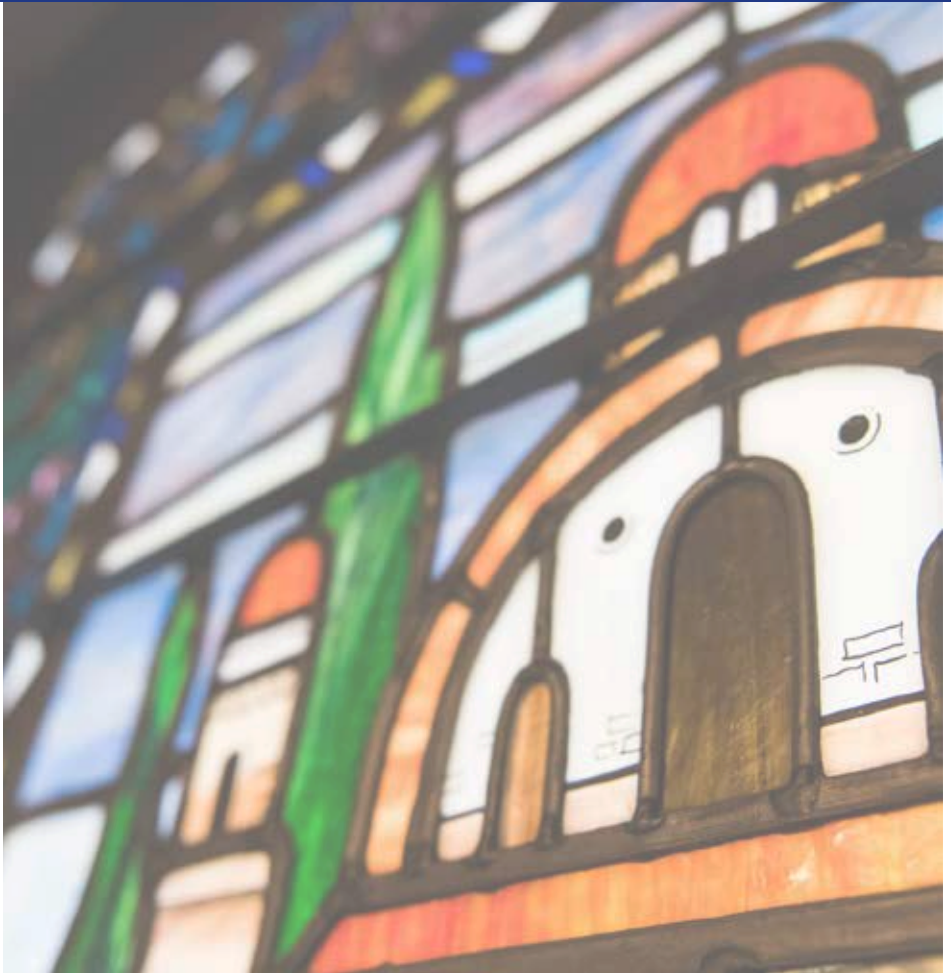


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון  
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



November 17-24, 2017 • 28 Heshvan-6 Kislev, 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.

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- **Limud / Learning**
- **Family Life & Learning**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
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## OUR COMMUNITY

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Karen Klestzick, and we extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Neal Shulman, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Linda Elovitz Marshall and Bob Marshall, and their entire family, on the death of Linda's father, Gerald Elovitz ("Jerry Ellis").

### MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Eli Thomas Diker, his parents, Deborah Colson and Mark Diker, and his sister, Hannah Diker, on Eli becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Dylan Stone, his parents, Lisa Kiell and James Stone, and his brother, Jake Stone, on Dylan 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.

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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, NOVEMBER 17

- **Bo-i Kallah** 6:30 PM – 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.

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

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- **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: 12/2, 16).

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

**Bar Mitzvah** **Eli Thomas Diker**

- **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

- **Interfaith Thanksgiving Packathon to Benefit West Side Campaign Against Hunger** 12:00 noon – SPSA, 263 W. 86th St.

Join our partners, SPSA and the Muslim Community Network, to sort packaged Thanksgiving sides and fill them assembly-line style into bags that will be distributed by WSCAH to the families they serve from across NYC. More information at [www.bj.org/packathon](http://www.bj.org/packathon).

- **Minḥa Service** 4:15 PM – BJ Sanctuary

**Bar Mitzvah** **Dylan Stone**

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | ROSH HODESH KISLEV

- **A Fall Hike With Yozma** 9:00 AM – 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).

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

- **Thousand Turkey Challenge** 12:15 PM – SPSA, 263 W. 86th St.

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).

- **Family & Friends Game Day** 3:00 PM – 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** 6:00 PM – SPSA Social Hall, 263 W. 86th St.

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).

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Faith & Public Life: Study Sessions With BJ Rabbinic Fellows** 8:30 AM – BJ Chapel  
Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows, Sarah Krinsky and Tobias Divick Moss, one Tuesday per month after morning minyan. Dive deeper into the questions we are exploring through our Faith & Public program, such as “Should We Pray for the Government or About It?” More details at [www.bj.org/fplstudy](http://www.bj.org/fplstudy). Upcoming sessions: 12/19; 1/23; 2/20; 3/20; 4/17; 5/8.
- **The Book of Genesis with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:30 AM – BJ Middle Room
- **Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:30 PM – BJ Reception Room  
Join us as we take an honest look at real-life examples of the ethical questions we face and the choices we make every day, using Jewish and other sources to awaken, guide, and motivate us. Register now at [www.bj.org/ethics](http://www.bj.org/ethics). Upcoming classes: 11/28; 12/12.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | Thanksgiving Day

*BJ Office closed • Kadima@BJ Hebrew School closed*

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

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

*BJ Office closed*

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

## WHAT'S NEXT

- **Shishi Israeli Dinner for Adults**  
**Friday, November 24**, 8:00-10:00PM, BJ Community House: Shishi Israeli is where Israeli and Jewish Americans create a shared experience around the Shabbat dinner table. Get to know like-minded adults ages 35 and older, while enjoying the finest of Israeli cuisine. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/shishi](http://www.bj.org/shishi).
- **“Soul Food” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol**  
**Tuesdays through December 12 (no class on November 21)**, 12:30-1:45PM, 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).
- **Assistant Rabbi Search: Listening Sessions**  
**November 28 and 29, and December 10**, various times, BJ Community House: BJ members are invited to attend one of three listening sessions with the rabbis and Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, in order to broaden and deepen the community's input into the Assistant Rabbi search. More details and registration at: [www.bj.org/listeningsessions](http://www.bj.org/listeningsessions).

## WHAT'S NEXT

### ● **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 Rabbi Adina Lewittes 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.



### ● **Lecture 2 with Dr. Deborah Dash Moore: 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).

### ● ● **Tot Shabbat**

**Friday, December 1**, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Chapel and Frankel Hall: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service with singing and dancing, followed by dinner at 5:45PM downstairs in Frankel Hall. While adults are finishing their meal, children engage in play and exploration. Register now at [www.bj.org/totshabbat](http://www.bj.org/totshabbat).

### ● ● **Community Potluck with Director of HIAS Israel**

**Friday, December 1**, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Join us in celebrating Shabbat at this special community potluck, featuring an intimate conversation with HIAS Israel Director Sivan Carme about HIAS' work with asylum seekers. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/potluck](http://www.bj.org/potluck).

### ● **Day Trip: National Museum of American Jewish History**

**Sunday, December 3**, 8:00AM-6:00PM, Philadelphia: Join us for a trip to Philadelphia's National Museum of American Jewish History. Our group will have a docent-led tour of the museum, with an opportunity to further explore in the afternoon. Registration at [www.bj.org/philadelphia](http://www.bj.org/philadelphia).

### ● **Men's Havurah: What Have We Learned From Our Life Transitions?**

**Monday, December 4**, 7:00PM, BJ Community House: A discussion group led by Rabbi Bronstein, where we will consider the lessons we learn from the transitions in our lives. Come together with other men to explore how to move forward in our lives with greater clarity and satisfaction. Register at [www.bj.org/whathavewelearned](http://www.bj.org/whathavewelearned).

### ● **Tefillat haDerekh with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**

**Tuesdays, 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).

### ● **Palliative Care: The Spiritual, the Pastoral, and the Practical**

**Wednesday, December 6**, 6:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Learn about how we care for those experiencing the discomfort, symptoms, and stress of serious illness. Featuring Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, Rabbinic Director of the Jewish Board, and Toby Weiss, Director of Cultural Sensitivity and Jewish Programming, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org/palliativecare](http://www.bj.org/palliativecare).

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

### ● Caregivers Support Groups

**Thursdays (December 7, January 4, February 1)**, 4:15PM, 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. More info at [www.bj.org/caregivergroups](http://www.bj.org/caregivergroups).

## WHAT'S LATER

### ● ● Beyond Presents: Making Meaning from Hanukkah for Your Kids and Yourself

**Saturday, December 9**, following Shabbat morning, services, BJ Community House: Join Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal as we explore ways to make Hanukkah a meaningful experience for your family. Registration and more information at [www.bj.org/beyondpresents](http://www.bj.org/beyondpresents).

### ● Havdalah and Israel Salon with Combatants for Peace

**Saturday, December 9**, 6:00-8:00PM, location given with registration: Combatants for Peace is an NGO working towards a mutually agreed-upon solution that will allow both Israelis and Palestinians to live in freedom. More details at [www.bj.org/israelsalon](http://www.bj.org/israelsalon).

### ● Foundations of Community Building: The One-to-One Meeting

**Sunday, December 10**, 10:30AM-1:00PM, Frankel Hall: This interactive workshop will explore how and why to tell our own stories and listen to the stories of others. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/foundations](http://www.bj.org/foundations).

### ● ● Parenting Series: #2 Raising a Teenager, the Scariest Job You Have

**Wednesday, December 13**, 6:00-7:15PM, BJ Community House: Join us as Betsy Stone continues our parenting series focused on teens. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/raisingteens](http://www.bj.org/raisingteens).

### ● Bim Bam and Bim Bam Hebrew Immersion

**Fridays, January 5- May 11**, 9:15-10:00AM, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00 noon, BJ Chapel: Bim Bam gives children under 3 a fun space to explore Shabbat through interactive songs and stories while learning traditions such as lighting candles, saying Kiddush, and giving tzedakah. More information at [www.bj.org/bimbam](http://www.bj.org/bimbam).

## TORAH PORTION

### TOLEDOT

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Genesis 25:19 - 28:9
<b>Triennial</b>	Genesis 26:23 - 27:27
1:	26:23 - 26:29
2:	26:30 - 26:33
3:	26:34 - 27:4
4:	27:5 - 27:13
5:	27:14 - 27:17
6:	27:18 - 27:23
7:	27:24 - 27:27
Maftir:	27:24 - 27:27
<b>Haftarah</b>	I Samuel 20:18 - 20:42

### NEXT WEEK: VAYETZE

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Genesis 28:10 - 32:3
<b>Triennial</b>	Genesis 30:14 - 31:16
<b>Haftarah</b>	Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

Coffee not delivering its usual zing? **Come to morning minyan** and get a spiritual jolt to start your day. Develop a daily Jewish practice, meet new people in an intimate setting, and help us make a minyan so our members can say kaddish for their loved ones. **Visit [www.bj.org/minyan](http://www.bj.org/minyan).**

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