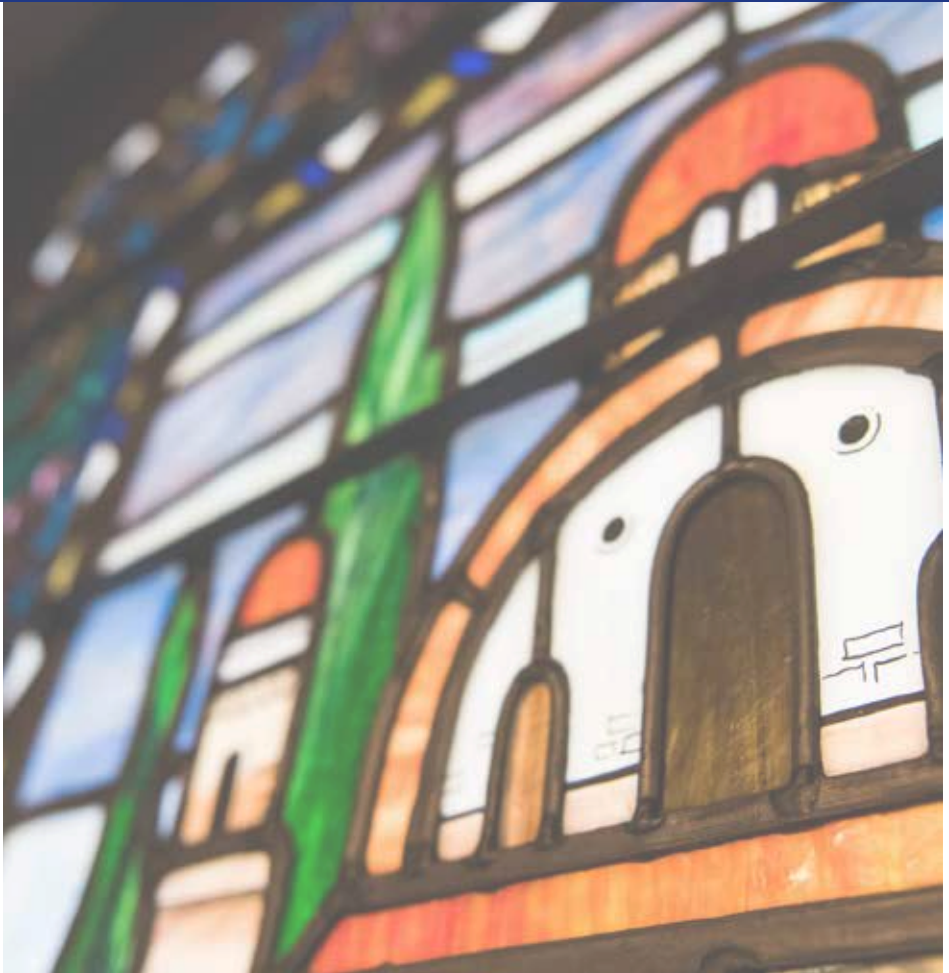


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June 9-16, 2017 • 15-22 Sivan, 5777

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PLEASE JOIN US:

- **Prayer & Spirituality**
- **Limud / Learning**
- **Family Life & Learning**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
- **Israel Programming**

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OUR COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Georgia Cohen, her parents, Karen and Gary Cohen, her brothers, Ethan and Zachary Cohen, and her sister, Maya Cohen, on Georgia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Samantha Desch, her parents, Carolyn and Brad Desch, her sister, Julia Desch, and her brother, Alex Desch, on Samantha becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Talya Sky Plush, her parents, Betsy and Alan Plush, and her brother, Max Plush, on Talya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Rachel and Samuel Bruce on the naming of their daughter, Leah Sivan Bruce.
- Dava Schub on being presented with the Innovation Award at the JCC Manhattan's Annual Benefit.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Rachel and Samuel Bruce in honor of the birth of their daughter, Leah Sivan, and by Karen and Gary Cohen in honor of Georgia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Kendra Johnson and student group, Cultural Leadership, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Rabbi Zimmerman and Jewish leaders, Congregation Beth El, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Rev. Lisa Holliday and youth group, United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas.
- **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.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● **Become a Summer Food Donor for the Shelter**

Donating food is easy! All you need to do is prepare a dairy/vegetarian meal at home for our 10 guests and deliver it to the Community House or SPSA. Your home-cooked meal will help our guests feel warm and welcome in our space. To find out more and sign up, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

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.

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

ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday, June 15, 7:00PM

FALL TEEN RETREAT, Oct. 20-22

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

TEEN DOMESTIC TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11-15, 2018

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- **Pop-up Enrollment Center for IDNYC** Through Friday, June 16 – JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.

For two weeks at the JCC, you can arrange to get this popular form of ID, which establishes NYC residency and benefits all New Yorkers, including those who may have difficulty obtaining other forms of government-issued ID. BJ is a co-sponsor of the JCC Pop-up Enrollment Center. For more information and to register, visit www.bj.org/idnyc. Questions? Contact Ellen at elandsberger1@gmail.com.

- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Gym

Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, and Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Please contact Beth at btarson@bj.org with any questions.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel

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.

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

Bat Mitzvah **Georgia Cohen**

Bat Mitzvah **Samantha Desch**

Naming **Leah Sivan Bruce**

- **Family Breakfast** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Parlor

- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

- **Minḥa Service** 4:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah **Talya Plush**

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

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

- **New Member Morning Minyan Brunch** 10:00 AM – 89th St. Middle Room

- **Jerusalem: Fifty Years of Complex Unification** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room

The unification of Jerusalem radically changed the city's character. How have residents of both East and West Jerusalem adapted to this new reality? What are the underlying social, political, and religious rifts that still shape this fascinating city? Join Dr. Elan Ezrachi as he addresses these questions and more. Register at www.bj.org/unification.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

- **Refugee Committee Meeting** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

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THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **BJ Annual Meeting** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
BJ Members are invited to join us at this year's meeting to hear about the past year, upcoming plans for our community, and to elect new members to BJ's Board of Trustees. This meeting is for BJ members only. Please register at www.bj.org/annualmeeting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- **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

● **Fifth Annual Israel Film Center Festival**

Through Tuesday, June 13, JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: Check out the best new Israeli films at New York's leading Israeli film festival. Join actors, directors, and more for an exciting lineup of events and screenings. BJ members enjoy discounted tickets using code: BJ17. For film listings and ticket purchase, visit www.bj.org/filmfestival.

● **Senior Teen Aliyah**

Saturday, June 17, 9:30AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join the BJ community at Shabbat morning services as this year's graduating high school seniors are called to the Torah for a celebratory aliyah. Seniors, R.S.V.P. to Ayala at awasser@bj.org if you would like to take part in this annual event.

● **Opportunities and Challenges in Israel's Quest for a Clean Energy Future**

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Reception Room: Join the BJ Environmental Justice Hevra for a stimulating discussion about renewable energy in Israel with Amit Bracha and Leehee Goldenberg from Israeli environmental advocacy organization, Adam Teva V'din. All are welcome, but please register in advance. R.S.V.P. to Les Judd at lesjudd@aol.com by Sunday, June 18.

● **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen**

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Neurosurgeon Eitan Green has the perfect life until his involvement in a fatal hit-and-run. When the victim's widow knocks at Eitan's door, Eitan discovers that her price for silence is not money, but something that will shatter his safe existence forever. Register at www.bj.org/goshen.

● **Hate Has No Home Here**

Monday, June 26, 6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: We stand in solidarity with non-citizens and other targeted members of our community. Join this continuing multi-congregation effort as we distribute multi-language "Hate Has No Home Signs" signs for display in local shops and offices. Meeting attendance is not necessary for participation. For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact Nora Gaines at ngaines@bankstreet.edu. The following meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 18.

● **Sponsor a Light Summer Kiddush**

Saturdays, July 1 through September 2, following Shabbat morning services, 89th Street: During the summer months, we provide a light kiddush of fruit and cookies following Shabbat morning services. If you're interested in sponsoring a light kiddush (or a full kiddush), please contact Davia at drabinoff@bj.org or x234.

SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES:

To accommodate summer renovations to the 88th St. Sanctuary and to offer air conditioning, all BJ services will migrate to the 89th St. Gym during the month of June and through Labor Day. Please see below for details of when services will move.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
June 11	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:30AM This week only: Shabbat morning services at 88th St. Sanctuary
18 9:30AM Morning minyan moves to 89th St. Gym	19	20	21	22	23 7:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat service moves to 89th St. Gym	24 9:30AM Shabbat morning services at 86th St. Sanctuary
25	26	27	28	29	30	July 1 9:30AM Shabbat morning services move to 89th St. Gym

EIN KELOHEINU

אין כַּאלֹהֵינוּ, אין כַּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
אין כַּמְלִכְנוּ, אין כַּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

*Non como nuestro Dio, non como nuestro Señor,
non como nuestro Rey, non como nuestro Salvador.*

מִי כַּאלֹהֵינוּ, מִי כַּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
מִי כַּמְלִכְנוּ, מִי כַּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

*Quien como nuestro Dio, quien como nuestro Señor,
quien como nuestro Rey, quien como nuestro Salvador.*

נוֹדָה לַאלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדָה לַאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
נוֹדָה לְמִלְכְנוּ, נוֹדָה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

*Loaremos a nuestro Dio, loaremos a nuestro Señor,
loaremos a nuestro Rey, loaremos a nuestro Salvador.*

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
בְּרוּךְ מְלִכְנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

*Bendicho nuestro Dio, bendicho nuestro Señor,
bendicho nuestro Rey, bendicho nuestro Salvador.*

אֲתָה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֲתָה הוּא אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
אֲתָה הוּא מְלִכְנוּ, אֲתָה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

*Tu sos nuestro Dio, tu sos nuestro Señor,
tu sos nuestro Rey, tu sos nuestro Salvador.*

אֲתָה הוּא שְׁהַקְטִירוּ אַבוֹתֵינוּ
לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קִטְרֵת הַסַּמִּים.

A TASTE OF TORAH: BEHA'ALOTKHA

This week's commentary first ran in the *Kol Jeshurun* on June 24, 2016.

דַּבֵּר אֶל-אַהֲרֹן וְאָמַרְתָּ אֵלָיו בְּהִעָלְתָּךְ אֶת-הַנֵּרוֹת אֶל-מוֹל פְּנֵי הַמְּנוֹרָה וְאִירוּ שִׁבְעַת הַנֵּרוֹת:

Say to Aharon, and say to him, "When you mount the lamps, the seven lamps give light towards the front of the lampstand."
—Numbers 8:2

בְּהִעָלְתָּךְ, literally, "when you cause to ascend." Since the flame rises, the Torah describes kindling in terms of ascending. Aharon is required to kindle the lamp until the flame rises by itself (Talmud Shabbat 21a). Our Sages further expounded from here that there was a step in front of the menorah, on which the kohen stood to prepare the lamps (Sifrei Beha'alotkha 3).
—Rashi

When the kohen came to kindle the menorah's lamps each afternoon in the Holy Temple, he found them fully prepared for lighting: earlier in the day the lamps had been cleaned and filled with oil, and fresh wicks had been inserted. All he had to do was bring near the flame he carried, so that its proximity to the waiting lamp would unleash the potential for illumination which the lamp already holds.

Therein lies an important lesson to the spiritual lamplighter. Do not think that you are achieving anything that your fellow could not, in truth, achieve on his own; do not think that you are giving him something he does not already possess. The soul of your fellow is a ready lamp, filled with the purest oil and equipped with all that is required to convert its fuel into a blazing flame. It lacks only the proximity of another lamp to ignite it. If your own soul is alight, its contact with another's soul will awaken its potential for light, so that it may illuminate its surroundings and kindle other souls, in turn.
—The Lubavitcher Rebbe, R' Menachem Mendel Schneerson

We are each lamplighters, like Aharon, who have the ability to help another's flame ascend. Our own spirituality, our own flame, is not just self-serving; it helps enable the flames of others to rise up. The Lubavitcher Rebbe's commentary also requires us to keep our own flame lit. Our own spiritual health, and also the spiritual lives of others, is dependent upon it. How often do we let our spiritual flame die down, or get too weak to light the wicks of those around us? How do we keep them nourished enough that if someone near us were to borrow our flame, theirs could be re-lit?

This also means that when our own flame has become too weak to carry us, we have to let the light from others re-kindle our flame. This openness can be challenging; it requires vulnerability and allowing others to get close to us during difficult times. Asking for help is hard; we expose ourselves in sometimes painful ways when we say, "I need your flame, please come close." This is the work of community. This is the work of keeping our flame lit for our own spiritual well-being. This is the work of stepping up and helping to light the flames of those around us. And this is the work of asking for our own flames to be rekindled.
— Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

TORAH PORTION

BEHA'ALOTKHA

Torah: Annual	Numbers 8:1 - 12:16
Triennial	Numbers 8:1 - 9:14
1:	8:1 - 8:4
2:	8:5 - 8:9
3:	8:10 - 8:14
4:	8:15 - 8:22
5:	8:23 - 8:26
6:	9:1 - 9:8
7:	9:9 - 9:14
Maftir:	9:12 - 9:14
Haftarah	Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: SHELAH-LEKHA

Torah: Annual	Numbers 13:1 - 15:41
Triennial	Numbers 13:1 - 14:7
Haftarah	Joshua 2:1 - 2:24

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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