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



ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY



MISHLOACH MANOT

Sunday, March 10 • 10 am

Deliver Purim bags to Menorah Park, Wiggins, Montefiore and more. A mitzvah opportunity for all ages. We will meet at Menorah Park.

MOTOWN MEGILLAH MEAL* & SPIEL

Sunday, March 10

6 pm DINNER / 7 pm SPIEL

A fun, upbeat musical featuring the rhythm & blues music that emerged from Detroit in the late 60's and 70's. Spiel is free.

COFFEE HOUSE & CASINO NIGHT*

Saturday, March 16 • 9 -11:30 pm

Sing the night away and try your luck at our Casino & Coffee House! Open to those 21+. Registration includes two drink tickets and entry to the karaoke room. Coffee and non-alcoholic drinks will not require tickets. Casino chips are available with your early bird registration through March 1 and will also be sold at the event. All proceeds will support ATID, B'nai Jeshurun's 20's & 30's group.

GET YOUR GAME ON AT THE CARNIVAL*

Sunday, March 17 • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Carnival games, bounce houses, face painting and food for purchase. Wristbands offer unlimited play and one cotton candy.

Pre-purchase your wristband at a special rate.

FAST OF ESTHER MINYAN

Wednesday, March 20 • 7 am or 7:30 am Join us as we begin the Fast of Esther at our morning minyan.

Learn More and Register

BNAIJESHURUN.ORG/PURIM2019

Or Contact the Synagogue Office

CELEBRATE PURIM WITH THE WHOLE MEGILLAH

Wednesday, March 20

6 pm PURIMPALOOZA: PRE-PARTY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Enjoy a silly magic show, craft and free pizza dinner. Then parade into our family Megillah reading. Registration is required.

7 pm FAMILY MEGILLAH READING

Hear the Story of Esther at our family Megillah reading with skits, a parade and lots of noise from the graggers, followed by dancing and hamentashen.

7:30 pm TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING

Come to our traditional reading to hear every word from the Megillah. We will then dance and nosh on hamentashen.

8 pm "SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW IT ALL" TRIVIA FOR TEENS

8:45 pm "AFTER HOURS" TRIVIA FOR ADULTS

See if you can outmaster and outplay your friends and Quizmaster Eric Litvak! Eric hosts trivia around Cleveland and we are excited to have him challenge our minds.

MORNING MINYAN MEGILLAH READING & BREAKFAST

Thursday, March 21 • 7 am

We'll read the Megillah one more time and then wind down with breakfast and hamentashen.

PURIM KINDER SHABBAT

Friday, March 22 • 10:30 am

Dress in costume as we celebrate Purim and get ready for Shabbat. We'll have a Purim parade and music with Mr. Chuck, along with a special treat.

*There is a fee associated with these events.

eineinu - Between Us



Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar's recent tweet claimed that Jews control American policy on Israel. That is just plain false. The largest demographic in the US supporting Israel is evangelical Christians. What's more, AIPAC does not give money to candidates. AIPAC educates politicians on issues and helps organize Israel's supporters to make their voices heard. Congress listens to AIPAC largely because close

to 18,000 voters show up in DC to lobby every year. That is democracy in action at its best.

Omar's charge against AIPAC labels Jews as traitors, unjustly manipulating the government to our own ends. By making this statement, she is saying that Jews alone of all Americans are not entitled to be a full part of our democratic system of government. We are not allowed to donate to politicians, organize voters or seek to influence US policy because we seek to use the US in some diabolical way for our own purposes against the interest and welfare of our fellow Americans. It is worth noting that her campaign received funds from several lobbying organizations. Leaving aside the hate she espouses, why is it that her supporters can organize, donate and lobby and Jews cannot?

Omar is not alone. Farrakhan recently said that he is not anti-Semitic, he is "anti-termite." Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour of the Women's March continue to refuse to condemn him for this. And on the right, white nationalist groups steeped in racism believe the Jews are conspiring to flood this country with non-white immigrants in order to destroy white Christian culture and the white majority. That is why, in Charlottesville, where the focus was on a statue of Lee and the issue of slavery and racism, the protesters chose to chant "the Jews will not replace us." We should be aware that for white supremacists, eliminating Jews is an underlying goal.

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Candle Lighting

March	1	5:59 pm
March	8	6:07 pm
March	15	7:15 pm
March	22	7:22 pm
March	29	7:30 pm

Torah Portions

March	2Vayakhel/Shabbat Shekalim
March	9Pekudei
March	16Vayikra/Shabbat Zachor
March	23Tzav
March	30 Shemini/Shabbat Parah

Daily Service Schedule

Mondays - Fridays

7:00 am, 7:30 am, 6:00 pm The Friday evening service on March 8 will begin at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 am, 6:00 pm

See the calendar for Purim service times.

Welcome to all of our New Members who joined since January 2018

Please give a warm welcome to our new members as you meet them in services and see them at programming.

- Austin Adler & Jenna Kossoff
- Joev Bauer
- Alice "Slicker" Bigley
- Michael Chetrit & Laura Bendavid and Skyler
- Harlow & Wendy Cohen
- Barak Cohen & Chen Sirota-Cohen and Itamar, Neta, Naomi and Ido
- Hod & Ianina Dana and Dotan, Adva and Gaal
- Harvey & Henny Fierman
- David & Linda Foster
- Jacqueline Freedman
- Judy Friedman
- Edward & Honey Friedman

- Joshua & Leah Golub and Aiden and Eva
- Marv Grossman
- Joel & Jessica Hager and Jacqueline, Jonah and Jonathan
- Shoshana Heger
- Viktor & Kelly Kitsis
- Jeff Lazarus & Jana Rossman and Jacob and Jillian
- Leo Lee & Debby Abramson
- Nancy Levin
- Ari & Hannah Milgrom
- Rada Popova and Victor
- Iwona Pozniak and Klementyna
- Adam & Samantha Probst
- Robert & Lisa Redlich

- Cherie Rosenstein
- Larry & Nina Rosner
- Debbie Rossman
- Alan Brown & Cheryl Shankman
- Stuart Sharpe
- Bill & Ava Sigman
- **Judy Simon**
- Brian & Sheya Stanton and Maya and Ariya
- Gerry Stein
- Todd & Carmie Stein
- Mark & Shannon Stovsky and Adam, Jennifer and Jacob
- Dan & Joanne Umansky
- Paul & Michele Vishny
- Mark & Yingli Wolinsky and Jacob and Joshua

President's Message



Purim is my family's favorite holiday! From dressing up in costume to a short, family-friendly service to music and dessert ... what's not to love?! This year offers more than ever with nearly two weeks of celebration! Starting with the Purimspiel through the holiday itself, Purim offers something for

congregants of all ages.

For family-friendly entertainment and good laughs, watch fellow congregants perform a Purimspiel on Sunday, March 10 at 7 pm in our David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary. This year's Motown-themed musical promises familiar tunes and a new take on the Purim story.

On Saturday, March 16, ATID, our 20's and 30's group, is hosting a fabulous evening of fun for adults of all ages, 21+. Sing the night away and/or try your luck at our casino. \$15 registration will include two drink tickets and entry to the karaoke room. For \$30, you also get \$25 in gambling chips (register by March 1). Chips will be sold for an additional fee as well, and coffee, non-alcoholic drinks, appetizers and dessert will be available throughout the night. We're hoping for a big crowd. Proceeds will support ATID's programming, which is an investment in our future.

Our Purim carnival begins at 11:30 am on Sunday, March 17. From traditional carnival games to giant inflatables, it offers something for children of all ages! Food and raffle tickets are available for purchase. Costumes are strongly encouraged. Bring your extended family for a fun day!

And, of course, last but not least, is Purim itself. On Wednesday, March 20 at 6 pm join us for Purimpalooza, a pre-party for young families, including free pizza and more. Pre-registration is required. At 7 pm, join the family-friendly megillah reading and costume parade or at 7:30 pm the traditional megillah reading. All converge afterward for hamentashen, music and dancing. See the staff in their themed costumes (my son's favorite part!) and watch the children enjoying themselves, too. There will then be a trivia event for teens at 8 pm followed by one for adults at 8:45 pm.

Come and engage during B'nai Jeshurun's Purim celebrations and bring a friend who might not otherwise attend. You'll be glad you did.

Gena Cohen

Cantor's Corner



This month, we will celebrate the joyous and festive holiday of Purim. One of the customs of Purim is to dress up in costume. This custom recognizes Esther who was a Jew in disguise while playing the role of a Queen.

During Purim, we have fun and are often confused by those who are in the disguise. The reality is this is a one-time exception where the practice is encouraged. Our sages teach our internal and external appearance should be the same. In other words, who we are publicly and privately are one and the same. We are not to hide our identity as Jews. We ought not to apologize or be embarrassed because we are different. This is not to say we should flaunt it or be elitist.

We are very blessed in our great country to practice our religion without recrimination. Every society influences behaviors and shapes people. When we look in the mirror we need to ask ourselves are we in disguise or are we transparent? We have an expression, "What you see is what you get." We should strive for this as long as it's channeled appropriately.

We cannot forget who we are or for what we stand. There are those who find religion to be a crutch and a sign of weakness. They are of the opinion each person should choose their own destiny and shape their own life based on their own initiative. This is not what G-d intended when he gave us the Torah.

There are so many opportunities with technology to study and grow closer to G-d. One can study online, take classes at our synagogue and come to pray daily. All of these endeavors will ultimately lead to enhancing our spiritual growth and connection to G-d. While holidays, as in Purim and other festivals, can catapult us, we should be focused on daily participation and activity. One can find much fulfillment in coming closer to G-d. During tragedy, as well as celebration, we can draw strength and perspective.

May we all be blessed with the fortitude and consistency to shine. *Chag Purim Sameach*.

Cantor Aaron Shifman



2019 Tribute Brunch Honoring Mary & Murray Berkowitz Sunday, July 14

It is with gratitude and pride that we will honor Mary & Murray Berkowitz this year! B'nai Jeshurun's Tribute Event is our signature fund raiser, providing crucial support for our various programs and services. Details will follow regarding sponsorship, ads for the Tribute Book and tickets for the event.

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Education & Youth



God's Presence in our Lives

This month, on March 9th, we complete the Book of Exodus, the second book of the Torah, reading *Parashat Pekudei*. We read about all of the gorgeous designs and ornaments that adorned the *Mishkan*, the Tabernacle, and Moses' finishing touches

to complete the sacred vessel. When Moses finishes the work, however, we learn that "the presence of God filled the Tabernacle" (Exodus 40:34). It is not simply the outer beauty that gave the Tabernacle its holiness, splendid as it must have been, but rather God's presence within. The Torah continues to tell us that Moses could not even enter into the sight of the Tabernacle when the cloud of God had settled upon it. Think of how holy the Tabernacle must have been if Moses himself needed to wait until God's cloud was lifted before he could enter into its sight.

While we hope and believe that God is with us always, it often takes a transformational moment, perhaps a wedding or celebrating the birth of a child, for us to truly feel God's presence. Our challenge is to recognize God's constant presence in our lives. The Torah dedicates a lot of time (4-1/2 Torah portions in the Book of Exodus) detailing precisely how the Israelites built an object that would serve as a symbol of God's presence for them. Though the Tabernacle is no longer with us today, we continue to strive to find places for ourselves, whether inside a sanctuary or at the foot of a stunning waterfall, that will elevate our lives, reminding us of God's presence as we marvel at their sheer beauty.

Chazak, Chazak, V'nitzchazek. Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened. These are the words we traditionally recite upon concluding a book of the Torah. There is a praise and song from Sefer Chasidim (Book of the Righteous) that begins, "Bilvavi mishkan evneh...In my heart I will build a Mishkan to glorify God's honor, and in the Mishkan I will place an altar to acknowledge his splendor." As we complete the Book of Exodus, may we find the strength to build a Mishkan in our hearts, and to always recognize God's presence in our own lives.

Rabbi Josh Foster

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Bat Mitzvah



LEILA KIMBERLY CLAYPOOL Shabbat morning, March 30

Leila attends Mandel JDS and enjoys gymnastics and art. For her Mitzvah Project, she baked and delivered more than 1,000 treats to 16 police and fire departments in the

Cleveland area. She is the daughter of Rifka Claypool and Matthew Claypool, sister of Nathan, Simon and Miriam Claypool, granddaughter of Carolann & Marty Cohen, Susan & David Claypool and Diana & Rob Williamson and great-granddaughter of Milton Cohen. Leila is also the granddaughter of the late Margaret Cohen.

3rd - 6th Grade Youth Shabbaton

Friday - Sunday, April 5 - 7 • Camp Wise



Join your BJC friends at our Shabbaton filled with learning, friendship, fun, food and exciting activities! All

programming, meals and snacks through Sunday morning are included.

Parents and students will meet Friday at 4:15 pm in Nickman Chapel before the bus departs; the bus will return Sunday by 11:15 am. Register on the synagogue website. For more information, contact Rabbi Josh.

B'nai Jeshurun Congregation gratefully acknowledges the Retreat Institute (RI) and Congregational Enrichments Funds (CEF) of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JECC) for financial and programmatic assistance. The JECC's RI and CEF are supported by the Fund for the Jewish Future of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Dive into the Sea of Torah

Saturday, March 9 10:30 am Pre-K – 2nd Grade; 11:00 am 3rd – 6th Grade



Join us for our monthly family Shabbat program as we "dive" into the Torah exploring themes from the week's Torah portion in new and exciting ways!



Gross Schechter Day School Shabbat



SCHECHTER Join us as our Schechter students, families and alumni lead our GROSS SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL Shabbat morning services. You will have opportunities to hear and

learn about everything Schechter has to offer. At the conclusion of the Torah service, you will have an option to attend the family program, Dive into the Sea of Torah. (See page 4 for details).

Two Opportunities to Support the Bessie Hershey Religious School

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

Order by Friday, March 1 at www.misschocolate.com or through the school office (order forms available through the school). Pay by cash or check made payable to BJC; credit cards are accepted for online orders only. Free shipping with a minimum order of \$75!

50-50 Purim Raffle

One half of the money collected will be used for school needs, while the other half will be distributed as prize money. Contact the school office to purchase tickets. The drawing date will be Sunday, March 17 at the Purim Carnival; winners need not be present.

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8th - 12th graders are invited to hear

Israeli Graffiti Artist

Elinoy Kisslove Monday, March 11 • 6 pm • The Temple – Tifereth Israel



Students are invited to join us for dinner and this special program. Elinoy uses graffiti to express her political and social messages as a response to issues in Israeli daily life that many times are forgotten. Free. RSVP to Rabbi Foster.

The Temple is located at 26000 Shaker Blvd, Beachwood.

Cub Scouts Tuesdays, March 12 & 26 • 6 pm • BJC



Did you know B'nai Jeshurun has a Cub Scout Pack? Pack 196 is one of only two Cub Scout Packs chartered by Jewish organizations in Northeast Ohio and is open to boys in grades K - 4. Pack 196 is just now in its second year and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at B'nai Jeshurun. Anvone

is welcome to visit our meeting - we are always looking for new boys to join and we welcome any parents who would like to help as leaders. Please contact Pack 196 Committee Chairman Benjamin Altose (benjamin.altose@ gmail.com) for more information.

While Pack 196 does not yet have a den for girls, one can be established if there is interest and a parent to serve as den leader.

Mind-Full Shabbat

Friday, March 29 • 6 pm



Eat and engage at Mind-Full Shabbat, a new and exciting way to connect with congregants, the community and meaningful Jewish and community topics. Shabbat services are followed by a catered dinner, fine wine and interactive adult conversation with a dynamic speaker.

This month's speaker is **Jeremy Umansky**, owner of Larder Delicatessen and Bakery. The program is free; dinner is \$25 per person. RSVP by March 25 to the synagogue office or bnaijeshurun.org/mind-full2.

From Our Affiliates

Sisterhood

Lunch & Learn

Ethnic Foods to Feed the Jewish Appetite

Tuesday, March 19 • noon

Robin Rood will talk about recipes our grandparents brought with them to America. Learn the what, when and why of how ingredients came together to create the food and memories we now share. Of course, we will enjoy a taste as we discuss! If you have a favorite recipe to share, email Robin and we will print them out as a collection. \$10 per person payable at the door. RSVP to Robin (440-666-7658 or rroodrd@gmail.com).

Women's Seder

Sunday, March 31 • 5 pm

Everyone will have a role in this seder as we celebrate together through music, prayer and Mediterranean food. Women will inspire the Passover narrative with their voices and experiences. Bring your friends - all women are invited!

\$25/Sisterhood member; \$28/guest. RSVP to rsvpbnaijeshurunsisterhood@gmail.com by March 25. Questions? Contact Amy Berman (216-408-5219).

Torah Fund Luncheon

Sunday, April 7 • 11:30 am

Join fellow Torah Fund Benefactors and Supporters for our annual program featuring singer/entertainer, **greg piscura**.

\$22 per person; prepaid reservations are due by March 18. Dairy buffet lunch. RSVP to Judi Lauer (judithlauer@roadrunner.com or 330-888-9029).



Please include your synagogue affiliate and seating requests. Make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood and mail to Judi at 27050 Cedar Rd. #410, Beachwood 44122.

To attend this luncheon, you must be a current Torah Fund Benefactor (contributed \$180 or more during the last year) or a Torah Fund Supporter (contributed \$20 or more to the Torah Fund, including purchase of Torah Fund Greeting Cards during the last year). There is still time to make your 2018-2019 contributions!

Valued Volunteer Dinner & Installation

Honoring Rhoda Seifert Thursday, May 23 • 5:30 pm Dinner; 7:00 pm Installation



Rhoda will be honored during Installation, a dessert reception will follow.

Include your ads and/or well wishes to Rhoda in our keepsake booklet. \$18 half page or \$36 full page. Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood Enrichment Fund and send to the synagogue office. More information coming!



CPR Training

Sunday, March 3 • 8 am

Sisterhood and Hazak will host this vital training that is free and open to all. Contact Eve Phythyon (330-283-4003) to sign up. Space is limited.





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).

Lunch & Program featuring Bill Newman

Sunday, March 24 • 11 am

Join us for lunch and an afternoon with well-known local Cleveland vocalist, **Bill Newman**. \$10 Hazak member; \$15 guest. Call Helen Wolf (216-291-0796) for information. Watch for the flyer with more details coming soon! RSVP to the synagogue office by Monday, March 18.

rom Our Affiliates

Men's Club

Yom HaShoah Candle Packing

Sunday, March 10 Drop-in between 9 - 10 am

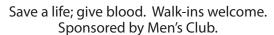
We need your help to prepare the candles for distribution. It's not hard work and we would appreciate an hour of your time to make this program successful.

Join us at 8:30 am for a continental breakfast (open to the congregation) before we pack. No RSVP needed!

Just as importantly, please volunteer to help deliver the candles to homes in your neighborhood. Contact Paul Wolf (paul.s.wolf@alum.wpi.edu or 216-291-0796).

Red Cross Blood Drive







March 31 • 9 am Scandinavia, The Netherlands and Iceland with Rick Martin



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.

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



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Mishloach Manot

Sunday, March 10 • 10 am

Help deliver mishloach manot to our BJC friends and family. We will meet in the lobby at Menorah Park, where you will receive Purim bags to deliver in the area. This a great Purim mitzvah for everyone. Contact Shani Kadis to volunteer.

If you or a loved one lives on the Menorah Park Campus or Montefiore and would like to receive a mishloach manot, contact Shani.

Geauga Humane Society Rescue Village Sunday, April 7 • 9:30 am – noon



Tour Rescue Village, learn about the facility and take part in handson volunteer activities including organizing the storage area, sorting donations and reading to the animals. If you are a pet lover, this is a great opportunity. All ages are welcome! Contact Shani Kadis if you are interested and would like to carpool.

Located at 15463 Chillicothe Rd., Russell Twp.

Mimosas, Mahj & Bagels

Sunday, April 28 • 11 am

Players of all levels are welcome, including beginners, to get acquainted with your 2019 mahj card. Extra cards will be available. So, play some mahj, drink a mimosa and have a good time! RSVP by April 23 on the synagogue website or contact Shani Kadis.





The Power of Philanthropy



There is a proverbial phrase from the 19th century - "Shrouds have no pockets." To some, this may seem morbid or morose, but donors and philanthropists often find this inspirational and encouraging. After all, if we recognize that we "can't take it with us," we will be even more motivated

to be generous during our lifetime and upon our passing.

As the synagogue's development director, my goal is to create ways in which our congregants and friends can express their commitment and dedication to our shul through meaningful, appropriate and varied giving opportunities. Whether you give an outright gift today or include the shul in your estate plans, whether you give \$18 or \$100,000, every donation strengthens our synagogue and helps to ensure that our congregation is here for our children and our children's children.

I am so grateful to be a part of such a generous community. As always, I would love to speak with you about our endowment, Mahar, or any of your philanthropic interests.

Appreciatively yours, Kim

Teddy Bear Havdallah

We stayed warm in our pjs, enjoyed havdallah led by Mr. Chuck, created two "stuffed buddies" (one that was donated) and also noshed on bedtime snacks and cocoa!



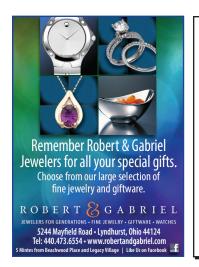






Invitations and Thank You Notes

Sisterhood sells a lovely selection of invitations for all occasions and personalized note cards in a wide variety of styles at discounted prices. Save money while supporting Sisterhood! Browse our sample books in the comfort of your own home. Contact Rhoda Seifert (rhodaseifert@aol.com or 216-381-9525) to make an appointment.





Beineinu

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As we celebrate Purim this year, we should be mindful of the words of Haman to King Achashverosh: "There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm, whose laws are different from those of any other people and who do not obey the king's laws." (Esther). May we remain vigilant against those who seek to plant seeds of hate, and may we guard our rightful place within the workings of American democracy.

Rabbi Stephen Weiss



Tree of X

We note with sorrow the passing of

*ELLIOT AZOFF

HAROLD "BUDDY" COHEN

Brother of Arlene Magar

SUSY FEUER

Mother of Ira Feuer

JEFFREY GERSON

Brother of Linda Powers

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Husband of Randy Stern

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

Happy Milestone Birthday to:

Pamela Besunder Janice Bloom **Grace Brower** Dana Darvin Deborah Deutch -Rabinowitz Joyce Emrich Shulamith Erenberg Rabbi Josh Foster Steven Galun Arthur Gelbart Marsha Goldstein **Howard Gordon** Lorin Gottlieb Lana Jacobson Michael Leeson Barry Leubitz

Joy Leventhal **Howard Levin** Fthel Linden Stacie Madow Sandra Meckler Estelle Payner Barbara Price Michael Rabovsky Rhoda Rosenblatt Donald Rosewater Robert Rothenberg Rhoda Seifert Robert Sigman Mark Stovsky Laura Wolkoff Steve Wolotsky

Mazal Tov to

 David & Susan Goldstein on the birth of a grandson, Jacob Eli Goldstein.





Goldstein

 Lisa & Ken Ingber and Ethel **Linden** on the birth of a granddaughter and greatgranddaughter, Lucy Cameron Blum.

 Ellen Kowit-Potter & Steven Potter and Roslyn & Ed Kowit on the birth of a granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Maya Kate Potter.



- Cookie & Herb Marcus on the birth of a greatgranddaughter, Grace Laurer.
- Marci & Dan Jacobs on the wedding of their daughter, Sammie, to Eyal Rabar.
- Beth & Sanford Timen on the wedding of their son, Micah, to Francesca Macaluso.
- Cheryl Shankman, Peggy & Alan Lipp and **Geraldine Stein** on the wedding of their children and granddaughter, Alexa Shankman & Kevin Lipp.



Erenberg

- Carol & Arnie Feltoon on the engagement of their son, Stephen **Leb**, to **Margaret Killeen**.
- Judy & Alan Riga on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Allison Saks.

Yasher Xoach

• Jason Wuliger received the 2018 Bennett and Donna Yanowitz Leadership Award from the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.



Wuliger

If you have an achievement or mazal toy to share, please contact Diane Shalom. 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:

Barbara & Bob Bilenker 50 Years Jodi & Steve Marton 35 Years Shoshana & Moshe Hyer 20 Years 20 Years Elin & Stuart Meyer Chen Sirota-Cohen & Barak Cohen 15 Years

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To better manage administrative expenses, it is requested that contributions be at least \$10 or more each. Thank you for helping us reduce the synagogue's cost, which increases the actual value of your gifts.

ABRAHAM FAMILY COURTYARD FUND

In Honor of: Milestone Birthdays of Gabe **Adler** and **Roz Abraham** by Michael & Gloria Gruhin. In Memory of:

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January 19: The kiddush and congregational luncheon were sponsored by Patsy & Alan Siff in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Abby Siff; the flowers were sponsored by Robin & Jonathan Siff in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Abby Siff.

January 26: The flowers were sponsored by Cheryl, Jarred, Zac & Liza Goldner in memory of their husband and father, Eli Goldner.



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From the President

Shalom Congregants,

In preparation for the 2020s and in order to attract the next generation of Jews, I have decided to make this the year B'nai Jeshurun truly

embraces modern technology. The clergy, board and I are therefore excited to present to you some new innovations that will be appearing at our services over the months ahead:

- Smart-Siddurs: Not only do they offer multiple sizes of text and versions of the Amidah based on your feelings about matriarchs and sacrifices, but they are equipped with auto-tune to help everyone get on the same key, because we all know the person sitting behind us needs it.
- The I-Yad: Gabbaim will become a thing of the past with this handy gadget, which prevents Torah readers from advancing until it hears them chant a given verse correctly. Precision can be adjusted with a donation to our Mahar campaign.
- Organic Shabbat handouts: These versatile sheets not only provide information on the exciting events coming up in our community, but they are entirely edible and can serve as a snack if the kiddush line is too long. If folded aerodynamically, they also can function as Bar Mitzvah candy.
- Magnetic tallits: Do you ever realize the Shema is about to start but you still have to gather all four of your tzit-tzit together in a matter of seconds? Worry no longer! Swipe the stripe and they'll snap together instantly, allowing you to focus completely on G-d's oneness.
- Adjustable kippahs: Can expand into larger sizes, if needed to fully cover one's bald spot. A great Hanukkah or Father's (or Mother's!) Day gift!

We hope these devices will make your synagogue experience more pleasant than ever, and of course we are open to feedback. Naming rights are available, so inquire today! If you'd rather support something else, fear not! Preparations for our big 160th anniversary celebration are already under way! See my next column for details.

Best wishes and prayers for continued precipitation until Pesach.

Gena Cohen President

New Passover Guidelines

We have been notified by the National Rabbinical Council of Non-Rabbinic Rabbis that new Passover guidelines have been put in place this year. While we are still reviewing them, they do seem to be sort of ok, so here goes:

- 1. Passover will be 75 days long. We don't suffer enough with matzo for only eight days. However, bread is ok every other Tuesday night. And Wednesdays if you are in a Jewish bowling league.
- 2. There are way more than four questions but no more than 100.
- 3. The meal should be eaten first, followed by the seder. Food should always be priority one.
- 4. All seders must be held outside to assure that they are true to what happened. If it snows, bonus points will be considered at Rosh Hashanah.
- 5. Our historians now claim that there are way more than ten plagues, so please incorporate some of them. For example, no ESPN, how could our people survive without sports center? A time period with no Kardashians? Oh my. Yes, we suffered far more than we realized.

These are just a few; the full guidelines will be published on February 29, 2021.

Welcome to Hollywood, B'nai Jeshurun!

We are excited to announce that Hallmark Movies has chosen B'nai Jeshurun as the synagogue for all future Hallmark Hanukkah movies. That's right, every Hanukkah movie needs a synagogue and we are honored to be their choice. What does this mean? Let's count the ways:

- 1. Lots of non-Jewish actors will be on site, coming up with thousands of ways to mispronounce our name. B'nai what?
- 2. Fake rabbis, what will they do? As Hallmark's spiritual movie advisors, we know our clergy will guide them properly.
- 3. Lots more Hanukkah decorations, because it's festive.
- 4. Extras, extras, extras, every service has to be full. This is your chance to be a Hollywood star.
- 5. Romance, romance nice Jewish boy meets nice Jewish girl, they think they are falling for non-Jewish non-members, and then it's love. Oh my...
- 6. Kissing, but only at the very end of the movie...



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Thursday	Tuesdays at 10: ys at 12:10 pm ~ Lun Fridays at 10:15 Saturdays at	Congregational Shabbaton 6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat	Congregational Shabbaton 9:00 am Service			
Congregational Shabbaton 8:00 am CPR Training	4	7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	6	Rosh Hodesh Adar II	Rosh Hodesh Adar II 7:00 pm Service; Zamir Choir	9:00 am Service; Gross Schechter Day School Shabbat 10:30 & 11:00 am Dive into the Sea of Torah
Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward 9:00 am Men's Club Yom HaShoah Candle Packing 10:00 am Mishloach Manot Deliveries 6:00 pm Motown Megillah Meal & Spiel	11 6:00 pm Elinoy Kisslove @ The Temple	6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting	13	14	6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat	9:00 am Service 9:00 - 11:30 pm Purim Coffee House, Karaoke & Casino Night
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Purim Carnival	18	19 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn	Fast of Esther; Erev Purim 6:00 pm Purim Palooza (no 6:00 pm Minyan) 7:00 pm Family Megillah Reading 7:30 pm Traditional Megillah Reading 8:00 & 8:45 pm Trivia	Purim 7:00 am Combined Minyans; Megillah Reading	Shushan Purim 10:30 am Purim Kinder Shabbat 6:00 pm Service	9:00 am Service
24 11:00 am Hazak Lunch & Program	25	26 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting	27	28	6:00 pm Service 7:00 pm Mind-Full Shabbat Dinner & Speaker	9:00 am Service; Leila Claypool Bat Mitzvah
9:00 am Men's Club Breakfast & Adventure Road 5:00 pm Women's Seder	W	F L O R 1 S Your world more beautiful. 440.442.077 Wwwww.miklusfloris		27091 Chagrin Blvd. • Villag Cleveland, OH 4412 216-464-162 Fax: 216-464-162 10% Off Entire C (with this ad • Not valid with any	2 38 22 Check	