



*B'nai Havurah's office will be closed
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27
in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday*

November 25, 2020



Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, November 27, 10:00 am
On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/3Xhhfe7rNN8>

Please join Rabbi Evette, B'nai Havurah, and members of 8 other faith communities for this year's interfaith Thanksgiving service.

You'll be uplifted by messages of hope from B'nai Havurah, Central Christian Church, Christ the King Catholic Church, First Unitarian Society of Denver, Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Multicultural Mosaic Foundation, Temple Emanuel and Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple.

Every year this moving interfaith gathering takes up a collection for a worthy charity. This year's recipient is Struggle of Love Foundation. To learn more and donate, please [click here](#) .

Youth Education

There are no CHAI FIVE Youth Education Programs this Sunday, November 29 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

Shabbat and Chanukah

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 if you have any questions. [Click here](#) for Zoom Link.



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: Hakarat 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



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

Saturday, December 5

10:00 - 11:30 am

[Parashat Vayishlach](#)

Surely a child has a human right to grow up without fear of being separated from the only family they've ever known.

At this Human Rights Shabbat we will have a D'var Tzedek from this week's torah portion, Parshat Vayishlach. Then our speaker will give us eyewitness/1st person testimony on what it was like to come to this country as an undocumented child. Our speaker will share slides of the journey (several attempts) to come into our country. We'll hear why the family chose to leave their remote village, and the harsh reality they experienced with family separation, deportation and adaptation upon arriving in the United States. You won't come away unaffected.

After Kiddush & motzi we'll have an opportunity to ask questions of our speaker as he shares more of the detail of his personal journey.

[Click here](#) for Zoom link.



CHANUKAH SONGFEST

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
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

Lunch & Learn: Making Keftes de Prasa - The Green Latke, with Vicki

Saragoussi Phillips

Wednesday, December 2, noon - 1:00 pm

On Zoom

Add a Sephardic approach to your Chanukah latkes this season with Vicki's Keftes de Prasa recipe! Keftes, also known as Keftikes in Sephardic cuisine, are croquettes, pancakes, patties, or fritters, usually made with vegetables, and other ingredients. Vicki will make her keftes, especially perfect for Chanukah) with leeks (used often in Greek cuisine) and you can cook along with her ([ingredients here](#)) or simply watch and learn. The full recipe keftes recipe is available upon registration. [Click here to register.](#)

Lunch & Learn: Babkes with Joan Wallis

Wednesday, December 9, noon - 1:00 pm

On Zoom

A babka is a sweet braided bread or cake which originated in the Jewish communities of Poland and Ukraine. It is popular in Israel and in the Jewish diaspora. It is prepared with a yeast-leavened dough that is rolled out and spread with a filling such as chocolate, cinnamon, fruit, or cheese, then rolled up and braided before baking. en.wikipedia.org

Join Joan as she shares her recipe, tips and the tools needed to create beautiful babka in no time at all. [Click here to register.](#)



Keftes de Prasa with Vicki Saragoussi Phillips and Babkals with Joan Wallis are Lunch & Learn programs. Stay tuned for more Lunch & Learn classes soon!

RABBI MAURICE HARRIS
PRESENTS
HOW DID WE GET HERE?
A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISRAEL AND THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

The promotional graphic for the video "How Did We Get Here?" features a collage of six images on the left: the Israeli flag, a landscape with palm trees, a woman in a white headscarf, an ancient stone archway, a beach with waves, and a sunset over a landscape. On the right, the text identifies the presenter as Rabbi Maurice Harris and the title of the video as "How Did We Get Here?", which is a brief history of Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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, January 2, 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

street accessibility 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 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 and link your King Soopers card number on that account.
3. Once you have an account go to 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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