

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון

The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



May 18-25, 2018 • 4-11 Sivan, 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**
- 📖 **Shavuot Services & Events**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Carolyn Meyer-Wartels and Gary Wartels, their children, Rebecca and Noah Wartels, and their entire family on the death of Carolyn's mother, Marsha Meyer.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Joshua Kovacs, his parents, Toby Kovacs and Rachel Laiserin, and his brother, Daniel Kovacs, on Joshua becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sadie Pearl Sklar, her parents, Michael Sklar and Karen Kertesz-Sklar, her sister, Ruby Sklar, and her grandmother, Rita Sklar, on Sadie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Annie Libertalis and Ron Neuman on the birth of their son, Yotam Libertalis Neuman.
- BJ Rabbinic Fellow Rabbi Sarah Yael Krinsky, Rabbi Daniel Novick, and Rabbi Ben Levi Goldberg, on their ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi Sarah Krinsky and Rabbi Daniel Novick in honor of their rabbinic ordination.
- This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Rachel Laiserin and Toby Kovacs in honor of Joshua Kovacs becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Dr. Walter Domke and 11th grade AP History class, Goethe Gymnasium Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- Mark Callister and college students, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- **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 to learn more.

Hesed at BJ

Do you need help getting to a doctor's visit, or to BJ services? Would you like a regular visit or phone call from a Hesed volunteer? If you or someone you know would like support, please reach out at: hesed@bj.org.

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 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, MAY 18

- **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.

- ● **Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner** 7:00 PM – BJ Community House

BJ Teens and their friends are invited to welcome in Shabbat with a mindfulness-style Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. Please sign up at www.bj.org/may18hitoreri.

- **Bo-i Kallah** 7:00 PM – 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.

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

- ● **New Member Shabbat Dinner** Following services – Frankel Hall

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 49 (Malkhut Shebemalkhut)

SATURDAY, MAY 19 | EREV SHAUVOT

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah **Joshua Kovacs**

Bar Mitzvah **Sadie Sklar**

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

- ● **Kulanu** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel

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

- **Singing Our Biblical Stories: Introduction to Torah Reading** Following 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.

- 📖 ● **Tikkun B'Shirah: Devotional Song and Devotional Learning** 9:30 PM-12:15 AM – 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** 12:30-4:45 AM – 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.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 | 1st DAY SHAUVOT

- 📖 ● **Shavuot Sunrise Services** 4:45 AM – BJ Chapel

- 📖 ● **First Day Shavuot Services** 10:00 AM – BJ Sanctuary

- 📖 ● **Children's Services** 11:15 AM – BJ Chapel

- 📖 ● **Community Picnic** 12:30 PM – Riverside Park (weather permitting), north of Hippo Park (entrance at 91st St.)

- 📖 ● **Second Evening Shavuot Service** 7:30 PM – BJ Sanctuary

MONDAY, MAY 21 | 2nd DAY SHAVUOT (YIZKOR)

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- 🕯️ ● **Second Day Shavuot Services** 9:30 AM – BJ Sanctuary
 - 🕯️ ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – BJ Chapel
 - **Monday Minḥa Meditation** No session this week
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TUESDAY, MAY 22

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - **BJ/SPSA Racial Justice Education Meeting** 7:00 PM – 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.
 - **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.
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – 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.
 - **Jewish Community Memorial Service** 7:00 PM – The Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street
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 with questions.
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THURSDAY, MAY 24

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
 - **Visit the Jewish Museum** 5:30 PM – 1109 5th Avenue & East 92nd Street
Join BJ to see "Scenes from the Collection." There is no fee to join us and museum entry is pay-what-you-wish. Afterwards, we will grab a bite to eat somewhere nearby. Sign up now at www.bj.org/jewishmuseum.
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FRIDAY, MAY 25

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – BJ Chapel
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WHAT'S NEXT

- ● **K-2 Family Shabbat Experience**
Saturday, May 26, 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 for more information.
- **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 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.

● **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. \$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 are invited to this special Shabbat morning service, where they will be called to the bimah for an aliyah to wish them *yasher koah* and mazal. To sign up, email mgeisler@bj.org.

● **Honoring Chaim Citron: Author and Beloved BJ Security Guard**

Saturday, June 2, following kiddush, BJ Chapel: Join us as we honor Chaim Citron, BJ's beloved security guard, and author of the novel *Wings of Hope*, as he shares anecdotes from his novel and from his own experience of growing up in the early days of the State of Israel. Find out more at www.bj.org/wingsofhope.

● **Journalism: The Family Business**

Sunday, June 3, 6:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: In partnership with *The Jewish Week*, BJ is proud to present a talk with the *New York Times*' Clyde and Maggie Haberman, moderated by *The Jewish Week*'s Gary Rosenblatt. Register now at www.bj.org/familybusiness.

● **Israeli Book Club Discusses *The People of Forever Are Not Afraid* by Shani Boianjiu**

Sunday, June 3, 5:00PM, BJ Community House: Join the Israeli Book Club us as we discuss *The People of Forever Are Not Afraid*, written by up-and-coming Israeli author Shani Boianjiu. Register now at <https://www.bj.org/thepeopleofforever>.

● **Sustainability and Environmental Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30-8:30PM, BJ Middle Room: Join us for our second meeting where we will report back on issues, partnerships, and opportunities. Further, we will continue to explore our group environmental work options. New members welcome. Sign up now at 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.

● **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. The theme: survivors of all forms of violence across the world. Speakers include Sabeeha Rehman, Ruth Messinger, and Robina Niaz. Register at www.bj.org/standingwithsurvivors.

WHAT'S LATER, *continued from panel 4*

● 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 as it clashes with the conservative rabbinic establishment and an often toxic public atmosphere. Sign up at www.bj.org/orthodoxfeminism.

● Teen End of the Year Brunch and Bounce

Sunday, June 10, 11:30AM, Frankel Hall: A celebratory brunch and a trip to Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure park. Sign up now at www.bj.org/brunchandbounce.

● BJ/SPSA Racial Justice Committee Meeting

Monday, June 11, 6:30PM, BJ Reception Room: Hear updates from subcommittees and help us determine priorities. Sign up at www.bj.org/racialjusticejune11.

● On Being Podcast Recording with Krista Tippett

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30PM, BJ Sanctuary: Join Peabody Award-winning broadcaster and *New York Times* best-selling author Krista Tippett for a live recording of *On Being*—the podcast that opens up the animating questions at the center of human life. More details and registration at www.bj.org/onbeing.

● 2018 Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Sanctuary: BJ members are invited to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting, where you will hear about this year's tremendous accomplishments, as well as looking ahead to next year's goals, programmatic highlights, and financial outlook. Sign up at www.bj.org/annualmeeting.

TORAH PORTION

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Torah: Annual Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

Triennial Numbers 2:1 - 3:13

1:	2:1 - 2:9
2:	2:10 - 2:16
3:	2:17 - 2:24
4:	2:25 - 2:31
5:	2:32 - 2:34
6:	3:1 - 3:4
7:	3:5 - 3:13
Maftir:	3:11 - 3:13

Haftarah Hosea 2:1 - 2:22

NEXT WEEK: **NASO**

Torah: Annual Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

Triennial Numbers 5:11 - 6:27

Haftarah Judges 13:2 - 13:25

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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BJ's Ner Tamid at the BJ Sanctuary is powered by the energy of the sun.



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