

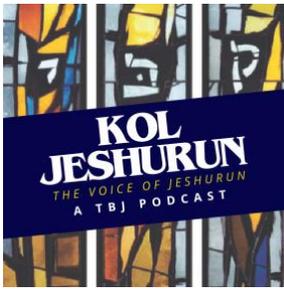
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Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz: [00:00:00] Welcome to Kol Jeshurun a podcast from Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, a vibrant and flourishing, reformed Jewish community in Short Hills, New Jersey.

Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz: [00:00:11] Welcome. I am Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz, Kol Jeshurun is where you can come to engage with teachings of relevant wisdom and music. You will hear from our clergy, staff and guest speakers who will help bring meaning into a world that so badly needs it. If you would like to learn more about our congregation, please visit us at TG.

Cantor Lucy Fishbein: [00:00:39] Hi, I'm Cantor Lucy Fishbein. This weekend, we observe Martin Luther King Day. It's our tradition at B'nai Jeshurun on the Shabbat that precedes this weekend to honor this American holiday through our congregational Shabbat service, through words and song.

Cantor Lucy Fishbein: [00:00:57] This piece, Abraham, Martin and John was written in nineteen sixty eight by Dion DiMucci in honor of four American leaders, all icons of change; President Abraham Lincoln, President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The song was written in response to the assassinations of King and Senator Kennedy and reflects the songwriter's sorrow at the loss of such iconic and hopeful leaders in our country. This arrangement was inspired by both Emmylou Harris and Deborah Sachs Mintz's arrangements of this piece. We, however, changed the lyrics to the final verse from the original, "Has anybody here seen my old friend Bobby?" To "has anybody here seen my old friend Ruth?" In honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of Blessed Memory. This piece, performed by me, Cantor Lucy Fishbein and Matt Turk, our music director, is dedicated to Representative John Lewis and Justice Ginsburg, both of whom died this past year.



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Cantor Lucy Fishbein: [00:02:02] They left an indelible mark on the United States of America, each in their own way. A legacy of leadership, hope and change. This is Abraham, Martin and John.

[00:02:17] Guitar playing...

Cantor Lucy Fishbein: [00:02:18] Singing: Has anybody here seen my old friend, Abraham

[00:02:28] Can you tell me where he's gone?

[00:02:38] He freed a lot of people, but it seems the good die young.

[00:02:47] Oh, you know, I just looked around and he's gone.

[00:03:04] Has anybody here seen my old friend, John, can you tell me where he's gone?

[00:03:20] He freed a lot of people but it seems the good die young.

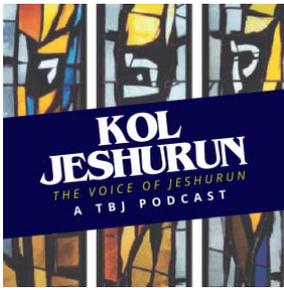
[00:03:29] Oh, I just looked around and he's gone.

[00:03:41] Has anybody seen my old friend Martin?

[00:03:52] Can you tell me where he's gone? Oh, he freed a lot of people.

[00:04:05] But it seems the good die young.

[00:04:11] Oh, you know, I just looked around.



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[00:04:27] Didn't you love things they stood for?

[00:04:35] Didn't they try to find some good for you and me? And we'll be free someday soon... it's gonna be a one day.

[00:05:36] Has anybody here seen my old friend, Ruth.

[00:05:46] Can you tell me where she's gone?

[00:05:56] I thought I saw her walking up over that hill with Abraham, Martin and John.

Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz: [00:06:32] Thank you for listening to this edition of Kol Jeshurun, if you would like to learn more, visit our website at tbj.org and follow us on social media for updates on all our upcoming opportunities for engagement. We really hope to see you soon.