# Shabbat Shalom!

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Parashat Beshalach בְּשׁלַח January 26/27, 2018 - 11 Shevat 5778



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Thank you to our Torah readers: Steve Wolotsky, Dale Nash, Michael Milgrom, Danielle Shaper, David Bardenstein, Shani Kadis and Cantor Aaron Shifman. Thank you to Cantor Aaron Shifman for chanting the Haftorah.



#### **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

### **FRIDAY**

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Rachel Schwarz, and our greeter, Lynn Wasserman.

### **SATURDAY**

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Jerry Isaak-Shapiro. 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 greeter, Wendy Dahar, and ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs, Harriet Rosenberg Mann and Paula Schaffer-Polakof.

The Special Reading of the Song of Moses was dedicated in the Holocaust Torah Scroll by Linda & Charles Gruenspan in memory of Chaskel & Ruchel Grunspan<sup>57</sup>; and in the New Torah Scroll by Phyllis & Sidney Cohen.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush in **Gross Atrium**, sponsored by the Officers and Board of Trustees.

# Men's Club Adventure Road: Traveling the World Sunday, January 28 • 9:30 am Destination: Israel with Rabbi Weiss

Join us for a continental breakfast followed by presentations by fellow members discussing their world travels. Talks will begin at 10 am and breakout sharing groups will start at 10:30 am. No RSVP required.

Future dates: February 18 - Australia/New Zealand with Jay Schonfeld, March 18 - North America open discussion facilitated by Jerry Brodsky.

## 19th Annual Sheila Radman Balk Cholent Cookoff Saturday, February 3 • noon Presented by Men's Club

Enjoy a wide variety of superbly cooked cholents prepared by our wonderful chefs. RSVP to bnaijeshurun.org/cholentcookoff or the synagogue office. \$10 per person; children under 9 years old are free. Please make checks payable to BJC Men's Club.





# Cleveland Monsters Game Thursday, February 1 • 7 pm • Quicken Loans Arena

Tickets have been reserved in section 116 (rows 26 and 27). Meet us inside at your seats! \$12 per person; tickets are limited, so reserve your seats today. Once we receive your payment, your Flashseat tickets will be emailed to you.

RSVP on the Atid Facebook event page or contact Shani Kadis.

# Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Friday, February 2 • 5:45 pm

Come celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat with a very special family activity and dinner. We are welcoming local company **Party'n with Plants**,

who will help us to make our own fairy gardens containing a succulent plant and lots of fun decorations. Enjoy a delicious (meat) dinner with friends and family and then stay for Friday night services with Zamir, our youth choir. Special pricing - \$20 per family includes dinner and fairy gardens for all kids. Additional adults are \$10 for dinner; \$5 to make their own fairy garden. RSVP to Julie Sukert.



## February 10

We encourage your entire family to attend as our Mandel JDS students, parents, alumni and teachers lead the Shabbat morning service. A kiddush luncheon will follow services, sponsored by Mandel JDS. If you are interested in having your family or child lead a part of the service, please email Laura Simon (Isimon@mandeljds.org).

# Sunday, February 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. Contact Shani Kadis to sign up.



Little Chefs Cooking Club - Purim Party! Sunday, February 18 • 10:30 am

Take a fun and educational class facilitated by **Young Chef's Academy of Solon!** Make hamentashen and another fun recipe. For children ages 5 and under, with an adult. \$5 per child. Space is limited and registration required online or to Julie Sukert.

# The Megillah According to Broadway Purimspiel Sunday, February 18 • 6 pm Dinner; 7 pm Show

Join us as we recite the "Story of Queen Esther" with re-written lyrics to your favorite Broadway hits. The Megillah comes alive like never before. Don't miss this Purimspiel! Free and open to the community. Fee for dinner.

Deliver in a Flash - Mishloach Manot Monday, February 19 • 10 am • Menorah Park Monday, February 26 • 11 am • Montefiore

Meet at Menorah Park and/or Montefiore to deliver Purim bags. A great mitzvah opportunity for families. If you would like someone who is not a synagogue member to receive a Purim bag, contact Shani Kadis.

## Get Meshuganah for Purim Saturday, Februrary 24 • 9 am

**The Meshuganotes**, The Ohio State University's a cappella group, will join us during the conclusion of our Shabbat morning service and then stay after kiddush for a song-filled show.

# The SUPER Purim Carnival 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 are 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 by February 19. 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.

# 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.

# Morning Minyan Megillah Reading & Breakfast Thursday, March 1 • 7 am

We'll read the Megillah and enjoy breakfast and more hamentashen.

All events are open to the community.

Learn more and register: bnaijeshurun.org/purim2018

or contact Shani Kadis.

In this week's parasha, the Exodus story reaches its climax. Following a multitude of plagues, culminating with the slaying of the firstborn, Pharaoh is finally persuaded to permit his team of slaves to leave. Moshe leads the Israelites out of Egypt and into the desert, where they find themselves trapped between the waters of Yam Suf (the Sea of Reeds) and Pharaoh's pursuing army. At this point, literally poised between freedom and death, Moshe turns to the people and proclaims "Stand still and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today...The Lord will fight for you; you need only be silent" (Ex. 14: 13).

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of the (Orthodox) United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, contrasts this with Moshe's message at the end of the parasha, when the Israelites are attacked by the Amalekites. As they approach, Moshe says to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and prepare for battle against Amalek" (Ex. 17:9). In the first story, Moshe's message is simple: "God will save us." But in the second story, we must take up arms to defend ourselves. In the first, we are passive observers; in the second, we are active participants.

Some might see this as demonstrating Moshe's growth as a leader. Taking into account the impact of slavery, Moshe (and God) initially take full responsibility for the Israelites. But knowing the challenges they will face ahead, Moshe starts to empower those he leads to be an intrinsic part of their own redemption story. But was this not an overly risky move on Moshe's part? What evidence is there that the Israelites were ready for such a challenge? At the Sea they were completely passive, and it worked! It would be more reasonable to think that this experience had just reinforced their slave-like passivity.

The answer comes from a story in the Babylonian Talmud Tractate Sotah 37a. Although they were told that God would do all the work, the Israelites were in fact not complete bystanders (or at least not all of them). A man by the name of Nachshon ben Aminadav made the first courageous steps into the Sea of Reeds, *before* God divided the waters. His faith and initiative, we are taught, are what triggered the miracle.

But what of the rest of the Israelites who just passively watched Nachshon? The great Lithuanian scholar, the Vilna Gaon (1720-1797), provides some insight. He observes that in Exodus 14:22, after God parts the waters, the waters are referred to as being like a wall: "the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left." But the word for wall ( क्षिक्रें व्यवक्रावक्ष missing a vav, and can thus be read not as 'choma' but as 'chaima,' which means anger. The Vilna Gaon explains that this is to tell us that when the rest of the Israelites saw Nachshon make those first few steps, they were angry and disappointed in themselves that they had lacked the courage to do the same. Moshe knew that they wanted to a chance to redeem themselves, so when the Amalekites attacked, Moshe was, in essence, giving them their chance.

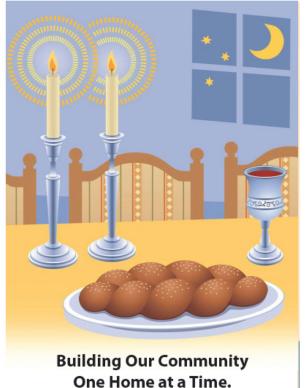
The Vilna Gaon here, shows great insight into the human psyche. When we witness acts of courage and leadership, our reaction can often be anger - anger at the brave leader who, by comparison, makes us look bad, and anger at ourselves for not seizing the moment. But as we can see in the Torah, and in life, opportunities for brave leadership abound. Just because we have been bystanders before does not mean that we are incapable of growth and change. Challenged by others and inspired by others, victims can indeed become warriors.

Table Talk by Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

The Israelites leave Egypt, heading to the Land of Israel. They cross Yam Suf (the Reed Sea) to escape the Egyptians, sing a great song exalting God, and experience the uncertainties of life in the desert.

- 1) Now that the people have gone into the desert, how do they know where to go (13:21-22)? What does their guide look like and what is it a symbol of? What do you think that this visual reminder did for the people?
- 2) The events by the Reed Sea are not only intended to save the Israelites from the Egyptians. What is it supposed to do for the Egyptians? (14:4)
- 3) In the panic that ensues in the Israelite camp when the Egyptian army shows up while the sea is in front of them, several voices are heard. What kind of reactions are voiced by the people (14:10-14)? What does it teach us about the conversations that might have taken place prior to leaving?
- 4) A month after leaving Egypt the people complain to Moshe and Aaron 'would we only have died in God's hand in Egypt as we dwelled by the flesh pots, and ate food to satisfaction' (16:3). Look at their words carefully. What was so wonderful about life in Egypt? What did they get from the flesh pots?
- 5) Our first introduction to Shabbat comes in connection to the Manna the God-sent food that sustained them in the desert (16:19-30). The Manna may not be collected on Shabbat so what will the people eat? How did this make Shabbat unique and why can they not do the same on any other day?

We welcome your children in the Main Sanctuary!



Register by February 26 at bnaijeshurun.org/ ShabbatTogether or contact the synagogue office.

# The 2016-2018 Marcus Leadership Cohort Bring You Shabbat Together 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

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At The Crossroads: Jewish Law for Our Time
Weekly Lunch & Learn
Commerce Park IV (corner of Chagrin and Green) Room 130
Thursdays • 12:10 - 1 pm

Bring a brown bag lunch and join Rabbi Weiss or Rabbi Rudin-Luria for a lively study of Talmud and Responsa (Jewish Law) examining what Judaism has to say about contemporary issues. Topics covered include personal, business, legal and medical ethics as well as areas of Jewish belief and ritual. Each session is complete in itself. To be on the group's mailing list, please contact David Shifrin (semaninc@ameritech.net).

# Kiddush or Oneg Sponsorships

"May He who blessed our ancestors bless those who give funds for kiddush." (excerpted from A Prayer for our Congregation)

The mitzvah of a donation for sponsorship of a kiddush or oneg is a beautiful way to share the happiness of your milestone or remember a loved one with the congregation. Sponsorships are acknowledged in the Shabbat handout and in *Tidings*. The cost of a kiddush is \$500 and an oneg is \$250; partial sponsorships are available and they are tax deductible. Please contact Paula Botkin.

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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.

# 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, January 27

9:00 am Service

## Sunday, January 28

9:30 am Men's Club Continental Breakfast

10:00 am Men's Club Adventure Road

5:00 pm Sisterhood Middle Eastern Dinner

### Tuesday, January 30

7:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder - CANCELLED

### Wednesday, January 31 - Tu B'Shevat

4:00 pm Hebrew Storytime @CCPL Beachwood with Zehava Galun

### Thursday, February 1

7:00 pm Atid @Monsters Game

## Friday, February 2

5:45 pm Tu B'Shevat Shabbat

7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir

## Saturday, February 3

9:00 am Service; Men's Club Shabbat

12:00 pm Cholent Cookoff

# Sunday, February 4

1:30 pm Jewish Genealogy Meeting with Mitchell Balk, "Whither Jewish Hospitals - the Mt. Sinai Legacy" at Park East

## Monday, February 5

6:30 pm CWRU Siegal Showcase: Explore the Possibilities, 25700 Science Park Dr., Beachwood; free

# Tuesday, February 6

7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

# Wednesday, February 7

7:00 pm Israel Bonds and The Temple present Nadav Kidron, Cybersecurity to Biotechnology: Why Israel is a Powerhouse of Innovation; RSVP by January 31 to reservations@ttti.org or 216-831-3233 ext 162; \$10.

# Friday, February 9

6:00 pm Service

### Yahrzeits: January 27 - February 2, 2018

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