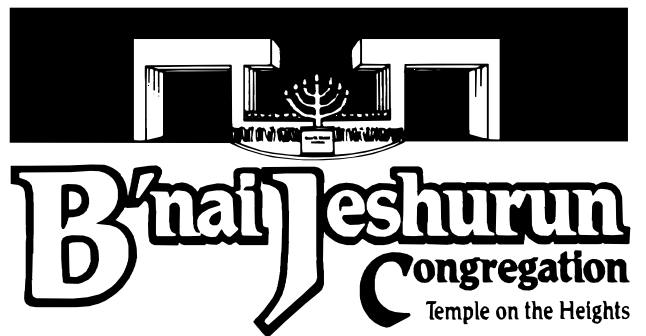


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Welcome to the **David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary** on behalf of Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, Cantor Aaron Shifman, Education Engagement Rabbi Josh Foster, Rabbi Emeritus Stanley J. Schachter, President Shelley Scher and Executive Director Jay Ross.

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

Parashat Terumah תְּרוּמָה
February 16/17, 2018 - 2 Adar 5778

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Thank you to Bradley Rothschild and Melissa Rothschild, our Torah readers. Thank you to Melissa Rothschild for chanting the Haftarah.

DAILY MINYAN

MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm
FRIDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)
SATURDAY 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Your presence adds to the joy of our service!

The flowers are a gift from the parents of Bradley and Melissa Rothschild in honor of their children's B'nai Mitzvah.



FRIDAY

Mazal tov to all of our couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month!

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Sue Nash.



SATURDAY

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Rabbi Josh Foster. Thank you to Cindy Brodsky for preparing the refreshments.

Thank you to our members who prepare the kiddush refreshments: Moris Amon, Murray Berkowitz, Fay Blumenthal, Tova Cohen, Lynn Katz Danzig, Ruth Dobres, Faith Eisenberg, Laura Katzner, Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Rachel Schwarz, Cheryl Spira, Nancy Tresser Lipko and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Cindy Herman, our greeter, Tom Mart, and our ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs, Harriet Rosenberg Mann and Paula Schaffer-Polakof.

Today's Torah portion, Terumah, was dedicated in the Holocaust Torah Scroll by Joan & Chuck Whitehill in honor of their B'nai Mitzvah; and in the New Torah Scroll by Millie Mandel & family in memory of George Mandel^{ב"ר}, and by Linda & Jerome Siegan in honor of their anniversary.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush in **Gross Atrium**, sponsored by Debbie & Barry Rothschild in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of their children.



Mazal tov to Bradley Harrison Rothschild and Melissa Emily Rothschild on celebrating becoming B'nai Mitzvah, and to their parents Debbie & Barry Rothschild, sister Lilly Rothschild and grandparents Marcia & Jerry Rothschild and June & Allan Rubinstein.

They are also the grandchildren of the late Esti & Bill Timbers^{ב"ר}.



We welcome your children in the Main Sanctuary!



**Men's Club Adventure Road: Traveling the World
Sunday, February 18 • 9:30 am**

Destination: Australia/New Zealand with Jay Schonfeld

Join us for a continental breakfast followed by presentations by fellow members discussing their world travels. Talks will begin at 10 am and breakout sharing groups will start at 10:30 am. No RSVP required.

Last date: March 18 - North America open discussion facilitated by Jerry Brodsky.

**Sisterhood Lunch & Learn: In the Kitchen
Tuesday, February 27 • noon**

Our very own **Rafi Simon** and **Paul Fierman** will share cooking techniques and demonstrate healthy holiday dishes in the BJC kitchen. \$10 per person. RSVP to Robin Rood (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658) by February 22. Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood and mail to Robin at 113 Silver Springs Trail, Chagrin Falls, 44022.

Two Ways to Support the School

50-50 Purim Raffle

Support the good work of our religious school. One half of the money collected will be used for school needs, while the other half will be distributed as prize money. Contact Wendy Altmire to purchase tickets. The drawing date will be Sunday, February 25 at the Purim Carnival; winners need not be present.

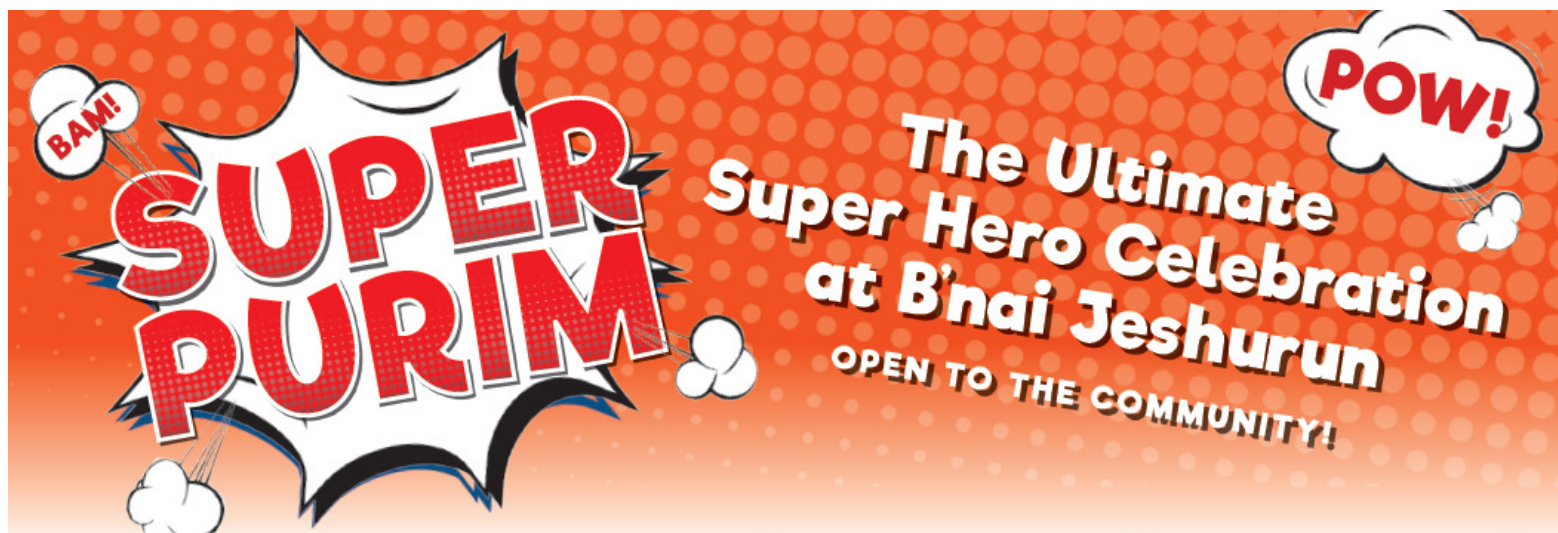
**Barton's Kosher for Passover
Candy, Kitchen & Home Sales**

Proceeds benefit the Bessie Hershey Religious School. Order at www.misschocolate.com; free shipping with orders of \$75 or more, or submit your orders to the school office (order forms available through the school or synagogue office). Pay by cash or checks made payable to BJC. Credit cards only accepted if order is placed online.

**Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, March 4 • 9 am – 2 pm**

Save a life; give blood. Sponsored by Men's Club.
Walk-ins welcome.





**The Megillah According to Broadway Purimspiel
Sunday, February 18 • 7 pm**

Join us as we recite the “Story of Queen Esther” with re-written lyrics to your favorite Broadway hits. The Megillah comes alive like never before. Don’t miss this Purimspiel! Free and open to the community.

**Deliver in a Flash - Mishloach Manot
Monday, February 26 • 11 am • Montefiore**

Meet at Montefiore to deliver Purim bags. A great mitzvah opportunity for families.

**Get Meshuganah for Purim
Saturday, February 24 • 9 am**

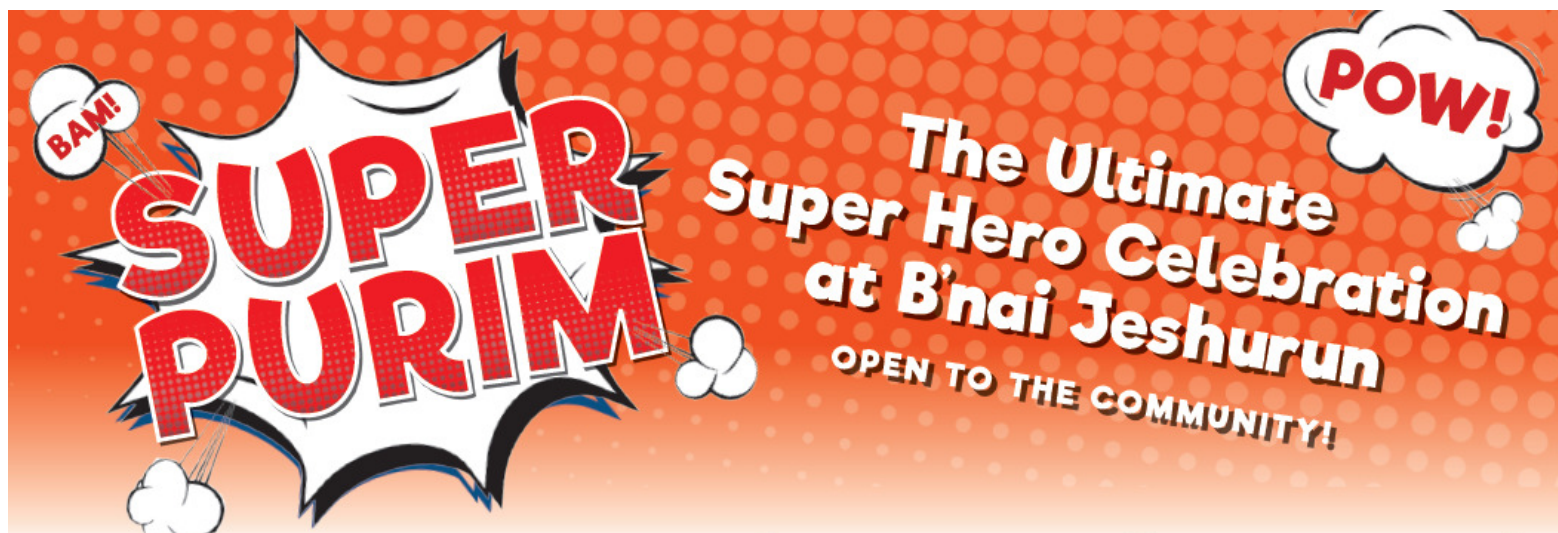
The Meshuganotes, The Ohio State University’s a cappella group, will join us during the conclusion of our Shabbat morning service and then after kiddush and a light lunch for a song-filled show. If you would like to co-sponsor the lunch, please contact Laura Bennett (216-932-4518 or mlbenet@aol.com).

**The SUPER Purim Carnival
Sunday, February 25 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Carnival games, bounce houses, face painting and food for purchase. Back by popular demand: Carnival wristbands for unlimited play (2 & under free), Ga Ga Pit and Prize Room. New this year: Cannon Blaster and Dance Dome.

**Vashti’s Banquet
Monday, February 26 • 6:30 – 9 pm**

Ladies only are invited to this biennial night of pampering and merriment. Enjoy dinner, beauty services, shopping and more! \$25 Sisterhood member; \$29 non-member. Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood with memo Vashti’s Banquet and mail to Amy Berman, 6765 Forest Glen Ave., Solon 44139 or register online by February 19. Questions? Contact Amy (216-408-5219 or sisterhoodvashtisbanquet@gmail.com).



**Celebrate Purim with the Whole Megillah - for all Ages
Wednesday, February 28**

6 pm Graggerpalooza: Pre-Party For Young Families

Transform a box of pasta into a gragger and enjoy a mini magic show. Pizza will be provided. Registration is required! Afterwards, we'll kick off our Megillah Reading with a SUPER parade.

7 pm Family & Traditional Megillah Readings

Wear your costume as we read the Megillah, followed by dancing and hamentashen.

8:15 pm The Kosher Hypnotist/Mentalist Show for Teens

The amazing **Ronnie Baras** will demonstrate the ability to “read minds” in an entertaining and comedic fashion.

9 pm Encore Show: For Adults Only

The fun continues as **Ronnie Baras** performs a mind blowing show that will have you mesmerized.

**Morning Minyan Megillah Reading & Breakfast
Thursday, March 1 • 7 am**

We'll read the Megillah and enjoy breakfast and more hamentashen.

**All events are open to the community.
Learn more and register: bnaijeshurun.org/purim2018
or contact Shani Kadis.**

Kiddush or Oneg Sponsorships

The mitzvah of a donation for sponsorship of a kiddush or oneg is a beautiful way to share the happiness of your milestone or remember a loved one with the congregation. Sponsorships are acknowledged in the Shabbat handout and in *Tidings*. The cost of a kiddush is \$500 and an oneg is \$250; partial sponsorships are available and they are tax deductible. Please contact Paula Botkin.

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MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM
RONI BEN RACHEL
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PEREL BAT YENTA
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DANIEL BEN LEAH
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA
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 RUVENA SHIFRA
BRACHA BAT SIMA
KETURAH BAT SARAH
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL
MINAH MINDEL BAT PESAH MALKA
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH
SIMCHA MELECH BEN SORA
AVRAHAM BEN MALKA
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA
TZIPPA ZEISEL BAT MIRIAM
HENNACH BEN ETEL
SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH
AIYELA RACHEL BAT SHIFRA
REUVEN BEN ADELIN
LEAH BAT ETYE
PHIL APRUZZI
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MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA
AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH
ELI CHAIM BEN MINNA YITTA
BEN-TZION PESACH BEN
 SHAINDEL CHAYAH
REUVEN BEN SHAINDL
DINAH BAT DAHLIA
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER

DYLAN CHAIM BEN PESIA HINDA
MASAHIRO UENO
AVIGAYIL BAT HADAR MIRIAM
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA
YAKOV ELIYAHU BEN GALIA
MASHA BAT HEINCHA
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH
MALKA BAT BATYA
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH
MIMI DORF
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA
MEIR BEN SARAH
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MIRIAM BAT RUCHEL
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Yael BAT ESTHER
MORDECHAI BEN YENTEL
SHLOMO FEIVEL BEN KAYLA
RIVKA BAT FRAYDA
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LEIBUSH BEN SHPRINTZE LEAH
CHANA RUCHEL BAT FRUMA BATYA
YEHUDIT BAT SULTANA
SARAH BAT ROIZA
MARIE BAT MARIE
YEHUDIT BAT BUNNY RAZEL
MIRIAM ESTHER BAT MALKA LIBA
BOB ALTMIRE
ARIELLA CHANA BAT SARAH
HARAV YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINA
AARON ELI BEN TOIBA LEAH
HANNAH BAT DVORAH
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JOANN BAT ZOLA
LIBA RUCHEL BAT BAYLA
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RIFKAH BAT BASYA
YOCHEVET BAT FRIEDA
EVAN KOMITO
SHALOM MENASHE BEN NECHA
AARON BEN YEHUDIT BATYA
YAKOV BEN HANA SORA

DANIEL TZVI BEN RUTH
MICHELLA BAT MINNA
ZEV YITZCHAK BEN RISYA
EDWARD SMITH
LEAH BAT ZEESALA
MALKA LIEBA BAT MINDAL SURAH
TZVI BEN CHAYA
BASSI BAT SHIFRA
AVRUM YITZHAK BEN PESACH
SARAH RIVKA BAT BLUMA
SARAH RIVKA BAT ESTHER
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STEVEN BLOOM
JANE STEARNS
LEAH BAT RIVA
LEAH BAT HANA
SURA BAT LIBA
ELIYAHU BEN HANA
LOLA BAT CLAUDINA
DOVID YAKOV BEN SARAH BELA
SHMUEL YEHUDA BEN FAIGA
HANA HINDA BAT HAYA BLUMA
PHYLLIS WOLK
ELIEZER TZVI BEN MALKA
DAVE PERKINS
LIAT BAT YAEL
AVRAHAM PINCHAS BEN CHAIM
CHAIM REUVEN BEN BASYA GITTEL
LAYA BAYLA BAT RASHA

SEBASTIAN KATZ
RAFAEL BEN RACHEL
HASKEL TZVI BEN MALKA
TAMARA BAT LIBA
SHOSHANA BAT LEAH
AKIVA YAAKOV BEN RUT

May He who blessed our ancestors and is the source of all healing bless and heal those who are ill. May the Holy One Praised Be He mercifully restore them to vigor and lift the burden of anxiety from their loved ones and friends.

On this (Sabbath, Festival, Judgment or Penitence) day we pray that they be spared further pain. May God grant them health of body and health of spirit and mind. May we speedily be privileged to greet their return to good health by welcoming them once again into our midst. Let us say: Amen.

Anyone wanting to add a name to the list should contact Diane Shalom (216-831-6555 ext. 104 or dianeshalom@bnaijeshurun.org) by Thursday afternoon at the latest for inclusion in that Shabbat's program. We will also pause during the prayer for people to recite additional names from their seats.

Atid Board Game Shabbat & Dinner
Friday, March 2 • 6 pm • BJC

Bring your friends and your favorite board games as we welcome in Shabbat. We'll join the congregation for Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6 pm, followed by a free Shabbat dinner. Afterwards, enjoy board games and fun. Atid is open to all 20s & 30s Jewish young adults.



This year's Friday Shabbat dinners are supported in part by a Jewish Federation of Cleveland Young Leadership Division Microgrant.

Condolences to:

Beverly Kroll & family on the death of her husband, our member, Larry Kroll

Robert Epstein & family on the death of his mother, Rita Epstein

James Loeb & family on the death of his father, Sheldon Loeb

Jessica Miller & family on the death of her grandfather, Charles Kimmel Stayton

Yahrzeits: February 17 - 23, 2018

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Emilio Mordechai Amon	Hedwig Fuldauer	Bernard H. Langus
Fannie Atkins	Dr. Harry Gabelman	Michael Lenetz
Martin Azoff	Celia Gamburg	Isidore Levine
Shirley N. Bain	Anna Garber	Neil H. Light
Morris Bayer	Gertrude Gerber	Susan Lipman
Blanche Belaga	Irwin Gerson	Julius Lippa
Diane Bell	Rose Glaser	Lilyan Lowe
Pamela Berman	Marvin Gold	Solomon Lurie
Louis Bernstein	Sarah Goldfarb	Bertha Luxenburg
Hortense Bittker	Lois Goldfarb	Nancy Dee Macher
Pearl Bluffestone	Benjamin A. Goldman	Mollie Rose Macknin
Michael Bobovik	Ben I. Goss	Anna Marcus
Sarah Bohm	Helen Green	Henrietta Mart
Mary Bresin	Sally Greenberg	Dora Mednik
Betty M. Bunin	Sophie Greenwald	Irwin H. Milner
David Cohen	Eugene M. Gross	Rose L. Morgenstern
Rita Newman Cohen	Dr. Martin C. Gross	Sonia Narcys
Max Cohen	Irene Gross	Aaron Neiditz
Sarah Colton	*Leon A. Harris	Rudolph J. Orgler
Faye Comet	Celia Gordon Harris	Benjamin Orkoff
Jerry Delson	Elliott J. Heller	Isadore Orloff
*Sam Delson	*William J. Himmel	Brenda Zimm Oscar
Charlotte Perry Diamond	Harry Hollander	Ernest Paige
Sophie Dollinger	Sarah Jacob	*A. Bernard Peters
Jerome Dorris	Emanuel Jacobs	Bessie Pickus
Raymond Dozetos	Lucille Kammen	Marvin S. Potter
Beatrice Dubal	Saul Kammen	Melvin Rose
Harold Eisenberg	Bessie Katz	Dr. Milton Rosenberg
Josephine Englehart	Sarah Kessler	Harry Rotgerber
Ethyl Faigin	Nathan Kessler	Dora Rothkopf
Dr. David I. Falk	Lev Kholodnyy	Ruth Rothstein
Belle June Federman	Bernard H "Buddy" Klein	Robert Bruce Sacks
Milton Firestone	Benjamin Klein	Joseph Schermer
Golda Franklin	David Klineman	Lilly Schulist
Eli Freilich	Ben Kohn	Gilmore Schwartz
Max Friedman	Helen Kohn	Irwin Schwarz
Feivel Friedman	Celia Koplow	Meyer Shapero
M.W. (Babe) Friedman	Dr. Albert J. Kudysh	Eva Rose Shapiro
William Friedman	Harry Kupersmith	Richard Shatten
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Yahrzeit list continued

Gertrude Sherr
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Alexander Sicherman
Albert Simon
Esther Singer
Dorothy G. Singer
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Harry L. Solwitz
Nettie Stern
Leona Sudak

Max Tabak
Mortimer N. Tannenbaum
Celia Thaw
Estelle (Estee) Timbers
Bertha Tucker
Esther Ulmer
Elizaveta Utis
Albert E. Varnick
Alexander Weil
David Weinberg
Tone Weinberger
Joseph A. Weiss

Ralph Williams
Molly Witt Glazer
Esther Woolf
George J. Yarus
Edythe Zamok
Gerald M. Zashin
Sharolta Zeigerman
Sam Zelvy
Chaim Meyer Zimbalist

**past president*

If you would like a name read from this week's yahrzeit list and have not already informed the office, please notify one of the ushers.

It is customary to make a donation to the Aliyah Fund when honored with an aliyah. Thank you for your support.



**Building Our Community
One Home at a Time.**

Register by February 26 at
[bnaijeshurun.org/
ShabbatTogether](http://bnaijeshurun.org/ShabbatTogether) or contact
the synagogue office.

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Office Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the front desk with lunchtime relief. Times can be arranged to conveniently fit your schedule. Both men and women are welcome. We guarantee a friendly, rewarding environment. Please contact Marilyn Greenwald (440-449-2449 or marilynandstuart@gmail.com).

What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner

Thursdays 12:10 pm Lunch & Learn at Commerce Park IV Room 130

Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom

Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

Saturday, February 17 - No School

9:00 am Service; Melissa and Bradley Rothschild B'nai Mitzvah

Sunday, February 18 - No School

9:00 am Men's Club Breakfast

9:30 am Chesed @Kosher Food Pantry

10:00 am Men's Club Adventure Road

10:30 am Little Chefs Cooking Club

7:00 pm Purimspiel

Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day

10:00 am Chesed delivering mishloach manot to Menorah Park

Wednesday, February 21

4:00 pm Hebrew Storytime @CCPL Beachwood with Zehava Galun

Friday, February 23

6:00 pm Service

Saturday, February 24

9:00 am Service

12:30 pm Meshuganotes Concert

Sunday, February 25

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Purim Carnival

Monday, February 26

11:00 am Chesed delivering mishloach manot to Montefiore

6:30 pm Vashti's Banquet

7:00 pm CPT play *American Dreams* with Rabbi Weiss on panel

Tuesday, February 27

12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, February 28 - Fast of Esther

6:00 pm Gragger-palooza

7:00 pm Megillah Readings

8:15 pm Mentalist Show for Teens

9:00 pm Mentalist Show for Adults

Thursday, March 1 - Purim

7:00 am Combined Minyans; Megillah Reading & Breakfast

The Living Mishkan by *Dr. Shaiya Rothberg*, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them. The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure ... Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another...and it shall be one mishkan (tabernacle). - Shemot: 26:1-11

After weeks of powerful narrative (Burning Bush, Plagues, Crossing the Sea, Sinai) and profound laws (10 Commandments and Parshat Mishpatim), Parashat Terumah drops like a stone in our midst with its repetitious detail that only an architect or interior designer might appreciate. The curtain in the Mishkan has to have fifty loops. Fifty loops?! So what! Who cares?!

While generations of Bar Mitzvah kids would probably not agree, the authors of the classic work of Jewish mysticism, The Zohar, found in Parashat Terumah's detailed account of the mishkan's structure an interpreter's paradise. The intricacies of the construction of this holy space, in which God's presence on earth would manifest, fired their imaginations. They were perhaps most struck by the combination of **multiplicity** and **unity** in the mishkan's construction: There are myriad curtains, boards and sockets (and don't forget the fifty loops!), but they all come together, "and it shall be **one** mishkan" (Shemot 26:11). For in the unity that emerges from the multiplicity, the spirit of God is manifest: "...and the glory of Y-H-V-H filled the mishkan" (Shemot 40:34).

The Zohar immediately sees a parallel. For what else is composed of intricate systems, and systems inside of systems, but when they come together in one unity, a unique spirit becomes manifest? The human being! "In a human being there are many members, higher and lower; some internal, within; others outside, revealed. Yet they are all considered one body, one person in a single bond. So too, is the mishkan ... when its members all join together as one, then it is written, 'the mishkan shall be one', like a human being." (Zohar 2:162b).

Both the human body and the mishkan are complex structures composed of many parts. But when they are properly constructed, a unity prevails, and in that unity emerges a higher and more sublime dimension of reality: the human spirit and the presence of God.

And yet, simply having a body or constructing a building is not sufficient. We, like the devotees of all humanity's spiritual traditions, seek a higher way. We call that way the Torah. And is the Torah not also an intricate system, with systems inside of systems, from which emerges a higher unity? The Zohar tells us: "The commandments of the Torah are all members and limbs...when they all come together, they amount to **one** mystery. And this is the secret of the mishkan, that it is all limbs and members, and they all amount to the mystery of *humanity*."

And thus, for the Zohar, the **mishkan**, the **human being** and the **Torah** all manifest "the mystery of unity". In this mystery, different disparate parts join together into a living whole. And in that whole is manifest a higher, spiritual, dimension of reality.

May we all find that higher spirit in our practice of Torah. And may you live to see the glory of God fill the holy of holies, wherever that space be for you.

Table Talk by Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

The story of the Exodus pauses to focus on another story: The building of the *Mishkan* (literary 'a dwelling place) - the *Tabernacle*. This week we get the initial instructions for making a portable temple.

1) The people are asked to donate gold, silver, copper and other precious materials for the Mishkan (25:1-7). Considering that they fled Egypt as a nation of slaves, how did all these precious materials come into their possessions?

2) Many times in this Parasha Moshe is instructed to tell the people 'you shall make ____'. In the Hebrew there is a distinction between the plural 'you' and the singular form. In the beginning it is in plural. As it gets into the details of the furnishings it moves to the singular form. Why might that be?

3) The furniture will be made with hoops on their sides (25:12-16, 26-28). What was put through those hoops? In the ark it says that they shall not be removed. What do you think is the reason for this?

4) On the table that was in the Mishkan there will always be bread (25:30). If God doesn't need a sandwich, why is the bread there?

5) The *parochet* separates the holy from the holy of holies (26:31-33). Almost no one entered the holy part of the Mishkan (the public things, such as sacrifices and offerings, take place in the courtyard), and much less the holy of holies. So why are we so careful to set up separations?

At The Crossroads: Jewish Law for Our Time

Weekly Lunch & Learn

Commerce Park IV (corner of Chagrin and Green) Room 130

Thursdays • 12:10 - 1 pm

Bring a brown bag lunch and join Rabbi Weiss or Rabbi Rudin-Luria for a lively study of Talmud and Responsa (Jewish Law) examining what Judaism has to say about contemporary issues. Topics covered include personal, business, legal and medical ethics as well as areas of Jewish belief and ritual. Each session is complete in itself. To be on the group's mailing list, please contact David Shifrin (semaninc@ameritech.net).