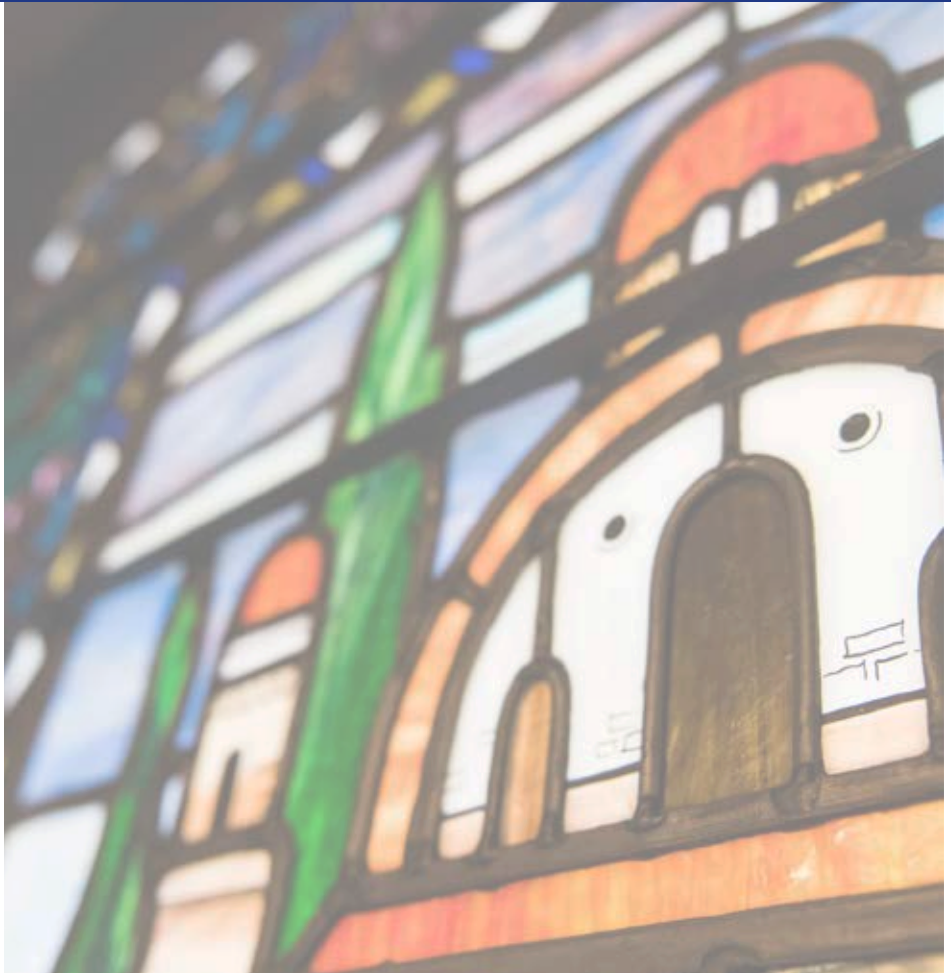


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

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March 2-9, 2018 • 15-22 Adar, 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**
- **Purim Events & Services**
- **Pesah Events & Services**

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OUR COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Zachary and William Braffman, their parents, Liz Wedlan and Peter Braffman, and their sister, Samantha Braffman, on William and Zachary becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Rabbi Pam Mandel and 8th Grade Class, Am Shalom, Glencoe, Illinois.
- **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.



Everybody has a gift to share.

The BJ Celebrate Community Auction

April 25, 2018

Become an auction sponsor and join us in laying the foundation for The Jewish Home Project. This year, all auction sponsorship dollars will support the development of programs and resources to inspire people in our community in their commitment to building a Jewish home. Find out more at www.bj.org/auctionsponsor.

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

KI TISSA

Torah: Annual	Exodus 30:11 - 34:35
Triennial	Exodus 31:18 - 33:11
1:	31:18 - 32:6
2:	32:7 - 32:11
3:	32:12 - 32:14
4:	32:15 - 32:24
5:	32:25 - 32:29
6:	32:30 - 33:6
7:	33:7 - 33:11
Maftir:	33:9 - 33:11
Haftarah	I Kings 18:20 - 18:39

NEXT WEEK: VAYAK'HEL-PEKUDEI

SHABBAT PARAH

Torah: Annual	Exodus 35:1 - 40:38
Triennial	Exodus 37:17 - 39:21
Haftarah	Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

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 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, MARCH 2

- **Take the Moral Foundations Questionnaire** Open for responses now through March 12
All members of the BJ community are invited to participate. Dr. Jonathan Haidt will explore the responses of our community's survey at his March 13 lecture on "The Jewish Art of Constructive Disagreement: Just What We Need In a Polarized Time." Take the survey at www.bj.org/yourmorals.

- ● **Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – BJ Sanctuary & Frankel Hall
Families enjoy a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. While adults are finishing their meal, children engage in play and exploration with BJ staff. More information and registration at www.bj.org/marchshabbat.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- ● **Shabbat Dinner with Center for Prayer and Spirituality Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell** Following services – BJ Reception & Middle Rooms
Rabbi Bendat-Appell comes to us from the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, and will be kicking off his weekend with us by learning about Shabbat as a mindfulness practice.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

- **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 **William Braffman**
Bar Mitzvah **Zachary Braffman**
- ● **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
- ● **Mindfulness Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah** 5:30 PM – BJ Chapel
The Institute for Jewish Spirituality's Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell will 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.
- 🕒 **Unmasquerade Ball** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
Teens from all over NYC are invited to join LGBTQ peers, allies, and friends for this post-Purim party! This event is for teens in grades 8-12 only. Proceeds will benefit the Sam & Devorah Foundation for Trans Youth. More information and tickets at www.bj.org/unmasquerade.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- ● **Mindfulness Intensive Retreat with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell** 10:30 AM – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell will be leading an immersive learning experience, "From Purim to Pesah: Happiness and Liberation in Jewish Mindfulness Practice." Bringing together meditation, chanting, learning, and deep, personal exploration, this program is geared towards those looking to take their practice to a new level, along with those exploring mindfulness for the very first time. Vegetarian lunch and snacks will be served.
- 🕒 **Teen Day of Service: Purim Carnival Volunteers** 12:00 noon – BJ Sanctuary
Calling all BJ Teens! Volunteer to run the fun at this annual event where the whole BJ community comes together to celebrate Purim with games, prizes, food, and—you guessed it—a giant bounce house! Sign up at www.bj.org/dayofservice.
- 🕒 **Sensory-Friendly Purim Carnival** 1:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
Celebrate Purim at BJ! Our sensory-friendly carnival is less overwhelming for children who have sensory sensitivities. If you need noise-cancelling headphones, please bring them with you. Price of admission is \$5. Register at www.bj.org/sensoryfriendly.

Sunday, March 4, continued

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- 🎪 **Post-Purim Carnival** 2:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
Celebrate Purim with the entire BJ community! This carnival will be complete with exciting games, arts and crafts, a giant bounce house, and more. Enjoy delicious snacks and experience the fun of Purim with BJ. More information at www.bj.org/purimcarnival.
 - **Israel Salon With the Bereaved Parents Circle Family Forum** 7:30 PM – location given with registration
Join Parents Circle Family Forum bereaved members Robi Damelin and Mazen Faraj as they share their stories of loss and their unique choice of reconciliation. Participate in a discussion on the human side of the conflict. Register now at www.bj.org/parentsircle.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

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- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - **Parents Corner with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 5:00 PM – BJ Community House
On Shabbat, many Jewish parents engage in a special ritual of saying a blessing over their children. Explore how rituals can bring spirituality into your Shabbat practice with Rabbi Roly Malaton and the Kadima Advisory Committee. Register now at www.bj.org/parentscorner.
 - **Palliative Care: The Pastoral, the Spiritual, and the Practical** 7:00 PM – BJ Chapel
Rabbi Simkha Weintraub of the Jewish Board and Toby Weiss of MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care will discuss the key issues and challenges of caring for the ill and experiencing the discomfort, symptoms, and stress of serious illness. Refreshments at 6:30PM. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/palliative.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

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- **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. Weekly through May 15 (no classes 4/17, 4/24). More information and registration at www.bj.org/soulfood.
 - **IAC Keshetot@BJ** 4:00 PM – BJ Chapel
 - **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.
 - **Series Extended: Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House
Rabbi Adina Lewittes will guide 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

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- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – location given with registration
 - **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 information at www.bj.org/caregivergroups. Upcoming sessions: 4/12, 5/10, 6/14.

- **“Wiki-Torah” with Tobias Divack Moss** 6:30PM – BJ Middle Room
Way before Wikipedia, Judaism developed an ever-expanding network of texts. Details at www.bj.org/wikitorah.
- **Refugee & Immigration Committee Meeting** 6:45 PM – BJ Reception Room
Through a partnership with HIAS and emerging relationships with other organizations, we are educating our community about the refugee crisis and developing opportunities to volunteer, advocate, and raise our Jewish voice. Join us at our next meeting to get involved in this important work. R.S.V.P. to Sandy at cheiten8644@gmail.com.
- **Jewish Home Project Seder Prep: Retelling an Inclusive Passover Story** 7:30 PM – Frankel Hall
Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes for a communal conversation about preparing for our seders in a way that welcomes those whose identity emerges from beyond the Jewish community. Multifaith and single faith Jewish families are welcome. Details at www.bj.org/sederprep.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

- **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

- **Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner**
Friday, March 9, 6:30PM, BJ Community House: Jewish teens are invited to join BJ favorites David Lieberman, Eliana Light, and rabbinic fellow Tobias Divack Moss to welcome in Shabbat with a mindfulness-style Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. Register now at www.bj.org/teenshabbat.
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
Friday, March 9, 6:30PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Join us for an intimate service featuring meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org or x255 with any questions.
- **A Celebration Honoring BJ Volunteers**
Saturday, March 10, during and after Shabbat morning services, BJ Sanctuary and Community House: Every year, hundreds of individuals give of themselves to make BJ a sacred, spiritual, and caring home for so many. Come honor and be honored, as we celebrate the dedicated volunteers whose contributions build our community.
- **Teaching by Ilana Kurshan in Memory of Shira Palmer Sherman**
Saturday, March 10, 5:00PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Save the date for an inspiring talk with Ilana Kurshan as she discusses her memories of Shira Palmer Sherman and her book *If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir*. The talk will conclude with havdalah.
- **What's Happening Out There?**
Sunday, March 11, 2:00-5:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Join us for this interactive workshop with political and social entrepreneur Simon Greer, as we discuss the complexities that are turning our world upside down and deepen our understanding of the realities that have led to today's divisiveness. More information at www.bj.org/whathappening.
- **Group for Parents of “Failure to Launch” Young Adults**
Tuesday, March 13, 6:30-8:00PM, The Jewish Board, 135 West 50th Street: For parents of young adults, ages 21-31, who are struggling to assume the self-sufficiency and responsibilities of adulthood. Email Miriam Herscher at mherscher@jfbfcs.org to register.
- **Faith & Public Life Lecture—The Jewish Art of Constructive Disagreement: Just What We Need In a Polarized Time**
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Register now for the second in our Faith & Public Life Lecture Series, with Dr. Jonathan Haidt. More information and registration at www.bj.org/faithlecture.



WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● **Why I Chose to Move to Sderot**

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00-8:30PM, location given upon registration: Many young Israelis are moving to Sderot and redefining modern Zionism as a social movement. Join Harel Felder from the Dror Israel Movement, as he tells his story of becoming part of this grassroots movement for change. Register at www.bj.org/sderot.

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

Wednesday, March 14, 6:15-7:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Myriam Klotz and BJ Music Director Dan Nadel for a Shira Yoga Intensive, integrating Jewish texts and global Jewish music; for yogis of all levels. Final session. \$18 at the door. Register at www.bj.org/shirayoga.

● **BJ and SPSA New Reading Study Group**

Thursday, March 15, 7:00-9:00PM, SPSA, 263 West 86th Street: Join us in a new joint undertaking with SPSA—a reading study group dedicated to exploring questions of racial justice. We will discuss *The Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration* by journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates. Details and registration at www.bj.org/studygroup.

● **Inclusion Shabbat**

Friday, March 16, 5:45-6:45PM, BJ Community House: BJ invites children with disabilities and their parents for a meaningful Shabbat experience. Join us for singing, interactive Shabbat activities, and dinner! For more information and to sign up, visit www.bj.org/inclusionshabbat.

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

Monday, March 19, 6:30-8:00PM, location given with registration: Attend a meeting to get involved in the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign. We are asking questions, having conversations, and educating the community to expand our collective understanding of ethical consumption. To register or get more information, contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

● **Shema Koleinu: Substance Use and Addiction in the Jewish Community**

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Chapel: Join us for a conversation about substance use and addiction in the Jewish community led by Vickie Griffiths CASACT, a leading educator, counselor, and advocate. More information and registration at www.bj.org/shemakoleinu.

● **“Old Stock: A Refugee Love Story” and Panel Discussion**

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00PM, 59E59 Street Theaters: Please join the BJ Refugee and Immigration Committee, the Synagogue Coalition on the Immigration & Refugee Crisis, and HIAS for a special performance of “Old Stock: A Refugee Love Story”. Register by March 8 at www.bj.org/oldstock.

● **Painful Hope: Presentation by Roots**

Sunday, March 17, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Community House: Palestinians and Israelis in the West Bank often live in separate universes. In the Bethlehem-Hebron area, Roots is changing that reality. Join Roots founders Shadi Abu Awwad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger as they share the groundbreaking and challenging work of their initiative. More details at www.bj.org/roots.

WHAT'S LATER

● **20s and 30s Oneg**

Friday, March 23, following Shabbat evening services, BJ Community House: Join BJ's 20s and 30s group for dessert and a drink. Register at www.bj.org/20s30soneg.

● **The BJ Celebrate Community Auction**

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30-9:30PM, BJ Community House: Save the date for an evening of food, fun, and friends at our third Celebrate Community Auction. Find out more at www.bj.org/auction and donate an auction prize today. Everybody has a gift to share!

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