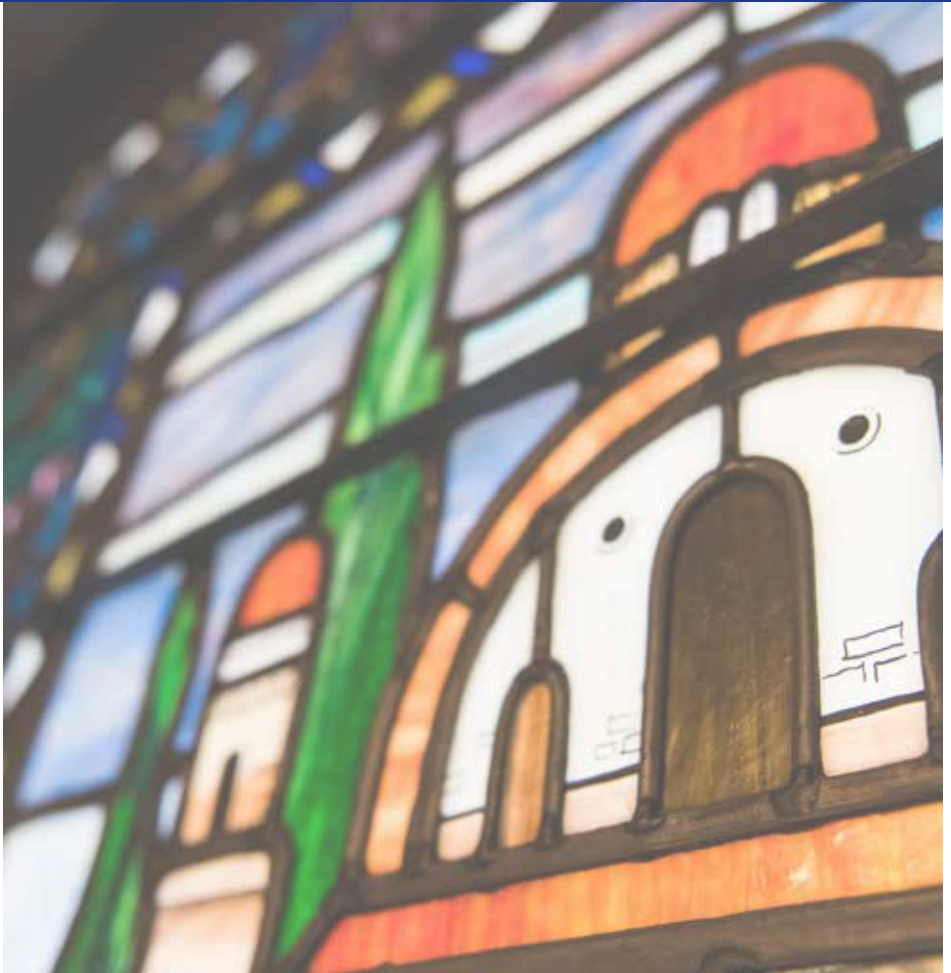


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Philip Richter and Julie Sissman, their children, Talia and Orli Richter-Sissman, and their entire family on the death of Philip's father, Eli Richter.

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Ellen Schechter and James Altman on the engagement of their daughter, Anna Schechter Altman, to Arik Gabbai.
- Shelley and Aaron Akabas on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Belle Rose Akabas, daughter of Sam and Sasha Akabas, and to the entire Akabas clan.

## 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**

**Sunday-Thursday**, 7:00PM drop-off, 86th Street: 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, 2017**

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

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

**MINDFULNESS RETREAT IN COSTA RICA, Jan. 14-21, 2018**

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, JULY 14

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 15

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Gym
- **Family Breakfast** 10:00 AM – 89th St. 3rd Floor
- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 89th St. 3rd Floor
- **Light Kiddush** Following Services – 89th St. Gym

## SUNDAY, JULY 16

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Gym
- **Postponed: Hike the South Mountain Reservation with BJ** To be rescheduled—more information to come

## MONDAY, JULY 17

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 18

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Gym
- **23rd Anniversary Memorial Service for AMIA Victims** 8:30-10:00 AM – Argentinean Consulate, 12 W. 56th St.  
Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and Hazzan Ari Priven for a memorial service, organized by AMCHA, for the 85 victims, Jews and non-Jews, of the horrific terror bombing of the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, on the 23rd anniversary of the attack.
- **Second Level Bystander Intervention Training** 5:30 PM – 89th St.  
This training is for those who have already attend a first level training (either at BJ or elsewhere). Space is limited. Register here: [www.bj.org/bystander2](http://www.bj.org/bystander2).
- **See INDECENT On Broadway** 7:00 PM – Cort Theater, 138 W. 48th St.  
Registration for the Connections group booking is now closed, but you can still purchase your own tickets at [www.indecentsbroadway.com](http://www.indecentsbroadway.com). The show closes on August 6. For those who have already registered to attend with our group, a BJ member will be in front of the theater at 6:00PM on Tuesday with your tickets.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Gym
- **Up Stander Training with Muslim Sensitivity Component** 6:00 PM – Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 W. 68th St.  
We are excited to be co-hosting and working with Dr. Debbie Almontaser to present a “101” level Up Stander training. The training session will include community building, a call to action to stand up for one another, and Up Stander techniques with cultural sensitivity tips. Register at [www.bj.org/upstander](http://www.bj.org/upstander).
- **JIBC Follow-up Conversation with the Rabbis (Members Only)** 6:30 PM – 89th St.  
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 the intimate nature of the conversation, numbers are limited and this final session has now reached capacity. To join the wait list, email [JIBC@bj.org](mailto:JIBC@bj.org).

## THURSDAY, JULY 20

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Gym
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 89th St. Gym

## FRIDAY, JULY 21

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Gym
- **Bim Bam** 9:15 and 10:15 AM – 89th St. 3rd Floor
- **Bim Bam: Hebrew Immersion** 11:15 AM – 89th St. Gym

## WHAT'S NEXT

### ● ● BJ Mindfulness Retreat in Nature

**January 14-21, 2018**, Costa Rica: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein for a week in the Costa Rica rain forest, exploring Jewish mindfulness practice as a way to connect more deeply with our soul, our truest values, and with God's creation. Contact Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org) or x264 for information.

## 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:

#### Monday, July 31

##### 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 8:12 PM

Ma'ariv Service, 89th Street Gym ..... 8:30 PM

#### Tuesday, August 1

##### Tisha Be'Av

Morning Service, 89th Street Gym ..... 7:30 AM

Study, 89th Street Gym ..... 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Minḥa Service, 89th Street Gym ..... 6:45 PM

Fast ends at 8:49 PM

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## ANI YESHENA

Ani yeshena velibi er kol dodi dofek pithi li      אָנִי יֵשְׁנָה וְלִבִּי עֵר כּוֹל | דּוֹדַי דּוֹפֵק פְּתִיחֵי לִי  
Ahoti, ra'yati, yonati, tamati                                      אַחֹתִי רַעֲיָתִי יוֹנָתִי תַמָּתִי  
Sheroshi nimla-tal kevutzotai resisei laila.                      שְׂרָאשִׁי נִמְלֵא-טַל קְוֻצוֹתַי 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

## EIN KELOHEINU

אֵין כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֵין כְּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,  
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.*

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,  
בְּרוּךְ מֶלְכֵנוּ, בְּרוּךְ 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.

## BECOME A MEMBER / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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

**Current BJ members:** 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

To create a kehillah kedoshah—a holy community—we each must assume the responsibility of meeting the financial requirements of our synagogue. Dues are calculated on a sliding scale based on household income. For details, visit [www.bj.org/dues](http://www.bj.org/dues).

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

# A TASTE OF TORAH: PINHAS

This week's commentary first ran in the *Kol Jeshurun* on July 29, 2016.

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 בְּתוֹכְכֶם וְלֹא-כָלִיתִי אֶת-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִנְאָתִי: לָכֵן אֶמְרָה הֲנִי נִתֵּן לוֹ אֶת-בְּרִיתִי שְׁלוֹם: וְהִיְתָה לוֹ וְלִזְרֻעוֹ אַחֲרָיו בְּרִית פְּהֶנֶת עוֹלָם תַּחַת אֶשֶׁר קָנָא לְאַלְהֵיו וַיִּכְפֹּר 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

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Numbers 25:10 - 30:1
<b>Triennial</b>	Numbers 25:10 - 26:51
1:	25:10 - 25:12
2:	25:13 - 25:15
3:	25:16 - 26:4
4:	26:5 - 26:11
5:	26:12 - 26:22
6:	26:23 - 26:34
7:	26:35 - 26:51
Maftir:	26:48 - 26:51

**Haftarah** Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

### NEXT WEEK: MATTOT-MAS'EI

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Numbers 30:2 - 36:13
<b>Triennial</b>	Numbers 30:2 - 31:54
<b>Haftarah</b>	Jeremiah 2:4 - 2:28

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