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Rabbi Donniel Hartman, Weingold Guest Scholar

Rabbi Hartman is co-director of Israel's Shalom Hartman Institute. He holds an MA in Political Philosophy from NYU, an MA in Religion from Temple University and a PhD in Jewish Philosophy from Hebrew University.



Friday, December 6

5:30 pm Shabbat Dinner
(\$18/person; \$50 family max;
RSVP to the synagogue office)
7:00 pm Service
8:00 pm Lecture following Oneg:
*What's Jewish in a Jewish
Democracy?*

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am Service and Lecture: *Nationalism and the
Jewish State*
12:00 pm Congregational Luncheon
1:00 pm Lecture and Q&A: *Israel's Nation State
Law - A Careful Reading and Analysis*

Learn more on page 8.

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am Lecture and Q&A:
*Israel, the Palestinians and a
Future for the Peace
Process*

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HANUKKAH

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FESTIVAL



MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 • 5:30 PM

ENJOY MUSIC, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT

with Emcee Mark Freiman, caricatures by Dan Singerman, the great dreidel spin-off and crafts for children. Dinner will include lasagna & latkes with a full salad bar and soup. Zamir, our children's choir, will join the congregation as we light the menorah.

EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION BY DECEMBER 13:

- \$16 adult / \$24 non-member
- \$8 child / \$12 non-member
- FREE for children under 2 years
- \$45 Family (household) max
(only available for B'nai Jeshurun members)

AFTER DECEMBER 13:

Family max will no longer be available.

Registration will close on Dec 19!

Beineinu - Between Us



Join me to explore the rich Jewish history of Poland this summer June 28 - July 6. Stand as witnesses to the Holocaust and discover the vibrant rebirth of Jewish life. This trip has a special component for bicyclists of all ability levels. **We will join the Ride for the Living from the gates of Auschwitz to the JCC in Krakow, celebrating the vibrant resurgent Jewish culture, which represents a victory over Hitler. But, this amazing trip is intended for non-bikers as well, so read on!**

Journey through "pre-war Warsaw" along the Royal Route featuring many castles and palaces. Walk through charming Old Town with its 15th century Jewish roots. Visit Grzybowski square, for centuries, the heart of the Jewish community. Visit the Nozyk Synagogue, the only Warsaw synagogue to survive World War II and the Communists. Meet with the Chief Rabbi of Poland and members of the Jewish community. Explore the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, the largest repository of Polish Jewish material heritage in the world. The Institute's archives document daily life and death in the Warsaw Ghetto. Stand at the Umschlagpaltz Memorial commemorating the deportation of 300,000 Jews to Treblinka. Walk the Route of Martyrdom and Struggle, which includes Mila 18, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Memorial. Tour the new Polin Museum, which memorializes the past and honors 1,000 years of the Polish Jewish experience.

In Krakow, share in a private tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau and a memorial ceremony with other Ride for the Living participants from around the world. Then, spend the evening with Krakow Jewish community members. Partake in Jewish Cultural Festival events or a selection of tours of the Old Town in Krakow, the Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz, the former Krakow Ghetto, or local food establishments. Enjoy an open-air musical concert and havdallah.

The Ride for the Living is a flat, easy ride of 60 miles with a 14-mile option as well. Non-riders have a separate track of educational, historical and community programming. Cyclists must raise \$1,000, or \$500 if 29 years old or younger. By the time you receive this, pricing and registration should be in place. Contact Diane Dronzek in the synagogue office. I look forward to journeying with you into our past and our future!

Naomi joins me in wishing you a joyous Hanukkah!

Rabbi Stephen Weiss

Candle Lighting

December 6	4:38 pm
December 13.....	4:38 pm
December 20.....	4:40 pm
December 27.....	4:44 pm

Torah Portions

December 7	Vayetzei
December 14.....	Vayishlach
December 21.....	Vayeshev
December 28.....	Miketz

Daily Service Schedule

Mondays - Fridays

7:00 am, 7:30 am, 6:00 pm
The Friday evening service on December 6 will be at 7:00 pm.

Saturdays

9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays & December 25

8:00 am, 6:00 pm



Copies of the Hanukkah blessings may be found on our website or requested through the synagogue office.

Smart End of Year Giving

Pay your synagogue dues, Mahar pledge and/or other synagogue obligations by December 31 and reap potential tax benefits while providing meaningful support to B'nai Jeshurun.

- If you itemize deductions, your cash gift may be tax deductible. Just make certain that your online donation is made or envelope is postmarked by December 31.
- If you own stock or securities that have appreciated in value and have been held for at least one year, you can donate and receive credit for the current market value without having to pay federal income tax on the gains.
- Individuals who are at least 70 1/2 years old may distribute up to \$100,000 per year tax free from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to the synagogue or other qualified institutions. These distributions may count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and may exceed your RMD if they total less than \$100,000.

If these potential tax benefits are not enough reason to give before the end of the year, an anonymous congregant will match the first 100+ Mahar pledges/donations dollar for dollar made during our Eight Days of Giving campaign between December 12 – 20!

Please contact your tax advisor to see if you qualify for any of these tax benefits. Pledges may be made through the synagogue or online at bnaijeshurun.org/mahar. Contact Paula Botkin when making a securities transfer. Thank you for your generosity and financial support!

President's Message



For those who think the age of miracles has past, I recommend Dr. Sima Goel's book, "Fleeing the Hijab, A Jewish Woman's Escape from Iran." Listening to her speak recently at a Federation women's event was a reminder that miracles still happen in our lifetime. Sima

shared the incredibly moving story of her clandestine escape from Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran. In 1982, as a 17 year old girl, she was forced to flee from her home and loving family and make her way across the Iranian desert with the help of untrustworthy smugglers. Her successful arrival in Pakistan was miraculous as was the rest of her journey to freedom in Canada. Sima's story moved many of us to tears as she reminded us that the Jewish people are a "people of miracles" and that her survival is a miracle, as is the survival of Jews from the Holocaust as well as the existence and survival of the State of Israel.

Jewish history has many miracles, including the burning bush, the parting of the Red Sea and even creation itself. We have heard so many times that they have lost their sense of awe. Yet, when Sima shared her story, we all realized that her presence before us was a miracle in itself.

Let's all remember to appreciate the everyday miracles as well as the big miracles in our lives, especially as we approach Hanukkah. The story of Hanukkah is a story of miracles, when one day's supply of oil lasted for eight days and when the Maccabees fought and won against the mighty Greek army. As you light your own menorah, hopefully surrounded by friends and/or family, take stock of all the miracles with which we are blessed.

Happy Hanukkah! The first candle lighting is on Sunday evening, December 22. If you are in town, plan to join us for the synagogue Hanukkah party on Monday evening, December 23. RSVP requested.

Gena Cohen

Synagogue Technology Upgrade

We are excited to announce the synagogue will be upgrading our financial and membership database software in January 2020. During this time period, we ask for your patience as we transition to a system that will better serve both members and staff. We look forward to this upcoming change, which will also **offer members online access to their financial and membership data**. Watch your mail for additional information regarding this upgrade.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact Jay Ross, Paula Botkin or Marcy Stahm with any questions.

Cantor's Corner



Two miracles occurred leading to the creation of Hanukkah. The Hasmoneans defeated the Greek army even though vastly outnumbered. The second miracle was finding one last jar of oil. This oil had the seal of the high priest. Upon lighting the menorah, the expectation was that it would last for one day. However, it lasted eight days.

In the Babylonian Talmud, it only lists the burning of the oil as the miracle that took place. Furthermore, if there was enough oil to last 24 hours, shouldn't the holiday be seven days? Many scholars offer a variety of answers. The first day actually commemorates only the military victory. The other seven days are dedicated to the miraculous oil.

After the menorah was filled with oil, the jar remained full. One of the very harsh decrees of the Greeks was to circumcision. Upon the great victory over Greeks, the Hasmoneans rejoiced over the return of circumcision. The very fact that they lit lamps with an expectation of 24 hours of burning showed they did not despair. There was a commandment to have the *Ner Tamid* (permanent light) burn. They still went ahead with faith, seizing this opportunity to do a mitzvah. This is a wonderful lesson for us. While we do not know what the future holds, we should always jump at the opportunity to do a mitzvah. Lastly, while the Holy Temple was repaired after the Greeks, eventually it was destroyed. The miracle of the oil forever endured. This is why we light daily during Hanukkah. We also maintain the tradition of having a *Ner Tamid* in our synagogues.

Even though we have suffered through traumatic periods, we will continue to persevere. We are living in difficult times where people harbor hatred towards us. They want to destroy us and extinguish our spirit. May Hanukkah be a reminder that we will endure forever under the protective care of G-d. Sabrina, Shaina, Abby and I wish you all a Hanukkah *sameach*. Have a wonderful holiday.

Cantor Aaron Shifman

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Education & Youth



Jacob and Esau: Analyzing an Embrace

This month, we read *Parashat Vayishlach*, where we see Esau embrace Jacob after the two come together for the first time after years apart (Gen. 33:4). The last time we heard from Esau, however, he was intent on killing Jacob, so how are we to accept that Esau actually embraced his brother? The Torah itself leads us to think something may not be right by placing dots above the letters of the word 'embrace.' These dots themselves serve as a type of *midrash*, commentary within the Torah scroll itself, with scholars debating the true nature of this embrace for millennia.

Rabbi Shimon ben Eliezer in the *midrash* nearly 2,000 years ago (Beresheet Rabbah, Vayishlach 78:9), believes that Esau "embraced [Jacob] with all his heart." A second rabbi, Yannai, questions his colleague, "If so, why is the word dotted? [The dots] teach us that Esau wished to bite him, but Jacob's neck was turned to marble and that wicked man's teeth were blunted and loosened. Hence, 'And they wept': one wept because of his neck and the other wept because of his teeth." Rabbi Yannai is unable to accept that this could possibly have been an embrace motivated by love, and in fact rejects the idea that this was a kiss at all, but rather a bite. Even Rabbi Shimon ben Eliezer is quoted as saying, "But surely all Esau's deeds were motivated by hate, except this one, which was inspired by love!"

Is it possible when reading the Torah to see Esau as a character who overcame his desire to kill Jacob, embracing him and regretting his earlier thoughts? Or must we view him as a wicked character bent on destroying his brother? Perhaps we can understand Esau's dislike for Jacob given the trickery Jacob used in order to obtain his father's blessing, even if it doesn't warrant killing him.

We often come to situations with preconceived notions about what people are like. As we navigate an increasingly complex and divided world, we must remember how easy it is for these notions to cloud any possibility of seeing good. Let us strive to always find the good in others.

Rabbi Josh Foster

Bessie Hershey Religious School winter break is from Wednesday, December 18 – Monday, January 6. Classes resume at B'nai Jeshurun on Tuesday, January 7.

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Bar Mitzvah

OREN AVIV GABAY

Shabbat morning, December 28 in Israel

Oren attends Solon Middle School and enjoys theatre and dance. He is the son of Erin & Alon Gabay, brother of Maya and Tamar Gabay and grandson of Elissa & Gary Okin and Nurit & Moshe Gabay.

Mazal tov to our 2019 Consecration Class

Consecrants

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Romi Freiman
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Teen & Youth Programming



Jr. Kadima and Kadima @Adrenaline Monkey

Sunday, December 15 • 1 -3 pm

Kids are invited to a team building activity. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. RSVP to Aklile Eisenberg (aklile123@gmail.com).

Adrenaline Monkey is located at 26800 Renaissance Pkwy., Cleveland.

Gan - 6th Grade Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 6 • 5:45 pm

Enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner, program and Zamir choir-led service. \$10/adult; \$6/child; \$32/family max. Register through the school office or synagogue website by December 2.

Sundays with Sammy Spider – Sammy Creates for Hanukkah!

December 15 • 10 am • Kalli Raes Creative Studio



Join us as we get ready for Hanukkah with Sammy and some super fun and creative art projects at this brand new art studio. We will hear a story and have a snack as well. Geared for children ages 5 and under with an adult. Free, but must register on our website or to Julie Sukert.

Kalli Raes is located at 33735 Station St., Solon.

USY @ Trapped! Escape Room

Sunday, December 15 • 2 - 4 pm



Meet on Coventry for a fun time in the escape room and then head over to Tommy's for milkshakes. \$20/USYer; \$25/non-member. RSVP to Judy Reynolds (judybjusy@gmail.com).

Trapped! is located at 1796 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Hts.

Dive into the Sea of Torah & Lunch

Shabbat, December 14 • 10:30 am

All pre-K – 2nd grade students and their families are invited to join us for a family service followed by exciting activities and learning in preparation for Hanukkah. Following kiddush with the congregation, we will enjoy a lunch especially for the Youth & Learning Center.

Torah Bites Brunch

Sunday, December 15 • 6:30 pm

All teens and their Jewish friends are invited to schmooze, eat and learn together at the home of Rabbi Rudin-Luria. This is a free program, however RSVP is required to Rabbi Foster by December 11. Future dates: February 2 and March 15.



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Operation Warm-Up

Thru December 9

We will once again partner with NCJW for this community-wide collection of winter clothing items for those in need. Please drop off new or gently used warm items in the bin in Gross Atrium. They have specifically asked for:



- Adult waterproof coats, gloves and boots
- Winter hats for men, women and children
- Unopened packages of socks and underwear for all ages

Sizes Large, XL and XXL are greatly needed!

Please note that no hoodies or sweatshirts will be accepted this year, per HandsOn NEO.

Hazak Happenings

Hazak is B'nai Jeshurun's senior adult group. To join, or for further information, please contact president Sandra Lieber (440-565-5677) or membership chairperson Adelle Gloger (216-292-2665).

Hazak Academy

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19 • 10 am

Our very own **Frances Ritsky-Kluter** will lead us in writing our memoirs to tell our stories. RSVP to Bob Goodstein (rjgoodstein@sbcglobal.net or 440-646-9419). Free.

Hazak Pre-Hanukkah Luncheon

Sunday, December 15 • 11:30 am

Enjoy a delicious lunch including salad bar, latkes and *sufganiyot*. Then, listen to **Maple Mountain Chorus**, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization of women of all ages who love to sing and perform four-part harmony. \$12/member; \$15 non-Hazak member. Questions? Contact Ruth Dobres (440-449-5126). RSVP by December 11 to Helen Wolf (4073 Bushnell Rd., University Hts., OH 44118).



ATID is open to all Jewish young adults in their 20s & 30s. RSVP for these events through our Facebook page or contact Shani Kadis.

Thank You to **Marsha & Roman Aronovich** for hosting all of ATID for Shabbat Together on November 15! We had a packed house, but it was great spending Shabbat with everyone!

Latke Making & Board Game Gathering

Saturday, December 7 • 7 pm
at the home of Judy Reynolds & Ari Deutchman

We'll fry-up some yummy latkes, schmooze and play games! Free, but please bring one game or toy that will be donated to Bellefaire JCB and your favorite board games to play that evening. Register at bnaijeshurun.org/latkemaking or contact Shani Kadis to learn more. Address provided when you register.

Volunteer at the Kids' Book Bank

Tuesday, January 14 • 6 - 8 pm

Sort and pack books for distribution to organizations serving children and families in need. You'll enjoy reminiscing about your favorite childhood books as you dig through hundreds of books and prepare them for young readers to discover. Located at 3635 Perkins Ave. #1E, Cleveland.

Men's Club

Browns Watch Parties!

Sundays, December 1 & 15 • 4 pm



Join us on December 1 for our annual Beat the Steelers Corned Beef Dinner. Enjoy our renowned hand sliced, freshly cooked corned beef sandwiches. Cobb salad will be available for our non-carnivorous attendees and our famous pie buffet will open for half-time! \$12 per person. Steelers fans reluctantly invited as well...

On December 15, we will shoot down the Cardinals and enjoy burgers, hot dogs and veggie options. \$5 per person.

RSVP to the synagogue office by the Monday prior to each game.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, December 8 • 9 am – 2 pm



Sponsored by Men's Club. No registration required.

Sisterhood

The History of the Jewish Cemeteries of Cleveland

Tuesday, December 3 • noon • BJC

Historian **Jeff Morris** will educate us on this topic. RSVP by November 26 to Robin Rood (rroodr@gmail.com or 440-666-7658). \$10 per person, payable at the door.

White Elephant Hanukkah Party

December 10 • 6:15 pm

Join us for a fun evening of dinner and an entertaining gift exchange. Wrap up a used, unwanted item and let the fun begin! \$18/Sisterhood member; \$22/non-member. RSVP by December 4 to Cathy Randall (crandall218@gmail.com or 216-408-1926).

Sisterhood Shabbat

December 14

If you are interested in a part, contact Sue Nash (snash@thenashgroupllc.com or 440-759-3042).

Our Town & All Around Books



Why purchase your books anywhere else? Profits go toward our synagogue and religious school. On sale now through the Sisterhood gift shop or the synagogue office. \$28 each.

Israel/Summer Camp Experience

Sisterhood is awarding scholarships for Israel/Summer Camp Experiences to students whose mothers are Sisterhood members. If you are interested in having a scholarship awarded to your child, you must join Sisterhood by December 31. For more information, contact Carolyn Marcs (cmarcs@sbcglobal.net or 440-725-5753).

2020 Mah Jongg Cards

Standard Card - \$8; Large Print Card - \$9

Send your order and a check made payable to B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood to the synagogue office. Orders must be received by January 10. For more information, call Paula Botkin or Nicki Adler (216-360-9549).

Israel Bonds Dinner

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Weingold Guest Scholar



The Dilemmas of Modern Israel: For much of the 20th century, the central challenge of Israel and its supporters was existential – to survive and hopefully thrive in one of the most hostile environments in the world. Today, those challenges have shifted. While Israel must always be vigilant, and dangers still abound, the Start-up

Nation now has the ability to expend more resources and thought not merely to questions of security and survival, but to questions of meaning and purpose. The issue is no longer exclusively to be, but who to be? We will attempt to understand where Israeli society now finds itself, and more importantly, where it can and ought to go. Rabbi Hartman is co-director of Israel's Shalom Hartman Institute. He holds an MA in Political Philosophy from NYU, an MA in Religion from Temple University and a PhD in Jewish Philosophy from Hebrew University.

Friday, December 6

What's Jewish in a Jewish Democracy?: Israel defines itself as a Jewish Democratic State. Since its inception, however, Israeli society has never developed a coherent theory, or reached a consensus about what this means. What is Jewish about a Jewish State? What is the relationship between State and religion? How do we define the Jewish dimension of Israel, when rather than uniting Jews, it is that which separates us?

Saturday, December 7

Nationalism and the Jewish Nation State: Zionism was founded in order to support and actualize the nationalist aspirations of the Jewish people. Israel is the realization of this aspiration – the Nation State of the Jewish people. What does Jewish nationalism mean? In an era where nationalism has become a partisan category, how do we understand and defend it? In an era where nationalist movements around the world are often associated with ultra-nationalism and even fascism, how does Israel maintain its identity and avoid the moral pitfalls facing so much of 21st century nationalism?

Israel's Nation State Law - A Careful Reading and Analysis: In 2018, Israel passed the Basic Law: Israel – The Nation State of the Jewish People. It was coined by its opponents as an Apartheid Law and a moral abomination, and by its supporters as a moral and legal necessity and an essential safety net for Israel as a Jewish State. In this session, we will analyze its components, and explore its strengths, weaknesses and challenges.

Sunday, December 8

Israel, the Palestinians and a Future for the Peace Process: Jews have yearned for and prayed for peace since our inception. However, despite its enormous achievements, this objective still eludes modern Israel. Israelis and Palestinians seem farther away from peace than ever - negotiations are non-existent and the majority in both populations believe it is unattainable. How have we moved from the hopes of Oslo to the current status-quo of despair? Has Israeli society changed, and if so, why? Can Israel move peace from the domain of prayer to political policy?

Upcoming Events

Stop the Bleed Training

Monday, December 9 • 7 pm



Learn basic training in bleeding control principles so you are able to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders arrive in the event of a manmade or natural casualty event. Free and open to all. RSVP to the synagogue office. Learn more at www.bleedingcontrol.org. This program is presented in cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

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Pop-Up Mahj

Sunday, December 8 • 11 am

Pop-in and enjoy a fun afternoon of mahj. Lunch is not provided, but we will have drinks and snacks. Canasta players welcome. Free for BJC members; \$5/non-member. RSVP by December 4 to Cathy Randall (crandall218@gmail.com) or register online at bnaijeshurun.org/pop-up-mahj.

Doughnut Discussion Night

Thursday, December 18 • 7 pm

Our Downtown Initiative group will meet at the home of **Kelly & Viktor Kitsis** for some Hanukkah fun. Free; RSVP to the synagogue office. Their address will be provided upon registration.

Tribute and memorial donations received between September 16, 2019 through October 15, 2019 total \$15,104.

To better manage administrative expenses, it is requested that contributions be at least \$10 or more each.

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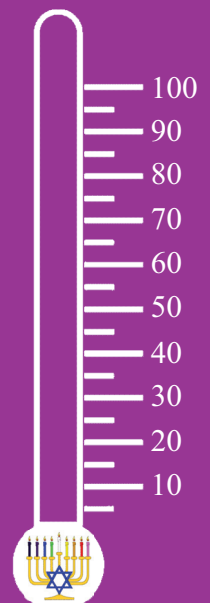


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We extend our deepest condolences
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Mazal Tov to

- Michele & Harvey Sass** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Adina Rivka Rose**.



Rose



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- Sue & Jeff Nash** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Zoe Ella Eichberg**.



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- Ilene & Doug Friedman** on the marriage of their daughter, **Samantha**, to **Steve Ciuni**.

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- Karen & David Bardenstein** on the marriage of their son, **Daniel**, to **Alexa Gelbard**.

- Laura & Daniel Wolkoff** on the engagement of their daughter, **Rebecca**, to **Benjamin Efram Grossman-Ponemon**.



Join us on Shabbat morning, December 7 for a congregational luncheon to celebrate the 100th birthday of **Dr. Malcolm "Doc" Brahms**. Free; no RSVP required. We will be establishing a fund in honor of **Doc** and in memory of his beloved wife, **Evelyn**; donations appreciated to the synagogue office.

Yasher Koach

- Ed Kowit** received the Activa Award from the national FiSCA Association for community service and his participation in Cash Stop Cares: "Books for Children." (pic sent)



Kowit

- Michael Haas** has been named to the Cleveland-Marshall Law Hall of Fame which honors the outstanding contributions to the success and prestige of the law school by distinguished alumni, faculty, staff, friends and community leaders.



Haas

Unveiling Notice

The stone setting for our past president, **Morton J. Gross**, will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 11:00 am at Chesterland Memorial Park Cemetery, 11521 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland.



If you have an achievement or mazal 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.

Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 4:00 pm Men's Club Browns Watch Party & Corned Beef Dinner	2	3 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	4	5 10:00 am Hazak Academy	6 5:30 pm Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir 5:45 pm Gan-6th Grade Shabbat Dinner 8:00 pm Weingold Guest Scholar Talk	7 9:00 am Service; Weingold Guest Scholar Talk 12:00 pm Congregational Lunch; Mal Brahms' 100th Birthday Celebration 1:00 pm Weingold Guest Scholar Talk 7:00 pm ATID Latke Making
8 School Trip to Detroit Holocaust Memorial Center 9:00 am Breakfast; Weingold Guest Scholar Talk 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 11:00 am Pop-Up Mahj	9 7:00 pm Stop the Bleed Training	10 6:15 pm Sisterhood White Elephant Hanukkah Party	11	12 10:00 am Hazak Academy	13 6:00 pm Service	14 9:00 am Service; Sisterhood Shabbat 10:30 am Dive into the Sea of Torah & Lunch
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