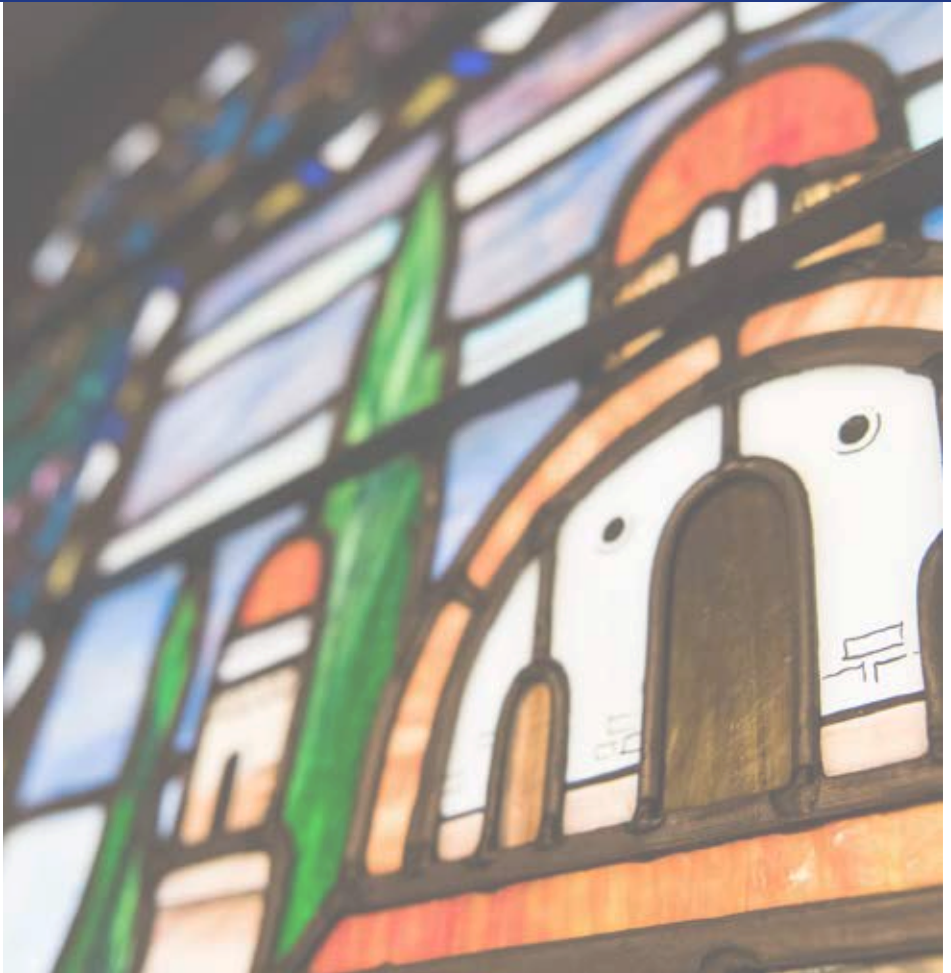


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



November 24-December 1, 2017 • 6-13 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.

PLEASE JOIN US:

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

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OUR COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Ruth Jarmul and Irvin Rosenthal on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Rosenthal, to Yair Rosenberg, and to their children Rebecca Rosenthal and Adam Arenson, Sarah Rosenthal and her fiancé Mark Broomfield, and their grandchildren, Simon, Leo, and Madeline Arenson.

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 to see the exciting minyanim your fellow community members have created, and to register.

SAVE THE DATES! Visit 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

TORAH PORTION

VAYETZE

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| Torah: Annual | Genesis 28:10 - 32:3 |
| Triennial | Genesis 30:14 - 31:16 |
| 1: | 30:14 - 30:16 |
| 2: | 30:17 - 30:21 |
| 3: | 30:22 - 30:27 |
| 4: | 30:28 - 30:36 |
| 5: | 30:37 - 30:43 |
| 6: | 31:1 - 31:9 |
| 7: | 31:10 - 31:16 |
| Maftir: | 31:14 - 31:16 |
| Haftarah | Hosea 12:13 - 14:10 |

NEXT WEEK: VAYISHLAH

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| Torah: Annual | Genesis 32:4 - 36:43 |
| Triennial | Genesis 34:1 - 35:15 |
| Haftarah | Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21 |

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.

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 24

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Shishi Israeli Dinner for Adults** 8:00 PM – 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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Middle Room
- **Community Kiddush** Following Services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **Assistant Rabbi Search: Listening Sessions** 6:30 PM – 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. Upcoming sessions: 11/29, 12/10. Details and registration at www.bj.org/listeningsessions.
- **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. Weekly through 12/12.
- **Hate Has No Home Here Campaign Meeting** 6:45 PM – BJ Chapel
- **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. Upcoming session: 12/12.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Assistant Rabbi Search: Listening Sessions** 8:30 AM – BJ Community House
See 11/28 for description.
- **Teen Learning** 6:00 PM – BJ Community House
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408
- **Being a Grandparent in a Jewish Family: A Three-Part Series** 7:00 PM – 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. Upcoming sessions: 12/6, 1/10.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

- **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – location given with 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. Please email btarson@bj.org to be added to the wait list. Upcoming sessions: 12/7, 14, 21; 1/11, 18, 25; 2/1, 8, 15, 22; 3/1, 8, 15.
- **Lecture 2 with Dr. Deborah Dash Moore: What Can New York Jewish History Teach Us About Faith in Public Life?** 7:00 PM – 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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- **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

- **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.
- **Hitoreri: Bring a Friend!**
Friday, December 1, 6:30PM, BJ Community House: BJ teens are invited to welcome in Shabbat with a mindfulness-style Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. This month, fulfill the mitzvah of hakhnasat orhim (welcoming guests) by bringing a teenage friend from outside of the BJ community. Register now at www.bj.org/hitoreri.
- **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 Carmel about HIAS' work with asylum seekers. More information and registration at www.bj.org/potluck.
- **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah**
Saturday, December 2, 4:30PM, BJ Chapel: Join us for our monthly gathering as we spend the final moments of Shabbat together, singing beautiful nigunim and zemirot as havdalah approaches. Please bring a vegetarian snack and/or drink to share.
- **Teen Day of Service: Midnight Run**
Saturday, December 2, 8:00PM-midnight, BJ Community House and other UWS locations: Calling all BJ teens! Spend a night providing food, clothing, blankets, and other necessities to those in need with NYC volunteer organization Midnight Run. Sign up now at www.bj.org/midnightrun.
- **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.
- **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.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

● **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.

● **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.

● **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. Registration required. More info at www.bj.org/caregivergroups.

● **Israel-U.S. Relations in the Trump Era**

Thursday, December 7, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Community House: Join leading Israeli journalist Chemi Shalev, U.S. editor and correspondent for *Haaretz*, as he presents an update on the relationship between the United States and Israel, and its impact on the future relationship between Israel and American Jewry. More information at www.bj.org/shalev.

● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat**

Friday, December 8, 6:30PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Rabbi Shuli Passow, Hazzan Ari Priven, and Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Visit www.bj.org/kabbalatshabbat for more information.

● **Ramah Minyan**

Friday, December 8, 7:00PM, BJ Chapel: BJ and Ramah are joining together again for Kabbalat Shabbat. Members and friends are welcome—meaning everyone is welcome to join us. Attendance is free. More information and registration at www.bj.org/ramah.

● **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.

● **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 in their homeland. Two combatants will join us at this salon. More details at 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, as well as the power that can come from building relationships across our community. More information and registration at www.bj.org/foundations.



● **Revolving Prisms: Tavche Gravche In Concert**

Sunday, December 10, 2:00-3:30PM, BJ Reception Room: Join us for an intimate afternoon concert with Neo-Balkan quartet Tavche Gravche, led by BJ Music Director Dan Nadel, with Rabbi Jessica Kate Meyer and Deborah Sacks Mintz. Limited tickets available at bj.org/tavchegravche.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

-  **Lights in the Darkness: A Winter Bereavement Program**
Monday, December 11, 6:30PM, BJ Chapel: Holidays can be difficult for those of us who are bereaved. This applies to Hanukkah as well as Christmas and the secular New Year. Draw support and comfort from one another and our shared tradition. Register at www.bj.org or contact Michael at x238.
-  **Hanukkah in #MyMikdash: Home-Based Candle-Lighting Parties**
Tuesday, December 12-Tuesday, December 19, times and location TBD: Celebrate Hanukkah with BJ members throughout the city! Sign up for a home-based candle lighting party near you, with options uptown and downtown, for young families, 20s and 30s, empty-nesters, and more! Register for a festive gathering at www.bj.org/hanukkahparties.
-  **Hag ve Hesed—Hanukkah Candle Lighting**
Tuesday, December 12-Tuesday, December 19, evenings, various locations: Bring the light of the Hanukkah candles to BJ members who are homebound, have a new baby, or have difficulty leaving their homes in the winter. To volunteer or to receive such a visit, contact Galit at galit.lb@gmail.com.
-  **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. How do we respond to our teens and their difficulties? What's the impact of Social Media in their lives? More information and registration at www.bj.org/raisingteens.

WHAT'S LATER

-  **Family Hanukkah Celebration**
Sunday, December 17, 3:45-4:30PM, BJ Community House: Celebrate the sixth night of Hanukkah with BJ. More information at www.bj.org/familyhanukkah.
-  **Save the Date: BJ Under One Roof Dedication & Hanukkah Celebration**
Sunday, December 17, 4:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Save the date for an afternoon of celebration, as we formally dedicate our new, expansive space, celebrate our mikdash, and mark this incredible moment in the life of our community with a **Hanukkat Habayit Dedication** and a **Festive Reception**. Details at www.bj.org/dec17.
- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**
Monday, December 18, 6:30-8:30PM, location given with registration: Help BJ support the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lisagzucker@gmail.com.
- **Israeli Book Club: All The Rivers by Dorit Rabinan**
Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-8:30PM, location given with registration: More information and registration at www.bj.org/bookclub.
-  **Miracles and Light: A Hanukkah Destressing Meditation Workshop**
Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-8:00PM, 38 Thompson Street, Room 475 (NYU Global Center for Academic & Spiritual Life): Led by Yael Shy, Founder and Director of MindfulNYU. More information and registration at www.bj.org/hanukkahmeditation.
- **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.

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