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Parashat Naso
May 25/26, 2018 - 12 Sivan 5778

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DAILY MINYAN
MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm
FRIDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 7:00 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 bima flowers are a gift from Sheila Sanders and Elaine & Sheldon Steiger in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Gabriel Sanders.

**FRIDAY**

Thank you to our greeter, Deby Auerbach-Brown.

Following the Benediction, please join us for oneg in Gross Atrium, sponsored by the Officers and Board of Trustees.

**SATURDAY**

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Rabbi Alan Lettofsky. Thank you to Abraham Kay 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, Cathy Randall, Rachel Schwarz, Cheryl Spira, Yaacov Taxer, Nancy Tresser Lipko and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our Board member on the bima Steve Eisenberg, our greeter Dale Nash and ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs, Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Paula Schaffer-Polakof, Henrik Sperling and Daniel Umansky.

Today’s Torah portion, Naso, was dedicated in the Holocaust Torah Scroll by Marija & Mark Rosenfeld in honor of Esther Rosenfeld’s Bat Mitzvah; and in the New Torah Scroll by Susannah & Avery Cohen in memory of Rabbi Rudolph M. & Bertha B. Rosenthal”. The Special Reading of the Priestly Blessings was dedicated in the Holocaust Torah Scroll by Cheryl Karner & Stanley Friedlander, Jennifer and Joey Friedlander in memory of Sarah & Joseph Friedlander” and Sol Karner”; and in the New Torah Scroll by Lenore & Nathan” Oscar.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush and a congregational luncheon in Rosenthal Auditorium, sponsored by Susan & Shawn Sanders in honor of their son’s Bar Mitzvah.

**Tribute Dinner Honoring Amanda & Kenny Kurland**

**Thursday, June 28 • 6 pm**

Show your support for the synagogue and this wonderful couple! Reservations for dinner are due in by June 18. To learn more or register, contact Paula Botkin or visit bnaijeshurun.org/tributedinner.
Mazal tov to Gabriel Joshua Sanders on celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and to his parents Susan & Shawn, sisters Alayna and Raegan and grandparents Elaine & Sheldon Steiger and Sheila Sanders.

We remember with love Gabe’s grandfathers, Howard Maniker ז’”ל and Richard Sanders ז’”ל.

For his Mitzvah Project, Gabe volunteered at and is collecting donations for the Kosher Food Pantry.

Mazal tov to Helen & Jacob Wolf on the birth of a daughter, Eden Sophia Wolf, and to big sister Ayla and grandparents Roz & Ivan Platt and Betsy & Sheldon Wolf.

Shabbat Rocks!
Friday, June 15 • 7 pm

This season has been generously underwritten by The Jan & Ron Moskowitz Family, Phyllis & Sidney Relsman and Jocelyn & Peter Saltz.

Bring your families to this wonderful evening, with a live band playing some of today’s most upbeat Jewish music. You will find yourself tapping your toes, clapping your hands and dancing to these contemporary melodies. Multiple musical genres are woven through the service, highlighting text from each of the Psalms, which creates an energizing and engaging service. A special prayer book offers Hebrew, transliteration and English to make this service user friendly. Listen to and download tracks from our website. Services will be held in the Linden Family Courtyard, weather permitting.

Future dates: July 20 and August 17
Wild About Shabbat Dinner
Friday, June 15 • 5:45 pm
On the playground (weather permitting

Join us for some WILD fun! Jungle Terry is bringing his animals on the road for a special show filled with fun facts and lots of chances to interact. Enjoy a BBQ dinner, and stay for Shabbat Rocks! $10/adult; $6/child ages 2 – 12 (under 2 years free); $32/family cap (all members of one household). RSVP on our website or to Julie Sukert.

Sheldon Low
is a prominent voice in contemporary Jewish music. He performs in more than 100 concerts, services, and workshops each year. His music has become the soundtrack of the lives of hundreds of thousands of children around the globe.

Pharaoh’s Daughter
led by Basya Schechter, performs swirling Hasidic chants, Mizrachi and Sephardi folk rock. Her spiritual sound has been cultivated by her Hasidic music background and trips throughout the Middle East, Africa, and the Mediterranean.

This concert has been generously underwritten by The Daniel and Ethel Hamburger Music Fund, Harold and Sandra Levine, Trustees.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018 • 7 PM
B’NAI JESHERUN CONGREGATION
27501 FAIRMOUNT BLVD, CLEVELAND, OH 44124
Canine Shabbat
Friday, June 8 • 6 pm

This year, we will kick off the evening with a “pack walk” led by Keith Vaquera-Little, certified dog trainer at Sirius Strides. A “pack walk” is an informative way to socialize with your dog and enjoy the company of dogs and dog people who will respect your space while walking together.

Improve your leash handling skills, canine-human communication, and general training tips. Then enjoy a picnic dinner with awards followed by Shabbat services featuring our “barking blessing” and oneg. $10/adult; $5/child ages 2-12 (under 2 years free). Dinner by reservation only; please RSVP by June 1 (bnaijeshurun.org/canineshabbat2018 or through the synagogue office). Contact Shani Kadis or Sue Nash (440-759-3042) for more information.

We are accepting donations for the Geauga Dog Warden’s Office (mark checks memo: Medical Fund). You may also bring dog treats and/or beef hot dogs to help give medicine. We will collect all of the donations at the event.

Honoring Our Youth & Teachers
Saturday, June 9 • 9 am

A group honor will be offered during the Shabbat morning service to:
• B’nai Mitzvah tutors
• National Bible Contest participants
• Overnight campers or other Jewish summer program attendees
• Teachers in our school

No RSVP necessary; please notify an usher when you arrive.

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).

We welcome your children in the Main Sanctuary!
Hazak Shabbat • June 2

Hazak members will participate in the Shabbat morning service. A luncheon with guest speaker Steve Wolotsky will follow. Hazak members $10; guests $12. Chairpersons, Ruth Dobres (440-449-5126) and Sonya Shultz (216-382-5522).

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

Shabbat Rocks! & Beach Party Dinner
Friday, June 15 • 7 pm

Atid will join Shabbat Rocks! and then enjoy a free beach-themed Shabbat dinner.

Hanging with the Kitsises
July 15 • 12 - 3 pm

Join newlyweds Kelly & Viktor Kitsis for an afternoon with friends and fun! Enjoy a dairy potluck lunch and then walk to the Tremont Festival to immerse yourself in summer smells and sounds. Once registered, you will receive their address.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, July 3 • 9 am – 2 pm

Save a life; give blood. No registration required. Sponsored by Men’s Club.

Sundays, July 15 and August 19 • 9:30 am

Sort and pack food that will go to Jewish families in need. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7. Contact Shani Kadis if you would like to help.
In this week's parasha, we learn about two additional powers/responsibilities of the kohanim (priests) - one a curse and one a blessing. Verses 5:11-31 tell us of the sota - a woman whose husband suspects her of adultery. She goes before the kohen, who makes her drink a potion that literally contains the words: "May the LORD make you a curse and an imprecation among your people..." But further on, in verses 6:22-27, we get Birkat Kohanim, the Priestly Blessing: "Thus shall you bless the people of Israel. Say to them: 'The LORD bless you and protect you! The LORD deal kindly and graciously with you! The LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!'" As a bat kohen, the daughter of a modern-day descendant of Aaron, this juxtaposition is doubly meaningful, as what was a source of pride for my father was for me a source of pain.

From the age of two I sat next to my father in the men's section of our orthodox minyan, first in Silver Spring, MD and then on the West Side of Los Angeles. I followed along with the Shema, tracing with my finger the Hebrew letters my father taught me to read, well before I had learned to read English. Drawn to the language, and savoring those precious moments with my learned father, my connection with Torah deepened. By the age of eight I learned to chant Torah trope and read Rashi on the parasha.

Until the age of nine or so I continued to sit in the men's section, participating in what was "really going on" at shul. But there were two moments when I would get a glimpse of what was coming as an Orthodox woman. The first was at age five, when my male friends, having just learned to read Hebrew, got up and led the congregation in Anim Zemirot. And the second was Birkat Kohanim, when my brothers and my father would remove their shoes and go up to bless the congregation.

In late-80's / early-90's Modern Orthodoxy, there were no roles for girls or women in public rituals, even in our relatively liberal shul. But my parents had made a choice, despite their progressive leanings, to remain part of an Orthodox synagogue so as to have a Shabbat observing community and the kind of social and religious life that comes with it. The world has changed since then, and my own religious path led me eventually toward egalitarianism and Conservative Judaism. Over the years I have served as shelichat tzibur (prayer leader) - first for Kabbalat Shabbat, then Ma'ariv, and ultimately Shacharit and Musaf. There is still a part of me that is uncomfortable, but in many ways I have healed the wound of Anim Zemirot.

Birkat Kohanim is a different story. I have not been able to let go of the feeling I had when my father and little brothers went up to bless the congregation and I played with their shoes. It was a club that wouldn't have me as a member, and I don't want to belong. Egalitarian congregations vary in how they handle a bat kohen and Birkat Kohanim. Some say that she is not permitted because as a continuation of a Temple ritual, the blessing should be performed only by those who were authentically eligible to do so in the Temple. Other congregations treat a bat kohen as a kohen in every way. And others do away with the distinction altogether.
As for me, despite pressure from my students and colleagues to do Birkat Kohanim, I have dug my heels in deeper. As with the Sota, patriarchy is too intertwined with the priesthood; the priesthood IS patriarchy. A bat kohen's status come from her father and her few "rights" are revoked upon marriage to a non-kohen. But far more problematically, if a bat kohen has sex with someone before marriage - she gets a punishment far worse than the other daughters of Israel. She is burned. With this, rather than the priestly blessing, echoing in my head, I cannot wear my bat kohen status as an adornment and stand proud before my congregation.

Perhaps this is the unfinished corner in my own spiritual house, where I remember that in many ways the full redemption, the full release from gender oppression, has yet to come. My daughter will grow up, God willing, with me as her role model of a fully educated and active Jew, and maybe she will be able to reclaim the kohen identity that has thus far remained foreign to me.

Parashat Naso Self-Study
Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

We are approaching the end of the material regarding the Tabernacle, holiness and purity (the "Holiness Code") concluding with the inauguration of the Tabernacle, Chanukat Hamizbe'ach as the Torah calls it.

1) We open the parasha with the census of the Levites that are descendants of Gerson and Merari. Unlike the rest of the people, who were counted from the age of 20, the Levites are counted if they are 30-50 years old (4:21-23, 29-30). What might be the reason for the difference?

2) Under certain circumstances, people who are impure have to be sent away from the camp (5:1-4). What are these circumstances? Why do you think that this Mitzvah is addressed to the people of Israel, not to Moshe?

3) A person who chooses to become a Nazirite may not eat or drink any product of grapes (6:1-4). What might this restriction suggest about the state of mind of the person who chose to take a Nazarite oath?

4) Aaron and his sons (the Kohanim) are told how to bless the people (6:22-26). This is the Birkat Kohanim (Priestly Blessing) that is still said today. When is it said? Try to think of other times when this text is used, not necessarily by a Kohen. Why do you think that it was chosen for those occasions?

5) The parasha ends with the listing of the gifts given by each of the leaders of the tribes to the Mishkan (Tabernacle) when it was inaugurated (7:11-83). What part of the gifts were permanent, and which would have to be replaced at some point? What is the benefit of each type of gift?
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.

FIDF Ohio Chapter Ride
Sunday, June 24 • 8 am

The Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) ride will honor and benefit Israel’s brave soldiers; it starts and ends at BJC. There is a 10-mile family ride as well as 25, 50 and 75 mile route options. Contact Diane Jenks (800-888-2027 or dblees@fidf.org) to learn more. Register and pay at fidf.org/events/fidf-ride-ohio-chapter.
Yahrzeits: May 26 - June 1, 2018

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Hattie Auerbach
Alexander Barna
*Ernest J. Benchell
Frieda Berger
Helen Bergson
Martin Bickart
Doris Bieber
Anna Biel
Frieda Bigley
Kate Bloomberg
Betty Blumenthal
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Daniel Bruh
Sol D. Busch
Benjamin Cantor
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Robert Delahay
Tillie Dembovitz
Ellen Dunn
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Jerry Hoffman
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Rose Kassoff
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Irving Kurtz
Sylvia Laderman
Leo Lavetter
Joseph Leavitt
Jennie Ross Leizman
Tommy Lertzman
Ruth Levine
Rose Levine
J. Leon Lichtin
Guste Loewenstein
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Faye "Fanny" Marton
Mildred G. Mester
Margaret Moss
Philip Myers
William Pole

David Robbins
Max Robinovitz
Dora Rose
Harvey Philip Rosenstein
Rose Rosenwasser
Minnie Russack
Anna Schoenfeld
Nathan Schoenfeld
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Gail R. Wolkoff
Maurice Zigmond
Edna S. Zucker

*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 aliya. Thank you for your support.
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, May 26
9:00 am  Service; Gabriel Sanders Bar Mitzvah; Wolf Baby Naming

Sunday, May 27
8:00 am  Gross Schechter Day School Run/Walk; rain or shine

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day; office closed

Friday, June 1
7:00 pm  Service; Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, June 2
9:00 am  Service; Hazak Shabbat
12:00 pm  Hazak Lunch & Speaker

Sunday, June 3
10:00 am  Schechter Moves for 3-5 year olds with an adult; free; registration required
7:00 pm  Cantor’s Concert: Life’s Soundtrack

Wednesday, June 6
7:30 pm  Jewish Genealogy Society meeting @Menorah Park with Betsie Norris, Accessing Adoption Records

Friday, June 8
5:30 pm  Canine Shabbat
7:00 pm  Service

Saturday, June 9
9:00 am  Service; Ari Milgrom & Hannah Rosen Aufruf; Honoring Youth & Teachers

Tuesday, June 12
7:30 pm  Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, June 13 - Rosh Hodesh Tammuz

Friday, June 15
5:45 pm  Wild About Shabbat Dinner
7:00 pm  Shabbat Rocks!; Anniversary Shabbat
8:00 pm  Atid Beach Party Dinner

Please respect the sanctity of our services and those around you by turning off your mobile devices.