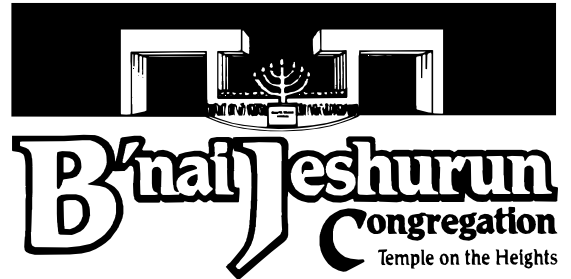


# Shabbat Shalom!

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*Our Mission is "To ensure the flourishing of Jewish life through educational, social and Conservative religious experiences in a warm and dynamic community."*

*This Shabbat, we read the blessing for the new month of Shevat, which begins Wednesday.*

Parashat Vaera וַאֲרָא

January 16/17, 2015 - 26 Tevet 5775

	<u>Etz Hayim</u>	<u>Hertz</u>	<u>Verse</u>
Rishon	357	236	Ex. 7:8 - 7:13
Sheni	358	237	7:14 - 7:18
Shlishi	359	237	7:19 - 7:25
Revi'i	360	238	7:26 - 7:29
Chamishi	361	238	8:1 - 8:6
Shishi	361	239	8:7 - 8:11
Shvi'i	362	239	8:12 - 8:15
Maftir	362	239	8:12 - 8:15
Haftarah	370	244	Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

Thank you to our Torah readers: Rabbi Alan Lettofsky, Jean Lettofsky, Max Wiznitzer, David Steiger and Shulamith Erenberg. Thank you to Max Wiznitzer 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  
SATURDAY 9:00 am & 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

*Our presence adds to the joy of our service!*

The flowers on the bima are a gift from Robin & Mark Rood in memory of Robin's dear father, Seymour Stromberg<sup>z"l</sup>.



### FRIDAY

Mazal tov to all of our couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month!



### SATURDAY

Thank you to the women who prepare the Oneg and Kiddush refreshments: Barbara Amper, Fay Blumenthal, Carolann Cohen, Ruth Dobres, Joann Eisenberg, Laura Katzner, Harriet Mann, Paula Schaffer-Polakof, Cheryl Spira, Nancy Tresser and Pnina Wiesel.

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Rabbi Michael Hecht. Thank you to Judy Riga for preparing the refreshments.

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Kenny Cohen, our greeter, Vivian Solganik and our ushers: Sue & Vic Amster, David Cohen, Maury Greenstein and Nelson Pole.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush in **Gross Atrium**, sponsored in part by Laurel Sheldon in honor of her milestone birthday.

#### ***Cooks Wanted!***

**16th Annual Sheila Radman Balk Cholent Cookoff**  
**Saturday, January 24 • noon • Presented by Men's Club**

Enter alone or team up with friends to prepare your own special cholent recipe. You provide the creativity and expertise and we'll provide the ingredients. It's a lot of fun and the results are always tasty!

Register on the website ([www.bnaijeshurun.org/cholentcookoff](http://www.bnaijeshurun.org/cholentcookoff)) or through the office by January 19. Questions? Contact Murray Berkowitz (440-995-5060 or [mjbnick@gmail.com](mailto:mjbnick@gmail.com)) or Richard Berkowitz (440-605-1514 or [rrberk@yahoo.com](mailto:rrberk@yahoo.com)).

To attend the luncheon, please make checks payable to B'nai Jeshurun Men's Club. Cost is \$10 per person; children under 9 years old are free.

The Book Club: *The Family* by David Laskin

#### ***Note New Date & Location:***

**Monday, January 19 • 7 pm • at the home of Wendy & Bill Schwarz**

The true story of what the author discovered about his family — the branch that achieved gilded success in America, the branch that settled in Palestine and the branch lost to the Holocaust. Open to all; co-sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun Men's Club and Park Geshet Group. RSVP to David Cohen ([bnaijmc@gmail.com](mailto:bnaijmc@gmail.com)). Address will be given upon RSVP.

**Parashat Vaera** - January 17, 2015 – 26 Tevet 5775

Triennial (Exodus 7:8 – 8:15): Etz Hayim p. 357; Hertz p. 236

Haftarah (Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21): Etz Hayim p. 370 Hertz p. 244

**Prepared by Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum, Charleston, SC**

God reiterates assurances that Moses' mission will be successful and that the Israelites will be redeemed. We are provided with a genealogy of Moses's family.

Moses again approaches Pharaoh to demand that the Israelites leave Egypt. Pharaoh refuses; God turns Egyptian water into blood. Pharaoh says that he will let the Israelites leave, and God stops the plague. But then, Pharaoh changes his mind.

This is the first example of a recurring pattern: God causes a plague, Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites leave, the plague stops, then Pharaoh changes his mind due to a "hardened heart." The pattern takes place seven times in today's portion.

**Theme: Easy Being Green**

*Then Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh's presence, and Moses cried out to the Lord in the matter of the frogs which He had inflicted upon Pharaoh. And the Lord did as Moses asked; the frogs died out in the houses, the courtyards, and the fields.(Exodus 8:8-9)*

While modern society might find frogs endearing, the ones sent to the punish Egypt were anything but that.

"Entreat" and "cry" are two of the ten expressions used in the Bible to denote prayer. The Sages taught that Egyptian oppression had sealed the lips of the Children of Israel so that they were unable to pray to the Lord. But the ten plagues, one by one, abolished Pharaoh's tyranny, thus unsealing the lips of the Israelites and enabling them to make use of all the expressions of prayer. Two of the ten plagues -- the blood and the frogs -- had already come to pass, restoring to the Israelites the use of the two expressions of prayer mentioned in the above verse. -- *Hiddushei HaRIM*

When the Hebrew women gave birth, they could not scream out, since if they did, their infants would be taken away by the Egyptians. When one is in pain and cannot even cry out, his agony is all the worse. Since the Egyptians did not let the Israelite women cry out, they were now assaulted by the cries of the frogs. -- *Zevach Pesach*

What Moshe said in his prayer became the norm for that time and for all generations. In accordance with his words, "they shall remain only in the Nile," to this very day the creeping water creature known as the timsah remains there. There it breeds, and it is said that sometimes it comes out of the Nile where it lives, rising onto the river's bank and swallowing

whatever it finds, even two or three humans at a time. Neither spear nor arrow can overcome its body, unless aimed for the belly. Physicians say it is venomous and that touching its body, even after its death, is harmful to man. It is a sort of frog ... this is how R. Hananel interpreted the text. --  
*Nahmanides*

### Questions for Discussion:

Hiddushei HaRIM theorizes that, as the plagues continue, the Israelites are increasingly confident that redemption is imminent. The alternative to this suggestion is that the Israelites actually became increasingly despondent each time Pharaoh reversed his decision to let the people go, a process that repeats after each plague. Which is more likely?

Zevach Pesach shares the idea that the screams of the frogs are pay-back to the Egyptians who, as a result of their policies against the Israelites which prevented the slaves (and even their babies) from crying. Why is repressing expression during moments of pain so difficult? What are the negative effects for the one who feels pain? What are the negative effects for the one who prohibits such expression?

Nahmanides understands the frogs in the plague to be much scarier than modern-day frogs. Yet many illustrations of the frogs in haggadot and other stories about the Exodus tend to show the animals as small, even cute (albeit numerous enough to be a nuisance). Do we do so because we don't wish to frighten children when they learn the story of Passover? Is it a disservice to children to make the plagues seem "adorable?"

### A Kabbalistic Tu B'Shevat Seder for Adults Tuesday, February 3 \* 7 pm



Tu B'Shevat has taken on many new and modern meanings, each of which has added new layers, but this seder will follow closely the original, traditional Kabbalistic seder. Kabbalists understand an upside-down tree to be a metaphor for the way that God's light flows into the world. Through ritual, song, meditation and food, the seder seeks to celebrate the ten

*sephirot* (aspects of God) through which God's blessings flow and to bring that *shefa* (flow) down upon ourselves to cause our lives and world to blossom. No knowledge of Kabbalah is necessary. The seder includes four glasses of wine, fruits, nuts and a sumptuous dessert.

**\$5 per person. RSVP to the synagogue office. (subsidized in part by the Weingold Adult Learning Fund)**

We welcome your children in the Main Sanctuary!

**MISHABERACH**

VALERIE KARBELING  
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DARYN BROWN  
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YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINAH  
AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH  
FRUMA BAT JANETTE  
MALKAH BAT MORDECHAI  
YISRAEL BEN MEIRA  
MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH  
BAYLA RIVKA BAT HANA LEAH  
CHAYA BAT VARDA  
ZELIG BEN DOROTHY  
DAVID BEN MICHAEL HAKOHEN  
LIBA RUCHEL BAT BAYLAH  
DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH  
GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER  
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA  
TZIPORAH BAT YENTA  
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER  
DYLAN CHAIM BEN PESIA HINDA  
AVIGAYIL BAT HADAR MIRIAM  
LEAH BAT YEHELET  
YEHELET SEVIA BAT BRINA  
AVRAHAM BEN MALKA  
YITZHAK MORDECHAI BEN  
SARAH RACHEL  
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM  
RONI BEN RACHEL  
TOVA ELKA BAT RAISEL MALKA  
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL  
RIVKA LEAH BAT HANA LEAH  
YISRAEL BEN FRIEDA  
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA  
LEAH BAT RAIZEL  
YONIT ABRA BAT HAYA  
YEHUDA SHLEMA BEN ZLOTI  
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA  
YOHANANA BAT HAYA YITTA  
DANYA MICHEL BAT CARI  
YAKOV ELIJAHU BEN GALIA  
ZUCHA LAYB BEN BRACHA BRANDEL  
DONNA ROSEN  
TZURI BEN SARAH  
MASHA BAT HEINCHA  
ZEV TZVI BEN SARAH MALKA  
AHUVA RAYA BAT KALYA  
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER  
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI

YISROEL MOISHE BEN HENDEL  
DAVID BEN SHMUEL  
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH  
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM  
SHIFRA BAT GITEL  
SHMUEL BEN OSNAT  
RACHEL BAT SARAH  
MIMI DORF  
BONNIE POLSTER  
PEREL BAT YENTA  
MOSHE BEN ZELDA  
YAKOV BEN SARAH  
SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI  
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN  
RUVENA SHIFRA  
BRACHA BAT SIMA  
YEHUDA BEN ESTHER  
KETURAH BAT SARAH  
SARAH BAT ESTHER  
MICHLI BAT CHAYA LEAH  
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL  
ZLATEH BAT MACHLA  
KASEEL YEHUDAH BEN SARAH  
HANA RUCHEL BAT FAIGEL  
MEIR BEN SHLOIMO HA'LEVI  
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH  
MAYER BEN HELEN  
BARBARA ROSENBLUM  
NOSSAN BEN LEAH DINA  
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH  
YEHUDIT BAT SARAH  
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL  
RIVKA BAT CHAVA  
PESACH BEN CHARLOTTE  
HANA BAT SARAH  
DAVID BEN MIRIAM  
GERSHON BEN RITA  
PINCUS BEN SHAYNA HAYA  
KIM BAILES  
MOSHE CHAIM BEN EMILY  
CINDY BAT CONNIE  
RACHEL AVIVA BAT SARAH  
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA  
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA  
ERIN COHEN  
JILL SHAMORAY  
MAXINE SINGER  
WILLIAM KEVIN MCGINTY  
ROCHEL CHAYAH BAT DVORAH  
HENDEL LIBA BAT RIVA  
RAANAN BEN BERTHA  
VLADIMIR NEYMAN

BILL BUSHAW  
YAIR BEN MIRYAM  
PINCHAS BEN LEAH  
MINAH MINDEL BAT PESAH MALKA  
MOSHE LEEB BEN CAROL  
CHAIM MORDECHAI BEN CHAYA DINA  
MASAHIRO UENO  
RACHAV BAT RUT  
BATYA GITTEL BAT FRUMA RIVKA  
CHANNA EETA BAT FIVAL  
SUSAN NORVAL  
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH

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](mailto: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.

**PJ Library® Pajama Shabbat & Dinner**  
**Friday, January 23 • 5:45 pm**

Get ready for Shabbat with Rabbi Hal with songs, blessings and fun. Dairy dinner - \$5 per person age 2 years and over; \$25 max per family. Kids come in your pajamas and slippers! RSVP to [RisaRoth@bnaijeshurun.org](mailto:RisaRoth@bnaijeshurun.org).

**Sisterhood Lunch & Learn: Food and Politics - Tuesday, January 20 • noon**

Robin Rood will discuss an overview of the players that make up our current food industry and why it is so difficult to figure out what foods are healthy for you. Who is making money and why is our food supply at risk? We will learn about the EWG (the Environmental Working Group), an organization that created a "Rate Your Plate" scale to help you decide if the foods you buy are safe as well as healthy. \$10 pp. RSVP to Robin ([rroodrd@gmail.com](mailto:rroodrd@gmail.com) or 440-666-7658).

**Mishpachot Wine & Cheese Night**  
**Saturday, January 31 • 7 pm**

An adult-only event at the home of Rachel & Joel Heiser, and co-hosted by Kim Cole & Jeff Brown, for havdallah, socializing, wine, cheese and dessert. RSVP at [bnaijeshurun.org/mishpachotwine](http://bnaijeshurun.org/mishpachotwine); \$5 per person.

Please turn off your beepers and cellular phones before entering the synagogue on Shabbat.

# What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner

Thursdays 12:10 pm Lunch & Learn @Commerce Park IV (Chagrin/Green)

Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom

Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

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**Saturday, January 17 - No School**

9:00 am Service

**Sunday, January 18 - No School**

9:30 am Atid @ Ronald McDonald House

**Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

7:00 pm The Book Club: *The Family* by David Laskin

**Tuesday, January 20**

12:00 pm Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

**Wednesday, January 21 - Rosh Hodesh Shevat**

9:45 am Someone Special & Me

4:00 pm Hebrew Storytime @ CCPL Beachwood w/Zehava Galun

**Friday, January 23**

5:45 pm PJ Library® Pajama Shabbat Dinner

6:00 pm Service; Anniversary Shabbat

**Saturday, January 24**

9:00 am Service; Men's Club Shabbat

12:00 pm Cholent Cook-off

**Wednesday, January 28**

9:45 am Someone Special & Me

**Friday, January 30**

6:00 pm Service

**Saturday, January 31**

9:00 am Service

7:00 pm Mishpachot Wine & Cheese Night

**Sunday, February 1**

8:10 am Men's Club World Wide Wrap @ Park East

**Monday, February 2**

7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting

**Tuesday, February 3**

7:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder



Condolences to:

Shani Kadis & family on the death of her father, Stuart Rosenstein  
Bruce Botnick, Bobby Botnick & families on the death of their aunt, our member,  
Sheila Botnick  
Larry Golub, Josh Golub & families on the death of their mother and grandmother,  
Faith Golub  
Mitch Frankel & family on the death of his step-mother, Carol Frankel  
Honey Friedman & family on the death of her brother, Elliott Geller

Yahrzeits: January 17 - 23, 2015

Jennie Adler	Sol Kazdin	Sherryl Givelber Schreiber
Herbert Becker	Abe L. Kichler	David Schulhof
Florence Bendel	Fala Kirsh	Oszkar Schultheisz
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Selma Brown	Bella Korman	Edward J. Sherman
Emil Bruh	Morris Krock	Pearl Siegel
Bertha Caminer	Gusta Kumin	Millie Silver
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Frank Covitt	Dr. M. J. Lazerick	Lillian Sockel
Fannie Crutch	Ruth Lebov	Dave Sokol
William Davidson	Margaret Leitner	Irving Stahl
Miriam Delahay	Herman Lorber	Bernard J. Stark
Rita Hausman Diamant	Alan Markowitz	Isaac Steinberg
Harry Dick	Philip M. Mason	Samuel Steinfeld
Bertha Donsky	Frank R. McCarty	Rita Stern
Minnie Drucker	Sol Miner	Seymour Stromberg
Anna Duszkin	Abe Molecke	Lucille Stuart
Rose Ehrlich	Diane Morrison	Sol Sudak
Vernon J. Emerman	Samuel Nagel	Evelyn Symms
Lester J. Farber	Annie Napper	Phyllis Teichman
Sidney Felbain	Faye Novak	Max L. Tesmer
Rita Fersky	George Orchen	Jacob Sigmund Tucker
Hannah Folkman	Bertha Orkoff	Jennie Tuffyas
Harvey Friedman	Gertrude Peters	Donald Turbow
Abraham Fuerst	Malvina Pikkell	Jules Vinney
Major L. Gerry	Betty Lucille Polsky	Morris Wakser
Morris J. Givertz	Herman Preiser	Rose L. Weinberg
Sam Gold	Max Presser	Herman Weiner
Herman Gordon	Harry Ratner	Morris Weiner
Albert Goss	Sally Rich	Morris Weinman
Michael J. Gottlieb	Goldie Schusterman Robbins	Oscar Weinstein
Rose Greenberg	Ruth Rood	Anna Weinstock
Henry Greenberger	Sam Rosenberg	Anna Weisenberg
Lilean G. Harris	Rebecca Rosenfeld	Esther A. Weiser
Florence Stahlberg Hiedovitz	Herman Rotgerber	Morris Wikas
Ellen Isaak	Rose Rubin	Anne Wohl
Alfred Jackson	Malka Samuel	Lenke Wolovits
Harry Jacobs	Jack Savitt	Josephine Yarus
Ben Julian	Sol Mickey Savransky	Kate Zigmund
Yetta Kahane	Isidore Schermer	Bernard Zivin
Emanuel M. Kaufman	David Schlessel	Max Zlotolow
Miriam Kaufman	Goldie Schochot	

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.*