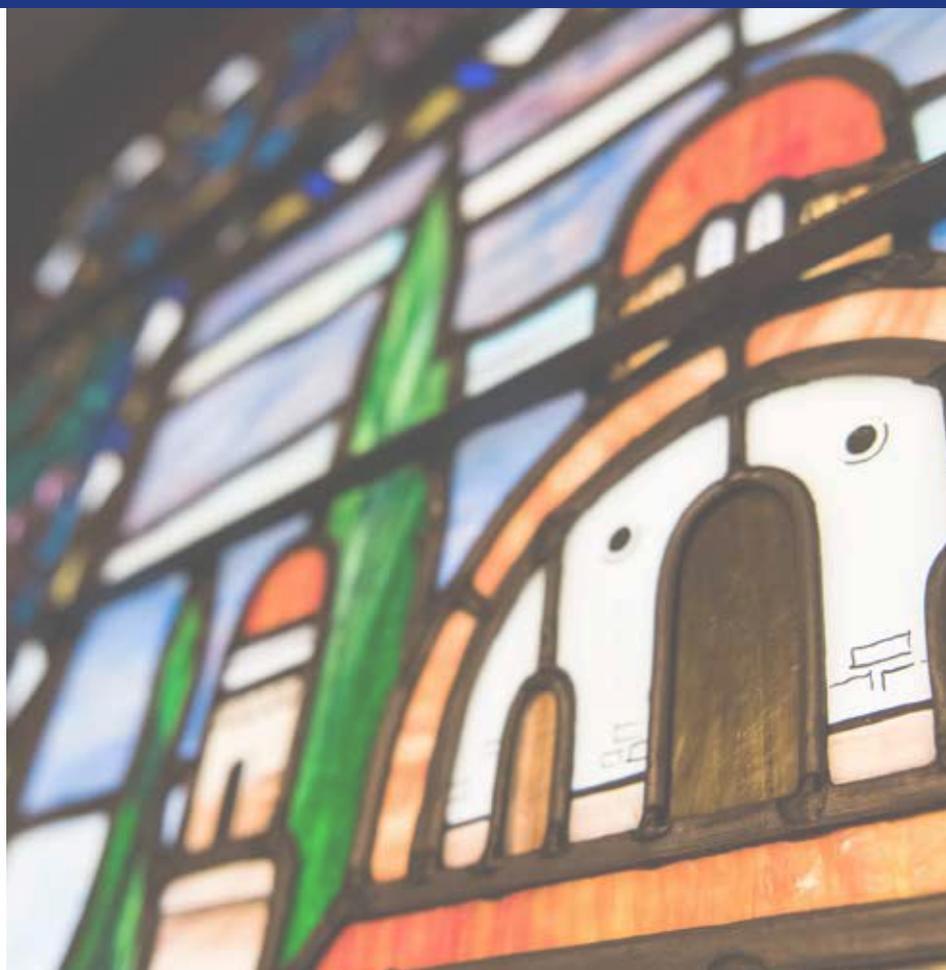


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- **Prayer & Spirituality**
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OUR COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Justin and Avi Smolen and their son Aaron on the arrival of their daughter and sister, Kaylee Rebecca Rosen Smolen.

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.

● A Town Hall on Justice for NYS Farmworkers

Tuesday, February 19, 6:00–8:00PM, Riverfront branch: Yonkers Public Library, 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY: Join the BJ Economic Justice Hevra and our partners as we make a push to pass the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act. To R.S.V.P., email Paula at gpaula11@gmail.com.

THE SANCTUARY SONG

Ve'asu li mikdash, veshakhanti betokham
Vanaḥnu, nevarekh yah, me'ata ve'ad olam

וְעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשִׁכְנֵתִי בְּתוֹכְכֶם
וְאֶנְחֵנוּ נִבְרַךְ יְיָ, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם

Oh God prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true
And in Thanksgiving I will be a living
Sanctuary, for You.

📺 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, FEBRUARY 8

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

- **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. Please contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org, or x255, with any questions.
- **Family Shabbat Dinner: Jews Around the World** 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** 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary (••)
- **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
- **Haleli Nafshi** 5:30 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, FEBRUARY 10

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – Chapel
- **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 10:00 AM – Community House 3rd Floor
- **Hebrew-Speaking Havurah** 5:30 PM – location given upon 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. Email Nili at ngitig@gmail.com with any questions.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- **Monday Meditation Minyan** 6:30 PM – Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- **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** This series has been postponed to a date TBA
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.

Tuesday, February 12. continued

- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – 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.
- **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: 2/19, 26.
- **Everyday Ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes** 7:00 PM – Reception Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- ● **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. Weekly through April 3. Register at www.bj.org/liturgicalhebrew.
- **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – Community House

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
 - **The Complexities of Antisemitism in Today's America** 7:30 PM – Sanctuary (●)
- More details in green box below.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- **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

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. Throughout Adar I, we are exploring antisemitism in America today through a series of educational sessions. Experts and thought leaders will guide our learning and discussion on this important and timely topic. Find out more at www.bj.org/confrontingantisemitism.

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- **Antisemitism and Jews by Choice**
Monday, February 25, 7:00-8:30PM, Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

● **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.

● ● **Community Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**

Friday, February 22, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, Reception and Middle Rooms: Make your Shabbat sweeter with friends, food, and singing led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Join us for an intimate three-course dinner with wine and enjoy the company of your fellow community members. Register now at www.bj.org/marcelodinner.

● **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.

● **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.

WHAT'S LATER

● **March Tot Shabbat**

Friday, March 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 with Shabbat blessings and songs. While adults are finishing their meal, children engage in play and exploration. Register now at www.bj.org/totshabbatmarch19.

● **Israeli Art and Culture Salon Series**

Sunday, March 3, 4:00-6:00PM, 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 upcoming session will feature fashion designer Michal Hidas and pianist/composer Daniel Meron. Sign up at www.bj.org/israelasalonspring2019.

● **Cooking In Hebrew: A Course in Israeli Cuisine (Wednesday Class)**

Wednesday, March 6, 11:00AM-2:00PM, Frankel Hall: Participants learn to prepare traditional Israeli and Middle-Eastern kosher dishes, exposing them to Israel's multi-cultural society, and an opportunity to improve their Hebrew in the process. No prior knowledge of Hebrew or cooking necessary. Sign up for either one or two four-class semesters at www.bj.org/cookinginhebrewwednesday.

● **"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 btarson@bj.org.

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● 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, Markovitch*. 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.

TORAH PORTION

TERUMAH

Torah: Annual	Exodus 25:1-27:19
Triennial	Exodus 26:31-27:19
1:	26:31-26:33
2:	26:34-26:37
3:	27:1-27:3
4:	7:4-27:8
5:	27:9-27:12
6:	27:13-27:16
7:	27:17-27:19
Maftir:	27:17-27:19
Haftarah	I Kings-5:26-6:13

NEXT WEEK: TETZAVEH

Torah: Annual	Exodus 27:20-30:10
Triennial	Exodus 29:19-30:10
Haftarah	Ezekiel 43:10-43:27

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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A TASTE OF TORAH: SHABBAT TERUMAH

This week's portion illuminates the difference between construction and design. Already, the Torah has been full of construction projects—Noah's Ark, the Tower of Babel, and the storehouses of Egypt. Those endeavors were only concerned with the buildings' utilitarian purposes: house animals and stay afloat, build ever higher, and store grain while afflicting the Israelites with hard labor, respectively. As such, the Torah only described practical details such as each structure's outer trappings, dimensions, and construction materials.

Now we read of another grand project: the building of the Israelites' portable sanctuary known as the mishkan, or tabernacle. For the first time, the Torah shows a flare for interior design, as we read about the exact colors, special materials, expert craft, and precise positioning of the various elements inside the structure. Why such detail?

Unlike the utilitarian aim of construction—build *this* to be able to do *that*—good design can serve as a teacher, allowing a space to communicate values in addition to serving a functional purpose. Winston Churchill once said, "We shape our buildings and afterwards our buildings shape us." Our holy places shape us as well. The verse that initiates the mishkan project hints at the greater significance of this design project.

וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכָם

Make for Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among you all.

—Exodus 25:8

The construction project version of this verse would have concluded וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכּוֹ, "that I may dwell in *it*." Instead, the verse states "among you all," signifying that this sanctuary will imbue not just the structure, but all Israelites with God's presence. The details of interior design that follow this verse are an aid to this inculcation, teaching us how we can manifest God's presence in ourselves, even as we live beyond the mishkan.

The menorah spurs us to spread light into the world. The altar propels us towards gift-giving and self-sacrifice. The ark of the covenant compels us to uphold justice and the law. The Holy of Holies, the inner sanctum of the mishkan, reminds us of the ineffable and transcendent, which we approach with reverence—though we rarely, if ever, fully encounter God's essence.

Spreading light, giving gifts, upholding justice, and encountering holiness—these are some of the lessons that the interior design of the mishkan offers us. Beyond these, perhaps the most significant design element of the mishkan is its portability—a sanctuary that moves with the people such that these values and God's presence are never left behind. Whether you are reading this sitting in the synagogue, at home, or riding the subway while on your phone, the mishkan can serve as a blueprint for inhabiting our lives—elevating human beings from a solely functional construction to a values-driven design.

— Tobias Divack Moss



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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.