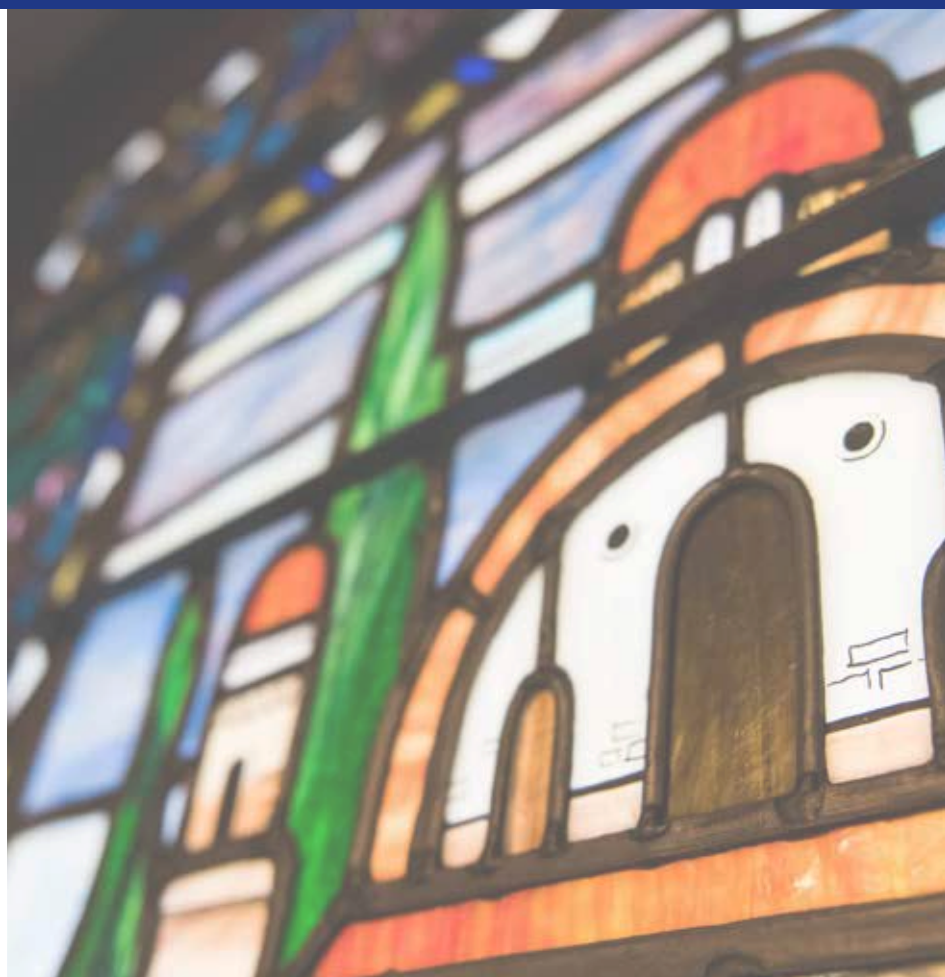


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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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.

PLEASE JOIN US:

- **Prayer & Spirituality**
- **Limud / Learning**
- **Family Life & Learning**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Lisa and Daniel Zucker, their children, Sophie, Benjamin, and Clara Zucker, and their entire family on the death of Lisa's father, Marvin Glick.

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.



● **BJ Sanctuary Centennial Celebration**

Various dates and times, Sanctuary: As we celebrate 100 years in our sanctuary, join us for one or all of our exciting events. For a complete list of the Centennial Celebration program, see the printed insert or visit www.bj.org/100.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● **Celebrate 20 Years of BJ Blood Drives: Give the Gift of Life**

Wednesday, December 12, 3:00-9:00PM, Sanctuary: Save a life and donate at the BJ Blood Drive. Donation takes 45 min.-1 hr. Don't forget to bring your donor ID card or number (if you have one). For more information and to register, visit www.bj.org/blooddrive.

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.

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, NOVEMBER 23

BJ Office closed

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary
- **Family Service (0-Pre-K/K-Grade 2)** 10:45 AM – Middle & Reception Rooms
- **“Wiki-Torah: Genesis” Weekly Torah Study with BJ Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss** Following Kiddush – Community House
Spend a few minutes at Kiddush, grab a plate of food, and come join a conversation about the weekly Torah portion. First time participants, sign up now at www.bj.org/wikitorah2018.
Upcoming classes: 12/8, 22.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- **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 Book of Job** 7:00 PM – Community House
Join Rabbi Michael Boino for this five-part series as we analyze the powerful Book of Job. Each session will build upon the previous sessions. Hebrew reading ability is helpful, but not required. Sign up now at www.bj.org/bookofjob. Upcoming classes: 12/10, 17; 1/7, 14.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- **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/the prophets.
- **Medicare Fall Open Enrollment** 10:00 AM – Chapel
New York City Council Member Helen Rosenthal invites you to participate in an enrollment awareness event. Get connected to programs that help pay the costs associated with Medicare. Sign up now at www.bj.org/medicare.
- **“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.
- **Jews in the Modern World: Looking Back, Looking Forward** 7:30 PM – Sanctuary
Presented by Hadar, join Rabbi Shai Held and Rabbi David Ellenson for a panel conversation, moderated by Jane Eisner of *The Forward*. They will explore the big questions of modern Jewish life. Register using code BJ1127 at www.bj.org/modernjews.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **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. Upcoming classes: Fall—1/2, 2/6; Spring—3/6, 4/10, 5/15, 6/15.
- **Centennial Gathering: Board Members Past and Present** 6:30 PM – Sanctuary
See separate insert for more information about this and all upcoming Sanctuary Centennial Celebration events.
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – Community House
- **Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:00 PM – Reception Room
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, NOVEMBER 29

- **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: 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.
- **Cooking In Hebrew: A Course in Israeli Cuisine** 6:30-9:00 PM – Frankel Hall
The Thursday section of this class is full.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

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 NEXT

● ● Community Potluck Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Adina Lewittes

Friday, November 30, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, Reception and Middle Rooms: Get ready to make your Shabbat a little sweeter with friends, food, and soulful singing led by Rabbi Adina Lewittes. Bring friends, family, and your potluck dairy/vegetarian creations. Sign up now at www.bj.org/rabbilewittesshabbat.

● An Evening With Pete Earley, Mental Health Advocate

Thursday, November 29, 7:00PM, Temple Shaaray Tefila, 250 East 79th Street: Join author and mental-health advocate Pete Early to hear about the experiences that inspired his book *Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness*. Although there is an \$18 suggested donation, registration is free at: www.bj.org/peteearley.

● The Amazing Life of Eliezer Ben Yehudah—A Post Kiddush-Talk with Ben Yehuda's Granddaughter Eliezra

Saturday, December 1, following Shabbat morning services, Reception Room: Join Eliezer Ben-Yehuda's granddaughter Eliezra after kiddush as she tells his amazing life story from an insider's perspective, sharing details never told before. No registration necessary. For more information, visit www.bj.org/eliezerbenyehudah.

● Learners' Minyan

Saturday, December 1, 9:30AM, Frankel Hall: Join Rabbinic Fellow Abi Weber for a Shabbat morning learners' minyan, focusing on the liturgical arc of the service, and a more intimate prayer experience. We'll meet for the Shaharit service together and join the congregation for the Torah service and Musaf. Meets the first Saturday of each month.

● Shabbat B-Ball

Saturday, December 1, 3:30-4:30PM, Community House 3rd Floor: Wondering what to do on a cold Shabbat afternoon? Join us for a casual pick-up basketball game. All skill levels are welcome. Email Ayala, awasser@bj.org, with any questions or to R.S.V.P.

● Erev Hanukkah Hoorah: A Shul-In

Saturday, December 1–Sunday, December 2, 6:00PM-9:00AM, Community House 3rd Floor: All 6th and 7th graders are invited to spend the night spinning dreidel, noshing on latkes and doughnuts, and hanging out with your friends. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast will be served. Register now at www.bj.org/hanukkahshulin.

● Israeli Book Club

Sunday, December 2, 5:00PM, location given upon registration: Join the Israeli Book Club as we discuss *Second Person, Singular*, written by Sayed Kashua. Register now at www.bj.org/bookclub.

● Aviv: The Tova Project with 20s and 30s

Thursday, December 6, 6:00-7:30PM, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 1 West 4th Street: Our rabbinic fellow, Tobias Divack Moss, will be presenting an evening of music and story in honor of his Israeli folksinging grandmother, Tova. Afterwards, grab drinks and doughnuts with other 20s and 30s. Sign up now at www.bj.org/tova20s30s.

● Latkes All Night Long—A Hanukkah Play

Friday, December 7–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. For more information and to register, visit www.bj.org/hanukkahplay.

● ● Hanukkah Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 7, 5:15-7:30PM, Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner complete with blessings and songs. Contact Adina at abeiner@bj.org with any questions. Register by Thursday, December 6, at www.bj.org/hanukkahtotshabbat.

● BJ's Purim Shpiel—For 3rd-6th Graders (Auditions and Rehearsals)

Saturday, December 8–Sunday, March 17, various time and loations: 3rd-6th grade performers (or those interested in helping out behind-the-scenes) will definitely want to join us for this full-scale Mamma Mia-meets-Mordechai themed extravaganza! For more information, visit www.bj.org/purimauditionsrehearsals.



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● **The Spiritual State of Being a Woman in America**

Thursday, December 13; January 10; February 7, 7:00-8:30PM, Community House: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for an exploration of how we can turn to religious life for support, while also acknowledging the patriarchy in religion. For more information and to sign up, visit www.bj.org/womaninamerica.

WHAT'S LATER

● ● **Family Shabbat Dinner: PJs and Shabbat!**

Friday, December 14, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, Chapel: A Hanukkah-themed breakfast for dinner can't be beat, so join us for PJ Shabbat! Come in your favorite PJs. Register by Monday, December 10, at www.bj.org/pjsandhanukkah

● **On the Map: Movie Screening and Conversation with Israeli Basketball Legend Tal Brody**

Saturday, December 15, 7:00-9:30PM, Community House 3rd Floor: Join us for a screening of the documentary *On the Map*. After the film, stay for a conversation with Israeli basketball legend Tal Brody. Light refreshments, popcorn and soft drinks will be served. Register now at www.bj.org/onthemap.

● ● **Teen Day of Service: Midnight Run**

Saturday, December 15, 8:00PM-12:00AM, Community House and various locations on the UWS: BJ teens are invited to spend a night providing food, clothing, blankets, and other necessities to those in need with Midnight Run. For donation information, parent volunteer information, and to sign up, visit www.bj.org/midnightrun.

● **Refugee and Immigration Committee Meeting**

Monday, December 17, 6:30-8:30PM, Middle Room: The committee will be meeting to address the emergent issues facing our community and immigrant/refugee communities. All are welcome. To sign up, email Susan at sthalesq1@gmail.com.

● **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.

See separate flier for this week's Torah portion, "Taste of Torah," and Sanctuary Centennial Celebration.

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.



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