

# קול ישראל

# KOL JESHURUN

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## TETZAVEH

SHABBAT ZAKHOR

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 29:19 - 30:10

1: 29:19 - 29:21

2: 29:22 - 29:25

3: 29:26 - 29:30

4: 29:31 - 29:34

5: 29:35 - 29:37

6: 29:38 - 29:46

7: 30:1 - 30:10

Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 -19

**HAFTARAH**

I Samuel 15:1 - 34

NEXT WEEK: **KI TISA**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 33:12 - 34:35

**HAFTARAH** I Samuel 15:1 - 34

## SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### • 2013 NYC Mayoral Candidates Forum on Education

**Tuesday, February 26**, 6:45PM (doors open at 6:00PM), Central Synagogue, 652 Lexington Avenue: The Metro Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), including its Manhattan Together and South Bronx Churches affiliates, will hold its second mayoral forum. Lay leaders will ask key questions on public education and mayoral candidates Tom Allon, Bill de Blasio, Joseph Lhota, John Liu, William Thompson, and Christine Quinn will respond. Moderated by Errol Lewis, NY 1 *Inside City Hall*. Please email Channa at [ccamins@bj.org](mailto:ccamins@bj.org) or call x259 for tickets (limited availability). Co-sponsored by Metro Industrial Areas Foundation and the *NY Daily News*.

### • Explorations in Caregiving and Care Receiving – Part 3 Workshop 1: 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/agingworkshop](http://www.bj.org/agingworkshop).

## February 22-March 1, 2013

12-19 Adar, 5773

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer**

8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

**Shabbat Morning Services**

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Children's Services**

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

**Children's Kiddush**

Following Services – 86th St. Chapel

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

### EREV PURIM (SEE P.3)

**Family Megillah Reading**

6:30 PM – 88th St.

**Adult Megillah Reading and Then... Party On**

8:00 PM – 88th St.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Purim Morning Services with Megillah Reading**

**PURIM (SEE P.3)**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Tot Puppet Show and Carnival**

10:30 AM – 88th St.

**Purim Carnival**

11:30 AM – 88th St.

**Purim Play**

1:15PM – 88th St.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Morning Minyan**

**SHUSHAN PURIM**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Do the Mitzvah of Bikkur Holim**

5:00 PM – 89th St.

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

7:00 PM – BJ Office

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings**

8:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: Avodah ShebaLev—Prayer of the Heart**

12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.4)

**Limud: Engaging Israel**

6:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.4)

**Yozma Open Meeting**

6:30 PM (SEE P.2)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**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.4)

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Limud: Davening 101**

7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.4)

**Scripture, Tradition, and Art**

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

## ISRAEL

To learn more, visit [www.bj.org/israel](http://www.bj.org/israel) or contact Orli Moss at [omoss@bj.org](mailto:omoss@bj.org) or at x229.

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

**6 Mondays** (remaining sessions March 4, April 22, and May 20), 7:30-9:00PM, 270 West 89th Street: The next selection is *And the Rat Laughed* by Nava Semel.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAH<sup>EM</sup>

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Deborah and Larry Fraser, their daughters Molly and Rebecca, and their entire family on the death of Deborah's stepfather, Michael Gordon.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Barbara Schwimmer and her entire family on Barbara becoming a Bat Torah.
- Steve, Lynette, Caroline, and Sarah Koppel on Sarah's marriage to Joshua Smith.
- Susan Pereira on being selected for inclusion in the 5th International Shalsholet New Jewish Liturgical Music Festival.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

**4 Thursdays** (remaining classes February 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 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.

### • Yozma Open Meeting

**Tuesday, February 26**, 6:30-8:30PM, location given upon registration: Yozma, which means "initiative", is BJ's community of singles and couples ages 35-55 living in and around New York City. Having just completed our first year of programming, we would like to hear from you. What kinds of events would you like to see? Would you like to get involved with the Yozma working group? Please join us for an open meeting to meet new people and share your thoughts. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org) for location.

### • 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.

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

**Wednesdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1**, 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.

### • Film Screening:

**Ahead of Time—The Extraordinary Journey of Ruth Gruber**

**Thursday, March 14**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The subject of this 2009 documentary is Ruth Gruber, an international foreign correspondent and

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Barbara Schwimmer in honor of her becoming a Bat Torah.
- This week's Children's Kiddush is co-sponsored by Katie Sanders and Lawrence Gardner in honor of Evie's 4th birthday, and by Julie Sissman and Phil Richter in honor of Talia's 6th and Orli's 4th birthdays.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Shoshanah Tornberg and Confirmation Class, Or-Ami Congregation, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

photojournalist who became the eyes and conscience of the world during an extraordinary career that spanned more than seven decades; becoming the first journalist to enter the Soviet Arctic, covering the Nuremberg trials and documenting the Haganah ship Exodus. The screening will be followed by a Q and A with Ruth Gruber and the filmmakers, moderated by Myriam Abramowicz. This is a free event. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Teacher-in-Residence Community Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

**Friday, March 15**, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a community dinner with teacher-in residence Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, director of UCLA Hillel. Enjoy a three-course kosher dinner with wine, and great company. 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. Register by March 13 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Teacher-in Residence Shabbat Afternoon Teaching with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

**Saturday, March 16**, 6:00PM, 270 West 89th Street: Join Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, director of UCLA Hillel, for Shabbat afternoon teaching.

### • Men's Havurah and The Brotherhood

**Saturday, March 16**, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for Minḥa, Havdalah and a conversation with our teens. What are their social expectations as "men to be?" Co-led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and David Lieberman, our Teen Educator. No registration needed. For more information contact Naomi Goodhart at [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org).

### • Pre-Pesah Shabbat Dinner: Out with Hametz...On Our Shelves and In Ourselves

**Friday, March 22**, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: On this, the last Shabbat before Pesah, let's examine together how we can get rid of the hametz in our lives as we prepare for the holiday. Let's share our personal strategies plus learn from text by Rabbi Roly Matalon while enjoying a Shabbat meal. This dinner is open to all and coordinated by Mekusharim. \$36/members; \$46/non-members. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by Wednesday, March 20.

### • 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.

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.

• **Upcoming Aging in NY Hevra Meetings**

**Mondays, March 4 and April 8, 6:30-9:00PM**, R.S.V.P. for meeting location: Working closely with diverse partners, our hevra is working to improve access to quality eldercare/homecare for all New Yorkers, as well as improving the quality of care jobs for workers. We are leading a series of dialogues between seniors, homecare workers, and prospective homecare workers, to learn from each others' experiences, hear from experts in the field, and begin to construct a training program which reflects our shared values. To attend a meeting or learn more, please contact Sylvia at svogelman@medicarerights.org.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **March Tot Shabbat**

**Friday, March 1, 5:15PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a musical, kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by dinner at 5:45PM with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner includes delicious choices for adults and children, with vegetarian options available. While adults finish their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register by Wednesday, February 27 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Contact Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with questions or dietary requests. Cost is \$25/adult and \$10/child for members, \$32/adult and \$12/child for non-members; all children under 2 eat free.

• **Parenting Toward Bar/Bat Mitzvah: The Blessing of Release and Ascent**

**Tuesday, March 5, 7:00-9:00PM**, home of Jennifer Sylvor and Steve Greenberg: Parents of current 5th and 6th graders are invited to join Rabbi Felicia Sol for an evening of study and discussion on spiritual questions raised in traditional texts. This evening of learning is only for

parents, and will be hosted in the home of Jennifer Sylvor and Steve Greenberg. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by Friday, March 1 to receive the address.

• **B'nai Mitzvah Journey Opening Ritual**

**Saturday, March 9, 5:00-7:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families of all 4th grade students are invited to BJ's annual B'nai Mitzvah Journey Opening Ritual, where the entire Torah will be unrolled, and each student will find the parasha (portion) that he/she will read when called to the Torah for his/her Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Rabbi Felicia Sol will lead this memorable event that brings together all 4th grade students and families as they begin their ascent toward becoming b'nai mitzvah and kick-off their participation in the Mitzvah Map. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **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).

• **Tze'irim Happy Hour**

**Thursday, February 28, 7:00PM**, The Parlour (250 West 86th Street at Broadway): Do you want to get more involved with Tze'irim, but you're not quite sure how? If the answer is yes, then come to Tze'irim's Happy Hour at The Parlour. When you first enter, head to the bar on your left. Enjoy \$3 domestic bottled beers, \$4 well drinks and wines. Catch up with Tze'irim friends and learn how you can get more involved. We look forward to seeing you there. R.S.V.P. by February 27 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

• **Volunteering at Purim Brunch to Honor Holocaust Survivors**

**Sunday, March 3, 10:30AM-3:00PM**, 225 West 83rd Street: Celebrate Purim with Holocaust survivors who would enjoy our company immensely and have been through so much in their lives. We will help with setting up, serving and cooking the brunch food, and socializing with the seniors. You do not have to stay the whole time. We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a rewarding event. R.S.V.P. by February 24 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)

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HEAR THE WHOLE MEGILLAH

**Saturday, February 23, 88th Street Sanctuary:**

• **Family Megillah Reading, 6:30PM-7:30PM:** Families with children in elementary school or older are invited to join BJ Rabbis and Hazzan for a joyous telling of the Megillah.

• **Adult Megillah Reading and Then... Party On, 8:00PM-12:00AM:** Hear a full Megillah reading complete with a shpiel. Perform along with the BJ rabbis and Hazzan in the telling of the tale of Shushan long ago and Esther's bravery. Costumes are encouraged! Following the reading there will be celebrating 'til midnight. Vashti may not have wanted to dance, but you can to the music of crowd-pleasing DJ Jerry Laskin.

**Sunday, February 24, 88th Street Sanctuary:**

• **Purim Morning Services with Megillah Reading, 9:30AM:** Continue to BJ Joyous as you start your day with Esther and Mordechai.

• **Tot Puppet Show and Carnival, 10:30AM:** Children ages 6 and under should come dressed in their finest Purim costumes and be ready to sing, play games, and eat delicious hamentaschen as we bring in Purim!

• **Purim Carnival, 11:30AM:** Children of all ages are invited to craft crafts, play games, eat hamantaschen and celebrate Purim with all of their friends.

• **Purim Play, 1:15PM:** BJ's longest-running Off-Broadway show is back! Join us after the carnival for a Lion King-inspired original Purim shpiel by BJ members Michael Kelberg and Jerry Korman. Presented by BJ's 3rd-6th graders. Prior to the show our Kindergarten through second grade chorus will share a medley of Purim songs. Support our rising young stars as they sing, dance, and retell the story of Purim for all ages!

## 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).

• **"BJ Speak" Glossary:** Do you have questions about commonly used words and phrases at BJ? We have the answer: a BJ Speak Glossary. Visit the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary for a laminated sheet filled with definitions and explanations of everything you want to know. Brought to you by the Education and Communications Team.

• **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:** 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).

## CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

### • Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, March 8, 8:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Come join the rest of your peers in the BJ community as we celebrate Shabbat together. Mingle with Tze'irim for a night of dining, schmoozing, and singing after Kabbalat Shabbat services. Bring your friends or come make new ones. And most important, have fun. Cost: BJ members, \$29; non-members, \$39. Register by Wednesday, March 6 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Tze'irim Goes to the NIT Finals

**Thursday, April 4, 9:00PM**, Madison Square Garden: Always wanted to see a college basketball game? Already craving March Madness? Grab your college sweatshirt and join Tze'irim as we attend the National Invitation Tournament Finals at the World's Most Famous Arena, Madison Square Garden. Don't get stuck watching the game on TV. Tickets are in Section 224 and only \$10. Register by Wednesday, March 13 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

## 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 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.

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

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

**9 Tuesdays** (remaining classes February 26; March 5, 12, 19), 6:30-8:00PM, 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.

### • 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).

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