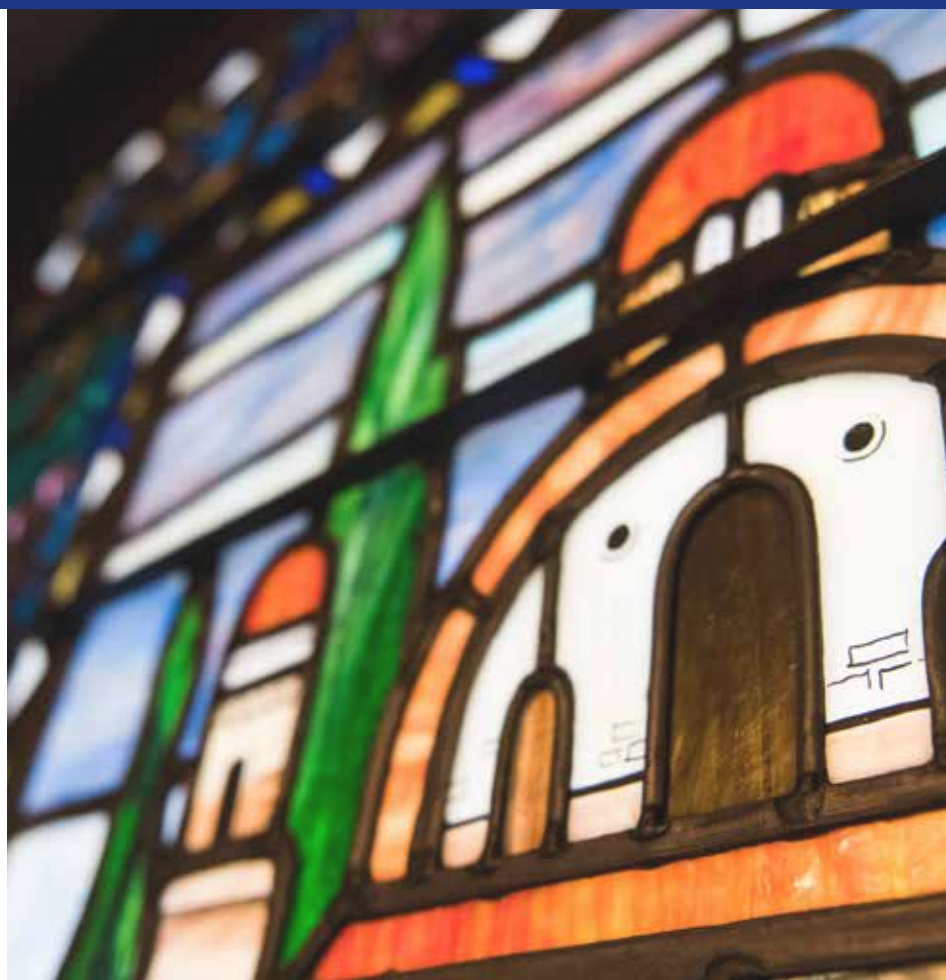


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The Voice of BJ This Week

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July 29-August 5, 2016 • 23 Tammuz-1 Av, 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

HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Bertram Aber, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Barbara Aber, their son, Jed Aber, and their entire family.

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

- Susan Goldberg on the death of her father, Harry S. Goldberg.
- Shula Wiener and Dov Bronner, and their children, Danielle, Arielle, and Michael Wiener-Bronner, on the death of Shula's father, Fred Wiener.
- Lynette and Steven Koppel, their children, Caroline Koppel and Sarah Koppel Smith, and Sarah's husband, Josh Smith, on the death of Lynette's mother, Tamra Perlman.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum and Hazzan Ethan Goldberg on their upcoming wedding.
- Rachel Ana Einhorn, her parents Galit Ben-Joseph and Neil Einhorn, and her brothers, Joshua and Jacob Einhorn, on Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Hilel Pohulanik and Maria Paula Carvajal on the birth of their daughter and son, Isabella and Martin Pohulanik.
- Emily Weinger, Peter Doggett, Lilli Platt, Adam Stelzer, and Allison and Filippo Miniati on Emily and Peter's upcoming wedding.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Galit Ben-Joseph and Neil Einhorn in honor of their daughter, Rachel, becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by Davey and Ed Rosenbaum and Hazzanim Shoshi Rosenbaum and Ethan Goldberg in honor of Shoshi and Ethan's aufruf.

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:

● Community Composting Initiative at BJ

Join us in our first community compost drop off program. Collect your food scraps at home, and bring them to 89th street whenever the building is open. For more information, visit www.bj.org/compost.

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 212-787-7600 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

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, JULY 29

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

SATURDAY, JULY 30

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah Rachel Einhorn

Aliyat Hatan veKallah Hazzan Ethan Goldberg and Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum

D'var Torah Rabbi Charles Simon

- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

- ● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 88th St. Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JULY 31

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

- **Tribe Ride: Bike with BJ** 8:45 AM – NJ Transit, Penn Station traveling to Sandy Hook, Hazlet, NJ

Enjoy a day of casual riding with our cycling community. Join us for a 43-mile loop to Sandy Hook, through Red Bank, Rumson, and the Atlantic Highlands. 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.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

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

- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 | ROSH HODESH AV

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

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

WHAT'S NEXT

● **The Orchard: A Pre-Shabbat Gathering for 20s and 30s**

Friday, August 19, 5:30-7:00PM, 89th Street Roof (6th Floor): Get Shabbat started early at the Orchard. We'll meet on BJ's roof before Kabbalat Shabbat for niggunim (wordless songs), good conversation, and time with friends old and new. Free for members and non-members. Contact Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg at arosenberg@bj.org with questions.

● **Mosaic: Israeli and Local Art Come Together—Art and Judaica Sale at BJ**

Thursday, August 25, 5:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Purchase your art and Judaica needs before the High Holy Days while supporting Israeli and BJ artists. This art show hosts 24 artists presenting works in various media: jewelry, pottery, wall art (oil, watercolor, collage), fabric, and weaving. Free entry.

● **Register for B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School**

September 2016-May 2017, 4:00-6:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is open. For more information, please go to www.bj.org/learning/hebrew-school.

TISHA BE'AV / FAST OF THE NINTH OF AV

On Tisha Be'Av (9th day of Av), we commemorate the destruction of both the First and Second Temples, and numerous other Jewish tragedies, and we mark brokenness and spiritual exile with a day of mourning and fasting.

Our mourning this year is compounded by all the recent loss, violence and heart-break in our country and our world. Join us for a day of reflection, a commemoration of sorrow, and a start of the journey from despair to joy.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Saturday, August 13

Erev Tisha Be'Av

Join us for Ma'ariv and the reading of Eikhah. Please bring a flashlight, as the service will take place in dimmed lights.

Fast begins at 7:56 PM

Ma'ariv Service, 88th Street Sanctuary 8:45 PM

Sunday, August 14

Tisha Be'Av

Morning Service, 88th Street Sanctuary 9:30 AM

Study, 88th Street Sanctuary 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Minha Service, 88th Street Sanctuary 6:00 PM

Fast ends at 8:38 PM

ANA BEKHOAH

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura

אָנאַ בֵּכַח גְּדוּלַת יְמִינְךָ תִּתִּיר צָרוּרָה.

Kabel rinat amekha sagevenu taharenu nora

קַבֵּל רִנַּת עַמְּךָ, שְׂגַבְנוּ טַהֲרֵנוּ נוֹרָא.

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!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016-2017

www.bj.org/renew

Questions? Call Membership at 212-787-7600 x302

MEMBERSHIP AT BJ MEANS:

- **Finding** your spiritual home
- **Becoming** part of a vibrant, lively Jewish community
- **Supporting** the meaningful social justice and community-building work of this congregation
- **Receiving** guidance in times of joy and sadness from BJ rabbis and fellow members
- **Joining** an active Hesed (loving kindness) community to provide support in times of need
- **Nourishing** a lifelong relationship with Judaism through young families programs, Hebrew School, and youth/teen activities

In addition, BJ members:

- Receive entrance cards for High Holy Days services
- Get discounted rates for classes, dinners, retreats, and programs
- Participate in special new member events

SUMMER TZEDEK OPPORTUNITY:

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM! WELCOME TO THE WORLD!



It's always a joy to welcome the next generation into the BJ community. BJ celebrates the arrival of a new baby with an announcement to the community, and a variety of resources to provide support—both material and spiritual—during the period of transition.

To help ease the stress of the early days of parenthood, BJ can provide meals for the family during the first few weeks or months. The BJ office sends a catered Shabbat dinner, and a

volunteer organizes meals delivered by other BJ members—many of whom have been recipients of such meals in the past. And since it's never too early to start collecting BJ gear, we help outfit new babies with an adorable BJ onesie!

We are also, of course, a spiritual home for families. The BJ rabbis will meet with soon-to-be and new parents to plan a naming ceremony (Brit Bat) for girls, or a Brit Milah for boys, where we welcome babies into the Jewish community and covenant.

If you have a new baby, or are expecting one soon, please contact Billie Di Stefano, our Lifecycles Coordinator, at x264 or bdistefano@bj.org so that we may organize meals, an email, and a meeting with a rabbi. For more information about how BJ welcomes these tiny new members into our community, visit www.bj.org/babies.

Want to be part of the network of volunteers that supports new parents? Contact Billie and help strengthen our Hesed efforts as we take care of each other, through both the hard times and the simhas.

A TASTE OF TORAH: PINHAS

Pinhas was a man of zealotry. Last week, God asserted God’s disdain for mingling with the Midianites and the idolatry it often led to. After seeing an Israelite man and a Midianite woman publicly together (and the Midrash says they were publicly intimate), Pinhas took his spear and killed both of them. This week, Pinhas is seemingly rewarded for his behavior with a covenant of peace from God.

וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: פִּינְחָס בֶּן-אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן-אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן הַשֵּׁיב אֶת-חַמְתִּי מֵעַל בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִנְאוֹ אֶת-קִנְאָתִי בְּתוֹכָם וְלֹא-כָלִיתִי אֶת-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִנְאָתִי: לָכֵן אֶמַּךְ הַנְּנִי נָתַן לּוֹ אֶת-בְּרִיתִי שְׁלוֹם: וְהָיְתָה לוֹ וּלְזַרְעוֹ אַחֲרָיו בְּרִית כְּהֵנָּה עוֹלָם תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר קִנְאָ לְאַלְהֵיו וַיַּכֶּפֶר עַל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

God said to Moshe saying, “Pinhas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron has turned back My wrath from the Israelites by displaying among them his passion for Me, so that I did not wipe out the Israelite people in My passion. Say, therefore, ‘I grant him My covenant of peace (brit shalom). It shall be for him and his descendants after him a pact of priesthood for all time, because he took impassioned action for his God, thus making expiation for the Israelites.’” —Numbers 25:10-13

We see so many in our world carrying out violence in God’s name, thinking they’ll be rewarded for their actions. Two commentaries, troubled by the possibility that violence is rewarded with peace, offer alternative ways of viewing this covenant of peace. Ibn Ezra (12th century) states that with the brit shalom, God is putting a halt to all the violence. It’s a call for peace to ensure there is no revenge or retaliation. Violence, Ibn Ezra insinuates, should not be responded to with more violence. The Netziv (19th century) believes that God brought down peace towards Pinhas not as a reward, but to bring a sense of stillness to his fiery passion. It needed to be controlled. In some sense, God’s imposed brit shalom was a necessary measure brought to keep Pinhas from carrying out more violence, it was brought to calm his impulses. According to both of these commentators, then, this peace is not a reward, but God saying, “Enough already!”

The letter vav, the third letter in the word “shalom” of the covenant of peace, is written as a broken vav—cut into two parts, unlike other vavs in the Torah. This broken vav teaches the lesson of broken peace. The peace, or wholeness, that we try and carry out through violence or zealotry will always be broken and incomplete. When we try and carry out peace through engagement and love, we can reconnect that vav to attain a sense of peace that is wholesome.

In our time, we have many people claiming to live out God’s messages. Everyone believes they are carrying out Truth. We can’t find it through violence; it might look like peace but it will likely be broken, like that vav. We must seek peace that is wholesome, peace that is found through love and reaching out, not through violence. — Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

TORAH PORTION


PINHAS

Torah: Annual	Numbers 25:10 - 30:1
Triennial	Numbers 28:16 - 30:1
1:	28:16 - 28:25
2:	28:26 - 28:31
3:	29:1 - 29:6
4:	29:7 - 29:11
5:	29:12 - 29:16
6:	29:17 - 29:28
7:	29:29 - 30:1
Maftir:	29:35 - 30:1
Haftarah	Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

NEXT WEEK: MATOT-MAS’EI

Torah: Annual	Numbers 30:2 - 36:13
Triennial	Numbers 33:50 - 36:13
Haftarah	Jeremiah 2:4 - 28, 3:4

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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