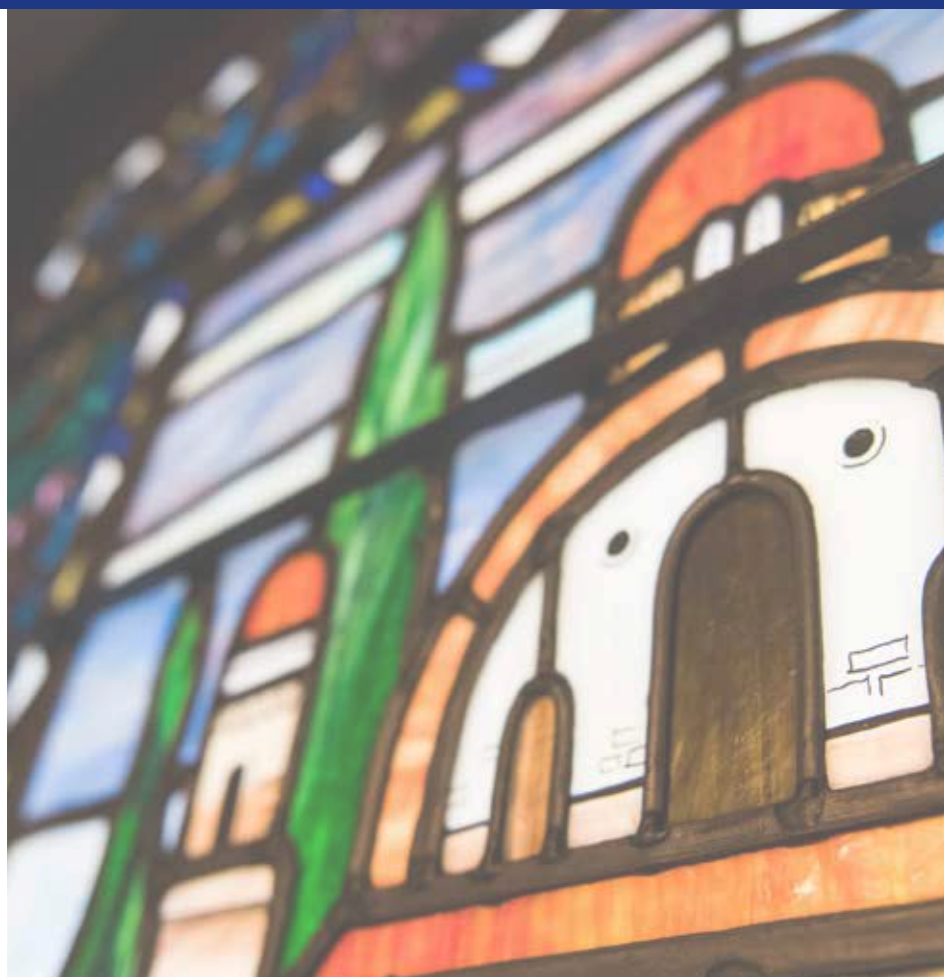


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM} / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Susan Samuels and we extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Stephen Samuels; their children, Rabbi Joanna Samuels and Jeremy Hockenstein, Alicia Samuels, and Amy Samuels and Jim Creveling; their grandchildren, Orli and Natan Hockenstein, Eli Rosenstock, and David Creveling; and their entire family.

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

- Dava Schub and her daughter, Benna Schub, on the death of Dava's father, Philip Schub.
- Renee Silverman and Sebastian Zimmermann, and their children, Natalie and Sam Zimmermann, on the death of Renee's father, Arthur Silverman.
- Lisa and Daniel Zucker, and their children, Sophie, Benjamin, and Clara Zucker, on the death of Lisa's mother, Barbara Glick.
- Judy Roth and Stephen Zeldes, and their children, Miko and Tema Zeldes-Roth, on the death of Judy's father, Walter Roth.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Jenna Balint and her parents, Stephanie and Paul Balint, on Jenna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Brett Kalikow and Bri Reitano, and Richard and Rosemary Kalikow, on Brett and Bri's upcoming wedding.
- Joan Cardell, Zachary Cardell, and Marcia Kaplan on the birth of their grandson, nephew, and great-nephew, Zev Cardell.
- Nancy Kaufman on being chosen as the 2019 recipient of the JCPA Albert D. Chernin Award.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by:

- Richard and Rosemary Kalikow in honor of the aufruf of their son Brett Kalikow and Bri Reitano.
- Stephanie and Paul Balint in honor of Jenna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Judith Love and Jane Baum in honor of their birthdays.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- NYC faith leaders joining us as part of the Interfaith Center's annual Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat on Social Justice
- **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.

● Bridging the Gap House Parties

Various dates through February 13, 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 25

BJ Mindfulness Retreat in Nature, Costa Rica (through 1/27)

- **Sanctuary Centennial Exhibition** Through January, during open 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.

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

- **Tu Bishvat Shabbat Community Potluck Dinner** Following the Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Reception and Middle Rooms

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary (🔴🟡)

Bat Mitzvah **Jenna Balint**

Aliyat Hatan veKallah **Brett Kalikow and Bri Reitano**

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

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

- **Finding Peace in the Promised Land—Lessons for Life and Love Learned on the Israel Trail** Following kiddush – Chapel

Join Aryeh Green for a presentation on his book, *My Israel Trail: Finding Peace in the Promised Land*. Learn about Green's trek and encounters across Israel, and the personal growth he derived. For more information, visit www.bj.org/aryehgreentalk.

- **Shabbat Basketball** 3:30 PM – 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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel

- **Young Families Day of Service** 10:30 AM – 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** 12:30 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.

- **Complex Conversations: Engaging with Diverse Opinions and Values** 3:00 PM – location given upon registration

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

- **Monday Meditation Minyan** 6:30 PM – Chapel

- **Accompaniment Training with New Sanctuary Coalition** 7:00 PM – 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** CANCELLED

This event has been cancelled.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

- Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – Chapel
- The Prophets with Rabbi Hillel Friedman 9:00 AM – 4th Floor Conference Room
- “Soul Food” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol 12:30 PM – Middle Room
- Shirah with Shira—Spring Semester 4:00 PM – Community House
- 6th Grade B’nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting 6:30 PM – Community House
Parents of 6th graders, join Rabbi Felicia Sol, Hazzan Ari Priven, the Family Life and Learning team, and the B’nai Mitzvah team for a meeting on the B’nai Mitzvah process. To R.S.V.P., email Davia at drabinoff@bj.org.
- What is the Talmud and Why Does it Matter? 6:30 PM – 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.
- Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes 7:00 PM – Reception Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

- Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – Chapel
- “In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon 12:30 PM – location provided upon registration

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 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

- 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.
- 20s and 30s Wine Tasting
Saturday, February 2, 4:30-6:00PM, Chapel: Join our Aviv and Young Families groups for a Shabbat wine tasting. Learn about Israeli wines, nosh on cheese, and schmooze with fellow community members. Babysitting is available for children five and under. Register now at www.bj.org/20s30swinetasting.
- Gargantuan Games
Saturday, February 2, 4:30-6:00PM, Community House 3rd Floor: Kindergarteners through 5th graders are invited to join us for a fantastic Shabbat afternoon of friendly competition as we play our favorite games with a gargantuan twist. Register now at www.bj.org/gargantuangames.

TRANSFORMING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

During the Hebrew months of Adar I and Adar II, we will explore the darkness of antisemitism before moving toward the light of Purim with joy and pride. In Adar I, our educational series will help us understand antisemitism in America today. Experts and thought leaders will guide our learning and discussion on this important and timely topic. Find out more at www.bj.org/confrontingantisemitism.

- **After Charlottesville: A Special Evening with Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn**
Tuesday, February 5, 7:30-9:00PM, Sanctuary (✳)
- **The Complexities of Antisemitism in Today's America: Rabbi Jill Jacobs and Yair Rosenberg in Conversation, Moderated by Jane Eisner**
Thursday, February 14, 7:30PM, Sanctuary
- **White Supremacy, Racism, and Antisemitism: A Conversation with Eric Ward**
Wednesday, February 20, 7:30PM, Sanctuary
- **Antisemitism and Jews by Choice**
Monday, February 25, 7:00-8:30PM, Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

- **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.
- **Jewish Mindfulness and Healing Relationships**
Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00-8:00PM, Chapel: Together with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, we will explore some of our universal conflicts and use the tools the tradition has for us to heal. Sign up now at www.bj.org/mindfulnesshealing.
- **Liturgical Hebrew Class**
Wednesdays, February 6-April 3, 6:30-8:00PM, location given upon registration: This class is geared towards those wishing to improve their reading skills and understanding of Hebrew in Jewish liturgy. Decoding and reading Hebrew is essential; comprehension is not. Register at www.bj.org/liturgicalhebrew.
- **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.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● **Caregivers Support Group**

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month beginning February 7, 12:00 noon-1:00PM, Zoom (virtual meeting): Are you a BJ member coping with the challenges of caring for a family member? Join a virtual group for caregivers providing a supportive space inclusive of those who cannot travel. Sign up now at www.bj.org/caregivers19.

● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat**

Friday, February 8, 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, or x255, with any questions.

● **Family Shabbat Dinner: Jews Around the World**

Friday, February 8, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, Chapel: Join us as we celebrate Jewish communities from all around the world! We will explore different customs, cuisines, and traditions over Shabbat dinner. Register by Monday, February 4 at www.bj.org/worldjews.

● **Aviv Shabbat Game Night**

Friday, February 8, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, Frankel Hall: Bring your favorite board game that doesn't require a pencil for a night of pizza, beer, and fun with other 20s and 30s in the community. Sign up now at www.bj.org/avivgamenight.

WHAT'S LATER

● **Demystifying Mikvah with the Jewish Home Project**

Sunday, February 24, 10:30AM, West Side Mikvah, 236 West 74th Street: Join the Jewish Home Project and Rabbinic Fellow Margo Hughes-Robinson for a tour of the West Side Mikvah with ImmerseNYC and a discussion on its spiritual meaning. For more information, and to sign up, visit www.bj.org/jhpmikvah.

● **Infertility Support Group**

Monthly beginning Monday, February 25, 6:00PM, The Jewish Board, 135 West 50th Street: This group is open to individuals and couples of all ages and backgrounds who are struggling with the frustration of infertility. For more information and a screening, email Amy Warren, LMSW, at awarren@jbfc.org, or call her at 212-632-4693.

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

Thursday, February 28, 7:00-8:30PM, Community House: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Prof. Yifat Bitton 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.

● **6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat**

Friday, May 3-Sunday, May 5, Camp Ramah Nyack, Christian Herald Rd, Nyack, NY: Join your fellow 6th graders at our weekend-long B'nai Mitzvah Retreat! Transportation will be provided, as well as snacks on Friday afternoon through breakfast on Sunday. Register now at www.bj.org/6thgraderetreat2019.

● **College Student Eastern European Exploration**

Tuesday, June 11-Monday, June 17, 7:00-8:30PM, 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.

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

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