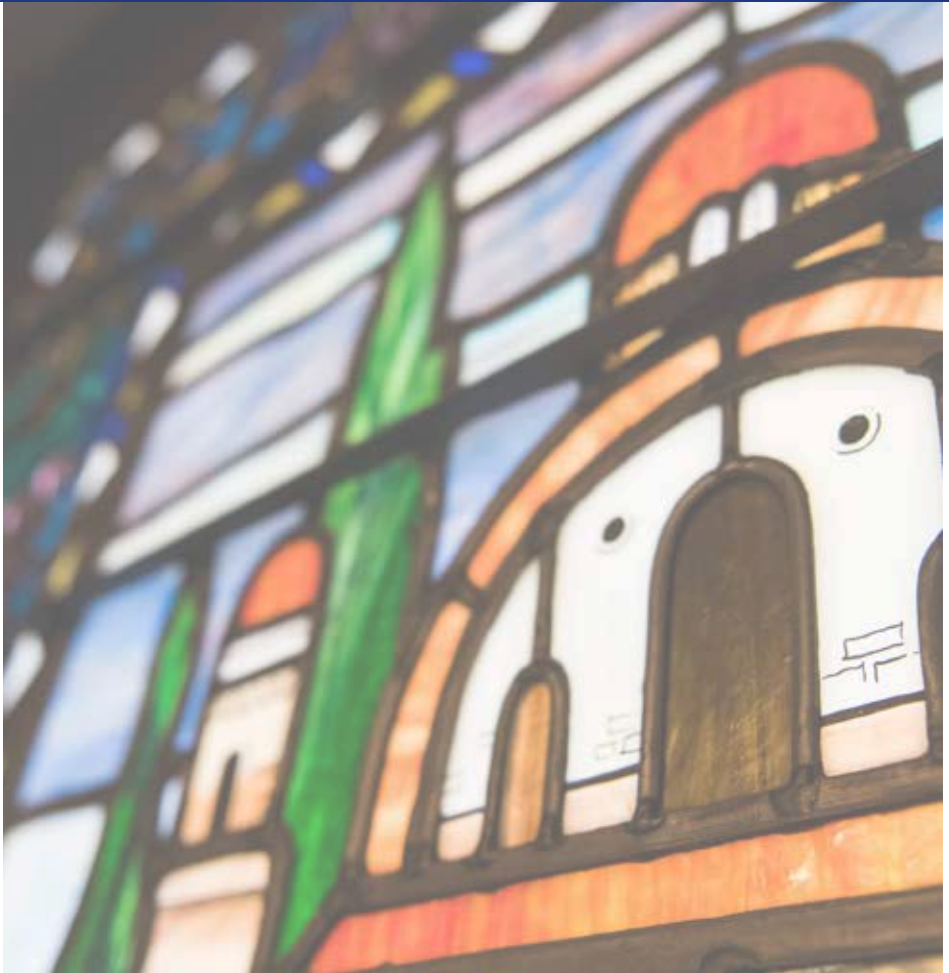


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון  
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



October 27–November 3, 2017 • 7-14 Heshvan, 5778

**WELCOME TO BJ!** We build our kehillah kedoshah—sacred community—with creativity and intention to present a compelling, energizing, and transformational vision of Judaism in the 21st century.

**PLEASE JOIN US:**

- **Prayer & Spirituality**
- **Limud / Learning**
- **Family Life & Learning**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
- **Israel Programming**

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## OUR COMMUNITY

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Elaine Nevins, and we extend our sincere condolences to her entire family.

### MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Daniel Ruskay-Kidd, his parents, Ilana and Scott Ruskay-Kidd, his sisters, Gabriella and Emma Ruskay-Kidd and his grandparents, John Ruskay and Robin Bernstein, on Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Eli Reuben Fraiman and Jonah Ephram Fraiman, their parents, Sarah Friedman and James Fraiman, their brother, Jacob Fraiman, and to the extended Fraiman/Friedman/Meyer family on Eli and Jonah becoming B'nai Mitzvah.
- Sara and Robert LaHayne on the naming of their daughter, Sadelle Rose LaHayne.
- Toby Baldinger on the arrival of her daughter, Danielle Rose Baldinger.
- BJ musician Amanda Monaco on the release of her CD, "Glitter."

### TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Tom Buchler in honor of his husband Zakai Ben-Chaim's birthday.

### B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Charlene Floyd and Baruch College students, New York, New York.
- Rabbi Ken Carr and Confirmation Class, Temple Chayai Shalom, Easton, Massachusetts.
- **Welcome to all who are visiting us for the first time!** If we haven't approached you already, come say hi to one of the rabbis, a staff member, or an usher, and we'll introduce you to the people who make BJ the warm, transformative, open place that it is.



#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

##### ● Tzedek Minyanim: Registration Open!

We are offering over 20 different Tzedek Minyanim—small groups focusing on advocacy, service, or study—exploring the themes of Faith & Public Life. Each group will be led by a BJ member. Visit [www.bj.org/faith](http://www.bj.org/faith) to see the exciting minyanim your fellow community members have created, and to register.

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**SAVE THE DATES!** Visit [www.bj.org/retreats](http://www.bj.org/retreats) for more information:

**"ISRAEL CELEBRATES 70" COMMUNITY TRIP TO ISRAEL, Dec. 25, 2017-Jan. 3, 2018**

**TEEN DOMESTIC TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11-15, 2018**

**MINDFULNESS RETREAT IN COSTA RICA, Jan. 14-21, 2018**

We try to make the BJ environment comfortable and healthy for as many people as possible. Out of consideration for those with allergies or severe sensitivities, we request that you refrain from wearing perfumes and overly-scented products. Thank you in advance!

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Reach for Shabbat Retreat (through 10/29)

- **Bo-i Kallah** 6:30 PM – BJ Chapel  
Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, Deborah Sacks Mintz, and Music Director Dan Nadel for an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat. With soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems, and Psalms, we will transition gently and with full kavannah, leaving workweek anxieties behind, welcoming Shabbat.

- ● **Shishi Israeli** 6:00 PM – Frankel Hall
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- Bar Mitzvah** **Elijah Fraiman**
- Bar Mitzvah** **Daniel Ruskay-Kidd**
- Naming** **Sadelle Rose LaHayne**
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Reception & Middle Rooms
- ● **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – Frankel Hall
- **Minḥa Service** 5:30 PM – BJ Chapel
- Bar Mitzvah** **Jonah Fraiman**

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **How The Light Gets In: A Tribute Concert to Leonard Cohen** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary  
Join BJ Music Director Dan Nadel, Hazzan George Mordecai, Shira Averbuch and others for a tribute celebrating Leonard Cohen's life and music. Rabbi Aubrey Glazer will speak about the Jewish influences found in Cohen's body of work. Register at [www.bj.org/leonardcohen](http://www.bj.org/leonardcohen).

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **The Book of Genesis with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:30 AM – BJ Middle Room
- **"Soul Food" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol** 12:30 PM – BJ Middle Room  
Bring a bag lunch and open up your soul to the nourishment and challenge of Hassidic rabbis. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we imagine old world wisdom for everyday life. Register at [www.bj.org/soulfood](http://www.bj.org/soulfood). Weekly through 12/12 (no class 11/21).

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- ● **Teen Learning** 6:00 PM – BJ Community House
- **BJ and JCC Manhattan Host Renowned Israeli Author Eshkol Nevo** 6:30 PM – JCC Manhattan  
Join us to hear Nevo speak about his latest novel, *Three Floors Up*. Reception for Israeli Book Club members followed by lecture, Q&A, and book signing. Visit [www.bj.org/nevo](http://www.bj.org/nevo) for more details and to register.
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

● **Caregivers Support Group** 4:15 PM – BJ Community House  
4th Floor Conference Room

A monthly support group for BJ members to draw strength, insight, and information from each other and our tradition. Choose either the morning or afternoon sessions. Registration required. More info at [www.bj.org/caregivergroups](http://www.bj.org/caregivergroups). Meets first Thursday afternoons (12/7, 1/1, 2/1) or second Thursday mornings at 9:00AM (11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8).

● **Fresh Perspectives on the Boycott, Divest, Sanctions (BDS) Movement** 7:00 PM – BJ Reception Room

Join political analyst and human rights pioneer Bassem Eid, and Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Executive Director of T'ruah, as they share their opposing and nuanced approaches to BDS and engage in conversation. Registration required. More information at [www.bj.org/bdsperspective](http://www.bj.org/bdsperspective).

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

● ● **Bim Bam & Bim Bam Hebrew Immersion** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – BJ Chapel

## WHAT'S NEXT

● ● **IAC KesheTOT@BJ**

**Tuesdays through December 12**, 4:00-5:00PM, BJ Community House: An innovative program for families with infants and toddlers from birth until 3.5 years. Contact Itay Asaf at [itay@israeliamerican.org](mailto:itay@israeliamerican.org).

● **Tot Shabbat**

**Friday, November 3**, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Chapel and Frankel Hall: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner complete with Shabbat blessings and songs in Frankel Hall. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/totshabbat](http://www.bj.org/totshabbat).

● **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah— Preparing for Prayer**

**Every other Saturday (November 4, 18; December 2, 16)**, 8:45-9:25AM, BJ Chapel: Please join Rabbi Roly Matalon to prepare the soul and open the heart for Shabbat morning prayers through the singing of piyutim and reflections on kavannah.

● **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah**

**Saturday, November 4**, 5:30PM, BJ Chapel: Join us for our monthly gathering as we spend the final moments of Shabbat together, singing beautiful niggunim and zemirot as havdalah approaches. Please bring a vegetarian snack and/or drink to share.

● **Mission-Driven Communities in Israel: A New Approach to Social Change**

**Sunday, November 5**, 7:00-8:30PM, location given upon registration: Join Tamar Gil, Director of Partnerships at Eretz-Ir, for a presentation on Mission-Driven Communities in Israel—groups of social activists who settle in underprivileged cities, and work within surrounding communities to make their cities better. More information at [www.bj.org/missiondriven](http://www.bj.org/missiondriven).

● **Tefillat haDerekh with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**

**Tuesdays, November 7, December 5, February 13, March 6**, 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Middle Room: Life is a journey. Our souls yearn to go home, but where is home? Join us for an exploration of Tefillat haDerekh (the Traveler's Prayer). Together, we will dwell in the stations our souls have stopped in. Register at [www.bj.org/tefilathaderekh](http://www.bj.org/tefilathaderekh).

● ● **Parenting Series: #1 Teen Brains and Development**

**Wednesday, November 8**, 6:00-7:15PM, BJ Community House: Join us as Betsy Stone dives into the teenage brain. What is happening in the brain of your teenager? Why these mood changes and sudden tears/anger/joy? Please register at [www.bj.org/teenbrains](http://www.bj.org/teenbrains).

● **Shifting Ground: Immigration, Refugees, DACA**

**Thursday, November 9**, 7:00-8:30PM, Congregation Ansche Chesed, West 100th Street & West End Avenue: Join BJ's Refugee Committee and The Synagogue Coalition on the Refugee and Immigration Crisis for an evening to help us understand how current policy impacts refugees and immigrants. Hear from a DACA recipient about organizations working on these issues. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org/daca](http://www.bj.org/daca).

● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat**

**Friday, November 10**, 6:30PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Rabbi Shuli Passow, Hazzan Ari Priven, and Cantor David Mintz, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Visit [www.bj.org/kabbalatshabbat](http://www.bj.org/kabbalatshabbat) for more information.

● **Turkey Tov with Garinim**

**Saturday, November 11**, 5:00-7:00PM, BJ Community House: Children grades K-2 are invited for an awesome night of celebrating all that they're thankful for this year with Garinim at BJ. We will bring in this Thanksgiving with games, crafts, and autumnal snacks. Registration details at [www.bj.org/turkeytov](http://www.bj.org/turkeytov).

● **Everybody Loves Hummus**

**Saturday, November 11**, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Community House: Meet other young couples and parents at this presentation by leading Israeli culinary journalist and television personality, Gil Hovav, for an entertaining presentation on Israel's most popular dish: hummus. The evening will conclude with a catered dinner from Hummus Place. Babysitting for ages 2-5 and programming for grades K-2. Register now at [www.bj.org/hummus](http://www.bj.org/hummus).

● **Collaborating With Elie Wiesel: Slide Talk by Artist Mark Podwal**

**Sunday, November 12**, 11:00AM, BJ Reception Room: Join Connections to hear artist Mark Podwal talk about his career in connecting his artistic talent to his interest in Jewish legend and tradition. Fee: \$10/\$13 (members/non-members). Brunch included; registration required: [www.bj.org/podwal](http://www.bj.org/podwal).

● **Shorashim Todah-Day Parade**

**Sunday, November 12**, 2:00-3:00PM, BJ Community House: Children in grades 3-5, come on down to the BJ Community House and build your very own float with Shorashim. Celebrate all that you're thankful for this year with games, snacks, and awesome building challenges. Registration details at [www.bj.org/todahparade](http://www.bj.org/todahparade).

● **Bikkur Holim 101**

**Tuesday, November 14**, 6:30-8:00PM, BJ Community House: Join us for a learning and skill-building workshop about supporting those who are elderly, ill, or recovering from illness. Facilitated by Rabbi Michael Boino, BJ Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Support. For new and returning volunteers. BJ members only. Register at [www.bj.org/bh101](http://www.bj.org/bh101).

● **B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 14**, 7:00PM, BJ Chapel: Parents of children in 4th grade, or whose birth dates fall between September 2007 and December 2008, are invited to an informational meeting detailing the B'nai Mitzvah planning process, including date applications. Visit [www.bj.org/bnai](http://www.bj.org/bnai) for more info.

● **Refugee and Immigration Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, November 16**, 6:30-9:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Through a partnership with HIAS and other organizations, we are educating our community about the refugee crisis and developing opportunities to get involved in this important work. Join us at our next meeting. More info at [www.bj.org/immigration](http://www.bj.org/immigration).

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### ● A Fall Hike With Yozma

**Sunday, November 19, 9:30AM**, Palisades (meet at BJ): Join Yozma (BJ members and friends in their 40s & 50s) for a moderate five-mile hike. More details and registration at [www.bj.org/yozmahike](http://www.bj.org/yozmahike).

### ● Thousand Turkey Challenge

**Sunday, November 19, 12:15-1:30PM**, SPSA, 263 West 86th Street: This challenge is an effort to provide low-income families at WSCAH with Thanksgiving food. Activities include a turkey drawing contest for kids and tours of the emergency food pantry. More information at [www.bj.org/turkeychallenge](http://www.bj.org/turkeychallenge).

### ● Interfaith Peace Feast

**Sunday, November 19, 6:00-8:00PM**, SPSA Social Hall, 263 West 86th Street: Join our Muslim and Christian friends for a vegetarian potluck dinner with live music, icebreakers, and teachings about peace. More information at [www.bj.org/interfaithfeast](http://www.bj.org/interfaithfeast).

### ● "In the Mirror" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon

**Thursdays, November 30; December 7, 14, 21; January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 12:30-1:30PM**, location provided upon registration: Reading stories about the lives of the Talmudic rabbis, we uncover layers of ourselves and become better equipped to wrestle with our human nature. Bring your lunch; BJ members only. Please email [btarson@bj.org](mailto:btarson@bj.org) to be added to the wait list.

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## TORAH PORTION

### LEKH LEKHA

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Genesis 12:1 - 17:27
<b>Triennial</b>	Genesis 14:1 - 15:21
1:	14:1 - 14:9
2:	14:10 - 14:16
3:	14:17 - 14:20
4:	14:21 - 14:24
5:	15:1 - 15:6
6:	15:7 - 15:16
7:	15:17 - 15:21
Maftir:	15:17 - 15:21
<b>Haftarah</b>	Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

### NEXT WEEK: VAYERA

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Genesis 18:1 - 22:24
<b>Triennial</b>	Genesis 19:1 - 20:18
<b>Haftarah</b>	II Kings 4:1 - 4:23

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