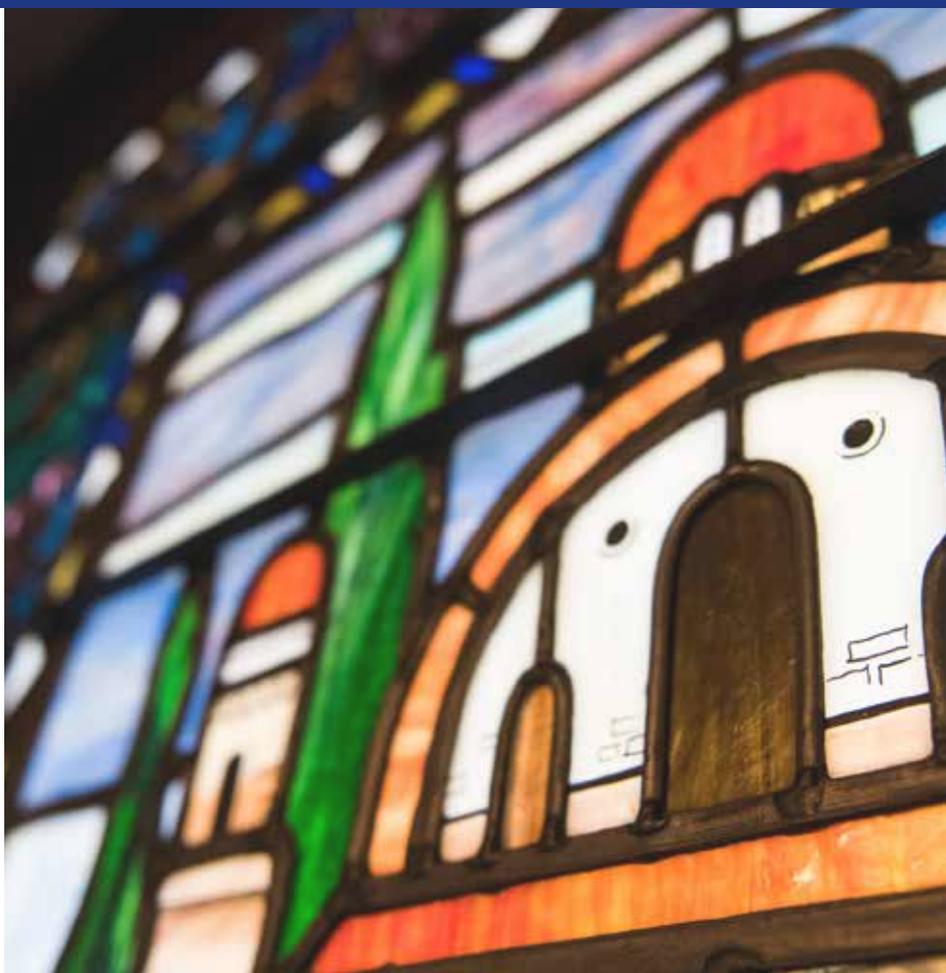


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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May 20-27, 2016 • 12-19 Iyar, 5776

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Sonny Greenwald, and we extend our sincere condolences to his entire family.

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

- Janice Horowitz and Richard Bookstaber, and their daughter, Anna Bookstaber, on the death of Janice's mother, Estelle Horowitz.
- Heidi Cohen and Larry Aronson on the death of Heidi's mother, Elaine Wilk Cohen.
- Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum on the death of her grandfather, Herbert Rosenbaum.
- Glenda and Raymond Schwarz, and their children, Laura and Julia, on the death of Glenda's mother, Leah Edelson.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Ian Krupp and his parents, Elle Melaver and Jon Krupp, on Ian becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sarah Anne Stephenson, her parents, Cathy and Michael Stephenson, and her brother, Samuel Stephenson, on Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Elle Melaver and Jon Krupp in honor of Ian becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Todah Rabbah to the team of volunteers who helped organize and run the Environmental and Food Justice Kiddush two weeks ago: Gil Kulick, Sara Mandelbaum, Les Judd, Valerie Gerstein, Michael Ekstract, Anne Millman, Manor Ben-Shaul, Myriam Abramowicz, Ronda Small, Janet Burak. Thank you also to Hazon for providing financial and technical support.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Dusty Wood and 8th Grade Class, Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School, Irvine, California.
- Leadership Mission participants, KOLOT Institute, Negev, Israel.
- Wende Weinberg and students, Levine Academy, Dallas, Texas.
- **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.

"Piety is a mode of living. It is the orientation of human inwardness toward the holy. It is a predominant interest in the ultimate value of all acts and feelings and thoughts. With his heart open to and attracted by some spiritual gravitation, the pious man moves, as it were, toward the center of a universal stillness, and his conscience is so placed as to listen to the voice of God."

—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

"An Analysis of Piety" in Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity

PARTICIPATE IN OUR YEARLONG COMMUNITY HESCHEL STUDY

Join a study group: Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org or x264.

Participate in this month's webinar (rescheduled from earlier this month):

Go to www.bj.org/mayheschelwebinar on Wednesday, May 25, at 12:00 noon.

For more info, visit www.bj.org/heschel.

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, MAY 20

- **Special Yom Ha'atzmaut Exhibit— Journeys: The Land of Milk and Honey** Through May 20 – 89th St. Reception and Middle Rooms
Michal Nachman's work explores the process of layering and recreating memory and history using mixed media, printmaking, collage, and installation. This exhibit explores the process of imagination, memory, and community building during the years leading to the founding of Israel.
- **Bo-i Kallah Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and Dan Nadel for an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat. With soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems and Psalms we will transition gently and with full kavannah—leaving the work-week consciousness, welcoming Shabbat.
- **Hitoreri: Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Teens** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Zayin Graduation Dinner** Following Service – 89th St. 3rd Floor Gym

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 28 (Malkhut Shebenetzah)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

- **Soulful Start: Shira Yoga— An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul** 9:20 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Bring voice, breath and body together in this pilot 5-session series that combines asana yoga and piyut (Hebrew liturgical poetry). Each month we will explore a new piyut through a gentle yoga practice and chanting. Visit www.bj.org/yoga for more details.
- **Gimmel Shabbat** 9:30 AM – 86th St. 2nd Floor
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- Bar Mitzvah** **Ian Krupp**
- **Justice for Farmworkers March and Shabbat Morning Speaker: Get Involved!** During Shabbat morning services and Shabbat afternoon – 86th St. and 89th St.
Support the Economic Justice Hevra's campaign: Hear stories from the field on Shabbat morning, welcome farmworkers and supporters marching to Albany on Shabbat afternoon, and lobby in Albany on June 1. Learn more and sign up to welcome marchers at www.bj.org/march.
- **KesheTOT** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Chapel
- **Junior Congregation—Kids & Families** 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
- **Picnic in Riverside Park** Following Services – Riverside Park
Celebrate springtime with a picnic lunch in the park. Families are invited to bring their own lunch, blankets, and games; we will provide dessert. Families will walk to park together.
- **Minḥa Service** 5:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- Bat Mitzvah** **Sarah Stephenson**
- **20s and 30s Shabbat Evening: Sing, Study, Schmooze** 7:30 PM – location provided upon R.S.V.P.
Join Tze'irim for a Shabbat evening of study (based on the Heschel essay of the month, "An Analysis of Piety" in *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*), song, food, and Havdalah together. R.S.V.P. to shorwitz@bj.org for location.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 29 (Hesed Shebehod)

SUNDAY, MAY 22

- **Mindfulness Meditation and the Counting of the Omer** 8:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
Join a journey of personal transformation during the counting of the Omer, the seven-week period between the holidays of Pesah and Shavuot. More info at www.bj.org/meditation.

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- **Tribe Ride: Bike with BJ** 8:45 AM – 89th St.
Enjoy a day of casual riding around the northern tip of Manhattan, stopping at Highbridge Park. Participants are kindly requested to bring their own water, snacks, and helmets. Open to all. Register at www.bj.org/hazon. Contact bjrevolutionaries@gmail.com for more information.
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- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
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- **Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit—The Renee Kaufman Memorial Lecture** 4:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Linda That will share insights from their book, *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit*, that can help us face the challenges of aging. Visit www.bj.org/aging for more information and to register.
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■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 30 (Gevurah Shebehod)

MONDAY, MAY 23

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
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■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 31 (Tiferet Shebehod)

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
 - **Keshet & KesheTOT** 4:00 PM – 89th St.
 - **Tze'irim 20s and 30s: Celebrate Gay Pride Month with a Special Screening of *Oriented*** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel and Reception Room
Join Tze'irim and Keshet in celebrating Gay Pride Month with the screening of the acclaimed Israeli documentary *Oriented*, followed by a Q&A with one of the movie's heroes. Light refreshments will be served. Free admission. Register at www.bj.org.
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■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 32 (Netzah Shebehod)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
 - **Heschel Webinar: "An Analysis of Piety"** 12:00 Noon – online
Rescheduled from earlier this month. Please visit www.bj.org/mayheschelwebinar to participate.
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■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 33 (Hod Shebehod)

THURSDAY, MAY 26 | LAG BA-OMER

Last day of BJHS

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
 - **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
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■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 34 (Yesod Shebehod)

FRIDAY, MAY 27

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
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■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 35 (Malkhut Shebehod)

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Step Up To The Plate With BJ Softball**
Thursdays through early July, 7:00PM, Central Park: Play softball in co-ed, non-competitive, friendly games. Open to the entire BJ community. Contact Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net for more information.
- **Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer**
Saturdays, May 28 and June 11, 8:45PM, 86th Street 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.

WHAT'S NEXT

● **The Global Refugee Crisis: How We Can Respond**

Tuesday, May 31, 7:00-8:30PM (doors open at 6:30PM), 88th Street Sanctuary:
Learn about the global refugee crisis and how we can respond from Eleanor Acer (Senior Director, Refugee Protection, Human Rights First), Congressman Jerry Nadler, and Mark Hetfield (President and CEO, HIAS). More information and registration at www.bj.org/refugee.

● ● **Community Shabbat Potluck**

Friday, June 3, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, 89th Street Reception Room:
It's the final potluck of the year! Bring something delicious to share, grab your favorite kosher vino, and get ready to bring in Shabbat BJ-style—with a little singing, some words of Torah, and a whole lotta community. Info and R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/potluck.

● ● **Tot Shabbat**

Friday, June 3, 5:15-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by dinner at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Register at www.bj.org/young-families.

● **Soulful Start: Shabbat Morning Learners' Minyan**

Saturday, June 4, 9:30-10:15AM, 86th St. Chapel: Build and strengthen your Shabbat morning tefillah foundation with our pilot 5-session Learners' Minyan. Explore liturgy, melody, and mechanics with those of all levels of experience while engaging in meaningful prayer. Led by BJ Rabbinic Fellows and Rabbis.

● ● **Sephardi Judaism in Israel Today: Avant-Garde or Antiquated?**

Saturday, June 4, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: Everyone talks about the Jewish Renaissance taking place in Israel today, but where are Sephardi and other non-Ashkenazi Jews in this revolution? Join Dr. Shimon Vaknin, director of the new Secular Yeshiva in Beer Sheva for a post-kiddush discussion.

● ● **Senior Aliyah**

Saturday, June 4, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary:
Graduating seniors and their families are invited for a special aliyah to honor their accomplishments. Our senior class has contributed greatly to our community, and we are privileged to celebrate this time with them.

● **Spoonful of Hesed**

Sunday, June 5, 11:00AM, 88th Street Kitchen: We will gather to cook healthy, delicious meals and deliver them to other BJ members in need of a little extra care and a warm sense of community. Want to volunteer or receive a meal? Contact Billie at x264.

● **Israeli Book Club Discusses *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem***

Sunday, June 5, 5:00-6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: The Israeli Book Club allows an intimate encounter with Israeli culture, society and politics. Our next meeting will discuss *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* by Sarit Yishai-Levi, which focuses on Sephardi-Ashkenazi tension in Israel. Visit www.bj.org to register.

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

Monday, June 6, 6:30-8:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: 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 New York State can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P., visit www.bj.org or call x272.

● **Annual Meeting: Save the Date**

Thursday, June 9, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us at this year's meeting—hear about the past year, upcoming plans for our community, and elect new members to BJ's Board of Trustees.

WHAT'S LATER

● **Bim Bam Summer Session**

Fridays, June 10-August 19, 9:15 and 10:15AM, 89th Street Chapel: Registration is now open at www.bj.org/earlychildhood.

A TASTE OF TORAH: EMOR

וּסְפַרְתֶּם לָכֶם, מִמַּחֲרַת הַשַּׁבָּת, מִיּוֹם הַבִּיאָכֶם, אֶת-עֹמֶר הַתְּנוּפָה: שִׁבְעַת שַׁבָּתוֹת, תְּמִימַת תִּהְיֶינָה. עַד מִמַּחֲרַת הַשַּׁבָּת הַשְּׂבִיעִית, תִּסְפְּרוּ חֲמִשִּׁים יוֹם; וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם מִנְחָה חֲדָשָׁה, ה'.

And from the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering, the day after the sabbath , you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete—you must count until the day after the seventh week—50 days—then you shall bring an offering of new grain to Adonai. —Leviticus 23:15

I ride my bike throughout the streets of Manhattan, and I often find myself subconsciously counting down the blocks as I'm biking somewhere. The process of counting can be useful in marking how far we have come from something and how much farther we have to go. But it can also add to the process by giving meaning to the in-between time. My counting of blocks reminds me that there is inherent meaning in my biking; it's not only a transportation device to get me from point A to point B.

The Counting of the Omer, described in this week's reading, is a reminder of the process between Pesach and Shavuot. The Slonimer Rebbe, in Netivot Shalom, writes that the counting of the Omer is crucial because it's the spiritual link between Pesach and Shavuot. Our exodus from slavery and our entrance to freedom isn't complete until we've made the journey to Shavuot; Shavuot completes what the exodus from Egypt started. Until we reach Matan Torah (the giving of Torah), we haven't fully internalized freedom, because we don't yet know what it means to be free to serve God. The Slonimer teaches that each and every day of the Omer, we have to strip away layers of slavery and layers of impurity in order to better prepare ourselves for Revelation. If we miss a day, he teaches, we haven't completed the work of the Exodus in order to really be prepared for Shavuot.

Waiting for anything we want badly can be hard, even painful. The Slonimer's teaching reminds us that sometimes there can be beauty and learning in the waiting itself. We could ask why the Israelites didn't receive the Torah right after they left Egypt. Perhaps they still needed to shed the layers of themselves which had internalized the mindset of slavery. With this mindset, the Counting of the Omer becomes as important a part of the process as the Exodus itself.

— Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

אָנִי יִשְׁנָה וְלִבִּי עָר קוֹל | דֹּדִי דֹפֵק פִּתְחֵי לִי
אֲחֹתִי רַעֲיָתִי יוֹנָתִי תִמְתִּי
שֶׁרָאֲשִׁי נִמְלֵא אֶטֶל קַנְצוֹתַי רְסִיסֵי לַיְלָה.
Ani yeshena velibi er kol dodi dofek pithi li
Ahoti, ra'yati, yonati, tamati
Sheroshi nimla-tal kevutzotai resisei laila.

I sleep, but my heart is awake; My beloved knocks: "Open to me!"
My sister, my love, my dove, my pure one;
For my head is filled with dew, My locks with the drops of the night.
— Song of Songs 5:2

TORAH PORTION

EMOR

Torah: Annual	Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23
Triennial	Leviticus 23:23 - 24:23
1:	23:23 - 23:25
2:	23:26 - 23:32
3:	23:33 - 23:44
4:	24:1 - 24:4
5:	24:5 - 24:9
6:	24:10 - 24:12
7:	24:13 - 24:23
Maftir:	24:21 - 24:23

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

NEXT WEEK: BEHAR

Torah: Annual	Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2
Triennial	Leviticus 25:29 - 26:02
Haftarah	Jeremiah 32:6 - 32:27

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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