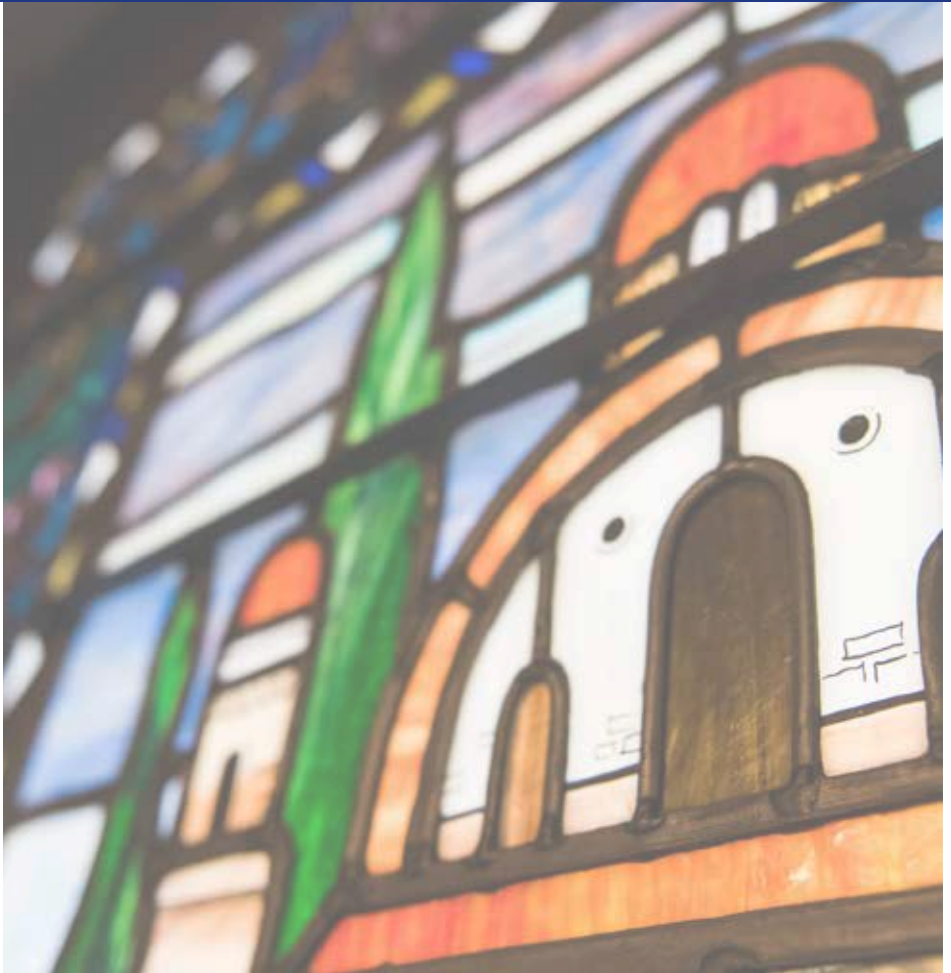


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



January 12-19, 2018 • 25 Tevet-3 Shevat, 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**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Katie Sanders, and we extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Lawrence Gardner, their daughter, Evie, and their entire family.

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

- Erica and David Panush, and their children, Zerlina and Lucy Panush, on the death of Erica's father, Alfred Marks.
- Rachel Abrams and Pierre Sussman and their children, Simon and Isador Sussman, on the death of Rachel's mother, Marsha Dale Abrams.
- Michael Freed on the death of his father, Stanley Freed.
- Gabriel Katz and Michael Bar and their children, Amelia and Zachary Bar-Katz, on the death of Gabriel's father, Aaron Katz.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Eli Ramrajkar, leader in the Jewish community of Thane, India.
- **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 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 the Community House whenever the building is open. For more information, visit www.bj.org/compost.

● **Discover Sicily with BJ**

Monday, May 28-Tuesday, June 5, 2018: Sign up now for a unique adventure led by Rabbi Adina Lewittes, accompanied by Executive Director Colin A. Weil. Explore the sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and touches of ancient and modern-day Sicily. Details at www.bj.org/sicily2018.

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!

We are happy to share BJ's services with those unable to attend in person through automated recording and livestreaming, available on our website and on our YouTube channel. The camera will be focused on the bimah and areas in front of the Ark. Your presence in those areas indicates your consent to your image appearing on the livestream. Tune in live—and to watch previously streamed services and programs—at www.bj.org/live.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Teen Domestic Trip to New Orleans (through 1/14)

- **Shishi Israeli** 6:00 PM – Frankel Hall
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat** 6:30 PM – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
Led by Rabbi Shuli Passow, Hazzan Ari Priven, and Cantor David Mintz, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org or x255 with any questions.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Reception & Middle Rooms
- **K-2 Family Shabbat Experience** 10:45 AM – Frankel Hall
- **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Community Kiddush** Following Services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
- **Sicily Trip Information Session** During Kiddush – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
Interested in being part of BJ's upcoming Sicily trip (Monday May 28-Tuesday, June 5) with Rabbi Adina Lewittes and Executive Director Colin A. Weil? Find out more about this unique adventure and ask any questions you may have at this or one of the next two upcoming sessions on Thursday, January 18 or Tuesday, January 23. Details at www.bj.org/sicilyinfo.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Mindfulness Retreat in Costa Rica (through 1/21)

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 10:00 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Racial Justice Giving Circle** 2:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
BJ is proudly partnering with Repair the World NYC for a series of hands-on activities including the Racial Justice Giving Circle. More information and registration at www.bj.org/givingcircle.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 | Dr. Martin Luther King., Jr. Day

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- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Toiletry Kit-Making and Exploring Poverty Issues** 10:00 AM – BJ Sanctuary
BJ is proudly partnering with Repair the World NYC and the NYC Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee for a series of hands-on activities including making toiletry gift sets for the guests of the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. This program is now full.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **"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 Hazzidic rabbis. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we imagine old-world wisdom for everyday life. Weekly through May 15 (no class February 13; April 17, 24). More information and registration at www.bj.org/soulfood.

Tuesday, January 16, continued

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- ● **IAC Keshetot@BJ** 4:00 PM – BJ Chapel
 - **Refugee and Immigration Committee Meeting** 6:30 PM – BJ Reception Room
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 | ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

- **Farmworkers Fair Labor Human Rights Hearing** 6:30 AM – Leaving from St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Ave.
As part of the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign, our Economic Justice Hevra is going up to Albany to hear farmworkers describe their working conditions to a panel of human rights observers, including Sam Waterston. Hearing at 10:00AM. Register at www.bj.org/farmworkers.
 - **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - ● **Teen Learning Series: Otherness** 6:00 PM – BJ Community House
BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarah Krinsky will examine racial justice, circumcision, chosenness, and intermarriage through the lens of traditional sources and contemporary issues. More information and registration at www.bj.org/otherness. Weekly through 2/7.
 - **Being a Grandparent in a Jewish Family** 7:00 PM – Frankel Hall
Are you a grandparent or an elder in a single-faith Jewish family or multi-faith/multi-heritage Jewish family? Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes in this skill-building session, with guest teachers Judith Stern Peck, LCSW and Ruth Nemzoff. Open to all. Register at www.bj.org/grandparents.
 - **David Litt and Robin Pogrebin in Conversation: Words and Politics in America Today** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
The Yale Jewish Alumni Association, together with BJ, presents David Litt and Robin Pogrebin in Conversation: Words and Politics in America Today. The talk will be followed by a wine reception with David and Robin. Register now at www.bj.org/littpogrebin.
 - **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – location given with registration
 - **Sicily Trip Information Session** 7:00 AM – BJ Middle Room
See Saturday, January 13 for description. Additional session on Tuesday, January 23. Details at www.bj.org/sicilyinfo.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - ● **Bim Bam & Bim Bam Hebrew Immersion** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – BJ Chapel
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WHAT'S NEXT

- ● **Camp Shabbat: Experience the Magic of Summer Camp**
Friday, January 19, 6:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Experience the magic of Jewish summer camp. Join us for BJ Shabbat services led by campers and brimming with kavannot given by past and present campers of all ages! More information and registration at www.bj.org/campdinner.
- **Bo-i Kallah**
Friday, January 19, 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.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

● **Save the Date: BJ Joins the Women's March on NYC**

Saturday, January 20, following Shabbat morning services: Join us and other members of the UWS Jewish community as we raise our voices in the streets. We will gather after services to walk together to where the march will be queuing up on Central Park West. More information to come. Details at www.bj.org/womensmarch2018.

● **PJs and Havdalah**

Saturday, January 20, 4:45-5:45PM, BJ Chapel: Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to experience havdalah through art, song, and story. Kids are encouraged to come in pajamas to create a warm and cozy atmosphere. More information and registration at www.bj.org/pjshavdalah.

● **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah— Preparing for Prayer**

Saturday, January 20, 8:45-9:25AM, 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.

● **Camp Shabbat: Family Havdalah and Peulat Erev**

Saturday, January 20, 6:00-8:00PM, BJ Community House: BJ has partnered with many Jewish camps to create camp-like evening programming for the whole family. Come participate in various camp activities and take part in a spirited havdalah ceremony. Contact Jacey at jgluska@bj.org with any questions.

● **The Post Panel Discussion with Dr. Adam Arenson**

Sunday, January 21, 5:00PM, BJ Community House: The Freedom of Press Advocacy Tzedek Minyan invites you to a panel discussion, facilitated by renowned American historian and BJ member Dr. Adam Arenson, about the new Steven Spielberg movie *The Post* and current challenges facing our free press. More information at www.bj.org/post.

● **Parenting Series: #3 Helping Your Teen**

Wednesday, January 24, 6:00-7:15PM, BJ Community House: Join us in the third part of our series as Betsy Stone addresses the question of how to help our teens. What do kids need from us to help them navigate the teen and early adult years? More info at www.bj.org/helppteens.

● **Shabbaton with Assistant Rabbi Candidate Erin Glazer**

Friday, January 26-Sunday, January 28, various times, BJ Sanctuary and Community House: Meet Assistant Rabbi candidate Erin Glazer at Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat Morning Services and Kiddush, Sunday Morning Minyan and Brunch, and more. More details about Rabbi Glazer including meeting times and locations at www.bj.org/glazershabbaton.

● **Tu Bishvat Community Potluck Dinner with Nigel Savage of Hazon**

Friday, January 26, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, BJ Reception and Middle Rooms: Prepare for Tu Bishvat with BJ by joining us for a Community Potluck Dinner with special guest Nigel Savage. As President, CEO and founder of Hazon, Nigel Savage has played a unique role in renewing American Jewish life and creating a healthier and more sustainable world for all. More information and registration at www.bj.org/potluck.

● **Devotional Song: Kirtan Shabbat Shirah**

Saturday, January 27, 7:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join BJ Music Director Dan Nadel, Hazzan George Mordecai, and others, along with an ensemble of the finest Kirtan musicians in New York, as we merge Jewish devotional chants with the South Asian tradition of Kirtan, a musical form of shared spiritual recitation. Register now at www.bj.org/shabbatshirah.

● **Why Write a Memoir, Even if Nobody Will Read It**

Sunday, January 28, 11:00AM-1:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Want to write your life story but find the prospect daunting? Join us for brunch with authors Susan Charney and Mindy Lewis as they discuss the challenges, process, and rewards of writing a memoir. Register now at www.bj.org/memoir.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● ● 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, 7:00PM, BJ Community House: Parents of children in 6th grade are invited to an informational meeting to review the B'nai Mitzvah process for the upcoming year. For more information, contact Davia Rabinoff-Goldman at drabinoff@bj.org.

● A Conversation with Anita Diamant

Wednesday, January 31, 7:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for an evening with author and ritual innovator, Anita Diamant. Diamant is the Founding President of Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh. Join for a conversation on reclaiming and reinventing ancient ritual in contemporary Jewish life. Register at www.bj.org/diamant.

WHAT'S NEXT

● 4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Journey: Opening Ritual

Saturday, February 3, 4:30-6:30PM, BJ Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for this special event. More information and registration at www.bj.org/openingritual.

● ● Ritual Labs: Retirement

Mondays, February 5, 12, 26; March 12, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Middle Room: Join Rabbi Michael Boino and Cantor David Mintz for four Ritual Labs around the life transition that is retirement. Email kkersey@bj.org to participate.

● ● Stormy Weather: Addressing Climate Change in Turbulent Times

Thursday, February 8, 5:00-7:00PM, JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: A lively and compelling evening with leaders in the climate change activism movement. More information and registration at www.bj.org/stormyweather.

● Tefillat haDerekh with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

Tuesdays, February 13, March 6, 7:00-9:00PM, 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.

● Death Over Dinner

Wednesday, February 14, 6:00PM, Frankel Hall: Honor the work of our Hevra Kadisha (volunteers who provide support for mourners) and explore Jewish and medical perspectives on death, dying, and mourning. More details and registration at www.bj.org/deathoverdinner.

TORAH PORTION

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Torah: Annual	Exodus 6:2- 9:35
Triennial	Exodus 7:8- 8:15
1:	7:8- 7:13
2:	7:14- 7:18
3:	7:19- 7:25
4:	7:26- 7:29
5:	8:1- 8:6
6:	8:7- 8:11
7:	8:12- 8:15
Maftir:	8:12- 8:15
Haftarah	Ezekiel 28:25- 29:21

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Torah: Annual	Exodus 10:1- 13:16
Triennial	Exodus 11:4- 12:28
Haftarah	Jeremiah 46:13- 46:28

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