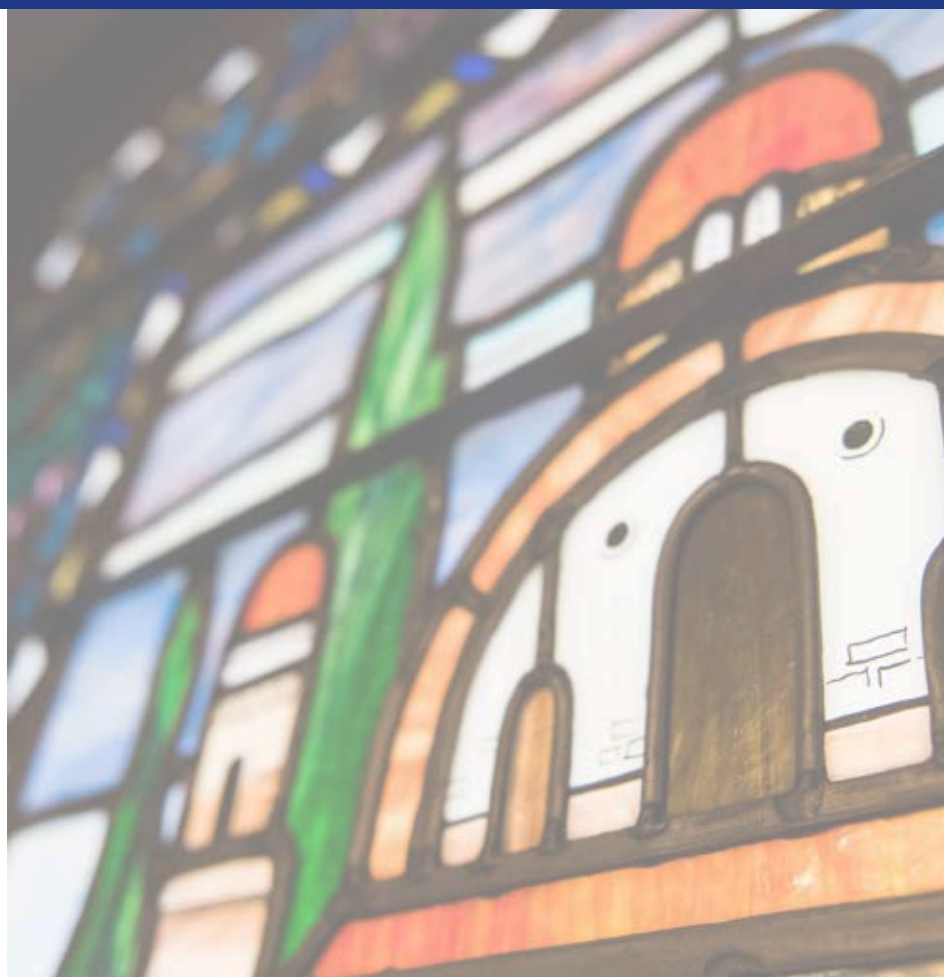


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The Voice of BJ This Week

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- **Family Life & Learning**
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# OUR COMMUNITY

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Sandy Tecotzky, his parents, Nina Jaroslaw and Mark Tecotzky, his brother, Sam Tecotzky and his sisters, Julia and Alice Tecotzky, on Sandy becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Eliza Danielle Stulman, her parents, Stacy Bolton and James Stulman, her brother, Joshua Stulman, her sister, Rachel Stulman, and her grandtather, Stephen Stulman, on Eliza becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Anne Libertalis, Ron Neuman, and Eylon Neuman on the birth of their son and brother, Yotam Libertalis Neuman.
- Karyn and Joe Gold on the arrival of their grandson, Benjamin Eyal Katsir.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Nina Jaroslaw and Mark Tecotzky in honor of Sandy Tecotzky becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

## B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Rabbi Matt Rutta and 7th Graders, Levine Academy, Dallas, Texas.
- **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:

#### ● Perform a Mitzvah in Your Sleep

Our shelter is in need of sleepover volunteers for Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This is a great opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of providing hospitality with dignity, all while sleeping through the night. Contact Larissa, [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) to learn more.

#### ● 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).

## 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.

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, MAY 11

- **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).
- **Family Pre-Service Oneg** 6:00 PM – 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 [ajgluska@bj.org](mailto:ajgluska@bj.org).
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat** 7:00 PM – 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.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – BJ Sanctuary
- **Family Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Kitah Zayin** Following 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).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 42 (Malkhut Shebeyesod)

## SATURDAY, MAY 12

- **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** **Sandy Tecotzky**
- **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Middle Room
- **Kulanu with Kulanu Band** 10:45 AM – 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!
- **K-2 Family Shabbat Experience** 10:45 AM – 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.
- **Community Kiddush** Following services – BJ Community House 3rd Floor
- **Minḥa Service** 6:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary  
**Bat Mitzvah** **Eliza Stulman**

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 43 (Hesed Shebemalkhut)

## SUNDAY, MAY 13

### Teen Day of Service

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Havdalah and a Movie** 2:00 PM – BJ Middle Room
- **The Art of Shared Living in Haifa** 5:30 PM – 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).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 44 (Gevurah Shebemalkhut)

## MONDAY, MAY 14

- **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).
- **Kadima Zimriyah** 5:00 PM – 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!
- **Monday Minhag 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.
- **Survivors of a Loved One's Suicide and Suicide Prevention** 7:00 PM – BJ Reception Room  
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).

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 45 (Tiferet Shebemalkhut)

## TUESDAY, MAY 15 | ROSH HODESH SIVAN

- **Come to Albany to Lobby for Farmworker Justice** 6:30 AM-6:30 PM – 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.
- **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 Hassidic rabbis. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we imagine old-world wisdom for everyday life. More information and registration at [www.bj.org/soulfood](http://www.bj.org/soulfood).
- **IAC Keshetot@BJ** 4:00 PM – BJ Chapel
- **20s and 30s Taste of Judaism** 7:00 PM – 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).
- **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 46 (Netzah Shebemalkhut)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
- **Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive** 3:00-9:00 PM – 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).
- **Refugee and Immigration Committee Meeting** Cancelled

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 47 (Hod Shebemalkhut)

## THURSDAY, MAY 17

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
  - **The Pen and the Sword: Covering the Arab World from Israel** 7:00 PM – 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).
- OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 48 (Yesod Shebemalkhut)

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

- **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 49 (Malkhut Shebemalkhut)

## WHAT'S NEXT

- **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 an evening of devotional song, divrei Torah, and slam poetry following the Torah's narrative arc. The evening will feature our spiritual leaders, 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 Shahaarit service at 4:45AM.
- **BJ/SPSA Racial Justice Education Meeting**  
*Tuesday, May 22*, 7:00PM, SPSA, 263 West 86th Street: The topic of our second meeting is Closing Rikers: A Brief History and Next Steps. We will screen and discuss the panel “The State of Justice in New York City,” featuring Judge Jonathan Lippmann. Sign up at [www.bj.org/closingrikers](http://www.bj.org/closingrikers).
- **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.

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

- **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, framing a position that affirms Jerusalem's uniqueness to Jews and Judaism while promoting the aspirational vision of its universality.
- **A Conversation with Rabbis Matalon and Sol for Multifaith Couples**  
*Tuesday, May 29*, 6:30PM, location given upon registration: With the new openness to multifaith couples at BJ, we would like to be in conversation with you about your experience and wisdom as we move into the future. Please contact Beth at [btarson@bj.org](mailto:btarson@bj.org) or x233 for more information.
- **Faith & Public Life Lecture—With Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer**  
*Wednesday, May 30*, 7:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join us for the last in our Faith & Public Life Lecture Series, with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer. Dr. Kurtzer is President of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America and teaches widely in the Institute's many platforms. Register now at [www.bj.org/faithlecture](http://www.bj.org/faithlecture).

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## WHAT'S LATER

- **Eat, Schmooze, and Sing: Community Shabbat Dinner with Ari**  
*Friday, June 1*, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, BJ Chapel: Celebrate the beginning of Pride Month and elevate your Shabbat with friends, food, and soulful singing led by Hazzan Ari Priven. LGBTQ community members, friends and allies are invited to join for a three-course dinner with wine. Register at [www.bj.org/schmoozeandsing](http://www.bj.org/schmoozeandsing). \$20 for BJ members / \$30 for non-members.
- **Aliyah Honoring the Class of 2018**  
*Saturday, June 2*, during Shabbat morning services, BJ Sanctuary: Teens in the senior class of 2018 will be called to the bimah for an aliyah to wish them yasher koah. To sign up, email [mgeisler@bj.org](mailto:mgeisler@bj.org).
- **Israeli Book Club Discusses *The People of Forever Are Not Afraid* by Shani Boianjiu**  
*Sunday, June 3*, 5:00-6:30PM, BJ Chapel: Register now at [www.bj.org/thepeopleofforever](http://www.bj.org/thepeopleofforever).
- **Sustainability and Environmental Committee Meeting**  
*Tuesday, June 5*, 6:30PM, BJ Middle Room: We will report back on issues, partnerships, and opportunities. New members welcome. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/sustainabilitycommittee](http://www.bj.org/sustainabilitycommittee).
- **Israel Film Center Festival**  
*Tuesday, June 5–Tuesday, June 12*, Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.: BJ is proud to partner with the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan's Israel Film Center Festival. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/israelfilmfestival](http://www.bj.org/israelfilmfestival).
- **Iftar in a Synagogue—Standing with Survivors of Violence**  
*Thursday, June 7*, 6:15-9:30PM, Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street: Join BJ and other NYC congregations at the Muslim Jewish Solidarity Committee's flagship event. Register at [www.bj.org/standingwithsurvivors](http://www.bj.org/standingwithsurvivors).
- **The Ongoing Battle of the Orthodox Feminist Movement**  
*Thursday, June 7*, 7:00PM, location given upon registration: Join Yael Rockman, Executive Director of Kolech, in a discussion on the successes and ongoing challenges of the Orthodox feminist movement. Sign up at [www.bj.org/orthodoxfeminism](http://www.bj.org/orthodoxfeminism).

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