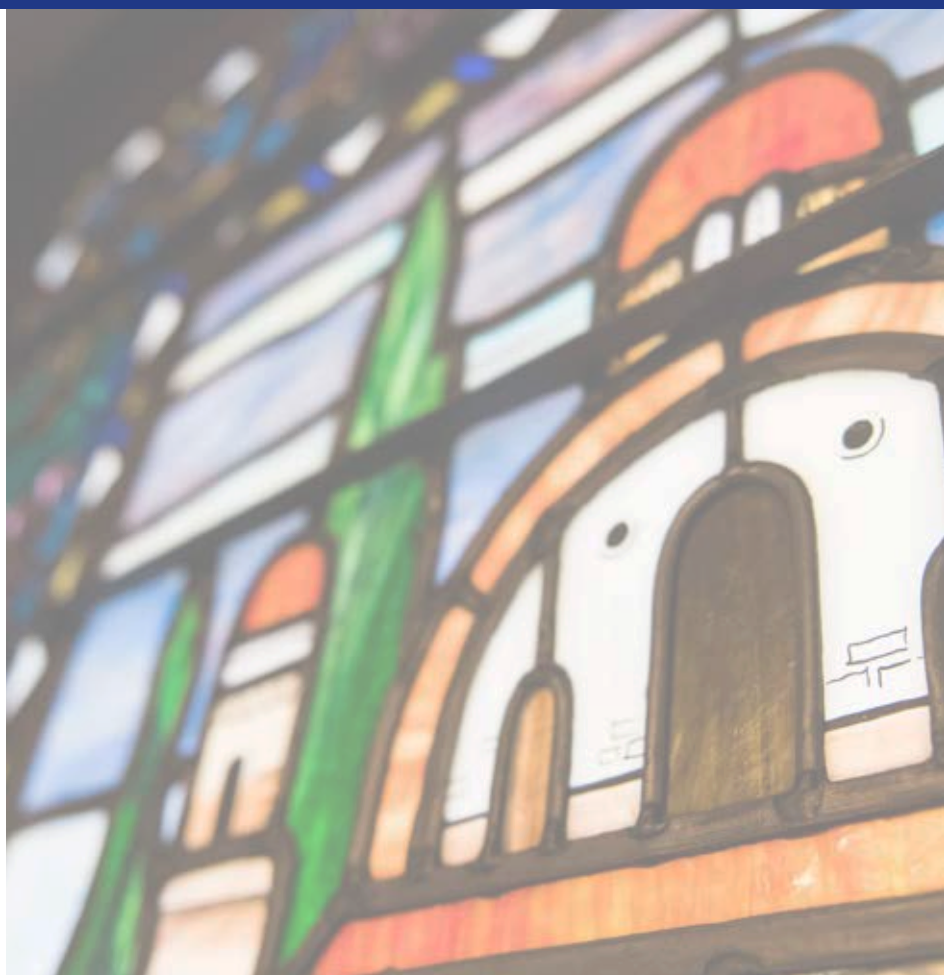


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



March 16-23, 2018 • 29 Adar-7 Nisan, 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**
- 📖 **Pesach Events & Services**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM} / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Sheila and Norman Bleckner, their children, David Bleckner and Melissa Bachner, their grandchildren, Zachary, Jonah, and Isabelle Bleckner, and their entire family on the death of Sheila's sister, Anna Rosenberg.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Daniel Hermann Rosenkranz, son of Mel Rosenkranz z"l and Brigitte Maurer z"l, and his aunt Rita Rosenkranz, on Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Ari Raphael Freed, his parents, Natanya and Laurence Freed, and his sister, Sophia Gabriella Freed, on Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Karyn Gold and Joe Gold on the birth of their grandson, Leo Benjamin Brooks.
- Dorothy and Larry Tydings on the birth of their granddaughter, Stella Indio Zar.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Rita Rosenkranz in honor of Daniel Rosenkranz becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Sadie Simon and Diller Teen Fellows, an international Jewish leadership program based in San Francisco.
- Shadi Abu Awwad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, co-founders of Roots, a unique collaboration of local Palestinians and Israelis building a grassroots model for coexistence.
- Partnership Together Leadership Mission from Cincinnati and Israel.
- **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 **this 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.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● March for Our Lives NYC

Sunday, March 24, during and following Shabbat morning services, exact time and location TBD: Mark your calendar to join BJ in protesting gun violence. Check www.bj.org and next week's *Kol Jeshurun* and Community Email for exact details, which will be determined once the march route is publicized.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

● 📦 **Pre-Pesah WSCAH Food Drive** Before Kabbalat Shabbat – Through Wednesday, March 28
Looking to get rid of your hametz before Pesah? Cleanse your home and give back by donating your food to our partners at the West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH). All food donations welcome. For more information, email lwohl@bj.org.

📦 **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.

● **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

● **Bo-i Kallah** 7:00 PM – BJ Community House 3rd Floor

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

● **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.

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

Bar Mitzvah Daniel Rosenkranz

● ● **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

● **Painful Hope: Presentation by Roots** Following 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.

● **Minha Service** 6:45 PM – BJ Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah Ari Freed

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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

● **Torah Scroll Dedication and Celebration** 10:15 AM (completing the Sefer Torah with the Sofer); 11:30 AM (Ritual Dedication) – BJ Sanctuary

Join the BJ community in dedicating a new sefer Torah, generously offered by the Honig/Buksbaum family in memory of Charlie and Gary Honig. The final letters of the sefer Torah will be completed as we come together in celebration.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

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

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

- **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 Life program, such as “Should We Pray for the Government or About It?” More details at www.bj.org/fplstudy. Upcoming sessions: 4/17; 5/8.
- **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
- **SPSA/BJ Racial Justice Meeting** 7:00 PM – BJ Community House 4th Floor
This meeting will be an opportunity to learn about two advocacy projects the committee has decided to undertake in the general areas of education, direct service, and advocacy around racial justice issues. For more information, visit www.bj.org/racialjusticemeeting.
- **Shema Koleinu: Substance Use and Addiction in the Jewish Community** 7:00 PM – 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408
- **Sustainability and Environmental Committee Kickoff Meeting** 6:30 PM – BJ Reception Room
Join us for the launch of this new committee, which will bring together our environmental advocacy and sustainability work. We are looking for any members interested in environmental work. All are welcome. More information and registration at www.bj.org/sustainabilitycommittee.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **“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.
- **New Member Orientation** 7:00 PM – location given with registration

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- **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

● 20 and 30s Shabbat Dinner with IAC Dor Chadash

Friday, March 23, following Shabbat evening services, BJ Middle Room: In collaboration with BJ, Dor Chadash invites members in their 20s and 30s to a community Shabbat dinner! Join us for an evening of mingling, munching, and more. For more information and registration, visit www.bj.org/dorchadash.

● Uncovering *Siddur Lev Shalem*: A Conversation with Rabbi Jan Uhrbach

Saturday, March 24, 5:00PM, 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.

● Extreme Measures: Finding a Better Path to the End Of Life

Sunday, March 25, 2:30-4:00PM, Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan (334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street): Jessica Zitter, M.D., MPH, and JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen will discuss the way people approach the end of life and what Judaism can teach us about dying well. Sponsored by What Matters. Contact the JCC for information at 646-505-5708.

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

Sunday, March 25, 5:00-7:00PM: 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. This program has reached capacity and is closed for registration.

● 📖 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.

● 📖 Taanit Bekhorot Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah

Friday, March 30, following morning minyan, BJ Sanctuary: All are welcome to join Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss as he leads us in the completion of a volume of rabbinic literature. All firstborns in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn.

WHAT'S LATER

● Israeli Book Club Discusses *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* by Nathan Englander

Sunday, April 8, 6:30PM, location given with registration: Register now at www.bj.org/bookclub.

● Monday Minḥa Meditation

Mondays beginning April 9, 5:00-6:30PM, BJ Chapel: The Center for Prayer and Spirituality invites you to join us as we explore meditation techniques and build a sustained communal meditation practice. No registration necessary; all welcome.

● Overcoming Israel's Key Social Challenges with Major General Nimrod Sheffer

Saturday, April 14, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Community House: After kiddush, come down and meet Major General Nimrod Sheffer, the former head of the Israel Defense Forces Planning Directorate (J5).

● UWS Celebrates Israel

Sunday, April 15, 10:00AM-9:00PM, Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway: Celebrate Israel's 70th with programs for all ages. Register at www.bj.org/celebrateisrael.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● An Up Close Encounter with Desert Stars

Monday, April 16, 7:00-8:30PM, location given with registration: Meet with Major General Nimrod Sheffer and Matan Yaffe of Desert Stars, and learn more about the challenges facing the Bedouin community. More information and registration at www.bj.org/desertstars.

● Yom Ha'atzmaut Ceremony: Israel at 70—Vision vs. Reality

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join us for our traditional Yom Ha'atzmaut ceremony, marking the transition between Israel's Remembrance Day and Israel's Independence Day. More information and registration at www.bj.org/yomhaatzmaut.

● 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

VAYIKRA

SHABBAT HAḤODESH

ROSH ḤODESH NISAN

Torah: Annual Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

Triennial Leviticus 3:1 - Numbers 28:15

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| 2: | 3:6 - 3:11 |
| 3: | 3:12 - 3:17 |
| 4: | 4:1 - 4:7 |
| 5: | 4:8 - 4:12 |
| 6: | 4:13 - 4:26 |
| 7: | Numbers 28:9 - 28:15 |
- Maftir: Exodus 12:1 - 12:20

Haftarah Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15;
Isaiah 66:1, 23

NEXT WEEK: TZAV

SHABBAT HAGADOL

Torah: Annual Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

Triennial Leviticus 7:11 - 7:38

Haftarah Malachi 3:4 - 3:24; 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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