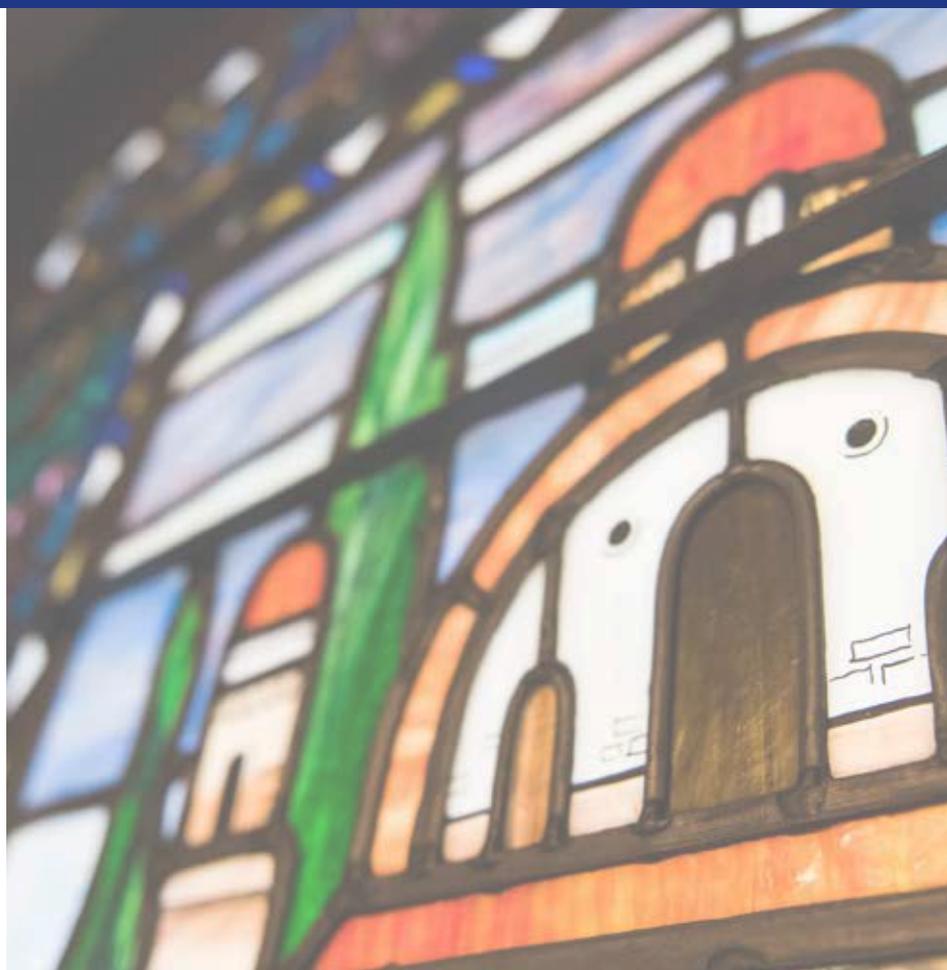


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



August 31-September 7, 2018 • 20-27 Elul, 5778

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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Meg and Seth Akabas, their children and grandchildren, and their entire family on the death of Meg's sister, Leslie Lowenthal.

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Howard Goldman and Carrie Harris on the birth of their grandson, Henry Novak Goldman, and to the new parents, Sam and Sarah Goldman.
- Sarah Rosenthal and Mark Broomfield on their upcoming marriage, and to Ruth Jarmul and Irvin Rosenthal, Rebecca Rosenthal and Adam Arenson, Rachel Rosenthal and Yair Rosenberg and Simon, Leo and Madeline Arenson.
- Edward Brill and Michele Levin on the birth of their grandson, Julian Serge Brill.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by :

- Ruth Jarmul and Irv Rosenthal in honor of Sarah Rosenthal and Mark Broomfield's upcoming wedding.
- Helena Diamant Glass in honor of her birthday.

## 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.

## Friday Evening Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, September 7**, Kabbalat Shabbat services will start at 6:30PM.

**Note:** from October 5 through the winter, services will begin at 6:15PM.



Seeking a meaningful way to prepare  
for the Yamim Nora'im?

It's as easy as opening your email. From the beginning of Elul through Yom Kippur, keep an eye on your inbox for daily kavannot from BJ community members on the transformative power of teshuvah. Start the season by reflecting on how you, too, can return home to the purest version of yourself.



### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

#### ● Shelter Sleepover Volunteers Needed

**Sunday-Thursdays**, 9:00PM-7:00AM, SPSA Social Hall or Frankel Hall: Our shelter is in need of reliable volunteers to do a once-a-month sleepover shift. This really is the only mitzvah you can literally do in your sleep! It's easy to do and makes a huge difference in the lives of our guests. Contact Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) to learn more and sign up.

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, AUGUST 31

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

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah**

**Mark Broomfield and Sarah Rosenthal**

- ● **Family Service (0-Pre-K/K-Grade 2)** 10:45 AM – BJ Middle & Reception Rooms

- ● **Community Kiddush** Following services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor

- ● **Hilkhot Teshuvah:** Following Kiddush – BJ Chapel

### **Pathways Towards Transformation**

Join us for an exploration of Hilkhot Teshuvah, taught on alternating weeks by Cantor Dave Mintz and Rabbi Shuli Passow. Together we'll learn how we can return to the best versions of ourselves in preparation for the Yamim Nora'im. Upcoming class: 9/8.

- ● **Elul Talks and Selihot** BJ Community House and BJ Sanctuary

8:30 PM – Communal Singing and Havdalah 10:25 PM – Coffee Hour

9:00 PM – Elul Talks 11:00 PM – Selihot

Join us for Elul Talks: exploring the implicit bias we carry, uncovering untold stories in our community, engaging together in a powerful Heshbon Hanefesh. Followed by a coffee hour and soulful Selihot. Open to all, no registration required. More information: [www.bj.org/talksandselihot](http://www.bj.org/talksandselihot).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

- **Hebrew Speaking Havurah** 5:30 PM – Location given upon registration

Get together with other Hebrew speakers and Rabbi Yisrael Serok to discuss current affairs in Hebrew. Meets the second Sunday of each month. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/hebrewspeakinghavurah](http://www.bj.org/hebrewspeakinghavurah). To R.S.V.P., email Nili at [ngitig@gmail.com](mailto:ngitig@gmail.com).

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | Labor Day

*BJ Office closed*

- ● **Selihot Prayers** 9:15 AM – BJ Chapel

Join us for Selihot (penitential prayers) each morning for 15 minutes immediately preceding the minyan. We will join in reflection and introspection and sing special piyutim for the holy season leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Through Tuesday, September 18 (excluding Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah).

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- ● **Selihot Prayers** 7:15 AM – BJ Chapel

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

- ● **A Night of Remembrance: A High Holy Days** 7:00 PM – BJ Chapel

### **Support Group for the Bereaved**

Have you experienced loss and find the High Holy Days painful or difficult to navigate? Join Rabbi Michael Boino and Hazzan Ari Priven for a High Holy Days support group. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/nightofremembrance](http://www.bj.org/nightofremembrance).

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**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](mailto:hesed@bj.org).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Ḥatanu Lefanekha: Tuning Our Souls for Teshuvah** 6:30 PM – BJ Chapel  
Led by Rabbi Roly Matalon and Music Director Dan Nadel, this three-part poetical and musical experience featuring Sephardic and Mizrahi melodies will engage us in the spiritual journey from Seliḥot to the Yamim Nora'im. Upcoming session: 9/12. Free of charge, open to all.
- **Inscribe Me in the Book of Being a Parent: A Discussion** 6:30 PM – The Jewish Board, 135 West 50th Street, 6th Floor  
Join us for an evening of discussion and dialogue on how to encounter, survive, feel supported, and find hope in engaging with the High Holy Days while struggling with infertility. Register now at [www.bj.org/inscribeme](http://www.bj.org/inscribeme).

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice: March and Rally** 5:30 PM – Battery Park  
Join the Jewish Climate Action Network and thousands of other New Yorkers to call on Mayor de Blasio and Governor Cuomo to take concrete steps to combat climate change by enacting effective policies. Register now at [www.bj.org/risemarchrally](http://www.bj.org/risemarchrally).
- **Lost and Found: A Guide to High Holy Days Services with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:00 PM – BJ Middle Room  
The Jewish Home Project presents a pre-High Holy Days workshop for multi-faith/multi-heritage families (all families are welcome). No Hebrew or prior prayer experience necessary. Walk-ins are welcome, but we encourage you to register now at [www.bj.org/lostandfound](http://www.bj.org/lostandfound).

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

## WHAT'S NEXT

- **Usher, Greet, and Volunteer at High Holy Days Services**  
**Sunday, September 9-Wednesday, September 19**, various time and locations: Help make the High Holy Days happen by volunteering, ushering, or greeting. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/hhdvolunteering](http://www.bj.org/hhdvolunteering).
- **Apply to Become an Ozer(et)**  
**Accepting applications through September 15:** Applications to work as an ozer(et) (assistant teacher) in Kadima@BJ and/or for our monthly youth group programming are now open for all members in 8th-12th grade! For more information and to apply, visit [www.bj.org/ozeretapplication](http://www.bj.org/ozeretapplication).
- **Tashlikh on the Upper East Side**  
**Monday, September 10**, 5:30PM, Carl Schurz Park Promenade at 86th Street: Upper East Side members are invited to join us for tashlikh closer to home. Together, we will symbolically let go of harmful behaviors by casting pieces of bread into the East River. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/uestashlikh](http://www.bj.org/uestashlikh).
- **Hakhanah laTefillah**  
**Saturday, September 15 (Shabbat Shuvah) and then every other Saturday beginning October 5**, 8:45-9:25AM, BJ Chapel: 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. This series is open to all, no registration necessary.

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- **The Mindful Calendar Series: Forgiveness Workshop with Rabbi Shuli Passow**  
**Saturday, September 15**, following kiddush, BJ Chapel: This series blends personal reflection, mindfulness, and text study to bring deeper meaning to significant moments throughout the year. In preparation for Yom Kippur, this workshop will explore ways to forgive ourselves and others. All welcome, no registration required. More information at [www.bj.org/forgiveness](http://www.bj.org/forgiveness).
- **Community Break-Fast**  
**Wednesday, September 19**, following Ne'ilah services, Frankel Hall: Join us at a delicious Community break-fast, generously sponsored by Helena Diamant Glass in cherished memory of her beloved parents, Regina Landwirth Diamant and Karl Diamant. Register now at [www.bj.org/breakfast2018](http://www.bj.org/breakfast2018).
- **20s and 30s Break-Fast**  
**Wednesday, September 19**, following Ne'ilah services, location given upon registration: Join us for a delicious 20s and 30s break-fast! The event is free for members, but registration is required at [www.bj.org/20s30sbreakfast2018](http://www.bj.org/20s30sbreakfast2018).

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## WHAT'S LATER

- **Bim Bam in the Fall!**  
**Fridays, September 21-December 14**, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00PM, BJ Chapel: Bim Bam gives children under three a space to explore Shabbat through songs and stories. The 10:15AM session features English and Hebrew, while the 11:15AM session is full Hebrew immersion. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/fallbimbam](http://www.bj.org/fallbimbam).
- **Sliding into Sukkot: Family Breakfast**  
**Sunday, September 23**, 10:15-11:30AM, BJ Community House: Join us for a family breakfast in the sukkah! Sing holiday tunes, shake the lulav, and create festive decorations. The cost is \$10 per family for BJ members and \$18 per family for non-members. Register at [www.bj.org/familysukkahbreakfast](http://www.bj.org/familysukkahbreakfast).
- **Hebrew Ulpan Classes** אולפן עברית  
**Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, beginning October 8**, BJ Community House: Join other members of the BJ community in a small group environment to build and improve your Hebrew conversational skills. Register now at [www.bj.org/hebrewulpan](http://www.bj.org/hebrewulpan).
- **Kadima@BJ Shirah with Shira**  
**Tuesdays, October 9-December 18**, 4:00-4:45PM, BJ Community House: Shira Averbuch will lead children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers in music, stories, and movement. Children will learn about Jewish tradition, Israeli culture, the Hebrew language, and holiday customs. Register now at [www.bj.org/shirahwithshira](http://www.bj.org/shirahwithshira).



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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. If you plan to join us for High Holy Days this year, please renew your membership no later than Tuesday, September 4. Visit [www.bj.org/membership](http://www.bj.org/membership) to find out more.

# A TASTE OF TORAH: SHABBAT KI TAVO

In many ways, Ki Tavo continues in the same function as a number of previous parashiot, laying out a series of blessings that the Israelites will enjoy if they follow God's mitzvot, and curses which will befall them if they neglect their covenant with God. Our text is all at once dark (even disturbing in some places) and beautiful, providing sources for great personal meaning. Toward the end of our parashah, we see one particular moment where such beauty emerges from seemingly contradictory language. Here, we read:

וַיִּקְרָא מֹשֶׁה אֶל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם אַתֶּם רְאִיתֶם אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְהוָה לְעֵינֵיכֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לְפָרְעֹה וּלְכָל-עַבְדָּיו  
וּלְכָל-אֶרֶצוֹ: הַמִּסּוֹת הַגְּדֹלֹת אֲשֶׁר רָאוּ עֵינֵיךְ הָאֵתָת וְהַמִּפְתִּים הַגְּדֹלִים הָאֵלֶּם:

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: You have seen all that Adonai did before your very eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his courtiers and to his whole country: the wondrous feats that you saw with your own eyes, those prodigious signs and marvels.

—Deuteronomy 29:1-2

Twice in this short excerpt, Moses reminds the Israelites that they have witnessed the miracles of the Exodus with their own eyes. The problem, of course, is that they didn't. We know that the people gathered in front of Moses are a generation removed from the one that was taken out of Egypt, and it is that previous generation that witnessed these miracles with their own eyes. This inconsistency begs the question of how we might understand Moses' words and the ideas he might be trying to express.

It is telling that sometimes the most powerful experiences of one generation also become ingrained in the collective memory of the next. The family stories that we are told as children, the narratives and myths of our grandparents and great-grandparents, can become ingrained in the structure of our own psyches and lives to the point that they become our own.

Moses is reminding the people of their past and retelling their history, but it seems that he is connecting to something deeper—perhaps a uniquely Jewish understanding of history. After all, Biblical Hebrew has no word for "history." Modern Hebrew has "historiah," but when the tanakh references the past, it uses the word "zekhirah"—a remembrance. It's as though history can't exist on its own. Unlike history, which is written down in anthologies that bear testament to their validity, a zekhirah requires us to actively remember it in order to make it real and sustained in our lives.

The nation that Moses is addressing did not see these miracles with their own eyes, but perhaps he is speaking to something deeper—imploring them to tell and retell the story that has been told to them, and in so doing, to actively remember the narrative of our people so that it becomes a fully internalized story of our own, as though we experienced it with our very own eyes.

— Cantor David Mintz

## TORAH PORTION

### KI TAVO

**Torah: Annual** Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

**Triennial** Deuteronomy 26:12 - 28:

1: 26:12 - 26:15

2: 26:16 - 26:19

3: 27:1 - 27:3

4: 27:4 - 27:8

5: 27:6 - 27:10

6: 27:11 - 28:03

7: 28:4 - 28:6

Maftir: 28:4 - 28:6

**Haftarah** Isaiah 60:1 - 60:22

### NEXT WEEK: NITZAVIM

**Torah:** Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20

**Haftarah** Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

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. **Please join us to hear the shofar each morning during the month of Elul. Visit [www.bj.org/minyan](http://www.bj.org/minyan).**

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