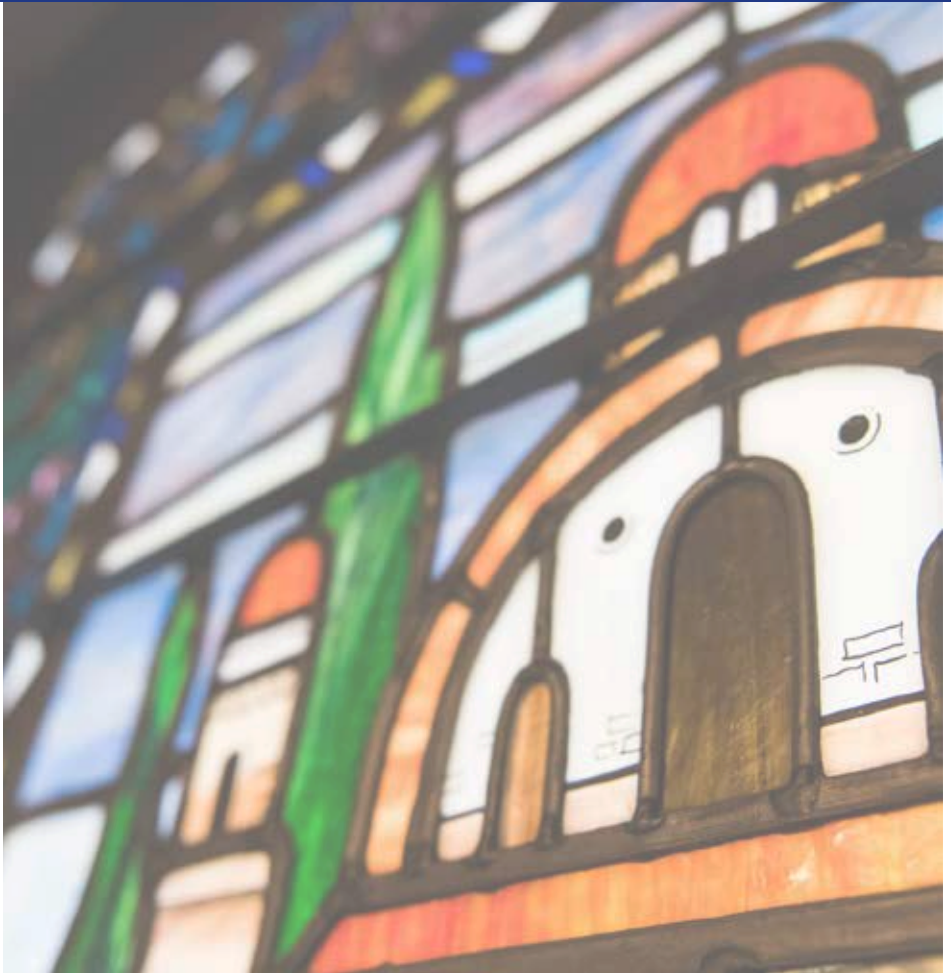


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון  
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



November 3-10, 2017 • 14-21 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 YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Norman Kaufman, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Lenore Kaufman, their children, grandchildren, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Lisa Goldfarb and George Burns, their children, Alexander and Rachel Burns, and their entire family on the death of Lisa's mother, Pearl Goldfarb.

### MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Nathan Jeremy Smith, his parents, Loren Smith and Edward Amsler, and his brother, Oliver Smith, on Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- **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.

**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!

## ANI YESHENA

Ani yeshena velibi er kol dodi dofek pithi li | אָנִי יֵשְנָה וְלִבִּי עֵר קוֹל | דּוֹדֵי דוֹפֵק פִּתְחֵי־לִי  
Ahoti, ra'yati, yonati, tamati | אַחֲתִי רַעֲיָתִי יוֹנָתִי תַמָּתִי  
Sheroshi nimla-tal kevutzotai resisei laita. | שְׂרָאשִׁי נִמְלֵא־טַל קְנֻצוֹתַי רְסִיסֵי לַיְלָה.

I sleep, but my heart is awake; My beloved knocks: "Open to me!"  
My sister, my love, my dove, my pure one;  
For my head is filled with dew; My locks with the drops of the night.

— Song of Songs 5:2

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- **The 11th Annual Other Israel Film Festival** JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue  
**Through Thursday, November 9.** BJ is proud to partner with JCC Manhattan in presenting some of the most thought provoking Israeli documentaries. BJ members will enjoy discounted tickets for all films. Visit [www.bj.org/otherfilm](http://www.bj.org/otherfilm) for more information.

- **Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – BJ Chapel & 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).

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah — Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – 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. Every other Saturday (upcoming sessions: 11/18; 12/2, 16).

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary

- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Reception & Middle Rooms

- **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel

- **Community Kiddush** Following Services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor

- **Minḥa Service** 5:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary

**Bar Mitzvah**

**Nathan Smith**

- **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah** 5:30 PM – 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.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel

- **Mission-Driven Communities in Israel: A New Approach to Social Change** 7:00 PM – 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 these cities better. More information at [www.bj.org/missiondriven](http://www.bj.org/missiondriven).

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – BJ Middle Room

Help BJ support the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign so that laborers who produce the food on which we depend can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at [lisagzucker@gmail.com](mailto:lisagzucker@gmail.com).

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- **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).

- **Tefillat haDerekh with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein** 7:00 PM – 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). Upcoming sessions: 12/5, 2/13, 3/6.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Teen Learning** 6:00 PM – BJ Community House
- **Parenting Series: #1 Teen Brains and Development** 6:00 PM – 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).
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Caregivers Support Group** 9:00 AM – 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 (12/14, 1/11, 2/8).
- **Shifting Ground: Immigration, Refugees, DACA** 7:00 PM – Congregation Ansche Chesed, W. 100th St. & West End Ave.  
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).

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- **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

- **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.
- **Shabbat Across Ramah Minyan**  
**Friday, November 10, 7:00PM**, BJ Chapel: The Ramah Minyan and BJ's Tze'irim are hosting a minyan, followed by dinner at B'nai Jeshurun. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/shabbatramah](http://www.bj.org/shabbatramah).
- **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).

## WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 2*

### ● **Everybody Loves Hummus**

**Saturday, November 11**, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Community House: All members are invited to meet 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 offered so that young parents can attend. 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).

### ● **Tze'irim Shelter Cooking**

**Sunday, November 12**, 12:00 noon, BJ Kitchen: Join us as we cook a meal for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Please plan on contributing \$8-10 to help cover the groceries that will feed folks in our shelter. Visit [www.bj.org/shelter](http://www.bj.org/shelter) for more information and registration.

### ● **Israel Trip Orientation**

**Sunday, November 12**, 15:00-6:30PM, BJ Community House: Members registered for the "Israel Celebrates 70" Community Trip to Israel are invited to attend this information session, in which we will review the trip's itinerary and answer all questions. Pizza will be served. More information at [www.bj.org/israelinfo](http://www.bj.org/israelinfo).

### ● **Conversational Hebrew Group**

**Sunday, November 12**, 5:30-7:00PM, location given upon registration: Get together with other Hebrew speakers to discuss current affairs. Each month, a topic will be chosen and reading material in both English and Hebrew will be provided. R.S.V.P. to Nili at [ngitig@gmail.com](mailto:ngitig@gmail.com).

### ● **Shorashim Todah-Day Parade**

**Sunday, November 12**, 2:00-3:30PM, 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).

### ● **Bo-i Kallah**

**Friday, November 17**, 6:30PM, BJ Reception Room: 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.

## WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

### ● **Interfaith Thanksgiving Packathon and Thousand Turkey Challenge Kickoff** **Supporting WSCAH**

**Saturday, November 18**, 12:00 noon-2:00PM, and **Sunday, November 19**, 12:15-1:30PM, SPSA, 263 West 86th Street: Join our partners, SPSA and the Muslim Community Network, on Saturday to sort packaged Thanksgiving sides and fill them assembly-line style into bags that will be distributed by WSCAH to the families they serve across NYC during the Thousand Turkey Challenge. More information at [www.bj.org/packathon](http://www.bj.org/packathon). Then join us the following day to kick off the challenge, which is an effort to provide low-income families at WSCAH with Thanksgiving and holiday food. More information at [www.bj.org/turkeychallenge](http://www.bj.org/turkeychallenge).

### ● **A Fall Hike With Yozma**

**Sunday, November 19**, 9:00AM, Palisades (meet at BJ): Join Yozma (BJ members and friends in their 40s & 50s) for a moderate five-mile hike. We'll meet outside the BJ Sanctuary to travel to the starting point together. More details and registration at [www.bj.org/yozmahike](http://www.bj.org/yozmahike).

### ● **Family & Friends Game Day**

**Sunday, November 19**, 3:00-5:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Spend the afternoon with your family & friends, and help support the BJ Teen Program! Come by for games and fun activities. Entrance is \$5/person. Visit [www.bj.org/gameday](http://www.bj.org/gameday) for more information and registration.

### ● **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 and scriptural readings about peace. Event is free of charge, but pre-registration is required; preference is given to BJ members. More information at [www.bj.org/interfaithfeast](http://www.bj.org/interfaithfeast).

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● **Being a Grandparent in a Jewish Family: A Three-Part Series**

**Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, January 10**, 7:00PM-9:15PM, Frankel Hall: The love between grandparents and grandchildren can extend its influence for generations to come. If you are a grandparent in a single-faith Jewish family or multifaith/multi-heritage Jewish family, join us to explore the many layers of this formative relationship through lectures, personal narrative, and workshops. Register at [www.bj.org/grandparents](http://www.bj.org/grandparents).

### ● **"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.



### ● **Faith & Public Life Lecture Series: What Can New York Jewish History Teach Us About Faith in Public Life?**

**Thursday, November 30**, 7:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Register now for the second in our Faith & Public Life Lecture Series, with Dr. Deborah Dash Moore. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/faithlecture](http://www.bj.org/faithlecture).

*See separate flier for this week's Torah portion and "Taste of Torah."*

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