

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



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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**
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- **Israel Programming**
- 🎭 **Purim Events & Services**
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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

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

- Dennis Sandler on the death of his father, Elliot Sandler.
- Sam (Yechiel) Roth on the death of his father, Yaacov Rothblatt.
- Mim Warden on the death of her brother, C. Roland Marcus.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Jonah Singer, his parents, Lori Beth and Michael Singer, and his brothers Max, Ben, and Dylan Singer, on Jonah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Benjamin Silver, his parents, Shera and Ted Silver, and his brother, Leo Silver, on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt and Confirmation group, B'nai Tzedek, Potomac, Maryland.
- **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 BRING:

🧦 **Volunteer Opportunity: Donate Packages of Socks for Purim Tzedek Fest**
Seeking donations now through February 25, BJ Community House 2nd Floor:
We are seeking donations for our Purim Tzedek Fest, where we'll assemble care packages for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Please drop off packages of new, unworn socks (preferably unisex sizes) to the BJ office. Questions? Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or x272.



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.

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BJ RECYCLES AND COMPOSTS. Please look for bins throughout our spaces. BJ's Ner Tamid at the BJ Sanctuary is powered by the energy of the sun.



AVAILABLE AT SERVICES & PROGRAMS
IN THE BJ SANCTUARY



THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- **Take the Moral Foundations Questionnaire** Open for responses now through March 12
All members of the BJ community are invited to participate. Dr. Jonathan Haidt will explore the responses of our community's survey at his March 13 lecture on "The Jewish Art of Constructive Disagreement: Just What We Need In a Polarized Time." Take the survey at www.bj.org/yourmorals.

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

- ● **Shishi Israeli for Adults** 8:00 PM – 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

Bar Mitzvah **Jonah Singer**

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

● ● **K-2 Family Shabbat Experience** 10:45 AM – Frankel Hall

● ● **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel

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

- **Israel: A Safe Haven For Whom?** Following 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.

- **Pop-Up Play Space** 3:00-5:00 PM – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
Escape the cold at BJ's new Pop-Up Play Space! Kids 4 and under can jump, climb, and tumble as they enjoy free playtime on our new equipment. For more information and registration, visit www.bj.org/playspace.

- **Kol Nashim: Voices of Women Seudah Shlishit and Havdalah** 5:00 PM – BJ Middle Room
Please join Rabbi Felicia Sol for a night of singing, study, a dairy/vegetarian potluck seudah shlishit, and havdalah. Please register at www.bj.org/kolnashim.

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

Bar Mitzvah **Benjamin Silver**

- **Tze'irim: Havdalah and "Chefugee" Dinner** 8:00 PM – BJ Community House
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 refugee story. Details and registration at www.bj.org/chefugee.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

● **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 9:00 AM – BJ Sanctuary

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

- 🎭 **Purim Tzedek Fest** 11:00 AM – Frankel Hall
Join us for a fun afternoon of hamentaschen-making and assembling matanot le-eyonim (care packages for the poor). Bring a new package of socks and participate in baking, card-writing, and package assembly. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Register now at www.bj.org/purimtzedekfest.



Please see separate flier for next week's Purim events for children and adults.

- **Israeli Art and Culture Salon Series, Part 1: Influences of Great Jewish Artists on Israeli Art and Culture Across Art Disciplines** 5:00 PM – Location given upon registration

Meet some of New York's most promising Israeli artists, represented by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation (AICF). These musicians, actors, and artists will shed light on the contemporary Israeli arts and culture scene. Register at www.bj.org/salonseries.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 4:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- **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 session: 3/12.

- **In Days To Come with Author Avraham Burg** 7:00 PM – BJ Reception Room

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- **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. Weekly through May 15 (no classes 4/17, 4/24). More information and registration at www.bj.org/soulfood.

- **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 4:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- **IAC Keshetot@BJ** 4:00 PM – BJ Chapel

- **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 session: Wednesday, 3/14.

- **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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | EREV PURIM

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Family Purim Celebration** 5:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Celebrate Purim at the Community Megillah Reading** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

Reveal Yourself and celebrate! Dress up and join us for an upside down ma'ariv, concluding with a Megillah reading filled with comedy and game-show-style fun! Bring a box of whole wheat macaroni to use as your grogger; they will be donated to WSCAH.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1 | PURIM

-  **Celebrate Purim at the Community Megillah Reading** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
Keep the party going! Join us for a reading of the whole Megillah the morning of Purim with our morning minyan.
- **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** No class this week
-  **Gather ‘Round for the Purim Shpiel** 5:15 PM – BJ Sanctuary
Come one, come all. Step right up to “The Greatest Show on Purim”—a shpiel spectacular, suitable for any and all ages. Thrill as our K-6th graders and parents take the stage. Laugh at the jokes! Clap for the songs! Join us for a Purim circus that is sure to please.
- **“Wiki-Torah” with Tobias Divack Moss** 6:30PM – BJ Middle Room
Way before Wikipedia, Judaism developed an ever-expanding network of texts. Join BJ Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss for this weekly Torah study, following the links that connect text to text, and generation to generation. Details at www.bj.org/wikitorah.



FRIDAY, MARCH 2

- **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

- **March Tot Shabbat**
Friday, March 2, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Chapel: Families enjoy a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. While adults are finishing their meal, children engage in play and exploration with BJ staff. More information and registration at www.bj.org/marchshabbat.
- **Center for Prayer and Spirituality Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell**
Friday, March 2-Sunday, March 4, BJ Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: 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. Details and registration at www.bj.org/bendat-appell.
- **Israel Salon With the Bereaved Parents Circle Family Forum**
Sunday, March 4, 7:00-9:00PM, location given upon registration: Join Parents Circle Family Forum bereaved members Robi Damelin and Mazen Faraj as they share their stories of loss and their unique choice of reconciliation. Participate in a discussion on the human side of the conflict. Register now at www.bj.org/parentsircle.
- **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.
- **Tefillat haDerekh with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**
Tuesday, 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.
- **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.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

-  **Jewish Home Project Seder Prep: Retelling an Inclusive Passover Story**
Thursday, March 8, 7:30-9:00PM, Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes for a communal conversation about preparing for our seders in a way that welcomes those whose identity emerges from beyond the Jewish community. Multifaith and single faith Jewish families are welcome. Details at www.bj.org/sederprep.
- **A Celebration Honoring BJ Volunteers**
Saturday, March 10, during and after Shabbat morning services, BJ Sanctuary and Community House: Every year, hundreds of individuals give of themselves to make BJ a sacred, spiritual, and caring home for so many. Come honor and be honored, as we celebrate the dedicated volunteers whose contributions build our community.
- **Teaching by Ilana Kurshan in Memory of Shira Palmer Sherman**
Saturday, March 10, 5:00PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Save the date for an inspiring talk with Ilana Kurshan as she discusses her memories of Shira and her book *If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir*. The talk will conclude with havdalah.
- **What's Happening Out There?**
Sunday, March 11, 2:00-5:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Join us for this interactive workshop with political and social entrepreneur Simon Greer, as we discuss the complexities that are turning our world upside down and deepen our understanding of the realities that have led to today's divisiveness. More information at www.bj.org/whathappening.
- **Faith & Public Life Lecture—The Jewish Art of Constructive Disagreement: Just What We Need In a Polarized Time**
 *Tuesday, March 13, 7:00PM, BJ Sanctuary:* Register now for the second in our Faith & Public Life Lecture Series, with Dr. Jonathan Haidt. More information and registration at www.bj.org/faithlecture.

WHAT'S LATER

- **Inclusion Shabbat**
Friday, March 16, 5:45-6:45PM, BJ Community House: BJ invites children with disabilities and their parents for a meaningful Shabbat experience. Join us for singing, interactive Shabbat activities, and dinner! For more information and to sign up, visit www.bj.org/inclusionshabbat.
- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**
Monday, March 19, 6:30-8:00PM, location given with registration: Attend a meeting to get involved in the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign. We are asking questions, having conversations, and educating the community to expand our collective understanding of ethical consumption. To R.S.V.P. or get more information contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.
- **Uncovering *Siddur Lev Shalem*: A Conversation with Rabbi Jan Uhrbach**
Saturday, March 24, 6:30PM, BJ Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon in conversation with Rabbi Jan Urbach, Associate Editor of our recently adopted *Siddur Lev Shalem*.
- **The BJ Celebrate Community Auction**
Wednesday, April 25, 6:30-9:30PM, BJ Community House: Save the date for an evening of food, fun, and friends at our third Celebrate Community Auction. Find out more at www.bj.org/auction and donate an auction prize today. Everybody has a gift to share!
- **6th Grade Retreat**
Friday, May 4-Sunday, May 6, Camp Ramah Nyack: Join your fellow 6th graders! Students will participate in exciting programs with others in their grade that bring them closer to becoming b'nai mitzvah while building community with each other. More information and registration at www.bj.org/6thgraderetreat.

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