# The Message

**NOVEMBER 2021** 



#### CLERGY MESSAGE | RABBI SARAH FORT

Most years, Hanukkah coincides with a big December holiday celebrated by another religion. And we Jews have to deal with the constant comparisons between the two: "Oh, so Hanukkah is like the Jewish version of that holiday?" "Hanukkah is what you celebrate instead of that holiday?"

This year, though, Hanukkah doesn't even start in December! Because the holidays are so early this year (or rather, they are "early" as Hanukkah always falls on the same day on the Hebrew calendar), this year we find ourselves celebrating the Festival of Lights right on the heels of... Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving! The two holidays could not seem more dissimilar. One is a celebration of throwing off religious tyranny and the miracle of faith. The other is about gratitude and marking the settling of this land that would one day become the United States...as well as big turkey dinners and sales on big screen TVs.

However, there is more in common between the two holidays than first meets the eye. Gratitude is a major theme of Hanukkah as well. The holiday serves as a reminder to be grateful: for the ability to freely practice our religion, for little bits of light even when the world seems so very dark. It is easy to take these things for granted, and Hanukkah gives us eight opportunities to remember, be grateful for, and celebrate them.

Thanksgiving is a holiday that touches on religious freedom as well. The early Thanksgiving celebrations were shared by the Christian Europeans who came here (who themselves practiced different strains of Christianity) and those of the Indigenous tribes in the land. Since the 1960s, Americans (both Indigenous and those of European background) have sought to re-create those early feasts in the name of shared values and celebrating differences. What's more American—or more Jewish—than that?

This year, the first night of Hanukkah falls on Thanksgiving weekend (Sunday, November 28th!). May your Thanksgiving celebrate the freedom to live that only we have the power to grant one another, and may every night of Hanukkah serve as a reminder of all we have to be grateful for in this country, and world.

Since Kehillah High's inception in 2015, it has been their goal to enroll over 150 students from across the community. They have exceeded that goal for the 2021-2022 school year!



#### **Check out what's happening!**

Travel Through Torah, Reverse Tashlich, Nacho Average Sukkah and Kehillah High Kickoff

















#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

	Wedding Anniversaries				
11/1	45	Lilya & Volf Borchenko	11/19	5	Elissa & Joshua Bauer
,	6	Donna Haim & Zachary Hiller	,	21	Amy & Murray Kalmin
	18	Dana & Kenneth Katz		27	Julie & Peter Schneider
	52	Julia & Francisco Maislos	11/20	38	Barbara & Ben Eisenbaum
	62	Marlene & Norman Rosenthal	,	38	Linda & Brian Shapiro
11/2	30	Marilyn & Cary Hoffman	11/21	22	Kelli & Martin Fein
	25	Marcelina & Leslie Kane	,	12	Jennifer & Daniel Leventhal
	18	Amy & Jeffrey Kaufman		34	Mary & Russell Miller
	13	Lindsay & Elan Tavor		40	Arlene & Jerrel Schorr
11/3	20	Viki & Jay Blinderman		50	Gail & Lawrence Silver
	58	Larisa Bogachevskaya & Dmitriy Idashkin		6	Rachel & Samuel Warfield
	14	Hayley & Gabriel Maislos	11/22	41	Carolyn & Jeff Karp
	4	Meredith Mouer & Andy Weiner	11/23	71	Rae & Sheldon Gerson
11/4	21	Shari & Scott Frankel		18	Dena & Scott Segal
11/5	33	Rene & Joseph Bloom	11/24	14	Judi & Roger Mendelovitz
	33	Pamela & Robert Penn		64	Toby & Rabbi Jack Segal
	21	Linda & Steven Sheldon		19	Angela Smith-Litvak & Jason Smith
11/6	10	Alexandra & Joshua Grosman	11/25	56	Judith & Jerome Bell
	52	Drora & Mario Grossman		4	Pamela & Byron Capito
	11	Lisa & Gilad Zadok		11	Erika & Yoav Kaufman
11/7	12	Paige & Michael Baden		54	Jo & Steve King
	34	Joy & Joseph Kaplan		37	Cathy & Stephen Kuper
	67	Shirley & William Morgan		37	Julia & Robert Shaddox
4.4.40	6	Alexandra Penzell & Seth Hurwitz	11/26		Susan & Howard Marblestone
11/8	34	Mellody & Allan Panzer		17	Constance & Joseph Shoss
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11/9	7	Jessica & Bruce Coane		6	Gerard Peperone & Richard Elbein
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11/10		Tiffany & Joshua Segall	11/28		Linda & Myles Goetz
11/10	20 20	Heidi & Robert Bazarsky Elizabeth & Rob Naggar		45 50	Elissa & Michael Laviage Linda & Sheldon Rubenfeld
	61	Nadezhda & Mikhail Natanzon		29	Gail & Ronny Shoss
	14	Stacey & Jeffrey Shidler		40	Frida & Stuart Wilson
11/11		Marlene & Mark Finkelstein	11/29		Allison & Michael Eisenberg
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11/13		Carrie & Paul Ostrin		34	Jackie & Richard Mark
11/13	61	Irene & Frank Shaw	11/30		Hadassah & Ivor Foox
11/14		Carolyn Douglas & Adam Price	11/30	8	Stephanie & Alex Yudovich
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	17	Lydia & Benjamin Musher			Condolences
	22	Shelley & Jeremy Sorkin	The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to		
11/15		Jill & Herbert Kalman	the families of:		
,	12	Yoela & Jonathan Levin	Hertzel Aron, Ilya David Bley, Michael Katzeff,		
	18	Tamara & Noah Spiegel	Michael Laviage, Diane Manning, and Selma K. Plotkin		
11/16	24	Hannah & David Loev		May	their memories be for a blessing.
	10	Anita O Allan Mattia			

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## A Notice About Bereavement Communications

Bereavement notices for our synagogue family are distributed with the permission of the deceased's family, and the timing of these notices is dictated by the family's request. Of course, each family grieves in its own way, and we are grateful for our congregation's patience and understanding with different families' preferences about how their loss is publicized.

#### Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



**Matthew Aidan Weinstein (November** 5-6) son of Debbie Weinstein and Joshua & Laurel Weinstein: brother of Ellen Weinstein, Paxton, Lochlan, and Tinsley Blando; grandson of Harriet & Jack Babchick and Sandra & Martin Weinstein.



Lauren Bennett Getz (November 19-20) daughter of Jaffray & Chris Getz; sister of Ellie Getz.



Stone Davis Hoover (November 20) son of Lisa Hoover and Michael Hoover: brother of Emme Hoover; grandson of Marlene & Chuck Tanner, Wendy & Allen Shapiro, and Mary Jo & Wayne Hoover; great-grandson of Evelyn Laviage.



Solomon Levin (November 26-27) son of Melissa & Daniel Levin; brother of Mickie Levin; grandson of Leorah & Jack Levin and Brenda & Mansel Rubenstein.



Ella Totz (November 26-27) daughter of Alberta and Andrew Totz; sister of Rachael and Jake Totz: granddaughter of Ellie & Jon Totz and Eva Breston.

#### Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest member to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to new comers as the become a part of our community.

#### **Erin Joyce**

Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town? Looking to connect with us? Contact Mindi Stern at mstern@bethyeshurun.org or 713.666.1881 x 360.

### It's a Mitzvah!

Interested in sponsoring a Chapel Minyan weekday breakfast, or a Chapel or Museum Minyan Shabbat Kiddush in memory of your loved one or in honor of a simcha? Please contact Eileen Pettigrew, Food Service Manager, at epettigrew@bethyeshurun.org or 713.666.1881, ext. 368.

#### IN HONOR OF

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#### **Worship Schedule**

#### **FRIDAY EVENINGS**

**November 5, 2021** 

#### Parashat Toldot | CL 6:15PM

5:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Veteran's Shabbat

#### November 12, 2021

#### Parashat Vayetzei | CL 5:11<sub>PM</sub>

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

#### November 19, 2021

#### Parashat Vayishlach | CL 5:07PM

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

#### November 26, 2021

#### Parashat Vayeshev | Shabbat Mevarchim | CL 5:05pm

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

#### **December 3. 2021**

#### Parashat Miketz | Rosh Chodesh Tevet | CL 5:05pm

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

#### SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 AM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

9:15 AM - Museum Minyan Service

9:30 AM - Main Sanctuary Service

11:30 AM - Torah Study

#### **SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES**

November 6, 2021 | 6:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel November 13, 2021 | 5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

November 20, 2021 | 5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

November 27, 2021 | 5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

December 4, 2021 | 5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

#### **WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES**

Mornings: Sun 8:00am, Mon-Fri 7:00am\*

Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 5:30pm\*\*

\*November 25 8:00AM; \*\*Beginning November 7 5:00PM

Visit **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CHAPEL** to view the complete schedule for Daily Chapel Service.

Join us in person or virtually on our website, Facebook page, and/or YouTube channel.



**TRIP DATES: JUNE 26 - JULY 8, 2022** 

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 11 AT 7:30PM TO RSVP, EMAIL ABBY AT AROTENBERG@BETHYESHURUN.ORG PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION, GO TO FROSCH.COM/CBYNEVERFORGET



# DR. MEHNAZ M. AFRIDI

# "SHOAH THROUGH **MUSLIM EYES"**

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

On Friday evening at Shabbat Renewal she will speak about her work on the Shoah and her book, The Shoah Through Muslim Eyes.

# **SHABBAT, NOVEMBER 13**

On Saturday at the Kiddush Luncheon she will speak about Antisemitism and Islamaphobia.

This fall we kick off our new Shabbat Shalom Bag program!

Connecting with a member on Shabbat who would benefit from a special outreach from the congregation is an incredible mitzvah and is a special way for our members to meet each other.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.bethyeshurun.org/event/shabbatshalombag2021

## Moment at the Ark: Prayers for Healing Friday, Whether you'd like to pray for a friend, family member, or yourself, we invite you to join Rabbi Fort for healing prayers and to spend a moment at the Ark For a special Mi Sheberach. 12TH 5:30PM We will have this short gathering on the 2nd Friday of each month at 5:30pm. We invite you to stay and join us for Shabbat Renewal.

# The Breakfast

Join us for Daily and Shabbat Morning Minyan... stay and learn Torah with our Clergy!

#### Tuesday: Wisdom of Torah with Rabbi Strauss

This program is held in memory of Steve Rudoff<sup>2</sup>. Thank you Larry Finder, Stephen Tew, Gordon Zuber, and Jack Uzick for sponsoring breakfast.

#### **Wednesdays: Voices of Torah Rabbi Morgen**

Thank you Trudi & Max Esses, Larry Finder, Barbara & Dell Coleman, and Rachel & Andrew Toubin for sponsoring breakfast.

Thursdays: Everything's Torah with Rabbi Fort Fridays: Torah Lounge with Cantor Finkelstein Saturdays: Weekly Torah Portion with Rabbi Horwitz

2021 Torah Fund Program & Luncheon Tuesday, November 16™ 10:00am - 12:30pm



Please join Sisterhood as we celebrate Torah Fund and Presentation of the 2021 Martha Lea Stein Women of **Achievement Award** 

**Guest Speaker - Ellen Leventhal** Local Author and Educator Speaking about her experiences, writing and new book "A Flood of Kindness"

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2021 Martha Lea Stein Women of Achievement Award Honoring:





Marsha Abramson

Vicky Richker BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/TORAHFUND2021

Youthful . Energetic . Seniors

Field Trip to the Museum of Natural Science Wednesday, November 17<sup>™</sup> at 11:00<sub>AM</sub>

We are so excited to be back in person! Join us for a Deli Lunch at Beth Yeshurun and then enjoy time exploring the museum exhibits!

Cost: \$8

Bus seating is limited -Please register by Sunday, November 14<sup>TH</sup> BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/YESNOVEMBER2021



#### We want to celebrate YOU!

Look out for our new email Mazel Tov where we share great news in our Beth Yeshurun Family

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# HANUKKAH 2021

Every night of Hanukkah we will virtually light the candle with you! Watch on our homepage, YouTube Channel or Facebook Page. If you miss the live version at 7:00pm, you can visit YouTube or Facebook and watch it there.

#### The candlelighting schedule:

Sunday, 11/28: Cantor Finkelstein Monday, 11/29: Rabbi Brian Strauss Tuesday, 11/30: Rabbi Steven Morgen Wednesday, 12/1: Rabbi Sarah Fort Thursday, 12/2: Rabbi David Rosen Saturday, 12/4: Rabbi Jack Segal

Then plan to join us on Sunday, December 5th at our Congregational Hanukkah event, Light up the Night!

More info coming soon!



# HANNUKAH SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT:

Toy Collection for Reynolds Elementary School

# בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְּלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

# בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיַּמִים הָהֵם בַּוְמָן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu (v'imoteinu) bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

# בּרוּדְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמֵן הַיֶּה

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



## **DONUT FRIES**

YIELDS: 20 | TOTAL TIME: 15 MINS

Delish.com suggestes to dipping the donut fries in jelly and powdered sugar instead of chocolate, for a modern take on sufganiyot!

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 can refrigerated biscuits
Vegetable oil, for frying
1/2 c. sugar
1 c. chocolate chips, melted
1/4 c. rainbow nonpareils or sprinkles

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Roll out each biscuit until 3 to 4" long. Slice into strips.
- 2. Heat I" vegetable oil in a large pot over mediumhigh heat until slightly bubbling. Add biscuit strips and fry until golden, turning once, 2 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate.
- Roll donut strips in sugar and dip in melted chocolate, then top with sprinkles. Serve immediately.

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# **Upcoming Events**



11/6 Shabbat Refreshed11/7 Daylight Savings Ends RS/Sulam/JLP Classes Meet

11/9 Raising Jewish Kids

**11/10** God During Times of Crisis with Rabbi Strauss Midweek Religious School 100JM - Jay Steinfeld

11/11 Berlin/Poland Informational Meeting

**11/12** Story Time with Rabbi Fort Scholar in Residence - Dr. Mehnaz Afridi

**11/13** Scholar in Residence - Dr. Mehnaz Afridi ERJCC Book Fest Sponsor: Jake Cohen

**11/14** Making Memories with Grandfriends

11/16 Torah Fund Event - Sisterhood

**11/17** YES Group at HMNS Midweek Religious School

11/18 Kids Meals/SEARCH Bags Assembly

Stuff You Didn't Learn in Hebrew School with Rabbi Fort

**11/19** Grandparent's Shababt Shabbat Bag Project Distribution

11/21 JLP Classes Meet

11/25 Thanksgiving Day - Administrative Offices Closed

**11/26** Thanksgiving Friday - Administrative Offices Closed

**11/28** First Night of Hanukkah

**Every Tuesday:** Wisdom of Torah with Rabbi Brian Strauss at 7am; Jewish Literacy with Rabbi Danny Horwitz at 7:30pm **Every Wednesday:** Jewish Meditation Group 7pm

For information about these dates and more visit BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CALENDAR also make sure you are receiving our weekly emails!



# Making Memories

A three-part series celebrating Jewish holidays for Grandchildren and their Grandfriends

:: Part I - Virtual and In Person :: Gunday, November 14th Time sensitive material - please deliver promptly!

#### **Contact Us**

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