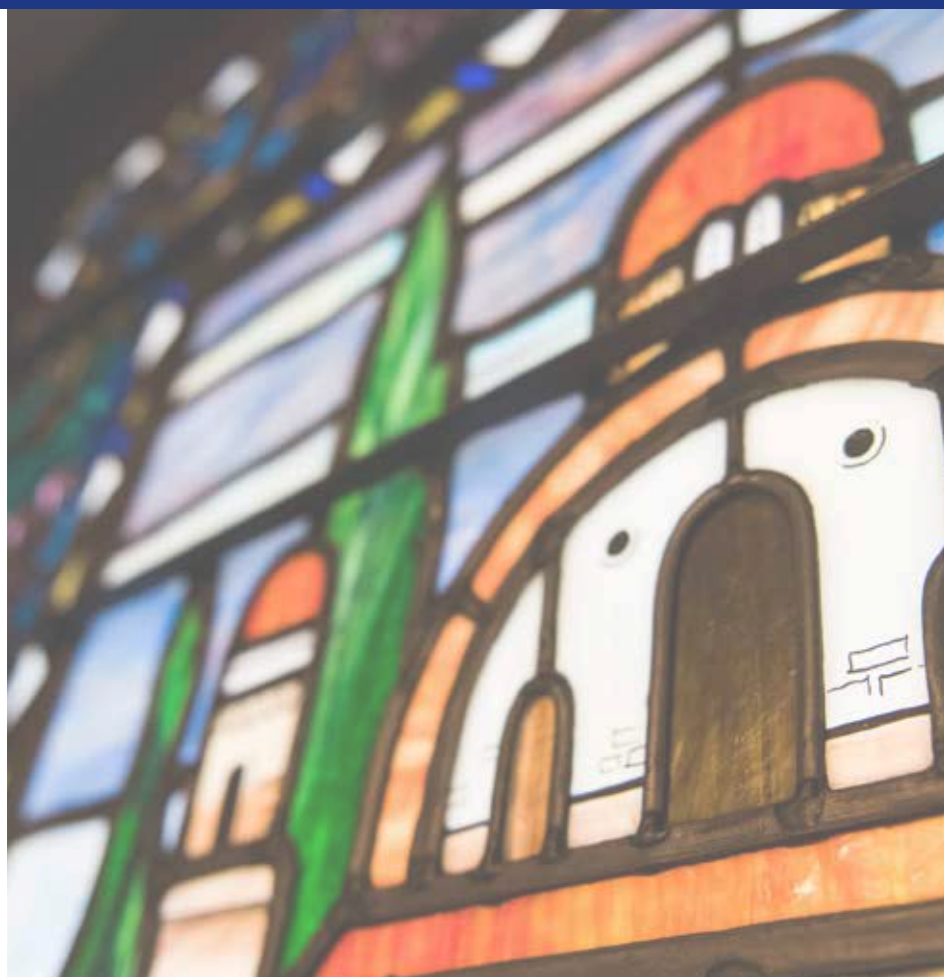


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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March 8–15, 2019 • 1–8 Adar II, 5779 • Shabbat Pekudei

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.

PLEASE JOIN US:

- **Prayer & Spirituality**
- **Limud / Learning**
- **Family Life & Learning**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
- **Israel Programming**
- **Purim Events & Services**
- **Pesah Events & Services**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Stephen Zawel and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife Madeline Zawel, and their entire family.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Rachel and Sam Bruce, and big sister Leah, on the birth of their daughter, Aviva Miriam Bruce.
- Joy Levitt, Michael Strassfeld, and Diane Levitt on the upcoming wedding of Joy's daughter, Ruthie Friedlander, to Steven Chaiken.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Sam Kahan Strakes and Teen Philanthropy Group, Baltimore, Maryland.
- **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.

Friday Evening Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Note: Beginning Friday, March 15, Kabbalat Shabbat services will start at 6:30PM.




WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● **Donate Packages of Socks for Purim Tzedek Fest**

Seeking donations now through March 17, Community House 2nd Floor: If you would like to help support the Purim Tzedek Fest, please drop off packages of new, unworn socks (preferably in unisex sizes) to the BJ office. Questions? Email Larissa at lwohl@bj.org, or call her at x272.

● **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.

 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, MARCH 8 | ROSH HODESH ADAR II

- **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. Contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org, or x255, with any questions.
- **Family Shabbat Dinner: March Madness** Following the Kabbalat Shabbat service – Chapel
Wear your favorite team's jersey—the theme of this Shabbat dinner is March Madness! Register by Monday, March 4, at www.bj.org/marchmadness.

SATURDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 10

Daylight Saving Time begins (turn clocks ahead 1 hour)

- **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.
- **Poets, Refugees, Shadows: Music of our Spanish Inheritance** 7:00 PM – Sanctuary (••)
Join us for an exploration of beautiful Sefardi poetry and music. Together, we will take a journey through the gorgeous melodies of Ladino song and piyut (Hebrew liturgical poetry) born out of the experience of those unwanted in the land they called home—a narrative still hauntingly relevant today. Register now at www.bj.org/spanishinheritanceconcert.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
- 🎭 ● **Purim Shpiel Rehearsal** 4:00 PM – Sanctuary
- **Monday Meditation Minyan** 6:30 PM – Chapel
- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 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 Paula at gpaula11@gmail.com.

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

Tuesday, March 5, continued

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- **Israeli Book Club** 7:00 PM – 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.
 - **Special Screening: The Human Element, A New Climate Film** 7:00-9:00PM – Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue
Join the BJ Environmental Advocates for a special screening of *The Human Element*, a new climate documentary, followed by a Q&A with the director, Matthew Testa, and the JCC director, Joy Levitt. Register now at www.bj.org/humanelement.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
 - **Podcasts, Popcorn, and Prosecco** 7:00 PM – location given upon registration
Join other 20s and 30s for a series of guided conversations, each centered around a different podcast! Fueled by popcorn and prosecco, Session One will explore everyday ethics with Rabbi Adina Lewittes. Sign up is required at www.bj.org/avivpodcasts.
 - **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – Community House
 - **Zayin Adar Teaching: New Questions and Quandaries for the Jewish Funeral** 7:30 PM – Sanctuary
Join journalist and funeral director Amy Cunningham for a discussion about how the green burial movement is spawned from Jewish and Islamic burial practice. Sign up now at www.bj.org/zayinadarteaching.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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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
 - **ReGroup** 7:00 PM – Chapel
Wondering what role Judaism can play in your multi-faith or multi-heritage family? Join us as we explore different ways of bringing Judaism into our lives. Upcoming session: 5/6. To learn more, or to R.S.V.P., email Sarah at srosenthal@bj.org.
 - **Parenting Children in Multi-Faith/Multi-Heritage Relationships** 7:00 PM – Middle Room
Is your child dating or married to someone with a different faith background or heritage? Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes and clinical psychologist Dr. Sherri Kauderer for an open and supportive conversation. Sign up now at www.bj.org/adinasherriconversation.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel
 - **Spring Bim Bam** 10:15 AM, 11:15 AM – Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Bo-i Kallah**
Friday, March 15, 6:30PM, Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, Music Director Dan Nadel and Deborah Sacks Mintz 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.
- **Aviv Shabbat Potluck Dinner**
Friday, March 15, following the Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Middle Room: Make new friends and eat good food! Join fellow BJ members in their 20s and 30s for a Purim potluck dinner following Kabbalat Shabbat services. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian creation. Sign up now at www.bj.org/avivpurimpotluck.

WHAT'S NEXT

● ● Installation of Rabbi Erin Glazer (••)

Saturday, March 16, during Shabbat morning services, Sanctuary: Please join us for the installation of Rabbi Erin Glazer. Erin's mentor, Rabbi Naamah Kelman, will give the D'var Torah. Rabbi Kelman is the Dean of The Taube Family Campus, Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem.

● LiteraTorah: Yiddish Troubadors and Modern Midrash in Memory of Shira Palmer Sherman (••)

Saturday, March 16, 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.

● Purim Tzedek Fest

Sunday, March 17, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Frankel Hall: Join us for an afternoon of hamentaschen baking and assembling matanot le-eyyonim (care packages for the poor), to be distributed at the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Lunch will be provided for participants who register at www.bj.org/purimtzedekfest2019.

● ● Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Sanctuary: Celebrate Purim with the entire BJ community! This carnival will be complete with exciting games, arts and crafts, a giant bounce house, and more. The carnival will open at 10:30AM for families with children ages 0-5, and at 11:00AM for all. Register now at www.bj.org/purimcarnival2019.

● Comedy for Peace

Monday, March 18, 7:00PM, Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street: Join UJA for a side-splitting show featuring comics from diverse backgrounds who transcend the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with comedy and dismantle stereotypes with satire. We'll also discover UJA's work bridging gaps among different populations in Israel. Register at www.bj.org/comedyforpeace.

● ● BJ's Purim Shpiel (••)

Tuesday, March 19, 5:00PM, Sanctuary: Get your groggers ready and break out your dancing shoes! For more information, including other performances, visit www.bj.org/purimshpiel.

● Family Purim Celebration

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30-6:30PM, Sanctuary: Families with children in 2nd grade and under are encouraged to come in costume and experience a kid-friendly version of the Purim story with music, snacks, and a costume parade. Sign up now at www.bj.org/familypurim2019.

● Celebrate Purim at the Community Megillah Reading (••)

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00PM, Sanctuary: Get dressed up and join us for a lively Megillah reading for the whole community, hosted by drag queen Alexis Michelle! Please bring a box of macaroni (preferably whole wheat) to use as a grogger to be donated to WSCAH.

● Megillah Reading at Morning Minyan



Thursday, March 21, 7:30AM, Chapel: Keep the party going! Join us on the morning of Purim for a reading of the whole Megillah along with our morning minyan. No registration necessary, all are welcome.

WHAT'S LATER

● ● Paying it Forward Shabbat Dinners

Beginning Friday, March 22, various times and locations: Reserve your spot at one of these upcoming dinners, and then take your turn and host a meal yourself for other BJ members in your own social circle. For more information, and to sign up, visit www.bj.org/pif.

WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

-  ● **The Spiritual Journey from Purim to Pesah**
Saturday, March 23, following Kiddush, Chapel: Join Cantor Dave Mintz for learning and discussion as we use rabbinic, Hassidic, and contemporary texts to explore the spiritual journey that carries us from Purim to Pesah. Open to all, no registration required.
- **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.
- **The Spiritual State of Being a Woman in America**
Thursday, March 24, 7:00-8:30PM, Chapel: Ginna Green will share her thoughts on the Women's March, what it means to be a Jewish woman of color in our current political moment, and our calling as Jews in this time. Sign up at www.bj.org/spiritualstatemarch.
- **Next Stop...Kids**
Thursdays, March 28; April 4, 11, 7:00-8:30PM, Community House: Join us for an exploration of a different element of parenthood in each expert-led session. Session one with Rabbi Erin Glazer, session two with financial advisors Donna Nadler and Arthur Belkin, and session three with master therapist Dr. Ron Taffel. Register at www.bj.org/nextstopkids.
-  ● **Finding Your Haggadah**
Sunday, March 31, 10:30AM, Middle Room: Join Rabbi Adina Lewittes for a pre-Pesah breakfast where we will compare different haggadot and explore creative ways to enjoy a text that will guide and inspire you and your seder guests. Sign up now at www.bj.org/haggadahbreakfast.
- **Justice for Farmworkers: An Afternoon of Spirit, Song, and Social Justice**
Sunday, March 31, 3:00-5:00PM, Sanctuary: Join us on Cesar Chavez Day for a gathering featuring Flor de Toloache, in support of NY's farmworkers who remain excluded from the basic labor protections entitled to all other workers. Sign up now at www.bj.org/cesarchavezday.
- **From Generation to Generation: A Grandparenting Series**
Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 7:30PM, Community House: Join BJ's Jewish Home Project for one, or all, of three sessions exploring themes of grandparenting with other grandparents, practitioners, and teachers in settings filled with learning, sharing, and support. Sign up now at www.bj.org/grandparentingseries.
- **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.

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

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A TASTE OF TORAH: SHABBAT PEKUDEI

כָּכֹל אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יי, אֶת-מֹשֶׁה: כִּן עָשׂוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֶת כָּל-הָעֲבֹדָה. וַיִּרְא מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-הַמְּלָאכָה, וַהֲנִיחַ עֵשׂוֹ אֶת-הָאֵשֶׁר צִוָּה יי, כִּן עָשׂוּ; וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם, מֹשֶׁה

According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did the work. And Moses saw all the work, and, behold, they had done it; as the Lord commanded, even so had they done it. And Moses blessed them.

—Exodus 39:42-43

After five parashiyot of instruction and sanctification, the Mishkan has finally been built. Though not without struggle, the Israelites have succeeded in sanctifying a space in their camp where God's Presence may dwell. After so much time building, perhaps this moment comes as a relief, both to the Israelites of the Torah narrative and to its contemporary readers. But this relief may obscure just how miraculous this process truly is: *we have built a place where God's Presence may dwell*. How can the same people who only weeks ago built a golden calf as an idol now build a sanctuary for the Most High? While the task at hand may seem intimidating, the midrashic work *Bamidbar Rabbah* emphasizes the heart of this work—building the Mishkan is to be a labor of love.

“To what is the matter similar? To a King who had a Beloved. The King said, “I will eat with you, so go and prepare for me.” The Beloved went and prepared an ordinary couch, an ordinary lamp, an ordinary table. When the King came, he brought his assistants around him and a golden lamp before him. When the Beloved saw all the glory of the King, he became ashamed and hid all he had prepared, since it all was plain. The King said to him, “Did I not tell you I would eat with you? Why have you prepared nothing for me?” The Beloved said to him, “I saw all the glory that you came with, and I was ashamed and hid all I had prepared for you, for they were all ordinary things.” The King said to him, “By your life, I swear that I will ruin all my things that I brought with me, and for the sake of your love I will not use anything except your possessions!” (*Bamidbar Rabbah 15:8*)

What kind of sanctuary must we construct to give proper kavod to the Creator-Redeemer? At its zenith, the crafting of the Mishkan shifts away from lists of precious materials that have defined this multi-week narrative, and back to the experience of Am Yisrael. Ultimately, we conclude our parashah—and with it, the book of Exodus—with a transformation: in Egypt, we were slaves, people who were treated as possessions for centuries. Through building the Mishkan, we are dignified as people to employ our possessions not as means to an end, but in pursuit of sacred relationship. As the midrashic parable emphasizes, it is our our work as God's collective Beloved, not any materials that we use, that makes the Mishkan a sacred home. God desires not our finery, but our hearts.

—Margo Hughes-Robinson

TORAH PORTION

PEKUDEI

Torah: Annual	Exodus 38:21-40:38
Triennial	Exodus 39:22-40:38
1:	39:22-39:26
2:	39:27-39:32
3:	39:33-39:43
4:	40:1-40:8
5:	40:9-40:16
6:	40:17-40:27
7:	40:28-40:38
Maftir:	40:34-40:38
Haftarah	I Kings 7:40-7:50

NEXT WEEK: YAYIKRA

SHABBAT ZAKHOR

Torah: Annual	Leviticus 1:1-5:26
Triennial	Leviticus 4:27-5:26
Haftarah	Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:22-9:23

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.**

Please turn over

ASHORER SHIRAH

I will compose songs to honor the Torah More precious than gold, bright and pure	אֲשׁוֹרֵר שִׁירָה לְכַבֹּד הַתּוֹרָה מִפָּז יִקְרָה זָכָה וְבָרָה	Ashorer shirah likhvod hatorah mipaz yekarah zakah u'varah
The Faithful One chose His nation To be His nation chosen for His name	נֶאֱמַן שֵׁמוֹ בָּחַר בְּעַמּוֹ לְהִיּוֹת לוֹ לְשֵׁמוֹ אֲמָה נִבְחָרָה	ne'eman shemo bahar be'amo lih'yot lo lishmo ummah nivharah
He revealed his majesty at Sinai in his glory He called His servant to receive the Torah	נִגְלָה בְּכַבְדּוֹ, עַל סִינַי הוֹדוֹ קָרָא לְעַבְדּוֹ, לְקַבֵּל תּוֹרָה	niglah bikhvodo, al sinai hodo kara le'avdo, lekabbel torah
It was given to us by our shepherd Our teacher, Moses, chosen one of the nation	נִתְּנָה לָנוּ עַל יַד רוֹעֵנוּ מֹשֶׁה רַבְּנוּ בְּחִיר הָאֲמָה	nittenah lanu al yad ro'enu mosheh rabbenu behir ha'umma
Faithful in His house, he saw His image His prophecy was a clear vision	נֶאֱמַן בֵּיתוֹ הִבִּיט בְּדַמּוֹתָיו גַּם נְבוֹאָתוֹ מְרָאָה מְאִירָה	ne'eman beito hibbit bidmuto gam nevu'ato mar'ah me'irah
Let Israel rejoice in God's love He gives inheritance to those who learn Torah	יִצְהִיל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאַהֲבַת אֵל כִּי הוּא מְנַחֵל אֶל לֹמְדֵי תּוֹרָה	yismah yisra'el be'ahavat el ki hu manhil el lomdei torah
The perfect Torah is very delightful Making fools wise, lighting up eyes — Translation by Abigail Denmark	רַבָּה נְעִימָה תּוֹרָה תְּמִימָה פֶּתִי מְחַכְמָה עֵינַי מְאִירָה	rabbah ne'imah torah temimah peti mahkimah ayin me'irah