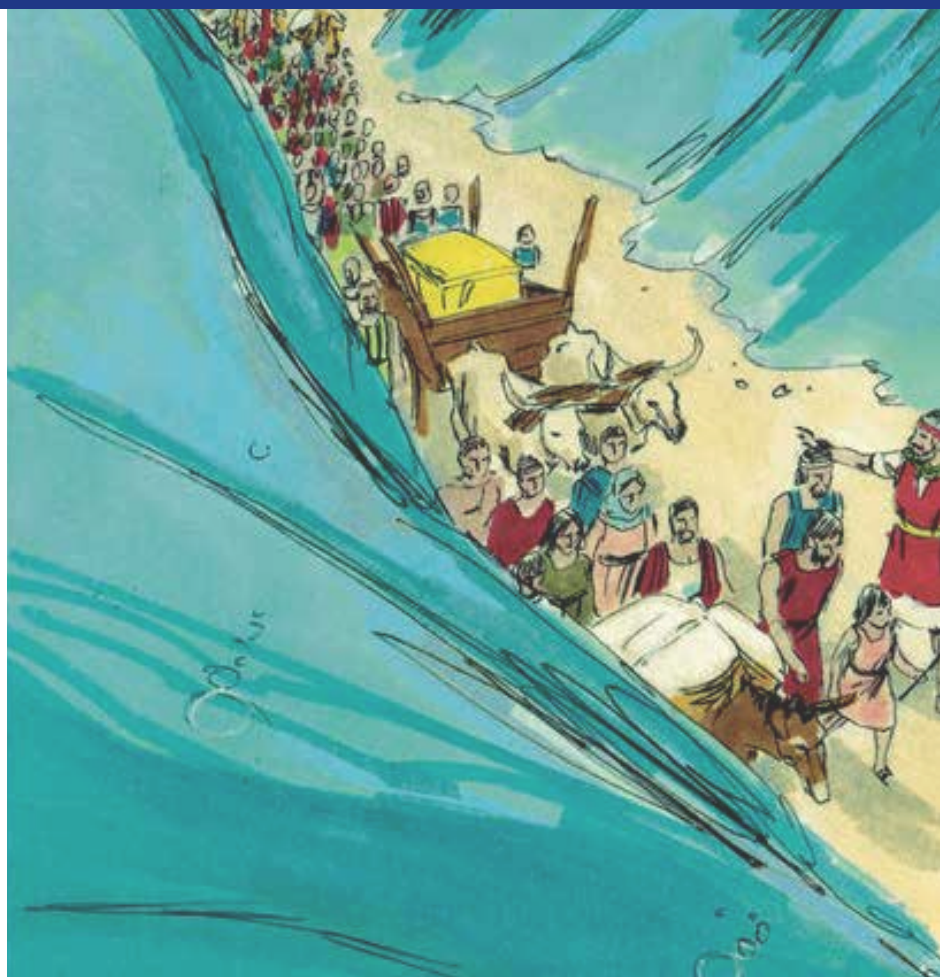


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



April 19–26, 2019 • 14–21 Nisan, 5779 • Shabbat 1st Day Pesah

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**

 **Pesah Events & Services**

((•)) Indicates events that can be viewed on the BJ livestream at www.bj.org/live.

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OUR COMMUNITY

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:

● Jewish-Muslim Solidarity Fridays

Friday, April 19, 1:00-2:30PM, Islamic Cultural Center, Riverside Drive: Every Friday, Jewish Upper West Siders greet worshippers before and after their Friday prayers to show our support and solidarity. All are welcome, no registration required. For more information, including what to bring, visit www.bj.org/solidarityfridays.



● Rise Up: Music of Justice, Resistance, and Hope

Wednesday, May 29, 7:00PM, Sanctuary: Our spring fundraising concert will celebrate how social change movements throughout the ages have been powered by the music of justice, resistance, and hope. Sponsorships and tickets available now at www.bj.org/riseup.

📺 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, APRIL 19 | EREV PESAḤ—1st SEDER

BJ Office closes at 1:00 PM

 ● **Kabbalat Shabbat and Erev Pesah Services** 6:30 PM – Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 | 1st DAY PESAḤ—2nd SEDER

 ● **Shabbat and First Day Pesah 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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 1 (Hesed Shebehesed)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 | 2nd DAY PESAḤ

 ● **Second Day Pesah Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary (•)

 ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – Chapel

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 2 (Gevurah Shebehesed)

MONDAY, APRIL 22 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

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

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 7:00 PM – Location given upon registration

Get involved in the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign. We are asking questions, having conversations, and educating the community to expand our collective understanding of ethical consumption. Email Paula, gpaula11@gmail.com, to R.S.V.P.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 3 (Tiferet Shebehesed)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

● **Weekday Evening Minyan: A Pilot of the Center for Prayer and Spirituality** 6:30 PM – Community House

We are excited to announce a three-month pilot of an evening minyan on Tuesdays–Thursdays at BJ, with the hope that—through communal engagement—it will become a long-term practice. For more information, visit www.bj.org/eveningminyan.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 4 (Netzah Shebehesed)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel

● **Evening Minyan** 6:30 PM – Community House

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 6 (Yesod Shebehesed)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | ḤOL HAMOED PESAḤ

BJ Office closes at 1:00 PM

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – Chapel


 ● **Seventh Day Pesah Evening Service** 7:30 PM – Chapel

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 6 (Yesod Shebehesed)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | 7th DAY PESAḤ

BJ Office closes

 ● **Seventh Day Pesah Services** 9:30 AM – Sanctuary (•)

 ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

● Sponsor a Community Kiddush

Saturdays, beginning May 4, following Shabbat morning services, Community House 3rd Floor: Sponsoring a Community Kiddush is a wonderful way to show your support. If you're interested in contributing to a kiddush in honor of a milestone or in memory of a loved one, please email Julie or call her at x258.

● Register for BJ Hazorim CSA 2019

Tuesdays, June 4-October 29, 4:30-7:30PM, Community House: Registration is now open for BJ's Community Supported Agriculture. Pick up fresh, organic vegetables, eggs, fruit, and/or butter from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week for 22 weeks. Register now at www.bj.org/csa2019.

● Paying it Forward Shabbat Dinners

Ongoing, 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.

● Aliyah for Holocaust Survivors and Their Families

Saturday, April 27, during Shabbat morning services, Sanctuary: On the Shabbat before Yom Hashoah, we invite Holocaust survivors, their families, and their descendants for a special aliyah to commemorate those who perished, pay tribute to those who survived, and mark our commitment to Jewish life into the future.

● Next Stop...Marriage

Tuesdays beginning April 30, 7:00-8:30PM, Chapel: Prepare for your wedding and beyond with our pre-marriage series. Session one with Rabbi Felicia Sol, session two with financial planners Donna Nadler and Arthur Belkin, and session three with couples therapist Sherri Kauderer. Register at www.bj.org/nextstopmarriage.

● Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30PM, Sanctuary: Join us for a commemoration of Yom Hashoah as we read the names of those who perished and hear guest speaker Dr. Bernd Wollschaeger. For more information on active participation and the West Side all-night vigil, visit www.bj.org/yomhashoah2019

● Podcasts, Popcorn, and Prosecco

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00-10:00PM, 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, this session will explore antisemitism with Rabbi Shuli Passow. Sign up is required at www.bj.org/avivpodcasts.

● Spring Bim Bam

Friday, May 3, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00PM, Chapel: Bim Bam gives children under three 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. For more information, visit www.bj.org/springbimbam.

● Aviv: Death Over Dinner

Friday, May 3, following the Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Rooftop: Community members in their 20s and 30s: join us for a lively and uplifting conversation about death. Over dinner, we'll explore Jewish and medical perspectives on death, dying, and mourning. Register now at www.bj.org/avivdeathdinner.

● 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.

WHAT'S NEXT

● **Post-Kiddush Talk with the Jewish Climate Action Network**

Saturday, May 4, 2:30PM, Chapel: Join the BJ Environmental Advocates for a post-kiddush discussion about climate legislation on the local, state, and federal levels, led by Wendy Seligson and Merav Cohen of the Jewish Climate Action Network of NYC. Sign up at www.bj.org/jcantalk.

● **UWS Celebrates Israel 2019**

Sunday, May 5, 11:00AM-9:00PM, Sanctuary, Community House, and various locations on the Upper West Side: The Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan and UWS synagogues, schools, and Jewish organizations invite everyone to come together for a neighborhood-wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut. For the full itinerary and registration for ticketed events, visit www.bj.org/uwsisrael.

● **"Sing—Now!—to God!"—Miriam and Moses**

Monday, May 6, 7:00PM, Sanctuary: Join Avivah Zornberg for a discussion on the history of the prophetess Miriam and her relationship with her brother Moses. Registration is \$25 (\$30 at the door) and \$15 for students. Register now at www.bj.org/miriamandmoses.

● **Interpretive Challah Shaping: A Masterclass with @lechlechallah**

Thursday, May 9, 7:00-9:00PM, Frankel Hall: This class, taught by Student Rabbi Vanessa Harper (@lechlechallah), includes an introduction to advanced bread shaping, an Omer study, and the creation of interpretive challah. No artistic skill required; familiarity with challah/bread making recommended. Register at www.bj.org/lechlechallah.

WHAT'S LATER

● ● **Family Shabbat Dinner: Final Fiesta in Honor of Kitah Zayin**

Friday, May 10, following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, Chapel: Join us for a special Shabbat Dinner honoring our 7th grade students, officially welcoming them into the BJ Teen Program. Register by Monday, May 6, at www.bj.org/finalfiesta.

● **Life in Three Jeruselems: East, West, and Haredi**

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00-8:30PM, Reception Room: Join Michal Sherez Shilor, the founder of 0202 – Points of View from Jerusalem, as she brings different narratives of Jerusalem residents, and the way they affect life in the city, to light. Sign up now at www.bj.org/threejeruselems.

● **ReGroup**

Thursday, May 16, 7:00PM, 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. To learn more, or to R.S.V.P., email Sarah at srosenthal@bj.org.

● **Rabbi Rachel Cowan Chapel Dedication**

Sunday, May 19, 5:00-6:30PM, Chapel: Join us to name the BJ Chapel in Rachel's honor, creating a holy gathering space dedicated to her continued legacy and commitment to BJ. For more information, visit www.bj.org/chapeldedication.

A TASTE OF TORAH: SHABBAT 1ST DAY PESAH

זָבַח-פֶּסַח הוּא לִי אֲשֶׁר פָּסַח עַל-בְּתֵי בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִצְרַיִם בְּנִגְפוֹ אֶת-מִצְרַיִם וְאֶת-
בְּתֵינוּ הִצִּיל

It is the Passover sacrifice to Adonai who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when smiting the Egyptians and yet saved our households. —Exodus 12:27

What is the name of this holiday that we have just begun? If this sounds to you like a trick question, then you are correct—it is. The answer we are accustomed to is Hag HaPesah, or the Festival of Passover. Although this name is derived from the above verse, the Torah refers to the holiday itself by a different name: Hag HaMatzot, the Festival of Unleavened Bread. So which one is it: the Festival of Unleavened Bread or the Festival of Passover? Rabbi Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev, an 18th century Hassidic master, tries to solve this conundrum.

In typical fashion, the rabbi builds his explanation based upon a famous, but seemingly unrelated, verse from Song of Songs: אֲנִי לְדוּדִי וְדוּדִי לִי, I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine. Though this symmetrical snippet of poetry finds itself on many lovers’ ketubot, the rabbis understood it as a description of God and the Jewish people’s mutual love.

The rabbis fantasized about the deep mutuality of this relationship—perhaps, like the Song of Songs verse suggests, all of Jewish practice is reciprocated by God. For example, a Talmudic conversation (Berakhot 6a) imagines that not only do Jews wear tefillin, but so does God. If the scrolls inside our tefillin contain verses of praise for God, then surely the scrolls inside God’s tefillin contain verses of praise for us.

Rabbi Levi Yitzchok extends this lens of reciprocity to our holiday’s dual-name conundrum—Hag HaMatzot and Hag HaPesah. Hag HaMatzot is God’s name for the holiday. With this name, God praises the faith of the Israelites for leaving Egypt with just unleavened cakes on their back. However, if we used this name it would be self-adulating; contrary to the spirit of matzah, we would be puffing ourselves up. Thus, we call it Hag HaPesah, a name that praises God for ensuring that the angel of death passed over the Israelite houses. So Rabbi Levi Yitzchok concludes.

Given that the essence of this holiday is story-telling, this dual-name is instructional. How do we tell our own stories? Do we praise our own actions, or those who helped us along the way? Whether telling the history of the Jewish people or the narratives of our personal lives, let’s remember to give praise to the people, circumstances, and miracles that enabled our own journeys from slavery to freedom, from sadness to joy.

— Tobias Divack Moss

TORAH PORTION

SHABBAT 1ST DAY PESAH

Torah	Exodus 12:21-12:51
1:	112:21-12:24
2:	112:25-12:28
3:	12:29-12:32
4:	12:33-12:36
5:	12:37-12:42
6:	12:43-12:47
7:	12:48-12:51
	Maftir: Numbers 28:16-28:25
Haftarah	Joshua 5:2-6:1, 6:27

NEXT WEEK: SHABBAT 8TH DAY PESAH

Torah	Exodus 4:22-6:17
	Maftir: Numbers 28:16-28:25
Haftarah	Isaiah 10:32-12:6

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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BJ RECYCLES AND COMPOSTS. Please look for bins throughout our spaces. BJ’s Ner Tamid at the BJ Sanctuary is powered by the energy of the sun.



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