

קול ישרון

KOL JESHURUN

B'nai
Jeshurun
בני ישרון

RABBIS:

J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

HAZZAN & MUSIC DIRECTOR: Ari Priven

MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS:

Rabbi Ezra D. Weinberg

Michelle Dardashti

CANTORIAL INTERN: Shira Wallach

VAYIGASH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 46:28 - 47:27

1: 46:28 - 46:30

2: 46:31 - 46:34

3: 47:1 - 47:6

4: 47:7 - 47:10

5: 47:11 - 47:19

6: 47:20 - 47:22

7: 47:23 - 47:27

Maftir: 47:25 - 47:27

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

NEXT WEEK: VAYEHI

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

TRIENNIAL Genesis 49:27 - 50:26

HAFTARAH I Kings 2:1 - 2:12

December 25, 2009-January 1, 2010**8-15 Tevet, 5770****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Morning Minyan

FAST OF 10TH OF TEVET

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

BJ OFFICE CLOSED • BJHS CLOSED

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

No class this week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus*

8:30 AM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

BJ OFFICE CLOSED • BJHS CLOSED

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a*

No class this week

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

New Year's Day

9:30 AM - 88th St.

HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

Please note these holiday weekend service time changes:

There will be only one Kabbalat Shabbat Service at **6:30PM** on December 25, January 1 & 15, and February 12.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:

See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/.

If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

• Join BJ Employers for Justice

Do you employ a domestic worker, including housecleaners, childcare givers, and eldercare workers? Please consider joining the BJ Employer for Justice Group as an employer or an ally, to demonstrate your concern for the rights of domestic workers. Our goal is to have BJ members pledge to improve or maintain positive relationships with the people who work in and contribute to our homes and families. Please contact Judith at jtrachte@aol.com or call x259 to learn more about what it means to be a BJ Employer for Justice and how you can participate or visit www.bj.org/sasj/panim/bj-employers-for-justice/.

* Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM}

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Carolyn Meyer-Wartels and Gary, Rebecca and Noah Wartels on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather, Kurt Meyer.

MAZAL TOV

• To Robert Morrison and Shalini Tewari on the birth of their daughter, Anaiah Raniah, and their son, Amir Kedar.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Stefan and Mary Krieger in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Shabbat Teaching: Arava Institute and the New Meaning of the Land of Milk and Honey

Saturday, January 9, following kiddush after Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: Join us as David Weisberg, Executive Director of Friends of the Arava Institute, along with two alumni, Mohammed Atwa, a Muslim from Gaza, and Zack Korenstein, a Jew from the United States, share their personal experiences. The Arava Institute, a unique academic institution in the south of Israel, marries the ideals of environmental sustainability and coexistence by bringing together a student body made up of future leaders from Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, and beyond. Hear how these two former roommates went from fearing each

other to becoming the closest of friends, and how the idea of Israel as a "land of milk and honey," first appearing in Parashat Shemot, is literally being recreated through the Arava Institute's efforts.

• Community Second Night Pesah Seder

Tuesday, March 30, 7:30-11:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Look for registration information about the Community Second Night Pesah Seder which will be posted on the BJ website, www.bj.org, in mid-January. Due to limited space, this Seder is for members only. Reservations will be honored strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Please reserve early; last year this event sold out. For more information, contact Naomi at ngoodhart@bj.org or x240.

CREATING KEHILLAH

HAVUROT

• BJ Caregivers Group

If you are caring for an elderly, frail or ill loved one, join the BJ Caregivers group. BJ Caregivers meets on a regular basis in members' homes for support and to exchange vital information that will help in this difficult time of your life. The current *Kol Hadash* includes a feature article on our group. Please contact Sylvia Dresner at dsdresner@aol.com for information and to participate.

• Queens Havurah

BJ members living in Queens, are you interested in a monthly havurah? Meet at each other's homes, study, socialize and celebrate a pot-luck Shabbat dinner together once in a while. Rego Park/Forest Hills area. If interested, please contact David and Liana Goldman at atgoldman@ptd.net.

AFFILIATES

• Limmud NY 2010

Friday, January 15-Monday, January 18, Hudson Valley Resort: Register now for Limmud NY's 6th annual conference. Come celebrate the rich diversity of Jewish life and ideas with Jews of all ages and backgrounds. Choose from 300+ sessions. Payment plans and scholarships available. Register: www.limmudny.org/register or 212-284-6968.

• The Ralph I. Goldman Fellowship is Seeking Applicants for 2010-2011

The Fellowship is awarded to one person annually and is a one-of-a-kind, paid, professional development opportunity to live and work in overseas locations where the Joint Distribution Committee is active, and engage with the inner workings of the world's largest Jewish humanitarian aid organization. The Fellowship will have a transformational impact on international Jewish life and the Fellow's understanding of complex global Jewish issues. JDC is looking for the best young Jewish thinkers and doers—writers, artists, policy shapers, business innovators, and community builders. Deadline is December 30. For more information, visit <http://www.jdc.org/help-jdc/get-involved.aspx?id=1424>.

• AVODAH: Year of Service Opportunity

Do you want to spend a year fighting poverty? Join AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps, a one-year program for young people ages 21-26 combining work for justice, Jewish learning and community building. Work full-time on issues you care about: immigration, hunger, literacy, public health, and more. Learn from veteran organizers, activists, and educators about how to make change in the world and the Jewish connection to social justice. More information and application available at www.avodah.net or contact Mollie Spevack, Recruitment Coordinator, at apply@avodah.net.

UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit www.bj.org for more info and to register.

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Shevat

Saturday, January 16 • Following Shabbat morning services • 88th Street Sanctuary. Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate, and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Contact ygarber@bj.org to be added to the Women's Group email list.

• BJ Salons: Engaging Members in an Intimate Setting

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

Tuesdays (January 26 and February 9) • 7:00-9:00PM • Location provided upon registration. Building on the importance of reaching members where they live and creating small, intimate groups, Marcelo will facilitate Beit Midrash Salons in lieu of teaching traditional classes. January/February Salons are targeted for BJ parents who are part of

the Youth & Family Education Program. We will focus on "Homework, Sports and Piano Lessons: Balancing our Jewish and Secular Worlds." Limited space is available; please respond to ngoodhart@bj.org.

• The Rabbinic Mind on the Exodus

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Eight Tuesdays (January 26 through March 16) • 12:30-1:45PM • BJ Office Conference Room. Beginning with a close read of the text of the Exodus, we will then take a step-by-step look at two different midrashic texts: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer and the Mekhilta deRabbi Ishmael. Come to understand how the rabbis think, different explanations and understandings of the story, and the ability to experience the Exodus through studying it. No Hebrew reading necessary. Free of charge; registration required.