

# קול ישראל

# KOL JESHURUN

B'nai  
Jeshurun  
בני ישראל

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**YITRO**

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

**TORAH**

Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

1: 18:1 - 18:12

2: 18:13 - 18:23

3: 18:24 - 18:27

4: 19:1 - 19:06

5: 19:7 - 19:19

6: 19:20 - 20:14

7: 20:15 - 20:23

Maftir: 20:19 - 20:23

**HAFTARAH**

Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 6

NEXT WEEK: **MISHPATIM**

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 23:20 - 24:18

**HAFTARAH** II Kings 12:1 - 17;

I Samuel 20:18, 42

## February 1-8, 2013

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**Tot Shabbat and Dinner**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

**Gimel and Dalet Shabbat Dinner**

5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Following Service –

88th St. Frankel Hall

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**Shabbat Morning Services**

**Junior Congregation**

**Children's Services**

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

**Bat Mitzvah**

Noa Zhukovsky

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**Talking Peace (Siah Shalom):  
What Language Do We Use?**

4:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Day of Kabbalah: From Chabad  
to Madonna**

9:30 AM – JCC in Manhattan (SEE P.2)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

7:00 PM – BJ Office

**BJ Israel Book Group**

7:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings**

8:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: Avodah ShebaLev—**

12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.4)

**Prayer of the Heart**

**Limud: Engaging Israel: Foundations  
of a New Relationship**

6:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

**Sculpture, Tradition, and Art**

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Refuah V'Nehama: Service for Healing  
and Comfort**

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**Navigating the Borders of Israeli Society**

7:00 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**

12:30 PM (SEE P.4)

**Lunch and Learn**

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Limud: Davening 101**

7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.4)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM –

88th St. Frankel Hall

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

• **Upcoming Economic Justice Hevra Meetings**  
*Tuesdays, February 5 and March 5, 6:30-9:00PM,*  
please R.S.V.P. for meeting location: The  
Economic Justice Hevra is part of Panim el  
Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy  
Initiative. The Hevra is currently working hard on  
their upcoming educational event focusing on  
public subsidies for economic development and  
job creation. This is a continuation of our  
participation in the Living Wage NYC Coalition.  
If you are interested in attending one of these  
meetings or have questions, contact Sandy at  
cheiten8644@gmail.com.

• **Explorations in Caregiving and  
Care Receiving – Part 3 Workshop 3:  
Aging Wisely Education Series**  
*Wednesday, March 13, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street  
Sanctuary:* Join us for round table discussions  
to address the complexities and changing nature  
of being a caregiver for family members and/  
or friends. We will hear from BJ members about  
their personal experiences with caregiving and  
receiving. This is a wonderful opportunity to come  
together, share our stories, hear from others,  
and work through our questions and challenges  
as a community. Doors will open at 6:30. This is a  
rescheduled event. Re-register for the workshop  
at [www.bj.org/aging](http://www.bj.org/aging).

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Erika Balin and we extend our sincere condolences to her daughter Ruth, her son Fred and his wife Anne, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Bill Schwartz, Lucy Chudson, their daughter Alexandra Schwartz and their entire family on the death of Bill's mother, Ida Schwartz.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Noa Zhukovsky, her parents Emily Benedek and Jonathan Zhukovsky, and her sister Hannah Zhukovsky on Noa becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Emily Benedek and Jonathan Zhukovsky in honor of Noa becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Michael Fishbein and 8th Grade Class, Temple Israel of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Day of Kabbalah: From Chabad to Madonna

**Sunday, February 3**, 9:30AM-5:00PM, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street: Join guest speakers Daniel Matt, Rabbi Asher Crispe, and others in an exploration of the visible and invisible influence of Kabbalah on modern times. Discover kabbalistic themes in unexpected places—from the movies to the Big Bang. Learn how to deepen your own Jewish prayer and practice and to transform your life. Co-sponsored by BJ, the Carlebach Shul, and Sinai Live. Use the code CONGBJ for BJ discount. Register at [www.jccmanhattan.org](http://www.jccmanhattan.org) or by calling 646-505-5708.

### • Refuah V'Nehama: Service for Healing and Comfort

**Wednesday, February 6**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for an evening prayer service with song, silence, study and connection devoted to healing and comfort. All are welcome—whether you are ill, praying for someone who is ill, looking for strength to get through a difficult time, seeking comfort following the death of a loved one or desiring a community of prayer. Contact Andrea at [abrecker@bj.org](mailto:abrecker@bj.org) with any questions.

### • 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](http://www.bj.org).

### • Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

**2 Saturdays each month** (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.

### • 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 [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org) by February 4.

### • Special Needs Havdalah

**Saturday, February 9**, 5:45-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join BJ spiritual leaders and musicians for an interactive, warm, and inviting musical Havdalah service. As a demonstration of our commitment to inclusion, this will be an accessible Havdalah service, sensitive to children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Everyone is welcome, including members and non-members. R.S.V.P. is essential, as we will provide preparatory materials in advance. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), and contact Hilary Schumer at [hschumer@bj.org](mailto:hschumer@bj.org) with any questions.

### • Helen Radin Memorial Zayin Adar Teaching: Descriptions of Moses' Death in The Bible

**Saturday, February 16**, 4:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Zayin Adar (the 7th of Adar) is the date assigned to the birth and death of Moses. Join us for this teaching by Rabbi David Silber which honors the work of Hevra Kadisha of which Helen Radin, z"l, was a committed volunteer. Rabbi Silber is the Founder and Dean of Drisha Institute for Jewish Education. The teaching will include Minḥa, Ma'ariv and Havdalah. Free. Registration is not required.

### • Shushan on My Mind—Volunteer to Continue BJ Purim Traditions

**Thursday, February 21**, 2:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: **Mishloah Manot Bag Assembly. Saturday, February 23**, 7:00PM-12:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: **Purim Party.** Are you interested in volunteering without a long term commitment, meeting other BJ members and having a good time? Mishloah manot (Purim gift bags) assemblers are needed and volunteers are needed to help serve drinks and snacks during the Purim Party. DJ Jerry Laskin will be returning to BJ to rock the house and dancers will get thirsty. Volunteer for either or both dates at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Hebrew Marathon

**Sunday, March 3**, 10:30AM-2:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Want to feel more comfortable in the prayer service but feel inhibited because you can't read Hebrew? This unique seminar is perfect for you. Come in for an intensive Hebrew marathon with teacher Michal Nachmany that will leave you wanting more. Learn the letters and vowels, and by the end of the day you will be reading Hebrew. Cost: \$60 for BJ members; \$80 for non-members. Registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by February 27.

### • Community Second Night Pesah Seder

**Tuesday, March 26**, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: For the fifth year, Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will be leading the Community Second Night Pesah Seder. This event is for members only. Reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. We welcome additional donations to help other BJ members attend. Register early to ensure your seat at the table and/or volunteer to help with preparation at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Contact Naomi at [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org) if you need financial assistance or more information.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Save the Date: Economic Justice Hevra Educational Event**  
**Thursday, April 11, 7:00-9:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Panim el Panim's Economic Justice Hevra for an evening of discussion and presentations on public subsidies for economic development and job creation in New York City. How do we create good jobs? The evening will feature case studies including Fresh Direct and sports arenas. Be sure to put the date on your calendar for what will be an informative and exciting evening. More detailed information to come. Registration for this event will open in March.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Do the Mitzvah of Bikkur Holim with Rabbi Felicia Sol**  
**Mondays, February 11 and February 25**, various times and locations: BJ's fifth graders are invited to join Rabbi Felicia Sol in February to practice the mitzvah of bikkur holim (visiting the sick). Students and parents will learn about the mitzvah on February 11 at 5:00PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary. On February 25, we'll meet at 4:00PM in the 89th Street building before visiting residents at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) to attend. Contact Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) if you are able to drive others on February 25.

### TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Story Slam: Love In the Time of Internet**  
**Thursday, February 21, 7:00-9:00PM**, Museum at Eldridge Street (12 Eldridge Street): Got great stories about looking for "the one" online? 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 writer and actress Rachel Evans, author and star of *Jew Wish*, a one-woman show on on-line dating. Non-storytellers welcome! Wine and beer served. Cost: BJ members, \$5; non-members, \$10. R.S.V.P. to the Museum at Eldridge Street at [eldridgestreet.org](http://eldridgestreet.org).

### • Tze'irim Cooks for Shelter

**Monday, February 25, 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. by Sunday, February 24 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### • Don't Miss Limmud NY

**February 15-18, 2013 (Presidents' Day Weekend)**, Hilton East Brunswick Hotel, New Jersey: Join over 700 people of all ages and backgrounds at the premier festival of Jewish learning and culture. Experience film, music, politics, text study, and more. Take advantage of hundreds of sessions and performances, enjoy yoga, or schmooze. There will be programming for the whole family, including free babysitting and children's camp. The meals are strictly kosher. Financial aid is available. Register at [www.limmudny.org](http://www.limmudny.org) or call 646-807-9464 for more information.

#### • Yiddish con Salsa: The Jews of Latin America

**Friday- Sunday, April 19- 21**, Yiddish Book Center, Amherst, MA: Join award-winning author and cultural critic Ilan Stavans exploring the complexity, beauty, and epic nature of Jewish life in Latin America. Through four lectures, including "The Converso as Metaphor: The Legacy of Secrecy" and "Yiddish con Salsa: Adventures of mame loshn in the Hispanic World," take an intellectual journey into an often-overlooked part of the Jewish landscape. Yiddish Book Center member rate of \$260 is offered to all BJ members! For more information and to register visit the [www.yiddishbookcenter.org](http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org) or call 413-256-4900 x131.

BJ is proud of the *Kol Hadash* magazine and strives to make it a piece that best serves the community. To accommodate article submissions and create a more seasonal feel to the *Kol Hadash*, we will start publishing quarterly issues beginning with Spring 2013. Look for it in your mailbox at the beginning of April.

## ISRAEL

Visit [www.bj.org/israel](http://www.bj.org/israel) to find out about BJ's engagement with Israel and for up-to-date information on Israel Programs. To learn more, contact Orli Moss, Director of Israel Engagement, at [omoss@bj.org](mailto:omoss@bj.org) or at x229.

• **Talking Peace (Siah Shalom): What Language Do We Use?**  
**Saturday, February 2, 4:30-6:00PM**, 270 West 89th Street: What if Peace were to exist in Israelis' lives as a fascinating, deeply Jewish, endlessly complex value that can be shared by left and right alike? Talking Peace is an organization which brings people together to learn that peace in the Middle East must emerge from more than just dialogue, it must emerge from altering the terms we use to talk about peace. Come hear about Talking Peace, and take part in an interactive workshop. Registration required at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events).

• **BJ Israel Book Group: Love and War in Contemporary Israeli Fiction**  
**6 Mondays** (remaining sessions February 4, March 4, April 22, and May 20), 7:30-9:00PM, 270 West 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 *To the End of the Land* by David Grossman. Registration required at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events).

#### • Engaging Israel: Foundations of a New Relationship

**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon and Orli Moss**

**9 Tuesdays** (remaining classes February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19), 6:30-8:00PM, 270 West 89th Street: Rabbi Roly Matalon and Orli Moss will explore the significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews through Jewish text, video and discussion. Based on The Shalom Hartman Institute's iEngage curriculum, this conversation about Israel is rooted in values and ideas. The program is for BJ members only and the cost is \$90. Registration is now closed.

#### • Culture and Identity In Israel Through Film

**Wednesday, February 6, 7:00-8:30PM**, 270 West 89th Street: In addition to having few agreed upon geographical borders for the country, Israel struggles to navigate the borders of culture and identity. For some this is a blessing – creative and exhilarating, for others it is a disaster waiting to happen. Join Jeremy Leigh, visiting from Israel, to watch some movie clips and discuss the implications. Limited space, registration required at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events).

## 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](mailto: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:** The morning minyan is an opportunity to experience BJ tefillah in a more intimate setting and a wonderful way to get to know one another better. Please make every effort to attend so our members are able to say kaddish with the required minyan and in a supportive environment. Learn more and find the current schedule at [www.bj.org/minyan](http://www.bj.org/minyan)

**UPCOMING LIMUD** Please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information and to register.

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

**Part III, 9 Thursdays** (remaining classes February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21), 12:30-1:30PM, Midtown location provided upon registration (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 is now closed as the class is full.

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

**Sunday, February 10**, 11:00AM-1:00PM, 270 West 89th Street: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for study and conversation about the mitzvah of giving Mishloah Manot. There will be orange juice, bagels and cream cheese, and you are welcome to bring a kosher dairy/vegetarian dish to share. Free event. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

• **Lunch and Learn: Avodah ShebaLev—Prayer of the Heart**  
**Rabbi Felicia L. Sol**

**14 Tuesdays** (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](http://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](http://www.bj.org).

## Ana Bekhoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura  
Kabel rinat amekha sagevenu taharenu nora

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