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or contact the synagogue office.**

Chesed



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



**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**

Thursday, March 8 • 5:30 pm

Families with children between the ages of 6 - 12 years are invited to sort and package food. Pizza will be provided. Ten volunteers are needed. The Food Bank is located at 15500 S. Waterloo Rd.



Transplant House of Cleveland

Wednesday, March 14 • 5:30 pm

Prepare a home-cooked meal at home for 20 people and bring it to the Transplant House (located at 2007 E. 115th St., 44106), then connect with the residents as they enjoy a family meal together.



Sunday, March 18 • 9:30 am

Sort and pack food at the pantry that will go to Jewish families in need. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7. Next date: April 15. The Pantry is located at 2004 S Green Rd, South Euclid.

Beineinu - Between Us



This month, we say *l'hitraot* to Henderson Grant, our long time Maintenance Supervisor. Grant has been a tremendous friend and a critical part of the synagogue for decades. We will all miss him and wish him much happiness.

One of the most important turning points in Moses's life came when he saw the Egyptian taskmaster beating a Hebrew slave. The Torah tells us *vayifen ko vachoch* - Moses looked this way and that way - and then he struck down the Egyptian. Many commentators have focused on this phrase: "He looked this way and that way." Why did Moses look before he intervened? One explanation is that Moses was waiting to see if anyone would step in to save the slave. The sages taught, "Where there is no man, strive to be a man." Moses understood that, in this instance, justice depended upon him and he needed to step forward and act.

Another way to see the text is that Moses was waiting to see if an Egyptian would intervene. Seeing none, he took matters into his own hand. The lesson: Often, when Jews face oppression, the world looks on in silence. In our day, we know the meaning of this teaching from the sad reality of the Holocaust. We also see it in the ostracization and isolation Israel so often faces in the international arena. As Jews, we must stand up for ourselves. We know we cannot rely upon others.

A third way of understanding this passage is that Moses was waiting to see if another Hebrew would try to save his brother. But none did. The lesson here is that we must remember that *kol Yisrael arevim zeh ba-zeh* - all Israel are responsible for one another. When we see another Jew in need, we should be the first to seek to help.

Taken together, these three lessons teach us we need to always step forward and take action whenever we see suffering and injustice in the world. We have a special obligation to look out for fellow Jews and to defend our people. At the same time, we have an equal obligation to stand up for compassion and justice toward all people.

This Passover, make a commitment to follow in the steps of Moses and stand up for compassion and justice. Best wishes to you and your family for a joyous Pesach!

Rabbi Stephen Weiss

Candle Lighting

March 2	6:00 pm
March 9	6:08 pm
March 16	7:15 pm
March 23	7:23 pm
March 30	7:31 pm
March 31	after 8:32 pm

Torah Portions

March 3	Ki Tisa
March 10	Vayakhel-Pekudei/ Shabbat Parah
March 17	Vayikra/Shabbat HaHodesh
March 24	Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol
March 31	Pesach

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 March 2 evening service will
be held at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 am, 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 1 - Purim

7:00 am Combined Minyans,
Megillah Reading & Breakfast

See page 7 for the
Pesach service schedule.

Staff Transitions



Henderson Grant has retired from his position as Maintenance Supervisor. Grant (as he prefers to be called) served this congregation for 47 years, longer than any other staff member. He treated this synagogue as his home, and our members as his family. This synagogue, all that it has accomplished, and all that it stands for, owes a great debt to Grant. Without him, we would not be who we are. We will miss seeing him in the building on a daily basis. We wish Grant and his wife, Rosa, well and hope that many of us will continue to maintain our friendships with them.



Austin C. Belle has assumed the Maintenance Supervisor position. As many of you know, Austin first worked at Temple on the Heights when he was just a teenager. He was the maintenance person at Congregation Bethaynu for 20 years before re-joining the B'nai Jeshurun team in 2011. Austin has proven to be a valuable asset to our congregation and has also endeared himself to our members. We look forward to working closely with him as the synagogue moves forward.

President's Message



Years ago, an invited speaker at B'nai Jeshurun opened his talk with a statement that I am not likely to forget. He stated, "Life is 90% maintenance." If you remember who said this, please share that with me. It would be a pleasure to thank this speaker for the gift this has been to me; it has made a difference in the way I view "maintenance" activities. This brief sentence validates much of what we must do so we can also engage in creative work, study, learning or play.

Maintenance requires diligence and thoughtful planning. The 90% maintenance rule also applies to running our synagogue, from the work of our office staff, to the upkeep of our building and campus. Clergy, staff and volunteers maintain the framework of services, education and activities that define us as a congregation while also providing creative tweaks to their basic structure to keep us current and innovative.

If we didn't keep up with maintenance, we wouldn't have a solid platform on which to build. These basics also include the ongoing financial support generously provided by our congregants. Thank you for your gifts of dues, your Mahar contributions that helped us attain our goal for the 2017-2018 Mahar Campaign, and for additional gifts you bestow on the congregation throughout the year. Your donations are greatly appreciated and allow us to maintain our congregation and further engage in new initiatives.

To maintain our religious services, educational programs and activities, we must continue to generate the same or a greater revenue stream each year. If you, your family or friends have benefited from clergy support during a time of need, from youth or adult education, from synagogue activities and programming or simply from belonging to our welcoming community, please help to maintain these services by continuing your vital support for our congregation. Thank you, once again, for your gifts in support of the synagogue.

With appreciation,
Shelley Scher

Cantor's Corner



The Shabbat before Purim is known as *Shabbat Zachor* – the Shabbat of Remembrance. In Deuteronomy, we are commanded to never forget what Amalek did. Amalek is our arch enemy.

They attacked us from behind as we were traveling out of Egypt. This attack was totally unprovoked. Over hundreds of years, Amalek has reared its ugly head representing different countries. The common denominator has always been the same: to destroy and wipe us out.

The modern-day Amalek is clearly Iran. They support terrorism and supply weaponry, training and vast amounts of monies to destroy Israel. Unfortunately, their actions are to the detriment of their citizens. Unemployment, inflation and the stunting of any growth, is a direct result of their decision to allocate resources elsewhere. This is a prime example of Amalek. They would rather make their own suffer, while enabling others to destroy Israel. Their leadership is fanatic and has the blood of Amalek coursing through their veins. They have set up regimes on Israel's borders with only one intention, our total destruction. Any age, gender or citizen is fair game.

Amalek is alive and well. They make no bones of their intent. They have called for our destruction multiple times. While the world fails to understand their intent, we cannot. *Zachor et Amalek*. Remember what they did. They are driven by hatred and will not rest until they succeed.

Obviously, we want to live in peace with all of our neighbors, but Amalek is alive and well. Times have changed and technological and medical advances stagger the mind. Amalek remains with the mission and objective for our destruction. We should never forget the past, present and always have an eye to the future.

Sabrina, Shaina and Abby and I wish you all a festive Purim. *Hag Sameach*.

Cantor Aaron Shifman

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Education



Learning Through Experience: A Passover Tradition

Among the goals of our congregation's strategic plan for education is to provide experiential learning opportunities for students and families. This year, we have done that through Shabbat dinners and Shabbatonim, a unique tallit-making project for pre-B'nai Mitzvah students, a tefillin workshop for B'nai Mitzvah students where they can receive their own set (thanks to donor support), family programs for the holidays on Shabbat mornings, a shofar-making workshop, olive oil press for Hanukkah and more!

Yet, as we continue to develop more experiential learning opportunities for students and families, it is easy to forget that the Jewish people have been practicing experiential education for millennia, long before it was trendy. What have we been doing, you ask? Maybe you've heard of it: the Passover seder.

Rather than simply telling a story, the seder allows us to become part of the story. We sing songs, place symbolic foods on our seder plate and declare our obligation to feel as though we personally came out of Egypt. Bitter herbs recall the bitterness of slavery, parsley dipped in salt water our ancestors' tears, and matzah our hurried departure from Egypt. The Talmud teaches that the goal of the seder is precisely to prompt questions so we learn more.

Perhaps you can enrich your seder this year with a new custom or two. I would love the opportunity to speak with you about a variety of customs you might consider, or you (or your children) can create your own ritual to share!

We already have an incredible example of experiential education right in our own homes on Passover, and each year we have the ability to make it an even more memorable experience!

Hag Sameach!

Rabbi Josh Foster

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From Our Affiliates

Little Chefs Cooking Club

Sunday, March 11 • 10:30 am



Take a fun and educational class facilitated by **Young Chef's Academy of Solon**! Get ready for Passover by making some fun

kosher for Passover recipes you will love. This class is geared for children ages 5 and under, with an adult. \$5 per child. Due to class size restrictions, you must register online or RSVP to Julie Sukert. No walk-ins can be accommodated.



Young Families & Sisterhood Present

Ratatouille

Sunday, March 18 • 4 pm

We will start the afternoon off cooking the ratatouille and enjoying children's activities. Then, we will feast on our creation while watching the film! No kids? No problem! Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun event! There'll be an 'adults only' room for schmoozing.

Recipes will be given out to all attendees and there will be alternative dinner options. RSVP by March 11: \$15/adult; \$5/child 10 and under; after March 11: \$20/adult; \$8/child. Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood, memo Ratatouille. Questions? Contact Sasha Huston (440-382-9836) or Julie Sukert.



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

Board Game Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, March 2 • 6 pm • BJC



Bring your friends for a free Shabbat dinner and then plan on staying for our Kabbalat Shabbat service and oneg. Following oneg, enjoy an evening of your favorite board games (BYOG).

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

Feed the Yeast

Saturday, April 7 • 9 pm

Start at Great Lakes Brewing Company to enjoy tasty beer and meet friends, then venture around the area for more.

From Our Affiliates

Men's Club



Let the Madness Begin! March Madness That Is!

Enter our NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Bracket Contest for only \$5 for one entry or \$10 for three entries. Contact Mitch Marder (mmarder22@gmail.com).

Important dates:

- March 9: Send Mitch your email; submitting your email is not a commitment to play.
- March 11: Rules and additional information will be emailed to you.
- March 15: Deadline for entering your bracket is noon.
- All contest results will be available online, so you can follow your bracket in real time.

Red Cross Blood Drive

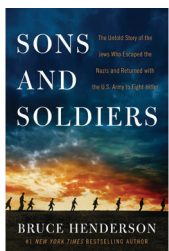
Sunday, March 4 • 9 am – 2 pm

Save a life; give blood. Walk-ins welcome.



Sons and Soldiers: The Untold Story of Jews Who Escaped the Nazis and Returned to Fight Hitler by Bruce Henderson

Tuesday, March 6 • 7 pm



Discuss the book AND who fights for our country today. What do you think when people stand up for soldiers or kneel for the National Anthem? This is sure to be an interesting discussion. Free. RSVP to Harvey Wasserman (hpwasserman@sbcglobal.net).

Men's Club Adventure Road: Traveling the World

Sunday, March 18 • 10 am

Destination: North America with Jerry Brodsky



Jerry will facilitate a discussion of participants' favorite places. Hear others describe why they liked: a train ride through the Canadian Rockies, a recent trip to Cuba, their annual winter vacation in Mexico or Florida, their favorite little-known spot and others. Everyone will have the opportunity to contribute.

Sisterhood

Jews in Medicine

Sunday, March 25 • 11 am • Maltz Museum

Spend the day learning about the impact of Jews in medicine both locally and nationally. Begin with a lecture by **Mitchell Balk** on "**Healing in the Jewish Tradition: The Mt. Sinai Hospital Cleveland Legacy**" and continue with a docent-led tour of the current exhibit, "**Beyond Chicken Soup: Jews & Medicine in America**."

Paid reservations due by March 9 to Harriet Rosenberg Mann, 23575 Shelburne Rd., Shaker Hts. 44122. Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood. \$10 Sisterhood member; \$12 non-member.

Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon

Tuesday, April 17 • 11:30 am • Park Synagogue East



Join fellow Torah Fund Benefactors and Supporters for our annual program featuring **The Vinyls - The Duo with Ditties** through the Decades featuring Adina Bloom and Patrick Janson.

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 Torah Fund, including purchase of Torah Fund greeting cards during the last year). Co-sponsored by the Park Synagogue and B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhoods. There is still time to make your 2017-2018 contribution!

Contact BJC Torah Fund Chair, Judi Lauer (330-888-9029 or judithlauer@roadrunner.com), for more information. \$20 per person, indicate chicken or vegetarian.

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).

Spring Fling Luncheon

Sunday, March 11 • 12:30 pm

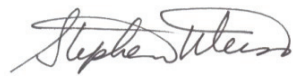
Versatile Violinist **Mary Beth Ions** will entertain us. Hazak members \$15; guests \$18. RSVP to chairperson Frances Ritsky-Kluter (216-831-2592).

Dear Friend(s),

The Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide, which we hope will add to your observance of Pesach (Passover), includes the rules and procedures relating to the special food requirements of Pesach observance. They have been compiled by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) of the Rabbinical Assembly and Conservative Movement. This information can serve as an annual reference for you. Any items not covered, and about which you have a question, should be discussed directly with one of us. We hope that your preparations for Pesach will lead to a joyous holiday for you and your dear ones.

The 2018 – 5778 guide is available at www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesach-guide. Hard copies are available on the information table in **Gross Atrium**, or you may call the synagogue office to have one mailed to you.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Stephen Weiss



Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria

Siyyum B'Chorim

Firstborns, normally required to fast the day before Pesach, are relieved of this requirement by attending a Torah study session (*Siyyum*) on the morning before the holiday. This year's *Siyyum* will be held on **Friday, March 30**, at the conclusion of the *Shaharit* service. **There will be just one minyan beginning at 7:00 am in Halpern Hall.**

Looking for a Seder?

If you are looking for home hospitality for the seders, or are willing to open your home to guests, please contact Rabbi Rudin-Luria. If you, or someone you know, will be out of town and are looking for a seder to attend, visit: www.projectreconnect.org.

Passover & Hametz Food Collections

Chesed is collecting non-perishable and non-expired food items. Kosher for Passover items will be distributed to needy Jewish families. *Hametz* items will be donated to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank as part of Harvest for Hunger. Food may be dropped off in the bins in **Gross Atrium** through Thursday, March 29.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ORDER FORM

Plaques are displayed on the Memorial Wall at the rear of the David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary. During the week of *yahrzeit*, the deceased's name is also highlighted in the center section of the Wall. The Wall is an adjustable, alphabetic memorial. The Golden Book of Remembrance is on permanent display outside Nickman Chapel. Orders are accepted at any time, but dedications are made only at *Yizkor* Pesach and *Yom Kippur*. **The deadline to dedicate a plaque in time for Pesach this year is Monday, March 12.**

I/We wish to purchase a _____ Memorial Plaque and/or _____ Golden Book of Remembrance entry in the name of _____
(please print exactly as you wish the name to be memorialized; English only):

Date of death (English): _____ before/after sunset (circle one)

Please send annual notices of *yahrzeit* observance to (additional names may be listed separately):

Name _____

Address _____

Relationship to deceased _____

Enclosed, please find my check in the amount of \$ _____

\$600 for a Memorial Plaque; \$200 for a listing in the Golden Book of Remembrance

Please make checks payable to B'nai Jeshurun Congregation and send to the attention of Diane Shalom.

Pesach

Services 5778

Thursday, March 29: Search for *hametz* (evening)

Friday, March 30: Erev Pesach – 1st Seder

No eating of *hametz* after 11:23 am;

sell and burn *hametz* before 12:26 pm

7:00 am Combined Minyans; *Siyyum b'Chorim*
(Fast of the First Born)

6:00 pm Mincha/Evening Service

Saturday, March 31: 1st Day of Pesach – 2nd Seder

9:30 am Shabbat/Festival Service

6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 1: 2nd Day of Pesach

9:30 am Festival Service

6:00 pm Mincha

First days of *Yom Tov* end at 8:33 pm.

Thursday, April 5: Erev 7th Day of Pesach

6:00 pm Mincha/Evening Service

Friday, April 6: 7th Day of Pesach

9:00 am Festival Service

6:00 pm Mincha/Evening Service

Saturday, April 7: 8th Day of Pesach

9:00 am Shabbat/Festival Service/Yizkor/
Dedication of Memorial Plaques

11:00 am Children's Programming
during Yizkor

6:00 pm Mincha

8:40 pm Passover ends

If you sold your *hametz* through the shul, you may eat it right away, as the sale reverts immediately.

HAMETZ TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

The transfer of the ownership of *HAMETZ* during the Pesach holiday will be accomplished by your signing and returning the form below. Please keep in mind that the Pesach season has always been a time for tzedakah. You may choose any cause. Contributions to our B'nai Jeshurun Passover Fund will be distributed to MAZON, the National Jewish Response to Hunger, to our Cleveland Jewish Relief Society, and to our local Passover Meals on Wheels and Passover Assistance Fund project.

Date _____

I, _____
(print name)

residing at _____
(street address) (city)

do hereby authorize, empower and enable Rabbi Stephen Weiss of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, to sell all the *hametz* as defined by the Rabbis of the Talmud in the Tractate Pesachim, and which is located at the above address, to whomsoever he wishes provided that ownership of the same *hametz* is restored to its original owner one minute after the close of the Festival of Pesach. In addition, I authorize Rabbi Stephen Weiss to appoint another agent to carry out this sale in his stead. I also empower him to sell the *hametz* located at the following locations under the same terms and conditions as set forth: (please list name and address)

(signed)

Please return by **Friday, March 30 at 9 am** to B'nai Jeshurun Congregation (attn. Diane Shalom), 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124. Authorization forms will also be available following the conclusion of the *Siyyum b'Chorim* and are on the synagogue website.



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

Happy Milestone Anniversary to:

Toby & Mort Gross	70 Years
Lynda & Harold Pollov	50 Years
Judy & Leonard Clark	35 Years
Meryl & Jeffrey Goldberg	35 Years
Risa Dunn & Scott Halpern	30 Years
Debbie & Michael Marks	30 Years
Robyn & David Gelwasser	20 Years
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Monique Kawalek	Clifford Sobol
Arthur Klein	Diane Tucker
Elif Kohen	Ethan Walker
Adam Levine	Max Wiznitzer
Ethel Linden	Gerald Wolf
Jill Markowitz	

Mazal Tov to

- **Lauren & Michael Feig** on the birth of a daughter, **Emery Caroline Feig**. Grandfather is **Joseph Feig** and great-grandmother is **Beatrice Franklin**.



Feig



Wohl

- **Debra & Daniel Fishman** on the birth of a daughter, **Lia Sarai Fishman**. Grandmother is **Marilyn Kadis**.



Fishman



Gardner

- **Ellen & Jack Wohl** and **Lois Teitelman** on the birth of a grandson and great-grandson, **Callahan (Cal) Michael Wohl**.

- **Jeffrey Gardner** on his marriage to **Elizabeth Groothius**. Jeffrey's mother is **Lynn Gardner**.

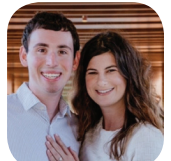


Himelstein & Shatten

- **Sheila Hecht** on the wedding of her granddaughter, **Arianna Kigner**, to **Eitan Prince**.

- **Jodi & Steve Marton** and **Marlene & Cliff Sobol** on the engagement of their son and granddaughter, **Jordan Marton & Samantha Gross**.

- **Jacqui & Jeff Shafer** and **Roz & Harry Abraham** on the engagement of their son and grandson, **David Shafer**, to **Jamie Levine**.



Shafer & Levine

- **Jeanne Shatten & Larry Oscar, Shirley Shatten** and **Beverlee Rosenbluth** on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, **Loren Shatten**, to **Danny Himelstein**.

Yasher Koach

- **Meredith Ginsberg** will celebrate becoming an adult Bat Mitzvah during the Shabbat morning service on March 24. Mazal tov to her and her husband, Jeremy, children Emma and Simon and in-laws Diane & Mel Ginsberg.



Ginsberg

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By: Lisa Curland.

In Honor of:

Malcolm Brahms's 85th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah by Dan & Bettine Lipman and Vic & Sue Amster.

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In Memory of:

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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 Purim 7:00 am Combined Minyans; Megillah Reading & Breakfast	2 Shushan Purim 6:00 pm Atid Board Game Shabbat & Dinner 7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir	3 9:00 am Service
4 9:00 am Men's Club Yom HaShoah Candle Packing 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	5	6 7:00 pm Men's Club Book Group	7	8 5:30 pm Chesed Family Night @ Cleveland Food Bank 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	9 6:00 pm Service	10 9:00 am Service
11 Daylight Savings Time begins – Spring Forward 10:30 am Little Chefs Cooking Club 12:30 pm Hazak Lunch & Program	12	13	14 5:30 pm Chesed @ Transplant House	15	16 Marcus Shabbat Together 6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat	17 Rosh Hodesh Nisan 9:00 am Service;
18 9:00 am Men's Club Breakfast 9:30 am Chesed @ Kosher Food Pantry 10:00 am Men's Club Adventure Road 4:00 pm Sisterhood/Young Families Ratatouille Dinner & Program	19	20	21	22	23 6:00 pm Service	24 9:00 am Service; Meredith Ginsberg Adult Bat Mitzvah
25 11:00 am Sisterhood @ Maltz Museum	26	27	28	29 Search for Hametz	30 Erev Pesach; 1st Seder; office closes at noon 7:00 am Combined Minyans; Fast of the First Born 6:00 pm Service	31 1st day Pesach; 2nd Seder 9:30 am Service



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A Poem from The Most Interesting Female Rabbi In The World

The Grinch Who Stole Purim (abridged)

Every Jew down in Jewville liked Purim a lot.
But the Grinch, who lived just north of Jewville, Did NOT!
The Grinch hated Purim! The whole Purim season!
Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.
It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.
It could be, perhaps, his tefillin were too tight.
But I think the most likely reason of all,
May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.
Whatever the reason, his heart or tefillin,
He stood there Erev Purim, with a look that was killin',
He growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming,
"I MUST find some way to stop Purim from coming!"
For tomorrow, he knew, all the good Jewish children,
Would rush to grab graggers to drown out that villain!
They'd go to the shul and they'd pray and they'd sing.
They'd give gifts and wear costumes and would you get real
They'd finish it off with their dumb Purim shpiel!

And THEN they'd do something he liked least of all!
Every Jew down in Jewville, the tall and the small,
Would gather to hear that story — it could make you die.
About Haman, and Esther, Ahashuerus and Mordechai.
They'd sit in their pews! They'd hold on to their graggers!
And they'd chant their megillah to make you go bonkers!
They'd chant! And they'd read! And they'd wave their
noisemakers!

Why couldn't these Jews just be quiet like Quakers!

"I know just what to do!" The Grinch laughed in his throat.
And he made a quick Jewy hat and a coat.
And he chuckled, and clucked from his big Grinchy tummy,
"With this coat and this hat, I look just like a frummy!"
"All I need is a car and some bags to put stuff in,
Then I'll take their shlach manos, even their muffins.
THEN he loaded his bags and some old empty sacks,
In his ramshackle car, he would take all their snacks!
Then the Grinch said, "Let's go!" And the car started down,
Toward the homes where the Jews lay asnooze in
their town.

He slithered and slunk, with a smile most unpleasant,
Around the whole town, and he took every present!
He stuffed them in bags — they covered the floors.
Then he stuffed all the bags, one by one, out the doors!
He slunk to the cabinets. He took the dogs' biscuits!

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B'nai Jeshurun Holds Olympics

**BJC Olympic Correspondent,
Ethan Dobres**

In the spirit of the Winter Olympics in South Korea, the congregation decided to hold our own Olympics. Medals were given out for most blood donations, fastest Torah procession, volunteering at every event and eating a portion of every single cholent at the cholent cookoff. However, the Olympics had their fair share of scandals. The Red Cross criticized the blood donating contest as unhealthy. Members complained, they didn't get a chance to shake the rabbi's hand when the Torah whizzed by. But, everyone agreed the event was a success and plan on doing it again in 2020.

Clergy Tired of Going to Israel

BJC Israel Reporter, Aaron Dobres

Planting trees in honor of every B'nai Mitzvah student has become quite a chore for our clergy. Rabbi Weiss kvetched, "Having to physically plant a tree for every child in our congregation is ridiculous." Rabbi Rudin-Luria added, "If I have to kneel in that garden one more time, I'm going to lose it." Cantor Shifman said he is still trying to get the dirt out of his fingernails from the last visit, while Rabbi Foster despaired over having to get a new trowel after his last one broke from overuse.

The clergy's January planting trip was especially brutal due to the presence of rabbi emeritus Stanley J. Schachter, who sat on a lawn chair in the garden sipping a Diet Coke taunting his former colleagues.

Synagogue Football Outing

We have purchased over 500 tickets to see the Cleveland Browns this Fall. We are so proud of our team and can't wait for the season to begin. These tickets will sell quickly, so please reserve yours today.

Tirades Continued

Grinch Poem

(continued from front side)

He took the babkas! He took all the briskets!
He cleaned all the fridges — he was quick,
he was daring.
Why, that Grinch even took the last jars of
creamed herring!
He searched and he hunted, intent on his goal.
"And NOW!" grinned the Grinch, "I'll take their
megillah scroll!"
And the Grinch grabbed the megillah, and he started
to go,
When he heard a small sound like the bleat of a doe.
He turned around fast, and he saw a small Jew!
Little Chavala Jew, who was not more than two.
The Grinch had been caught by this tiny Jew daughter,
Who'd got out of bed for a cup of cold water.
She stared at the Grinch and said, "Rabbi, why,"
"Why are you taking our megillah scroll? WHY?"
But, you know, that old Grinch was so smart and
so slick,
He thought up a lie, and he thought it up quick!
"Why, my sweet little tot," the fake rabbi lied,
"There's a mistake in this megillah, just there on
one side."
"So I'm taking it home to my workshop, my dear."
"I'll fix it up there. Then I'll bring it back here."
And his fib fooled the child. Then he patted her head,
And he got her a drink and he sent her to bed.
And when Chavala Jew went to bed with her glass,
He went to the door and stuffed it out fast!
Then the last thing he took was the log for their fire!
Then he went out the door, himself, the old liar.

It was quarter past dawn... all the Jews, wishing
on stars,
All the Jews, still asnooze when he packed up his car,
Three thousand feet up! Up the side of Mt. Crumpit,
He rode with his load to the tiptop to dump it!
"PoohPooh to the Jews!" he was grinchishly humming.
"They're finding out now that no Purim is coming!"
"They're just waking up! I know just what they'll do!"
"Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
Then the Jews down in Jewville will all cry BooHoo!"
"That's a noise," grinned the Grinch,
"That I simply MUST hear!"
So he paused. And the Grinch put his hand to his ear.
And he did hear a sound rising over the snow.
It started in low. Then it started to grow.
But the sound wasn't sad! Why, this sound sounded
merry!
It couldn't be so! But it WAS merry! VERY!

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He stared down at Jewville! The Grinch popped
his eyes!
Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking
surprise!
Every Jew down in Jewville, the tall and the small,
Was gathered together in the shul's spot
To hear about Esther, megillah or not!
They gathered together, they stood hand in hand
They sang their megillah just as they had planned.
He HADN'T stopped Purim from coming! IT CAME!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold
in the snow,
Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"
And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't
before!
"Maybe Purim," he thought, "doesn't come
from a store."
"Maybe Purim...perhaps...means a little bit more!"
And what happened then? Well...in Jewville they say,
The Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!
And the minute his heart didn't feel quite so tight,
He whizzed with his load through the bright
morning light,
He brought back the baskets! He gave gifts
to the children,
And He, HE HIMSELF!
The Grinch carved the roast chicken!

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