

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN

B'nai
Jeshurun
בני ישראל

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

VAYIKRA

ROSH HODESH NISAN

SHABBAT HA HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 3:1 - 4:26

1: 3:1 - 3:5

2: 3:6 - 3:11

3: 3:12 - 3:17

4: 4:1 - 4:7

5: 4:8 - 4:12

6: 4:13 - 4:26

7: Numbers 28:9 - 28:15

Maftir: Exodus 12:1 - 12:20

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15;

Isaiah 66:1, 23

NEXT WEEK: TZAV

SHABBAT HAGADOL

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 7:11 - 7:38

HAFTARAH Malachi 3:4-24, 23

March 23-30, 2012

29 Adar-7 Nisan, 5772

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner

Following Services -
88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Shabbat Morning Services

ROSH HODESH NISAN

Children's Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Unheard Voices of the Moroccan Arab Spring

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

Children's Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Sanctuary
(SEE P.2)

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Chapel

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Men's Havurah

5:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Nisan

5:15 PM - JCC in Manhattan (SEE P.3)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - BJ Office

The Soul of Israel: What's at Stake?

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

A Conversation with Professor Ruth Gavison

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Books of Torah

8:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Service of the Heart:

6:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

A Study of Maimonides' Laws of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Preparing for Pesah

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Ha Petikha—The Opening:

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

Community Study of the Weekly Parashah

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

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 Hazorim CSA Registration Now Open

Tuesdays, June 12–November 6, 4:30-7:30PM, 88th Street Sidewalk: Join us for our third season. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and is a chance for you to pick up fresh, organic food from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week beginning June 12 at 88th Street. Choose from vegetable, egg, and fruit shares. Registration can be found at www.bj.org/csa. For more information, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.



SPRING/SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening Service: PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE OF TIME! Beginning **Friday, April 13**, the Friday evening service will start at 7:00PM.

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

SYNAGOGUE: 257 W. 88th St. • OFFICE: 2109 Broadway (Ansonia), Suite 203, New York, NY 10023 • TEL: 212.787.7600 • FAX: 212.496.7600 • WEBSITE: www.bj.org BJ

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Judith Plaskow and Martha Ackelsberg on the death of Martha's father, Oscar Ackelsberg.
- Marcia Grossman, Steven, Piper, and Phoebe Fialkoff on the death of Marcia's mother, Estelle Grossman.
- Madelaine, Marc, and Cornelia Strauss on the death of Madelaine's mother, Catherine Miller.
- Ed Brill, Micki Levin, Ben, Marty, Joey, and Marie Brill on the death of Ed's brother, Michael Brill.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jamie, Matthew, and Ella Mandelbaum on the birth of their son and brother, Levi Samuel.
- Ed, Ben, Marty, and Joey Brill and Micki Levin on Ben's recent marriage to Marie Papazoglou.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Children's Kiddush is co-sponsored by Valerie and Mark Gerstein in honor of Liza turning 3, and in memory of Valerie's mother Louisa Levin, and by James Stulman and Stacy Bolton in memory of Neil Mosesson.

B' RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Daniel Ellis and Jewish Community Group, Congregation B'nai Emunah, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Listen to Unheard Voices of the Moroccan Arab Spring

Saturday, March 24, at the conclusion of Shabbat services, 86th Street Sanctuary: El Mehdi Boudra and Laaziza Dalil, of Moadon Mimouna (Hebrew and Jewish Culture Club), a group of Muslim students at Al Akhawayn University created to foster deeper understanding with the

Jewish history and people of Morocco and the world, will speak. The club is active in many arenas and is planning a group trip to Israel as part of a special KIVUNIM program. Come hear young voices from the Arab world whose thinking has the power to change the accepted character of the Arab-Jewish encounter.

(continued on page 3)

PESAH 5772

Pesah, the dramatic reenactment of our people's redemption from slavery in Egypt, starts on the evening of the 15th of Nisan (Friday, April 6). The festival begins with a seder on the first and second nights and concludes on the 22nd of Nisan with the recitation of Yizkor. BJ offers many resources to help you prepare for Pesah, including BJ's famous cookbook and songs to enliven your seder. This year we are also helping members host members at the second night seder. Please see www.bj.org/pesah for more information.

• Member to Member Second Night Seders

Here's a perfect chance for BJ members to not just meet, but to get to know, other BJ members. Share the story of the exodus, your hagaddah, your holiday dishes, your wine and your BJ spirit with other members at a second seder on Saturday, April 7.

BE A HOST: Are you willing to host one or more guests at your second night seder? Please write to Amanda Schanfield at aschanfiled@bj.org by Monday, March 26.

BE A GUEST: Are you looking for a seder to attend on the second night of Pesah? Visit www.bj.org/pesah and fill out the form by Monday, March 26.

• Preparing for Pesah

Adam Roffman, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

2 Wednesdays (remaining class March 28), 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Like many Jewish holidays, Pesah requires tremendous preparation. While most of our efforts are focused on the physical and

practical preparations for zman kheruteinu, the time of our freedom, Jewish thinkers have long considered how we might internalize these physical actions to effect a significant spiritual transformation as well. As we trace the evolution of these preparatory rituals, we will challenge ourselves to bring meaningful intention to their performance and to our experience of Pesah. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

• Morning Service, Siyyum, and Se'udat Mitzvah

Friday, April 6, 7:30AM, 88th Street: Following Morning Minyan, all are welcome to join in a siyyum, completion of a tractate of rabbinic literature (Masekhet Nazir), taught by Adam Roffman and Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellows, and Shoshi Rosenbaum, Cantorial Intern, followed by a se'udat mitzvah, a meal accompanying the performance of a mitzvah (here the completion of study). All firstborn in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn (Ta'anit Bekhorim).

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 6

Shabbat and First Evening of Pesah Service
88th Street 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 7

Shabbat and First Day Service*
86th Street 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 8

Second Day Service*
88th Street 9:30 AM

Monday, April 9–Thursday, April 12

Hol Hamo'ed Pesah
88th Street 7:30 AM

Thursday, April 12

Seventh Evening Service
88th Street 7:00 PM

Friday, April 13

Seventh Day Service*
88th Street 9:30 AM

Shabbat and Eighth Evening of Pesah Service

88th Street 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 14

Shabbat and Eighth Day Service* (Yizkor)
86th Street 9:30 AM

*Children's Services begin at 10:45 AM each morning.

• **Men's Havurah**

Saturday, March 24, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will be sharing the highlights of his sabbatical. We'll be davening Minḥa with BJ Fellows Jonah and Adam. Come for schnapps, discussion and meaningful conversation. No registration needed.

• **The Soul of Israel: What's at Stake?**

A Conversation with Professor Ruth Gavison

Monday, March 26, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for a special evening in our ongoing series as we welcome Professor Ruth Gavison, Haim H. Cohn Professor of Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is a founding member of the Israeli Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI). She is a member of the presidium of Moetzet Yahad, a national body working under the auspices of the President on consensus-building between religious and secular Jews in Israel. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

• **Shabbat Dinner for People Approximately 35-55**

Friday, March 30, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: First came Tze'irim, then Mekusharim. Now there is a new "yet to be named" group at BJ for singles and couples, from their mid-30s to mid-50s. Everyone involved will enjoy social opportunities and learning together. The kickoff is a Shabbat dinner featuring BJ Rabbinic Fellow Jonah Geffen. The ages are general guidelines; if you're a bit younger or older, no problem—come for dinner. Contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org with suggested names for this group and register for dinner at www.bj.org.

• **The New American Haggadah—Presented by Jonathan Safran Foer and Nathan Englander**

Sunday, April 1, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Critically acclaimed bestselling writer Jonathan Safran Foer presents a provocative new way of experiencing one of our oldest, most sacred texts. With a new translation from renowned author Nathan Englander, breathtaking illustrations by Israeli typographic artist Oded Ezer, and interpretive essays and commentary from some of the brightest Jewish literary and intellectual voices today. Join us as we host Jonathan and Nathan for a presentation of this new/old book. Co-sponsored by Hazon and the 92nd Street Y. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

• **10th Annual BJ Women's Retreat**

Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29, Block and Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, PA: Registration is now open for the 10th Annual Women's retreat. We will be hosting a delegation of Israeli women from our partner communities Nigun Halev and Beit Tefilah Israeli – Tel Aviv. We know that they will add so much to our retreat. Registration is required at www.bj.org.

• **Save the Date: BJ Community Retreat**

Friday, June 8-Sunday, June 10, Block and Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, PA: More details to follow shortly. Contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org for more information.

(continued on page 4)

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

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group: Rosh Hodesh Nisan**
Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Saturday, March 24, 5:15PM, JCC in Manhattan (76th and Amsterdam): Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for a special guided tour by Professor Carole Balin on *Bat Mitzvah Comes of Age*, presented by the National Museum of American Jewish History and Moving Traditions, an exhibition which shows how bat mitzvah evolved from a radical innovation into a nearly universal American tradition. A fascinating story of how individuals shape and change ritual, this exhibit offers a unique lens into the dynamism of Jewish life. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

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

7 Tuesdays (remaining class March 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 (remaining class March 29), 12:30-1:30PM, Midtown location given upon registration, 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.

• **Ha Petikha—The Opening: Community Study of the Weekly Parashah**
Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursday, March 29, 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Office: Rabbi Nahman of Breslev said: "Torah and Prayer strengthen and illuminate one another." Enter into Shabbat at BJ with a deeper sense of the profound depths of wisdom found in the weekly Torah portion. This week we read Parashah Tzav, where considerable attention is paid to the details of animal sacrifice. Learn just how much this obsolete practice has to teach us about who we really are and who we want to become. This free class meets every Thursday evening.

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

6 Tuesdays (April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office: top 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.

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.
- **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. 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 3)*

• **Capturing Our Stories Oral History Project**
Ongoing, flexible dates and times: All of our lives are full of important moments and events, creating a mosaic of fascinating stories. A team of BJ members is interested in capturing your story. Everyone has an

interesting narrative and the Capturing Our Stories team is recording these vignettes on video. If you would like to be interviewed or to join our team of interviewers, please be in touch with Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Mitzvah in Your Sleep:
Become a Shelter Sleepover Volunteer**
Any evening, Sunday through Thursday, 9:00PM-7:00AM, 86th Street Social Hall or 88th Street: We are looking to add new sleepover volunteers to our shelter roster. This is a great opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of providing hospitality with dignity, all while sleeping through the night. It's easy to sign up for once a month or even once every other month. We would love to add you to the rotation! To volunteer or learn more, please contact Larissa Wohl at lwohl@bj.org or x272.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**
Friday, March 23, following the 6:30PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a Tze'irim Shabbat dinner with a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting. Shabbat is the perfect time, and BJ the perfect place, to relax from the long week, schmooze, catch up with old friends and make new ones. To ease your way into the weekend, we'll be sure to provide ample food, wine, and musical accompaniment. Tze'irim can't wait to see you! Please register at bj.org.

• **Tze'irim Shelter Cooking**
Tuesday, March 27, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join us as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. As usual, there is a suggested donation to help cover the cost of groceries (\$6-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Sunday, March 25 to the SA/SJ committee at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com.

Hamalakh hago-el oti mikol-ra
yevarekh et-hane'arim veyikare vahem shemi
veshem avotai Avraham veYitzhak
veyidgu larov bekerev ha-aretz.

— Genesis 48:16

The Angel who has redeemed me from all harm
Bless the lads. In them may my name be recalled,
And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,
And may they be teeming multitudes upon the earth.

הַמַּלְאָךְ הַגָּאֵל אֶתִי מִכָּל־רָע
יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־הַנְּעָרִים וַיְקַרֵּא בְהֵם שְׁמִי
וַשְׁם אֲבוֹתַי אַבְרָהָם וַיִּצְחָק
וַיְדַגּוּ לְרֹב בְּקִרְבֵּי הָאָרֶץ :

Please visit BJ online at www.bj.org for more information: Membership at BJ • Class and Event Registration • BJ Publications • Calendar of Events
ASL Interpreter available upon request.

Printed on Recycled Paper ♻️ Please Recycle