

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.

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- **Family Life & Learning**
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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:

- Steve Greenberg and Jennifer Sylvor, and their daughters, Amelia and Abigail Sylvor Greenberg, on the death of Steve's father, Norman Greenberg.
- Igal Harmelin Moria and Lisa Goldstein, and their son, Seydou Diallo, on the death of Igal's mother, Sara Harmelin.

### MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Benjamin Wrobel Cohn, his brother, Zachary, and his mother, Debra Wrobel Cohn, on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Lucas A. Schwed, his parents, Alejandro Schwed and Ines Aslan, and his brother, Nicolas A. Schwed, on Lucas becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Billie Di Stefano (BJ Hesed Programs and Life Cycles Manager) and her husband, Daeman, on the arrival of their daughter, Gabriella Daisy Di Stefano.

### 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

The BJ Celebrate Community Auction is less than two weeks away, which means BJ members have one week left to score early-bird pricing on admission! Member tickets are available for \$36 through Wednesday, April 18 (then \$50). Non-member tickets are \$50 each. Don't miss BJ's biggest party of the year—**get your tickets now at [www.bj.org/auction](http://www.bj.org/auction).**



### 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/live).

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, APRIL 13

● ● **Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – BJ Sanctuary & 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](http://www.bj.org/totshabbat).

● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat** 7:00 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](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) or x255 with any questions.

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 14 (Malkhut Shebegevurah)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14

● **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

● ● **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

● **Overcoming Israel's Key Social Challenges with Major General Nimrod Sheffer** Following kiddush – BJ Community House  
Meet Major General Nimrod Sheffer, former head of the Israel Defense Forces Planning Directorate (J5) responsible for military strategy and international military cooperation.

● **Inclusion Minhā** 4:00 PM – BJ Community House  
Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Hazzan Ari Priven for an interactive, warm, and accessible musical Minhā service, sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. All welcome.

● **Minhā Service** 5:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

**Bar Mitzvah** **Benjamin Wrobel Cohn**

● ● **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah** 7:30 PM – BJ Chapel  
Join us for our monthly gathering as we spend the final moments of Shabbat together, singing beautiful niggunim and zemirot as havdalah approaches. Please bring a vegetarian snack and/or drink to share.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 15 (Hesed Shebetiferet)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 15 | ROSH HODESH IYAR

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

**Bar Mitzvah** **Lucas A. Schwed**

● **UWS Celebrates Israel** 10:00 AM-9:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/celebrateisrael).

● **Why Write a Memoir, Even if Nobody Will Read It** 11:00 AM – 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](http://www.bj.org/memoir).

- **Bowling with Ilanot (6th and 7th Grade Youth Group)** 2:00 PM – Bowlmor Lanes, 222 W. 44th St.  
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](http://www.bj.org/ilanotbowling).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 16 (Gevurah Shebetiferet)

## MONDAY, APRIL 16 | ROSH HODESH IYAR

- **Dialogue and Transformation: Photography Exhibit of Israeli Settlers and Palestinian Women** Through Sunday, June 10, 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. This exhibit presents selected works created by these women, providing insight into their world. Details at [www.bj.org/photoexhibit](http://www.bj.org/photoexhibit).

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

- **Monday Morning Beit Midrash Series: And You Shall Tell Your Children** 8:30 AM – BJ Community House  
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](http://www.bj.org/mondaybeitmidrash). Upcoming classes: 4/23, 30; 5/7, 14.

- **Monday Minḥa Meditation** 6:30 PM – 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.

- **Men's Wise Living Information Session** 7:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/wiselivingmen).

- **Desert Stars: New Hope for Israel's Most Marginalized Community** 7:00 PM – location given with registration  
The Bedouin are constantly at the bottom of every socio-economic measure in Israel. Major General Nimrod Sheffer and Matan Yaffe of Desert Stars will talk about the challenges facing the Bedouin community. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/desertstars](http://www.bj.org/desertstars).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 17 (Tiferet Shebetiferet)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17

- **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 Divack Moss one Tuesday per month after morning minyan. Dive deeper into the questions we are exploring through our Faith & Public Life program. More details at [www.bj.org/fplstudy](http://www.bj.org/fplstudy). Upcoming session: 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** No class this week

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

- **Ritual Lab: Preparing for an Emptier Nest** 7:00 PM – 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](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) to join. Upcoming sessions: 4/24; 5/1, 8.

- **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](http://www.bj.org/ethics).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 18 (Netzah Shebetiferet)

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 | YOM HAZIKARON

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
  - **Yom Ha'atzmaut Ceremony: Israel at 70— Vision vs. Reality** 7:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/yomhaatzmaut).
  - **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408
- OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 19 (Hod Shebetiferet)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19 | YOM HAATZMA'UT

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- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
  - **"Wiki-Torah" with Tobias Divack Moss** No class this week
- OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 20 (Yesod Shebetiferet)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 20

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
  - ● **Bim Bam & Bim Bam Hebrew Immersion** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – BJ Chapel
- OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 21 (Malkhut Shebetiferet)

## WHAT'S NEXT

### ● 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](http://www.bj.org/boikallah).

### ● Singing and Sangria on the Roof: Pre-Shabbat for 20s and 30s

**Friday, April 20, 5:15-6:45PM**, BJ Community House Rooftop: Spring is on its way! Join us on the BJ rooftop as we welcome Shabbat with music, sangria, and snacks. Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Moss will lead us in song before services. Sign up at [www.bj.org/rooftop20s30s](http://www.bj.org/rooftop20s30s).

### ● 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](http://www.bj.org/schmoozeandsing).

### ● ● Teen Shabbat

**Saturday, April 21, 9:30AM**, BJ Sanctuary: Don't miss this special annual tradition as the BJ teens give our rabbis a break by leading us in a Shabbat morning service from beginning to end! Teens: if you haven't signed up to participate, email Michelle at [mgeisler@bj.org](mailto:mgeisler@bj.org).

### ● Combating Climate Change Through Fossil Fuel Divestment

**Saturday, April 21**, following kiddush, BJ Chapel: Join BJ environmental advocates and Monica Weiss from 350.org NYC for a lunchtime discussion on divestment from fossil fuels. All are welcome. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/climatechange](http://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 of guitar-playing and singing led by BJ member Craig Rosenberg and featuring songs by Pete Seeger and friends. All welcome. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org/peteseeger](http://www.bj.org/peteseeger).

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### ● **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, giving you the skills to provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem. Register at [www.bj.org/mentalhealthfirstaid](http://www.bj.org/mentalhealthfirstaid).

### ● ● **Israel's Supersized Celebration**

**Sunday, April 22, 2:00-3:30PM**, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Who's got the biggest birthday coming up? Israel, that's who! Students in grades K-5 are invited to join us for a huge party filled with over-sized games, food, and gigantic fun. We are excited to see you there! Register now at [www.bj.org/supersizedfun](http://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. Our friendly dancers will help you learn the steps; we will then enjoy a mix of circle, line, and partner dances—selected mostly by request. Register now at [www.bj.org/folkdancing](http://www.bj.org/folkdancing).

### ● **BJ/SPSA Racial Justice Task Force**

**Monday, April 23, 7:00PM**, BJ Middle Room: Learn about our plans and meet our new partner—Fair Housing Justice Center. FHJC will present an interactive workshop on fair housing issues, and help identify the ways BJ and SPSA members can join in advocacy work. Visit [www.bj.org/racialjustice](http://www.bj.org/racialjustice) to sign up.

### ● **70 Years Later: Israel—Utopian Vision, Complicated Reality**

**Saturday, April 28**, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Community House: Join Rabbi Tamir Nir, head of the BINA Secular Yeshiva in Tel Aviv, as he explores contemporary issues in Israeli society through the lens of classic and modern Jewish texts.

### ● **Israeli Culture Salon Series Part 3: Israel's 70th—A Retrospective Through Art and Song**

**Sunday, April 29, 5:00-7:00PM**, location given upon registration: For our third and final Israel Culture Salon, join guitarist Nadav Lev, choreographer Dana Katz, and film editor Shira Arad as they present their works and reflect on Israeli culture 70 years after the establishment of the State. For more information and registration, visit [www.bj.org/salonseries3](http://www.bj.org/salonseries3).

### ● **Israel's Security at 70: An Evening with Former Mossad Director Danny Yatom**

**Wednesday, May 2, 7:00-8:30PM**, BJ Sanctuary: Seventy years after Israel's independence, the Jewish state faces a Middle East landscape that grows more complicated by the day. Join former Mossad Director and Knesset member Danny Yatom for a discussion about the latest developments. Register at [www.bj.org/dannyyatom](http://www.bj.org/dannyyatom).

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● **BJ and Ramah Minyan**

**Friday, May 4, 7:00PM**, BJ Chapel: BJ and the Ramah Minyan are partnering for a Star Wars-themed minyan for 20s and 30s! More details and registration at [www.bj.org/ramah](http://www.bj.org/ramah).

### ● **Tze'irim Whiteboarding Session**

**Thursday, May 10, 7:30PM**, Frankel Hall: Join our 20s and 30s committee as we brainstorm and decide on a new name for BJ's Tze'irim group. Please sign up at [www.bj.org/tzeirim](http://www.bj.org/tzeirim).

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

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