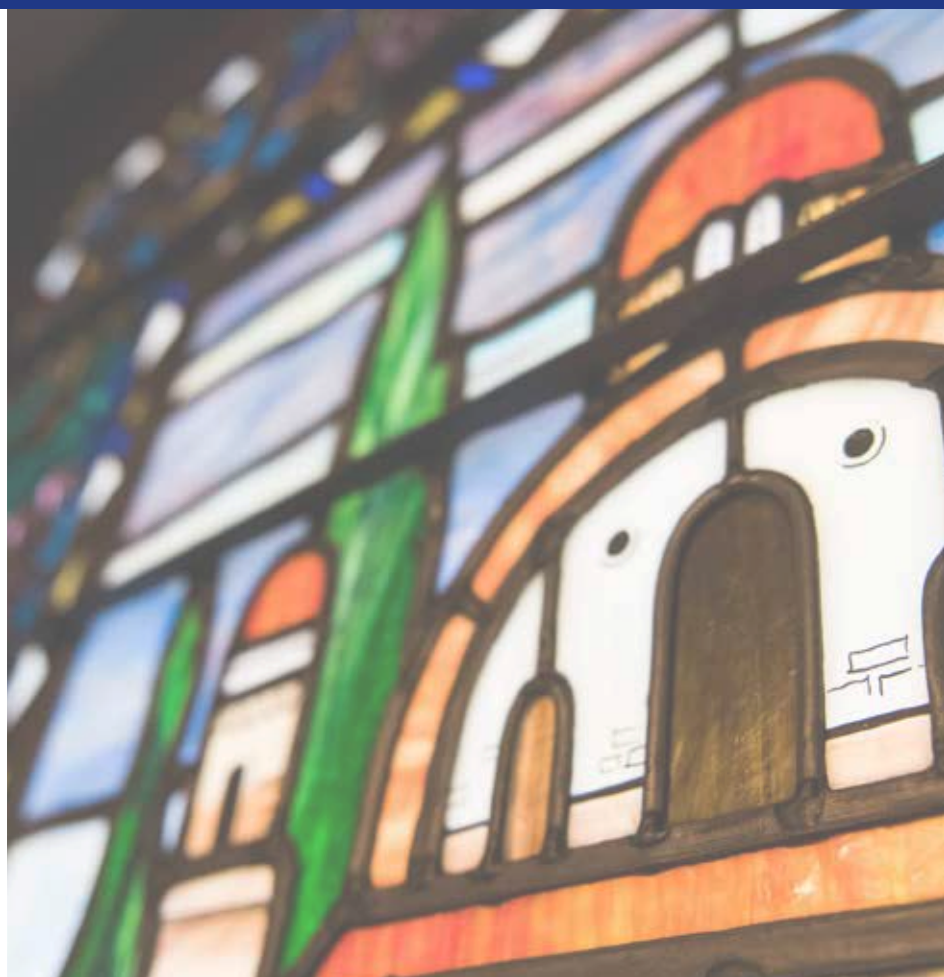


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



February 1-8, 2019 • 26 Shevat–3 Adar I, 5779 • Shabbat Mishpatim

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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- **Prayer & Spirituality**
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- **Family Life & Learning**
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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM} / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Marcia Riklis and her entire family on the death of her father, Meshulam Riklis.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Gabriel Heller, his parents John and Silvia Heller, his brother Daniel Heller, and his sister Amalia Heller, on Gabriel becoming Bar Mitzvah.
- Lauren and Jonathan Birnbaum on the birth of their daughter, Mia Adrianna Birnbaum.
- Peggy Moss on her installation as President of Hadassah New York.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by John and Silvia Heller in honor of Gabriel Heller becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● Shelter Sleepover Volunteers Needed

Sunday–Thursday, 9:00 PM–7:00AM, SPSA or Frankel Hall: Our shelter is in need of reliable volunteers for a once-a-month sleepover shift. This is the only mitzvah you can literally do in your sleep! It's easy, and it makes a huge difference in the lives of our guests. Contact Larissa, lwohl@bj.org to learn more and sign up.

● 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.

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AVAILABLE AT SERVICES & PROGRAMS
IN THE BJ SANCTUARY



THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- ● **February Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – Sanctuary and Frankel Hall
- ● **Yedid Nefesh: Uncovering the Melodies of Shabbat** 5:30 PM – Chapel
For more information, visit www.bj.org/yedidnefesh0201.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – Sanctuary ((•))
- ● **Hitoreri** During and following the Kabbalat Shabbat service – Chapel and Middle Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- **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.
- **Learners' Minyan** 9:30 AM – Frankel Hall
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary ((•))
Bar Mitzvah **Gabriel Heller**
- ● **Family Service (0-Pre-K/K-Grade 2)** 10:45 AM – Middle & Reception Rooms
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following services – Community House 3rd Floor
- ● **20s and 30s Wine Tasting** 4:30 PM – 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 5 and under. Register now at www.bj.org/20s30swinetasting.
- **Gargantuan Games** 4:30 PM – 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel
- **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 10:00 AM – Sanctuary
- **Moving Traditions** 5:00 PM – Community House 4th Floor
- **Israeli Art and Culture Salon Series** 5:00 PM – location given upon registration
Featuring Hadar Noiberg and Hinda Weiss. Sign up now at www.bj.org/israelsalonspring2019.
- **Refugee Cultural Culinary Exchange** 6:00 PM – 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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **Monday Meditation Minyan** 6:30 PM – Chapel
- **Jewish Mindfulness and Healing Relationships** 7:00 PM – 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.
Upcoming classes: 2/12, 19, 26.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | ROSH HODESH ADAR I

- **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

- **Next Stop...Marriage** 6:30 PM – 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.

- **Own Your Tradition: A Community Beit Midrash on Prayer** 6:30 PM – 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.

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

- **After Charlottesville: A Special Evening with Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn** 7:30 PM – Sanctuary (☛)
 More details in green box on the right.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | ROSH HODESH ADAR I

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

- **Cooking In Hebrew: A Course in Israeli Cuisine** 11:00 AM – Frankel Hall

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

- **Liturgical Hebrew Class** 6:30 PM – location given upon registration
 This class is geared towards those wishing to improve their reading skills and understanding of Hebrew in Jewish liturgy. The ability to pronounce and read Hebrew is essential; comprehension is not. Register at www.bj.org/liturgicalhebrew.

- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – Community House

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

- **Guided Exhibition Tour at the Museum of Arts and Design** 11:00 AM – 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.

- **Caregivers Support Group** 12:00 noon – 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. Meets various dates each month. Sign up now at www.bj.org/caregivers19.

- **Cooking In Hebrew: A Course in Israeli Cuisine** 6:30 PM – Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. (through 2/10)

- **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.

TRANSFORMING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

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Tuesday, February 5, 7:30-9:00PM, Sanctuary (••)
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- **Antisemitism and Jews by Choice**
Monday, February 25, 7:00-8:30PM, Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

- **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.
- **Haleli Nafshi**
Saturday, February 9, 5:30PM, 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.
- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30-8:30PM, location given upon registration: 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 Paula at gpaula11@gmail.com.
- **A Converso's Journey to the Rabbinate**
Saturday, February 16, following Kiddush, Chapel: Rabbi Haim Casas will speak of his amazing life journey, from his converso childhood to his ordination in 2017 as the first Spanish-born rabbi in over 500 years. For more information, visit www.bj.org/rabbicasas.

WHAT'S LATER

- **Jump Into Memoir**
Sunday, February 24, 12:00 noon, Middle Room: Participants will harness memory and imagination to shape their stories, while simultaneously exploring elements of craft. Bring a notebook/pad and preferred writing implements. This workshop is open to writers of all levels. Register now at www.bj.org/jumpintomemoir.

WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

- **Inclusion Advocacy Training for Jewish Women and Girls with Disabilities and Their Allies**
Sunday, February 24, 1:00-5:00PM, Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: RespectAbility is pleased to facilitate a community-wide inclusion advocacy training event. Apply now at www.bj.org/disabilitiestraining.
- **Parenting Towards Bar/Bat Mitzvah**
Wednesday, February 27, 6:30-8:00PM, location given upon registration: Parents of 5th and 6th graders are invited to join Rabbi Felicia Sol at her home for community and conversation regarding parenting towards your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Register by Monday, February 18 at www.bj.org/bmitzvahparenting.
- **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.
- **"In the Mirror" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon**
No class this week. Resumes Thursday, March 7, 12:30PM, location provided upon registration: Upcoming classes: 3/14, 28; 4/4, 11. To join the waitlist, email Beth at barson@bj.org.
- **Israeli Book Club**
Tuesday, March 12, 7:00-8:30PM, Community House: BJ's Israeli Book Club is honored to host award-winning Israeli author Ayelet Gundar-Goshen for a reading from her acclaimed novels *Waking Lions* and *One Night, Markovich*. Register now at www.bj.org/bookclub.
- **Demystifying Mikvah with the Jewish Home Project**
Sunday, March 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.
- **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.
- **Young Families Retreat**
Friday, May 3-Sunday, May 5, Camp Ramah Nyack, Christian Herald Rd, Nyack, NY: Join us for a Shabbat weekend filled with outdoor games, music, hiking, learning opportunities, community building, a campfire, and more. Register by April 15 at www.bj.org/youngfamiliesretreat2019.
- **Women's Retreat 2019**
Friday, May 31-Sunday, June 2, 7:00-8:30PM, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, 116 Johnson Road, Falls Village, CT: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for a glorious Shabbat of joy, song, learning, and connection in a beautiful, natural environment filled with the exclusive sound of women's voices. For more information, and to register, visit www.bj.org/womensretreat2019.
- **College Student Eastern European Exploration**
Tuesday, June 11-Monday, June 17, 7:00-8:30PM, Berlin and Prague: 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."

A TASTE OF TORAH: SHABBAT MISHPATIM

כג ואם-אסון, יהיה-ונתתה נפש, תחת נפש. כד עין תחת עין, שון תחת שון, יד תחת יד, רגל תחת רגל.
כה כונה תחת כונה, פצע תחת פצע, חבורה, תחת חבורה.

23 But if other damage ensues, the penalty shall be life for life. 24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. 25 Burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise. — *Exodus 21:23-5*

“An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.” How many times have we heard this maxim, perhaps not even realizing its origin in Torah? Demands of straightforward, physical enactments of justice speak to us deeply. They are resonant with a sense of universality, of ultimate “fairness.” But at the same time, the implicit violence in these exhortations should give us pause. This kind of justice—a *retributive* justice—is satisfying in the short term, but bears potentially terrifying implications. Indeed, almost the entirety of rabbinic tradition responds to this section of our parashah with a demand that we read beyond the plain meaning of the words. “An eye for an eye,” our sages insist, is not actually the way God calls us to enact justice in our world.

In *Masekhet Bava Kama*, the Talmud insists that the proverbial lost eye or tooth must be interpreted as a stand-in for financial compensation for bodily loss. The 13th century Spanish commentator Rabbeinu Bachya pushes this understanding a step further, writing, “...if we were to apply the principle of ‘an eye for an eye’ literally...this would not be justice at all.” What kind of equity could prevail, he asks, if the same physical punishment were to be applied regardless of circumstances? What would this punishment mean to a person who only has one eye, or someone too weak to survive this kind of penalty? There is no way, Rabbeinu Bachya concludes, that this kind of physical punishment results in any semblance of real justice.

The rabbinic principle of financial remuneration, however, might allow for a process known as *restorative* justice. This approach is one that seeks healing and restitution, rather than punishment. Instead of merely penalizing a perpetrator, restorative justice allows the harmed party a space to have their pain recognized and to move toward healing. It even enables the perpetrator to be part of that holistic healing process.

As the 16th century mystic Isaiah Horowitz notes in his landmark work *Sh’nei Luhot haBrit*, this restorative model of justice allows us to witness God’s holy attribute of *rahamim* (mercy) at work within God’s *din* (judgement). Swift enactment of physical punishment can soothe the anger we experience when we witness injustice, but Divine mercy compels us to dream of the ways we can use an instance of deep hurt as a moment for transformation. God’s *rahamim* challenges us to reimagine the pain we see in the world, and demands that we recognize it not only as a wound, but as an opportunity for radical tikkun.

— Margo Hughes-Robinson

TORAH PORTION

MISHPATIM

Torah: Annual	Exodus 21:1-24:18
Triennial	Exodus 23:20-24:18
1:	23:20-23:25
2:	23:26-23:30
3:	23:31-23:33
4:	24:1-24:6
5:	24:7-24:11
6:	24:12-24:14
7:	24:15-24:18
Maftir:	24:15-24:18
Haftarah	Jeremiah 34:8-34:22, 33:25-33:26

NEXT WEEK: TERUMAH

Torah: Annual	Exodus 25:1-27:19
Triennial	Exodus 26:31-27:19
Haftarah	I Kings 5:26-6:13

Coffee not delivering its usual zing? **Come to morning minyan** and get a spiritual jolt to start your day. Develop a daily Jewish practice, meet new people in an intimate setting, and help us make a minyan so our members can say kaddish for their loved ones. **Visit www.bj.org/minyan.**



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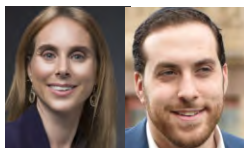
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After Charlottesville: An Evening with Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn

Tuesday, February 5 | 7:30-9:00PM | Sanctuary

Two of America's leading litigators discuss their groundbreaking lawsuit against white supremacists, in a conversation moderated by Amy Spitznick. Sign up now at www.bj.org/kaplananddunn.



The Complexities of Antisemitism in Today's America

Thursday, February 14 | 7:30PM | Sanctuary

Rabbi Jill Jacobs and Yair Rosenberg analyze antisemitism across the political spectrum. Moderated by Jane Eisner. Sign up now at www.bj.org/antisemitismconversation.



White Supremacy, Racism, and Antisemitism: A Conversation with Eric Ward

Wednesday, February 20 | 7:30PM | Sanctuary

Learn about the relationship between antisemitism, racism, and white supremacy, and how they threaten American democracy. Sign up now at www.bj.org/ericward.



Antisemitism and Jews by Choice

Monday, February 25 | 7:00-8:30PM | Chapel

Rabbinic Fellow Margo Hughes-Robinson leads a discussion on the unique experience of Jews by Choice in facing antisemitism. Open to BJ members who are Jews by choice, and their loved ones. Sign up now at www.bj.org/antisemitismchoice.