

Tidings

LEGOS, LIGHTS & LATKES!

Sunday, December 17 • 5 pm

Celebrate the 6th night of Hanukkah with your BJC family!

We will create a one-of-a-kind giant Hanukkah mosaic, enjoy a light-up hula hoop show and nosh on the best latkes & sliders in town!



COST:

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\$15 / Adults

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\$45 Family (household) max

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\$10 / Children ages 2-12

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or contact the synagogue office at (216) 831-6555**



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HANUKKAH

Beineinu - Between Us



Hanukkah begins in Kislev, but spills into the month of Tevet. Its centerpiece is the 10th of Tevet, a fast day which commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem which led to the downfall of the city and the destruction of the Temple. How strange that only a mere 7 or 8 days after we celebrate the joyous rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees (at a much later date),

we immerse ourselves in mourning for the first and second Temples' destruction. Generally, we think of the rhythms of Jewish life leading us from sadness to joy. What, then, do we make of this juxtaposition which seems to move in the opposite direction?

The kabbalistic work, *Sefer Yetzirah*, associates each month with a different Hebrew letter and part of the body. Tevet is associated with the Hebrew letter *ayin* and with the liver. The *ayin* leans back at the top right, the beginning of the letter, which is topped by a crown that looks like a flame. The bold line then moves diagonally – forward and down to the right. The crown/flame at the start of the letter symbolizes the light of Hanukkah. The bold diagonal line sweeping downward and forward symbolizes our taking that light and planting it deep within ourselves. It also symbolizes that we must always be able to move forward. The liver, according to Kabbalah, is the seat of our negative reactive emotions: sadness, fear, anger, jealousy. As the light descends within us, it illuminates and washes away those negative emotions, filling us instead with peace and joy.

This is why only Hanukkah crosses over from a month of joy to a month of sadness. If we internalize the light of Hanukkah, it becomes the antidote to the darkness that lies ahead. The Kabbalists taught that the light of the Hanukkah candles continue to burn within us for the entire month of Tevet and beyond, for a full 30 days after the conclusion of Hanukkah.

Our task is to nurture that light within us by focusing on the miracle of God's redemptive love, letting it wash over us, and seeking to let go of those negative emotions. Like the central line that forms the core of the *ayin*, we must hold on to the light of our past blessings while always seeking to move ourselves forward.

Naomi and I wish you and your family a Hanukkah filled with light!

Rabbi Stephen Weiss

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

Mahar

Supporting Everything We Do

Your support of Mahar, our annual fund, helps B'nai Jeshurun cover the many expenses that come from being the second home in your Jewish life - from programming to religious services to general operations. Please consider making a gift to Mahar this year if you haven't already done so, whether \$18 or \$1,800. If we each provide this additional philanthropic support, we will all play a part in supporting our thriving and vibrant congregational community. Visit bnaijeshurun.org/mahar or call Paula Botkin to make a pledge or give.

Candle Lighting

December 1	4:39 pm
December 8	4:38 pm
December 15	4:39 pm
December 22	4:42 pm
December 29	4:46 pm
January 5	4:52 pm
January 12	5:00 pm
January 19	5:08 pm
January 26	5:16 pm

Torah Portions

December 2	Vayishlach
December 9	Vayeshev
December 16	Miketz
December 23	Vayigash
December 30	Vayechi
January 6	Shemot
January 13	Vaera
January 20	Bo
January 27	Beshelach

Daily Service Schedule

Mondays - Thursdays

7:00 am, 7:30 am, 6:00 pm

Fridays

7:00 am, 7:30 am, 6:00 pm, except the December 1 evening service will be held at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays, December 25 & New Year's Day

8:00 am, 6:00 pm

New Year's Eve afternoon minyan will be held at 2:00 pm.

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President's Message



Our members may agree or disagree with each other on a variety of subjects, but we do agree that we like our onegs following Friday night services and kiddushes following Shabbat morning services. At the conclusion of services, catching up and schmoozing with friends

and meeting new members is that much more enjoyable when accompanied by a beverage and a nosh. Adults and children have their preferences for various treats – chocolate or fruit pastries, cookies, kichel, chips, hummus, fruit and more. There are many members who start their afternoon with a “*l'chaim*” over Scotch or other favorite libation. One thing is certain - when our members linger after services to talk and share ideas, enjoy the wonderful mix of generations, or grab a moment or two with our clergy - our synagogue community is strengthened.

We can all pitch in to maintain these special times together and foster community by supporting our onegs and kiddushes with a gift to fully or partially sponsor one of these events. Our B'nai Mitzvah families, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Officers and Trustees and specially designated funds generously provide support to sponsor onegs, kiddushes or congregational lunches throughout the year. There are additional opportunities for congregants to fully or partially sponsor an oneg or kiddush in honor of a birthday, anniversary, special event, or in memory of loved ones. The next time you have someone to celebrate or remember, please share it with your synagogue family and join our many members who have already made a contribution. We are grateful for your donation.

Partially or fully sponsoring an oneg or kiddush is convenient and easy to arrange by calling Paula Botkin. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. Let's do this together for the benefit of our synagogue community.

Mark joins me in wishing you and your family a happy Hanukkah and a happy New Year.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,
Shelley Scher

Cantor's Corner



At the end of December, we read the last portion of Genesis. This portion is called *Vayechi*, translated as “and he (Jacob) lived.” Jacob was in a deep depression for the years that Joseph disappeared. He was mourning the loss of his son due to a scheme that Joseph's brothers

crafted. They sold him as a slave and then dipped his multi-colored garment in blood, leading Jacob to assume Joseph was killed by a wild animal.

Our sages tell us G-d gives us the ability to overcome grief, and while we will never forget our loved ones, over time, the pain diminishes. Jacob was unable to move on emotionally for the simple fact that Joseph was not dead. In that entire time period, Jacob never received a prophecy and despite all efforts by his family to uplift him, he remained in a dark place.

This entire episode is troubling. Not only did Joseph's brothers deceive their father, but Jacob favored Joseph above his siblings, and Joseph himself did not reach out to Jacob during his absence while he lived in Egypt. Our sages explain that Jacob was punished for tricking his own father and brother, Esau. Joseph returned the favor to his brothers by imprisoning one of them and toying with them. While he realized they did not recognize him, he engaged in psychological warfare, making the brothers appear inept in their father's eyes and duping Benjamin to become a part of his plot.

What is abundantly clear is the power of family and how it can reinvigorate people's lives. Relationships are complicated and, like everything in life, actions have consequences. The brothers acted as judge and jury, bringing much suffering to Joseph and Jacob. Jacob brought suffering to his children by favoring Joseph. As a result of these events, Joseph was promoted to second-in-command and saved Egypt from famine. When he did reconnect with Jacob, vigor and happiness returned to Jacob. The power of love and *nachas* can give us purpose and the will to overcome all obstacles.

Sabrina, Shaina, Abby and I wish everyone a wonderful Hanukkah.

Chag Urim Sameach,
Cantor Aaron Shifman

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Youth & Education



The "Real" Light of Hanukkah

When we were first taught about Hanukkah, we all learned the story of how one lone jar of oil was found in the Temple, enough oil to last only one day but miraculously lasted for eight. Yet there was another miracle that always spoke to me more than the miracle of the oil. A small band of people who wanted the freedom to practice Judaism fought against assimilation and against being forced to adopt everything from the Hellenistic world that surrounded them. The Maccabees fought for the right to be who they were when so many around them, including many Jews, were adopting a Greek way of life.

The truth is, that the time in which the Maccabees lived is not so different from our own. We constantly feel the pressures of a society whose values don't always match ours. We need to choose whether to send our children to school or come to the synagogue on Jewish holidays. We need to choose whether they should go up to Santa and ask for a gift at the mall like other children do during this season. And we need to choose whether or not to take a family trip over school spring break on Passover like other families even if it means sacrificing our own ability to observe the holiday. The main point, however, is that because of the Maccabees, we do have a choice. The Maccabees fought valiantly and successfully to make sure we have the right to practice our religion in the way we choose, giving us the opportunity to live a life guided by the Torah. Just as we add a candle for each night of Hanukkah, let's add to the light that the Maccabees left for us by striving to ascend in holiness each day in our own lives.

Rabbi Josh Foster



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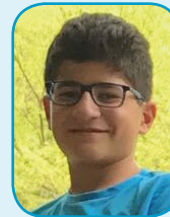
B'nai Mitzvah



DAVID SAMUEL LEVINE

Shabbat morning, January 13

David lives in Solon and enjoys soccer, trombone, camping and movies. For his Mitzvah Project, he is helping repack, collect and sort food for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and Kosher Food Pantry. He is the son of Michelle & Adam Levine, brother of Jacob Levine and grandson of Frank Ekstein. David is also the grandson of the late Hanna Ekstein and Ruth & Ken Levine.



IDO & OFIR GNESSIN

Shabbat afternoon

(Mincha), January 20

Ofir & Ido live in Orange and attend Mandel JDS. They are the sons of Hili & Ehud Gnessin, brothers of Roe Gnessin and grandsons of Lily Hutnik and Shimon Gnessin. They are also the grandsons of the late Mordechai Hutnik and Shoshana Gnessin.



Mazal tov to our 2017 Consecration Class

Consecrants

Stella Barnholtz
Eden Benson
Callie Beynenson
Natalie Botnick
Micah Chupnick
Mira Chupnick
Miriam Claypool
Liesel Dachner
Minna Goldenberg
Zoe Newman
Kyla Peterson
Ariella Rosky
Sadie Schonfeld
Gabriel Steinberg
Dalia Sukert
Chase Zelwin

Parents

Barbie & Drew Barnholtz
Ellen & Andrew Benson
Julie & Alex Beynenson
Abby & Robert Botnick
Jessica & Steven Chupnick
Jessica & Steven Chupnick
Rifka Claypool and Matthew Claypool
Alison & Joel Dachner
Michelle Goldstein & Aaron Goldenberg
Nicole & Ari Newman
Allison & Scott Peterson
Sharon & Jay Rosky
Kim Favor & Jonathan Schonfeld
SeAnna & Neil Steinberg
Julie & Aaron Sukert
Brooke & Adam Zelwin

Jr. Kadima, Kadima and USY to St. Herman's House of Hospitality

Sunday, December 10 • 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Last year, St. Herman's served 83,000 meals to the poor and provided guests with clothes, shoes and opportunity. 4th – 12th graders are invited to serve lunch to the guests and help around the house. Space is limited. Please consider bringing some of the following to distribute: children and adult sized gloves, hats, scarves, socks, toiletries, make up, hand warmers and lip balm.

Escape Room with Kadima

Sunday, December 17 • 11:45 am

Work together to escape from the Escape Room on Coventry. We will have 60 minutes to crack the code and get out! \$15 members; \$20 non-members. RSVP by December 3; space is limited. Carpool may be arranged from B'nai Jeshurun at 11:30 am or meet there; please note your preference when registering.



B'nai Jeshurun Hosts CRUSY Kadima Kinnus

Friday – Sunday, January 26 - 28

Our region holds an annual weekend convention for 6th - 8th graders, where our Kadimaniks spend a fun weekend with others from around our area. In addition to our middle school students, USY Chapter Presidents and the CRUSY Regional Board will assist with programming and share their enthusiasm.

WE NEED YOU!!!! Please consider hosting a few kids in your home, volunteering throughout the weekend and/or helping with preparations.

Learn more and RSVP to these programs at youthlearningcenter@bnaijeshurun.org.

Family Shabbat Dinners

Fridays, December 1 and February 2 • 5:45 pm

Welcome Shabbat with songs, blessings and stories with Rabbi Hal and Rabbi Josh. Celebrate **Hanukkah** at our December dinner and **Tu B'Shevat** at our February dinner with a special craft, too. Kids – come in your pajamas and be comfy!

Enjoy a delicious (meat) dinner with family and friends. Stay for Friday night services at 7 pm with Zamir, our youth choir. \$10 per adult; \$6 per child; \$32 family cap. RSVP to Julie Sukert or on the synagogue website.

Sundays with Sammy Spider

Sundays, December 10 and January 14 • 9:30 am



Join Sammy Spider, of the favorite Jewish children's book series, as we enjoy a fun morning for little ones, ages 18 months to 4 years, with an adult.

In December, we are joined by music specialist **Maggie Wise**, for a fun movement and music class. We will also help Sammy learn about and celebrate Hanukkah with a story, special craft and snack. In January, we are joined by "**Mr. Chuck**" Fink, our popular Kinder Shabbat musician, for a fun music class. Here, we will help Sammy learn about and celebrate Tu B'Shevat with a story, special craft and snack as well.



Free. RSVP to Julie Sukert or bnaijeshurun.org/sammyspider.

CAMP FAIR

FIND THE PERFECT JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR YOU!

Sunday December 3 • 2 – 4 pm

Check out more than 17 camps, bowl and enjoy snacks. Free! Located at Rollhouse Entertainment (formerly Freeway Lanes, 33185 Bainbridge Rd., Solon). RSVP to hmendelsohn@jecc.org or 216-371-0446 ext. 246.



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Continue the fun from 4 - 6 pm at **WhirlyBall** for laser tag and an info-session from **Camp Ramah Canada**. RSVP to Leora@campraham.com or 416-789-2193 ext. 2133.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, December 2



Please join us for a beautiful Shabbat service led by the ladies of Sisterhood. **Rabbi Lilly Kaufman**, executive director of the Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and an editor of our new *Lev Shalem siddur*, will be our guest speaker.

Rabbi Kaufman will speak during the service about the importance of Torah Fund and after a congregational lunch about her contribution to the *siddur*.

Two Lunch & Learns: Recipe Revisions

Tuesday, December 5 • noon

Learn how to make a favorite recipe healthier. Robin Rood will demonstrate how to swap in healthier ingredients for the ones we grew up on. This is not a kitchen demonstration, just a talk. Have a recipe you'd like discussed? Contact Robin in advance of the program.

InMotion

Tuesday, January 23 • noon

InMotion is a non-profit center devoted to the health and well being of those affected by Parkinson's Disease. Dr. Karen Jaffe and Ben Rossi will tell us about their work.

\$10 per person per program. RSVP to Robin Rood (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658) and mail checks made out to BJC Sisterhood to 113 Silver Springs Trail, Chagrin Falls, 44022.

Middle Eastern Dining Experience

Sunday, January 28 • 5 pm

Ettie Berkman is back by popular demand. Following a brief demo at 5 pm, enjoy an authentic Middle Eastern Dinner at 5:45 pm. \$18 Sisterhood members; \$20 non-members. RSVP by January 21 to Eve Phythyon (330-283-4003) or Carolyn Marcs (440-725-5753). Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood and send to the synagogue office, Attn: Carolyn Marcs.

2018 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).

Men's Club

Men's Club Adventure Road: Traveling the World

Sundays, December 10 and January 28 • 9 am

Been there? Want to go there? Join us for our monthly Sunday morning breakfasts at 9 am, followed by presentations by fellow members discussing their world travels. Talks will begin at 10 am and break-out sharing groups will start at 10:30 am. **Destinations: Europe with Bill Schwarz in December, then Israel with Rabbi Weiss in January!**



Interested in speaking? Contact Jerry Brodsky (jerrybrodsky2@gmail.com or 330-998-2283).

Future dates: February 18, March 18.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, December 10 • 9 am – 2 pm



Sponsored by Men's Club. No registration required.

19th Annual Sheila Radman Balk Cholent Cookoff

Saturday, February 3 • noon

Presented by Men's Club

Enjoy a wide variety of superbly cooked cholents prepared by our wonderful chefs.



Entrants follow their own recipes; we provide your ingredients. Team up with family or friends! If you are interested in cooking, contact Richard Berkowitz (rrberk@yahoo.com or 216-245-6403) by January 19.

If you are interested in eating, RSVP to the synagogue office or bnaijeshurun.org/cholentcookoff. Cost is \$10 per person; children under 9 years old are free. Please make checks payable to BJC Men's Club.

Book Group

Monday, December 4 • 7 pm

Join our discussion of Ronald Balson's book, "The Trust." Free! RSVP to Harvey Wasserman (hpwasserman@sbcglobal.net).

From Our Affiliates



Chesed

We have volunteer opportunities for everyone. If you are interested in lending a hand for any of the projects here, contact Shani Kadis.

Bellefaire Holiday Gift Giving



Each year, the staff of Bellefaire JCB asks for help to ensure that the more than 1,500 children and youth in

their care will receive a present during the holiday season. For many of these kids, it is the only gift they will receive. Bellefaire JCB is asking you to help by purchasing a **new** gift (\$20-\$35 range) or gift card (\$25). Wish lists are available online (brurl.co/BJCB). Please contact Mandy Kwait (216-320-6845 or holidaygiftdrive@bjcb.org) for assistance. Gifts are due to Bellefaire (22001 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights) by Friday, December 8.



Wednesday, January 10 • 5:30 pm

Provide a home-cooked meal for the residents. This involves preparing a meal for 20 people at home and bringing it to the Transplant House (located at 2007 E. 115th St., 44106) at 5:30 pm, then connecting with the residents as they enjoy a family meal together.

Hazak Happenings

Hazak is B'nai Jeshurun's senior adult group. To join, or for further information, please contact Membership Chairperson Adelle Gloger (216-292-2665) or President Betty Fishman (216-591-9550).

Maltz Museum Exhibit Tour

Beyond Chicken Soup: Jews & Medicine in America

Sunday, January 14 • 11:45 am

Meet at the museum (located at 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood). \$8 per person; guests welcome. RSVP to Sonya Shultz (3701 Mayfield Rd. #314, Cleveland Hts., OH 44121). Questions? Call Sonya (216-382-5522). Please make checks payable to B'nai Jeshurun Hazak.

Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, December 3 • 9:30 am



Prepare and serve brunch for the guests. Meet there to prepare everything in their kitchen. Everyone must be 12 years or older to help.

Do you have children under 12 who want to help? Although they can't cook, they can **make posters, pictures and cards**. All of the pictures are hung around the building to make everyone's day a little brighter! Take time as a family to be as creative as you want!

Your family can also **collect can tabs**. Even little things make a big difference. Recycling companies buy the tabs from RMH at market rate and make an additional charitable contribution, so the income from can tabs is pure profit.

Please drop all cards, posters and can tabs off at the synagogue before December 3. You may also take all of these to Ronald McDonald House as a family!



Sundays, December 17 and January 21 • 9:30am

Sort and pack food at the pantry that will go to Jewish families in need. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7.



WhirlyBall & Latkes

Thursday, December 14

7:30 – 10 pm

Atid (our group for 20's and 30's year olds) will come together to light the menorah and enjoy latkes before hitting the court.

\$15 if you register by December 3; \$20 after. This will cover WhirlyBall, latkes and a nosh. Cash bar available.

Challah on the Chai

Thursday, January 18 • 7 pm

Learn the perfect recipe and braiding techniques from the bakery specialists at Whole Foods. Make your own challah and enjoy kosher wine. \$10 if you RSVP by January 10; \$15 after.

RSVP for these events on our Atid Facebook event page.

Recent & Upcoming Events



This year's Sisterhood and Men's Club trip took 48 people to Washington, D.C. We toured inside the White House, Holocaust Museum, The Capitol and other familiar and new sites in and around DC. Four participants presented a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery as a part of a private tram tour of the grounds. **Next year's destination will be Toronto.** Stay tuned!

Sunshine Committee Training

Tuesday, December 12 • 11:45 am - 1 pm

Please join us for an informational lunch meeting and training session for visits.

The Sunshine Committee will be dedicated to bringing warmth, light and sustenance to those in our congregation who have difficulty coming to synagogue. Volunteers will visit members who are homebound and provide support and good cheer. This committee is meant to increase our synagogue's connection and bring "sunshine" to those who may feel isolated or in need.

The Sunshine Committee will be under the auspices of the Chesed Committee, adding another wonderful way we care for our congregants and the greater community. To RSVP for the training lunch, please contact the synagogue office. To learn more about the Sunshine Committee, contact chair, Robbie Schonfeld (216-991-7755 robbieschonfeld@sbcglobal.net), Shani Kadis or Rabbi Rudin-Luria.

A Kabbalistic

Tu B'Shevat Seder for Adults

Tuesday, January 30 • 7 pm



Tu B'Shevat has taken on many new and modern meanings, each of which has added new layers. This seder will follow closely the original, traditional Kabbalistic seder. Kabbalists understand an upside-down tree to be a metaphor for the way that God's light

flows into the world. Through ritual, song, meditation and food, the seder seeks to celebrate the ten *sephirot* (aspects of God) through which God's blessings flow and to bring that *shefa* (flow) down upon ourselves to cause our lives and world to blossom. No knowledge of Kabbalah is necessary. The seder includes four glasses of wine, fruits, nuts and a sumptuous dessert.

\$10 per person (program subsidized in part by the Weingold Adult Learning Fund). RSVP to the synagogue office.

Scout Shabbat

December 15 • 6 pm



Scouts will help lead the service and all are welcome to stay afterwards for a Hanukkah-themed oneg. All scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms! Contact Ben Altose (benjamin.altose@gmail.com) to participate; both English and Hebrew parts are available.



Shabbat Together

Friday, March 16

Shabbat begins with us – building our community one home at a time. Stay tuned for this event, brought to us by the 2016-2018 Marcus Leadership Cohort.

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Tree of Life

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the passing of

ROSALYN ABRAMS

Sister of Sheila Mathews

*CAROL FEIG

Wife of Joseph Feig

Mother of Adam and Michael Feig

Daughter of Beatrice Franklin

Sister-in-law of Linda Feldman

*NEFF FREMONT

Father of Mark Fremont

*EMILY KABERT

FLORENCE KELLNER

Sister of Ethel Klein

Aunt of Marcie Gilmore

RONALD PELTZ

Father of Daniel Peltz

Brother-in-law of Harriet & Paul Dennis

MORRIS PERLMUTTER

Father of Julie Deutch

MORRIS SPERLING

Brother of Henrik Sperling

MIRIAM WOLFSON

Step-mother of Renny Wolfson

* B'nai Jeshurun member

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

Mazal Tov to

• **Melissa & Richard Lipnick** on the birth of a son, **Niko Alexander Lipnick**. Grandmother is **Helen Berman**.

• **Jessica & Fred Miller** on the birth of a daughter, **Eleanor Miller**.

• **Penny & Bob Greenberger** on the birth of a grandson, **Julius Meyer Greenberger**.

• **Shari & Richard Rood** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Harper Madeline Rood**.

• **Rachel & Yaacov Taxer** on the wedding of their son, **David**, to **Leah Asher**.

• **Randy & Rhonda Kertesz, Debbie & Gary Birns** and **Boots Kertesz** on the wedding of their daughter and granddaughter, **Heather**, to **Gregory Briest**.

• **Holly & Alan Levine** and **Rae Levine** on the wedding of their daughter and granddaughter, **Katie**, to **Matthew Fitzsimmons**.

• **Mitchell Gecht** on his wedding to **Anna Seiger**. Mitchell's parents are **Phyllis & Joel Gecht**.

• **Betty Fishman** on the wedding of her grandson, **Adam Fishman**, to **Rebecca Miner**.

• **Arlene Willen** on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter **Haley Willen**.



Lipnick



Miller



Rood



Taxer



Briest



Fitzsimmons

Happy December Milestone Anniversary to:

Susan & Howard Levin	60 Years
Cheryl & Robert Spira	50 Years
Natalie & Richard Bluestone	45 Years
Abbie & Charles Daroff	30 Years
Renee & Guy Greller	15 Years
Mollie & Ricky Wohl	10 Years

Happy January Milestone Anniversary to:

Irene & Harvey Bernstein	50 Years
Marilyn & Dick Myers	50 Years
Connie & Murray Altose	45 Years
Renee & Marvin Klein	30 Years

Happy December Milestone Birthday to:

Victor Amster	Dan Dobres	Gary Gross	Theresa Markowitz	Robert Shapiro
Karen Barson	Amy Fishman	Gloria Gruhin	Michael Marks	Lee C. Shapiro
Gary Berman	Norma Geller	Jeffrey Leeson	Harlan Meinwald	Robert Spira
Larry Boro	Norma Goodman	Stephanie Levin	Ladislav Mendlovic	Rachel Taxer
Robert Botnick	Cheryl Greenberg	Isaac Lewin	Sherry Miller	Ronald Titlebaum
Evelyn Brahms	Martin Greenstein	Sandra Lieber	Tillie November	Jane Warn
Malcolm Brahms	Stuart Greenwald	Alvie Markowitz	Stacey Orville	Myra Weiss

Happy January Milestone Birthday to:

Barbara Amper	Alden Guren	Nancy Kay	Norma Maxson	Shirley Shatten
Lynn Benchell-Harris	Ted Hersh	Edward Kowit	Marsha Moses	Francine Smylie
Morris Brick	Louis Horwitz	Renee Lieberman	David Rothenberg	David Strauss
Aaron Canowitz	Mark Jacobs	Michael Loewenstein	Shelley Scher	Lois Teitelman
Sarah Felder	Michael Jacobson	Mildred Mandel	Judith Schiller	Leslie Weller
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- **Marilyn Klein** received the Gail Gordon Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award from The Gathering Place.
- **Sue & Mitch Frankel** received the 2017 ORT America Maimonides Award for Outstanding Community Service at the Ohio Region's 46th Annual Brunch. Funds raised at the event have been designated to the renovation of the Science Building at the Kfar Silver Youth Village.
- **Norma Geller** received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 CJN 18 Difference Makers Awards.
- **Irwin & Ida Haber, Michael Jacobson, Suellen Kadis and Eleanor Steigman** were named 2017's CJN 18 Difference Makers.
- **Michael Guggenheim** received the Norman J. Danzig Memorial Award at the JFSA Annual Meeting. This award is presented to a leader who has displayed an exemplary commitment to the community.
- **Raquel & Michael Haas** were honored at the Basser Center for BRCA in NYC.
- **Jeremy Zelwin** won the Solon City Council Ward 3 seat.
- **Eric Synenberg** won a seat on Beachwood City Council.
- **Paul Fierman** was featured in the Student Stories section of Tri-C's Diversity Report.



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I am always available to further discuss any of the opportunities listed above, or to talk to you about your personal philanthropic interests. Feel free to contact me at any time. In the meantime, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year and *todah rabah!*

Kim Cole

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Recurring Events Tuesdays at 10:30 am ~ Torah Study with Susan Wyner Thursdays at 12:10 pm ~ Lunch & Learn Commerce Park IV (corner of Chagrin & Green) Fridays at 10:15 am ~ Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom Saturdays at 9:00 am ~ Starbucks, Bread & Torah					1 5:45 pm Family Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir	2 9:00 am Service; Sisterhood Shabbat; Rabbi Kaufman; 85th anniversary of Mal Brahm's Bar Mitzvah
3 9:30 am Chesed @ Ronald McDonald House 2:00 – 4:00 pm Camp Fair @ Rollhouse Entertainment 4:00 – 6:00 pm Camp Ramah @ Whirlyball	4 7:00 pm Men's Club Book Group	5 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn	6	7 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	8 6:00 pm Service	9 9:00 am Service
10 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00 am Men's Club Breakfast 9:30 am Sammy Spider 9:30 am Youth Groups to St. Herman's 10:00 am Men's Club Adventure Road	11	12 Erev Hanukkah; light 1st candle 11:45 am Sunshine Committee Training	13 1st day Hanukkah; light 2nd candle	14 2nd day Hanukkah; light 3rd candle 7:30 pm Atid @ Whirlyball	15 3rd day Hanukkah; light 4th candle 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat; Scout Shabbat	16 4th day Hanukkah; light 5th candle 9:00 am Service
17 5th day Hanukkah; light 6th candle 9:30 am Chesed @ Kosher Food Pantry 11:45 am Kadima @ Escape Room 5:00 pm Legos, Lights & Latkes Hanukkah Party	18 6th day Hanukkah; light 7th candle; Rosh Hodesh Tevet	19 7th day Hanukkah; light 8th candle; Rosh Hodesh Tevet	20 8th day Hanukkah	21	22 6:00 pm Service	23 9:00 am Service
24	25 Office closed	26	27	28 Fast of Tevet	29 6:00 pm Service	30 9:00 am Service
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day; Office closed	2	3	4 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	5 6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat	6 9:00 am Service
7	8	9	10 5:30 pm Chesed @ Transplant House	11 7:00 pm Purimspiel Auditions	12 6:00 pm Service	13 9:00 am Service; David Levine Bar Mitzvah
14 9:30 am Sammy Spider 11:45 am Hazak @ Maltz Museum	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Office closed	16	17 Rosh Hodesh Shevat	18 7:00 pm Atid @ Whole Foods	19 3 rd Grade Shabbaton 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat	20 9:00 am Service; Gross Schechter Day School Shabbat 5:00 pm Ido and Ofir Gnessin Mincha B'nai Mitzvah
21 9:30 am Chesed @ Kosher Food Pantry	22	23 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn	24	25	26 Kadima Kinnus @BJC 6:00 pm Service	27 Kadima Kinnus @BJC 9:00 am Service
28 Kadima Kinnus @BJC 9:00 am Men's Club Breakfast 10:00 am Men's Club Adventure Road 5:00 pm Sisterhood Middle Eastern Dinner	29	30 7:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder	31 Tu B'Shevat			

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