

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון

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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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- **Prayer & Spirituality**
- **Limud / Learning**
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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Martin Hertz, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Claire Hertz, their daughter and son-in-law, Mandy Wolkoff and Andrew Friedman, their grandchildren, Kayla and Arin Chassine, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Rabbi Yael Buechler and Yair Kramer and their children, Lev and Nadav Kramer, on the death of Yael's grandfather, Dr. Bennett Parsteck.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Tessa Hudson Butler, her parents, Eileen and Larry Butler, and her sister, Sydney Butler, on Tessa becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

- This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Eileen and Larry Butler, in honor of Tessa Butler becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Thank you to the Refugee and Immigration Committee for serving as our Friday night greeters this week.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Linda Drury and students, Heschel Day School, Northridge, California.
- **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:

● Become a Poll Worker

No experience required! The BOE will provide training, for which you will be paid. If you or someone you know is interested and would like to work on the UWS (or other neighborhoods), contact Bob Botfeld at 212-865-1450.

The 2018 Kol Nidre Partnership Appeal

We are getting closer to our goal every day and we need YOU! If you have made your gift, thank you! If you haven't yet made your gift: our collective work, plans, and dreams are only realized when each and every BJ member does their part by supporting us financially. Help us remain firmly rooted and reaching upward in the unique and special way that is BJ through your participation in the Kol Nidre Partnership Appeal. Make your gift before the end of the year and help us shape the future we hope for in 2019. Make your pledge now at www.bj.org/kolnidreappeal.

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Explore the incredible depth and breadth of programming happening at BJ in the fall issue of our electronic newsletter, *Kol Hadash 2.0*. Find it at www.bj.org/kh2.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

- **Bo-i Kallah** 6:15 PM – Reception Room
Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and Music Director Dan Nadel for an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat featuring melodies from Sephardi and Mizrahi traditions, verses of Shir haShirim, and beautiful piyutim. With all of these elements, we will transition soulfully into holy time. More information at www.bj.org/boikallah.

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Refugee Shabbat

- **Hakhanah laTefillah** 8:45 AM – Chapel
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. This series is open to all, no registration necessary. Meets every other Saturday.
- **Lekh Lekha: Stories of Journeying from Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants** During and after Shabbat morning services and during Havdalah – Sanctuary, Chapel, and SPSA
BJ is participating in HIAS's national Refugee Shabbat initiative. Join us for special programming throughout the day to hear stories of refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants, and to learn how to take action. Learn more at www.bj.org/lekhlekha.
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary
- **Bat Mitzvah** **Tessa Butler**
- **Family Service (0-Pre-K/K-Grade 2)** 10:45 AM – Middle & Reception Rooms
- **Family Service (Grades 3-6)** 10:45 AM – Chapel
- **Community Kiddush** Following services – Community House 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel
- **Family Day of Service (2nd Grade & Under)** 10:30 AM – Reception Room
Families with children in 2nd grade and younger are invited to join us as we partner with Repair the World for a day of service. For more information and to register, visit www.bj.org/service2nd.
- **Let it Rise: Challah Baking 101** 1:00 PM – Frankel Hall and Kitchen
This introductory course will help you bring the magic of challah to your Shabbat table, featuring a learning session geared towards adult learners; younger learners comfortable with this level are welcome. Register now at www.bj.org/letitrise.
- **Day of Service: Shelter Cooking with BJ Teens** 5:00 PM – Frankel Hall
Join us in critical discussions about homelessness, how our sacred texts deal with poverty and obligation, and enjoy some cooking with your friends! Please bring a canned good for donation as well. Sign up now at www.bj.org/teensheltercooking

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **Monday Meditation Minyan** 6:30 PM – Chapel
Led by Yael Shy, each session will include wisdom from the Jewish tradition, guided focused meditation, discussion, and the opportunity for community members to recite Mourner's Kaddish. No experience necessary. Please register at www.bj.org/meditationminyan.
- **The Five "W"s of Prayer: Who/What/When/Where/Why** 7:00 PM – Community House
Join Rabbinic Fellow Abi Weber for a five-part series in which we explore the five "W"s of prayer. Each class will stand alone, so new participants are always welcome. Sign up now at www.bj.org/fivews.
- **Bridging the Gap: Reflections from BJ's Exchange with MCO** 7:00 PM – Reception Room
Hear from Rabbi Roly Matalon and BJ members about their experiences and learning from participating in our exchange with the Michigan Corrections Organization (MCO). Sign up now at www.bj.org/exchangereflections.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **The Prophets with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:00 AM – 4th Floor Conference Room
Join Rabbi Hillel Friedman, longtime BJ member, for a perusal of the classical prophets. Together we will study excerpts and apply their wisdom to our concerns in the 21st century. Sign up now at www.bj.org/theprophets.
- **“Soul Food” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol** 12:30 PM – Middle Room
Bring a bag lunch and join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we imagine old world wisdom for everyday life. Each class stands alone; new participants are always welcome. Sign up now at www.bj.org/soulfood.
- **BJ Environmental Advocates Meeting** 6:30 PM – location given upon registration
Join us for our first meeting in the new year. To learn more, visit www.bj.org/environmentaladvocates. Email lesjudd@aol.com to R.S.V.P.
- **“Wiki-Torah: Genesis” Weekly Torah Study with BJ Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss** 6:30 PM – Cancelled this week; will resume next Tuesday, 10/30
- **Jewish Museum Vienna— Combating Antisemitism and Xenophobia** 7:00 PM – Community House
Come hear Jewish Museum Vienna CEO Dr. Danielle Spera talk about the extremely valuable work their education department does with pupils, adolescents, and refugees. Sign up now at www.bj.org/jewishmuseumvienna.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **Baby Fingers** 3:30 PM – Middle Room
- **Teen Learning Series** 6:00 PM – Community House Room 411
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – Community House
This course offers an overview of the core beliefs, practices, and history of Judaism and the Jewish people. No prior knowledge or experience necessary. Registration required: individuals \$435/\$660; couples \$645/\$975 (members/non-members). Register at www.bj.org/introtojudiasm. Through May 8, 2019.
- **Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:00 PM – Frankel Hall
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/everydayethics.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – location provided upon registration
Continue reading short stories about the lives, struggles, and concerns of the Talmudic rabbis, in order to become better equipped to wrestle with our human nature. No Hebrew knowledge is required. This class has reached capacity. Upcoming classes: 11/1, 29; 12/3, 13, 20; 1/10, 17, 24; 3/7, 14, 28; 4/4, 11. To join the waitlist, email Beth at btarson@bj.org.
- **Taste of Other Israel— Short Film Screening** 7:00 PM – Community House
Join us for a screening of three thought-provoking short films from the JCC’s Other Israel Film Festival. Watch, learn, and discuss topics important to Israeli society today. Sign up now at www.bj.org/tasteofotherisrael.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

- **Reach for Shabbat Retreat** Through Sunday, October 28 – Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center
Join us for an incredible opportunity to get to know our Kadima@BJ community, including other families and teachers. Register at www.bj.org/reachforshabbatretreat.
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **Bim Bam** 10:15 AM, 11:15 AM – Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

● ● Shabbat Dinner with Women Cook

Friday, October 26, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, Frankel Hall: Join us for a special Middle Eastern dinner with Women Cook, an organization of women from economically disadvantaged communities throughout Israel. Cost is \$45/members and \$55/non-members. Register at www.bj.org/womencookshabbat.

● Om Shalom Trio in Concert

Saturday, October 27, 7:00-8:30PM, Reception Room: Join cellist Jessie Reagan Mann and the Om Shalom Trio for an evening of globe-spanning music merging Indian and Jewish melodies for a unique blend and sound. Limited seating available; register now at www.bj.org/omshalomtrio.

● Meet IDF Special Forces Rescue Unit 669 Alumni

Sunday, October 28, 5:00-6:30PM, Community House: Join us for an evening of stories and insight into the world of Unit 669—Israel's elite combat search and rescue unit. Sign up now at www.bj.org/unit669.

● Cooking In Hebrew: A Course in Israeli Cuisine

Wednesdays, Fall: October 31, November 28, January 2, February 6; Spring: March 6, April 10, May 15, June 5, 11:00AM-2:00PM, Frankel Hall: Prepare traditional Israeli and Middle Eastern kosher dishes as you learn about Israel's multicultural society—and improve your Hebrew, too. No prior knowledge of Hebrew or cooking necessary. Sign up for either one or both four-class semesters at www.bj.org/cookinginhebrewwednesday.

● 12th Annual Other Israel Film Festival

Thursday, November 1–Thursday, November 8, various times, Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.: BJ is proud to partner with the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan to present thought-provoking Israeli documentaries. BJ members, use discount code BJ18 for 25% off general admission tickets. For more information and to register, visit www.otherisrael.org.

● ● Tot Shabbat

Friday, November 2, 5:15-7:30PM, Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Families enjoy a 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. Register now at www.bj.org/nov2totshabbat.

● ● Yedid Nefesh: Uncovering the Melodies of Shabbat

Friday, November 2, 5:30PM, Chapel: Prepare to enter Shabbat by joining Hazzan Ari Priven for this new opportunity to unlock the melodies that you'll hear throughout Shabbat services. For more information, visit www.bj.org/yedidnefesh.

● Preserving Israel's Character as a "Jewish and Democratic" State: Urgent Legal and Religious Challenges

Sunday, November 4, 5:00-6:30PM, Community House: Bringing their unique perspectives as leaders in their respective communities, Rabbi David Saperstein and Uri Regev of Hiddush will focus on current divisive issues in Israel. Sign up now at www.bj.org/preservingisrael.

● Israel Salon: Healing Across The Divides

Thursday, November 8, 7:00-8:30PM, 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.

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.

WHAT'S LATER

● ● Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, November 9, 6:15PM, Frankel Hall: 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.

● ● Aviv: 20s and 30s Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 9, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, Frankel Hall: Join us for a Kabbalat Shabbat service and a catered Kosher Shabbat dinner! Mix and mingle with 20s and 30s from the community and make new friends over dinner. Register now at www.bj.org/20s30sshabbat.

● ● Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah

Saturday, November 10, 6:00PM, 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. No registration necessary.

● Bikkur Holim 101: Learning Through Role Playing

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30PM, Sanctuary: Join Rabbis Shuli Passow, Erin Glazer, and Michael Boino, and Rabbinic Fellow Abi Weber for an evening of learning through role playing of various Bikkur Holim volunteer mitzvot.

● Peace in Dialogue: An Israel Salon with Wahat al-Salam/Neve Shalom

Thursday, November 15, 7:00-8:30PM, location given upon registration: Join Vered Marom and Samah Salaimé, two leaders of Neve Shalom, the only bi-national village in Israel, to hear about the education, dialogue, and peace-building work being done in this unique community. Sign up now at www.bj.org/peaceindialogue.

● Singing Communities Intensive with Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble

Monday, December 24-Thursday, December 27, various times and locations: Spend four immersive days with Joey Weisenberg and other Hadar faculty and guests, exploring the depth of Jewish music, studying traditional melodies, and bringing new music into being—culminating in a public concert. Special pricing for BJ members! Visit www.bj.org/singingcommunities for information.

● Teen Service Learning Trip to the Dominican Republic

Sunday, February 17-Sunday, February 24, 2019, Dominican Republic: 10th-12th graders, join us on our annual service learning trip. Help build much-needed schools and complete a community center for some of the poorest neighborhoods of Santo Domingo. Register by October 15 at www.bj.org/dominicanrepublic2019.

See separate flier for this week's Torah portion and "Taste of Torah."

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.

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