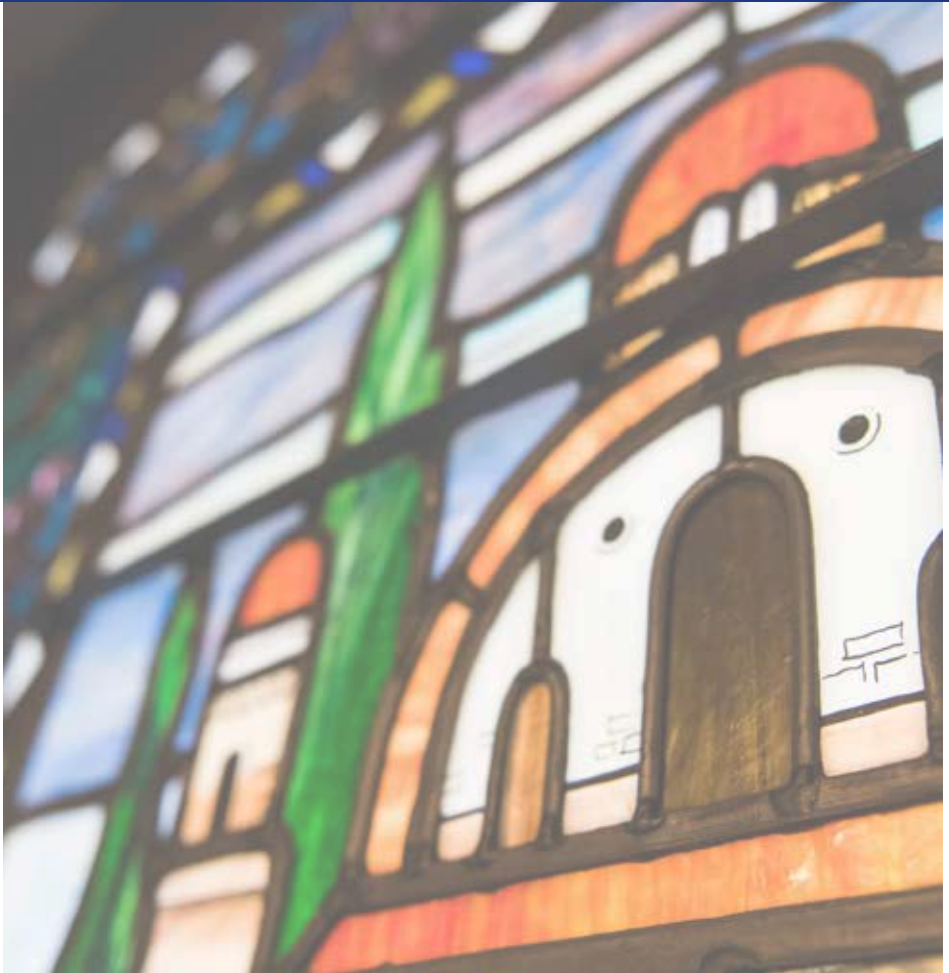


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The Voice of BJ This Week

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January 19-26, 2018 • 3-10 Shevat, 5778

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# OUR COMMUNITY

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Zach Eisenman and his parents, Melinda Toporoff and Josh Eisenman, on Zach becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Hon. Andrew Borrok on his appointment as a New York State Supreme Court Justice. Rabbi Roly Matalon had the honor of delivering the closing prayer at the installation ceremony.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by:

- Melinda Toporoff and Josh Eisenman in honor of Zach Eisenman becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Toby Baldinger in honor of the naming of her daughter, Danielle Rose Baldinger.
- Jeff and Shelley Kehl on the birth of their grandson, Jonathan William Kehl.
- Garrett Adler, Karina Albistegui-Amaya, and Robin Aronow, Dennis, Drew, and Nate Adler on the recent marriage of Garrett and Karina.

## 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 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/sicily2018).

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## Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos, Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'

We are marching in the light of God

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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](http://www.bj.org/live).

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

### *Mindfulness Retreat in Costa Rica (through 1/21)*

- **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](http://www.bj.org/boikallah).
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- ● **Camp Shabbat: Experience the Magic of Summer Camp** 6:30 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/campdinner).

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- **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
- Bar Mitzvah** **Zach Eisenman**
- Naming** **Danielle Rose Baldinger**
- ● **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
- **Women's March on NYC: UWS Jewish Contingent** Following Services – BJ Sanctuary  
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](http://www.bj.org/womensmarch2018).
- ● **PJs and Havdalah** 5:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/pjshavdalah).
- ● **Camp Shabbat: Family Havdalah and Peulat Erev** 6:00 PM – 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](mailto:jgluska@bj.org) with any questions.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 10:00 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Kadima@BJ Basketball** 11:00 AM – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
- **The Post Panel Discussion with Dr. Adam Arenson** 5:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/post).

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 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 program, such as “Should We Pray for the Government or About It?” More details at [www.bj.org/fplstudy](http://www.bj.org/fplstudy). Upcoming sessions: 2/20; 3/20; 4/17; 5/8.

- **“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. Weekly through May 15 (no class February 13; April 17, 24). More information and registration at [www.bj.org/soulfood](http://www.bj.org/soulfood).

- ● IAC Keshetot@BJ 4:00 PM – BJ Chapel

- **Sicily Trip Information Session** 6:30 PM – BJ Chapel

Interested in being part of BJ’s upcoming trip to Sicily with Rabbi Adina Lewittes and Executive Director Colin A. Weil? Join Dini to find out more about this unique adventure and ask any questions you may have. Details at [www.bj.org/sicilyinfo](http://www.bj.org/sicilyinfo).

- **Dolores Screening with the Economic Justice Hevra** 7:00 PM – JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue

Join the Economic Justice Hevra at a screening of the movie *Dolores*, followed by a Q&A. Dolores Huerta co-founded the first farm workers’ unions with Cesar Chavez. Find out more and access discounted pricing at [www.bj.org/dolores](http://www.bj.org/dolores).

- **Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:30 PM – BJ Chapel

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](http://www.bj.org/ethics).

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

- ● **Parenting Series: #3 Helping Your Teen** 6:00 PM – 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 information at [www.bj.org/helpteens](http://www.bj.org/helpteens).

- ● **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](http://www.bj.org/otherness). Weekly through 2/7.

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel

- **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – location given with registration

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

### 7th Grade Trip to Washington, DC (through 1/28)

- 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

### ● ● **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. For more details about Rabbi Glazer, including meeting times and locations, see [www.bj.org/glazershabbaton](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/memoir).

### ● **Tu Bishvat Festival for Families**

**Sunday, January 28**, 10:00-11:00AM, Frankel Hall: To celebrate The New Year of the Trees, we are throwing a birthday party with nature-themed games, arts and crafts workshops using recycled materials, storytelling, holiday songs, and more! More information and registration at [www.bj.org/tubishvatfam](http://www.bj.org/tubishvatfam).

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

### ● **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 that brings together all 4th grade students and families as they begin their journey toward becoming b'nai mitzvah. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/openingritual](http://www.bj.org/openingritual).

### ● **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah**

**Saturday, February 3**, 5:00PM, BJ Chapel: Join us for our monthly gathering as we spend the final moments of Shabbat together, singing beautiful nigunim and zemirot as havdalah approaches. Please bring a vegetarian snack and/or drink to share.

### ● **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. We will explore the wisdom of our tradition, and develop a new ritual to mark this time. Email [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) to participate.

## WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

### ● **Shira Yoga Intensive with Rabbi Myriam Klotz**

**Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21; Tuesday, February 27**, 6:15-7:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Myriam Klotz and BJ Music Director Dan Nadel for a four-week Shira Yoga Intensive. \$50 members/\$60 non-members/\$18 per session at the door. Register at [www.bj.org/shirayoga](http://www.bj.org/shirayoga).

### ● **Stormy Weather: Addressing Climate Change in Turbulent Times**

**Thursday, February 8**, 5:00-7:00PM, JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: Join BJ and the Jewish Climate Action Network NYC, in partnership with JCC Manhattan's Joseph Stern Center for Social Responsibility, at a lively and compelling evening of discussion, film clips, and a musical interlude with leaders in the climate change activism movement.

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● **A Yozma Revival: Planning Brunch**

**Sunday, February 11**, 12:00 noon, location given upon registration: Take part in reviving Yozma, a group for BJ members and their friends in their 40s & 50s, at a planning brunch. R.S.V.P. to Craig Rosenberg at [croseberg6@optonline.net](mailto:croseberg6@optonline.net).

### ● **Israeli Book Club Hosts Award Winning Novelist Ruby Namdar**

**Sunday, February 11**, 5:00-6:30PM, location given upon registration: Our next book will be *The Ruined House*, winner of the Sapir Prize (Israel's highest literary award), by Ruby Namdar. We will have the honor of hosting Ruby for a presentation, followed by a Q&A session.

### ● **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](http://www.bj.org/tefilathaderekh).

### ● **Death Over Dinner—Jewish Edition for Zayin Adar**

**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](http://www.bj.org/deathoverdinner). In memory of Helen Radin, z"l.

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## TORAH PORTION


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<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
<b>Triennial</b>	Exodus 11:4 - 12:28
1:	11:4 - 11:10
2:	12:1 - 12:10
3:	12:11 - 12:13
4:	12:14 - 12:16
5:	12:17 - 12:20
6:	12:21 - 12:24
7:	12:25 - 12:28
Maftir:	12:25 - 12:28
<b>Haftarah</b>	Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

### NEXT WEEK: **BESHALAH**

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
<b>Triennial</b>	Exodus 14:15 - 16:10
<b>Haftarah</b>	Judges 5:1 - 5:31

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