

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

BESHALAH

SHABBAT SHIRAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

TRIENNIAL Exodus 14:15 - 16:10

1: 14:15 - 14:20

2: 14:21 - 14:25

3: 14:26 - 15:21

4: 15:22 - 15:26

5: 15:27 - 16:3

6: 16:4 - 6:7

7: 16:8 - 16:10

Maftir: 16:8 - 16:10

HAFTARAH Judges 5:1 - 31

NEXT WEEK: **YITRO**

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

HAFTARAH Isaiah 6:1 - 13

Vote now to choose BJ's Purim tzedakah organizations!

BJ will be selling mishloah manot and donating the proceeds to two community-chosen organizations, one local and one in Israel, so that we can also fulfill the mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim (gifts to the poor). Visit www.bj.org/purimvote to cast your vote!

Welcome
to our new Executive Director,
Steve Goldberg!

February 3-10, 2012

10-17 Shevat, 5772

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Tot Shabbat and Dinner

5:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Gimmel and Dalet Class Shabbat Dinner

7:45 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5th Grade Family Learning Program

9:30 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Naming

Anabelle Eve Levin

Naming

Sophie Myers

Annabel Myers

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

to Honor BJ Volunteers

Special Needs Havdalah Service

5:45 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Domestic Teen Trip Meeting

2:00 PM - 88th St.

International Teen Trip Meeting

3:30 PM - 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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, FEBRUARY 7

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Books of Torah

8:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

12:30 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe

Tu Bishvat Seder

7:30 PM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

TU BISHVAT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

Limud: Mekusharim Art Series

7:00 PM - 88th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

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

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

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Ruth Lazarus and Michael Feldberg on the naming of their granddaughter, Anabelle Eve Levin.
- Susan Grobman Myers and Blake Myers on the naming of their daughters, Sophie and Annabel Myers.
- Leora Frankel and Andrew Sage, and Jules, Susan, and David Frankel on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter and niece, Miriam Rose Sage.
- Jonathan Adelsberg and Anita Sibony and Rosa Adelsberg on the birth of their son and brother, Marko Aleksandre.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Shira and Jim Levin in honor of Shira's birthday on Shabbat Shirah, by Ruth Lazarus and Michael Feldberg in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Anabelle Eve Levin, by Susan Grobman Myers and Blake Myers in honor of the naming of their daughters, Sophie and Annabel Myers, and by BJ in honor of its many volunteers.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Tobye Bello and Rabbi Aaron Bergman and students from Atid High School, Southfield, Michigan.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• Tu Bishvat Seder

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30PM, 86th Street Chapel: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Jonah Geffen and Adam Roffman and Shomrei Adamah, BJ's environmental *havurah*, for a festive and uplifting Tu Bishvat seder. Enjoy a combination of wine, all-natural snacks, mystical texts, songs and compostable plates. The seder will be a spiritual journey intended to heighten our awareness of human responsibility for and attunement with the natural world. For more information, contact Jonah at jgeffen@bj.org. Register by February 6 at www.bj.org. \$10 members/\$18 non-members.

• Teacher-in-Residence Community Shabbat Dinner with Chaim Seidler-Feller: "Essential Judaism for the American Future"

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. Rabbi Seidler-Feller has taught Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, is a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies, and is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Wilstein Institute for Social Policy. Enjoy a three-course kosher meal with wine, and great company. Register by February 8 at www.bj.org.

• "BJ 101": Everything You Need to Know about BJ

Saturday, February 11, 12:20-1:15PM, 86th Street Parlor: New to BJ or considering joining? Come to the "BJ 101" session led by seasoned members and discover some of the traditions and history that make the BJ community and our services unique. We will meet immediately following Shabbat morning services. New and potential members are welcome to join us and hear about interesting facts and customs of BJ. Bring friends who are looking to find a spiritual connection. Contact Jon Wood at jwood@bj.org if you plan to attend.

• Teacher-in-Residence Shabbat Afternoon Teaching with Chaim Seidler-Feller: "Toward a Renewal and Rebirth of Zionism"

Saturday, February 11, 4:30-5:30PM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, director of the UCLA Hillel, for Shabbat afternoon study.

• Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman

Saturday, February 25, 4:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Rabbi David Ellenson, President of HUC-JIR, will speak on the topic "Two Definitions of Judaism and Jewish Peoplehood: Modern Israeli Responsa on Conversion." He will focus on the radically different responsa of several prominent rabbis about conversion, their legal reasoning and different conceptions of Jewish peoplehood, and their implications for Judaism both in Israel and the Diaspora today.

• TGEWC... Thank God Esther Was Charming: Mekusharim Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 9, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Let's toast Esther's charms with a classic Shabbat dinner for ages 55+. Charm your table and be guided into the Persian past. Why, you may wonder, is Purim such a strange mix of hiddenness and boisterousness? What was Esther hiding with her charm? For the answers to these questions about this holiday of zany goings-on, we turn to Adam Roffman, BJ's Rabbinic Fellow. Cost: \$33/members, \$43/non-members. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, February 29 and contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org for more information.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Give the Gift of Sight: Used Eyeglasses Collection**

Friday, February 3-Sunday, February 26, anytime, 88th Street and 86th Street: Your old, used, and spare specs can make a world of a difference. Bring your old glasses to services during the month of February and drop them in the collection boxes. BJ will donate the glasses to the Jewish Guild for the Blind to benefit visually impaired people in our city. Glasses can also be dropped off at 88th Street during business hours through February 26. For more info, contact Dorothy Luft at dorothyluft@yahoo.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Dancing Through the Torah Service with Marcelo:**

5th Grade Family Learning Program

Saturday, February 4, 9:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Fifth grade students and their parents can join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein to explore all the parts of the Torah Service. He'll guide us through a close look at the ritual object and practice dancing the choreography of bringing out the Torah and reading from this sacred text. This morning program is guaranteed to wake you up and work you out. Afterwards, families will attend Junior Congregation in the Social Hall. Register at www.bj.org for this program by February 3.

• **3rd Grade Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Shelter**

Monday, February 6, 4:30-6:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All of BJ's 3rd graders will come together to cook a meal for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter regardless of where they receive their Jewish education. This activity will occur during Hebrew School class time and last until 6:00PM. Together, the 3rd grade will cook, set the table, and engage in discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. Due to limited space, parent participation is limited to first-come-first-serve. Contact Jessica Forman at jessicalforman@yahoo.com by February 3 to R.S.V.P.

• **Shabbat Service and Junior Congregation 101**

Thursday, February 9, 5:00-6:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Parents of Junior Congregation kids are invited to learn about the meaning, order, and choreography of the Shabbat morning service, taught by Rabbinic Intern for Youth and Family Mick Fine. Please feel free to come with questions or to learn about the how's and why's of Junior Congregation. R.S.V.P. to Kristen at kkersey@bj.org.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Drink a Beer, Plant a Tree**

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00PM, Wharf Bar and Grill: In honor of Tu Bishvat, Tze'irim is throwing a happy hour! Your \$10 entry to the event will not only be donated to the Jewish National Fund to plant a tree in Israel, but it will get you access to an event with drink specials, fun friends, and great food. The event will take place at the Wharf Bar and Grill (587 3rd Avenue between 38th and 39th Street). Register at www.bj.org to attend.

• **Story Slam: Love in the Time of the Internet**

Thursday, February 9, 8:00PM, Museum at Eldridge Street: Bring your friends and share your best, bad dating experiences and your triumphs at this Moth-inspired story slam. Prizes awarded for most outrageous tales. Hosted by Rachel Evans, whose one-woman play "Jew Wish" explores the ups and downs of online dating. Live music from the Joshua Kwassman Jazz Quartet will follow. Non-story tellers welcome! Beer and wine served. R.S.V.P. to Hannah Griff at HGriff@eldridgestreet.org. Cash payments will be accepted at the door: \$10/adults; \$5/Museum at Eldridge Street Facebook friends.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **ReelAbilities: NY Disabilities Film Festival**

Thursday, February 9 - Tuesday, February 14, multiple times and locations: Don't miss the 4th Annual ReelAbilities: NY Disabilities Film Festival in multiple locations throughout NY. Exceptional films, special events, and engaging discussions will bring together the community to explore, discuss, embrace, and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience. Visit NY.ReelAbilities.org for full schedule and information.

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 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 of charge. Registration required at www.bj.org.

• **Service of the Heart: A Study of Maimonides' Laws of Prayer**
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Tuesdays (February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 13, 20, 27), 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We will examine the Rambam's approach to prayer in his legal code Mishneh Torah—The Book Of Love (Sefer Ahavah) and his invaluable teachings about the development of Jewish prayer, including: prayer as fulfillment of the commandments to serve God and to love God; the role of kavannah; what is the place of contemplation?; how can we reconcile spontaneous

prayer and mandatory prayer?; can we petition God?; can prayer shape our character and influence our actions? Free of charge. Registration required at www.bj.org.

• **Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Thursdays (February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 15, 22, 29), 12:30-1:30PM, Midtown location T.B.A., Lunch and Learn (please bring your own lunch): 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. Free of charge. Registration required at www.bj.org.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Adar**
Rabbi Felicia Sol

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we study, discuss, celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher 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.

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