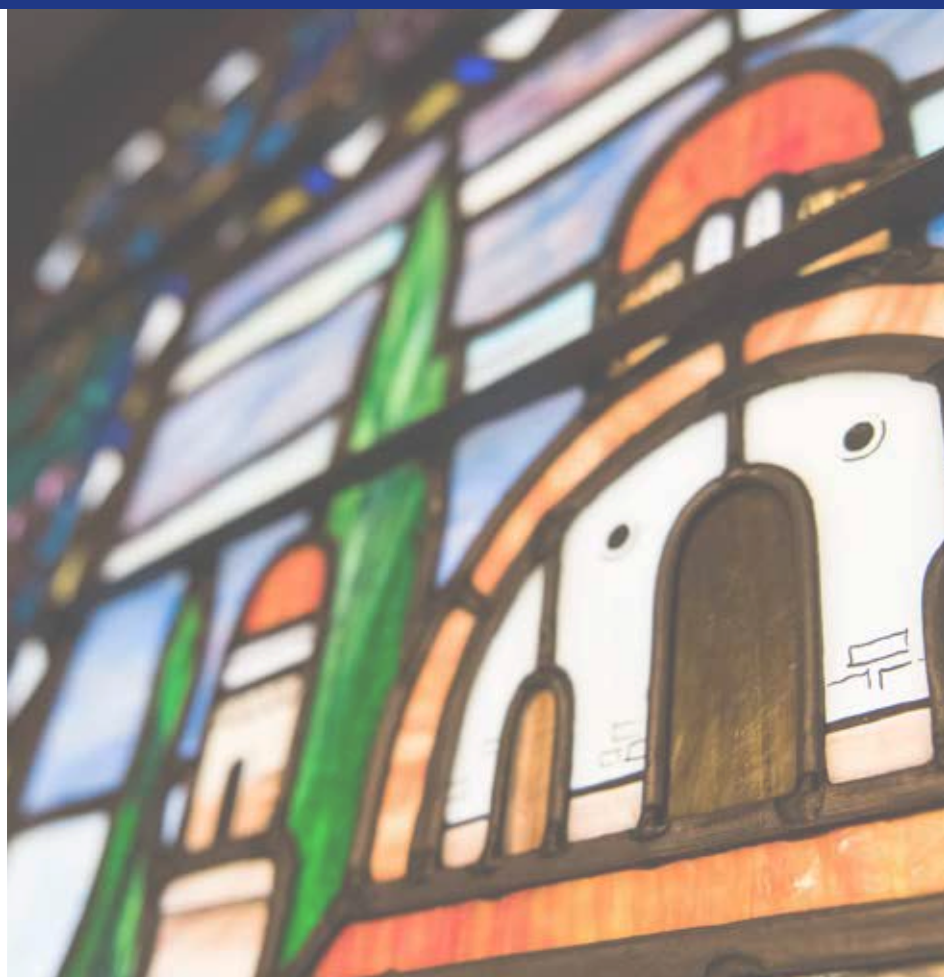


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
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October 26–November 2, 2018 • 17–24 Heshvan, 5779

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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Jerrold Nadler and Joyce Miller, their son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Elyssa Nadler, their granddaughter, Allison Nadler, and their entire family on the death of Jerry's brother, Richard Nadler.

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Amalia Sophia Tuchmann, her parents, Paul Tuchmann and Deborah Coen, and her brother, Adam Tuchman, on Amalia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Sandy and Joel Soffin on the birth of their granddaughter, Mireille Rose Berrol Soffin.
- Tobie Franklin on the birth of her granddaughter, Gali Elle Franklin.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

- Thank you to the Hevra Kadisha for serving as our Friday night greeters this week. On Friday night, please approach any of this week's greeters to learn more about how BJ provides support for those in mourning.

## B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Lori Fein and Rabbi Baht Weiss and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, Maryland.
- **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.

**B'nai Jeshurun stands with members of our community who are trans, gender fluid, or questioning their gender identities. No matter what anyone says, your identity cannot be erased. We see you, we love you, and we welcome you here.**



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

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, OCTOBER 26

*Reach for Shabbat Retreat (through 10/28)*

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – Sanctuary
- **Shabbat Dinner with Women Cook** Following the service – 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](http://www.bj.org/womencookshabbat).

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

- **Reimagine Exhibit—Nancy Patz: All About My Mother** Through Saturday, November 3 – Community House 1st Floor Gallery  
Embracing her mother’s death almost 50 years after her passing, artist Nancy Patz uncovers a critical moment from her past in this retrospective exhibition. To register or to find out more, visit [www.bj.org/reimagine](http://www.bj.org/reimagine).
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary  
**Bat Mitzvah** **Amalia Tuchmann**
- **Family Service (0-Pre-K/K-Grade 2)** 10:45 AM – Middle & Reception Rooms
- **Community Kiddush** Following services – Community House 3rd Floor
- **Reimagine—The Ultimate Mitzvah: Tahara and Hesed Shel Emet with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 1:00 PM – Chapel  
Tahara is the ritual washing of a body before burial. Participating in this mitzvah can be challenging, yet incredibly moving. Join Roly for this meaningful learning session following kiddush. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/theultimatemitzvah](http://www.bj.org/theultimatemitzvah).
- **Om Shalom Trio in Concert** 7:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/omshalomtrio).

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel
- **Meet IDF Special Forces Rescue Unit 669 Alumni** 5:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/unit669).

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- **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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/fivews).
- **Reimagine—Talking Honestly About Death and Dying: An Interactive Story-Sharing Performance** 7:00 PM – Sanctuary  
As we look at our mortality, improvised theater will help us address important issues in an engaging and fun way. All ages welcome to share or just watch. To register or to find out more, visit [www.bj.org/reimagine](http://www.bj.org/reimagine).

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/soulfood).
- **Latkes All Night Long—A Hanukkah Play for Kindergarten, First–Third Graders (Rehearsals)** Through Tuesday, December 11 – various times and locations  
In this rocking holiday musical revue, BJ’s youngest actors will shine on stage as they tell the story of Hanukkah. To learn more or get involved, contact Emma Miller at [theaterco@bj.org](mailto:theaterco@bj.org).
- **“Wiki-Torah: Genesis” Weekly Torah Study with BJ Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss** 6:30 PM – Chapel  
Way before Wikipedia, Judaism developed an ever-expanding network of texts. Using portions from Genesis as starting points, we will follow these links of tradition that connect texts and generations. First-time participants, sign up now at [www.bj.org/wikitorah2018](http://www.bj.org/wikitorah2018). Through 12/18 (except 12/4).

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **Cooking In Hebrew: A Course in Israeli Cuisine** 11:00 AM–2:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/cookinginhebrewwednesday). Upcoming classes: Fall—11/28, 1/2, 2/6; Spring—3/6, 4/10, 5/15, 6/15.
- **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/introtojudaism](http://www.bj.org/introtojudaism). 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](http://www.bj.org/everydayethics).
- **Reimagine—Remembering the Dead and Living: Sharing Their Stories and Ours** Reception at 6:00 PM, conversation at 7:00 PM – Reception and Middle Rooms  
Join us for a reception and conversation with Rabbi Elana Zaiman and artist Nancy Patz in conjunction with her exhibit, All About My Mother. To register or to find out more, visit [www.bj.org/reimagine](http://www.bj.org/reimagine).

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **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: 11/29; 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](mailto:btarson@bj.org).
- **12th Annual Other Israel Film Festival** 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](http://www.otherisrael.org).

- **Centennial Gathering: Sanctuary Ceiling Collapse** 6:30-8:00 PM – Sanctuary  
All BJ members who were here in 1991 when the sanctuary ceiling fell, join Rabbi Roly Matalon, and Reverends K Karpen and Ed Horn, to reflect on the power of sanctuary. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/sanctuary1991](http://www.bj.org/sanctuary1991).

- **Reimagine—Mourning in Multifaith/Multiheritage Families** 7:00 PM – Middle Room  
Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes as we explore how multifaith/multiheritage families observe different mourning rituals from their respective faith traditions upon a death in the family. To register or to find out more, visit [www.bj.org/reimagine](http://www.bj.org/reimagine).

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **Bim Bam** 10:15 AM, 11:15 AM – Chapel

## WHAT'S NEXT

- **BJ Sanctuary Centennial Celebration**  
*Various dates and times*, Sanctuary: As we celebrate 100 years in our historic sanctuary, join us for one or all of our exciting events. For a complete list of all events, visit [www.bj.org/100](http://www.bj.org/100).
- **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/preservingisrael).
- **Israel Salon: Healing Across The Divides**  
*Thursday, November 8*, 7:00-8:30PM, location provided upon registration: Join the Israeli and Palestinian coordinators of Healing Across The Divides (HATD), an organization whose goal is to improve the health of marginalized people living in Israel and the West Bank. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/healingacrossthedivides](http://www.bj.org/healingacrossthedivides).
- **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](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/20s30sshabbat).
- **Post-Kiddush Talk with Roberta Kaplan: After Charlottesville**  
*Saturday, November 10*, following kiddush, Middle Room: Join us for a special presentation by Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn—two of America's leading litigators—on their work representing Charlottesville residents injured at the August 2017 white nationalist rally. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/robertakaplan](http://www.bj.org/robertakaplan).

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

### ● **Camp Shabbat: A Jewish Camping Experience**

**Saturday, November 10, 5:30-7:45PM**, Community House 3rd Floor: Join representatives from your favorite camps for some of your favorite Saturday night camp activities. All are welcome at this family event. Register now at [www.bj.org/campshabbat](http://www.bj.org/campshabbat).

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

**Saturday, November 10, 5:30PM**, 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. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/bikkurholim101](http://www.bj.org/bikkurholim101)

### ● **B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 13, 7:00PM**, Chapel: Parents of children in 4th grade, or whose birth dates fall between September 2008 and December 2009, are invited to an informational meeting detailing the B'nai Mitzvah planning process, including date applications. Visit [www.bj.org/bmorientation](http://www.bj.org/bmorientation) for more info.

### ● **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 Salaime, 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](http://www.bj.org/peaceindialogue).

### ● **Thousand Turkey Challenge and Launch Party**

**Sunday, November 18, 12:00-1:30PM**, SPSA, 263 West 86th Street: This challenge is an effort to provide low-income families at WSCAH with Thanksgiving food. Activities include a turkey drawing contest for kids and tours of the emergency food pantry. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/turkeychallenge](http://www.bj.org/turkeychallenge).

### ● **Born With Wings: An Evening with Daisy Khan**

**Monday, November 19, 7:00PM**, location TBD: In conversation with Rabbi Roly Matalon, Daisy Khan will discuss the place of faith, spirituality, feminism, and activism in our lives, and how she realized her inner power. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/bornwithwings](http://www.bj.org/bornwithwings).

### ● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 20, 6:45PM**, Middle Room: 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).

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● **BJ Sanctuary Centennial Gala**

**Monday, December 3, 6:30PM**, Sanctuary: Join us as we celebrate 100 years in our historic sanctuary and honor Jeannie Blaustein, Peter Bokor, and Rabbi Rachel Cowan z"l. The gala will gather the community in celebration as we mark the centennial of our historic sanctuary, and as we recognize the incredible contributions of our honorees. Tickets and sponsorships available now at [gala.bj.org](http://gala.bj.org).

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

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