

# קול ישראל

# KOL JESHURUN



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**TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL** Exodus 10:1 - 13:16  
Exodus 12:29 - 13:16  
1: 12:29 - 12:32  
2: 12:33 - 12:36  
3: 12:37 - 12:42  
4: 12:43 - 12:51  
5: 13:1 - 13:4  
6: 13:5 - 13:10  
7: 13:11 - 13:16  
Maftir: 13:14 - 13:16  
**HAFTARAH** Jeremiah 46:13 - 28

## NEXT WEEK: BESHALAH

SHABBAT SHIRAH  
TU BISHEVAT  
**TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL** Exodus 13:17 - 17:16  
Exodus 14:26 - 17:16  
**HAFTARAH** Judges 5:1 - 31

## BJ RESPONDS—HAITI RELIEF

We are saddened by the devastating earthquake in Haiti and the loss of many lives. If you would like to contribute and provide relief to the victims of this disaster, please consider these two organizations which will be aiding in relief efforts:

### American Jewish World Service

[www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org)

### American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

[www.jdc.org](http://www.jdc.org)

## ! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

### • Volunteer Opportunity with BJ Reads

BJ Reads offers volunteers the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of elementary school children who are not yet reading at grade level. Reading takes place at P.S. 166, 132 West 89th Street. If you are interested and available at 10:00AM on Wednesdays, please be in touch with the program chairs: Ellen Schechter, 212-932-9044 or Sandy Davidson, 212-724-2013.

## January 22 -29, 2010

## 7-14 Shevat, 5770

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 5:45 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
**BJHS Gan, Aleph, and Bet Class Family Dinner** Following 5:45 PM Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
**Tze'irim Pizza and Board Games Shabbat Dinner** Following 7:00 PM Service - 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.3)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

**Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary  
**Bat Mitzvah** Zoe Schein-Futerfas  
**Children's Services Community Kiddush** 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor  
Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall  
**Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman Grades 3-5 Havdalah, Movie, and Overnight** 4:15 PM - 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.2)  
6:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88th St.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**BJ Hebrew School** 4:00-6:00 PM  
**Limud: Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM - BJ Office

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Limud: The Book of Exodus** 8:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Limud: The Rabbinic Mind on the Exodus** 12:30 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)  
**Limud: BJ Salon** 7:00 PM (SEE P.2)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Parents of 20-somethings Discussion Group** 7:30 PM

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
**BJ Hebrew School** 4:00-6:00 PM  
**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a** 7:00 PM - BJ Office

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Bim Bam** 10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

To register for classes and events, please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Zoe and Arianna Schein-Futerfas, Alan Futerfas and Bettina Schein on Zoe becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- BJ Cantorial intern Shira Wallach on her recent engagement to David Stern.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Bettina Schein and Alan Futerfas in honor of Zoe becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Stephanie Kolin and the 8th grade class, Temple Israel, Boston, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • A Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman

**Saturday, January 23**, 4:15PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us for a teaching by Rabbi Leon A. Morris entitled "The Bones of Joseph: On Becoming a Human Torah" in memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z"l. Rabbi Morris is the Executive Director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning. He also serves as rabbi of Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, NY. Havdalah will be held afterward at 6:00PM. Free of charge; registration not required.

### • "Circumcise Me" Comedy Show Followed by a Talk-back with Yisrael Campbell and Roly

**Thursday, January 28**, 8:00PM, Bleecker Street Theater (45 Bleecker Street between Lafayette and Bowery Street): Join us as BJ member Yisrael (originally Christopher) Campbell performs his story—a spiritual journey stretching across four decades, two continents, and three circumcisions. The performance will be followed by a talk-back with Israel and Rabbi Roly Matalon. Register at [www.broadwayoffers.com](http://www.broadwayoffers.com) or at 212-947-8844 and mention the discount code: CIRBJ.

### • Tu Bishevat Community Seder Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, January 29**, following the 5:45PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Celebrate Tu Bishevat as a community in an intimate setting. The BJ Rabbis and Ari will lead us in a festive Tu Bishevat seder following a three-course dinner with wine. Cost: \$29/members, \$39/non-members, children's admission free. To register, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Left and "Rights": Visions of Social Justice in Israel

**Sunday, January 31**, 4:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join BJ and the New Israel Fund for a provocative town-hall discussion of the competing rights—and wrongs—in Israel featuring Avraham Burg, former Speaker of Knesset; Naomi Chazan, former Deputy Speaker of Knesset and NIF President; Martin Indyk, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel; and Daniel Sokatch, NIF's CEO. Join us to debate difficult issues such as: rising extremism among Israeli settlers, legislation discriminating against Arab citizens, gender segregation in public places and a quasi-official war against human rights groups. Free; R.S.V.P. to 212-613-4400 or [ny@nif.org](mailto:ny@nif.org).

### • First and Third Shabbats at Members' Homes: Hakhnasat Orhim

**Friday, February 5**, following the 5:45PM service: You are welcome at other members' homes for dinner on the first and third Shabbats of the month! We're happy to announce that after a first successful run of BJ members opening their homes to host Shabbat dinners as part of the Hakhnasat Orhim (welcoming guests) initiative, we are continuing it through April. BJ members only may register and be matched on first-come, first-served basis. To be a guest on February 5, please contact Guy by Tuesday, February 2 at [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org) or x255. Space is limited; preference will be given to members who have not yet been hosted.

### • Conversation With *Eating Animals* Author Jonathan Safran Foer

**Wednesday, February 10**, 8:00PM, 88th Street: The new BJ Shomrei Adamah *Havurah* is excited to welcome critically acclaimed author Jonathan Safran Foer. He will speak on the topics raised in his groundbreaking new book *Eating Animals*. All are invited to hear him discuss what our culture encourages us to put inside our bodies and which aspects of this critical conversation are hidden from the public eye. This event is free and open to the public. Contact Rabbi Ezra Weinberg at [eweinberg@bj.org](mailto:eweinberg@bj.org) for more information.

### • BJ Dialogue Series on the Jewish Future: What is Essential?

**Saturday, February 13**, 3:45-5:15PM, 88th Street: What questions should we be asking? What issues should we be addressing? How do we respond in a relevant way to the challenges of the future? Join us for a dialogue between Rabbi Irwin Kula and Nessa Rapoport and the BJ community. Irwin is President of CLAL and has worked with leaders from around the world using Jewish wisdom to promote compassionate leadership. Nessa is an author who writes and speaks frequently on issues of Jewish culture and imagination. She is senior program officer at the Charles H. Revson Foundation. The dialogue will be followed by *Minhah* at 5:15PM.

### • Men's *Havurah*

**Saturday, February 20**, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This month will feature Ron Taffel, a BJ member, speaking on "My Father Also Made Me the Man I am Today," a conversation about masculinity and the relationship between men and their fathers. Dr. Ron Taffel is known as one of the most captivating and practical child-rearing experts in the country. This program will include davening, schnappsing and socializing. For men only.

### • Community Second Night Pesah Seder

**Tuesday, March 30**, 7:30-11:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: For the third year, Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will be leading the Community Second Night Pesah Seder. This event is for members only. Reservations honored strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Download the registration form from [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and mail your check to Naomi Goodhart, B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, #203, New York, NY 10023. Please reserve early.

### • Cooking for the Second Night Community Pesah Seder

Available shifts: Sunday, March 28, 10:00AM-2:00PM; Sunday, March 28, 2:00-6:00PM; Tuesday, March 30, 1:00-4:00PM, all at 88th Street Frankel Hall. Volunteers needed to help with prepping, cooking, and clean-up following the Seder. If you're not making your own, please help to make ours a success. For more information, contact Naomi at [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org).

### • Hiring New B'nai Mitzvah Tutors

BJ's Youth and Family Education Department seeks part-time B'nai Mitzvah tutors to join our energetic and diverse team in early spring 2010. Ideal candidates have a solid knowledge of and can teach Torah and Haftarah trope, blessings for before and after Torah and Haftarah, and can help students generate ideas for writing d'verei Torah. Candidates should also have experience tutoring individual students. For more information, contact Emily Walsh at [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto:ewalsh@bj.org).

## YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **4th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter**

**Tuesday, February 2**, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Every month, a different grade of students and their families prepare a meal for the guests of the BJ/SPSA Shelter. Together, we cook, set and decorate the table, and engage in age-appropriate study and discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 4th graders are invited to participate, no matter where your children receive their Jewish education. To R.S.V.P. and sign up for what you'll bring, please contact Elissa Fishman at [elissafishman@gmail.com](mailto:elissafishman@gmail.com). You must R.S.V.P. to participate.

• **Tot Shabbat and Dinner**

**Friday, February 5**, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street: Rabbi Felicia Sol will lead a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service in the sanctuary beginning at 5:00PM, followed by a dinner for families at 5:30PM in Frankel Hall where she'll continue to lead everyone in Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults as well as children, and vegetarian options will be available; dietary laws observed. While adults are finishing their meal, children will be engaged in games and more songs! Register online, and contact Emily Walsh at [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto:ewalsh@bj.org) with any questions or specific dietary requests.

• **6th Grade Family Learning Program**

**Saturday, February 6**, 9:30-10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: As we continue to "unroll" the teachings of the Torah, Rabbi Felicia Sol will guide 6th grade students and their parents in a text study about leadership in the Jewish community. After the program, families are encouraged to join Junior Congregation downstairs in the Social Hall.

## TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Pizza and Board Games Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, January 22**, following the 7:00PM service, 86th Street Social Hall: Join us for a Shabbat dinner of pizza, beer and board games—perfect for

a cold winter's night! A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together in a relaxed setting. To register, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). More info: Karen Hauptman, [tzshabbat@gmail.com](mailto:tzshabbat@gmail.com).

• **Tze'irim Event with Adaptations**

**Friday, February 5**, 5:45PM, JCC Manhattan: Join our friends from Adaptations ([www.adaptationsonline.org](http://www.adaptationsonline.org)) for traditional Israeli food, music and dancing. After the 5:45PM service at BJ, we will walk together to the JCC where we will eat, drink and dance the night away. Adaptations, The Young Adult Life Skills Network, offers college-educated young adults—people in their 20s and 30s with learning disabilities or those needing support—the benefits of a supportive environment as they work towards achieving their life goals. Please contact Jamie and Or at [tzvolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:tzvolunteers@yahoo.com) to R.S.V.P.

• **Tze'irim In-City Shabbaton**

**Friday, February 19–Saturday, February 20**, 86th Street and 88th Street: Join Tze'irim for our first ever "Shabbaton in the City." Immerse yourself in a meaningful and spirited Shabbat. Event highlights include a catered dinner following Friday night services, community Shabbat morning services, and a Havdalah/Limud Shabbat afternoon at 86th Street at 4:30PM (bring your favorite board games and snacks to share.) For further details, contact Natalia Sloam at [tzshabbat@gmail.com](mailto:tzshabbat@gmail.com).

## AFFILIATES

• **The Gerson D. Cohen Memorial Lecture at JTS**

**Thursday, February 4**, 7:30PM, The Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway (at 122nd Street): Dr. Jonathan Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University, will speak about "The Economic Meltdown and the Future of the Jewish Community." A special memorial tribute to Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hadassah Ribalow Nadich, parents of BJ member Shira Nadich Levin, will be part of this program. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Contact [publicevents@jtsa.edu](mailto:publicevents@jtsa.edu) or 212-280-6093 to make a reservation.

UPCOMING LIMUD *Please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information and to register.*• **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, Piano Lessons and Shabbat: Balancing Our Jewish and Secular Worlds." Limited space is available; please respond to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto: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.

• **Abraham Joshua Heschel's Quest For God**

**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

**Seven Tuesdays** (February 2 through March 23; no meeting on February 23) • 6:30-8:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary. We will read and reflect on Heschel's great contribution to the art of prayer. How do we stand in God's Presence? How do we pour out our heart to God? How do we enter the language of prayer? How do we balance fixed prayers and spontaneity? Join us to discover (or rediscover) Heschel's inspiring teachings and deep insights. Free of charge; registration required.

• **Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis: Lunch and Learn**

**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

**Seven Thursdays** (February 4 through March 18) • 12:30-1:30PM • Location TBA. We will study stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Space is limited. Free of charge; registration required.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!** If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the Sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** We invite you to become a member of our living, thriving community. The simple act of joining BJ is transformative. It is an acknowledgement that BJ is your community, its rabbis are your rabbis, and its sanctuary is your space. Membership at B'nai Jeshurun includes: admission to High Holy Day services; special rates for classes, dinners, and events; support for life cycle events and in times of difficulty; group orientations for new members; vibrant Hebrew School; and more! Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial considerations. For more information about becoming a member, please contact Sarah Verity, Senior Membership Associate at x250 or sverity@bj.org. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the 7:00PM Friday night service, please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food is not permitted in the Sanctuary. To give the prayer book and the Torah text (the large red book) the respect they merit, we ask that they not be placed on the floor when not in use. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Scent-Free Policy at Services:** In consideration of the many people who have adverse respiratory reactions to the smells of perfume, cologne, and other chemicals, please refrain from wearing perfume or strong cologne to services.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Contact the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary—and please remember to return the devices when you leave.

• **LinkIn to Help Out!**

In these difficult times, we are trying many ways to help members find jobs and network. Join us in this very important effort simply by joining "B'nai Jeshurun—New York City," the BJ group on LinkedIn, [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). There you can share your professional network, post jobs, and respond to any ongoing discussions that are posted in the group.

**JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:**

See updated information about the Morning Minyan at [www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/](http://www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/). If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at [apriven@bj.org](mailto:apriven@bj.org).

## FOCUS ON ISRAEL

### Apartment-hunting in Jerusalem

By Joanne Palmer

Last year, a friend whose kids are in day school with Steve asked Steve to do her a favor when he was in Israel for a meeting. She and her family were planning on spending a six-month sabbatical in Israel; they were working with a realtor to find housing, but "they needed someone they trust to put his eyeballs on some apartments," Steve said.

So he went to look at three apartments, all in the German Colony, off Emek Refaim. All were fully furnished, with kitted-out kosher kitchens. The first had seven bedrooms and two living rooms. (I moaned.) It had a giant balcony, with the built-in frame for a huge sukkah. (Another moan.) It was renting for \$5,000 a month. (That clunk was my jaw, hitting the keyboard.)

The next one was a beautiful, graceful old three-bedroom apartment, with high ceiling and arches and sweeping lines and lovely Arab-style detail; the renovation was so recent that there was still plaster dust caught in the Jerusalem light. It was (more noises of disbelief) renting for \$4,000.

The third was a standard three-bedroom in a courtyard filled with similar buildings, utilitarian, clean, comfortable, entirely appropriate. "Nothing special," Steve said. The rent was \$2,300; no, I breathed, but of course it was the one Steve recommended. "They took it, it worked out, the kids flourished."

"Now they're back at home, our kids are all in school together—and my family is likely to rent that place this July."

*As always, in loving memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman (z'l).*

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