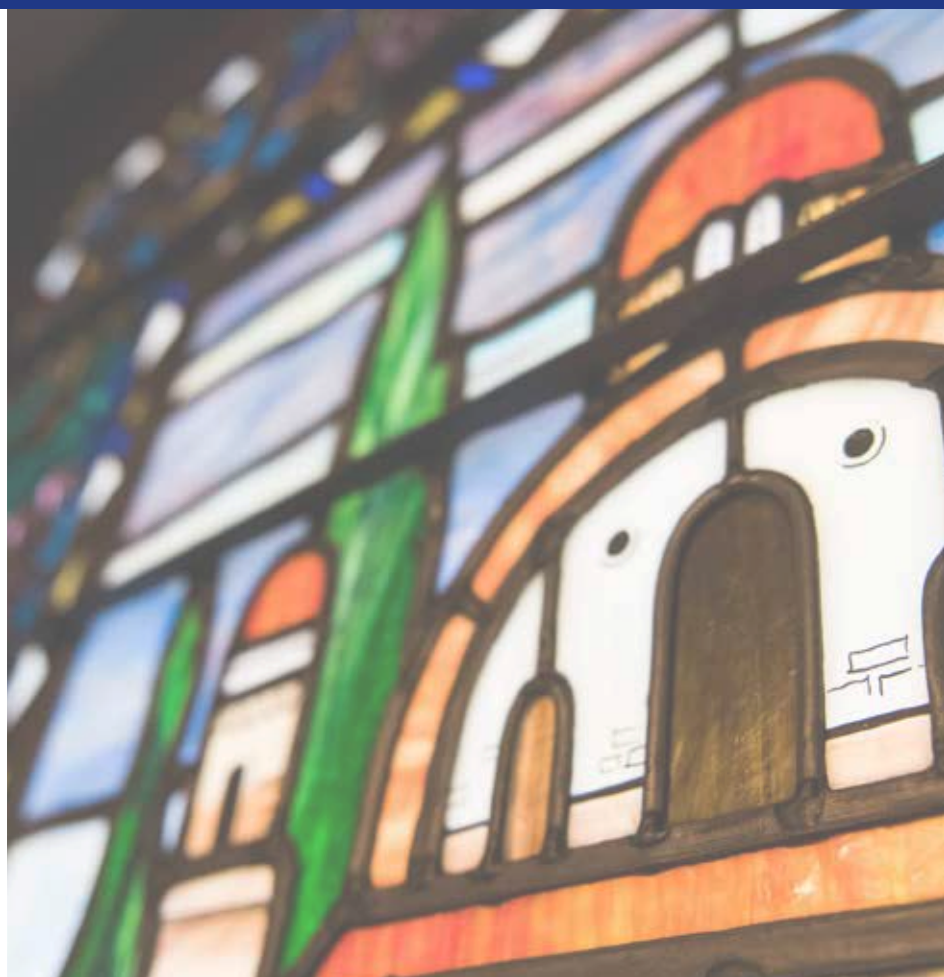


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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January 11–18, 2019 • 5-12 Shevat, 5779 • Shabbat Bo

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- **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 sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Carole Balin and Michael Gertzman and their children, Nate, Eve, and Joey Gertzman, on the death of Carole's father, Theodore (Ted) Balin.
- Minna Elias and Amotz Barnoy and their children, Talia and Oren Barnoy, on the death of Minna's mother, Lois Elias.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Abigail Behrendt, her parents Charlotte Behrendt and Bernie Plum, her brother Benjamin Plum, and her sisters Ruthie Behrendt and Deborah Plum, on Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Dahlia and Paul Weinger, Susan Etra and Michael Yoeli, Matthew and Erin Yoeli, Belle Etra Yoeli, and Sophia and Jacob Yoeli on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter, niece, and cousin, Abigail Leia Weinger.
- Samantha Slater and Justin Meservie on the birth of their son, Jonah Slater Meservie.

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:

● **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 to sign up for a slot or learn more.

● **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.

👁️ This event can be viewed on the BJ livestream at www.bj.org/live.

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, JANUARY 11

- **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.
- **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. Please contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org, or x255, with any questions.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – Sanctuary (••)
- **Family Shabbat Dinner: Tu Bishvat is Going Tu BGreat** 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.
- **Aviv Shabbat Dinner with Repair the World** 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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary (••)
Bat Mitzvah **Abigail Behrendt**
- **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 Women's March: A Conversation About This Year's Complexities** Following kiddush – Sanctuary
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** **POSTPONED**
Unfortunately, due to illness, this talk with Dara Horn will be rescheduled.
- **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, JANUARY 13

- **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
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.
- **Israeli Book Club** 5:00 PM – Location given with registration
Join us to discuss *A Trumpet in the Wadi* by Sami Michael. Register now at www.bj.org/bookclub.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

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- **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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

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- **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 re-imagine old world wisdom for everyday life. Each class stands alone, so new participants are always welcome. No prior knowledge required. Through 6/18. Register now at www.bj.org/soulfood2019.
 - **Shirah with Shira—Spring Semester** 4:00 PM – Community House
 - **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:45 PM – 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.
 - **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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

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- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
 - **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – Community House

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Teen Civil Rights Journey to Georgia and Alabama (through 1/21)

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- **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: 1/24; 3/7, 14, 28; 4/4, 11. To join the waitlist, email Beth at btarson@bj.org.
 - **Lift Your Voice: An Exploration of Shabbat Zemirot** 7:00 PM – 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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

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- **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.

WHAT'S NEXT

● 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.

● 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. (••)

● 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.

● 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.

● 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.

● Shabbat Community Potluck Dinner

Friday, January 25, following the Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Reception and Middle Rooms: Pull out the quinoa and kale, the next community potluck Shabbat dinner is right around the corner! Bring your friends, family, and your Tu Bishvat-inspired dairy/vegetarian creations. Sign up now at www.bj.org/tubishvatpotluck.

● 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.

● 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.

● New Paradigms for Breaking the Impasse of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Sunday, January 27, 12:30-5:00 PM, Sanctuary: Two unique movements—Roots/Shorashim/Judur and A Land for All—share the stage for the first time, presenting their complementary work toward creating a just, peaceful, and harmonious future in Israel/Palestine. Sign up now at www.bj.org/newparadigms.

● 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.

● Ritual Lab: Emerging from a Year of Mourning

Mondays, January 28-February 11, 7:00-8:30PM, Middle Room: Become a member of this year's first Ritual Lab cohort, delving into the experience of mourners completing a year of saying Kaddish for a loved one. Register now at www.bj.org/rituallabmourning.

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● **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.

WHAT'S LATER

● **February Tot Shabbat**

Friday, February 1, 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 Shabbat blessings and songs. Register by Thursday, January 31, at 10:30AM at www.bj.org/totshabbatfeb19.

● **Refugee Cultural Culinary Exchange**

Sunday, February 3, 6:00PM, Frankel Hall and Kitchen: Join the Family Support Team of the BJ Refugee and Immigration Committee to share a meal cooked by a newly-arrived Pakistani refugee. Come hear Sapna's story and help support her family. Register now at www.bj.org/culinaryexchange.

● **Own Your Tradition: A Community Beit Midrash on Prayer**

Tuesdays beginning February 5, 6:30-8:00PM, Community House Room 411: In this five-week series (following intro session “What is the Talmud and Why Does it Matter?”) we will explore the meaning of prayer by unlocking one of the primary sources itself: Tractate Berakhot of the Babylonian Talmud. Sign up now at www.bj.org/ownyourtradition.

● **Next Stop...Marriage**

Tuesdays beginning February 5, 6:30-8:30PM, Middle Room: Prepare for your wedding and beyond with our three-part pre-marriage series. Session one with Rabbi Felicia Sol, session two with financial planners Donna Nadler and Arthur Belkin, and session three with a couples therapist. Register at www.bj.org/nextstopmarriage.

● **After Charlottesville: A Special Evening with Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn**

Tuesday, February 5, 7:30-9:00PM, Sanctuary: Join us for a 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/kaplananddunn. (••)

● **Guided Exhibition Tour at the Museum of Arts and Design**

Thursday, February 7, 11:00AM-12:00 noon, Museum of Arts and Design Lobby, 2 Columbus Circle: BJ member and museum docent Bena Green will lead a tour of the “The Future of Craft” exhibition. Combined museum and tour fee is \$17, which you will pay at the door. Sign up now at www.bj.org/madtour.

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

Thursday, 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.

● **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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