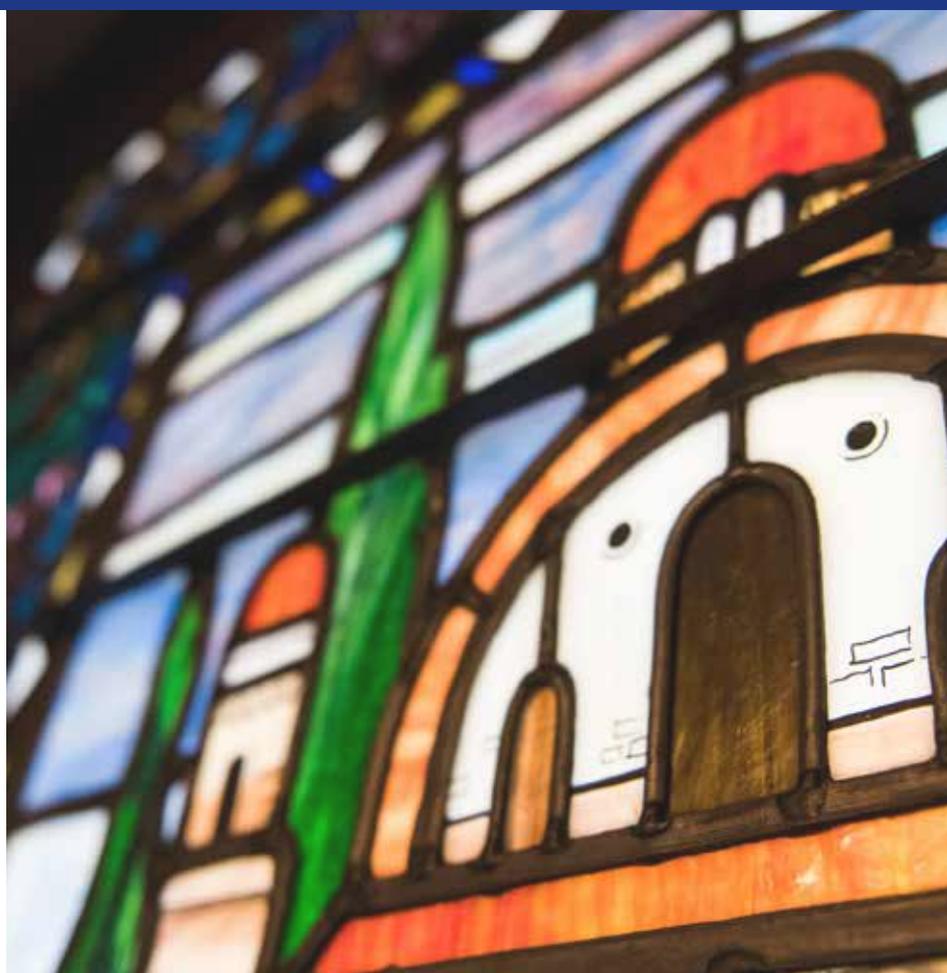


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



June 17-24, 2016 • 11-18 Sivan, 5776

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**
- **Youth & Family**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
- **Israel Programming**

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OUR COMMUNITY

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 a warm, transformative, and open place.



WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

● **Summer Shelter Food Donors and Volunteers Needed**

Mondays and Tuesdays, 88th Street Frankel Hall

Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 86th Street Social Hall

Help us fill our meal gaps this summer! Prepare a light meal for 10-12 people at the synagogue, the church, or at home. We also need additional sleepover volunteers. To sign up or learn more, email lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● **BJ: A Caring Community**

We can all help make BJ a caring community. Here's a simple way for us to take care of each other: Whenever you're at BJ, look around and notice who you see. If someone is missing who is usually there, please reach out to them. If your fellow BJ member needs support, or if you need support, let us know. Contact the rabbis at rabbis@bj.org or call us at x264.

SAVE THE DATES! Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org for more information:

MINDFULNESS RETREAT IN COSTA RICA, January 15-22, 2017

Registration open now at www.bj.org/CR17

PRAYER RETREAT, March 19-22, 2017

WOMEN'S RETREAT, May 19-21, 2017

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, JUNE 17

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

PLEASE NOTE: Location of Shabbat morning services changes to 88th St.

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **20s and 30s Shabbat Afternoon: Sing, Study, Schmooze** 7:30 PM – Location provided upon R.S.V.P.
Join Tze'irim for a Shabbat late afternoon of study (based on the Heschel essay of the month, "The Moment of Sinai" in *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*), song, food, and Havdalah together. R.S.V.P. shorwitz@bj.org for location.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

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

MONDAY, JUNE 20

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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

- **Keshet & KesheTOT** 4:00 PM – 89th St.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Transform Don't Trash NYC Educational Forum** 6:30 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM) – 88th St. Sanctuary
Learn about the new City Council legislation designed to reform commercial garbage collection in NYC and make it more environmentally, economically, and socially just. Light refreshments will be served. Register at www.bj.org/TDT. For more information, contact Les Judd at LesJudd@aol.com.
- **Identity and Family Building in the 21st Century: Facing Infertility** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Chapel
Our BJ Social Workers, Ruth Kobrin and Shira Felberbaum, will lead a discussion with couples and individuals who wish to share thoughts on fertility challenges and new age options. Contact Billie at x264 to R.S.V.P. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **Bike With the BJ Revolutionaries** 6:30 PM – 89th St.
Join our next ride and meet other BJ members while exercising. A fun, supportive atmosphere for all levels of bike riders. After the ride, kick back with a beer or coffee and get to know the group. R.S.V.P. to BJrevolutionaries@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Bim Bam** 9:15 and 10:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

● ● Gallery Talk—Journey: The Land of Milk and Honey

Friday, June 24, 6:00-7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Welcome Shabbat with the inspiring artwork of our very own Michal Nachmany. Michal will talk about dreams, realizations, and her new exhibition. Nachmany's work explores the process of layering and recreating Israeli collective memory and history using mixed media, printmaking, collage, and installation.

● ● Gay Pride Shabbat with Dr. Joy Ladin: "Tziporah's Daughter"

Saturday, June 25, during Shabbat morning services, 88th Street Sanctuary: Dr. Joy Ladin is a professor at Yeshiva University, prize-winning writer, and transgender rights activist. Her memoir is entitled *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders*.

● ● Volunteer with BJ to Support Syrian Refugees

Sunday, June 26, 12:30-1:30PM, 69th Regiment Armory, 68 Lexington Avenue: We are joining the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees and JDC on their collaboration with Heart to Heart International to support the urgent need for humanitarian supplies to aid Syrian refugees by assembling hygiene kits. PLEASE NOTE: This event is filled, but please email lwohl@bj.org or call x272 to be added to the waitlist.

● ● Visions of Men's Spirituality: A Conversation with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

Monday, June 27, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: The Men's Havurah provides a space for community, reflection and invention. Join us for a conversation on the intersections of gender and spirituality, as we envision the role of this havurah at BJ. All who identify as male are invited. Information and R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/menshavurah.

● ● Aging in NY Hevra Presents Documentary Film: *Care*

Wednesday, June 29, 7:00PM (doors open at 6:30), 88th Street Sanctuary: This screening delves deeply into the world of home eldercare through the eyes of paid caregivers, unpaid family caregivers, and elders. It features compelling stories of BJ, JFREJ, and NDWA members, as well as footage of our groundbreaking Eldercare Dialogues program. Register at www.bj.org/aging.

WHAT'S LATER

● ● Tze'irim Shabbatluck Dinner

Friday, July 15, 8:30PM, 89th Street: After Kabbalat Shabbat services, join other BJ folks in their 20s and 30s for a potluck Shabbat dinner. Make new friends and eat good food. Visit www.bj.org/shabbatluck or contact Rabbi Sarit Horwitz at shorwitz@bj.org to sign up.

● ● BJ Marches for a Clean Energy Revolution

Sunday, July 24, Philadelphia, PA: Sign up by emailing jewsforcleanenergy@gmail.com.

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OPEN HEARTS

Community starts with a single connection. In this spirit, we invite you to turn and introduce yourself to those seated nearby—you will be amazed at the connections and common threads you'll find as you reach out to both those you know and those you don't yet know. Fostering the closeness of community to which we aspire starts with each of us.

OPEN DOORS

BJ is committed to being an inclusive and supportive community. We ask everyone already comfortable with our services to actively support newcomers so that we may all share the beauty and holiness of Shabbat together. Please be ready to help someone find a kippah, follow along in the siddur, or understand the layout of the service. And for those who are new to our community, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or the person sitting next to you for help.

OPEN MINDS

We greatly value empathy and understanding at BJ and acknowledge that openness to the differences and perspectives of others is a key driver of these. As we engage together, we encourage everyone to embrace differences of background, Jewish knowledge, and opinion. We all come to BJ from different places and from diverse backgrounds, and this is part of our strength. We are here to be part of something larger than ourselves.

ANI YESHENA

Ani yeshena velibi er kol dodi dofek pithi li | דודי דופק פתחילי
Ahoti, ra'yati, yonati, tamati | אחתי רעיתי יונתי תמותי
Sheroshi nimla-tal kevutzotai resisei laila. | שראשי נמלא-טל קנצותי רסיסי לילה.

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

ANA BEKHOAH

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura | אנא בכח גדלת ימינדך תתיר צרורה.
Kabel rinat amekha sagevenu taharenu nora | קבל רנת עמך, שגבנו טהרנו נורא.

Please, with the power of Your great right hand free the bound.
Accept the song of Your people, empower us, make us pure, Awesome One!

A TASTE OF TORAH: NASO

וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: דַּבֵּר אֶל-אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל-בָּנָיו לֵאמֹר כֹּה תְבָרְכוּ אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲמֹר לָהֶם:
 יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ: יָאֵר יְהוָה פְּנֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַיְחַנֵּךְ: יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֵינוּ וַיִּשֶׂם לָנוּ שְׁלוֹמִים:
 וְשָׂמוּ אֶת-שְׁמִי עַל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֲנִי אֲבָרְכֶם:

God said to Moshe, saying: "Speak to Aharon and his sons saying this is how they should bless the children of Israel, say to them,
 'May Adonai bless you and protect you,
 May Adonai enlighten you and bestow grace to you,
 May Adonai lift God's face toward you and grant you peace.'
 They will place My name on the people of Israel, and I will bless them." —Numbers 6:22-27

The Kedushat Levi writes that the Priests have to bless the Children of Israel in a voice that Israel will hear. He explains that the letters themselves, the letters making up each of the words of this three-part blessing, should make an impression on Israel. It is these letters that light up the faces of the Israelites. That is the reason for the Torah saying, "This is how they should bless," as opposed to just "they should bless." The Priests should specifically say the letters, not just that they should think about the blessing towards the Israelites. It is the letters uttered from their mouths that have the power of blessing and of bringing Divine light to the Israelites. This is the meaning of "They will place My name on the Children of Israel."

The Kedushat Levi emphasizes that there's something holy, almost magical about the particular words that the priests say—it's the utterance of these words, and the letters that make up the words, that allows the sentiment behind them to become true. The middle blessing's literal interpretation is "May Adonai shine God's face towards you and bestow grace to you." We know from the Torah that God emanates a holy light; Moshe was able to receive some of this light and then had to cover his face because it was so strong. Receiving some of God's glowing light is one of the ways that we feel the intimacy of a relationship with God. This blessing then becomes an opportunity for each of us to be close with God and to gain some of God's light.

Despite Moshe telling Aharon and his sons to speak to the entire collective of the Children of Israel, these blessings are in the singular form. The blessings were and still are given to the entire community, yet they are meant to be heard on the individual level. Each person gets to feel the light of God upon them, each person gets the intimate blessings from God and God's name upon them.

— Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

TORAH PORTION

NEXT WEEK: **NASO**

Torah: Annual Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

Triennial Numbers 7:1 - 7:89

- 1: 7:1 - 7:11
- 2: 7:12 - 7:23
- 3: 7:24 - 7:35
- 4: 7:36 - 7:47
- 5: 7:48 - 7:59
- 6: 7:60 - 7:71
- 7: 7:72 - 07:89
- Maftir: 7:87 - 07:89

Haftarah Judges 13:2 - 13:25

NEXT WEEK: **BEHA'ALOTKHA**

Torah: Annual Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

Triennial Numbers 10:35 - 12:16

Haftarah Zechariah 2:14 - 4:07

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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