

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



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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

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Orli Hockenstein, her parents Rabbi Joanna Samuels and Jeremy Hockenstein, her brother, Natan Hockenstein, and her grandparents, Susan and Stephen Samuels, on Orli becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Orli Rachel Rose, her parents, Deborah and Rob Rose, and her sisters, Sophie and Abbey Rose, on Orli becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jolie Roberts and her mother, Elana Roberts, on Jolie's engagement to Warren Rubin.
- BJ Musician Jessie Reagen Mann and Tim Mann on the birth of their son, Maverick Roatan Mann, and to big brothers Sebastian and Adler Mann.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Dan McDermet and Teen Social Action Group , Temple Sinai of Roslyn, Roslyn, New York.
- **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.



BJ Community Hanukkah Candle Lighting

December 18-19, 5:30PM, BJ Reception Room and Sanctuary: Planning to be at BJ for an evening program or event on a weeknight during Hanukkah? Join us for a community candle lighting on weeknights throughout this festive holiday!



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 20, 3:00-9:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Twice a year, we have the opportunity to provide this very important service to the community. More information and registration at www.bj.org/blooddrive.

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

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

- 🕯️ **Hanukkah in #MyMikdash: Home-Based Candle-Lighting Parties** Through 12/19 – Various times and locations
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** Through 12/19 – Various times and 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.
- 🟡 **Kadima@BJ Shabbat Dinner** 5:30 PM – BJ Middle Room
- 🟡 **Bo-i Kallah** 6:30 PM – 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.
- 🟡 **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 5TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

- 🟡 **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.
- 🟡 **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- Bat Mitzvah** **Orli Hockenstein**
- 🟡 **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Reception & Middle Rooms
- 🟡 **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
- 🟡 **Community Kiddush** Following Services – Frankel Hall
- 🟡 **Ties That Bind Us** 3:45 PM – BJ Chapel
- 🟡 **Minha Service** 4:15 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- Bat Mitzvah** **Orli Rose**
- 🟡 **Havdalah and a Movie** 5:15 PM – BJ Community House 4th Floor
- 🕯️ **Mini Maccabiah** 5:15 PM – 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** 7:30 PM – 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 hanukkah, eat Hanukkah treats, and watch a movie. More information and registration at www.bj.org/sleepover.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

- 🟡 **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- 🟡 **Family Tzedek Minyan** 11:30 AM – BJ Middle Room
- 🟡 **Rock Climbing with Ilanot** 12:30 PM – BJ Community House & MPHC Climbing Gym
Grades 6 and 7 are invited to get out of the cold and warm up with some rock climbing! More information and registration at www.bj.org/rockclimbing.
- 🕯️ **Family Hanukkah Celebration** 3:45 PM – Frankel Hall
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.

Sunday, December 17, continued

🏺 **BJ Under One Roof Dedication & Hanukkah Celebration** 4:30 PM – 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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 | ROSH HODESH TEVET | 7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

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

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – 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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 | ROSH HODESH TEVET | 8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

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

● **Faith & Public Life: Study Sessions With BJ Rabbinic Fellows** 8:30 AM – BJ Chapel

Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Sarah Krinsky and Tobias Divick Moss one Tuesday per month after morning minyan. Dive deeper into the questions we are exploring through our Faith & Public Life program, such as “Should we pray for the government or about it?” More details at www.bj.org/fplstudy. Upcoming sessions: 1/23; 2/20; 3/20; 4/17; 5/8.

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

● **Israeli Book Club: *All The Rivers*** 3:00-9:00 PM – 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.

🏺 **Tze'irim Miracles and Light: A Hanukkah Destressing Meditation Workshop** 6:30 PM – 38 Thompson St., 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

● **Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive** 3:00-9:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

Twice a year, we have the opportunity to provide this very important service to the community. More information and registration at www.bj.org/blooddrive.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

● **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: 1/11, 18, 25; 2/8, 15, 22; 3/1, 8, 15.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

WHAT'S NEXT

● The 2017 Kol Nidre Partnership Appeal

We are closer to our goal every day and we need YOU! If you have made your gift, thank you! If you haven't yet made your gift: our collective work, plans, and dreams are only realized when each and every BJ member does their part by supporting us financially. Help us remain firmly rooted and reaching upward in the unique and special way that is BJ through your participation in the Kol Nidre Partnership Appeal. Make your gift before the end of the year and help us shape the future we hope for in 2018. Make your pledge now at www.bj.org/kolnidreappeal.

● Seeking Volunteers With Auction Experience

Recruiting now through Friday, December 15: Help wanted! BJ is seeking volunteers who have experience working on successful benefits. We are seeking leaders who are eager to take on responsibilities and have ownership of specific projects. Is this you or someone you know? Apply at www.bj.org/auctionvolunteers.

● Bridging the Gap: Study Exchange with Michigan Corrections Officers

Accepting applications now through January 8: This unique encounter is designed to create dialogue across difference. Find out more and apply now at www.bj.org/bridgingthegap.

● Caregivers Support Groups

Thursdays, January 4 and February 1, 4:15PM, 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.

● 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.

WHAT'S LATER

● ● Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 5, 5:15-7:00PM, BJ Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM downstairs in Frankel Hall. Register at www.bj.org/totshabbat.

● ● IAC Keshetot@BJ

Tuesdays, January 9-May 16, 4:00-5:00PM, BJ Community House: IAC KesheTOT is an innovative program for families with infants and toddlers from birth until 3.5 years old. Children gain a sense of community, flavored by Israeli culture and Jewish heritage. More information and registration at www.bj.org/keshetot.

● ● Parents' Corner: Evening Edition

Tuesday, January 9, 7:15-8:30PM, BJ Chapel: Join Rabbi Anne Ebersman and the Kadima Advisory Committee to discuss the emotional challenges which can arise as our tweens and teens begin to separate from us. More information at www.bj.org/parentscorner.

● Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes

Tuesdays, January 9, 23, 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. Course extended due to popular demand. Register now at www.bj.org/ethics.

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● “Soul Food” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol

Tuesdays, January 16, weekly through March 27, 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Middle Room: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we imagine old-world wisdom for everyday life. More information and registration at www.bj.org/soulfood.

● ● Meetup for Parents and Babies

Wednesdays, January 24-February 28, 10:30-11:30AM, BJ Community House: Parents with babies ages 0-8 months are invited to meet other parents, gain practical tools, and enjoy some bonding time with your baby in a supportive environment. Meg Akabas, NYSPEP Certified Parenting Educator, will facilitate conversations. More information and registration at www.bj.org/babies.

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!

TORAH PORTION

MIKETZ

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

Torah: Annual	Genesis 41:1 - 44:17
Triennial	Genesis 41:53 - 43:15
1:	41:53 - 41:57
2:	42:1 - 42:5
3:	42:6 - 42:18
4:	42:19 - 42:28
5:	42:29 - 42:38
6:	43:1 - 43:7
7:	43:8 - 43:15
Maftir:	Numbers 7:30 - 7:35
Haftarah	Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: VAYIGASH

Torah: Annual	Genesis 44:18 - 47:27
Triennial	Genesis 45:28 - 46:27
Haftarah	Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

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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