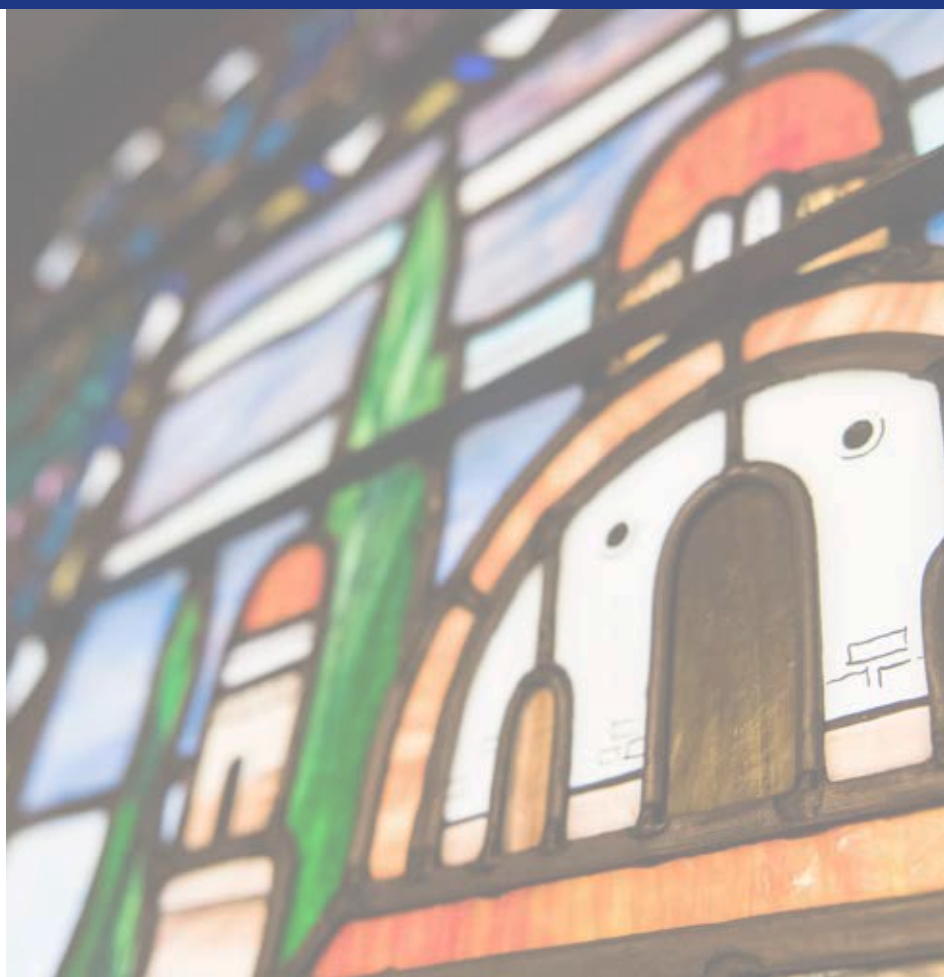


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



March 9-16, 2018 • 22-29 Adar, 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 YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

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

- Kim Leslie Shafer and Isaac Finkle and their children, Nathan and Abigail Finkle, on the death of Kim's father, Neil Shafer.
- Joan and Steven Goldstein and their daughter, Jacklyn Goldstein, on the death of Joan's father, Herbert S. Heffler.
- Ruben Niesvizky and Esther Kogan and their children, Tanya and Itamar Niesvizky-Kogan, on the death of Ruben's mother, Tere Niesvizky.
- Jenn Heetner and Adam Howard on the death of Jenn's father, Barry Heetner.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Eliza Bess Anker, her parents, Donna Santman and Daniel Anker z"l, and her sister, Adi Anker, on Eliza becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Eli Moses Klotz, his parents, Kori Lynn Darling and Adam David Klotz, and his brother, Isaiah Solomon Klotz, on Eli becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by:

- Donna Santman, in honor of Eliza Anker becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- The family of Rabbi Sidney Greenberg, on the occasion of his 15th yahrzeit.
- Len Wasserman and Abigail Moore, in honor of Len's 72nd birthday.
- BJ in honor of all our dedicated volunteers, with deep gratitude for their service to this community.

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.

Shabbat Evening Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, March 16**, Friday evening services will start at 7:00PM.



Everybody has a gift to share.

The BJ Celebrate Community Auction

April 25, 2018

This year, we are saying farewell to the traditional event journal and welcome to *The Shabbat Catalog: 25 Hours That Will Change Your Life*. Support the Celebrate Community Auction and The Jewish Home Project: find out how you can share your own Shabbat reflection at www.bj.org/shabbatcatalog.

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, MARCH 9

- **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.
- **Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner** 6:30 PM – BJ Community House
Jewish teens are invited to join BJ favorites David Lieberman, Eliana Light, and Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss to welcome in Shabbat with a mindfulness-style Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. Register now at www.bj.org/teenshabbat.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- **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 Kersey at kkersey@bj.org or x255 with any questions.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Bat Mitzvah** **Eliza Anker**
- **A Celebration Honoring BJ Volunteers** During & after services – BJ Sanctuary & 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.
- **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
- **Teaching by Ilana Kurshan in Memory of Shira Palmer Sherman** 5:00 PM – BJ Reception Room
Join us for an inspiring talk with Ilana Kurshan as she discusses her memories of Shira Palmer Sherman and her book *If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir*. The talk will conclude with havdalah.
- **Minḥa Service** 5:45 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Bar Mitzvah** **Eli Klotz**
- **Havdalah & A Movie** 6:30 PM – BJ Middle Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Daylight Saving Time begins (turn clocks forward 1 hour)

- **Freedom Fast** Through Thursday, March 15 – 245 E. 47th St.
Support farmworkers and consumer allies as they converge on New York City for a five-day Freedom Fast, demanding that Wendy's join the most effective human rights program in agriculture. Find out more at www.bj.org/freedomfast.
- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **What's Happening Out There?** 2:00 PM – 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/whats happening.

MONDAY, MARCH 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 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** 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.

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

● **Faith & Public Life Lecture—The Jewish Art of Constructive Disagreement: Just What We Need In a Polarized Time** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary



Register now for the third in our Faith & Public Life Lecture Series, with Dr. Jonathan Haidt. More information and registration at www.bj.org/faithlecture.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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

● **Parenting Series #3: Processing Tragedy With Your Teen** 6:00PM – BJ Community House

We have a responsibility to support our teens as they grieve, process, and respond to tragedies like the fatal mass shooting in Parkland, Florida. Join us as Betsy Stone offers strategies to best support our teens.

● **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. Final session. \$18 at the door. Register at www.bj.org/shirayoga.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

● **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

Way before Wikipedia, Judaism developed an ever-expanding network of texts. Details at www.bj.org/wikitorah.

● **BJ and SPSA New Reading Study Group** 7:70 PM – SPSA, 263 W. 86th St.

Join us in a new joint undertaking with SPSA—a reading study group dedicated to exploring questions of racial justice. We will discuss *The Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration* by journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates. Details and registration at www.bj.org/studygroup.

● **Why I Chose to Move to Sderot** 7:00 PM – location given with registration

Many young Israelis are moving to Sderot and redefining modern Zionism as a social movement. Join Harel Felder from the Dror Israel Movement, as he tells his story of becoming part of this grassroots movement for change. Register at www.bj.org/sderot.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

● **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

Sell Your Hametz at BJ

Through Thursday, March 29: Rabbi Roly Matalon will be your agent for selling hametz. For more information or to sign up, visit www.bj.org/hametz or contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org or x255.

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.

Bo-i Kallah

Friday, March 16, 7:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, Music Director Dan Nadel, and Deborah Sacks Mintz 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.

Painful Hope: Presentation by Roots

Saturday, March 17, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Community House: Palestinians and Israelis in the West Bank often live in separate universes. In the Bethlehem-Hebron area, Roots is changing that reality. Join Roots founders Shadi Abu Awwad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger as they share the groundbreaking and challenging work of their initiative. More details at www.bj.org/roots.

Torah Scroll Dedication and Celebration

Sunday, March 18, 10:15AM (Completing the Sefer Torah with the Sofer); **11:30AM** (Ritual Dedication), BJ Community House: Join the BJ community in dedicating a new sefer Torah, generously offered by the Honig/Buksbaum family in memory of Charlie and Gary Honig. Together we will complete the writing of the scroll, followed by a processional and ritual dedication.

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 register or for more information, contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

Faith & Public Life: Study Sessions With BJ Rabbinic Fellows

Tuesdays, 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 Life program, such as "Should We Pray for the Government or About It?". More details at www.bj.org/fplstudy.

Shema Koleinu: Substance Use and Addiction in the Jewish Community

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Chapel: Join us for a conversation about substance use and addiction in the Jewish community led by Vickie Griffiths CASACT, a leading educator, counselor, and advocate. More information and registration at www.bj.org/shemakoleinu.

20s and 30s Oneg

Friday, March 23, following Shabbat evening services, BJ Community House: Join BJ's 20s and 30s group for dessert and a drink following Shabbat services! Mix and mingle with other 20s and 30s in the BJ community and share your business card with someone you haven't met before. Register at www.bj.org/20s30soneg.

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. Hear about the process of this siddur's creation and its place in contemporary Jewish life.

WHAT'S LATER

● Israeli Culture Salon Series, Part 2: The Founding Artistic Principles of Israel

Sunday, March 25, 5:00-7:00PM, 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.

● 📖 Empty Chair at the Seder: A Passover Bereavement Program

Monday, March 26, 7:00PM, BJ Chapel: Passover can be difficult for those of us who are bereaved. Join members of our community in drawing support and comfort from one another and our tradition. Facilitated by Hazzan Ari Priven and Rabbi Michael Boino. Contact Michael at x238 or mboino@bj.org.

● The BJ Celebrate Community Auction

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30-9:30PM, BJ Community House: Get your tickets now to join us for an evening of food, fun, and friends at our third Celebrate Community Auction. Find out more at www.bj.org/auction. 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.

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.

TORAH PORTION

VAYAK'HEL-PEKUDEI

SHABBAT PARAH

Torah: Annual	Exodus 35:1 - 40:38
Triennial	Exodus 37:17 - 39:211
1:	37:17 - 37:24
2:	37:25 - 37:29
3:	38:1 - 38:8
4:	38:9 - 38:20
5:	38:21 - 39:1
6:	39:2 - 39:7
7:	39:8 - 39:21
Maftir:	Numbers 19:1 - 19:22
Haftarah	Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

NEXT WEEK: VAYIKRA

SHABBAT HAHOODESH • ROSH HODESH NISAN

Torah: Annual	Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26
Triennial	Leviticus 3:1 - Numbers 28:15
Haftarah	Ezekiel 12:1 - 12:20; Isaiah 66:1, 23

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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