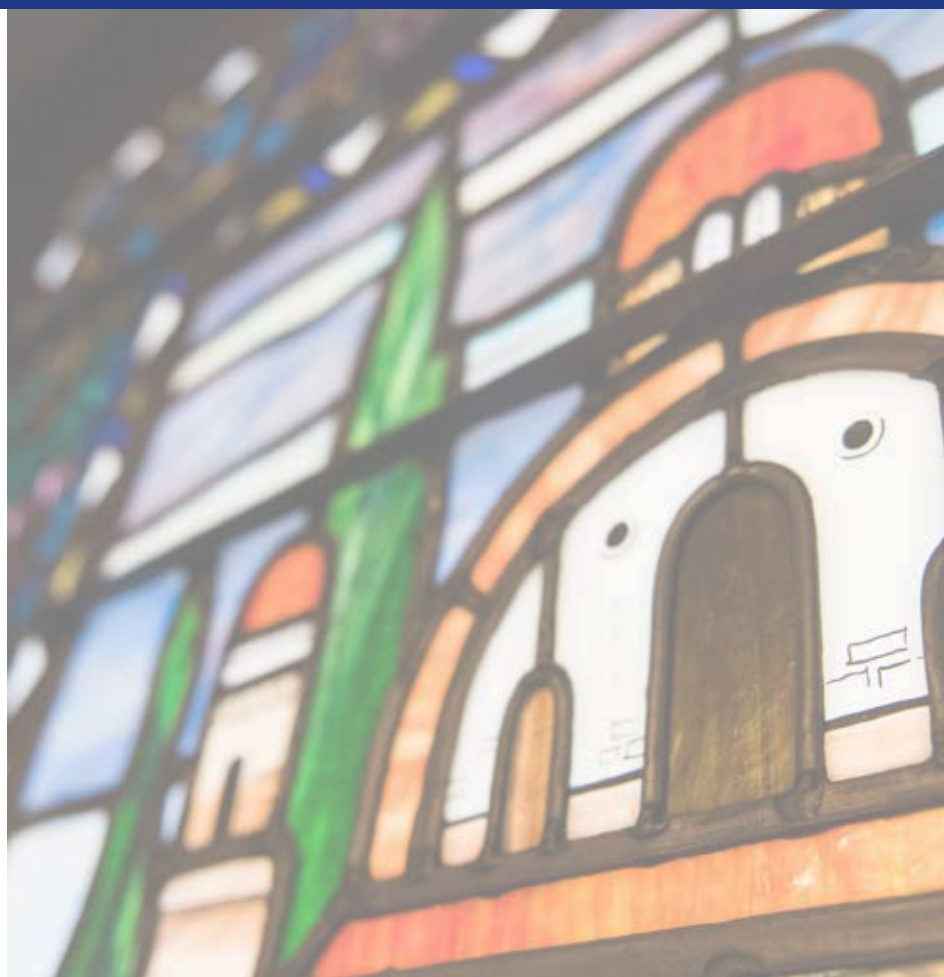


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



May 4-11, 2018 • 19-26 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.

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# OUR COMMUNITY

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Jake Nestler, his parents, Anna Winderbaum and Gary Nestler, his brother, Zach Nestler, and his grandparents, Rae and Michael Winderbaum, on Jake becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jami Kirk and Brandon Levy on their upcoming wedding.
- Susan Frankel on the birth of her granddaughter, Eden Julia Frankel, daughter of David Frankel and Donielle Lavintman.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Anna Winderbaum and Gary Nestler in honor of Jake Nestler becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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

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).

## 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](mailto:adavis@bj.org) or x220.

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

## TORAH PORTION

### EMOR

**Torah: Annual** Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

**Triennial** Leviticus 22:17 - 23:2

1: 22:17 - 22:20

2: 22:21 - 22:25

3: 22:26 - 22:33

4: 23:1 - 23:3

5: 23:4 - 23:8

6: 23:9 - 23:14

7: 23:15 - 23:22

Maftir: 3:19 - 23:22

**Haftarah** Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

### NEXT WEEK: **BEHAR-BEHUKOTAI**

**Torah: Annual** Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

**Triennial** Leviticus 25:39 - 26:46

**Haftarah** Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:06,  
17:07 - 17:14

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](http://www.bj.org/minyan).**

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**BJ RECYCLES AND COMPOSTS.** Please look for bins throughout our spaces. BJ's Ner Tamid at the BJ Sanctuary is powered by the energy of the sun.



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AVAILABLE AT SERVICES & PROGRAMS  
IN THE BJ SANCTUARY



# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, MAY 4

### 6th Grade Retreat (thorough 5/6)

- **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](http://www.bj.org/photoexhibit).
- **BJ and Ramah Minyan** 7:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/ramah).
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 5

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
- Bar Mitzvah** **Jake Nestler**
- Aliyat Hatan veKallah** **Brandon Levy and Jami Kirk**
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Middle Room
- ● **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
- **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah** 7:45 PM – 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 36 (Hesed Shebeyesod)

## SUNDAY, MAY 6

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **UWS Gubernatorial Forum** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary  
Join us at a special UWS forum for the Democratic nomination for governor, with candidates for governor: incumbent Governor Andrew Cuomo (invited) and challenger Cynthia Nixon (confirmed); and candidates for lieutenant governor: incumbent Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul (invited) and challenger City Councilman Jumaane Williams (confirmed). Register at [www.bj.org/gubernatorialforum](http://www.bj.org/gubernatorialforum).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 37 (Gevurah Shebeyesod)

## MONDAY, MAY 7

- **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](http://www.bj.org/mondaybeitmidrash). Upcoming class: 5/14.
- ● **Kadima Parents' Corner** 5:00 PM – BJ Community House 4th Floor Conference Room

● **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 38 (Tiferet Shebeyesod)

**TUESDAY, MAY 8**

● **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 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](http://www.bj.org/fplstudy).

● **"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 Ḥassidic 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](http://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](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) to join.

● **Jerusalem, Trump, Al Jazeera, and Me** 7:00 PM – 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/drkedat](http://www.bj.org/drkedat).

● **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](http://www.bj.org/ethics).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 39 (Netzah Shebeyesod)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 40 (Hod Shebeyesod)

**THURSDAY, MAY 10**

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

● **"Wiki-Torah" with Tobias Divack Moss** 6:30 PM – BJ Community House

● **Tze'irim Whiteboarding Session** 7:30 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/whiteboarding) so we know how much pizza to order.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 41 (Yesod Shebeyesod)

**FRIDAY, MAY 11**

● **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 42 (Malkhut Shebeyesod)

## WHAT'S NEXT

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

### ● K-2 Family Shabbat Experience

**Saturday, May 12**, 10:45AM-12:00 noon, Frankel Hall: Join us for a new Shabbat morning experience for children in grades K-2 and their families. Led by Sarah Rosenthal, each session incorporates spirited prayer, singing, fun learning activities, and ample schmooze time. Email [elight@bj.org](mailto:elight@bj.org) for more information.

### ● 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!

### ● The Art of Shared Living in Haifa

**Sunday, May 13**, 5:30PM, location given upon registration: Hebrew Havurah members and other Hebrew speakers are invited to an intimate, in-Hebrew encounter with the director and two key staff members of the Beit Hagefen Arab-Jewish Cultural Center. Sign up at [www.bj.org/beithagefen](http://www.bj.org/beithagefen).

### ● Kadima Zimriyah

**Monday, May 14**, 5:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join us to celebrate a year's worth of learning at the Kadima Zimriyah! We'll end the last school day with music as each class leads us in song. Which grade has the most ruah (spirit)? Come and find out!

### ● 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/albanytrip). Cost is \$20.

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

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

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

### ● Bo-i Kallah

**Friday, May 18**, 7:00PM, BJ Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, Music Director Dan Nadel, and Deborah Sacks Mintz for a Kabbalat Shabbat filled with soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems, and psalms. More information at [www.bj.org/boikallah](http://www.bj.org/boikallah).

### ● 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 an interactive, 90-minute session focusing on the complex and beautiful process that goes into the preparation of the Torah readings we experience every Monday, Thursday, Shabbat, and Yom Tov morning. Register now at [www.bj.org/introtorahreading](http://www.bj.org/introtorahreading).

### 🕯 ● Tikkun B'Shirah: Devotional Song and Devotional Learning

**Saturday, May 19**, 9:30PM-12:15AM, BJ Sanctuary: Join us on Erev Shavuot for Ma'ariv and devotional song, divrei Torah, and slam poetry following the narrative of the Torah, featuring our rabbis, Music Director Dan Nadel, guest musicians, and poet Caroline Rothstein.

### 🕯 ● Tikkun Leil Shavuot

**Saturday, May 19**, 12:30-4:45AM, BJ Chapel: Settle in for the remainder of the evening at BJ and engage in night-long learning prior to our sunrise Shaḥarit service at 4:45AM.

### ● Economic Justice Hevra Meeting

**Wednesday, May 23**, 6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Get involved in the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign. Together we will expand understanding of ethical consumption and ensure farm laborers get the dignity and equality they deserve. To R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at [lisagzucker@gmail.com](mailto:lisagzucker@gmail.com).

### ● Jewish Community Memorial Service

**Wednesday, May 23**, 7:00PM, The Jewish Center (131 W 86th St.): BJ joins the UJA-Federation to honor our veterans in a memorial service for those killed defending our country as well as active and retired service members, followed by assembling care packages for service members overseas. Contact Bruce at [weiserb@ujafedny.org](mailto:weiserb@ujafedny.org) with questions.

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● Jerusalem and the Temple Mount: National Center or Locus of Universal Worship

**Saturday, May 26**, following kiddush, BJ Community House: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller will examine the sources that undergird both points of view.

### ● Journalism: The Family Business

**Sunday, June 3**, 6:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: A talk with the *New York Times*' Clyde and Maggie Haberman, moderated by *The Jewish Week*'s Gary Rosenblatt. Register at [www.bj.org/familybusiness](http://www.bj.org/familybusiness).

### ● Summer Bim Bam

**Fridays, 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](http://www.bj.org/summerbimbam).