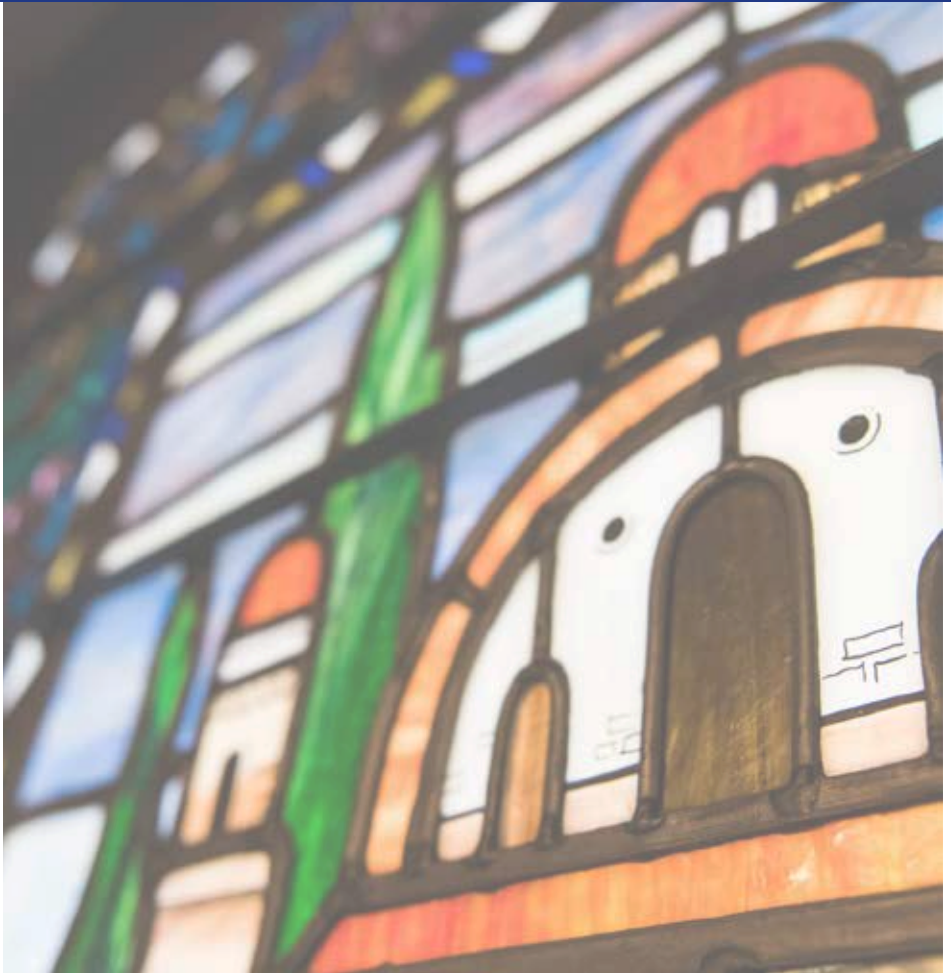


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



December 1-8, 2017 • 13-20 Kislev, 5778

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**
- **Hanukkah Programming**

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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:

- Betsy and Rabbi Hillel Friedman; their children, Rachel Friedman and Mark Neustadt, and Sarah Friedman and James Fraiman; and their grandsons, Isaac and Eitan Neustadt, and Jacob, Jonah, and Eli Fraiman, on the death of Betsy's brother, Rabbi Neil Gillman.
- Bill and Patricia Call on the death of Bill's mother, Mary Campbell.
- Sandy Cheiten and Martin Rosenblatt on the death of Sandy's aunt, Gertrude Hershkowitz.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Evan Wien on his engagement to Rachel Rabinowitz, and to Evan's parents, Tammy Tuller and Rick Wien, and sister, Casey Wien.
- Eitan Schwartz and Deborah Querub on the birth of their son, Zachary David Schwartz-Querub.

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:

● Tzedek Minyanim: Registration Open!

We are offering over 20 different Tzedek Minyanim—small groups focusing on advocacy, service, or study—exploring the themes of Faith & Public Life. Each group will be led by a BJ member. Visit www.bj.org/faith to see the exciting minyanim your fellow community members have created, and to register.

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

"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

TORAH PORTION

VAYISHLAH

Torah: Annual	Genesis 32:4 - 36:43
Triennial	Genesis 34:1 - 35:15
1:	34:1 - 34:4
2:	34:05 - 34:12
3:	34:13 - 34:17
4:	34:18 - 34:23
5:	34:24 - 34:31
6:	35:1 - 35:11
7:	35:12 - 35:15
Maftir:	35:12 - 35:15
Haftarah	Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

NEXT WEEK: VAYESHEV

Torah: Annual	Genesis 37:1 - 40:23
Triennial	Genesis 38:1 - 38:30
Haftarah	Amos 2:6 - 3:8

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.

We try to make the BJ environment comfortable and healthy for as many people as possible. Out of consideration for those with allergies or severe sensitivities, we request that you refrain from wearing perfumes and overly-scented products. Thank you in advance!

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- ● **Donations Needed** BJ Community House, 2nd Floor
We are looking to collect warm clothing, jackets, blankets, socks, individually wrapped food items (granola bars, pretzels etc.), and travel-sized toiletries. Please bring any donations to Michelle in the Family Life and Learning office on the 2nd floor.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- ● **Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – BJ Chapel & Frankel Hall
Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service with singing and dancing, followed by dinner at 5:45PM downstairs in Frankel Hall. While adults are finishing their meal, children engage in play and exploration. Register now at www.bj.org/totshabbat.
- ● **Hitoreri: Bring a Friend!** 6:30 PM – BJ Community House
BJ teens are invited to welcome in Shabbat with a mindfulness-style Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. This month, fulfill the mitzvah of hakhnasat orhim (welcoming guests) by bringing a teenage friend from outside of the BJ community. Register now at www.bj.org/hitoreri.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- ● **Community Potluck with Director of HIAS Israel** Following Services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
Join us in celebrating Shabbat at this special community potluck, featuring an intimate conversation with HIAS Israel Director Sivan Carmel about HIAS' work with asylum seekers. More information and registration at www.bj.org/potluck.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah — Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – BJ Chapel
Please 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. Every other Saturday (next session: 12/16).
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Reception & Middle Rooms
- ● **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
- **Conversation with Yisrael Serok** 12:30 PM – BJ Middle Room
- **5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Family Program** 3:45 PM – BJ Community House
What does it mean to become a B'nai Mitzvah? Join BJ as you think about your own relationship to Judaism. How did it start? We hope to see all 5th grade families as we explore these questions and more. R.S.V.P. to Ayala at awasser@bj.org.
- ● **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah** 4:30 PM – BJ Chapel
Join us for our monthly gathering as we spend the final moments of Shabbat together, singing beautiful niggunim and zemirot as havdalah approaches. Please bring a vegetarian snack and/or drink to share.
- ● **Teen Day of Service: Midnight Run** 8:00 PM – BJ Community House
Calling all BJ teens! Spend a night providing food, clothing, blankets, and other necessities to those in need with NYC volunteer organization Midnight Run. Sign up at www.bj.org/midnightrun.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- **Day Trip: National Museum of American Jewish History** 8:00 AM – Philadelphia
Join us for a trip to Philadelphia's National Museum of American Jewish History. Our group will have a docent-led tour of the museum, with an opportunity to further explore in the afternoon. Registration at www.bj.org/philadelphia.
- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

● ● **Parents' Corner** 5:00 PM – BJ 4th Floor Conference Room

● **Men's Havurah: What Have We Learned From Our Life Transitions?** 7:00 PM – BJ Community House

A discussion group led by Rabbi Bronstein, where we will consider the lessons we learn from the transitions in our lives. Come together with other men to explore how to move forward in our lives with greater clarity and satisfaction. Register at www.bj.org/whathavewelearned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

● **The Book of Genesis with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:30 AM – BJ Middle Room

● **"Soul Food" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol** 12:30 PM – BJ Middle Room

Bring a bag lunch and open up your soul to the nourishment and challenge of Hassidic rabbis. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we imagine old world wisdom for everyday life. Register at www.bj.org/soulfood. Weekly through 12/12.

● **Tefillat haDerekh with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein** 7:00 PM – BJ Middle Room

Life is a journey. Our souls yearn to go home, but where is home? Join us for an exploration of Tefillat haDerekh (the Traveler's Prayer). Together, we will dwell in the stations our souls have stopped in. Register at www.bj.org/tefilathaderekh. Upcoming sessions: 2/13, 3/6.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

● ● **Teen Learning** 6:00 PM – BJ Community House

● **Palliative Care: The Spiritual, the Pastoral, and the Practical** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary

Learn about how we care for those experiencing the discomfort, symptoms, and stress of serious illness. Featuring Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, Rabbinic Director of the Jewish Board, and Toby Weiss, Director of Cultural Sensitivity and Jewish Programming, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/palliativecare.

● **Being a Grandparent in a Jewish Family: A Three-Part Series** 7:00 PM – Frankel Hall

The love between grandparents and grandchildren can extend its influence for generations to come. If you are a grandparent in a single-faith Jewish family or multifaith/multi-heritage Jewish family, join Rabbi Adina Lewittes to explore the many layers of this formative relationship through lectures, personal narrative, and workshops. Register at www.bj.org/grandparents. Next session: 1/10.

● **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

● **"In the Mirror" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – location given with registration

Reading stories about the lives of the Talmudic rabbis, we uncover layers of ourselves and become better equipped to wrestle with our human nature. Please email btarson@bj.org to be added to the wait list. Upcoming sessions: 12/14, 21; 1/11, 18, 25; 2/8, 15, 22; 3/1, 8, 15.

● **Caregivers Support Group** 4:15 PM – BJ Community House 4th Floor Conference Room

A monthly support group for BJ members to draw strength, insight, and information from each other and our tradition. Registration required. More info at www.bj.org/caregivergroups. Upcoming sessions: 1/4, 2/1.

● **Israel-U.S. Relations in the Trump Era** 7:00 PM – BJ Reception Room

Join leading Israeli journalist Chemi Shalev, U.S. editor and correspondent for *Haaretz*, as he presents an update on the relationship between the United States and Israel, and its impact on the future relationship between Israel and American Jewry. More information at www.bj.org/shalev.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

● ● **Bim Bam & Bim Bam Hebrew Immersion** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – BJ Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

● Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 8, 6:30PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Rabbi Shuli Passow, Hazzan Ari Priven, and Cantor David Mintz, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Visit www.bj.org/kabbalatshabbat for more information.

● Ramah Minyan

Friday, December 8, 7:00PM, BJ Chapel: BJ and Ramah are joining together again for Kabbalat Shabbat. Members and friends are welcome—meaning *everyone* is welcome to join us. Attendance is free. More information and registration at www.bj.org/ramah.

● Beyond Presents: Making Meaning from Hanukkah for Your Kids and Yourself

Saturday, December 9, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Community House: Join Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal as we explore ways to make Hanukkah a meaningful experience for your family. Registration and more info at www.bj.org/beyondpresents.

● Havdalah and Israel Salon with Combatants for Peace

Saturday, December 9, 6:00-8:00PM, location given with registration: Combatants for Peace is an NGO working towards a mutually agreed-upon solution that will allow both Israelis and Palestinians to live in freedom in their homeland. Two combatants will join us at this salon. More details at www.bj.org/israelsalon.

● Foundations of Community Building: The One-to-One Meeting

Sunday, December 10, 10:30AM-1:00PM, Frankel Hall: This interactive workshop will explore how to tell our own stories (and why); how to listen to the stories of others; and the power that can come from building relationships across our community. More information and registration at www.bj.org/foundations.

● Revolving Prisms: Tavche Gravche In Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2:00-3:30PM, BJ Reception Room: Join us for an intimate afternoon concert with Neo-Balkan quartet Tavche Gravche, led by BJ Music Director Dan Nadel, with Rabbi Jessica Kate Meyer and Deborah Sacks Mintz. Limited tickets available at bj.org/tavchegravche.

● Assistant Rabbi Search: Listening Sessions

Sunday, December 10, 3:30-4:30PM, BJ Community House: BJ members are invited to attend the last of three listening sessions with the rabbis and Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, in order to broaden and deepen the community's input into the Assistant Rabbi search. More details and registration at: www.bj.org/listeningsessions.

● Lights in the Darkness: A Winter Bereavement Program

Monday, December 11, 6:30PM, BJ Chapel: Holidays can be difficult for those of us who are bereaved. This applies to Hanukkah as well as Christmas and the secular New Year. Draw support and comfort from one another and our shared tradition. Register at www.bj.org/bereavement, or contact Michael at x238.

● Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes

Tuesday, December 12, 7:30-9:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Join us as we take an honest look at real-life examples of the ethical questions we face and the choices we make every day, using Jewish and other sources to awaken, guide, and motivate us. Register now at www.bj.org/ethics.

● Hanukkah in #MyMikdash: Home-Based Candle-Lighting Parties

Tuesday, December 12-Tuesday, December 19, times and location TBD: Celebrate Hanukkah with BJ members throughout the city! Sign up for a home-based candle lighting party near you, with options uptown and downtown, for young families, 20s and 30s, multi-faith families, and more! Register for a festive gathering at www.bj.org/hanukkahparties.

● Hag ve Hesed—Hanukkah Candle Lighting

Tuesday, December 12-Tuesday, December 19, evenings, various locations: Bring the light of the Hanukkah candles to BJ members who are homebound, have a new baby, or have difficulty leaving their homes in the winter. To volunteer or to receive such a visit, contact Galit at galit.lb@gmail.com.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● ● **Parenting Series #2: Raising a Teenager, the Scariest Job You Have**

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00-7:15PM, BJ Community House: Join us as Betsy Stone continues our parenting series focused on teens. How do we respond to our teens and their difficulties? What's the impact of social media in their lives? More information and registration at www.bj.org/raisingteens.

● **Bo-i Kallah**

Friday, December 15, 6:30PM, BJ Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, Deborah Sacks Mintz, and Music Director Dan Nadel for an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat. More information at www.bj.org/boikallah.

● **Mini Maccabiah**

Saturday, December 16, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Community House: Students in grades K-2 are invited to team up and have some fun at this Garinim Hanukkah-themed competition. More details and registration at www.bj.org/maccabiah.

● **Shorashim Hanukkah Sleepover**

Saturday, December 16-Sunday, December 17, 7:30PM-8:30AM, BJ Community House: Students in grades 3-5 are invited to spend the night at BJ. We'll celebrate the holiday together as we play dreidel by the light of the hanukkiah, eat Hanukkah treats, and watch a movie. More information and registration at www.bj.org/sleepover.

● **Family Hanukkah Celebration**

Sunday, December 17, 3:45-4:30PM, BJ Community House: Celebrate the sixth night of Hanukkah with BJ. Kids ages 6 and under will join BJ educators for holiday songs, candle-making, crafts, and more. More information at www.bj.org/familyhanukkah.

● **BJ Under One Roof Dedication & Hanukkah Celebration**

Sunday, December 17, 4:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join us for an afternoon of celebration, as we formally dedicate our new, expansive space, celebrate our mikdash, and mark this incredible moment in the life of our community with a **Hanukkat Habayit Dedication** and a **Festive Reception**. Details and registration at www.bj.org/dec17.

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

Monday, December 18, 6:30-8:30PM, location given with registration: 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.

● **Miracles and Light: A Hanukkah Destressing Meditation Workshop**

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-8:00PM, 38 Thompson Street, Room 475 (NYU Global Center for Academic & Spiritual Life): Join us in a discussion and meditation to explore our own inner light (and darkness) and investigate the concept of miracles in our lives. Led by Yael Shy, Founder and Director of MindfulNYU. More information and registration at www.bj.org/hanukkahmeditation.

● **Israeli Book Club: *All The Rivers***

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-8:30PM, location given with registration: Join us for a good read and nuanced conversation that will help you gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of contemporary issues in Israel. Our next book will be *All the Rivers* by Dorit Rabinyan. More information and registration at www.bj.org/bookclub.

● **Bim Bam and Bim Bam Hebrew Immersion**

Fridays, January 5-May 11, 9:15-10:00AM, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00 noon, BJ Chapel: Bim Bam gives children under 3 a fun space to explore Shabbat through interactive songs and stories while learning traditions such as lighting candles, saying Kiddush, and giving tzedakah. More information at www.bj.org/bimbam.

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