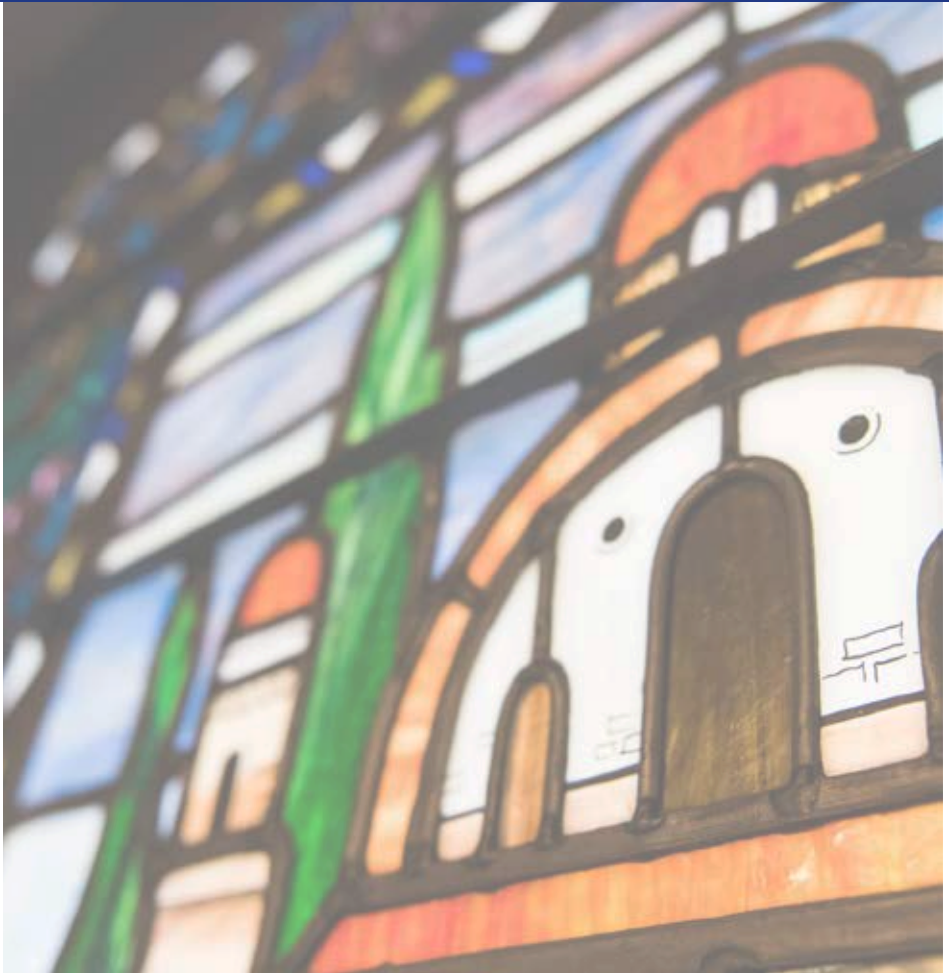


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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- **Limud / Learning**
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- **Purim Events & Services**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Joseph Greco, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Lois de la Haba, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Jacqui Brown and her daughter, Anastasia (Annie) Brown, on the death of Jacqui's mother, Doris Brown.
- Rabbis Marc Margolius and Ayelet Cohen and their children, Max Margolius, Sam Margolius, Galia Cohen-Margolius, Meital Cohen-Margolius and Ziv Cohen-Margolius, on the death of Marc's father, Edwin Margolius.
- Jonathan Memmert and Susan Miller and their daughter, Zoey Memmert-Miller, on the death of Jonathan's mother, Carola Memmert.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Chaya Stern, her mother, Samara Stern, and her grandmother, Alice Stern, on Chaya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Ellis Zuckerman, his parents, Heather and Andrew Zuckerman, and his sister, Daphne Zuckerman, on Ellis becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Ruth Jarmul and Irvin Rosenthal on the marriage 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.
- Barbara and Mel Berger on the birth of their first grandchild, Mason Ezra, son of Molly Berger and Adam Bachner.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Alice Stern in honor of Chaya Stern becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Judy Van Der Stelt, M.A.J.S., and annual Confirmation trip participants, Congregation Rodeph Sholom, Tampa, Florida.
- **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.

Hesed at BJ

Do you need help getting to a doctor's visit, or to BJ services? Would you like a regular visit or phone call from a Hesed volunteer? If you or someone you know would like support, please reach out at: hesed@bj.org

Everybody has a gift to share.

The BJ Celebrate Community Auction

April 25, 2018

With your help, BJ's biggest annual celebration will be better than ever this year! Whether you're a sports fanatic with season tickets, a globetrotter with spare airline miles, or a self-proclaimed foodie with connections to the hottest restaurants in town, everybody has a gift to share. Donate an item, experience, or service now at www.bj.org/auction.

We are happy to share BJ's services with those unable to attend in person through automated recording and livestreaming, available on our website and on our YouTube channel. The camera will be focused on the bimah and areas in front of the Ark. Your presence in those areas indicates your consent to your image appearing on the livestream. Tune in live—and to watch previously streamed services and programs—at www.bj.org/live.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- ● **Hitoreri: Teen Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner** 6:00 PM – BJ Community House
Join us for this monthly BJ Teen tradition! Jewish teens are invited to welcome in Shabbat with a mindfulness-style Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. Register now at www.bj.org/hitoreri.
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat** 6:30 PM – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
Join us for an intimate service featuring meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org or x255 with any questions.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- ● **Family Shabbat Dinner** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary & Frankel Hall
Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by a family Shabbat dinner. We will begin with services in the main sanctuary and will head to dinner after Lekha Dodi. Enjoy a delicious meal and connect with all BJ families while celebrating Shabbat together! Register now at www.bj.org/febshabbatdinner.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah **Chaya Stern**
- ● **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** 3:00 PM – BJ Chapel
Bar Mitzvah **Ellis Zuckerman**
- **Havdalah and a Movie** 6:00 PM – BJ Middle Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Pop-Up Play Space** 9:30-11:00 AM – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
Escape the cold at BJ's new Pop-Up Play Space! Kids ages 4 and under can jump, climb, and tumble as they enjoy free playtime on our new equipment. A staff person will be present to supervise and ensure safety. Parents must be in the room with their children at all times. For more information and registration, visit www.bj.org/playspace. Also on Saturdays, 2/17 and 24, 3:00-5:00PM.
- **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 10:00 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **A Yozma Revival: Planning Brunch** 12:00 noon – location given upon registration
Take part in reviving the group for BJ members and their friends in their 40s & 50s, at a planning brunch. Help us shape our 2018 calendar. R.S.V.P. to Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net.
- 🎭 **Purim Prep Olympics with Shorashim** 2:00 PM – BJ Community House
Students in grades 3-5 are invited to go for the gold and compete in Purim-themed activities and a gaga tournament. Members of Shorashim: email mgeisler@bj.org to register. Non-members of Shorashim: register now at www.bj.org/purimolympics.
- 🎭 **Pre-Purim Palooza with Garinim** 2:00 PM – BJ Community House
It's never too early to prepare for Purim! Students in grades K-2 are invited to get your costumes ready and your Haman-drowning voices up at this pre-Purim extravaganza. More details and registration at www.bj.org/purimpalooza.
- **Israeli Book Club Hosts Award-Winning Novelist Ruby Namdar** 5:00 PM – Location given with registration
Our next book will be *The Ruined House*, winner of the Sapir Prize (Israel's highest literary award), by Ruby Namdar. We will have the honor of hosting Ruby for a presentation, followed by a Q&A session.



Please see separate flier for a complete list of Purim events and services for children and adults.

● **Men's Havurah Gathering** 7:00 PM – BJ Middle Room

The Men's Havurah continues its exploration of Jewish perspectives on life transitions—this time over snacks and scotch. Join us for a special session with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and facilitators from What Matters as we explore how our values and commitments can inform our advance care planning. Register now at www.bj.org/menshavurah.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

● **Ritual Labs: Retirement** 7:00 PM – BJ Middle Room

Join Rabbi Michael Boino and Cantor David Mintz for four Ritual Labs around the life transition that is retirement. We will explore the wisdom of our tradition and develop a new ritual to mark this time. Email kkersey@bj.org to participate. Upcoming sessions: 2/26; 3/12.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

● **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** No class this week

● **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 4:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

● **IAC Keshetot@BJ** 4:00 PM – BJ Chapel

● **Group for Parents of "Failure to Launch" Young Adults** 6:30 PM – The Jewish Board, 135 West 50th Street

A group for parents of young adults, ages 21-31, who are struggling to assume the self-sufficiency and responsibilities of adulthood. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Email BJ member Miriam Herscher at mherscher@jbfcs.org to register.

● **Series Extended: Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House

Rabbi Adina Lewittes will guide 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 sessions: 2/20, 2/27.

● **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. Upcoming session: 3/6.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

● **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 4:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

● **Death Over Dinner—Jewish Edition for Zayin Adar** 6:00 PM – Frankel Hall

Honor the work of our Hevra Kadisha (volunteers who provide support for mourners) and explore Jewish and medical perspectives on death, dying, and mourning. More details and registration at www.bj.org/deathoverdinner. In memory of Helen Radin, z"l.

● **Shira Yoga Intensive with Rabbi Myriam Klotz** 6:15PM – BJ Sanctuary

Join Rabbi Myriam Klotz and BJ Music Director Dan Nadel for a Shira Yoga Intensive, integrating Jewish texts and global Jewish music; for yogis of all levels. \$50 members/\$60 non-members/\$18 per session at the door. Register at www.bj.org/shirayoga. Upcoming sessions: Wednesday, 2/21; Tuesday, 2/27.

● **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | ROSH HODESH ADAR

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

● **"In the Mirror" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – location given with registration

- **“Wiki-Torah” with Tobias Divack Moss** 6:30PM – BJ Middle Room

Join BJ Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss for this weekly Torah study. Way before Wikipedia, Judaism developed an ever-expanding network of texts. Using the weekly portion as our starting point, we will follow these links of tradition that connect text to text, and generation to generation. Find out more at www.bj.org/wikitorah.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | ROSH HODESH ADAR

- **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

● **Bo-i Kallah**

Friday, February 16, 6:30PM, BJ Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and Music Director Dan Nadel for an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat, with the help of soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems, and Psalms. More information at www.bj.org/boikallah.

● **Eat, Schmooze, and Sing: Community Shabbat Dinner with Ari**

Friday, February 16, following services, BJ Chapel: Get ready to elevate your Shabbat with friends, food, and soulful singing led by Hazzan Ari Priven. Join us for a three-course dinner with wine, and enjoy the company of your fellow community members in an intimate setting. Register at www.bj.org/schmoozeandsing.

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

Saturday, February 17, 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.

● **Faith & Public Life: Study Sessions With BJ Rabbinic Fellows**

Tuesdays, February 20, March 20, April 17, and May 8, 8:30AM, 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.

● **Shishi Israeli for Adults**

Friday, February 23, 8:00PM, BJ Community House: Shishi Israeli is where Israelis and Jewish Americans create a shared communal 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.

● **Tze'irim: Havdalah and “Chefugee” Event**

Saturday, February 24, 8:00PM, Frankel Hall: 20s and 30s are invited to join us for a very special evening with Lutfi, a chef and refugee from Syria, who will prepare a traditional Syrian dinner and share his personal story of being a refugee. Learn about what we as young professionals at BJ can do to help refugees today. More information and registration at www.bj.org/chefugee.

● **Israel: A Safe Haven For Whom?**

Saturday, February 24, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Community House: Learn more about the African asylum seeker crisis in Israel. Meet with Tamara Newman, Director of International Relations at Israel's Hotline for Refugees and Migrants, as she discusses her work fighting for rights of refugees, migrant workers, and victims of human trafficking in Israel. Details at www.bj.org/hotline.

● **Kol Nashim: Voices of Women Seudah Shlishit and Havdalah**

Saturday, February 24, 5:00PM, home of Rabbi Felicia Sol: Please join Rabbi Felicia Sol for a night of singing, study, a dairy/vegetarian potluck seudah shlishit, and havdalah. Should registration be exceeded, this will be moved to the BJ Community House. Please register at www.bj.org/kolnashim.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● Israeli Art and Culture Salon Series, Part 1:

Influences of Great Jewish Artists on Israeli Art and Culture Across Art Disciplines

Sunday, February 25, 5:00-7:00PM, location given upon registration: In this new salon series, BJ members will meet some of the most promising Israeli artists currently working in New York, represented by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation (AICF). These musicians, actors, and artists will perform in a home setting, shedding light on the contemporary Israeli arts and culture scene. For more information and registration, visit www.bj.org/salonseries.

● *In Days To Come* with Author Avraham Burg

Monday, February 26, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Community House: Avraham "Avrum" Burg is an Israeli author, politician and businessman. He was a member of the Knesset, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Speaker of the Knesset, and Interim President of Israel. In this presentation, Burg will be launching the English translation of his autobiography *In Days to Come*. More information and registration at www.bj.org/avrahamburg.

WHAT'S LATER

● ● Center for Prayer and Spirituality Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell

Friday, March 2-Sunday, March 4, BJ Sanctuary and Community House: Join us for a Shabbat full of learning, music, and meditation, followed by a retreat-style mindfulness intensive—led by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality's Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell. Rabbi Bendat-Appell will teach at a catered Shabbat dinner, offer the d'var Torah on Shabbat morning, join us for havdalah at Haleli Nafshi, and lead an immersive program on Sunday combining meditation, chanting, learning, and deep, personal exploration. For more information and to register, visit www.bj.org/bendat-appell.

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

Monday, March 5, 7:00PM, BJ Chapel: Rabbi Simkha Weintraub of the Jewish Board and Toby Weiss of MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care will discuss the key issues and challenges of caring for the ill and experiencing the discomfort, symptoms, and stress of serious illness. Refreshments at 6:30PM. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/palliative.

● Caregivers Support Group

Once a month on Thursdays, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14, 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, contact Rabbi Michael Boino at x238.

● 6th Grade Retreat

Friday, May 4-Sunday, May 6, Camp Ramah Nyack: Join your fellow 6th graders at our weekend-long B'nai Mitzvah Retreat! More information and registration at www.bj.org/6thgraderetreat.

TORAH PORTION

MISHPATIM

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Torah: Annual Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Triennial Exodus 22:4 - 23:19

- 1: 22:4 - 22:8
- 2: 22:9 - 22:12
- 3: 22:13 - 22:18
- 4: 22:19 - 22:26
- 5: 22:27 - 23:5
- 6: 23:6 - 23:13
- 7: 23:14 - 23:19
- Maftir: 30:11 - 30:16

Haftarah II Kings 12:1 - 12:17

NEXT WEEK: TERUMAH

Torah: Annual Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Triennial Exodus 26:1 - 26:30

Haftarah I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

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.**

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