

# Shabbat Shalom!

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Welcome to the **David J. 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, Rabbi Emeritus Michael Hecht, President Shelley Scher and Executive Director Jay Ross.

*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 Kislev, which begins on Thursday.*

Parashat Chaya Sara חַיֵּי שָׂרָה

November 25/26, 2016 - 25 Cheshvan 5777



	<u>Hertz</u>	<u>Etz Hayim</u>	<u>Verse</u>
Rishon	80	127	Gen. 23:1 - 23:4
Sheni	80	128	23:5 - 23:7
Shlishi	80	128	23:8 - 23:12
Revi'i	81	129	23:13 - 23:16
Chamishi	81	130	23:17 - 23:20
Shishi	82	130	24:1 - 24:4
Shevi'i	82	131	24:5 - 24:9
Maftir	82	131	24:5 - 24:9
Haftarah	90	143	Kings I 1:1 - 1:31



Thank you to our Torah readers: Barry Shapiro, Susannah Cohen, Sonya Shultz, Howard Potash and Russell Cohen. Thank you to Russell Cohen 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

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

The flowers on the bima are a gift from Susannah & Avery Cohen  
in honor of family and friends.



### FRIDAY

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Mark Doris, and our greeters,  
Andrea & Aaron Canowitz.



### SATURDAY

We are pleased to welcome Rabbi Andy Katz, Director of Engagement at the  
Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem this morning.

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Doron Kalir. Thank you  
to Abraham Kay for preparing the refreshments.

Thank you to the women who prepare the oneg and kiddush refreshments:  
Fay Blumenthal, Tova Cohen, Lynn Katz Danzig, Ruth Dobres, Faith  
Eisenberg, Laura Katzner, Harriet Mann, Cheryl Spira, Nancy Tresser Lipko  
and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Steve Eisenberg, our greeter,  
Harriet Mann, and our ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs  
and Nelson Pole.

Today's Torah portion, Chaya Sarah, was dedicated in the New Torah Scroll  
by B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood.

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



### Congregational Movie Night featuring *L'dor V'dor: The History of B'nai Jeshurun* Thursday, December 15 • 7 pm

Join documentarian Todd Kwait for a congregational viewing  
of his milestone film, *L'dor V'dor: The History of B'nai  
Jeshurun*. The film explores the history of our synagogue through historic  
recordings, photographs, interviews, and newly filmed footage that depicts  
our place within the broader historical context of the Jewish people. We will  
watch the film, which premiered at the Gala Premiere, followed by a Q&A  
and lovely dessert reception. This event is free and open to the community.

### PJ Library® Family Shabbat Dinner Friday, December 2 • 5:45 pm

Come welcome Shabbat with songs, blessings and stories with Rabbi Hal  
and Rabbi Josh. Get ready for Hanukkah with crafts, too. Kids – come in  
your pajamas! Enjoy a delicious (meat) dinner and dessert. Stay for Friday  
night services at 7 pm with Zamir Choir. Cost: \$8/adult; \$5/child;  
\$26/family cap. RSVP to Julie Sukert.

Sisterhood invites you to a Cooking with Friends  
**Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party!**  
All proceeds will subsidize USY Convention costs



Enjoy a fun evening with friends and family! We'll make some delicious recipes & check out the NEW products!

Hosted by Susan Nash

**Wednesday, November 30 • 7:00 pm**

at her home, 2530 Fairwood Court, Beachwood

Please RSVP by phone (440-759-3042) or susanbnash10@gmail.com).

One-time drawing! Winner gets a FREE Gift! Bring a friend or outside order and get a gift! Monthly Special - Choose one of five items FREE with \$75 purchase! Guaranteed delivery before Hanukkah! Can't attend? Order online at [pamperedchef.com/go/bjusyfundraiser2016](http://pamperedchef.com/go/bjusyfundraiser2016).

Due to the overwhelming response, our Stepstone Adopt-A-Student for the Holidays is now full. Many of you have still asked to help, so we are now also partnering with Bellefaire JCB's Holiday Gift Drive.

Bellefaire JCB

Touch A Child's Heart.

2016 Holiday Gift Giving Program



Each year, Bellefaire JCB asks for help to ensure that the more than 1,500 children and youth in their care will receive a present during the holiday season. For many of these kids, it is the only gift they will receive. You can help by purchasing a **new** gift (**\$20 - \$35 range**) or gift card (**\$25**). Wish lists are available for pick up on Bellefaire's campus, or by emailing Mandy Kwait ([kwaitm@bellefairejcb.org](mailto:kwaitm@bellefairejcb.org)). All gifts are due by Friday, December 9; you may drop them off yourself or bring them to Shani's office at B'nai Jeshurun by December 7. Contact Shani Kadis if you have any questions.

**Two Opportunities to Volunteers at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank**

**Monday, December 5 • 6 - 8 pm**

We are looking for ten volunteers to help sort and pack food. This is open to anyone 13 years and older.

**Thursday, December 8 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Families with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years are invited to participate. We will sort and package food and pizza will also be provided for all. Ten volunteers are needed. The Cleveland Food Bank is located at 15500 S. Waterloo Rd., 44110.

Contact Karen Nash ([kdnash@roadrunner.com](mailto:kdnash@roadrunner.com)) to snag your spot.



**Greater Cleveland  
Food Bank**

## Kissin' Cousins - and more

*Esther Israel, Conservative Yeshiva Talmud and Bible Faculty*

Marrying within the family can be logical - assuming you like the family. You know what you're getting, both genetically and value-wise, and you're not adding many new relatives (in whom you may not be interested).

This week's parashah, Hayyei Sarah, is named after the "recently" deceased Matriarch Sarah. You may have missed the announcement of her marriage to Avram three weeks ago, at the end of Parshat Noah. Gen. 11:29 reports the marriages of the brothers, Avram and Nahor, sons of Terah: the first to Sarai, and the latter to Milka. Milka, incidentally, is the daughter of their deceased brother, Haran. In other words, Nahor marries his niece. Funny thing, the Torah calls her "Milka, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milka and Yiscah". The Midrash equates Yiscah with Sarai, thereby having the brothers marry their two nieces, sisters. That would explain the funny repetition above - it's coming to point out something about Yiscah.

Further on, in Gen. 20:12 (Parashat Vayera), Avraham tells the Philistine king, Avimelekh, that his wife Sarah is actually his sister - by father, but not by mother. If she were indeed his brother's daughter, that might be what Avraham meant by referring to her, albeit very loosely, as his paternal sister!

In our parashah Avraham sends his servant to find a wife for his son, Yitzhak. The right wife, according to Avraham, must be from his family in the "old country," even if one has to travel weeks to find her. Indeed, the bride found is Rivka, the granddaughter of Avraham's brother, Nahor. Therefore, she is Yitzhak's first cousin once-removed.

A generation later Yitzhak sends his son, Ya'akov, to Lavan, the brother of his wife Rivka. Why? To find a wife, of course! And, outdoing the others, Ya'akov marries not one relative, but two - the two sisters, his first cousins Rachel and Leah.

When Ya'akov is sent to Haran to find a wife, Esau realizes he erred by marrying "foreign" Canaanite women. He tries to make amends by taking another wife, from the family this time: he marries his paternal Uncle Yishma'el's daughter Mahalat. However, he misunderstood: in this story, the boys from Avraham's line must be matched with girls from Nahor's line.

Avraham and the carriers of "Avraham's blessing" - granting the right to the eventual inheritance of the land and the blessing of offspring - are those who need to continue the family by "innermarrying". By that point in the story it is already clear that it is Ya'akov who bears "Avraham's blessing", and Esau probably need not "innermarry". Similar analysis tells us that marrying into Yishma'el's line will not advance the plot. The Children of Israel are the blend of Avraham and Nahor: we are full B'nei Terah.

Rashi quotes Midrash to explain Leah's "soft"/weak eyes: they were damaged by her crying over what she understood to be her fated marriage, to her elder cousin Esau (whereas younger Rachel would marry the younger Ya'akov). This Midrash considers the possibility that Esau, too, might have married into Nahor's line.

The Torah does not express concern with possible genetic complications (of which information was lacking) of repeated marriages within one extended family. Strangely, there is not even concern for those relations that will later in the Torah, not yet given, be defined as incest. It is not within the scope of this blurb to try and work that out. However, points to ponder...

MISHABERAH

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BEN-TZION PESACH BEN  
SHAINDEL CHAYAH  
FRUMA BAT JANETTE  
YISRAEL BEN MEIRA  
MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH  
CHAYA BAT VARDA  
ZELIG BEN DOROTHY  
DAVID BEN MICHAEL HAKOHEN  
DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH  
GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER  
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA  
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER  
DYLAN CHAIM BEN PESIA HINDA  
AVIGAYIL BAT HADAR MIRIAM  
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER  
ADINA BAT SARAH  
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM  
RONI BEN RACHEL  
TOVA ELKA BAT RAISEL MALKA  
RAISEL MALKA BAT FREDA  
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL  
MOSHE BEN ZELDA  
CHAIM FIEVAL BEN NECHAMA  
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA  
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH  
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA  
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA  
YONIT ABRA BAT HAYA  
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA  
YAKOV ELIAHU BEN GALIA  
DONNA ROSEN  
MASHA BAT HEINCHA  
ZEV TZVI BEN SARAH MALKA  
MEIR BEN SHLOIMO HA'LEVI  
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI  
DAVID BEN SHMUEL  
RACHEL BAT SARA  
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH  
MIMI DORF  
PEREL BAT YENTA  
YAKOV BEN SARA  
DANIEL BEN LEAH  
HARAV YITZHAK BEN Y'HUDIT  
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA  
TZIPPA ZEISEL BAT MIRIAM  
HENNACH BEN ETEL

SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI  
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN  
RUVENA SHIFRA  
BRACHA BAT SIMA  
KETURAH BAT SARAH  
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL  
REUVEN BEN HAYA  
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH  
YEHUDIT BAT SARAH  
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL  
GERSHON BEN RITA  
MINAH MINDEL BAT PESAH MALKA  
MASAHIRO UENO  
CHANNA EETA BAT FIVAL  
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH  
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH  
SIMCHA MELECH BEN SORA  
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH  
MALKA BAT BATYA  
AVRAHAM BEN CHAIM HA'LEVI  
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA  
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH  
MORDECHAI BEN MIRIAM  
AIYELA RACHEL BAT SHIFRA  
REUVEN BEN ADELIN  
LEAH BAT ETYE  
PHIL APRUZZI  
YAKOV BEN CHANA  
MICHAEL LUBLINE  
SHOSHANA BATYA BAT  
YEHUDIT DEVORAH  
MALKA BAT RAISA  
MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA  
DANYA MICHEL BAT CARI  
HANA RUCHEL BAT FAIGEL  
KIM BAILES  
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM  
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA  
MEIR BEN SARAH  
YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSSEL  
RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA  
BENJAMIN JOSEPH GREEN  
MIRIAM BAT RUCHEL  
MENACHEM NAFTOLI BEN LEAH PERL  
MARY ELIZABETH GREENE  
BARUCH YESHUA BEN BELLA  
REUVEN BEN SHAINDL  
YONKEL MOSHE BEN LEAH  
YOSEFA BAT CHANA SURA  
SUSAN HYMAN  
HAYA SORA BAT LEAH  
EFRAIM ZEV BEN ZELDA  
MOSHE ZEV BEN SHEVA

SHELMIE REUVEN BEN ZVEI  
MENORAH BAT SHULAMIT  
TIMOTHY BAT JEANNE  
LIBBY GOLDIE BAT SHAINA MALKA  
CHANA MINCHA BAT CHAYA  
NATAN BEN MIRIAM  
RENA BAT ZISL  
HANA BAT GITTEL  
MALKA BAT HAYA SARAH  
TOM BEN MILDRED  
LIBA ESTHER BAT BESSIE  
SHMUEL BEN SHOSHANA  
HATINOKIM HA-RACHIM  
    B'NAI GOLDA RIVKA  
JOANN BAT ZOLA  
YEHUDIT BAT LIBA  
EZRA BEN BENYAMIN  
DOBA YENTA BAT HANA  
MALKA BAT MIRIAM  
DANIEL GIOVANNI FEOLA  
HARAV YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINA  
CHIL BEN SARA

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.

### **Insider Tour of Jewish India**

**Sunday, December 4 • 9:15 - 10:00 am**

directly from expert and tour organizer Rahel Musleah

Rahel will give an overview of the trip and answer questions for adults interested in future tours. She is a 7th generation Indian Jew, born in Calcutta, who traces her roots to 17thC Baghdad. RSVP to Harriet Rosenberg Mann ([harrietrmann@gmail.com](mailto:harrietrmann@gmail.com)).



### **Jewish Calcutta Through Music & Memory**

**Sunday, December 4 • 11:15 am**

Through multi-media and song, Rahel Musleah shares her intimate knowledge of this ancient community's history, customs and melodies. Free for Sisterhood 2016-17 paid members; \$36 at the door. Brunch at 11:30 am and program at 12:30 pm. RSVP to Terry Amon (216-870-8588 or [t.amon@roadrunner.com](mailto:t.amon@roadrunner.com)).

### **Sisterhood Shabbat Saturday, December 3**

Please join us for a beautiful Shabbat service led by Sisterhood and welcome Elise Braverman Plotkin, our guest speaker. Contact Sue Nash for a part in the service (440-759-3042 or [susanbnash10@gmail.com](mailto:susanbnash10@gmail.com)).

# What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner  
Thursdays 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn (Commerce Park IV)  
Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom  
Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

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**Saturday, November 26** - no school  
9:00 am Service

**Sunday, November 27** - no school

**Tuesday, November 29**  
7:00 pm GCC Town Hall Meeting

**Wednesday, November 30**  
7:00 pm Pampered Chef Fundraiser for USY at Sue Nash's house

**Thursday, December 1** - Rosh Hodesh Kislev

**Friday, December 2**  
5:45 pm PJ Library® Shabbat Dinner  
7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir

**Saturday, December 3**  
9:00 am Service; Sisterhood Shabbat

**Sunday, December 4**  
9:15 am Insider Tour of Jewish India Meeting  
11:15 am Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Brunch  
1:30 pm Jewish Genealogy Annual Meeting @Park East

**Monday, December 5**  
6:00 pm Chesed @Greater Cleveland Food Bank

**Tuesday, December 6**  
7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

**Thursday, December 8**  
5:30 pm Chesed @Greater Cleveland Food Bank

**Friday, December 9** - Kadima Kinnus  
6:00 pm Service

**Saturday, December 10** - Kadima Kinnus  
9:00 am Service  
10:30 am Family Shabbat

**Sunday, December 11** - Kadima Kinnus  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Condolences to:

Henderson Grant, James Grant, Jr. and James Grant & families on the death of their mother and grandmother, Thelma Grant

The family of our member, Jeannette Bir

Rowena Sanders & family on the death of her son, Richard Kramer

Yahrzeits: November 26 - December 2, 2016

Ernest Abram	Regina Greenberger	Bernard Perla
Gussie Apisdorf	Lois Greene	Max Peterfreund
Joseph Apisdorf	Shirley Greenfield	Louis Press
Clara Asher	Emma Greenwald	Herbert Rebman
Rose Ashkenazi	Teddy (Nettie) Gross	Abe Robbins
Edith F. Bailey	Rita Gurland	Arnold Rosen
Minnie Banchek	Anna Handler	Jonathan Roth
Ann Bellin	Harry Harrison	David I. Rubin
David A. Berkowitz	Marvin T. Havre	Israel Rubin
Harvey A. Berkowitz	Fay Horowitz	Sarah Sampliner
Myron Berman	Milton Hyman	Minnie Sasonkin
Morris Bernstein	Florence Jackson	Morris Savransky
*Margaret Bohnen	Fanny Jacobs	Mella Schaffer
Selma Borover	Helen Jacobs	Rhoda Schagrin
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Hyman Cantor	Irving Kahn	Leo Schmitz
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Arthur Charles Cohen	Louis Kaminsky	Simon Shapiro
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David Duke	Naomi Levin	Albert P. Solomon
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Max Eisman	Helen Linden	Fany Swartz
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Esther Ginsberg	Hilda Kohn Margolis	Phyllis H. Tuffyas
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Anne Goldstock	Rose Neiman	Esther Wish
Sayde Goodman	Raymond Neuman	Samuel David Wolberg
Neomy Goodstein	Miriam Oster	Charles Wolf
Alfred Greenberg	Miriam Paine	Alice Hersch Zoldan

*\*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.*