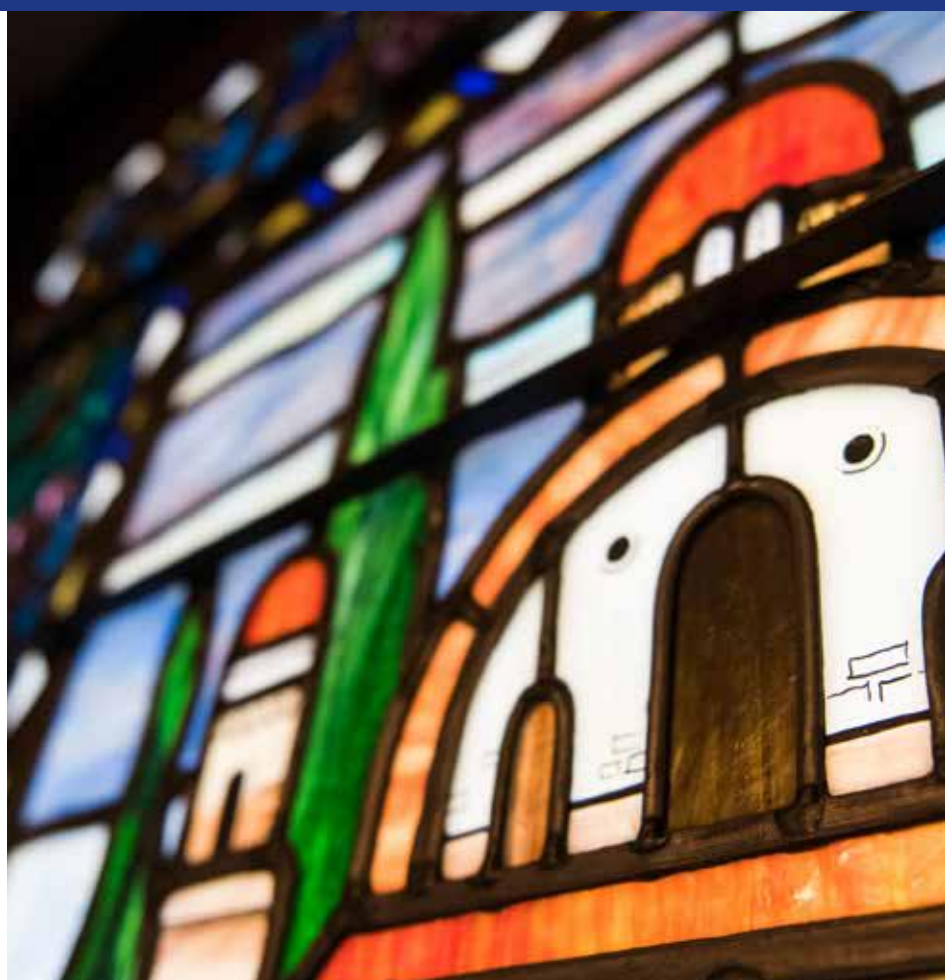


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The Voice of BJ This Week

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October 30–November 6, 2015 • 17–24 Heshvan, 5776

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM} / CONDOLENCES

- The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Alfred Schwartz, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Renee Schwartz, their daughter Carolyn Schwartz, and their entire family.
- The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Jules Frankel, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Susan Frankel; their children and grandchildren, Rabbi Leora Frankel, Andrew Sage, and Miriam Sage; and David Frankel, Donielle Lavintman, and Leo Frankel; and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Ellen Metzger and Marvin Lange, and their daughter Rebecca Lange, on the death of Ellen's father, Leon Metzger.
- Ira Wolfman and Ronda Small, and their children Evan Levine and Perry Small-Wolfman, on the death of Ira's mother, Beatrice Wolfman.
- Larry and Lisa-Karyn Davidoff, and their children, Benjamin, Hannah, and Michael, on the death of Larry's father, Robert Davidoff.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Aaron and Aly Viny on the naming of their daughter, Lilah Bea Viny.
- Rabbi Sarit Horwitz and Abe Schacter-Gampel on their upcoming wedding.
- Amir Shaviv and Beth Brodsky, and Natan Shaviv, on the birth of their granddaughter and niece, Evelyn Louise Straus Shaviv.
- Ellen Kirschner on the engagement of her son, Benjamin Popper, to Nancy Gunzenhauser.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is co-supported by Aaron and Aly Viny in honor of Lilah's baby naming, and Shirley Cooper and Mark and Cindy Saper in honor of the upcoming wedding of Rabbi Sarit Horwitz and Abe Schacter-Gampel.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Rabbinerin Gesa S. Ederberg, Oranienburger Strasse Synagogue, Berlin, Germany.
- Tova Perlow and Muslim Leadership group, Shalom Hartman Institute, New York, New York.
- **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 a warm, transformative, and open place.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● Support Our Shelter: Become a Sleepover Volunteer

Sign up for a monthly shift or fill in where we need volunteers most. Sleepover shifts are from 9PM-7AM at either SPSA or BJ. Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272 to learn more.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

● Cosmetics and Toiletries for the Shelter

This month we are collecting cosmetics and toiletries for our shelter and lunch programs. Travel sizes as well as full-sized items are welcome. Drop off donations in the labeled bins at 89th Street.



Register Now: ISRAEL FAMILY TRIP: VISIONS OF ISRAEL, Dec. 23, 2015-Jan. 2, 2016

We hope you love your *Kol Jeshurun* and will take it home. If you choose not to do so, we kindly ask that you leave it on your chair.

Please note: For detailed class descriptions and to register for classes, please visit www.bj.org/learning/classes. All classes are free of charge except where noted.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Naming

Lilah Bea Viny

Aliyat Kallah

Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

- ● **Junior Congregation—Kids & Parents** 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel, Parlor, and 2nd Floor
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

- **Fall Hike with Yozma** Time and location TBD

Join fellow Yozma hikers for a day on the trail. We will choose from three possible locations, all accessible via public transportation. R.S.V.P. to Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net for details and to share your preference.

- ● **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter** 1:00 PM – 88th St. Kitchen

Join Tze'irim as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Brunch at 1:00PM and start cooking afterward. Suggested donation (\$6-10/person) and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Friday, October 30 at www.bj.org.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

- **PJ Library Story Corner** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (18 months-3 years)
Visit www.bj.org/earlychildhood for more information about all Early Childhood classes.

- **Open Play: Tummy Time and Tea** 11:30 AM – 89th St. (6 weeks-crawling)

- **Open Play: Kooky Kids and Cookies** 2:00 PM – 89th St. (3-5 years)

- **TefilLab: Shabbat Arvit** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel

Join Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg in an exploration of the themes and customs of the Friday night evening service, Arvit. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact arosenberg@bj.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

- **The Book of Genesis** 8:30 AM – 89th St. 1st Floor
Rabbi Hillel Friedman: Through May 16. Members \$100/non-members \$150. Register at www.bj.org/events.

- **Open Play: Toddling Tots and Treats** 9:30 AM – 89th St. (crawling-2 years)

- **"Soul Food" Lunch and Learn** 12:30 PM – NO CLASS THIS WEEK

- **PJ Library Story Corner** 3:00 PM – 89th St. (18 months-3 years)

- **Va-Ani Tefilati Lekha: 6 Sessions on Prayer** 6:30 PM – 89th St.

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon: Deepen your understanding of and enhance your capacity for meaningful prayer in one or more sessions. We will strengthen bonds of community by sharing a meal and singing together. Free of charge and open to BJ members at any level of learning or practice. Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org to register. Upcoming sessions: 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5.

- **Consensus and Conflict in the American Jewish Experience—A JTS Community Course** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

This course examines fundamental questions about the Jewish encounter with America by exploring three discrete periods in history. Taught in three units—enroll in one, two, or all three. BJ members: \$40/unit; nonmembers: \$50/unit. Register at www.bj.org/events.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Open Play: Tummy Time and Tea** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (6 weeks-crawling)
- **Musical Playground** 3:00 PM – 89th St. (0-2 years)
4:00 PM – 89th St. (2-4 years)
- **Introduction to Judaism (registration is closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Religion and the State of Israel—An Unholy Matrimony** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Join us for a fascinating panel discussion with three Israeli activists, each voicing a unique perspective on matters of Religion and State in Israel, trying to impact legislation on complicated issues of personal status while reshaping the character of the Jewish State.
- **Mindfulness Class: Finding Our Soul in the Text** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room
Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo R. Bronstein: In this class, we offer meditation, contemplative text study, music, and time for reflection to assist you in connecting more meaningfully with the words of the weekly parasha. Free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Creative Kids Art Studio** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (18-24 months)
10:00 AM – 89th St. (2-3 years)
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn (registration is closed)** 12:30 PM
- **Open Play: Toddling Tots and Treats** 2:00 PM – 89th St. (crawling-2 years)
- **Creative Kids Art Studio** 4:00 PM – 89th St. (3-4 years)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Bim Bam Fall Session** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

WHAT'S NEXT

- **“Holiness” Workshops at Drisha**
November 4, 6:30PM, Drisha (37 West 65th Street, 5th floor): Join our friends at Drisha for a discussion of challenging questions around holiness, as we seek to fulfill the Torah's injunction to be holy. Rabbi Roly Matalon will speak at this session. Call 212-595-0307 for more information.
- **The 9th Annual Other Israel Film Festival**
Thursday, November 5-Thursday, November 12, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.: BJ is proud to partner with the JCC of Manhattan in presenting some of the most thought-provoking Israeli documentaries: *Colliding Dreams*, *Rock in the Red Zone*, and *Arab Movie*. Register at otherisrael.org using the code BJ15 for discounted tickets.
- ● **Tot Shabbat**
Friday, November 6, 5:15-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM downstairs in Frankel Hall, complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Register at www.bj.org.
- ● **Community Shabbat Potluck Hosted by the CSA**
Friday, November 6, 7:45-10:00PM (following Kabbalat Shabbat services), 89th St. Reception Room: New this year! Bring your friends, family, and a dairy/vegetarian dish to share—you won't want to miss out. Sign up at www.bj.org/potluck or call x272.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

● ● PJs & Havdalah

Saturday, November 7, 4:00-5:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to experience Havdalah, the ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat, through play, art, song, and story. Kids are encouraged to come in pajamas. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

● Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! We're Off to the Zoo

Sunday, November 8, 11:30AM, Bronx Zoo: BJ minyan gabbai and 29-year zoo docent Peggy Moss leads a special one-hour tour just for us. After, use your ticket for special access to other parts of the zoo. Visit bj.org/zoo for registration information.

● ● Teen Day of Service: Met Council and SNAP Program

Sunday, November 8, 11:45AM-2:30PM, Met Council, 120 Broadway: Join the BJ teens to learn more about SNAP and participate in community outreach. Register at www.bj.org.

● ● K-2 Day of Hesed

Sunday, November 8, 3:30-5:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Join K-2 BJ youth for an afternoon of community service and games in the 89th Street Gym. R.S.V.P. to Ayala at awasser@bj.org.

● Veteher Libeinu Women's Mini-Retreats: Pathways to Purifying Our Hearts

Monday, November 9, 6:15-9:15PM, 89th Street Community House: Immerse, converse, connect, and reflect, with a little nosh. Join with women of all ages to explore and study in this four-part series. Bring your own vegetarian/dairy meal. Free of charge; open to BJ members at any level of learning or practice. Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org to register.

● ● The Shalom Hartman Institute's Manhattan Collaborative

Monthly on Tuesdays through March 8, 7:00-9:00PM, various locations: Next session 11/10. Free to BJ members. Register at www.shalomhartman.org/NYcollaborative using code CBJ15.

● Heschel Friday

Friday, November 13, 8:30-9:15AM, 89th Street Chapel: Start your day with Heschel (and Rabbinic Fellows Alex and Arielle) as we discuss Heschel's article "To Be a Jew: What is it?" from *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity* (available at West Side Judaica). Please read the article in advance.

● ● Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 13, 5:30-6:30PM, 89th Street 3rd Floor Gym: Families are invited to enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner with other BJ families before Kabbalat Shabbat services. Please register at www.bj.org or email ebedolla@bj.org with any questions.

● Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, November 13, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, and Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org with any questions.

● Israeli Book Club—First Meeting for 2015-2016

Sunday, November 15, 5:00-6:30PM, location given upon registration: The Israeli Book Club is renewing its activity. In our first meeting we will be discussing *The Seven Good Years*, Etgar Keret's latest memoir. Please contact msamuels@bj.org for location.

● Upcoming Economic Justice Hevra Meeting

Monday, November 16, 6:30-8:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Join us as we continue our work to support the Justice for Farmworkers campaign to ensure that laborers who produce the food we depend on in NYS can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P. contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

● Young Adult Heschel Session

Tuesday, November 17, 8:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Join Rabbi Sarit Horwitz, along with others in their 20s and 30s, to reflect together on this month's essay "To Be a Jew: What is it?" from Abraham Joshua Heschel's *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*. R.S.V.P. to shorwitz@bj.org

A TASTE OF TORAH: VAYERA

וַיֹּאמֶר: אֲדֹנָי, אִם-נָא מָצָאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ-אֶל-נָא תַעֲבֹר, מֵעַל עַבְדְּךָ.

And [Avraham] said: My lords, if I have found favor in your eyes, do not go on past your servant.

— Genesis 18:3

R' Yehuda said in the name of Rav: "Hospitality to guests is greater than greeting the Divine Presence" (Shabbat 127). One who brings close a person who is distanced from mitzvot and the synagogue is more important to God than one who "greeted God" while staying alone in his tent, in his own quarters, in order to accept God, but doesn't worry about anyone else.

—Yalkut Eliezer (19th c. Hungary)

In this season, we yearn to feel the warmth that we might receive in another's home. We long to share the sweetness of our own (cramped, New York) spaces with others. Yet, in a community of our size and scope, it can be hard to recognize that we have the opportunity to invite others into our homes.

In this time of reenvisioning what our community can be, we will have a series of home-hosted candle-lightings throughout Hanukkah. Whether you are Avraham and Sarah opening your doors to guests, or whether you are the angels bringing blessings through your presence, we hope you'll join us in this communal celebration of Hanukkah. Serve as a host for one night, including both friends from BJ you know and a few guests that hopefully will become new friends.* Vayera reminds us that we can be both Avraham and the guests, not missing this opportunity to come close to one another.

—Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

*To be a part of BJ Lights Up the Block, please contact Rabbi Sarit Horwitz at shorwitz@bj.org.

WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

● Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays, November 20, December 18, and January 15, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room

● ● Hitoreri: A Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, November 20, 7:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Register at www.bj.org.

● ● Bim Bam Institute: Storytelling Through a Jewish Lens

Sunday, November 22, 10:00AM-4:00PM, 89th Street Community House: To register, contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org.

● ● The Second IDI Israel Education Session: Ben-Gurion, Jabotinsky, and Magnes: Conflicting Visions of the Future Jewish State

Monday, November 23, 7:00PM, 89th Street Community House

TORAH PORTION

VAYERA

Torah: Annual Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

Triennial Genesis 21:1 - 22:24

- 1: 21:1 - 21:4
 - 2: 21:5 - 21:13
 - 3: 21:14 - 21:21
 - 4: 21:22 - 21:34
 - 5: 22:1 - 22:08
 - 6: 22:9 - 22:19
 - 7: 22:20 - 22:24
- Maftir: 22:20 - 22:24

Haftarah II Kings 4:1 - 4:23

NEXT WEEK: HAYEI SARAH

Torah: Annual Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

Triennial Genesis 24:53 - 25:18

Haftarah I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

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