Shabbat (Shalom!

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Welcome to B'nai Jeshurun Congregation David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary

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

This Shabbat, we read the blessing for the new month of Kislev, which begins Thursday and continues Friday.

Parashat Chaya Sara חַיֵּי שָׂרָה November 22/23, 2019 - 25 Cheshvan 5780

	<u>Etz Hayim</u>	Verse
Rishon	127	Gen. 23:1 - 23:4
Sheni	128	23:5 - 23:7
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Thank you to our Torah readers: Cindy Herman, Marla Wolf, Jody Katzner, Yossi Zomber, Susan Gottlieb, Margie Cohen and Steve Wolotsky. Thank you to Steve Wolotsky for chanting the Haftorah.

> Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Senior Rabbi Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria Cantor Aaron Shifman Education Engagement Rabbi Josh Foster Rabbi Emeritus Stanley J. Schachter President Gena Cohen Executive Director Jay Ross

*Your presence adds to the joy of our service!* 

# SATURDAY

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Rabbi Alan Lettofsky. Thank you to Judy Riga for preparing the refreshments.

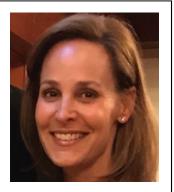
Thank you to our members who prepare the kiddush refreshments: Moris Amon, Murray Berkowitz, Fay Blumenthal, Tova Cohen, Lynn Katz Danzig, Ruth Dobres, Faith Eisenberg, Arlene & Phil Fine, Shirley Haas, Lisa Bernd & Ed Horowitz, Laura Katzner, Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Cathy Randall, Rachel Schwarz, Cheryl Spira, Yaacov Taxer, Natalie Titlebaum, Nancy Tresser Lipko and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to Patti Berns, our Board member on the bima, and to our greeters and ushers: David Cohen, Joanne Davis, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs, Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Paula Schaffer-Polakof and Daniel Umansky.

Today's Torah portion, Chaya Sara, was dedicated in the New Torah Scroll by B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood.

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

We are pleased to welcome NCJW/CLE Celebrates 125 Years: Strong Women, Powerful Voices THIS Shabbat, November 23 • during morning services



Guest speaker and BJC member **Beth Willen Milstein** is a current Board Member of NCJW Cleveland and serves on the organization's Leadership Development committee. She

co-chairs the sweater committee for Designer Dress Days, has served on the Women's Seder committee and co-chaired NCJW's 2017 Opening Meeting.



The arts of thanksgiving THIS Monday, November 25 5:30 - 6:30 pm Interactive Meet the Artists 6:30 - 8:30 pm Performance Showcase

"The arts of thanksgiving" features visual and performing artists from a variety of faiths and cultural backgrounds, expressing the beautiful diversity of our city through music, art and dance.

Check our website (bnaijeshurun.org/aot2019) and Facebook for updates! Contact Shani Kadis for more information or to learn how to be a sponsor or volunteer.

This program is generously supported by the Norma and Albert Geller Social Justice Endowment Fund.

## Operation Warm-Up Ongoing thru December 9

We will once again partner with NCJW for this community-wide collection of winter clothing items for those in need. Please drop off new or gently used warm items in the bin in Gross Atrium. They have specifically asked for:

- Adult waterproof coats, gloves and boots
- Winter hats for men, women and children

Unopened packages of socks and underwear for all ages

Sizes Large, XL and XXL are greatly needed! Please note that no hoodies or sweatshirts will be accepted this year, per HandsOn NEO.

## Men's Club Browns Watch Party! Sunday, December 1 • 12:30 pm (note new time) & Sunday, December 15 • 4 pm

Join us on December 1 for our annual Beat the Steelers Corned Beef Lunch. Enjoy our renowned hand sliced,

freshly cooked corned beef sandwiches. Cobb salad will be available for our non-carnivorous attendees and our famous pie buffet will open for half-time! \$12 per person. Steelers fans reluctantly invited as well...

On December 15, we will shoot down the Cardinals and enjoy burgers, hot dogs and veggie options. \$5 per person. RSVP to the synagogue office by the Monday prior to each game.

# Sisterhood Lunch & Learn: The History of the Jewish Cemeteries of Cleveland Tuesday, December 3 • noon • BJC

Historian Jeff Morris will lead this talk. \$10 per person, payable at the door. RSVP by November 25 to Robin Rood (rroodrd@gmail.com or 440-666-7658).



Weingold Guest Scholar Weekend with Rabbi Donniel Hartman The Dilemmas of Modern Israel December 6 - 8, 2019

Please see the separate flier for all the information about this important series of talks. Free and open to the community.





#### Hazak Academy Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19 • 10 am

Our very own **Frances Ritsky-Kluter** will teach us to write our memoirs to tell our stories. RSVP to Bob Goodstein (rjgoodstein@sbcglobal.net or 440-646-9419). Free.

#### Gan - 6th Grade Family Shabbat Dinner Friday, December 6 • 5:45 pm

Enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner, program and Zamir choir-led service. \$10/adult; \$6/child; \$32/family max. Register through the school office or synagogue website by December 2.



Honoring Dr. Malcolm "Doc" Brahms Shabbat, December 7 • noon

Join us for a congregational luncheon to celebrate the 100th birthday of **Dr. Malcolm "Doc" Brahms**. Free; no RSVP required.

## ATID Latke Making & Board Game Gathering Saturday, December 7 • 7 pm at the home of Judy Reynolds & Ari Deutchman

We'll fry-up some yummy latkes, schmooze and play games! Free, but please bring one game or toy that will be donated to Bellefaire JCB and your favorite board games to play that evening. Register at bnaijeshurun.org/latkemaking or contact Shani Kadis to learn more. Address provided when you register. ATID is open to all Jewish young adults in their 20s & 30s.



# Our Town & All Around Books

Why purchase your books anywhere else? Profits go toward our synagogue and religious school. On sale now through the Sisterhood gift shop or the synagogue office. \$28 each.

DAILY MINYANMONDAY - THURSDAY7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pmFRIDAY7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)SATURDAY9:00 am & 6:00 pmSUNDAY & HOLIDAYS8:00 am & 6:00 pm

# Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, December 8 • 9 am – 2 pm

Sponsored by Men's Club. No registration required. Save a life! Donate blood!



#### Pop-Up Mahj Sunday, December 8 • 11 am

Pop-in and enjoy a fun afternoon of mahj. Lunch is not provided, but we will have drinks and snacks. Canasta players welcome. Free for BJC members; \$5/non-member. RSVP by December 4 to Shani Kadis or register online at bnaijeshurun.org/pop-up-mahj.



# Stop the Bleed Training Monday, December 9 • 7 pm

Learn basic training in bleeding control principles so you are able to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders arrive in the event of a manmade or

natural casualty event. Free and open to all. RSVP to the synagogue office. Learn more at www. bleedingcontrol.org. This program is presented in cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Sisterhood White Elephant Hanukkah Party Tuesday, December 10 • 6:15 pm

Join us for a fun evening of dinner and an entertaining gift exchange. Wrap up a used, unwanted item and let the fun begin! \$18/ Sisterhood member; \$22/non-member. RSVP by December 4 to Cathy Randall (crandall218@gmail.com or 216-408-1926).

> Dive into the Sea of Torah & Lunch Shabbat, December 14 • 10:30 am

All pre-K – 2nd grade students and their families are invited to join us for a family service followed by exciting activities and learning in preparation for Hanukkah. Following kiddush with the congregation, we will enjoy a lunch especially for the Youth & Learning Center.

# Sisterhood Shabbat December 14

If you are interested in a part, contact Sue Nash (440-759-3042 or snash@thenashgroupllc.com).

## Kosher Food Pantry Sunday, December 22 • 9:30 am

Sort and pack food at the pantry that will go to families in need. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7. Located at 2004 S. Green Rd., South Euclid.



Sundays with Sammy Spider – Sammy Creates for Hanukkah! December 15 • 10 am • Kalli Raes Creative Studio



Join us as we get ready for Hanukkah with Sammy and some super fun and creative art projects at this brand new art studio. We will hear a story and have a snack as well. Geared for children ages 5 and under with an adult. Free, but must register on our website or to Julie Sukert. Kalli Raes is located at 33735 Station St., Solon.

# Hazak Pre-Hanukkah Luncheon Sunday, December 15 • 11:30 am

Enjoy a delicious lunch including salad bar, latkes and sufganiyot. Then, listen to Maple Mountain Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization of women of all ages who love to sing and perform fourpart harmony. \$12/member; \$15 non-Hazak member. Questions? Contact Ruth Dobres (440-449-5126). RSVP by December 11 to Helen Wolf (4073 Bushnell Rd., University Hts., OH 44118).



# Jr. Kadima and Kadima @Adrenaline Monkey Sunday, December 15 • 1 -3 pm

Kids are invited to a team building activity. \$20/member; \$25/non- member. RSVP to Aklile Eisenberg (aklile123@gmail.com). Adrenaline Monkey is located at 26800 Renaissance Pkwy., Cleveland.

# USY @ Trapped! Escape Room Sunday, December 15 • 2 - 4 pm

Meet on Coventry for a fun time in the escape room and then head over to Tommy's for milkshakes. \$20/USYer; \$25/non-member. RSVP to Judy Reynolds (judybjusy@gmail.com).





#### D'var Torah: Sarah's Lives

# **Rabbi Suzanne Brody**, Conservative Yeshiva Alum & Director of Education and Youth Programming at Temple Beth-El in Ithaca, NY

It's tough to sum up a person's entire life in just a few words. Often we start off by mentioning the number of years that someone lived, as if that could capture one's essence. This week, we read that "the life of Sarah was one hundred years and twenty years and seven years," (Genesis 23:1) as if this tells us everything that we need to know about who our matriarch Sarah was. Rashi, quoting the 4th century midrash Genesis Rabbah (58:1), explains that Sarah's age was recorded in this unusual format with "the word 'years' written after every digit ... to tell you that every digit is to be expounded upon individually." Given the many ways in which one changes throughout the course of life, there is a certain logic to this explanation.

However, I have difficulty with the rest of this midrash. Our Sages say that "when she was one hundred years old, she was like a twenty-year-old regarding sin. Just as a twenty-year-old has not sinned, because she is not liable to punishment, so too when she was one hundred years old, she was without sin." Given that liability for punishment comes with the onset of puberty, and we celebrate this milestone at 12 or 13, it's unclear why Sarah would have not been liable for punishment until she was 20.

However, since she was also somehow able to give birth at the age of 90, perhaps she just matured at a different rate than the vast majority of women today. Even so, it's human to make mistakes from time to time, and I find it hard to believe that Sarah could live so long without sinning even once. More problematic, to me, is the fact that the midrash concludes with the notion that "when she was twenty, she was like a seven -year-old as regards to beauty." Personally, I find *this* a rather disturbing notion.

When I think about these milestone years in Sarah's life, I find myself reflecting on the legacies that we leave behind for the people who knew us at different times in our lives. I am reminded how the childhoods of the friends we gain as adults remain somewhat of a mystery to us. Likewise, Sarah's childhood is not recorded in the Tanakh. We don't know who she was as a seven-year-old. We first meet Sarah as an adult, someone who is already married. We know that this phase of her life was one in which Sarah was a model of hospitality. She was able to awaken people's souls, bringing them closer to God through Judaism. By the age of one hundred, Sarah had become a mother and begins to reveal some of her emotions to us. She seems less perfect and therefore appears as fallibly human as the rest of us.

When we hear of someone's passing, our memories are of the person we knew, from whatever time our lives intersected. When Sarah died at the age of 127, to some, she was still the girl they knew at age seven. To others, she was the young woman of twenty. Yet others mourning Sarah knew her as the centenarian. We are always a combination of who we once were, of who we have become, and even a bit of who we will yet be. As Rashi says about the years of the life of Sarah, "all of them [were] equally good," and, I would add, all of them contain moments worth remembering.

# Parashah Study: Chayei Sarah

# Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

The parashah opens with the death and burial of Sarah, continuing to Avraham's efforts to find a wife for his son Yitzhak.

# TEXT - Bereshit 23:19-24:4

And then Avraham buried his wife Sarah... Avraham was now old, advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed Avraham in all things (Bakol). And Avraham said to his senior servant... go to the land of my birth and get a wife for my son Yitzhak.

• The position of "Avraham was now old... and the Lord had blessed Avraham in all things" raises some questions:

- Which story does it belong to?
- What light does the verse cast on each of these stories?

• The Torah states "The Lord blessed Avraham in all things". What would you consider being blessed in all things?

What would make that blessing tangible and lasting?

# COMMENTARY - Ramban (Nachmanides) on Bereshit 24:1

Blessed Avraham in all things (Bakol): With a long life, and wealth, and sons, all that a human can desire (based on Ibn Ezra). The text mentions this to say that he was complete with all and didn't lack a thing except seeing children from his son that would inherit his position and honor. Our rabbis have a wonderful reading: ...he had a daughter and her name was Bakol (=in all)...

- What story does Ramban connect the verse to?
- In what areas of life does Ramban (who quotes lbn Ezra) consider a "blessing in all things"?

 Out of the list that he brings at the beginning, what does Ramban focus on in the end?

What does he seem to add to the list? What do you think of his addition?

# 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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HANA RUT BAT SARA BRIAN RATNER BARUCH-YISRAEL BEN MINDEL YEHUDIT LEAH BAT SARAH ISSUR PINCUS BAT CHAVA FAIGA MEIRA BAT CHAYA RUCHEL LIBBA BAT HAVA DOVID YAKOV BEN SARAH BELA RAIZEL BAT HAVA 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 Dronzek (216-831-6555 ext. 104 or dianedronzek@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.



Enjoy music, games and entertainment with Emcee Mark Freiman, caricatures by Dan Singerman, the great dreidel spin -off and crafts for children. Dinner will include lasagna & latkes with a full salad bar and soup. Zamir, our children's choir, will join the congregation as we light the menorah.

# Earlybird registration by December 13:

- \$16 adult / \$24 non-member
- \$8 child / \$12 non-member
- FREE for children under 2 years
- \$45 Family (household) max (only available for B'nai Jeshurun members)

After December 13: Family max will no longer be available. Registration will close on December 19!

# What's Coming Up

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Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner Thursdays 12:10 pm Lunch & Learn @Commerce Park IV (23240 Chagrin) Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah			
Saturday, November 23 - CRUSY & Kadima Kinnus 9:00 am Service; NCJW Guest Speaker Beth Milstein			
Sunday, November 24 - CRUSY & Kadima Kinnus 11:30 am Sisterhood Paid-Up Lunch Program			
Monday, November 25 5:30 - 8:30 pm The arts of thanksgiving			
<b>Thursday, November 28</b> - Rosh Hodesh Kislev; Thanksgiving; office closed 2:00 pm Minyan (no 6:00 pm minyan)			
Friday, November 29 - Rosh Hodesh Kislev; office closed; no Kinder Shabbat 7:00 am & 8:00 am Minyans (no 7:30 am minyan) 6:00 pm Service			
Saturday, November 30 9:00 am Service; Gribov Baby Naming			
Sunday, December 1 12:30 pm Men's Club Browns Watch Party & Corned Beef Lunch			
Tuesday, December 3 12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting			
Thursday, December 5 10:00 am Hazak Academy			
Friday, December 6 5:30 pm Weingold Shabbat Dinner (registration required; fee) 5:45 pm Gan - 6th Grade Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir 8:00 pm Weingold Guest Scholar Talk			
Saturday, December 7 9:00 am Service; Weingold Guest Scholar Talk 12:00 pm Congregational Luncheon honoring Mal Brahms 1:00 pm Weingold Guest Scholar Talk 7:00 pm ATID Latke Making			

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#### Yahrzeits: November 23 - 29, 2019

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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.

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