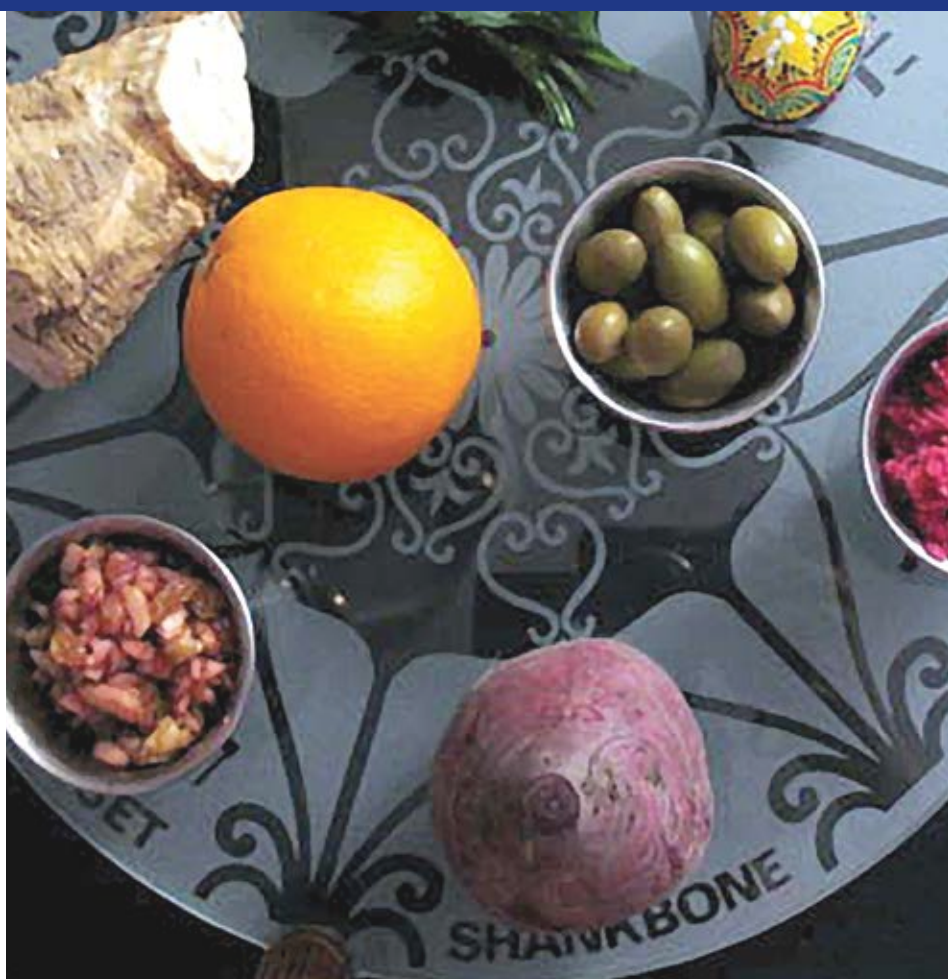


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



March 30-April 6, 2018 • 14-21 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**
- 📖 **Pesah Events & Services**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Toby Bird, and we extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Elliott Bird, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Lawrence Gardner, and we extend our sincere condolences to his daughter, Evie, and their entire family.

To the following members and their families:

- Ruth Lazarus and Michael Feldberg; their children, Rachel Lazarus Levin and Jimmy Levin, Jesse Lazarus Mills and Stu Mills, Ben Lazarus Feldberg and Anna Feldberg; their grandchildren, Anabelle, Ava, and Abe Levin, and Maddie and Brody Millson on the death of Ruth's father, Charles Lazarus.
- Karen Adler and Laurence Greenwald on the death of Karen's mother, Bernyce (Bunny) Adler.
- Jeremy Hockenstein and Joanna Samuels and their children, Orli and Natan Hockenstein, on the death of Jeremy's mother, Esther Hockenstein.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Mark Lehrman, Marya Pollack, and Eilam Lehrman in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Mark's parents and Eilam's grandparents, Harold and Helen Lehrman.

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.



Everybody has a gift to share.

The BJ Celebrate Community Auction

April 25, 2018

Our biggest party of the year is less than one month away! Have you booked your admission ticket? Have you entered the Golden Ticket raffle? Do you have airline miles, hotel points, or Amex points to donate? Help us make this year's auction the best yet. **Visit www.bj.org/auction to be part of the fun!**



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Register for BJ Hazorim CSA 2018**

Tuesdays, June 5-October 30, 4:30-7:30PM BJ Community House: Register for our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and pick up fresh, organic Free Bird Farm produce from BJ once a week for 22 weeks. Choose from delicious vegetable, egg, fruit, and butter shares. Register at www.bj.org/csa.

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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AVAILABLE AT SERVICES & PROGRAMS
IN THE BJ SANCTUARY



THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 | EREV PESAḤ—1st SEDER

- 📖 ● **Kabbalat Shabbat & First Day Pesah Evening Service** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 | 1st DAY PESAḤ—2nd SEDER

- **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah — Preparing for Prayer** No session this week
- 📖 ● **Shabbat & First Day Pesah Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- 📖 ● **Children’s Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 1 (Ḥesed Shebeḥesed)

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 | 2nd DAY PESAḤ

- 📖 ● **Second Day Pesah Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- 📖 ● **Children’s Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 2 (Gevurah Shebeḥesed)

MONDAY, APRIL 2 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 3 (Tiferet Shebeḥesed)

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **The Book of Genesis with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** No class this week
- **“Soul Food” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol** 12:30 PM – Frankel Hall
Bring a bag lunch and open up your soul to the nourishment and challenge of Ḥassidic 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 4 (Netzah Shebeḥesed)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **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.
- **Introduction to Judaism** No class this week

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 5 (Hod Shebeḥesed)

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

BJ Office closes at 1:00 PM • Kadima@BJ closed

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **“Wiki-Torah” with Tobias Divack Moss** No class this week
- 📖 ● **Seventh Day Pesah Evening Service** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 6 (Yesod Shebeḥesed)

BJ Office closed

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|  ● Seventh Day Pesah Services | 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary |
|  ● Children's Services | 10:45 AM – BJ Reception Room |

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 7 (Malkhut Shebeḥesed)

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Israeli Book Club Discusses *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* by Nathan Englander**
Sunday, April 8, 5:00-6:30PM, location given with registration: The Israeli Book Club is more than just a typical reading group—it is an intimate encounter with Israeli culture, society, and politics. Join us as we discuss *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* by Nathan Englander. Register now at www.bj.org/bookclub.
- **Monday Morning Beit Midrash Series: And You Shall Tell Your Children**
Mondays beginning April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 8:30-9:30AM, BJ Middle Room: Questions are at the heart of Judaism. Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes for an exploration of how the questions we ask about the meaning and value of Jewish life change as Jewish life in America changes. Register at www.bj.org/mondaybeitmidrash.
- ● **Kitah Bet Parent Meeting**
Monday, April 9, 6:15PM, BJ Community House: Kitah Bet (2nd grade) parents and students are invited to join us for light snacks and conversation, and to learn about our Kitah Gimmel (3rd grade) Kadima@BJ program. R.S.V.P. to Ayala at awasser@bj.org.
- **Monday Minhā Meditation**
Mondays beginning April 9, 6:30-7:00PM, BJ Reception Room: The Center for Prayer and Spirituality invites you to join us as we explore meditation techniques and build a sustained communal meditation practice. There will also be an opportunity for community members to recite the Mourner's Kaddish. No registration necessary; all welcome.
- **Yom HaShoah Commemoration**
Wednesday, April 11, 6:30PM, BJ Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: We will commemorate Yom HaShoah with the reading of the names of those killed. An all-night vigil will begin at 10:00PM at SAJ (15 West 86th Street); the BJ reading slot will be from 12:30AM to 1:00AM.
- **Voices of Spiritual Resistance in Terezín**
Wednesday, April 11, 8:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join Cantor David Mintz, Dan Nadel, and an ensemble of world-class musicians for an exploration of music written and performed in Terezín, where we'll unpack how music served as a mechanism for survival through expressions of comfort, connection, and defiance.
- ● **April Tot Shabbat**
Friday, April 13, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. For more information and registration, visit www.bj.org/totshabbat.
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat**
Friday, April 13, 7:00PM, 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.
- **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), where he was responsible for military strategy and international military cooperation.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

● Inclusion Minḥa

Saturday, April 14, 4:00PM, BJ Community House: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Hazzan Ari Priven for an interactive, warm, and accessible musical Minḥa service, sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. All are welcome.

● ● Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah

Saturday, April 14, 7:30PM, 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.

● Why Write a Memoir, Even if Nobody Will Read It

Sunday, April 15, 11:00AM-1:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Want to write your life story but find the prospect daunting? Join us for brunch with authors Susan Charney and Mindy Lewis as they discuss the challenges, process, and rewards of writing a memoir. Register now at www.bj.org/memoir.

● Bowling with Ilanot (6th and 7th Grade Youth Group)

Sunday, April 15, 2:00-3:30PM, Bowlmor Lanes (222 West 44th Street): Are you ready for spring? Ready to get rid of some of that pent-up winter energy? Us, too! 6th and 7th graders are invited to join Ilanot for some much-needed bowling to knock down those winter blues! Register now at www.bj.org/ilanotbowling.

● UWS Celebrates Israel

Sunday, April 15, 10:00AM-9:00PM, Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway: Celebrate Israel's 70th birthday with programs for all ages, including: keynote speaker Dennis Ross; a street fair featuring Israeli artists, live music, and kosher food trucks; activities and shows for kids; performances by Israeli group Yemen Blues; and more! Register at www.bj.org/celebrateisrael.

● Men's Wise Living Information Session

Monday, April 16, 7:00PM, BJ Chapel: Facilitated by trained BJ members Ira Wolfman and Marvin Israelow, this group for those who self-identify as male will begin in the fall. To learn more, please join Ira and Marvin at this information session. Sign up at www.bj.org/wiselivingmen.

● Desert Stars: New Hope for Israel's Most Marginalized Community

Monday, April 16, 7:00-8:30PM, location given with registration: The Bedouin are constantly at the bottom of every socio-economic measure in Israel. Meet with Major General Nimrod Sheffer and Matan Yaffe of Desert Stars to learn more about the challenges facing the Bedouin community. More information and registration at www.bj.org/desertstars.

● Dialogue and Transformation: Photography Exhibit of Israeli Settlers and Palestinian Women

Monday, April 16 through Friday, June 15, during Community House opening hours, BJ Community House: Over the past two summers, photographer Saskia Bory Keeley conducted photo workshops exclusively for Palestinian and Israeli women from the settler communities. Details at www.bj.org/photoexhibit.

● Ritual Lab: Preparing for an Emptier Nest

Tuesdays, April 17, 24; May 1, 8, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Middle Room: Our series of Ritual Labs continues by delving into the experience of parents whose children are leaving home. Join Rabbi Michael Boino and Cantor David Mintz to co-create a new ritual to mark this transition. Contact kkersey@bj.org to join.

● Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes

Tuesdays, April 17-June 12, 7:00-9:00PM, 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.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● **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.

WHAT'S LATER

● **Bo-i Kallah**

Friday, April 20, 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.

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

Friday, April 20, 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.

● **Teen Shabbat**

Saturday, April 21, 9:30AM, BJ Sanctuary: Don't miss this special annual tradition. Teens: if you haven't signed up to participate, email Michelle at mgeisler@bj.org.

● **Combating Climate Change Through Fossil Fuel Divestment**

Saturday, April 21, following Community Kiddush, BJ Chapel: Join BJ environmental advocates and Monica Weiss from 350.org NYC for a lunchtime discussion. More information and registration at www.bj.org/climatechange.

● **Pete Seeger & Friends Guitar Sing-Along**

Saturday, April 21, 8:00PM, Frankel Hall: Join Yozma for a short havdalah service, followed by an evening featuring songs by Pete Seeger and friends. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/peteseeger.

● **Mental Health First Aid Training**

Sunday, April 22, 9:00AM-5:00PM, Frankel Hall: This eight-hour course will teach you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Register at www.bj.org/mentalhealthfirstaid.

● **Israel's Supersized Celebration**

Sunday, April 22, 2:00-3:30PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Students in grades K-5 are invited to join us for a huge party filled with over-sized games, food, and gigantic fun. Register now at www.bj.org/supersizedfun.

● **Israeli Folk Dancing for Yom Ha'atzmaut**

Sunday, April 22, 2:00-6:00PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with the best of Israeli folk dances. Register now at www.bj.org/folkdancing.

● **Rabbinic Power In Past and Modern Times: A Conversation With Brother Rabbis Amichai Lau-Lavie and Benny Lau**

Sunday, April 22, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Community House: More information and registration at www.bj.org/rabbinicpower.

● **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."