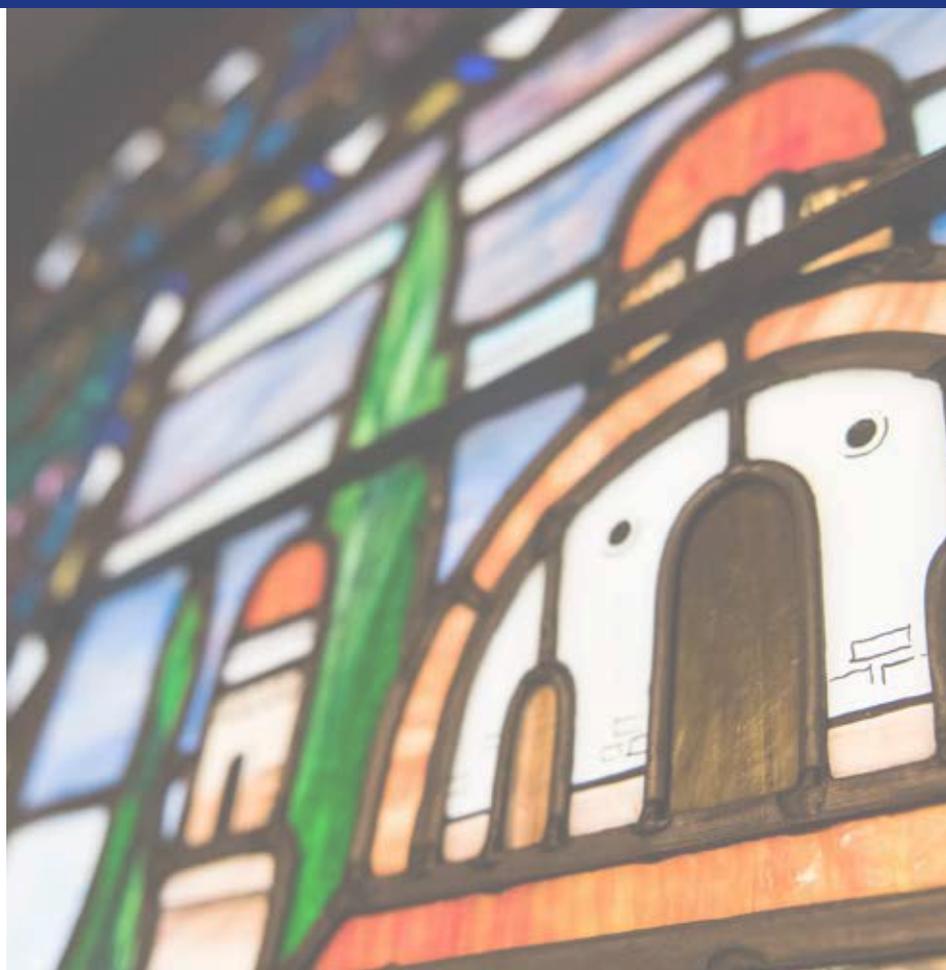


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



July 20–27, 2018 • 8-15 Av, 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 mourns the death of our member Marty Rosenblatt, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Sandy Cheiten, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Sara Pasternak Levine and Mathew Levine, their children, Mimi, Max, and Joseph Pasternak Levine, and their entire family on the death of Sara's father, Richard Pasternak.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Michael and Katelyn Cooper on the birth of their daughter, Violet Cooper. We also extend a mazal tov to Violet's grandparents, Liz and Jay Cooper, and her aunt, uncle, and cousin, Ariana Cooper Berry, Eric Berry, and Maisie Ava Berry.
- Sam and Sulekha Frank, and Kathleen Peratis, on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Audre Rose Sharan Frank.
- Dan Nadel, BJ Music Director, Center for Prayer and Spirituality, and Katherine Eckstein on the birth of their daughter, Yuval Bella Nadel.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Henry Goldschmidt and K-12 teachers on a religious diversity program, Interfaith Center of New York, New York City.
- **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 DO:

● **Needed: Summer Food Donors for Shelter**

Mondays and Tuesdays, Frankel Hall and ***Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays***, SPSA Social Hall, 263 West 86th Street: Signing up for just one meal can be a huge help, and getting involved is easy. Families, individuals, or groups can get together to prepare a light meal for eight people at BJ, at SPSA, at home—or even order in a light meal for our guests. Contact Larissa, lwohl@bj.org, to learn more.

LOST AND FOUND

Left something behind at services? Lost and Found is now located at reception on the 2nd floor of the Community House. Contact Adarra at adavis@bj.org or x220.

Items not claimed after 30 days will be donated to an appropriate charity.

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!

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.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, JULY 20

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

SATURDAY, JULY 21 | EREV TISHA BE-AV

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Light Kiddush** Following services – BJ Reception Room
- **Tisha Be-Av Evening Service** 9:15 PM – BJ Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JULY 22 | TISHA BE-AV

- **Tisha Be-Av Morning Service** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **From Destruction to Rebuilding: A Mindful Path to Resilience** 11:00 AM – BJ Chapel
Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein for a unique contemplative experience on Tisha Be-Av, exploring the nature of resilience in the long history of our people, and in our own lives today. No registration required; all are welcome.
- **The Impact of Destruction** 5:15 PM – BJ Chapel
Through the study of traditional and modern texts and theory, we will explore the themes of Tisha Be-Av as they relate to trauma and grief together with Rabbi Michael Boino. No experience necessary; no registration needed; all are welcome.
- **Tisha Be-Av Minhah Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Chapel

MONDAY, JULY 23

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

TUESDAY, JULY 24

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Occupy the Roof: Summer Social Justice Film Series — Rosenwald** 7:00 PM – BJ Rooftop



Sponsored by Panim, BJ's Social Action/Social Justice Groups, this film series will celebrate stories that shine a light on justice in a changing world. Light refreshments will be served. Register at www.bj.org/occupytheroof. Upcoming sessions: 8/7 (*Dolores*), 8/21 (*The Heart of Nuba*).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

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

THURSDAY, JULY 26

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

FRIDAY, JULY 27

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Summer Bim Bam** 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00 noon – BJ Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Sponsor a Light Summer Kiddush**
Saturdays through September 1, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Community House: During the summer months, we provide a light kiddush of fruit and cookies following Shabbat morning services. If you're interested in sponsoring a light summer kiddush, please contact Davia at drabinoff@bj.org or x234.
- **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *Pumpkinflowers* by Matti Friedman**
Sunday, July 29, 5:00PM, location given upon registration: Join us as we discuss *Pumpkinflowers*, written by award-winning Israeli journalist and author Matti Friedman. Register now at www.bj.org/pumpkinflowers.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 2*

● **BJ Mindfulness Retreat in Nature**

Register now for January 20-27, 2019, Costa Rica: Spend a week in the Costa Rican rainforest exploring Jewish mindfulness practice with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Connect more deeply with your soul, our truest values, and with God's creation. Find out more at www.bj.org/costarica19, or contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org or x255.

WHAT'S LATER

● **Upstander Training**

Wednesday, August 1, 6:30PM, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 West 68th Street: BJ and Stephen Wise Free Synagogue are excited to co-host Dr. Debbie Almontaser, who will present a "101" level upstander training. Sign up now at www.bj.org/upstandertraining.

● **20/30s Potluck on the Roof**

Friday, August 10, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, BJ Rooftop: Make new friends and eat good food! Join fellow BJ members in their 20s/30s for a potluck Shabbat dinner on the roof. Register now at www.bj.org/roofpotluck.

● **BJ Sanctuary Centennial Gala**

Monday, December 3, 6:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Save the date for the BJ Sanctuary Centennial Gala: a spectacular evening to honor the leadership of Jeannie Blaustein and Peter Bokor and to celebrate the life and work of Rabbi Rachel Cowan. More details to come.



MEMBERSHIP AT BJ;

there's no place
like home

Membership at BJ is about more than paying annual dues. It's about building and sustaining a unique community committed to transforming individual lives and the wider world.

We embrace the full diversity of today's Jewish community and welcome with love anyone who comes here to explore, build, and connect. Get in touch today to find out about membership and to learn how you can take an active role in shaping and supporting our very special spiritual home.

• **Joining BJ for the first time? Welcome!**

Contact Tess Chanoch, BJ's Assistant Director of Community Engagement at tchanoch@bj.org to request a membership form.

• **Renewing your membership for 2018-2019?**

Visit www.bj.org/renew for information on this year's renewal process.

• **Rejoining after some time away?**

Welcome back! Get in touch with Lucretia John at ljohn@bj.org for everything you need to (re)become part of the BJ community.

Visit www.bj.org/membership to find out more.

ASHORER SHIRAH

אֲשׁוֹרֵר שִׁירָה לְכָבוֹד הַתּוֹרָה
מִפֶּז יִקְרָה זָכָה וּבָרָה

Ashorer shirah likhvod hatorah
mipaz yekarah zakah u'varah

נֶאֱמַן שֵׁמוֹ בָּחַר בְּעַמּוֹ
לְהִיּוֹת לוֹ לְשֵׁמוֹ אִמָּה נִבְחָרָה

ne'eman shemo bahar be'amo
lih'yot lo lishmo ummah nivharah

נִגְלָה בְּכָבוֹדוֹ, עַל סִינֵי הוֹדוֹ
קָרָא לְעַבְדּוֹ, לְקַבֵּל תּוֹרָה

niglah bikhvodo, al sinai hodo
kara le'avdo, lekabbel torah

נִתְּנָה לָנוּ עַל יַד רוֹעֵנוּ
מֹשֶׁה רַבְּנֵנוּ בְּחִיר הָאֲמָה

nittenah lanu al yad ro'enu
mosheh rabbenu behir ha'umma

נֶאֱמַן בֵּיתוֹ הִבִּיט בְּדַמּוֹתָיו
גַּם נִבּוֹאָתוֹ מְרָאָה מְאִירָה

ne'eman beito hibbit bidmuto
gam nevu'ato mar'ah me'irah

יִשְׂמַח יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאַהֲבַת אֵל
כִּי הוּא מִנְחִיל אֶל לּוֹמְדֵי תּוֹרָה

yismah yisra'el be'ahavat el
ki hu manhil el lomdei torah

רַבָּה נְעִימָה תּוֹרָה תְּמִימָה
פְּתֵי מַחְכֵּימָה עֵין מְאִירָה

rabbah ne'imah torah temimah
peti mahkimah ayin me'irah

I will compose songs to honor the Torah
More precious than gold, bright and pure

Faithful in His house, he saw His image
His prophecy was a clear vision

The Faithful One chose His nation
To be His nation chosen for His name

Let Israel rejoice in God's love
He gives inheritance to those who learn Torah

He revealed His majesty at Sinai in His glory
He called His servant to receive the Torah

The perfect Torah is very delightful
Making fools wise, lighting up eyes

It was given to us by our shepherd
Our teacher, Moses, chosen one of the nation

— Translation by Abigail Denemark

Hesed at BJ

Do you need help getting to a doctor's visit, or to BJ services? Would you like a regular visit or phone call from a Hesed volunteer? If you or someone you know would like support, please reach out at: hesed@bj.org.

A TASTE OF TORAH: SHABBAT DEVARIM

As we begin Devarim, the Israelites are on the brink of entering the Promised Land, and Moshe delivers the first in a series of farewell addresses to his people. Given that they are now a generation removed from slavery, the exodus from Egypt, and the revelation at Sinai, it would make sense that Moshe would frame what they were about to experience in the context of everything that has transpired in the last 40 years. Interestingly, with the exception of a few fleeting moments, Moshe barely mentions these defining moments at all. Instead, we read the following:

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הִלָּךְ לְפָנֵיכֶם הוּא יִלָּחֵם לְכֶם כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה אֶתְכֶם בְּמִצְרַיִם לְעֵינֵיכֶם:
בְּמִדְבַר אֲשֶׁר רְאִיתָ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁאַף יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כְּאֲשֶׁר יִשָּׂא-אִישׁ-אֶת-בְּנוֹ בְּכָל-הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר
הִלַּכְתֶּם עַד-בְּאֶמְךָ עַד-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה: וּבְדָבַר הַזֶּה אֵינִיכֶם מֵאֲמִינִים בִּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

None other than Adonai your God, who goes before you, will fight for you, just as Adonai did for you in Egypt before your very eyes, and in the wilderness, where you saw how Adonai your God carried you, as one carries their child, all the way that you traveled until you came to this place. Yet in spite of all this, you have no faith in Adonai your God.

—Deuteronomy 1:30-32

It seems noteworthy how Moshe lays into the Israelites, chastising and rebuking them for their failures and lack of faith. Why might Moshe be rebuking the people in the midst of this farewell address? It seems like a curious way for him to say goodbye to his family of the last 40 years.

In Deuteronomy Rabbah, the rabbis explored this very question and noted our reading from a few weeks ago in parashat Balak, as the sorcerer Bilaam was sent to the Israelites' camp to curse them, and blessed them instead. With all things being equal, they wondered, wouldn't it make more sense for Bilaam to curse them, and for Moshe to offer them a blessing? The rabbis said that if this rebuke had come from Bilaam, B'nai Yisrael would have dismissed it as simply a curse coming from a place of hatred. And similarly, if Moshe had blessed them, the other nations of the world would have dismissed those words as loving blessings from one who loves them the most. Neither rebuke nor blessings would have been heard deeply.

In other words, in order for this criticism to be truly internalized, it had to come from a place of love. What an amazing model Moses provides for us of how constructive criticism should be both given and received. Certainly it's not always easy to hear criticism, but here we see an example of a rebuke in its best form. We see that critique — if done properly — isn't about feeling bigger by making someone else feel smaller. It isn't about power, embarrassment, or ridicule. Moshe shows us that criticism is itself an expression of love.

May we take this lesson from Moshe to heart and as we find ourselves rebuking others. May we allow love to be the driving force behind our criticisms while cultivating the ability to recognize those intentions in others when we ourselves are critiqued.

— Cantor David Mintz

TORAH PORTION

DEVARIM

SHABBAT HAZON

Torah: Annual Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22

Triennial Deuteronomy 2:2 - 2:30

1:	2:2 - 2:5
2:	2:6 - 2:12
3:	2:13 - 2:16
4:	2:17 - 2:19
5:	2:20 - 2:22
6:	2:23 - 2:25
7:	2:26 - 2:30
Maftir:	2:28 - 2:30

Haftarah Isaiah 1:1 - 1:27

NEXT WEEK: VA-ETHANAN

SHABBAT NAHAMU

Torah: Annual Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Triennial Deuteronomy 5:1 - 6:25

Haftarah Isaiah 40:1 - 4:26

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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IN THE BJ SANCTUARY

