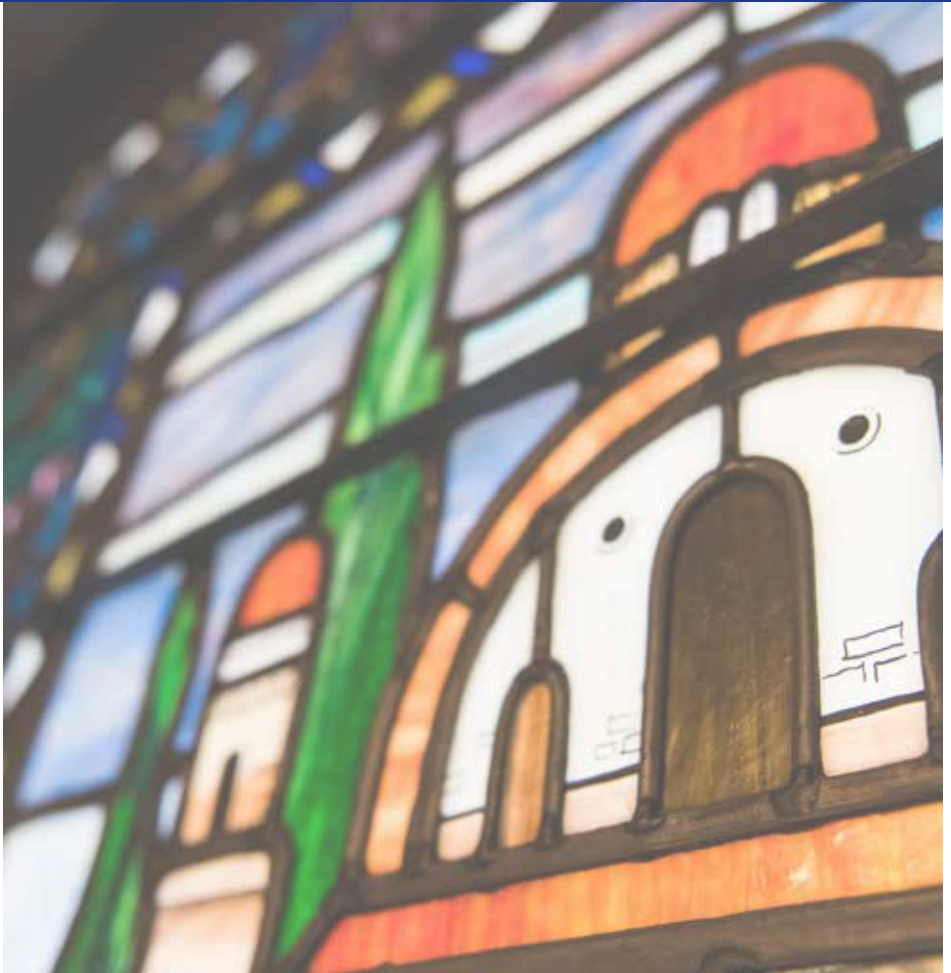


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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June 16-23, 2017 • 22-29 Sivan, 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.

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

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM} / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Jolie Roberts, Maureen Ryan, Jackie Roberts, Wayne Roberts, Elana Roberts and their entire family on the death of Jolie's father, Jeff Roberts.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Jessie Kotz Federman, her parents, Tamar Kotz and Alex Federman, and her brother, Zachary Kotz Federman, on Jessie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Shai and Becky Akabas on the birth of their son, Jacob Reuven Akabas. We also extend a mazal tov to the grandparents, Seth and Meg Akabas, the great-grandparents, Aaron and Sheila Akabas, and to Tal, Polina, Lev, Shoshana, and Miriam Akabas, and Ariel and Eli Kaminsky.
- Ben Morris Levin and Sara Jonisch Levin on the birth of their son. We also extend a mazal tov to grandparents Shira Nadich Levin and James L. Levin, and uncles Alexander Nadich Levin and Gideon Ribalow Levin.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Tamar Kotz and Alex Federman in honor of Jessie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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 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/retreats for more information:

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 16

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

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

Bat Mitzvah

Jessie Kotz Federman

- ● **Senior Teen Aliyah** During Services – 88th St. 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.

- ● **Family Breakfast** 10:00 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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

MONDAY, JUNE 19

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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

- ● **Opportunities and Challenges in Israel's Quest for a Clean Energy Future** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

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

- **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen** 6:30 PM – 88th St. 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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- **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

● **Pride Shabbat Speaker: Abby Stein**

Saturday, June 24, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary: Abby Stein will offer the d'var Torah on Shabbat Korah. Abby is a Jewish educator, speaker, and trans activist. Five years ago she left the Hassidic world, and in 2015 came out as a trans woman. Abby is a student at Columbia University majoring in Women's and Gender Studies and Political Science.

● **Hate Has No Home Here**

Monday, June 26, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: 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.

● **Musical Performance by Nigun HaLev's Youth Caravan**

Wednesday, July 12, 7:00-8:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Show your love and support for our partners at Nigun HaLev by taking part in an authentic experience of Israeli Jewish renewal! See Youth Caravan perform classic Jewish Israeli tunes from the Nigun HaLev repertoire. Free admission. Register now at www.bj.org/youthcaravan.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: BEGINNING ON MONDAY, JUNE 19!

We're going paperless! This year, membership renewal is faster, easier, and greener than ever.

Current BJ members: on June 19, you will receive a personalized email with a link to renew your membership. We know that not everyone loves today's newfangled technology, so you'll still have the option to renew by phone or in person if you choose.

Joining BJ for the first time? Welcome! **Rejoining after some time away?** Welcome back! Email membership@bj.org or call 212-787-7600 x302 to find out everything you need to know about (re)becoming part of the BJ community.

A Note About Dues

If you join or renew by June 30, you'll lock in the current rate (even if you pay after July 1). See our current Sliding Scale Dues at www.bj.org/dues. On July 1, membership dues will increase by about 3%.

Find out more at www.bj.org/membership.

ANI YESHENA

Ani yeshena velibi er kol dodi dofek pithi li אָנִי יֵשְׁנָה וְלִבִּי עַר קוֹל | דּוֹדֵי דוֹפֵק פְּתִיחֵי לִי
Ahoti, ra'yati, yonati, tamati אַחְתִּי רַעֲיָתִי יוֹנָתִי תַמָּתִי
Sheroshi nimla-tal kevutzotai resisei laila. שְׂרָאשִׁי נִמְלֵא־טַל קִנְצוֹתַי רְסִיסֵי לַיְלָה.

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

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 כַּמְלֻכָּנוּ, אין כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

מִי כַּאלֹהֵינוּ, מִי כַּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
מִי כַּמְלֻכָּנוּ, מִי כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

נוֹדָה לַאלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדָה לַאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
נוֹדָה לְמְלֻכָּנוּ, נוֹדָה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
בְּרוּךְ מְלֻכָּנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

אֲתָהּ הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֲתָהּ הוּא אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
אֲתָהּ הוּא מְלֻכָּנוּ, אֲתָהּ הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

אֲתָהּ הוּא שְׁהַקְטִירוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קְטָרֵת הַסַּמִּים.

A TASTE OF TORAH: SHELAH-LEKHA

This week's commentary first ran in the *Kol Jeshurun* on July 1, 2016.

וְהָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר-עָלוּ עִמּוֹ, אָמְרוּ, לֹא נוֹכַח, לְעֹלֹת אֶל-הָעָם: כִּי-חַזֵּק הוּא, מִמֶּנּוּ. וַיִּצְיִאוּ דְבַר הָאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר תָּרוּ אֹתָהּ, אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, לֵאמֹר: הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר עָבְרָנוּ בָּהּ לְתוֹר אֹתָהּ, אָרֶץ אֲכָלֶת יוֹשְׁבֶיהָ הוּא, וְכָל-הָעָם אֲשֶׁר-רָאיִנוּ בְּתוֹכָהּ, אֲנָשִׁי מְדוּת. וְשָׁם רָאיִנוּ, אֶת-הַנְּפִילִים בְּנֵי עֶנֶק--מִן-הַנְּפִילִים; וַנְּהִי בְעֵינֵינוּ כְּתַחֲבִיבִים, וְכֹן הָיִינוּ בְעֵינֵיהֶם.

But the men that went up with [Caleb] said: "We are not able to up against the people, for they are stronger than us." And they spread an evil report of the land which they had spied out to the Children of Israel, saying, "The land that we traversed and scouted is one that devours its settlers. All the people that we saw in it are people of great size! And there we saw the giants, the children of Anak of giants; and we were in our own eyes like grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes."
—Numbers 13:31-33

We were in our own eyes like grasshoppers, and so we were also in their eyes. That was the sin of the spies. One can understand their statement, "we were in our own eyes like grasshoppers," for that was the way they really saw themselves. However, what right did they have to say, "and so we were in their eyes?" What difference should it make how we appeared to them?

—Rabbi Menahem Mendl of Kotzk

After Moshe sends 12 spies into Canaan to scope out the land, 10 of them return with a negative report. These 10 spies report back that the land is uninhabitable—the people there too powerful, the cities too fortified. Caleb, one of the other two spies, then made his voice heard: The Israelites should go up and take possession of the land! Yet, after he made his opinion known, the others continued, spreading rumors throughout the nation, adding that the land devours its inhabitants. They also added an important psychological and emotional element. Not only did these 10 spies feel small and powerless compared to those that were in the land, but they added that they also seemed small in the eyes of those that were there.

The Kotzker Rabbi asks the question of what difference it makes. He focuses on the importance of how we view ourselves, what our own estimation of our self worth is, not the value that others might place on us. He speaks to the reality of our own self-consciousness. We often focus on what others think of us and use that to inform how we feel about ourselves. But the deeper element of this truth is that we often make conjectures about what others think about us. The 10 spies that reported "we were grasshoppers in their eyes" had nothing but their own insecurities on which to base this view. They felt like they wouldn't be able to conquer the land, so they projected those insecurities onto the "giants" that lived in the land.

When we feel a lack of confidence, we also often make guesses about what others think of us. We convince ourselves that these conjectures are accurate and they further affect how we feel about ourselves. "They must think I'm stupid." "They don't like me." "She doesn't think I'm hard working." How many stories do we tell about what others think about who we are, and how do they help or hurt the stories we tell about ourselves? What are the ways that we can become more like Caleb and Joshua, individuals who saw a challenge in front of themselves and still had confidence?
— Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

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