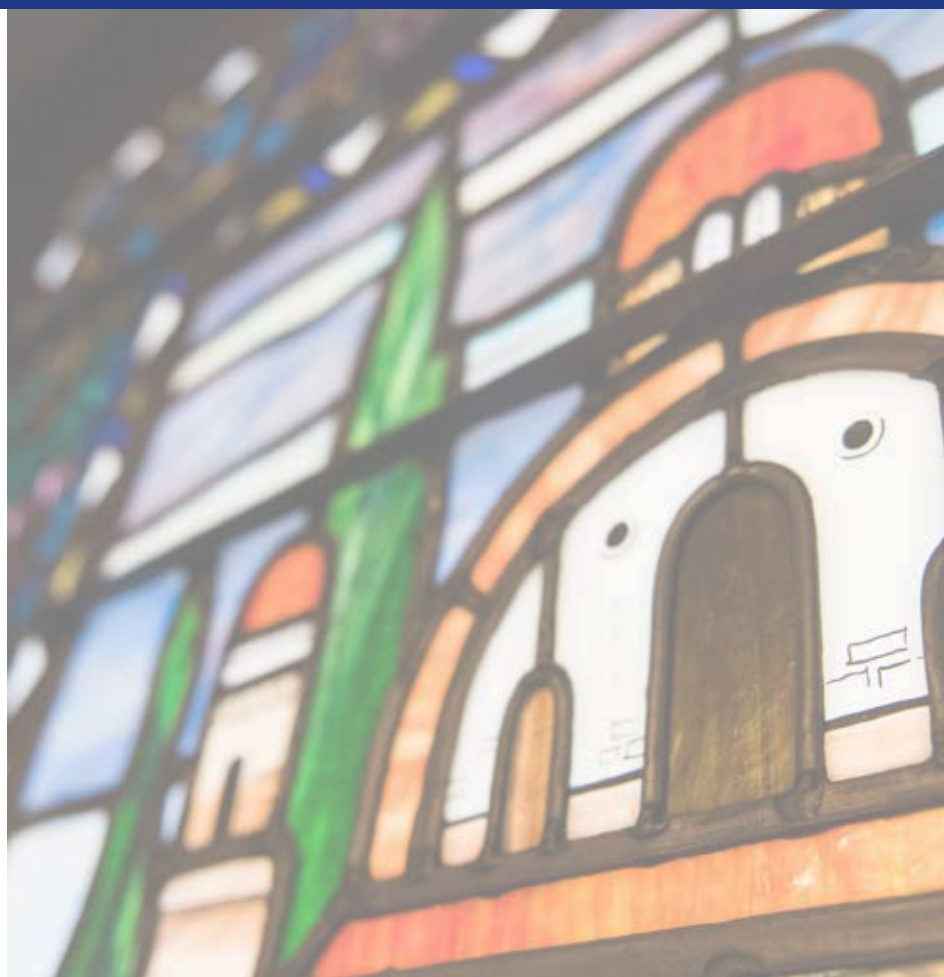


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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April 27-May 4, 2018 • 12-19 Iyar, 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**
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OUR COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Carly and Lindsey Brail, their parents, Julie and David Brail, their brother, Jordan Brail, and their sisters, Marisa and Eliza Brail, on Carly and Lindsey becoming B'not Mitzvah.
- Rise Dimson and John Hatleberg on their upcoming wedding.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Julie and David Brail in honor of Carly and Lindsey becoming B'not Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Beth Goldstein and high school group, Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, Massachusetts.
- **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:

● Register for BJ Hazorim CSA 2018

Tuesdays, June 5-October 30, 4:30-7:30PM BJ Community House: Register for our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and pick up fresh, organic Free Bird Farm produce from BJ once a week for 22 weeks. Choose from delicious vegetable, egg, fruit, and butter shares. Register at www.bj.org/csa.

LOST AND FOUND

Left something behind at services? Lost and Found is now located at reception on the 2nd floor of the Community House. Contact Adarra at adavis@bj.org or x220.

Items not claimed after 30 days will be donated to an appropriate charity.

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, APRIL 27

- **Dialogue and Transformation: Photography Exhibit of Israeli Settlers and Palestinian Women** Through Sunday, June 10, during Community House opening hours – BJ Community House
Over the past two summers, photographer Saskia Bory Keeley conducted photo workshops exclusively for Palestinian and Israeli women from the settler communities. This exhibit presents selected works created by these women, providing insight into their world. Details at www.bj.org/photoexhibit.

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 28 [Malkhut Shebenetzah]

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- **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 **Carly Brail**

Bat Mitzvah **Lindsey Brail**

Aliyat Hatan veKallah **John Hatleberg and Rise Dimson**

- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Middle Room

- ● **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel

- ● **Community Kiddush** Following services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor

- **70 Years Later: Israel—Utopian Vision, Complicated Reality** Following kiddush – BJ Community House

Join Rabbi Tamir Nir, head of the BINA Secular Yeshiva in Tel Aviv, as he explores contemporary issues in Israeli society through the lens of classic and modern Jewish texts.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 29 [Hesed Shebehed]

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel

- **Israeli Culture Salon Series Part 3: Israel's 70th—A Retrospective Through Art and Song** 5:00 PM – location given with registration

For our third and final Israel Culture Salon, join guitarist Nadav Lev, choreographer Dana Katz, and film editor Shira Arad as they present their works and reflect on Israeli culture 70 years after the establishment of the State. For more information and registration, visit www.bj.org/salonseries3.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 30 [Gevurah Shebehed]

MONDAY, APRIL 30

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

- **Monday Morning Beit Midrash Series: And You Shall Tell Your Children** 8:30 AM – BJ Middle Room

Questions are at the heart of Judaism. Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes for an exploration of how the questions we ask about the meaning and value of Jewish life change as Jewish life in America changes. Register at www.bj.org/mondaybeitmidrash. Upcoming classes: 5/7, 14.

- **Monday Minḥa Meditation** 6:30 PM – BJ Chapel

The Center for Prayer and Spirituality invites you to join us as we explore meditation techniques and build a sustained communal meditation practice. There will also be an opportunity for community members to recite the Mourner's Kaddish. No registration necessary; all welcome.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 31 [Tiferet Shebehed]

TUESDAY, MAY 1

- **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. More information and registration at www.bj.org/soulfood.
- ● **IAC Keshetot@BJ** 4:00 PM – BJ Chapel
- **Ritual Lab: Preparing for an Emptier Nest** 7:00 PM – BJ Middle Room
Our series of Ritual Labs continues by delving into the experience of parents whose children are leaving home. Join Rabbi Michael Boino and Cantor David Mintz to co-create a new ritual to mark this transition. Contact kkersey@bj.org to join. Upcoming session: 5/8.
- **Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:30 PM – BJ Chapel
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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 32 (Netzah Shebehed)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Israel’s Security at 70: An Evening with Former Mossad Director Danny Yatom** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
Seventy years after Israel’s independence, the Jewish state faces a Middle East landscape that grows more complicated by the day. Join former Mossad Director and Knesset member Danny Yatom for a discussion about the latest developments. Register at www.bj.org/dannyyatom.
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:30 PM – BJ Community House, Room 408

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 33 (Hod Shebehed)

THURSDAY, MAY 3 | LAG BA-OMER

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **“Wiki-Torah” with Tobias Divack Moss** No class this week

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 34 (Yesod Shebehed)

FRIDAY, MAY 4

6th Grade Retreat (thorough 5/6)

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 35 (Malkhut Shebehed)

WHAT'S NEXT

● **BJ and Ramah Minyan**

Friday, May 4, 7:00PM, BJ Chapel: BJ and the Ramah Minyan are partnering for a Star Wars-themed minyan for 20s and 30s! Minyan will be followed by a delicious dinner, so bring your crew. More details and registration at www.bj.org/ramah.

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

Saturday, May 5, 7:45PM, 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.

● **Faith & Public Life: Study Sessions With BJ Rabbinic Fellows**

Tuesday, May 8, 8:30AM, BJ Chapel: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Sarah Krinsky and Tobias Divack Moss 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.

● **Jerusalem, Trump, Al Jazeera, and Me**

Tuesday, May 8, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Community House: Join Dr. Mordechai Kedar, a leading figure in Middle Eastern studies in both the Israeli and Arab media, as he discusses his experience as an Israeli commentator at Al Jazeera. Register now at www.bj.org/drkedar.

● **Tze'irim Whiteboarding Session**

Thursday, May 10, 7:30PM, Frankel Hall: Who are we and what would we like to be called? Join our 20s and 30s committee as we brainstorm and decide on a new name for BJ's Tze'irim group. Please sign up at www.bj.org/whiteboarding so we know how much pizza to order.

● **Family Pre-Service Oneg**

Friday, May 11, 6:00-7:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Welcome in Shabbat with family and friends. Join us for wine and Shabbat sweets, and get in the Shabbat spirit with toys, games, and song! R.S.V.P. to Jacey at jgluska@bj.org.

● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat**

Friday, May 11, 7:00PM, BJ Community House 3rd Floor: Join us for an intimate service featuring meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org or x255 with any questions.

● **Family Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Kitah Zayin**

Friday, May 11, following Shabbat services, BJ Chapel: Join us for a special Shabbat dinner, during which we will honor our 7th grade students and officially welcome them into the BJ Teen Program. More information and registration at www.bj.org/kitahzayinshabbat.

● **Kulanu Band at Kulanu**

Saturday, May 12, 10:45AM, BJ Chapel: Our Kulanu Band is sounding great! The guitars, pianos, flutes, and drums are all coming together and our Kadima@BJ students are looking forward to welcoming you to this special Kulanu!

● **Survivors of a Loved One's Suicide and Suicide Prevention**

Monday, May 14, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Community House: Join us for an important conversation about suicide in our community, led by Dr. Adena Greenberg, Ph.D.; co-facilitator of M'kom Shalom, a Jewish Board support group for survivors of a loved one's suicide. Sign-up at www.bj.org/suicideprevention.

● **Come to Albany to Lobby for Farmworker Justice**

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30AM-6:30PM, departing from Cathedral of St. John the Divine (1047 Amsterdam Avenue): Meet with elected officials and lobby on behalf of the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act. To reserve your spot on the bus to Albany (lunch provided), register at www.bj.org/albanytrip. Cost is \$20.

WHAT'S NEXT, *continued from panel 4*

● 20s and 30s Taste of Judaism

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Exploring Judaism? New to BJ? Looking to upgrade your Hebrew school knowledge? This class, taught by BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarah Krinsky, is a chance for 20s/30s to sample our year-long Introduction to Judaism course. Sign up at www.bj.org/tasteofjudaism.

● Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 16, 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.

● Refugee and Immigration Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30-8:30PM, BJ Chapel: Through a partnership with HIAS and other organizations, we are educating our community about the refugee crisis and developing opportunities to volunteer, advocate, and raise our Jewish voice. Join us to get involved in this important work. R.S.V.P. to Sandy at cheiten8644@gmail.com.

● The Pen and the Sword: Covering the Arab World from Israel

Thursday, May 17, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Community House: Elhanan Miller, former *The Times of Israel* Arab affairs reporter, will discuss the challenges faced by Jews working with the Arab press, as well as his "People of the Book" project. Register now at www.bj.org/penandsword.

WHAT'S LATER

● Singing Our Biblical Stories: Introduction to Torah Reading

Saturday, May 19, following Shabbat morning services, BJ Middle Room: Join retired hazzan and BJ member Harry Trattner for a session focusing on the process that goes into the preparation of the Torah reading. Register now at www.bj.org/introtorahreading

● Tikkun B'Shirah: Devotional Song and Devotional Learning

Saturday, May 19, 9:30-11:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join us on Erev Shavuot for an evening of devotional song and learning featuring BJ's rabbis and special guests.

● Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Saturday, May 19, 11:30PM-4:45AM, BJ Chapel: Settle in for the remainder of the evening at BJ and engage in night-long learning.

● Summer Bim Bam

Friday, June 8- August 10, 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. The 10:15 session features English and Hebrew songs, while the 11:15 class is full Hebrew immersion. To register, visit www.bj.org/summerbimbam.

TORAH PORTION

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Torah: Annual Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

Triennial Leviticus 17:8 - 19:14

1: 17:08 - 17:12

2: 17:13 - 17:16

3: 18:1 - 18:5

4: 18:6 - 18:21

5: 18:22 - 18:30

6: 19:1 - 19:4

7: 19:5 - 19:14

Maftir: 9:11 - 19:14

Haftarah Amos 9:07 - 9:15

NEXT WEEK: EMOR

Torah: Annual Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Triennial Leviticus 22:17 - 23:22

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

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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