

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון

The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



December 7-14, 2018 • 29 Kislev–6 Tevet, 5779

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**
- **Hanukkah Programming**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM} / CONDOLENCES

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

- Judith Kahn, her daughter Emma Kahn, and her husband Robert Spitzer, on the death of Judith's mother, Beatrice Kahn.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Elijah Rabin, his parents Nicole and Harris Rabin, his brother Nathaniel Rabin, and his sister Delilah Rabin, on Elijah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Estare and David Weiser on their son, Phil Weiser, being elected the Colorado State Attorney General.
- Audrey Sieger and Larry Drath on the birth of their grandson, Moses Jacob Cunow.
- Achsah Guibbory on being named Honored Scholar 2018 by the Milton Society of America for contributions in 17th-century British literature studies, with a special emphasis on religion and Christian-Jewish relations.

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.

Rabbi Erin Glazer will be taking the second portion of her maternity leave from December 10–January 13. Please join us in wishing her a meaningful time with her family.



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 minutes to one hour. 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, DECEMBER 7 | 6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

- 🕯️ **Hag veHesed: Hanukkah Candle-Lighting** Through Sunday, December 9 – various times and locations
Visit a fellow BJ member to bring them the light of the Hanukkiyah at home. BJ will provide candles, dreidels, and gelt. To volunteer or to receive such a visit, please email Galit at galit.lb@gmail.com.
- 🕯️ **Hanukkah Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – 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.
- 🕯️ **Yedid Nefesh: Uncovering the Melodies of Shabbat** 5:30 PM – 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/yedidnefeshshabbat.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – Sanctuary
- 🕯️ **Hitoreri** During and following the Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Chapel and Middle Room
Teens participate in a mindfulness-style Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner and plenty of down time for the teens to catch up and hang out.
- 🕯️ **Paying it Forward Shabbat Hanukkah Dinner** Following services – various times and locations
Please note: registration is now closed.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 | ROSH HODESH TEVET | 7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary
- 🕯️ **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
- 🕯️ **"Latkes All Night Long" Play Rehearsal** 12:15 PM – Chapel
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.
- **BJ's Purim Shpiel—For Kindergarten-6th Graders (Auditions and Rehearsals)** 2:30 PM – location TBD
Kindergarten-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-Mordekhai themed extravaganza! For more information, visit www.bj.org/purimauditionsrehearsals.
- **"Wiki-Torah: Genesis" Weekly Torah Study with BJ Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss** Following services – 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.
- **Minḥa Service** 4:15 PM – Sanctuary
- **Bar Mitzvah** **Elijah Rabin**
- 🕯️ **Haleli Nafshi: Communal Singing and Havdalah** 4:45 PM – 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 | ROSH HODESH TEVET | 8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

● **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel

● 🥳 **Family Pre-Party: Sanctuary Centennial and Hanukkah Celebration** 3:45 PM – Frankel Hall

Join us for a lively pre-party as we enjoy some delicious snacks, play games, see our wonderful BJ Theater Company perform, and celebrate Hanukkah and 100 years of the BJ sanctuary. Sign up now at www.bj.org/familypreparty.

● 🥳 **100 Years of Song: Community Centennial and Hanukkah Celebration** 4:30 PM – Sanctuary



Add your voice to a musical journey through the songs that have sustained us communally, culturally, and spiritually over the past 100 years. **Sign up now at www.bj.org/100yearsofsong.**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

● **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.

● **Shed Some Light: A Deep Dive into the Ritual of Shabbat Lights** 7:00 PM – Middle Room

Join Cantor Dave Mintz for a fascinating evening of learning and exploration about the depth of meaning behind the ritual of kindling Shabbat lights. No registration necessary, all are welcome. For more information, visit www.bj.org/shedsomelight.

● **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: 12/17; 1/7, 14.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

● **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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

● **Celebrate 20 Years of BJ Blood Drives: Give the Gift of Life** 3:00-9:00 PM – Sanctuary

Save a life and donate at the BJ Blood Drive. Donation takes 45 minutes to one hour. 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.

● **Teen Learning Series** 6:00 PM – Community House Room 411

● **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, DECEMBER 13

- **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: 12/20; 1/10, 17, 24; 3/7, 14, 28; 4/4, 11. To join the waitlist, email Beth at btarson@bj.org.
- **The Spiritual State of Being a Woman in America** 7:00 PM – 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. Upcoming sessions: 1/10, 2/7.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat**
Friday, December 14, 6:15PM, 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.
- **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/pjsandshabbat.
- **The Mindful Calendar with Rabbi Shuli Passow**
Saturday, December 15, following Kiddush, Chapel: How do we make choices about where to give tzedakah and how much? What considerations come into play as we make these decisions? In this season of year-end giving, we will explore the spiritual work of generosity, and consider ways to give of ourselves even if we don't have much capacity to make financial donations. More information at www.bj.org/mindfulcalendarshuli.
- **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 Celebration and Meeting**
Monday, December 17, 6:30-8:30PM, Middle Room: Celebrate the work of the committee and learn about new and exciting plans for volunteering. Enjoy a potluck dinner and Klezmer music, performed by BJ's talented musicians. All are welcome. For more information, visit www.bj.org/riccelebrationmeeting.
- **Alice Shalvi: Never a Native**
Tuesday, December 18, 7:00-9:00PM, Sanctuary: Join us for an evening Alice Shalvi, legendary Israeli social justice pioneer. Interviewed by Kathleen Peratis, Alice will discuss her new memoir, *Never a Native*. A reception will follow the discussion. Register now at www.bj.org/neveranative.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● Bo-i Kallah

Friday, December 21, 6:15PM, 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.

● ● Community Shabbat Dinner with Hazzan Ari Priven

Friday, December 21, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, Middle Room and Chapel: Get ready to elevate Shabbat with friends, food, and soulful singing led by Hazzan Ari Priven. Join us for a three-course dinner with wine, and enjoy the company of your fellow community members. \$18/person. Register at www.bj.org/arishabbat.

● 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.

● Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble in Concert

Thursday, December 27, 7:30PM, Sanctuary: Join Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble live for an exploration of Jewish communal music as we sing together on this unforgettable evening. Participants of the Singing Communities Intensive may attend for free. Register now at www.bj.org/hadarconcert.

WHAT'S LATER

● Spring Bim Bam

Fridays, January 4–May 17, 10:15–11:00AM, 11:15AM–12:00PM, Chapel: Bim Bam gives children under 3 a space to explore Shabbat through songs and stories. The 10:15AM session features English and Hebrew, while the 11:15AM session is full Hebrew immersion. For more information, visit www.bj.org/springbimbam.

● ● Teen Civil Rights Journey to Georgia and Alabama

Thursday, January 17–Monday, January 21, Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia: 8th and 9th graders, join us as we venture south to learn about the Civil Rights movement and why Jews must care and act when others are oppressed today. Register by October 5 at www.bj.org/alabamageorgia2019.

● BJ Mindfulness Retreat in Nature

Register now for January 20–27, Costa Rica: Spend a week in the Costa Rican rainforest exploring Jewish mindfulness practice with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Connect more deeply with your soul, our truest values, and with God's creation. Find out more at www.bj.org/costarica19, or contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org or x255.

● ● Teen Service Learning Trip to the Dominican Republic

Sunday, February 17–Sunday, February 24, 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."

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