermann@gmail.com or 216-978-0451).

Sisterhood Installation

Thursday, May 18 • 7 pm



Join us in the Linden Family Courtyard (weather permitting) as we celebrate our incoming and outgoing boards. We will reflect on the past year and look back on the wonderful programs and contributions that we have done that have made a difference in the synagogue. A sweet reception will follow. Everyone is invited.

Mazel Tov to our incoming 2023-2024 Sisterhood Board:

Co-Presidents Sue Nash and Laurel Sheldon

Co -VP Membership Sherry Banchek

Co -VP Membership Marcy Weinstein

Recording Secretary Julie Berman

Corresponding Secretary Judy Friedman

Treasurer Kelly Kitsis

Assistant Treasurer Cindy Borenzstein

Please register at <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/event/sisterhood-installation-.html>.

Sisterhood Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 17 • 4 pm



May's book is *The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem & Ginni* by Helen Wecker. All are invited to join us at BJC or on Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81885748539>. Contact Linda Schoenberg (drcats2224@gmail.com) or Sylvia Abrams (sylvia.abrams@gmail.com) with questions. June's book will be *More Than I Love My Life* by David Grossman.

Men's Club Program with Prof. Doron Kalir, CSU

Wednesday, May 10 • 6:30 pm



Prof. Doron Kalir will talk with us about the judicial reform proposals in Israel. He will explain where we are now, what is proposed, and where we go from here. There will also be time for Q & A. He will start the discussion during dinner. This program will be in Halpern Hall so people can join on Zoom, but we encourage you to attend in person. Free; RSVP by May 7 to Joel Herman (216-299-5700) or David Cohen (BJCmensclub@bnaijeshurun.org). <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83970259184>.

Chesed Volunteers at the Kosher Food Pantry

Sunday, May 21 • 9:30 am

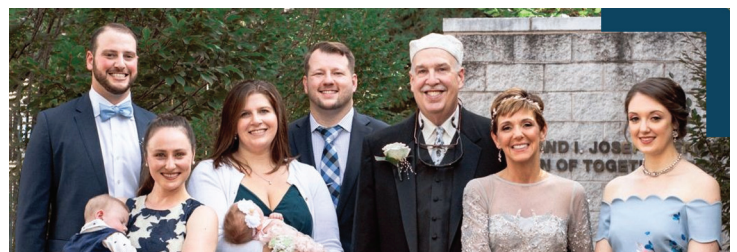


We will sort and pack food that will be delivered to families in the community. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7 and ready to work. You must contact Shani Kadis to volunteer so we know you are helping. KFP is located at 2004 S. Green Rd., S. Euclid.

Teen Lounge Night

Monday, May 1 • 5 pm

Join us before Makom and then stay for dinner. Activity TBD! Contact Sydney Ungar to learn more.



Dr. Eric Lawrence D.D.S. welcomes his son, Dr. Zack Lawrence D.M.D. to the practice.

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Upcoming Events



Shir Shabbat

Friday, May 12 • 6 pm

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

Canine Shabbat

Friday, June 2 • 6 pm



Enjoy a picnic dinner followed by Shabbat services featuring our "barking blessing" and oneg. Members: \$10/adult; \$6/child ages 2-12 (under 2 years free). Guests: \$18/

adult; \$10 child ages 2-12. Dinner by reservation only; register at <https://cutt.ly/Canine2023> by Tuesday, May 30. Contact Shani Kadis for more information.

We will also be taking donations to help Animal Rescue Village. Cash, check or bring items from their "wish list" at <https://www.rescuevillage.org/donate/shelter-wishlist-items/>. We will collect all donations at the event.



"Getting to Know You" Brunch in Los Angeles

Sunday, June 4 • 11 am

Our new clergy, Rabbis Josh Jacobs and Alex Rosenbaum, will host a brunch prior to their move to Cleveland. We are looking for all adult "children" of our congregation who now live in the LA area so we can invite them. Please send the name and contact information (phone and email address) to Diane Dronzek so they can be included on the invitation list.



Shabbat Rocks!

Fridays, June 9, July 21 and August 25 • 7 pm

This season has been generously underwritten by The Jan & Ron Moskowitz Family, Sidney Reisman and Jocelyn & Peter Saltz. Bring your families and enjoy a live band playing multiple musical genres which are woven through the service, highlighting text from each of the Psalms. A specialized prayer book offers Hebrew, transliteration and English to make this service user friendly. Listen to and download tracks from our website. Services will be held in the Linden Family Courtyard, weather permitting.

157th Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 7 • 7 pm

Mazel tov to our awardees:

Ron Fersky

Joseph M. Lomberg Award
for Outstanding Individual Service

Joanne (and Sophie) Davis

and **Sharon & Marvin Sable**

Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal
Outstanding Family Award

Voting will take place from 10 am – noon.
A dessert reception will follow the meeting.



Honoring Sheri Gross

Friday, May 19 • 6 pm

At our final Zamir Shabbat of the season, we will recognize Sheri Gross for her many years of dedication to our young singers. Join us after the service as well for a festive oneg in her honor.

Spring Into Action Volunteer Shabbat

Saturday, May 13 • 9 am

during Shabbat morning services



All members (adults, teens and children) who have volunteered in some capacity — whether it is making and delivering meals to those in need, serving as an usher, helping with kiddush, volunteering with Chesed and so much more — are encouraged to join us. To show our heartfelt appreciation for the dedication all of you have shown over the past year, we will honor you during the Shabbat morning service. A sweets-filled kiddush will be sponsored by the Officers and Board of Trustees in your honor. If you would like a part in the Shabbat service, please contact Sue Nash (snash@thenashgrouppllc.com) or Shani Kadis. Thank you for all that you do!

Spotlight Educator

Thursday Monthly Series: Spotlight Educator

The "Art" & Art of Rabbi Matt Berkowitz

Thursday, May 4 • 7 pm



Since his ordination from JTS, Rabbi Berkowitz has been engaged in bridging the seemingly disparate worlds of Jewish learning and art. In this session, he will give you a window into his artistic journey and share the breadth of his creations over the past 20 years. We will explore the artwork of The Lovell Haggadah, a limited edition portfolio consisting of 27 illuminations; tzedakah boxes; papercuts; and stunning set of mezuzot that was just completed in Jerusalem. Rabbi Berkowitz is the JTS Director of Israel Programs & Co-founder of Kol HaOt: Illuminating Jewish Life Through Art, Jerusalem.

The World-Changing Ideas of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Thursdays, May 4, 11 & 18 • 7:30 pm (May 4 class will at 8 pm)



Rabbi Jeremy Bruce, Executive Director, Rabbi Sacks Foundation (North America) will lead this series. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks was one of the most influential Jewish scholars, philosophers and moral leaders of our time. He served for 22 years as the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth (the UK Jewish community). Throughout his long career, Rabbi Sacks inspired people across the globe to see the contributions that Judaism and religion make to 21st century society. In this class, we will explore Rabbi Sacks' teachings and the extraordinary impact that he had on the world.



Choral Gems of the Synagogue

Thursdays, June 1-29 (no class June 15) • 7:30 pm

Cantor Stephen Stein, Executive Director, Cantor's Assembly and Cantor Emeritus, Beth El Congregation, Akron will lead us as we listen to and discuss great choral works composed for the synagogue from 1570 to the present day.

These classes will be hybrid. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82247940770>

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.

Community Events

Israelfest! Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

Sunday, May 14 • 2-5 pm • Mandel JCC



Celebrate the signing of the Israeli Declaration of Independence 75 years ago on May 14, 1948. Fun-filled attractions include • free swag • door prizes & raffles • music & entertainment • inflatable activities & crafts for kids • delicious all-kosher food. Learn more at <https://cutt.ly/W4HgVSt>.

Shalva Band Concert for Yom Ha'atzmaut

Tuesday, May 9 • 7:30 pm • Mimi Ohio Theatre



The Shalva Band, comprised of eight talented Israeli musicians with disabilities, has united the world in support of inclusion. Their performance at Eurovision 2019 was watched live, by 150,000,000 people around the globe. The Band's performances have changed how millions of people view and embrace difference. They have proven to the world that all people deserve to be celebrated for their abilities and amazing potential. Mimi Ohio Theatre is located at 1511 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Learn more at <https://cutt.ly/W4Hgbwx>.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Community-Wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5783

Thursday, May 25 - Friday May 26, 2023 • 7:00 pm - 7:00 am

at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation

27501 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124



FREE and Open to the Community

Come for one session or the entire evening - Doors open at 6:45 pm

Pre-registration Required

for in-person attendance by Tuesday, May 23 at noon: <https://cutt.ly/registration-tikkun2023>

Select sessions will be streamed: Visit: <https://cutt.ly/bnaijeshurun-tikkun2023> for details



**TIKKUN
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Session 1 - 7:00-7:45 pm

- **Kevin Adelstein**, Publisher & CEO Cleveland, Columbus & Akron Jewish News:
A "Free" Press - Today's News Landscape
- **Samantha Baskind**, CSU Professor of Art History: *Rembrandt & the Jews in 17th-Century Amsterdam*
- **Halli Kiwi**, Certified Yoga Instructor: *Torah Yoga (bring a yoga mat or we will provide one)*
- **Rabbi Bec Richman**, Torah Scribe: *Torah in our Hands: Scribing our Way to Shavuot (materials will be provided)*
- **Michal Bar-Asher Siegal**, Assoc. Professor of Jewish Thought, Ben Gurion University: *Mountains Hanging on a String: on the Two Torahs Offered in partnership with CWRU's Siegal Lifelong Learning Program*
- **Abe Socher**, Editor, Jewish Review of Books: *Learning Torah in the Womb with Humphrey Bogart*
- **Cantor Aaron Shifman**: *Rabbinic & Talmudic Lessons from the Animal Kingdom*

Session 2 - 7:50-8:35 pm

- **Professor Doron Kalir**, CSU College of Law: *Two Beginnings? The Two Versions of Beresheet*
- **Rabbi David Komerofsky**, Temple Israel, Canton: *A Jewish Understanding of Christian Pentecost*
- **Jay Leberman**, Head of School, Joseph & Florence Mandel JDS: *The Rise of Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel*
- **Rabbi Melinda Mersack**, Director, jHUB: *Interfaith Families - Just Like Moses*
- **Rabbi Carnie Shalom Rose**, President & CEO, Mandel JCC: *The Deepest Torah: A Zoharic Understanding*
- **Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Musical Parshah Snapshots*
- **Yoshi Silverstein**, Executive Director, Mitsui Collective: *Embodied Torah: Receiving the Wisdom of our Bodies*

8:35 pm - Candle Lighting

Session 3 - 8:40-9:25 pm

- **Mark Freiman**, Community Jewish Educator: *Pesach to Shavuot - A Deeper Understanding*
- **Cheryl Gordon**, Community Jewish Educator: *Weird Jewish Practices and Helpful Curses*
- **Rabbi Peter Haas**, Abba Hillel Silver Professor Emeritus, CWRU: *Israel Update*
- **Rabbi Shalom Plotkin**, Owner of Right at Home: *Kibud Av V'em: Respecting Our Parents*
- **Rabbi Scott Roland**, Congregation Shaarey Tikvah: *Even if our Mouths Could Fill with Song: Singing our Way to Sinai*
- **Rabbi Michael Ross**, Temple Beth Shalom, Hudson & Hillel at Kent State: *Exploring Revelation in Exodus*
- **Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *The Jewish Pursuit of Knowledge: Torah, AI & Discovery*

9:30 pm - Ma'ariv Festival Evening Service

10:00 pm - Dessert Grand Buffet

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Committee:

Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Richard Berkowitz, Shani Kadis, Senior Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, Rabbi Josh Foster

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

216.831.6555 ext. 131 or shanikadis@bnaijeshurun.org



Tikkun Leil Shavuot



Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5783

Continues into the night & morning

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Session 4 - 10:30-11:15 pm

- **Rabbi Jeremy Bruce**, Executive Director, The Rabbi Sacks Legacy (North America): *Rabbi Sacks' 7 Principles of Leadership*
- **Rabbi Matt Cohen**, Temple Emanu El: *Mussar: Being Your Best and Highest Self*
- **Rabbi Rachel Davidson**, Chaplain, VA Hospital: *Pikuach Nefesh-Saving a Life: Sources and History*
- **Sarah Foster**, Senior Manager, Cleveland Hillel Foundation: *Receiving Torah Today & Claiming Ownership*
- **Ginny Galili**, Head of School, Gross Schechter Day School: *Evidence is in: How Jewish Living Increases Children's Well-Being*
- **Rabbi Lauren Werber**, Temple B'nai Abraham: *Does Prayer Work?*

Session 5 - 11:20-12:05 am

- **Rabbi Noah Bickart**, Mandel Chair in Jewish Studies, John Carroll: *Lashes of Fire: A Talmudic Metaphor for Power*
- **Rabbi Josh Foster**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Establishing a Jewish Worldview: Guiding Principles of the Rabbis*
- **Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Midnight Hike to Mt. Sinai (outdoors - dress appropriately)*
- **Rabbi Steve Segar**, Kol HaLev: *Evolution of What it Means to be "Created in the Image of G-d"*

12:10 am - 3:30 am - Breakfast Bar

Session 6 - 12:10-12:55 am

- **Rabbi Chase Foster**, jHUB: *Piecing Revelation Together*

Session 7 - 1:00-1:55 am

- **Elise Braverman-Plotkin**, Community Jewish Educator: *"And Tzedakah Will Save from Death"*

Session 8 - 2:00-2:55 am

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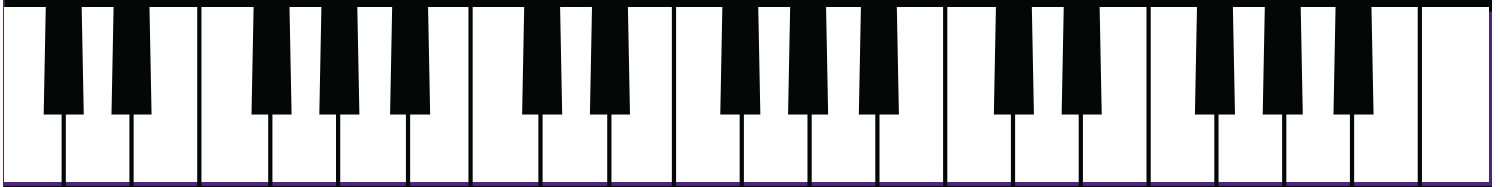
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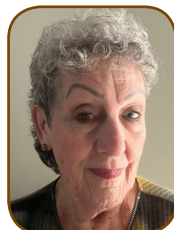
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Thank you to our Israel at 75 committee chaired by Adam Hirsh and Zehava Galun and staff Shani Kadis for leading our year-long celebration and programs.

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Cantor's Corner

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the world—after all, the entire year has weeks. We always measure time. What makes this time so special is that it marks the giving of the Torah. One of the best ways we celebrate this is through our all-night study session, *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. I am particularly looking forward to my first *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* as part of this community because we have such a remarkably exciting lineup of learning opportunities. As we fill our bellies with cheesecake/ice cream (or whatever non-dairy alternatives the lactose-intolerant prefer), may we also fill our minds and hearts with new perspectives, renewing our commitment to continually stretch our understanding and elevate our souls.

Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum

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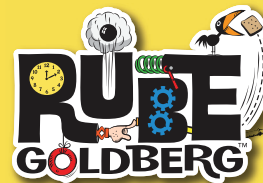
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