

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

VAYIGASH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:28 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 46:27 - 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 - 12

December 21-28, 2012

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

**Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer
Shabbat Morning Services**

8:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Naming

Aidan Shaifer

**Children's Services
Community Kiddush**

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Morning Minyan

ASARA BE'TEVET

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

Closed today

Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter

6:00 PM - 88th St. Kitchen (SEE P.2)

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

No class this week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

No class this week

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

Closed today

Limud: Davening 101

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

• Make a Difference:

Volunteer to Read with a Child

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January-May, 2:00-4:00PM, P.S. 125, 425 West 123rd Street: The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership is beginning the new year with two new session times in the afternoon. This a wonderful opportunity to work with elementary school-aged children one-on-one. We work to foster a love of reading and create a warm and welcoming environment for the students. You can sign up for either Tuesday or Thursday. Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272 to learn more.

**• Service and Hospitality: Volunteer with the
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

Thursdays, 11:45AM-1:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Every Thursday at BJ we welcome guests into our synagogue for a delicious lunch, friendly companionship, and music performed by a BJ member every other week. Join our lunch program by volunteering and taking part in the warm and welcoming atmosphere we offer to our guests. To learn more about this opportunity or to volunteer contact Susan Samuels at susanzsamuels@gmail.com, Larissa Wohl at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

Join us at the BJ Morning Minyan

Start your day in an intimate and warm setting. Join us for morning services Monday-Friday at 7:30AM, and Sundays and national holidays at 9:30AM. See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/.

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 YENAHĒM

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

- Jennifer Hirsch, John, Isaac and Jacob Santelli on the death of John's mother, Helene Santelli.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jenna and Seth Shaifer on the naming of their son, Aidan.
- Elaine Nevins on her grandson, Zachary Himmel, becoming a Bar Mitzvah at Huntington Jewish Center.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Jenna and Seth Shaifer in honor of Aidan's naming.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

2 Saturdays each month (December 22; January 5, 26; February 9, 23; March 9, 23; April 6, 20; May 4, 18; June 1, 15), 8:45-9:20AM, 86th Street Chapel: Please join Rabbi Roly Matalon to prepare the soul and open the heart for Shabbat morning prayers through the singing of piyutim and reflections on kavannah.

• BJ Israeli Book Group: Love and War in Contemporary Israeli Fiction

6 Mondays (remaining sessions January 7, February 4, March 4, April 22, and May 20), 7:30-9:00PM, 89th Street: Always wanted to read novels by Israel's greatest authors? Join BJ members and Jewish studies professors Carole Balin and Jennifer Sylvor to read one book for each decade since Israel's establishment. The next selection is *Homesick* by Eshkol Nev. Visit www.bj.org/israelibooks or contact Orli at omoss@bj.org for details.

• Are You a New Member of BJ?

Tuesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 24, 6:30-9:00PM, location provided upon registration: If you've joined B'nai Jeshurun in the past year, we have a hand-crafted experience just for you. Our New Member Orientation Programs (NMOPs) are the way to learn all of the BJ inside info you need to know. Now is your chance to learn about our shared history and schmooze with our rabbis, hazzan, and other new members. Each NMOP is a 2-session series. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky, blasky@bj.org, by January 4.

• Paths To Parenthood: A Workshop

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Rabbi Felicia Sol will be joined by BJ member Robin Fleischner, an adoption and assisted reproduction attorney, and Nancy Kaufman LCSW, a therapist

whose practice is focused on infertility. The paths to parenthood, including adoption, in vitro fertilization, ova, sperm and embryo donation, and surrogacy raise questions from an ethical, legal, psychological and Jewish standpoint. A panel discussion will be followed by smaller breakout sessions. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

• Scripture, Tradition, and Art: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Texts, Images, and Performance

4 Thursdays (February 7, 14, 21, 28), 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Co-sponsored by Mekusharim and the Interfaith Committee, Rabbi Lewis Warshauer will present works of art inspired by Abraham and his sons, Ishmael and Isaac, and also by the stories of Joseph. Because these stories are integral to all three faiths, we will study texts and view images of these two key narratives in order to deepen our understanding of how artists from different times and different traditions have interpreted and shared these stories. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

• Aliyah and Kiddush to Honor BJ Volunteers

Saturday, February 9, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street followed by Kiddush at the 88th Street Sanctuary: Each year, more than 1,000 volunteers make BJ an active and supportive community. Our 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, with a Kiddush in your honor immediately following. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at blask@bj.org by February 4.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 16, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Twice a year we have the opportunity to provide a very important service to the community. Give the gift of life by signing up now for the BJ Blood Drive. Learn more about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply by visiting www.nybc.org. R.S.V.P. to Trudi Levine at trudi531@aol.com with the best time slot for you and with any questions.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Bim Bam Winter Session

Fridays, January 11-May 17, 9:15-10:00AM, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children 3 and under to sing Hebrew and Shabbat related songs and enjoy Jewish learning activities. Every class ends with lighting Shabbat candles, kiddush and hamotzi. Register at www.bj.org for classes at 9:15, 10:15 or 11:15. Space is limited. Cost is \$270/members and \$350/non-members per family. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions. Class will not meet March 29.

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• **January Tot Shabbat**

Friday, January 4, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults and children, with vegetarian options. While adults are finishing their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and song! Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, January 2. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary requests. Cost is \$25/adults and \$10/child for members, \$32/adults and \$12/child for non-members; all children under 2 eat free.

• **5th and 6th Grade Class Dinner**

Friday, January 11, 7:45-9:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join classmates and friends, new and old, at a Shabbat dinner for fifth and sixth graders, no matter where they receive their Jewish education. Please join us for services in the sanctuary beginning at 6:30PM, followed by dinner in Frankel Hall (dietary laws observed). Registration required at www.bj.org and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or dietary concerns.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**

Monday, December 24, 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 Avenue). 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. at www.bj.org by Sunday, December 23.

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, January 18, 8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Tze'irim is excited to announce our first catered Shabbat dinner of 2013. Join us for good food, beautiful zmirot and excellent company. Bring your friends or come make new ones. Either way, you do not want to miss this event. Cost: BJ mem-

bers, \$29; non-members, \$39. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, January 16.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Special Judaica Exhibit at Columbia University**

Through January 2013, Mondays through Fridays, 9:00AM-4:45PM, 535 West 114 Street: The Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Columbia University is presenting a major exhibition of Hebraica and Judaica manuscripts. This exhibit, "The People in the Books," is the first of its kind at Columbia, featuring materials from the 10th to the 20th century. It's free and open to the public. For more info contact the Librarian for Judaic Studies at 212-854-8046.

• **The Long Goodbye: Protracted Illness and the Effects on Family**

Monday, January 7, 8:30AM-12:00PM, The JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: This morning conference is one in a series covering loss, grief and setting up a caring community. Keynote Speakers are Pauline Boss Ph.D., a family therapist in private practice, and Rabbi Mychal Springer, director of the Center of Pastoral Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Fee includes a kosher breakfast: \$18 for professionals; \$10 for seniors. Register at www.plazajewishcommunitychapel.org.

• **Revitalize your Career with NewVenture Entrepreneurship Program**

Wednesday, February 6, 9:00AM-1:00PM, UJA-Federation, 130 East 59th Street: The Hebrew Free Loan Society, with the support of UJA-Federation, is proud to offer the Kauffman Foundation FastTrac NewVenture Entrepreneurship Program. This is a twelve-week program for Baby Boomer professionals who have faced downsizing during the economic downturn. Cost is \$200. Space is limited. For more information, go to www.hfls.org/courses or call (212) 687-0188. Class will not meet on March 27 or April 3.

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

• **Lunch and Learn: Avodah ShebaLev—Prayer of the Heart**

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

14 Tuesdays (January 8 through May 21), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office Conference Room: Our Hassidic Rabbis give voice to the search for authentic prayer and the possibility of being in connection with God. Join Rabbi Felicia L. Sol for an exploration of Hassidic texts on prayer and a conversation of how we might cultivate a more engaged and profound prayer life. Participants are encouraged to come for the entirety of the class but each class will stand alone so new participants are always welcome. No prior knowledge is expected. Free of charge; please register at www.bj.org.

• **Davening 101**

Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursdays (through May 30), 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: The siddur is the guidebook of tefillah, and though central to our practice of prayer, the siddur is all too often difficult or impossible to access. Its structure is a mystery, its words foreign, its relevance to our own experience unclear. And yet, it is entirely knowable. Together we will explore the deep meaning of the words of our people's prayers, gain greater understanding of the structure of services, and learn the techniques and choreography of tefillah. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE AT BJ

• **Contemplative Living Rooms**

Mondays (remaining services January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8 and May 13), 7:00-8:30PM, at members' homes: There will be a contemplative Arvit service on the second Monday of the month with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan. Registration is first come, first served. Location will be given upon registration at ngoodhart@bj.org.

• **BJ Contemplative Retreat In Nature—Costa Rica, January, 2013**

Sunday, January 20-Sunday, January 28, Costa Rica: During a week of simple living in the rich ecology of the Costa Rican rain forest we will explore Jewish Contemplative Practice as a way to connect more deeply with our soul, our truest values, and with God and God's creation. This retreat is being led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Sol Gonzalez and local nature guides. Learn more and apply at www.bj.org/costarica.

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 Belinda Lasky, Assistant Executive Director, at x224 or blasky@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.

Ana Bekhoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura
Kabel rinat amekha sagevenu taharenu nora
Na gibor dorshei yehudkha kevavat shomrem
Barkhem taharem rahamei tzidkatkha tamid gomlem
Hasin kadosh berov tuvekha nahel adatekha
Yahid ge-e le'amekha pene zokhrei kedushatekha
Shav'atenu kabel ushma tza'akatenu yode'a ta'alumot

Barukh shem kevod malkhuto le'olam va'ed

אָנאַ בִּכְחַ גְּדֻלַּת יְמִינְךָ תִּתִּיר צְרוּרָה.
קִבֵּל רֵנַת עַמְּךָ, שְׂגִבְנוּ טְהָרְנוּ נוֹרָא.
נָא גִבּוֹר, דּוֹרְשֵׁי יְהוּדָה, כְּבַבְתָּ שְׂמֵרִם.
בְּרַכְסֵם טְהָרִם רַחֲמֵי צְדָקָתְךָ תִּמִּיד גּוֹמְלִים.
חֲסִין קְדוּשׁ בְּרוּב טוֹבָה נְהַל עֲדָתְךָ.
יְחִיד גָּאֵה לְעַמְּךָ פִּנְה זֹכְרֵי קְדוּשָׁתְךָ.
שְׁוַעַתְנוּ קִבֵּל וּשְׁמַע צַעֲקוֹתֵנוּ יוֹדֵעַ תַּעֲלוּמוֹת.
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Please, with Power
Please, with the power of Your great right hand
free the bound.
Accept the song of Your people, empower us,
make us pure, Awesome One!
Please, Mighty One, the seekers of Your unity,
watch them like the pupil of an eye.
Bless them, make them pure,
have mercy on them; Your justness

bestow upon them always.
Tremendous Holy One, in Your abundant
goodness lead Your community.
Unique One, Exalted One, face Your people
who remember Your holiness.
Accept our prayer, hear our cry,
Knower of secrets.
Blessed is the name
of the Glory of the Kingdom

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