

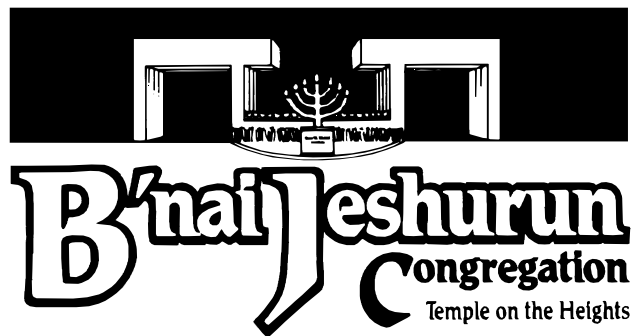
Shabbat Shalom!

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Welcome to the **David J. & Ruth A. Moskowitz Sanctuary** on behalf of Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria, Cantor Aaron Shifman, Education Engagement Rabbi Josh Foster, Rabbi Emeritus Stanley J. Schachter, President Shelley Scher and Executive Director Jay Ross.

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Parashat Tetzaveh

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Shabbat Zachor

February 23/24, 2018 - 9 Adar 5778



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Thank you to our Torah readers: Barry Shapiro, Cindy Herman, Michelle Gearity, Robert Botnick, Richard Douglass and Les Levine. Thank you to Les Levine for chanting the Haftarah.



DAILY MINYAN

MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

FRIDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)

SATURDAY 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Your presence adds to the joy of our service!

FRIDAY

Thank you to our greeter, Amy Berman.



SATURDAY



We are pleased to welcome **The Meshuganotes**, The Ohio State University's a cappella group. Thank you for joining us during the conclusion of the service and then again after kiddush and the light lunch for a song-filled show.

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Susan Wyner. Thank you to Michael Loewenstein 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, Laura Katzner, Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Rachel Schwarz, Cheryl Spira, Nancy Tresser Lipko and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Hedy Milgrom and our ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs, Harriet Rosenberg Mann and Paula Schaffer-Polakof.

Today's Torah portion, Tetzaveh, was dedicated in the New Torah Scroll by Susan & Jerry Gottlieb in memory of Julius Bott^{ב"ר}.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush and a light lunch in **Gross Atrium**, sponsored by Laura & Michael Bennett, Florence Bennett, Andrea, Aaron & Melissa Canowitz, Wendy & Dan Dobres and Family, Robin & Richard Douglass, Gregg Levine & Howard Epstein, Denise & Lee Farkas, Linda & Charles Gruenspan, Abbey & Michael Guggenheim, Cindy & Joel Herman, Harriet & Gary Mann, Susan & Jeffrey Nash, Robin & Mark Rood, Marcia & Gerald Rothschild, Debbie & Greg Shaw, Debbie & David Shifrin, Naomi & Rabbi Stephen Weiss and Ronna & Robert Zelwin in honor of the Meshuganotes.

Two Ways to Support the School

50-50 Purim Raffle: Support the good work of our religious school. One half of the money collected will be used for school needs, while the other half will be distributed as prize money. Contact Wendy Altmire to purchase tickets. The drawing date will be Sunday, February 25 at the Purim Carnival; winners need not be present.

Barton's Kosher for Passover Candy, Kitchen & Home Sales: Proceeds benefit the Bessie Hershey Religious School. Order at misschocolate.com; free shipping with orders of \$75 or more, or submit your orders to the school office (order forms available through the school or synagogue office). Pay by cash or checks made payable to BJC. Credit cards only accepted if order is placed online. Deadline is Monday, February 26.



The SUPER Purim Carnival
THIS Sunday, February 25 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Carnival games, bounce houses, face painting and food for purchase. Back by popular demand: Carnival wristbands for unlimited play (2 & under free), Ga Ga Pit and Prize Room. New this year: Cannon Blaster and Dance Dome.

Vashti's Banquet
Monday, February 26 • 6:30 – 9 pm

Ladies only are invited to this biennial night of pampering and merriment. Enjoy dinner, beauty services, shopping and more! \$25 Sisterhood member; \$29 non-member. Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood with memo Vashti's Banquet and mail to Amy Berman, 6765 Forest Glen Ave., Solon 44139 or register online. Questions? Contact Amy (216-408-5219 or sisterhoodvashtisbanquet@gmail.com).

Celebrate Purim with the Whole Megillah - for all Ages
Wednesday, February 28

6 pm Graggerpalooza: Pre-Party For Young Families

Transform a box of pasta into a gragger and enjoy a mini magic show. Pizza will be provided. Registration is required! Afterwards, we'll kick off our Megillah Reading with a SUPER parade.

6:30 pm Pizza & Purim Magic!

The "Kosher Mentalist" will perform a magic show for 3rd–5th grade students (Jr. Kadima) just prior to the Megillah Reading!

7 pm Family & Traditional Megillah Readings

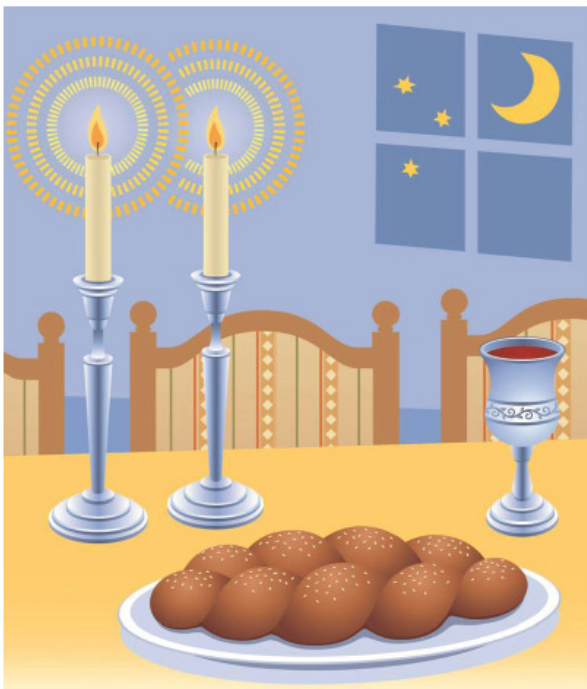
Wear your costume as we read the Megillah, followed by dancing and hamentashen.

8:15 pm The Kosher Hypnotist/Mentalist Show for Teens

The amazing **Ronnie Baras** will demonstrate the ability to "read minds" in an entertaining and comedic fashion.

9 pm Encore Show: For Adults Only

The fun continues as **Ronnie Baras** performs a mind blowing show that will have you mesmerized.



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Bring You
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Friday Evening, March 16

Experience Shabbat with your BJC family!

Be A Host

Open your home to guests • Serve a kosher or dairy meal • Receive challah, candles and more to enhance your Shabbat experience

Be A Guest

Welcome Shabbat with friends, old and new
Grow connections to your BJC family

Register by February 26 at
[bnaijeshurun.org/
ShabbatTogether](http://bnaijeshurun.org/ShabbatTogether) or contact
the synagogue office.

Give A Gift

Support Shabbat for others this year and for
years to come

Lend a Hand with Chesed

We have volunteer opportunities for everyone. If you are interested in lending a hand for any of the projects here, contact Shani Kadis.



Family Night @Greater Cleveland Food Bank
Thursday, March 8 • 5:30 pm

Families with children between the ages of 6 - 12 years are invited to sort and package food. Pizza will be provided. Ten volunteers are needed. The Food Bank is located at 15500 S. Waterloo Rd.

Transplant House of Cleveland
Wednesday, March 14 • 5:30 pm

Prepare a home-cooked meal at home for 20 people and bring it to the Transplant House (located at 2007 E. 115th St., 44106), then connect with the residents as they enjoy a family meal together.

Kosher Food Pantry
Sunday, March 18 • 9:30 am

Sort and pack food at the pantry that will go to Jewish families in need. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7. Next date: April 15. The Pantry is located at 2004 S Green Rd, South Euclid.

Men's Club Happenings for All!

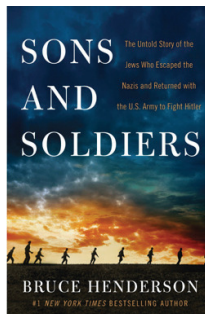
Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, March 4 • 9 am – 2 pm

Save a life; give blood. Walk-ins welcome.

Yom HaShoah Candle Packing
Sunday, March 4 • Drop in between 9 - 10 am

Prepare the candles for distribution. No RSVP needed! Just as importantly, please volunteer to help deliver the candles to some homes in your neighborhood. Contact Paul Wolf (paul.s.wolf@alum.wpi.edu or 216-291-0796).

***Sons and Soldiers: The Untold Story of Jews Who Escaped the Nazis and Returned to Fight Hitler* by Bruce Henderson**
Tuesday, March 6 • 7 pm



Discuss the book AND who fights for our country today. What do you think when people stand up for soldiers or kneel for the National Anthem? This is sure to be an interesting discussion. Free. RSVP to Harvey Wasserman (hpwasserman@sbcglobal.net).

Let the Madness Begin! March Madness That Is!
NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Bracket

Contest for only \$5 for one entry or \$10 for three entries. Contact Mitch Marder (mmarder22@gmail.com).



Important dates:

March 9: Send Mitch your email; submitting your email is not a commitment to play.

March 11: Rules and additional information will be emailed to you.

March 15: Deadline for entering your bracket is noon.

All contest results will be available online, so you can follow your bracket in real time.



Men's Club Adventure Road: Traveling the World
Sunday, March 18 • 9:00 am
Destination: North America facilitated by Jerry Brodsky

Jerry will facilitate a discussion of participants' favorite places. Hear others describe why they liked: a train ride through the Canadian Rockies, a recent trip to Cuba, their annual winter vacation in Mexico or Florida, their favorite little-known spot and others. Everyone will have the opportunity to contribute. No RSVP required.

MISHABERAH

JAYDEN BARBER
FRUMA BAT JANETTE
YISRAEL BEN MEIRA
MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH
ZELIG BEN DOROTHY
DAVID BEN MICHAEL HAKOHEN
DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH
GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM
RONI BEN RACHEL
TOVA ELKA BAT RAISEL MALKA
RAISEL MALKA BAT FREDA
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL
MOSHE BEN ZELDA
ZEV TZVI BEN SARAH MALKA
MEIR BEN SHLOIMO HA'LEVI
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI
PEREL BAT YENTA
YAKOV BEN SARA
DANIEL BEN LEAH
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN
 RUVENA SHIFRA
BRACHA BAT SIMA
KETURAH BAT SARAH
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL
MINAH MINDEL BAT PESAH MALKA
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH
SIMCHA MELECH BEN SORA
AVRAHAM BEN MALKA
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA
TZIPPA ZEISEL BAT MIRIAM
HENNACH BEN ETEL
SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH
AIYELA RACHEL BAT SHIFRA
REUVEN BEN ADELIN
LEAH BAT ETYE
PHIL APRUZZI
MALKA BAT RAISA
MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA
AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH
ELI CHAIM BEN MINNA YITTA
BEN-TZION PESACH BEN
 SHAINDEL CHAYAH
REUVEN BEN SHAINDL
DINAH BAT DAHLIA
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER

DYLAN CHAIM BEN PESIA HINDA
MASAHIRO UENO
AVIGAYIL BAT HADAR MIRIAM
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA
YAKOV ELIYAHU BEN GALIA
MASHA BAT HEINCHA
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH
MALKA BAT BATYA
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH
MIMI DORF
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA
MEIR BEN SARAH
YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSSEL
RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA
MIRIAM BAT RUCHEL
MARY ELIZABETH GREENE
YONKEL MOSHE BEN LEAH
HAYA SORA BAT LEAH
EFRAIM ZEV BEN ZELDA
LIBBY GOLDIE BAT SHAINA MALKA
Yael BAT ESTHER
MORDECHAI BEN YENTEL
SHLOMO FEIVEL BEN KAYLA
RIVKA BAT FRAYDA
DAVID SHIMON BEN RENAH
LEIBUSH BEN SHPRINTZE LEAH
CHANA RUCHEL BAT FRUMA BATYA
YEHUDIT BAT SULTANA
SARAH BAT ROIZA
MARIE BAT MARIE
YEHUDIT BAT BUNNY RAZEL
MIRIAM ESTHER BAT MALKA LIBA
BOB ALTMIRE
ARIELLA CHANA BAT SARAH
HARAV YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINA
AARON ELI BEN TOIBA LEAH
HANNAH BAT DVORAH
REUVEN BEN CHANAH
JOANN BAT ZOLA
LIBA RUCHEL BAT BAYLA
MOSHE BINYAMIN BEN TZVIYA YEHUDIT
RIFKAH BAT BASYA
YOCHEVET BAT FRIEDA
EVAN KOMITO
SHALOM MENASHE BEN NECHA
AARON BEN YEHUDIT BATYA
YAKOV BEN HANA SORA

DANIEL TZVI BEN RUTH
MICHELLA BAT MINNA
ZEV YITZCHAK BEN RISYA
EDWARD SMITH
LEAH BAT ZEESALA
MALKA LIEBA BAT MINDAL SURAH
TZVI BEN CHAYA
BASSI BAT SHIFRA
AVRUM YITZHAK BEN PESACH
SARAH RIVKA BAT BLUMA
SARAH RIVKA BAT ESTHER
MIRIAM RACHEL BAT SARAH LEAH
DAVID BEN CHAYA
DAVID LEIB BEN BASHA
STEVEN BLOOM
JANE STEARNS
LEAH BAT RIVA
LEAH BAT HANA
SURA BAT LIBA
ELIYAHU BEN HANA
LOLA BAT CLAUDINA
SHMUEL YEHUDA BEN FAIGA
HANA HINDA BAT HAYA BLUMA
PHYLLIS WOLK
ELIEZER TZVI BEN MALKA
DAVE PERKINS
LIAT BAT YAEL
AVRAHAM PINCHAS BEN CHAIM
CHAIM REUVEN BEN BASYA GITTEL
LAYA BAYLA BAT RASHA
SEBASTIAN KATZ
RAFAEL BEN RACHEL
HASKEL TZVI BEN MALKA

TAMARA BAT LIBA
SHOSHANA BAT LEAH
AKIVA YAAKOV BEN RUT
RAANAN BEN BERTHA
KALMAN BEN SARAH
HARAV MIRIAM MALKA BAT
HANA LEAH

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 Shalom (216-831-6555 ext. 104 or dianeshalom@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.

Atid Board Game Shabbat & Dinner Friday, March 2 • 6 pm • BJC

Bring your friends and your favorite board games as we welcome in Shabbat. We'll come together for a free Shabbat dinner at 6 pm, followed by a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 7 pm and oneg. Afterwards, enjoy board games and fun. Atid is open to all 20s & 30s Jewish young adults.



This year's Friday Shabbat dinners are supported in part by a Jewish Federation of Cleveland Young Leadership Division Microgrant.

Condolences to:

Murray, Stephanie and Pamela Berkowitz & families on the death of their mother and grandmother, Leona Berkowitz

Yahrzeits: February 24 - March 2, 2018

Helen Abraham	Fred Gold	Phillip Levine
Abe S. Abromowitz	Stuart Arlen Goldfarb	Lenore Lieberman
Joseph Barron	Shirley Goldman	Lillian Loveman
Martha Miller Bauer	Barbara L. Goldstein	Helen Lukas
Joey Baum	Jacob Golub	Randy Blake Malik
David Bennett	Mila Gorelik	Joseph Mandel
Esther Berezin	Lawrence A. Goss	Charles Mansky
Hanna Berg	Belle Gosset	Fred Maxson
Mortimer Bilenker	Esther Greenberger	Lena Moss
Leon Birnbaum	Alexander Greene	Herbert Nash
Jean Blank	Harold E. Greenwald	Edith Neiditz
Jacob Blank	Ida Gross	Morris B. Neuberger
Norma Bleiweiss	Joseph R. Gross	Mor Neumann
Morris Bluestone	Elaine Gross	Kim K. Penn
Henry Bohnen	Millie Heller	Lt.Col. Jack Persky
*David S. Boman	Frieda Himmel	Susan Gail Pole
Norman Bonder	Ilene Silverman Hogarth	Lena Pollack
Molly Borstein	Larry Hutner	Wilma B. Pollack
Julius Bott	Lawrence Hyman	Louis R. Polster
Leonard Bregman	Gertrude R. Israel	Dorothy Rockman
Hinda Brick	Mirl Jaffe	Elliot Rose
Joseph Brick	Fannie Kaminsky	Ann Rosenfield
Bertha Clayman	Silvia Kaplan	Dr. Gary F. Rosenthal
Sol Comet	Harry Karklin	Harriett Rothenfeld
Alex Dahar	Sherry Elaine Katz	Ronald Rubenstein
Mohtaram Dardashti	Esther Kaufman	Lawrence Russell
Mildred Dattelbaum	Rose Klein Kaufman	Charlotte Sanger
Sharon N. Delman	Jean Kelman	Edward Sapphire
Hanna Ekstein	Jennie Kleiman	Ben Scheinberg
Abraham Elowitz	Marie Kleiman	Hugo Schlachet
Gertrude Engel	Sidney Klein	Ida Schneider
Fannie Fant	Annie Klein	Charles Schochot
Maurice L. Finberg	Moshe David Kletzkin	Philip Y. Schwartz
Grace Finesilver	Jeremiah "Jerry" Koen	David Shack
Elizabeth Deutsch Fitzpatrick	David Kohn	Minerva Shapiro
Rhea Fried	Louis Kohn	Beatrice Sheperd
Nathan Friedman	Lawrence A. Kohn	Rose A. Sherwin
Ralph Fuldauer	Hyman Kolko	Stella Shifrin
Ceil Gecht	Joseph Konigsberg	Robert Siegel
Louis Gerson	David Jacob Koppelman	Harry Siegel
Bernard Gilbert	Harvey K. Koster	Gertrude Silver
Marcia H. Gilbert	Doris Kritzer	Goldie Singer
Beatrice Glassman	Robert P. Kutler	Sylvia Sokol
Herman Glick	Fanny Altman Labowitch	Maximilian Solomon

Yahrzeits continued

Andrew Somogyi
Harold L. Spivack
Tillie Stromberg
Marcia H. Sukol
Margaret Swirsky
Elizavetta Torpusman

Bertha Tramer
Abraham Tucker
David Udelf
Sharlene Ungar
Meer Utis
Tillie Volk
Lillian R. Weisblat
Aaron A. Weiser

Harold Weiss
Bertha Wertheimer
Wilma Yahr
Philip Zamsky
Clara L. Zeligson
Louis Zeve

**past president*

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.

It is customary to make a donation to the Aliyah Fund when honored with an aliyah. Thank you for your support.



YOUNG CHEFS[®]
ACADEMY

Little Chefs Cooking Club
Sunday, March 11 • 10:30 am

Take a fun and educational class facilitated by Young Chef's Academy of

Solon! Get ready for Passover by making some fun kosher for Passover recipes you will love. This class is geared for children ages 5 and under, with an adult. \$5 per child. Due to class size restrictions, you must register online or RSVP to Julie Sukert. No walk-ins can be accommodated.

Young Families & Sisterhood Present
Ratatouille
Sunday, March 18 • 4 pm

We will start the afternoon off cooking the ratatouille and enjoying children's activities. Then, we will feast on our creation while watching the film! No kids? No problem! Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun event! There'll be an 'adults only' room for schmoozing.



Recipes will be given out to all attendees and there will be alternative dinner options. RSVP by March 11: \$15/ adult; \$5/child 10 and under; after March 11: \$20/adult; \$8/child. Please make checks payable to BJC Sisterhood, memo Ratatouille. Questions? Contact Sasha Huston (440-382-9836) or Julie Sukert.

We welcome your children in the Main Sanctuary!

What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner

Thursdays 12:10 pm Lunch & Learn at Commerce Park IV Room 130

Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom

Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

Saturday, February 24

9:00 am Service

12:30 pm Meshuganotes Concert

Sunday, February 25

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Purim Carnival

Monday, February 26

6:30 pm Vashti's Banquet

7:00 pm CPT play *American Dreams* with Rabbi Weiss on panel

Tuesday, February 27

12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, February 28 - Fast of Esther

6:00 pm Gragger-palooza

7:00 pm Megillah Readings

8:15 pm Mentalist Show for Teens

9:00 pm Mentalist Show for Adults

Thursday, March 1 - Purim

7:00 am Combined Minyans; Megillah Reading & Breakfast

Friday, March 2 - Shushan Purim

6:00 pm Atid Board Game Shabbat & Dinner

7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir

Saturday, March 3

9:00 am Service

Sunday, March 4

9:00 am Men's Club Yom HaShoah Candle Packing

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

9:30 - 11:00 am Free Legal Advice Clinic @Green Rd. Synagogue

1:30 pm Jewish Genealogy Society Meeting @Park East with

Matthew Skvasik, The Memory Lab @CCPL SEL branch

Tuesday, March 6

7:00 pm Men's Club Book Group

Dvar Torah: A Symbol of Inclusion

Rabbi Shoshana Cohen, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

In this week's parsha the children of Israel are commanded to make clothing for the priests who will serve in the *Mishkan (Tabernacle)*. Several times we are reminded that the priest is a representative of the people of Israel when he does his holy work. To make sure the priest keeps this in mind when he is doing his work, the tribes of Israel are represented on two separate pieces of his clothing: the *hoshen mishpat (breastplate)* who's 12 precious inlaid stones were each inscribed with a tribe's name, and the *ephod, the apron-like garment the priest wears as an outer layer, which was held together at the shoulders by two precious shoham stones, each inscribed with the names of six tribes.*

The Torah describes in verses 28:9-10 how the names are written on these two stones, and the language is a bit odd. Rather than stating explicitly which tribes appear on which stone, it says that six go on one, and the six "leftovers" (*hanotarim*) go on the other. One might infer from the word "leftover" a kind of binary hierarchy, with the best six appearing in one group and the worst six appearing in the other. After all, Abraham and Isaac each had one good son and one bad one, and only the good ones truly walked in their father's footsteps, worshiped God, and inherited the blessing and birthright.

In fact, according to the Midrash in Sifrei Devarim on Parshat Ve'etchanan Yaakov spent his whole life anxious about which of his sons would continue his path, and which would not. Based on their behavior, Yaakov had good reason to discriminate between them. His first son, Reuven, slept with Bilha, Yaakov's concubine, and his second and third sons, Shimon and Levi, massacred the men of Shechem. And, of course, all of his sons apart from Binyamin were guilty of plotting to murder Yosef, and selling him into slavery.

Of the sinning sons, the only one explicitly vindicated within the story is Yehuda, when he puts himself on the line in Egypt. But according to the midrash, it isn't clear at all that the others have been forgiven, even after everything is resolved with Yosef and the family is resettled in Goshen. Some argue that it is only when Yaakov blesses them in Parshat Vayehi that we know they have been welcomed back, and others argue that Reuven's status remained questionable until Moshe, in Vezot HaBracha affirmed "Reuven will live and not die" (Dev. 33:6).

The great medieval commentator, Rashi, seems to be bothered by the idea that the Tabernacle, both an agent and symbol of inclusion and unity, would establish a hierarchy among the tribes of Israel. Rejecting the implied hierarchy of "*hanotarim*" (the leftovers) as well as other hierarchies suggested in the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Sotah 31a-b, Rashi interprets the verse according to the simple meaning of its last word, "*k'toldotam*" (according to their birth). He writes that tribes will be inscribed on the two stones "in the order in which they were born: Reuven, Shimon, Levi, Yehuda, Dan, Naphtali on one, and upon the other Gad,

Asher, Yissachar, Zevulun, Yosef and Binyamin.” In Rashi’s view, the most problematic sons - Reuven, Shimon, Levi - are even represented first!

The message is clear: everyone, no matter who they are or what they have done, will be equally represented in the *Mishkan*. And so the stones, whose explicit function is to remind the priest that he is a representative of the people of Israel, ALSO communicate the imperative for inclusion and equal representation.

Parashat Tetsavveh Self-Study
Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

In this Parasha we receive the instructions for the *Kohanim*, the priests working in the *Mishkan*, both their garments and the ceremony to turn them into *Kohanim*. This is also *Shabbat Zachor*.

1) This Parasha opens with a different tone than the previous one. There the people who wished to participate were told to bring a contribution for building the *Mishkan*. This Parasha open with a Mitzvah (27:20-21). What are the people commanded to do? How long will this Mitzvah be in effect?

2) Early in the Parasha comes the table of content. What topics will be discussed in this Parasha (28:1-4)?

3) Reading the instructions for the ceremony to make Aaron and his sons *Kohanim* (29:1-37), we realize that they are passive through most of the ceremony. Why do you think that they do not have a more active role? This week is **Shabbat Zachor**, the Shabbat before Purim during which we read from *Devarim* (Deut) 25:17-19.

4) We are commanded to remember what Amalek did to us when we left Egypt (details in *Shemot* 17:8-16). Why do you think that the act of remembering is important enough to become a Mitzvah?

5) According to *Devarim* 25, what did Amalek do, and why do you think that we are commanded to remember this aspect of their actions (and take action against them because of it)?

Hazak Spring Fling Luncheon
Sunday, March 11 • 12:30 pm

Versatile Violinist **Mary Beth Ions** will entertain us. Hazak members \$15; guests \$18. RSVP to chairperson Frances Ritsky-Kluter (216-831-2592).

**Please respect the sanctity of our services and those around you
by turning off your mobile devices.**