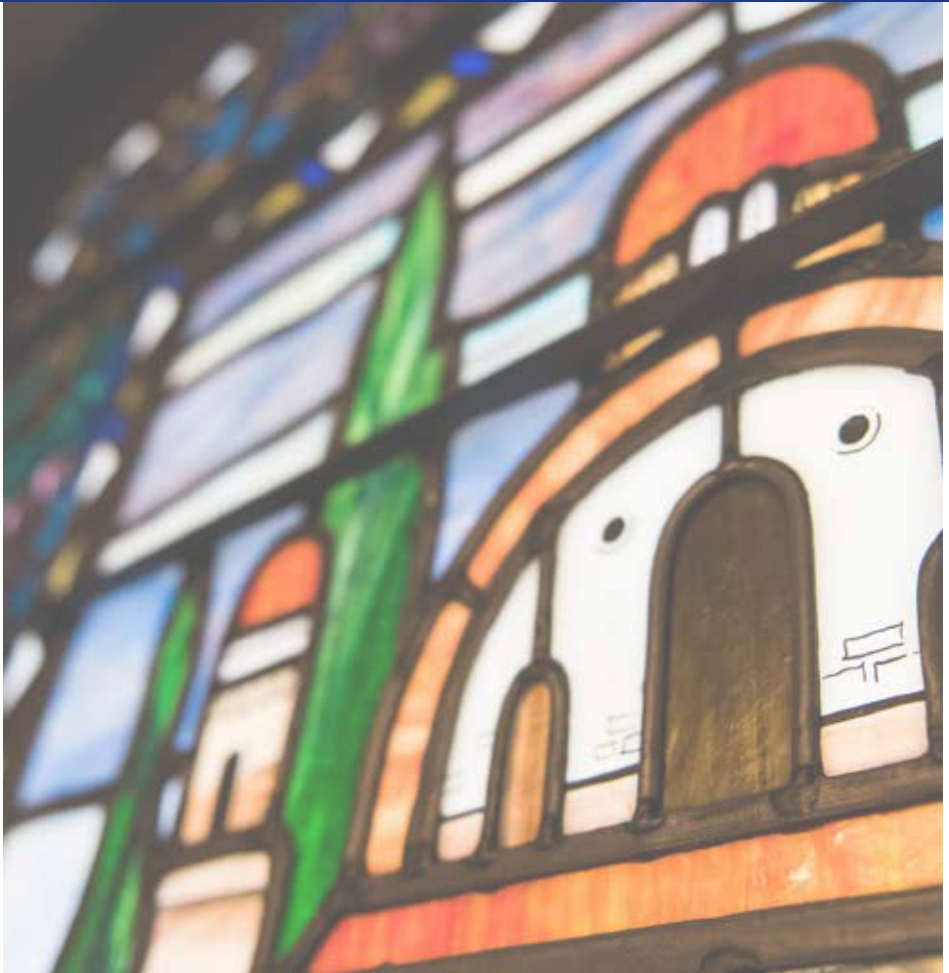


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון  
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



June 23-30, 2017 • 29 Sivan-6 Tammuz, 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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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

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

- Gail Amsterdam on the death of her sister, Joan Amsterdam.
- Duffie Cohen and Simeon Baum, and their daughters, Sabrina and Gabrielle Baum, on the death of Duffie's brother, Bill Cohen.

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Joshua Fiorentino, his parents, Kim and Robert Fiorentino, and his sister, Juliette Fiorentino, on Joshua becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rabbi Neil and Alisa Rubin Kurshan on the birth of their grandson, Nadav Shmuel Simonovich Kurshan.

## B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- 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.

## TZEITKHEM L'SHALOM / MAY YOU GO IN PEACE

As we move forward in the construction towards BJ Under One Roof, we say goodbye to Darkhei Noam, the independent partnership minyan that has made a spiritual home in the 89th Street Community House for the past 11 years. This week marks Darkhei Noam's last Shabbat in the BJ space, and we extend a warm farewell to the entire community as they make their way to a new home at the Manhattan Country School.

We wish you ease, success, and many blessings during this transition and as you move into the next stage of your community's life. Tzeitkhem l'shalom, **צאתכם לשלום**, may you go in peace.



### 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](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/compost).

**SAVE THE DATES!** Visit [www.bj.org/retreats](http://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 23

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24 | ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ | Pride Shabbat

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

- **Pride Shabbat Speaker: Abby Stein** During Services – 86th St. Sanctuary

Abby Stein will offer the d'var Torah on Shabbat Korah. Abby is a Jewish educator, speaker, and trans activist. Five years ago, Abby left the Hassidic world; in 2015, she came out as a trans woman. Abby is a student at Columbia University, majoring in Women's and Gender Studies and Political Science.

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

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

- **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25 | ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

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

- **Special Needs Rosh Hodesh Morning Service** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Reception Room

**Bar Mitzvah** **Josh Fiorentino**

## MONDAY, JUNE 26

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

- **Hate Has No Home Here** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Room 408

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](mailto:ngaines@bankstreet.edu). The following meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 18.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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

- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 89th St. Gym

- **JIBC Follow-up Conversation with the Rabbis (Members Only)** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Gym

Following the rabbis' announcements at BJ's Annual Meeting on June 15, BJ members are invited to attend one of four open, follow-up conversations with Roly and Felicia. Due to the intimate nature of the conversation, numbers are limited and registration is required. For details of other session times and to register, visit [www.bj.org/conversations](http://www.bj.org/conversations).

## FRIDAY, JUNE 30

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

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

- **Bim Bam: Hebrew Immersion** 11:15 AM – 89th St. Gym

## WHAT'S NEXT

### ● 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](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/youthcaravan).

### ● Hike the South Mountain Reservation with BJ

**Sunday, July 16**, 10:00AM, South Mountain Reservation (meet at the Milburn NJ train station parking lot): Tze'irim members are invited to hike 6-9 miles in the South Mountain Reservation in Essex County, New Jersey (only 40 minutes from NYC on NJ Transit from Penn Station). R.S.V.P. to Ben Swerdlow at [Benjo514@aol.com](mailto:Benjo514@aol.com).

## JIBC FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH THE RABBIS (MEMBERS ONLY)

Registration required: visit [www.bj.org/conversations](http://www.bj.org/conversations)



- **Thursday, June 29** | 6:30-7:45PM | 89th Street Gym
- **Thursday, July 6** | 12:30-1:45PM | Time & location TBD
- **Wednesday, July 12** | 8:30-9:45AM | 89th Street Gym
- **Wednesday, July 19** | 6:30-7:45PM | 89th Street Gym

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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

**Current BJ members:** On Monday, you should have received a personalized email with a link to renew your membership online. If you can't find your email or would prefer to renew by phone or in person, please contact us at [membership@bj.org](mailto:membership@bj.org) or 212-787-7600 x302.

**Joining BJ for the first time?** Welcome! **Rejoining after some time away?** Welcome back! Email [membership@bj.org](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/dues). On July 1, membership dues will increase by about 3%.

Find out more at [www.bj.org/membership](http://www.bj.org/membership).

## ANI YESHENA

Ani yeshena velibi er kol dodi dofek pithi li

Ahoti, ra'yati, yonati, tamati

Sheroshi nimla-tal kevutzotai resisei laila.

אני ישנה ולבי ער קול | דודי דופק פתחילי

אחותי רעיתי יונתי תמתי

שראשי נמלאטל קוצותי 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

## 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 18	19 9:30AM Morning minyan moves to 89th St. Gym	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

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## EIN KELOHEINU

אֵין כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֵין כְּאֲדוֹנֵינוּ,  
אֵין כְּמֶלְכֵנוּ, אֵין כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

מִי כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִי כְּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,  
מִי כְּמֶלְכֵנוּ, מִי כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

נוֹדָה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדָה לְאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,  
נוֹדָה לְמֶלְכֵנוּ, נוֹדָה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

בָּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בָּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,  
בָּרוּךְ מֶלְכֵנוּ, בָּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

אֲתָה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֲתָה הוּא אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,  
אֲתָה הוּא מֶלְכֵנוּ, אֲתָה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

אֲתָה הוּא שְׁהַקְטִירוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ  
לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קְטָרַת הַסַּמִּים.

# A TASTE OF TORAH: KORAH

This week's commentary first ran in the *Kol Jeshurun* on July 8, 2016.

כָּל תְּרוֹמַת הַקֹּדְשִׁים, אֲשֶׁר יָרִימוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל לַה' נָתַתִּי לָךְ וּלְבָנֶיךָ וּלְבָנֹתֶיךָ אֲתָדָה, לְחֶק-עוֹלָם: בְּרִית מְלַח עוֹלָם הוּא לְפָנַי ה', לָךְ וּלְזַרְעֶךָ אֲתָדָה.

All of the sacred gifts that the Israelites set aside for Adonai I give to you, to your sons, and to the daughters that are with you, as a due for all time. It shall be an eternal covenant of salt before Adonai, for you and for your offspring, as well. —Numbers 18:19

**An eternal covenant of salt:** God enacted a covenant with Aaron with an object that is wholesome and lasting, and keeps other foodstuffs wholesome. —Rashi

This is stated following the revolt of Korah because Korah wanted everyone to be like the Kohanim, and not be a Levite himself. A Kohen teaches us about *hesed* (lovingkindness), and a Levi teaches us about *din* (judgment). Korah wanted everyone to embody only *hesed*. But truthfully, there needs to be judgment and compassion in the world. As Ramban taught, relating to the covenant of Salt: salt is made from the power of the sun on water, and these represent the *din* and *hesed* together which are the way of the world. That is why this covenant of salt is taught after the incident of Korah. It shows that the incident of Korah was worthless because he wanted to only be *hesed*, and this isn't so in reality since we each have to embody *din* and *hesed* together. —Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev, the *Kedushat Levi*

I've always had sympathy for Korah and his complaint towards Moshe: Everyone should be holy! Everyone should be like the Kohanim! Why should there be a system with different roles which elevates one person over another? Coming from a democratic society, many of us might have a similar reaction. The *Kedushat Levi* asks us to think of the Korah incident as an allegory for how we create and understand balance in the world. We cannot carry out only judgement or loving kindness; we have to embody both a sense of strength, of boundaried behavior alongside a softness and an outpouring of love. The covenant that God creates with the Kohanim uses salt because that covenant is enduring and wholesome, as Rashi teaches. It also touches on the way that we are in relationship with God, both through *din* and *hesed*. God draws on both judgment and loving kindness in God's relationship with us, and we use that as a model for how we are to act in the world, as well. Wholesome relationships that are everlasting employ both of these attributes in order to create a sense of balance. Do we live out this balance in our relationships with others, or do we tend to skew towards one end of the scale? — Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

## TORAH PORTION

### KORAH

**Torah: Annual** Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

**Triennial** Numbers 16:1 - 28:15

- 1: 16:1 - 16:3
- 2: 16:4 - 16:7
- 3: 16:8 - 16:13
- 4: 16:14 - 16:19
- 5: 16:20 - 16:35
- 6: 17:1 - 17:08
- 7: 17:9 - 17:15
- Maftir: 28:9 - 28:15

**Haftarah** Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24, 66:23

### NEXT WEEK: HUKKAT

**Torah: Annual** Numbers 19:1 - 22:1

**Triennial** Numbers 19:1 - 20:13

**Haftarah** Judges 11:1 - 11:33

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