

קול ישרון

KOL JESHURUN

**B'nai
Jeshurun**
בני ישרון

RABBIS:

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

HAZZAN & MUSIC DIRECTOR: Ari Priven

BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS: Jonah Geffen • Adam Roffman

CANTORIAL INTERN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

SHEMOT

TORAH: ANNUAL	Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
TRIENNIAL	Exodus 3:1 - 4:17
	1: 3:1 - 3:6
	2: 3:7 - 3:10
	3: 3:11 - 3:15
	4: 3:16 - 3:22
	5: 4:1 - 4:5
	6: 4:6 - 4:9
	7: 4:10 - 4:17
	Maftir: 4:14 - 4:17
HAFTARAH	Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

NEXT WEEK: VA-ERA

MEVARKHIM HAHODESHER

TORAH: ANNUAL	Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
TRIENNIAL	Exodus 7:8 - 8:15
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

January 13-20, 2012

18-25 Tevet, 5772

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Domestic Teen Trip

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Domestic Teen Trip

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Speaker

David Margolick

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Domestic Teen Trip

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Domestic Teen Trip

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

Closed today

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

No class this week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: The Books of Torah

8:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

12:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Blood Drive

3:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

Limud: The Rodef Shalom

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

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 20

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall



**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

• BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 18, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th

Street Sanctuary: Give the gift of life and sign up now for the BJ Blood Drive. Learn more about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply at www.bj.org.

R.S.V.P. to Trudi Levine at trudil531@aol.com with the best time slot for you and with any questions.

To register for classes and events, please visit www.bj.org.

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BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM}

To the following members and their families:

- Melvin Prostkoff and Helen Hanan on the death of Melvin's mother, Edith Prostkoff.
- Peter Goldman and Peter Eckert on the death of Peter's father, Eugene Goldman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Peter Geffen and Karan Kessler and Jonah Geffen and Julia Mannes on the engagement of their son and brother, Dan Geffen, to Luanne Tyzzer.
- Isabelle Sarah Kish (3rd Grade, BJHS) on being selected as a finalist in the 2011 Yaldah Magazine Jewish Fiction Contest.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Pam Mandel and 11th and 12th Grade Classes, Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, Boca Raton, Florida.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• David Margolick to Speak on Shabbat in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Saturday, January 14, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: David Margolick, author of the newly-published *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* (Yale University Press), will speak about the two schoolgirls—one black, one white—immortalized in one of the most famous photographs from the civil rights era, and of the Jewish dimension in both the story itself and his decision to write it.

• The BJ Book Club Discussion with Author Julie Salamon

Saturday, January 21, 1:00PM, 86th Street Chapel: The BJ book group invites you to meet with the author, Julie Salamon, as she discusses her work and writing. Her books comprise a varied journey—a family's survival and quest in a memoir *The Net of Dreams*, a remarkable fascinating portrait of health care, *Hospital*, and her current best-seller, *Wendy and the Lost Boys*. She is a compassionate, explorer of complex personalities and issues in our contemporary world.

• Men's Havurah—Open to All—"Seeing Israel Through Non-Jewish Eyes"

Saturday, January 28, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Upon Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein's return from a senior religious leaders' trip, he will be sharing reflections with other leaders who participated including Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Abdul-Malik and Imam Dr. Muhammad Hatim from the Admiral Family Circle Islamic Community, Reverend Shari Brink from the Marble Collegiate Church, Reverend Galen Guengerich from the All Souls Unitarian Church and The Very Reverend Dr. James Kowalski from The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. Everyone is invited to attend.

• Mekusharim Art Series

3 Thursdays (February 2, 9, 16), 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: This four-part series called *Understanding Bible Through Art: The First Family* is comprised of three slide shows at BJ and a culminating tour at the Met, led by Rabbi Lewis Warshauer. There will be a registration cost for the series; the more participants, the lower the cost per person. Please contact Nancy Greenblatt at nancywgee03@gmail.com by January 23 if you are interested.

• Aliyah and Kiddush to Honor BJ Volunteers

Saturday, February 4, during Shabbat morning services, 86th and 88th Street: The BJ community thrives on the activity and support of over one thousand volunteers. Volunteers personify one of the three pillars upon which BJ was built and demonstrate commitment to serving our community through many meaningful initiatives. We invite you to join together for the honor of being called to the Torah for an aliyah during services at 86th Street, with a Kiddush in your honor immediately following at 88th Street. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org or x224 by February 1.

• Teacher-in-Residence Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 10, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a community dinner with teacher-in-residence Chaim Seidler-Feller, director of UCLA Hillel. He has taught Kabbalah and Talmud, and is a member of many acclaimed Jewish educational institutes. Enjoy a three-course kosher meal with wine, and great company. Rabbi Seidler-Feller will be teaching on "Essential Judaism for the American Future." Visit www.bj.org to register.

• Help a BJ Teen Start a Library in Iraq

BJ Teen Arielle Korman is currently collecting books for a brand new library in Kurdistan, Iraq. After spending time at Global Youth Village, a summer camp for peacebuilding and leadership, Arielle is helping Iraq reestablish itself. With the help of the non-profit organization Vision, a new library is being created to increase English literacy. Visit www.futuresvision.org to learn more. Contact Arielle at korman.arielle@gmail.com for information on how to donate books, as well as monetary contributions to help pay for shipping.

• Listen to Rabbi Moshe Halbertal

We are pleased to make available Rabbi Halbertal's talk on the topic "The Soul of Israel" that was delivered on December 5, 2011. Find a link to the audio at www.bj.org.

• Saturday Morning Ushers Needed

Are you outgoing, friendly and warm? We need you to join our Ushering committee to greet people at Shabbat morning services. How much time you give is up to you. As you know, ushering creates an important first impression for BJ. It is all about making people feel welcome at services and helping to seat our visitors. If you are interested, and we hope you are, please contact Elaine Nevins at enevins@nyc.rr.com for details.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Bim Bam**

Fridays, January 20-May 18, 9:30-10:15AM and 10:45-11:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children 3 and under to sing Shabbat related songs and enjoy Jewish learning activities. Every class ends with candlelighting, kiddush and hamotzi. Register at www.bj.org for the 9:30 class (geared for ages 18 months-3 years) or the 10:45 class (geared for 18 months and under). Cost is \$160/members and \$210/non-members per family. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions. Class will not meet April 6 and 13.

• **3rd-5th Grade Havdalah and Movie Night**

Saturday, January 21, 5:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ's third, fourth and fifth graders (no matter where you receive your Jewish education) and their parents are invited to come to the 88th Street Sanctuary at 5:30PM for a special Havdalah ceremony. Following Havdalah, there will be a kids-only movie night plus pizza and ice cream! The cost is \$20 per child: Register at www.bj.org by January 18, and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

• **5th Grade Overnight**

Saturday, January 21-Sunday, January 22, 5:30PM-9:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All 5th graders, wherever they receive their Jewish education, can sign up to spend the night at BJ. Parents should stay at the beginning for Havdalah. At 6:00PM it's kids-only with the 3rd and 4th graders for dinner and a movie. We'll wrap up at 9:00AM with a light breakfast. The cost is \$35, including dinner, snacks, and breakfast. Register at www.bj.org before Monday, January 16 and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

• **Gimmel and Dalet Class Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, February 3, 7:45PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join your BJHS classmates at a Shabbat dinner for third and fourth grades. We will join together for services in the sanctuary before heading downstairs for dinner, songs and Shabbat blessings. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org, and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

• **Special Needs Havdalah Service**

Saturday, February 4, 5:45-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Celebrate the end of Shabbat with BJ spiritual leaders and musicians for an inviting musical Havdalah Service. This sensory friendly service is designed to be inclusive of all children and adults with special needs. All are welcome, including members and non-members. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org, as we will provide preparatory materials in advance. Contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org with questions. Our next service will be held on April 28.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, January 27, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a Tze'irim Shabbat dinner with a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting. A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot. Please register at www.bj.org.

• **Serving Sunday Lunch and Socializing with Seniors**

Sunday, January 29, 12:00-2:30 PM, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty: Join Tze'irim as we make an inter-generational impact brightening up the lives of seniors! We will be serving a hot kosher lunch and socializing with low income seniors at the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. After we finish, let's get some food ourselves! R.S.V.P by January 24 to the SA/SJ committee at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com

• **Tze'irim Shelter Cooking**

Monday, January 30, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join us as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 6:00PM downstairs in the kitchen (88th Street between Broadway and West End Ave). As usual, all the cooks will split the cost of the groceries (\$6-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Sunday, January 29 to the SA/SJ committee at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com.

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

• **Parashat Hashavu'a Through the Eyes of Rabbi Sholom Noah Berezovsky, the Slonimer Rebbe**
Rabbi Felicia Sol

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office: Stop in the middle of the day to explore the weekly parasha with the Hassidic commentary of the Slonimer Rebbe, a 20th century rabbi from Jerusalem, from his work *Netivot Shalom* (the paths of peace). Open up spiritual paths in connecting with the Torah, challenge yourself by being in its weekly rhythm, grow by asking deep and hard questions. Free; registration required at www.bj.org.

• **The Rodef Shalom—Pursuing Peace in Judaism**
Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

6 Wednesdays (remaining classes January 18, February 15, March 21, May 2, and May 30), 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Throughout Jewish history there have been *rodfei shalom* (pursuers of peace) as well as Jewish models of pursuing peace. This class will study classic rabbinic texts that describe these models and compare them to contemporary academic and other indigenous models of conflict resolution. This course is a joint program of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies Center for Judaism and Conflict

Resolution and B'nai Jeshurun. Cost: \$25; registration required at www.bj.org.

• **Torah Reading Class**

Mondays beginning January 23, 6:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Have you always wanted to know how to read Torah, but never found a place to learn? We have the class for you! Join us to learn the ins and outs of trop and Torah reading. No previous Torah reading experience necessary, but you must be able to read Hebrew. Register at www.bj.org. Materials fee is \$50 and the class is limited to 10 people. Please contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group: Redemption Begins in Winter**

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The month of Shevat contains in it the telling of the story of our people's story of redemption from the book of Shemot. Here it is the heart of winter. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for study and conversation on recognizing and cultivating unexpected fertile ground for hope and redemption. Please bring a kosher dairy/vegetarian snack to share. Contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org for more information.

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!

• **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. Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial reasons. For more information, contact Jon Wood, Membership Associate, at x250 or jwood@bj.org.

• **A Note From the Ushers:** To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin. Both kippot and tallitot are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Photography, cell phone use, writing and food are not permitted in the Sanctuary. Damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Ask an usher if you need one and please return the device when you leave.

• **Expand Your Social and Professional Network on LinkedIn and Facebook!** Hundreds of BJ members connect with each other through LinkedIn and Facebook. Become a member of the private "B'nai Jeshurun - New York City" LinkedIn group and benefit from your connection to this large community. You can share your professional information, post jobs, and be part of ongoing discussions. "Like" BJ's Facebook page, "B'nai Jeshurun NYC," and stay up-to-date with what's happening in the community.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: Find current Morning Minyan information at www.bj.org/minyan. To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

Shine Your Light! Write An Article for the *Kol Hadash*

We would love your stories, articles and photos about BJ activities in which you have participated, or reflections on your involvement in the community. We are also going to be profiling BJ members, leadership, and volunteers. You may also choose to write about events like your trip to Israel, your child's bar/bat mitzvah, your experience at the lunch program, or anything else you would like to share. Articles will be subject to editing at the discretion of BJ staff for clarity and space considerations. For more information about process or deadlines, or to share your idea for an article, please contact communications@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

• Secrets of the Zohar: Words to Live By

Sunday, January 29, 9:30AM-5:00PM, The JCC in Manhattan, Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street: Experience an inspiring day of learning with master teachers of Kabbalah in an environment of academic excellence and spiritual vitality. Rediscover relevant and practical insights that can guide you toward a more meaningful life. Dr. Daniel Matt, a leading authority on Kabbalah currently engaged in translating and annotating the Zohar for *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*, will be our special guest. The cost is \$45 (\$60 at the door). This event is co-sponsored by BJ. Register at www.jccmanhattan/makom or by calling 646-505-5708.

• Leadership, Spirituality and Renewal:

The Life of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer

Dr. Daniel Fainstein

Sunday, February 5, 10:00AM-2:00PM, One East 65th Street: Explore the life and work of one of the outstanding rabbis of our time. Learn about a leader, who was a strong critic of the Argentinean military government of 1976-1982, working to save the lives of hundreds of persecuted individuals. Discover how he started the transformation of B'nai Jeshurun with his challenging theology and be inspired by his educational goal of creating a multi-dimensional human being. Co-sponsored by BJ and the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning. Cost \$60/\$50 for BJ members. Register at www.adultjewishlearning.org under Study/Current Courses.

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