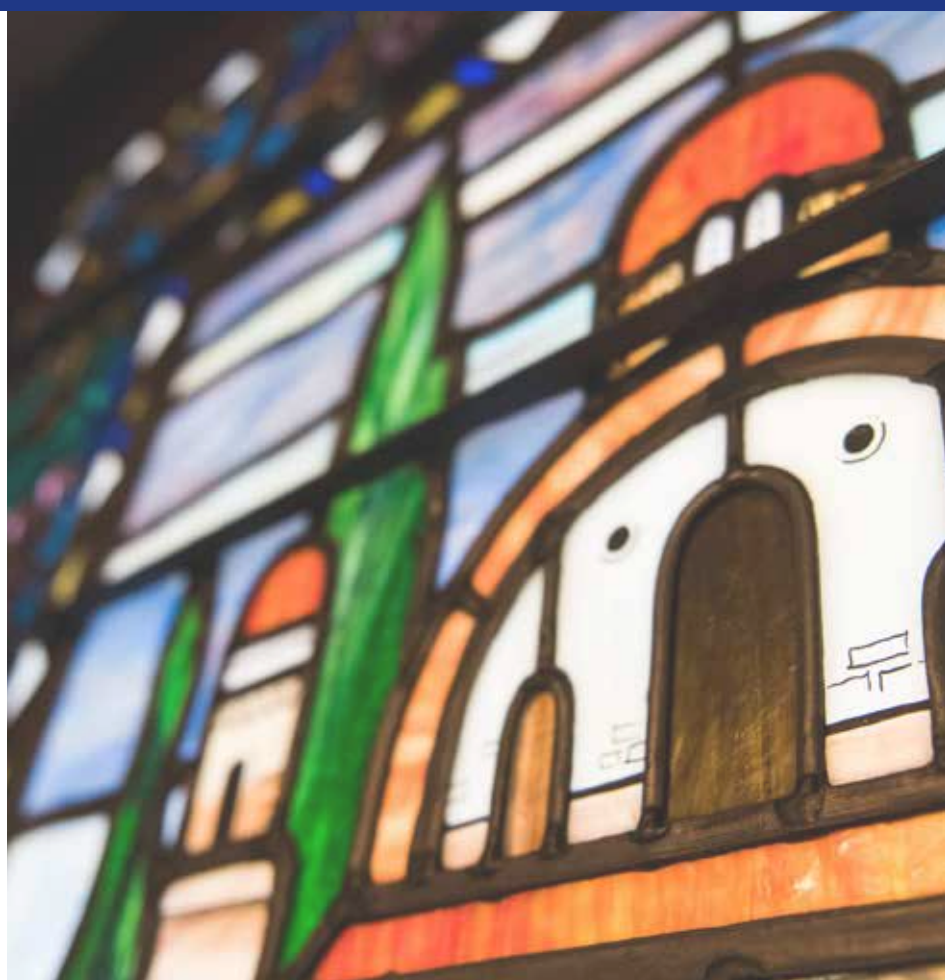


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



March 24-31, 2017 • 26 Adar-4 Nisan, 5777

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.

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- **Limud / Learning**
- **Family Life & Learning**
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- **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 extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Linda White on the death of her mother, Shirley Copaken White.
- Ilene Rosenthal and Lou Geser, and their daughters, Amelia and Cara Geser, on the death of Ilene's mother, Rita Rosenthal.
- Michael Wolfson and Elle Melaver; Michael's son, Simon Wolfson; and Elle's son, Ian Krupp; on the death of Michael's father, Jerome Wolfson.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Mira Cohen, her parents Rodney Cohen and Sheryl Green, and her sister Alex Cohen, and her grandmother, Carmel Green, on Mira becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by:

- Rodney Cohen and Sheryl Green in honor of Mira Cohen becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- BJ, in honor and celebration of the hundreds of volunteers who help build and sustain our community. Thank you for all you do!

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Sabrina Nail and Confirmation Class, Kol Ami Frederick, Frederick, Maryland.
- Rabbi Marci Bellows and high school students, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, Chester, Connecticut.
- **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.

● BJ's Stories of Freedom

Submissions due by Friday, March 31: During the 49 days of the Omer that carry us from Redemption to Revelation, we will be sharing refugee and immigrant stories from those within the BJ community. Stand with all who are still awaiting freedom and share your story at www.bj.org/kavannot.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● Action Alert List Sign-Up

In this fast-paced and uncertain environment, our Action Alert List will be the primary way we communicate about community rallies, events, and other calls to action with short lead times. Sign up at www.bj.org/action.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

● Hametz For You is Manna For Us: Passover Food Drive to Support WSCAH

Monday, March 27-Sunday, April 7: As you clean out your homes leading up to Passover, consider donating your hametz and other pantry items. There will be a bin in the lobby of the 89th Street Community House. Join us at Kiddush on Saturday, April 1 to learn more about the West Side Campaign Against Hunger.

SAVE THE DATES! Visit www.bj.org for more information:

6TH GRADE B'NAI MITZVAH SPRING RETREAT, April 28-30

YOUNG FAMILIES RETREAT, April 28-30

LECTURE WITH AVIVAH ZORNBERG, Sunday May 21, 7:00PM

"ISRAEL CELEBRATES 70" COMMUNITY TRIP TO ISRAEL, Dec. 25, 2017-Jan. 3, 2018

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

● **Ongoing: JIBC and Insights Online Forum (Members Only)**

Join the conversation on Jewish identity and intermarriage. More at www.bj.org/identity.

- **Shishi Israeli** 6:00 PM – 89th St.
This is a special opportunity for Israeli and American Jews to create a shared experience around the dinner table. Join Rabbi Matalon for a Hebrew Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner, activities for children, and a sing-along. Register at www.bj.org/shishi.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Hitoreri** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- **Hazak: Torah Chanting for 3rd-6th Graders** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- Bat Mitzvah** **Mira Cohen**
- **A Celebration Honoring BJ Volunteers** During Shabbat Morning Services and at the Community Kiddush – 86th St.
Every year, hundreds of individuals give of themselves to make BJ a sacred, spiritual home for so many. Come honor and be honored as we celebrate the dedicated volunteers whose contributions build our community. Learn more at www.bj.org/honor.
- **Family Breakfast** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Parlor
- **Kulanu (3rd-6th Grades)** 10:20 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
- **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **A Visit to Queens Baptist Church** Services begin at 10:00 AM – 93-23 217th St., Queens Village
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day guest preacher Pastor Brian Ellis-Gibbs invites us to join his congregation for worship. More transit information TBA for those who wish to travel to the church with BJ. Register at www.bj.org/churchvisit.
- **Adventures in Jewish Genealogy and History: Lessons, Observations, and Provocations** 11:00 AM – 89th St. Reception Room
Join Connections and longtime BJ member Ira Wolfman for brunch and a discussion on Jewish genealogy and history. Ira is an editor and writer who runs an editorial consulting business and has also spent much of his career writing about Jewish history and genealogy. Register at www.bj.org/genealogy.
- **Kadima@BJ Basketball** 11:00 AM – 89th St. Gym
- **Tze'irim Shelter Cooking** 12:00 noon – 88th St. Kitchen
Join other 20s/30s as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Suggested donation to help cover costs (\$8-10); no cooking experience necessary. R.S.V.P. to Sarit at shorwitz@bj.org.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

PLEASE NOTE: *Because of construction, Morning Minyan will take place at the 88th St. Sanctuary through Wed., Sept. 6.*

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – location provided upon R.S.V.P.
Help BJ support the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign so that laborers who produce the food on which we depend can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P. contact Lisa at lisagzucker@gmail.com.
- **Hate Has No Home Here** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room
We stand in solidarity with non-citizens and other targeted members of our community. Join a meeting to plan and organize the distribution of multi-language "Hate Has No Home Here" signs to local shops, schools, and offices. For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact Nora at ngaines@bankstreet.edu.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 | ROSH HODESH NISAN

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **“From the Bible” with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:00 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
- **“Soul Food” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol** 12:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room
Bring a bag lunch, open up your soul to the nourishment and challenge of Hassidic rabbis, and imagine old world wisdom for everyday life. Next class: 4/4. Register at www.bj.org.
- **Bikkur Holim Gathering: Sacred Listening** 6:30 PM – 89th St.
Led by Rabbi Shuli Passow, we will learn how to be present as a visitor, and also how to listen for what’s really going on underneath. Light snacks will be provided. Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org.
- **From the Law Books to the Battlefield: A Conversation with Gadi Ezra** 7:00 PM – location given upon R.S.V.P.
Join lawyer and former soldier Gadi Ezra as he examines the dilemmas that today’s soldiers face, including the complexities of abiding by the laws of warfare during actual combat.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Introduction to Judaism Class (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Room 408

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Cesar Chavez Rally for New York State Farmworkers** 10:45 AM – New York City Hall
Join Rabbi Roly and fellow BJ community members in supporting the dignity and rights of farm laborers. We will meet at 10:45AM in front of the City Hall steps near the Brooklyn Bridge. For more information, visit www.bj.org/farmworkers. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/chavezrally.
- **Painful Hope: A Different Approach To Solving the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict** 7:00 PM – 89th St.
Join two peace activists—one an Israeli settler, the other a Christian Palestinian—as they share their intertwining stories and their hopes of establishing lasting peace in the land they both call home. Register at www.bj.org/painfulhope.



FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Bim Bam** 9:15 and 10:15 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
- **Bim Bam: Hebrew Immersion** 11:15 AM – 89th St. Middle Room

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Shabbat with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson**
Friday, March 31-Saturday, April 1, 8:00-9:30PM Friday; during Shabbat morning services and 5:00-6:30PM Saturday, 88th and 89th Street: Join us in welcoming Rabbi Brad Artson, Vice-President of the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and Dean of its Ziegler School of Rabbinical Studies. Artson will speak during our community Shabbat dinner on Friday, deliver the D’var Torah during Saturday morning services, and present a lecture on Judaism in the changing world on Saturday afternoon. Programming sponsored by Stephen Stulman. Questions? Contact bdistefano@bj.org.
-  **Passover Palooza!**
Saturday, April 1, 5:00-7:30PM, 89th Street: Celebrate Passover with Garinim! Students in K-2nd grade are invited to come and play games, decorate Elijah’s cup, and bring the Passover story to life. Members of Garinim, email Michelle at mgeisler@bj.org to R.S.V.P. All other members may register at www.bj.org/palooza.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

-  **Shorashim Chocolate Seder**
Saturday, April 1, 2:30-4:00PM, 89th Street: 3rd-5th graders are invited to celebrate Passover at our Shorashim Chocolate Seder, where there will be Shabbat-friendly crafts, fun activities, and—you guessed it—plenty of chocolate.
- **Israeli Wine Tasting for Couples and Parents (Babysitting Service Provided)**
Saturday, April 1, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Spend a Shabbat afternoon tasting and learning about exquisite Israeli wines, noshing on cheese, and schmoozing with fellow BJ couples. We will entertain your children with an Israel-themed program, and conclude with a communal musical Havdalah. Register at www.bj.org/winetasting.
- **Members Breakfast with Assistant Rabbi Candidate Bryan Wexler**
Sunday, April 2, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM, 89th Street: See Bryan lead Morning Minyan at 9:30 AM. Following Minyan, Bryan will join us for breakfast. Members should have received an email containing the event registration link; however, if you did not receive this email, please contact Lisa Shillan at lshillan@bj.org. *Bryan will also be giving the Kavannah during Friday night services. On Saturday, he will be present at Family Breakfast, Bim Bam, and Mini Minyan and will deliver a brief d'var Torah at the Community Kiddush.*
- **Bowling with Ilanot**
Sunday, April 2, 12:00 noon-2:00PM, Bowlmor Lanes in Times Square: 6th and 7th graders are invited to join Ilanot as we strap on our bowling shoes and hit the lanes. Meet us at the bowling alley or travel with a group to and from BJ. More information on transportation to come. Ilanot members, email Michelle to R.S.V.P. All other members may register at www.bj.org/bowling.
- **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *The Lover* by A.B. Yehoshua**
Sunday, April 2, 5:00-6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: In the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, Adam, a middle-aged Israeli with a wife and daughter, searches for his wife's lover amidst the chaos of battle. Through his quest a dramatic series of events unfold, exposing tensions between generations, and in the broader landscape of Israel.
- **Continuing Our Racial Justice Work: A Seder on Privilege, Power, and Race**
Sunday, April 2, 3:15-7:00PM (doors open at 3:00PM), 88th Street Sanctuary: Using the themes and rituals of the seder as our guide, we will explore questions of power and privilege as they relate to our racial identities through personal stories and self-reflection. Programming for all ages available. Light dinner served. Register at www.bj.org/justiceseder.
- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**
Monday, April 3, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street: Help BJ support the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign so that laborers who produce the food on which we depend can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lisagzucker@gmail.com.
-  **Night of Remembrance: A Pesah Program for the Bereaved**
Monday, April 3, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street: Holidays can bring out painful reminders of loss. Participate in a discussion about how to allow for grief, while still finding meaning and comfort in Pesah. Free and open to the community. R.S.V.P. to Billie at bdistefano@bj.org or x264
- **Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting**
Tuesday, April 4, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join us for an exciting moment as we explore new campaign options. We will be joined by Mirele Goldsmith to hear about the Jewish Climate Action Network. Now is the time to bring your ideas and passion. R.S.V.P. to lesjudd@aol.com.
- **Tot Shabbat**
Friday, April 7, 5:15-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by dinner with Shabbat blessings and songs at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall. Register at www.bj.org/young-families.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

- 📖 **Songs of Sacred Time: A Passover Concert**
Thursday, April 6, 7:30PM, JCC Manhattan (334 Amsterdam Avenue): Welcome Passover with songs of freedom, redemption, and courage performed by our very own Rabbinic Fellow, Arielle Rosenberg, and BJ musician Dan Nadel. Register at www.bj.org/concertjcc.
- **Bo-i Kallah: A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
Friday, April 7, 7:00PM, 89th Street 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 work-week anxieties behind and welcoming Shabbat.
- 📖 **Community Second Night Pesah Seder**
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Registration is full; contact bdistefano@bj.org to be added to the waitlist.
- **Women's Retreat 2017**
Friday, May 19-Sunday, May 21, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Spend a weekend surrounded by the voices of women, partaking in beautiful services, and connecting with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Chen Ben-Or Tsoni. Register at www.bj.org/womensretreat. For more info, contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org.
- **Registration Open for BJ Hazorim CSA 2017**
Tuesdays, June 6-October 31, 4:30-7:30PM, 88th Street: Register for our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and pick up fresh, organic produce from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week for 22 weeks. Choose from delicious vegetable, egg, fruit, and butter shares. Register before May 1 at www.bj.org/csa. Questions? Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.



Sell Your Hametz Through BJ

Through April 9: Rabbi Roly Matalon will be your agent for selling hametz. Visit www.bj.org/hametz.

TORAH PORTION

VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI

SHABBAT HAḤODESH

Torah: Annual Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

Triennial Exodus 35:1 - 37:16

1: 35:1 - 35:10

2: 35:11 - 35:20

3: 35:21 - 35:29

4: 35:30 - 36:07

5: 36:8 - 36:19

6: 36:20 - 36:38

7: 37:1 - 37:16

Maftir: 12:1 - 12:20

Haftarah Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15

NEXT WEEK: VAYIKRA

Torah: Annual Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

Triennial Leviticus 1:1 - 2:16

Haftarah Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

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