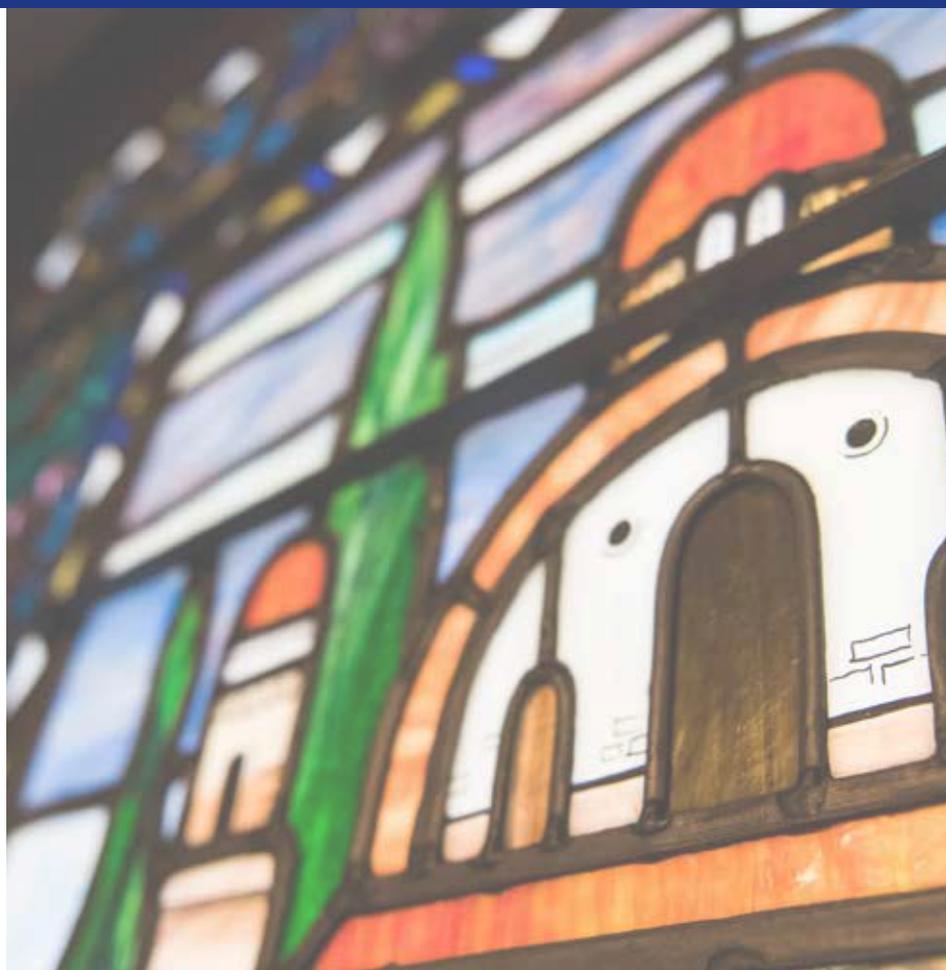


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



December 14-21, 2018 • 6-13 Tevet, 5779 • Shabbat Vayigash

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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Lauren Friedland and her entire family on the death of her mother, Hilda Meninsky Friedland.

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Truman Abraham Margolies, his parents Alex Margolies and Julie Kowitz Margolies, his brother Leo Margolies, and his sister Imogen Margolies, on Truman becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sophia Adelman, her parents Ilana and David Adelman, her brother Max Adelman, and her sister Sarah Adelman, on Sophia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Joanne Palmer, on receiving the "Honoring Community Service Award" at the Annual JNF Teaneck Reception.
- Sandee Brawarsky and Barry Lichtenberg, on receiving the "Honoring Circle of Excellence Award" at the Annual JNF Teaneck Reception.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Julie and Alexander Margolies in honor of Truman Margolies becoming Bar Mitzvah, and supported by Lilli Platt in honor of her 70th birthday.

## 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.

## 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 try to make the BJ environment comfortable and healthy for as many people as possible. Out of consideration for those with allergies or severe sensitivities, we request that you refrain from wearing perfumes and overly-scented products. Thank you in advance!

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **Sanctuary Centennial Exhibition** Through Thursday, December 27, during opening hours – Community House  
This exhibition recounts the history and impact of our remarkable community, with a focus on the 100 years we have occupied the 88th Street Sanctuary. Also presented are photographs, historic documents, and personal objects which trace moment, milestones, and memories.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – Sanctuary
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat** 6:15 PM – 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](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) or x255 with any questions.
- ● **Family Shabbat Dinner: PJs and Shabbat!** Following Kabbalat Shabbat services – Chapel and Middle Room  
A Hanukkah-themed breakfast for dinner can't be beat, so join us for PJ Shabbat! Come in your favorite PJs. Register at [www.bj.org/pjsandshabbat](http://www.bj.org/pjsandshabbat).
- ● **Aviv and IAC Dor Chadash Shabbat Dinner** Following services – Frankel Hall

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- **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.
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary  
**Bar Mitzvah** **Truman Margolies**
- ● **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
- **The Mindful Calendar with Rabbi Shuli Passow** 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](http://www.bj.org/mindfulcalendarshuli).
- **Minḥa Service** 4:15 PM – Sanctuary  
**Bat Mitzvah** **Sophia Adelman**
- **On the Map: Movie Screening and Conversation with Israeli Basketball Legend Tal Brody** 7:00 PM – Sanctuary  
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](http://www.bj.org/onthemap).
- ● **Teen Day of Service: Midnight Run** 8:00 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/midnightrun).

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel
- **Hebrew-Speaking Havurah** 5:30 PM – location given with registration  
Get together with other Hebrew speakers and Rabbi Yisrael Serok on the second Sunday of each month to discuss current affairs in Hebrew. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/hebrewspeakinghavurah](http://www.bj.org/hebrewspeakinghavurah). Email Nili at [ngitig@gmail.com](mailto:ngitig@gmail.com) with any questions.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

● **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).

● **Refugee and Immigration Committee Celebration and Meeting** 6:30 PM – 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](http://www.bj.org/riccelebrationmeeting).

● **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](http://www.bj.org/bookofjob). Upcoming classes: 1/7, 14.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

● **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).

● **Alice Shalvi: *Never a Native*** 7:00 PM – Sanctuary

Join us for an evening with 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](http://www.bj.org/neveranative).

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

● **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](http://www.bj.org/everydayethics).

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

● **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: 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).

● **Support Debora Barrios in Sanctuary at SPSA** 4:00PM – 26 Federal Plaza

Join us as we demand that ICE grant Debora Barrios a Stay of Removal, allowing her to reunite with her family. Our caravan will follow behind a donkey and costumed holy family. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/supportdeborahbarrios](http://www.bj.org/supportdeborahbarrios).

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

## WHAT'S NEXT

### ● 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/arishabbat).

### ● “Wiki-Torah: Genesis” Weekly Torah Study with BJ Rabbinic Fellow Tobias Divack Moss

**Saturday, December 22**, following Shabbat morning 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](http://www.bj.org/wikitorah2018).

### ● 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](http://www.bj.org/hadarconcert).

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer: 25th Yahrzeit Anniversary Shabbat

**Thursday, January 3–Saturday, January 5**, various times and locations: Join us as we commemorate Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's life and work. 25 years after his death, we honor him as we continue to build on his vision for BJ. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/mtmshabbat](http://www.bj.org/mtmshabbat).

### ● Israeli Art and Culture Salon Series

**Sunday, January 6**, 5:00–7:00PM, location given upon registration: In this six-part series, BJ members will meet promising Israeli artists working in New York in an intimate, home setting. The first session will feature musician Tali Rubenstein and multidisciplinary artist Milcah Bassel. Sign up at [www.bj.org/israelsalonspring2019](http://www.bj.org/israelsalonspring2019).

### ● Shirah with Shira—Spring Semester

**Tuesdays, January 8–May 21**, 4:00–4:45PM, Community House: Shira Averbuch will lead children and their parents/caregivers in music, stories, and movement. For more information and to register, visit [www.bj.org/springshirah](http://www.bj.org/springshirah).

### ● Baby Fingers at BJ (Winter)

**Wednesdays, January 9–February 13**, 3:30–4:30PM, Middle Room: Learn American Sign Language through song and play with other parents, educators, and children close to your child's age. This six-session series costs \$120 for members, \$180 for non-members. Register now at [www.bj.org/babyfingerswinter2019](http://www.bj.org/babyfingerswinter2019).

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

**Thursday, 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](http://www.bj.org/womaninamerica).

### ● Spring Bim Bam

**Fridays, January 11–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](http://www.bj.org/springbimbam).

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

### ● 7th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

**Friday, February 8-Sunday, February 10**, Washington, D.C.: This 7th grade trip will explore what it means to live a full Jewish life in light of our modern history and current events. Contact Ayala (x244) with any questions. Register by Monday, January 7, at [www.bj.org/7thgradedctrip](http://www.bj.org/7thgradedctrip).

### ● College Student Eastern European Exploration

**Tuesday, June 11-Monday, June 17**, Berlin, Germany, and Prague, Czech Republic: Join fellow BJ college students for an Eastern European tour, including the towering spires of the Old City in Prague, Czech Republic, and the bustling creativity of Berlin, Germany. For more information and to register, visit [www.bj.org/collegeeurope](http://www.bj.org/collegeeurope).

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/live).

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