



November 18, 2020

## Shabbat and Chanukah

### **Shabbat Services with Rabbi Evette**

**Saturday, November 21, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

[Parshat Toldot](#) - [Genesis 25:19 - 28:9](#)

Summary: Rebecca and Isaac want a child. They pray to God. Rebecca soon feels violent movement within her womb. She asks God why she feels fighting within her, and God answers, "Two nations are in your womb and two states. They will be divided from one another, starting from within you. One state shall become mightier than the other and the mighty one shall serve the lesser." From My Jewish Learning - to read more, [go here](#) .

Rabbi Evette will include some special poems in honor of Transgender Remembrance Day.

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### **Torah Study**

**Ongoing Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am**

Join a lay-led, virtual, intimate (small), informal, welcoming, curious and sometimes quirky group prior to Shabbat services. Everyone is welcome any week you are available. Drop in and warm up for morning services.

Registration is not required. Please contact David Jordan at (703)-587-7999 / [AdlaiDavid@Gmail.com](mailto:AdlaiDavid@Gmail.com) if you have any questions. [Click here](#) for Zoom Link.



# GRATEFUL DEAD Shabbat

**Friday, November 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Join us for post-Thanksgiving Shabbat gratitude with the tribal tunes and communal good vibes of the Grateful Dead. Wear some tie-die and get ready to boogie!

Please register [here](#). We are expecting a huge crowd - join us!

**Shabbat Services: Hakarot HaTov - Recognition of the Good**  
**Saturday, November 28, 10:00 -11:30 am**

[Parsha Vayetzei](#) And [Jacob] Left

Service Leader: [Rabbi Evette](#); Leyner: Risa Aqua

[Click here](#) for Zoom link

Listen to a 10 minute audio commentary of Parsha Vayetzei by Rabbi Dan

Moskovitz - [https://reformjudaism.org/sites/default/files/vayeitzei\\_5780.mp3](https://reformjudaism.org/sites/default/files/vayeitzei_5780.mp3)



**Truah Human Rights Musical Shabbat with Rabbi Evette, Hal Aqua  
and Carla Sciaky**

**Saturday, December 5**

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

[Parashat Vayetzei](#)

Additional information to follow. Please join us for what is always an inspiring and musical service!

Parashat Vayetzei summary from [My Jewish Learning](#) : Jacob flees to his uncle Laban's household and lives there for several years, marrying Laban's daughters, Leah and Rachel, and building a large family.

[Click here](#) for Zoom link.



**Friday, December 11, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

For our December Kabbalat Shabbat Experience, join Hal and Annie Aqua for a joyful, all-ages songfest of the best Chanukah songs, new and old, and some Shabbos tunes as well. Rabbi Evette will lead us in Chanukah candlelighting and Shabbat blessings.

Get your chanukiot set up and ready to go for a shared Zoom display of brightness and hope!

**Your registration enters your name for an opportunity to win one dozen delicious latkes delivered to your door by December 13!**

Register here!

**Shabbat  
B'Yachad!**



**Shabbat B'Yachad**  
**Saturday, December 12**  
**10:00 -11:30 am**  
On Zoom

## Join B'nai Havurah for a uniquely different Shabbat experience!

We will begin our Saturday morning service separately and end services b'yachad - together.

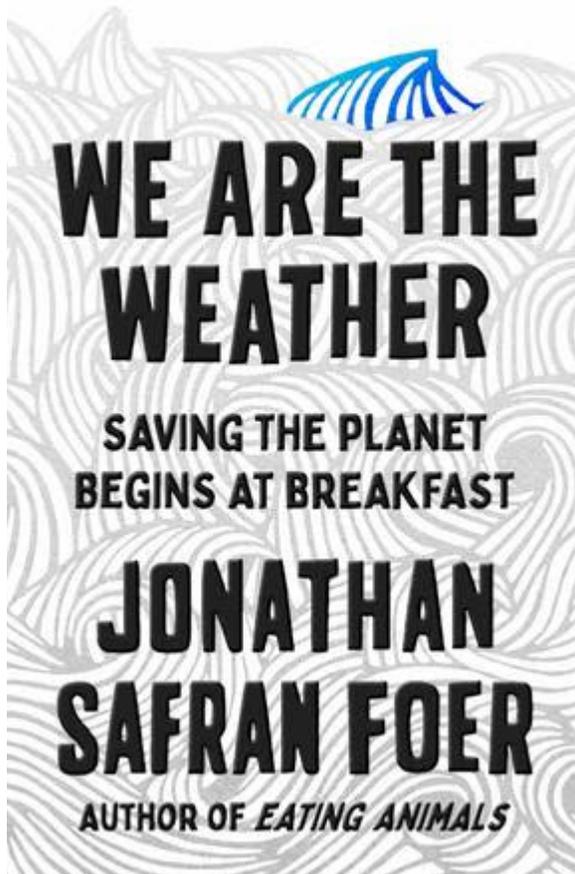
9:30-10:15 am - Adults Study Torah Study with Rabbi

9:30 - 10:15 am - Youth Education Program - Students Learn with Teachers

10:15-11:00 am - Shabbat B'Yachad Service: Adults and Students join together.

Note Shabbat B'yachad is offered in lieu of Sunday CHAI FIVE the following day.

## Adult Education



**Book discussion with Hazon's  
Director of Food & Climate, Becky  
O'Brien**

**Thursday, November 19, 7:00 -  
8:30 pm**

In his book, Jonathan Safran Foer explores climate change in an urgent new way. Foer believes we have turned our planet into a farm for growing animal products, with disastrous results. Collective action must be taken, he says, and it all starts with what we eat – and don't eat – for breakfast.

For additional information and to register, [click here](#).



## HOW DID WE GET HERE?

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISRAEL AND  
THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT



PRESENTED BY

**RABBI MAURICE  
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THRIVING COMMUNITIES AND  
ISRAEL AFFAIRS SPECIALIST AT  
RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM

**December 3 and 17, 6:00-7:30 pm**  
**SAVE THE DATES: INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

**B'nai Reel Time – A Film Discussion Group: *Little White Lie*,  
facilitated by Joan Wallis  
Saturday, December 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

With the weather turning cooler and Covid restrictions keeping many of us at home, we are pleased to introduce our film discussion group, **B'nai Reel Time**.

It's simple: We'll select a film, give you a couple of weeks to view it, and then we'll virtually come together to discuss it. We've selected the first film to get the ball rolling. If there is interest, we'll seek input for future movies and offer a facilitated movie discussion group monthly through April.

*Little White Lie*, a film by Lacey Schwartz, is about “family secrets, denial, dual identity, and the power of telling the truth.” *Little White Lie* tells Lacey Schwartz’s story of growing up in a typical upper middle class Jewish household in New York, with a strong sense of her Jewish identity—despite the open questions from those around her about how a white girl could have such dark skin. Lacey does not learn until she is a young woman that her biological father was a black man with whom her mother had an affair. Lacey struggles to come to terms with her upbringing and identity. 66 minutes, English, 2014.

The trailer is available on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxHLpgYwcVY>.

*Little White Lie* is available on [YouTube](#), Kanopy and Amazon Prime, and perhaps other streaming services.

**For registration and additional information (including how to access Kanopy), [click here](#).**

**The Rest of the Tanakh, with Pat Madsen  
Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

For additional information and to register, [click here](#).



## Books & Bagels

**First Sunday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Join other book lovers for informal, stimulating, and virtual discussions of books by Jewish authors.

- December 6: *In the Darkroom* by Susan Faludi
- January 3: *Here I Am* by Jonathan Safran Foer
- February 7: *A Bookshop in Berlin* by Françoise Frankel

Register for one or both book discussions [here](#).

*All are welcome!*

## Tikkun Olam



## Support Jevaia Oral Health Care's Race to the Rock!!

Jevaia Oral Health Care, a Tikkun Olam grant recipient, is holding its Race to the Rock fundraiser virtually this year, permitting anyone to participate from anywhere! Jevaia, a non-profit organization co-founded by its executive director Laura Spero (niece of B'nai member Susan Spero), has established dental clinics in rural Nepal and also provides oral health education in local school settings. Much needed preventive and primary care dentistry is delivered to these communities.

This is important to decrease the prevalence of oral disease, which in children can effect their ability to gain adequate nutrition. The program trains and hires local staff with allied medical professionals and educators. They are also working with the Nepali government to make the clinics part of the National Health Care System.

The Race to the Rock is typically held on the morning of Thanksgiving Day in Bethesda, MD. Because it's virtual this year, as a participant, you can plan your own walk or run anytime between now and November 26, and then donate to the program. You have the added options of joining in on the fun of a rock painting contest and donning costumes. Pictures of your race or walk would be appreciated and can be emailed to [racetotherock@jevaia.org](mailto:racetotherock@jevaia.org) for social media sharing. A donation in US dollars goes a long way toward providing dental services in Nepal to people who would otherwise have no access to treatment, education or supplies like toothbrushes. For instance, \$115 US will cover the cost of running a one-day weekly clinic in a village for a month, serving 8-10 patients per day (30-40 total).

Learn more about Jevaia Oral Health Care and the Race to the Rock at: <https://www.jevaia.org/> and <https://www.jevaia.org/#racetotherock> Our Tikkun Olam grant was sponsored by B'nai Havurah member Lorrie Tishler.



## Do You Buy Groceries?

**Everytime you shop, B'nai Havurah can benefit!**

### Here's what to do:

1. Have a current King Soopers rewards card.
2. Set up an online King Soopers account if you haven't already at [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com) and link your King Soopers card number on that account.
3. Once you have an account go to [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com) and under My Account, click on Community Rewards. Search for Colorado Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation / B'nai Havurah and select.

Every time you use your King Soopers card, B'nai Havurah will get a small percentage of what you spend. You'll even be able to check your account to see how much you've donated each quarter to B'nai.

A family might easily end up giving B'nai \$75 to \$100 a year without spending an extra penny!! Let's all do it!!! And ask your friends and extended family to also sign up on B'nai's behalf

# Community Events

**Multicultural Mosaic Foundation cordially invites you to:  
Meet Colorado's First Muslim State Representative Iman Jodeh,  
Tuesday, December 8, 6 - 6:45 pm**

Iman Jodeh is a Muslim American politician from Colorado. A member of the Democratic Party, she was elected to represent the 41st district in the Colorado House of Representatives in the 2020 general election, and will become the first Muslim lawmaker in the state's history. The district includes part of Aurora in Arapahoe County. In the election, she defeated her opponent, winning 65.86% of the vote.

Iman Jodeh was born to Palestinian Muslim parents who immigrated to the United States in 1974. She grew up in Aurora and graduated from Overland High School. She graduated from the University of Colorado Denver with a bachelor's and a master's degree and is now a community liaison for Interfaith Alliance of Colorado. In 2008, she founded Meet the Middle East, a nonprofit whose mission is to bridge understanding between Americans and what she says is the "most misunderstood region of the world." **For more information and to register [click here](#) .**

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