

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון

The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



January 4–11, 2019 • 27 Tevet–5 Shevat, 5779 • Shabbat Va-era

**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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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAH<sup>EM</sup> / CONDOLENCES

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

- Dorothy Luft and her son, Harvey Luft, on the death of Dorothy's daughter and Harvey's sister, Cheryl Luft.
- Rabbi Eva Sax-Bolder and Larry Bolder and their daughters, Amalia and Anessa Sax-Bolder, on the death of Eva's mother, Ruth Sax.
- Joan and Steve Cela on the tragic death of their son, David Cela.

## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Reya Miller and Ivy Miller, their parents Melissa Kraft and Ken Miller, their sister Simone Kolleeny, their brothers Marlon and Ivan Kolleeny and their sisters-in-law Naomi and Dylan Kolleeny, on Reya and Ivy becoming B'not Mitzvah.
- Ariela Weber, her parents Eliza and Jon Weber, and her brothers Jack and Luke Weber, on Ariela becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Cuba.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Barbara Schwimmer in honor of her 90th birthday.

## B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- The Old Testament/Hebrew Bible class, Fordham Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education.
- **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.



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

Thursday, January 3–Saturday, January 5

Join us as we commemorate Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's life and work. twenty-five years after his death, we honor him as we continue to build on his vision for BJ. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/mtm](http://www.bj.org/mtm).

**See inside for Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer: 25th Anniversary special programs taking place this Shabbat.**

See insert to read an excerpt from *You Are My Witness: The Living Words of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer*.

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WORLD TODAY  
WITH BJ

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

#### ● Become a Kiddush Volunteer

**Shabbat afternoons**, 12:00 noon–1:30PM, Community House 3rd Floor: Help our community become more sustainable! Volunteers will support other BJ members in learning how to dispose of their waste properly. You can volunteer on your own or with friends or family. Visit [www.bj.org/kiddushvolunteer](http://www.bj.org/kiddushvolunteer) to sign up for a slot or learn more.

*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](http://www.bj.org/live).

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

- **Sanctuary Centennial Exhibition** Through January, 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 moments, milestones, and memories.

- ● **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/yedidnefesh0104](http://www.bj.org/yedidnefesh0104).

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- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – Sanctuary (●●)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

- **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 (●●)

- ● **Family Service (0-Pre-K/K-Grade 2)** 10:45 AM – Middle & Reception Rooms

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

- **Conversation with M.T.M. Rabbinic Fellows** Following kiddush – Sanctuary  
Join a conversation with M.T.M. Rabbinic Fellows from across the country, as they share how Marshall's legacy is expressed in their rabbinate.

- **Minha Service** 4:30 PM – Chapel

**B'not Mitzvah**

**Reya Miller  
Ivy Miller**

- **America at Risk: Conversation with Richard Cohen, Ginna Green, and David Litt** 4:45 PM – Sanctuary  
Join us for a conversation with Richard Cohen, President of Southern Poverty Law Center, and Ginna Green of Bend the Arc-Jewish Action, moderated by David Litt, former speechwriter for President Obama and author of *Thanks, Obama: My Hopesy, Changey White House Years*. Followed by havdalah.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel

- **BJ's Purim Shpiel—For Kindergarten-6th Graders (Auditions and Rehearsals)** 10:00 AM-3:00 PM – Community House 3rd Floor  
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](http://www.bj.org/purimauditionsrehearsals).

- **Shorashim Summer Wonderland** 11:00 AM – Community House 3rd Floor  
Come to our "summer in January" party, where we'll take all the fun of a Fourth of July barbecue, mix it with a beach vacation, and roll it into one glorious afternoon! Register now at [www.bj.org/summerwonderland](http://www.bj.org/summerwonderland).

- **Israeli Art and Culture Salon Series** 5:00 PM – Location given with 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).

(●●) This event can be viewed on the BJ livestream at [www.bj.org/live](http://www.bj.org/live).

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7 | ROSH HODESH SHEVAT**● **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 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 class: 1/14.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**● **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).

● **Shirah with Shira—Spring Semester** 4:00 PM – 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). Through 5/21.

● **Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:00 PM – Reception Room

Every Tuesday, 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/everydayethics2019](http://www.bj.org/everydayethics2019).

● **BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Volunteer Open House** Various times – Frankel Hall and SPSA, 263 West 86th Street

Join the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter co-chairs for a tour of the space, have all of your questions answered, and meet some of our guests. For times, locations, and sign up information, visit [www.bj.org/shelteropenhouse](http://www.bj.org/shelteropenhouse).

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel● **Baby Fingers at BJ (Winter)** 3:30 PM – 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. Through 2/13. Register now at [www.bj.org/babyfingerswinter2019](http://www.bj.org/babyfingerswinter2019).

● ● **Teen Learning Series** 6:00 PM – Community House Room 411● **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – Community House● **BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Volunteer Open House** Various times – Frankel Hall and SPSA, 263 West 86th Street

See Tuesday, January 8 for description.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**● **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: 1/17, 24; 3/7, 14, 28; 4/4, 11. To join the waitlist, email Beth at [btarson@bj.org](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/womaninamerica). Upcoming session: 2/7.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

● **Spring Bim Bam** 10:15 AM, 11:15 AM – 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. Through 5/17. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/springbimbam](http://www.bj.org/springbimbam).

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## WHAT'S NEXT

● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat**

**Friday, January 11**, 6:15PM, Community House 3rd Floor: Join us for an intimate service featuring meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Please contact Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org), or x255, with any questions.

● ● **Family Shabbat Dinner: Tu Bishvat is Going Tu BGreat**

**Friday, January 11**, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, Chapel: Join us for great food, better company, and fun games for children and adults alike as we prepare to celebrate the Jewish birthday of the trees. Register by Monday, January 7, at [www.bj.org/tubishvatshabbat](http://www.bj.org/tubishvatshabbat).

● ● **Aviv Shabbat Dinner with Repair the World**

**Friday, January 11**, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, Frankel Hall: Mix and mingle with other 20s and 30s and learn about volunteer opportunities happening in the city over a catered Kosher dinner. The cost is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. Register now at [www.bj.org/repairtheworlddinner](http://www.bj.org/repairtheworlddinner).

● **The Women's March: A Conversation About This Year's Complexities**

**Saturday, January 12**, following Kiddush, Chapel: Please join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Shuli Passow in a discussion about the complexities and nuances surrounding the planning for this year's NYC women's march.

● **LiteraTorah: Yiddish Troubadors and Modern Midrash in Memory of Shira Palmer Sherman**

**Saturday, January 12**, 4:30PM, Sanctuary: Dara Horn will explore the intersection between Yiddish theater tradition and biblical stories, with an emphasis on Yiddish comic poet Itzik Manger and his reimagining of Torah stories in a modern context. No prior knowledge of Yiddish or Torah required. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/darahornteaching](http://www.bj.org/darahornteaching).

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

**Saturday, January 12**, 4:45PM, 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.

● **"Soul Food" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol**

**Tuesdays, January 15–June 18**, 12:30-1:45PM, Middle Room: Bring a bag lunch and join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we re-imagine old world wisdom for everyday life. Each class stands alone, so new participants are always welcome. No prior knowledge required. Register now at [www.bj.org/soulfood2019](http://www.bj.org/soulfood2019).

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 15**, 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).


● **Lift Your Voice: An Exploration of Shabbat Zemirot**

**Thursday, January 17**, 7:00-8:30PM, Middle Room: Join Cantor David Mintz for an exploration of Shabbat zemirot—the table songs traditionally sung at Shabbat meals. Learn new melodies, refresh familiar ones, and explore beautiful poetry; all while building the tools to enhance your own Shabbat table! No registration necessary.

● **Bo-i Kallah**

**Friday, January 18**, 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.

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

- **The Journey Towards Freedom: A Shabbat Shirah Concert with Nicole Phifer and Friends**  
**Saturday, January 19, 7:00PM**, Sanctuary: Join us for an evening of uplifting song with gospel artist Nicole Phifer. Journeying through narrative of the Exodus, we'll explore the themes of Shabbat Shirah as seen in the gospel musical tradition. Register now at [www.bj.org/journeytowardsfreedom](http://www.bj.org/journeytowardsfreedom). 
- **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](http://www.bj.org/costarica19), or contact Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) or x255.
- **MLK 2019: Pack Sensory Kits with Repair the World and BJ**  
**Sunday, January 20, 2:00-4:00PM**, Sanctuary: Join us and our partners Repair the World to package bags filled with sensory objects for kids in local Harlem schools and organizations. For more information, and to sign up, visit [www.bj.org/mlk2019](http://www.bj.org/mlk2019).
- **Bridging the Gap House Parties**  
**Various dates beginning January 23**, various times and locations on the UWS: BJ members, join us for a Bridging the Gap house party, where MCO exchange participants will share their reflections and guide a conversation on how to integrate their learnings into our own lives. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/bridgingthegap](http://www.bj.org/bridgingthegap).
- **The Soap Myth: Concert Reading**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 7:00-9:00PM**, Sanctuary: See BJ member and multiple Emmy and Tony Award nominee Tovah Feldshuh star with multiple Emmy and Golden Globe Award winner Ed Asner in a concert reading of Jeff Cohen's play *The Soap Myth*. Buy tickets at [www.bj.org/soapmyth](http://www.bj.org/soapmyth).

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## WHAT'S LATER

- **Shabbat Basketball**  
**Saturday, January 26, 3:30-6:00PM**, 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. Sign up now at [www.bj.org/shabbatbasketball2019](http://www.bj.org/shabbatbasketball2019).
- **Young Families Day of Service**  
**Sunday, January 27, 10:30AM-12:00 noon**, Community House 3rd Floor: Families with children in 2nd grade and under are invited to join us as we partner with Repair the World to make chili packets to donate to a local food pantry. Register now at [www.bj.org/dayofservice19](http://www.bj.org/dayofservice19).
- **Accompaniment Training with New Sanctuary Coalition**  
**Monday, January 28, 7:00-9:00PM**, Reception Room: Learn about the New Sanctuary Coalition (NSC) accompaniment program, which recruits and trains volunteers to accompany people to their immigration hearings and ICE check-ins. For more information, and to sign up for this training, visit [www.bj.org/accompanimenttraining](http://www.bj.org/accompanimenttraining).
- **What is the Talmud and Why Does it Matter?**  
**Tuesday, January 29, 6:30-8:00PM**, Community House Room 411: In this introductory talk, Rabbinic Fellow Abi Weber will introduce the BJ community to the philosophy of Rabbi Benay Lappe and her "traditionally radical" yeshiva, SVARA. For more information, and to sign up, visit [www.bj.org/whatistalmud](http://www.bj.org/whatistalmud).
- **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).

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