

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN

B'nai
Jeshurun
בני ישורון

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KI TISA

SHABBAT PARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

TRIENNIAL Exodus 33:12 - 34:35

1: 33:12 - 33:16

2: 33:17 - 33:23

3: 34:1 - 34:9

4: 34:10 - 34:17

5: 34:18 - 34:21

6: 34:22 - 34:26

7: 34:27 - 34:35

Numbers 19:1 - 19:22

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 36:16 - 38

NEXT WEEK: **VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI**

SHABBAT HA_HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

TRIENNIAL Exodus 39:22 - 40:38

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15

March 1-8, 2013

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

**Tot Shabbat and Dinner
Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

5:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Alex Eisert

Bar Mitzvah

Philip Schneider

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Aging in NY Hevra Meeting

6:30 PM (SEE P.2)

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - BJ Office

BJ Israel Book Group

7:00 PM - 89th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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)

Economic Justice Hevra Meeting

6:30 PM (SEE P.3)

Parenting Toward Bar/Bat Mitzvah

7:00 PM (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

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

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 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**

• **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.

ISRAEL

To learn more, visit www.bj.org/israel or contact Orli Moss at 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: March 4, *And the Rat Laughed* by Nava Semel. April 22, *To the End Of the Land* by David Grossman.



I love BJ because the diversity in our community creates both complexity and possibility—both of which have the potential to make BJ an even more vibrant force in modern Jewish life.
—Susan Kippur

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Rabbi Stephen Roberts, his husband Ron Hellman and their entire family on the death of Stephen's father, Hyman Roberts.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Philip Schneider, his parents Debra Fine and Marty Schneider, his brother Jordan Schneider, his sister Abigail Schneider, and their entire family on Philip becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Alex Eisert, his parents Sarah Jaffe and Richard Eisert, his brother Nat Eisert and their entire family on Alex becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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 with any questions.

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

2 Saturdays each month (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.

• Panel Discussion: Multiple Identities of Women, Rosh Hodesh Nisan

Sunday, March 10, 6:00-7:30PM, exhibit 6:00-8:00PM, 270 West 89th Street: What identities are at play when discussing women and Israel? To mark Rosh Hodesh Nisan and International Women's Day (March 8), BJ with the WZO and the AZM are hosting a panel about the multiple identities of women featuring: Elana Sztokman, Executive Director of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Association, Amal Abusif, Associate Director for Academic Affairs of Kivunim and Shani Rozanes, Director of Events at the Israeli Consulate. Art exhibit by Sharona Eliassaf, Israeli artist. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Contemplative Living Rooms

Mondays (remaining services 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.

• Film Screening:

Ahead of Time—The Extraordinary Journey of Ruth Gruber

Thursday, March 14, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The subject of this 2009

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Debra Fine and Marty Schneider in honor of Philip becoming a Bar Mitzvah; by Sarah Jaffe and Richard Eisert in honor of Alex becoming a Bar Mitzvah; and by Jill Prosky and Jim Posner in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Isaac Serotta and Confirmation Class, Lakeside Congregation, Highland Park, Illinois.
- Violetta Shmulenzon and St. Petersburg Young Professionals, JDC Entwine, New York, New York.

documentary is Ruth Gruber, an international foreign correspondent and 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.

• Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller Will Be BJ's Teacher-in-Residence March 15-16

His topic for the **Friday, March 15** Community Shabbat Dinner, at 88th St. Frankel Hall following services, will be "Shefokh Hamatekha—Pour Out Your Wrath: The View of the 'Other' in the Hagaddah." Registration for the 3-course dinner with wine is required by March 13. The cost is \$36 for BJ members; \$46 for non-members. Rabbi Seidler-Feller will give the D'var Torah during Shabbat services on **Saturday, March 16**, at 86th Street, and will lead a Shabbat afternoon teaching at 6:00PM at 270 West 89th Street. The topic will be "From Sacrificial Ritual to Rabbinic Symposium—On the Development of the Passover Seder." Go to www.bj.org for more details and registration.

• 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.

• Save the Date: BJ Community Retreat with Rabbis Roly Matalon, Felicia Sol and Marcelo Bronstein and Hazzan Ari Priven

Friday, May 24-Sunday, May 26, Berkshire Hills Emanuel Camps, Copake, NY: More details to follow shortly. Contact Andrea for more information at abrecker@bj.org or ext. 233.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Medicare Rights and Enrollment Forum

Monday, March 11, 3:00-5:00PM, Project FIND's Hamilton Senior Center, 141 West 73rd Street: Hosted by City Council member Gale A. Brewer and the Medicare Rights Center, this forum will provide updates on Medicare and the Affordable Healthcare Act, Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) and Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE) by the NYC Dept of Finance, and the West Side Age-Friendly District by The New York Academy of Medicine. No registration necessary.

• 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.

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• **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-9:00PM, 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, please contact Sandy at cheiten8644@gmail.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **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 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.

• **6th Grade Retreat**

Friday, April 19–Sunday, April 21, Camp Ramah Nyack: Every 6th grader won't want to miss this amazing retreat. Students will participate in exciting programs that bring them closer to becoming b'nai mitzvah while building community with one other. Transportation will be provided. All meals are kosher, including snacks on Friday afternoon through breakfast on Sunday. Register at www.bj.org by April 9; cost is \$275 per child if you register by March 22, and \$325 for those who register after. Contact Emily at ewalsh@bj.org with questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **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.

• **Tze'irim Serving Sunday Lunch to Seniors**

Sunday, March 17, 12:00-2:30PM, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty: Join us as we make an inter-generational impact brightening up the lives of low income seniors. We will be serving a hot kosher lunch and socializing. This is a really great way to help those in need and to have a lot of fun while doing it. After we finish, we can always get some food ourselves. Register by Thursday, March 14 at 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.

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PESAH 5773

• **Preparing for Pesah with Children**

Saturday, March 2, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: Stay after Junior Congregation for a Lunch and Learn with Rabbinic Intern Bryan Wexler. Families will share lunch together before splitting into groups. Parents will explore ways of making the Passover seder more kid-friendly and family-oriented, while kids play games and Shabbat-friendly activities with BJHS educators. Bring ideas to share!

• **Spiritual Preparation for Pesah**

BJ Rabbinic Fellow Jonah Geffen

2 Wednesdays (March 13 and 20), 6:30-8:00PM, 270 West 89th Street: While Pesah requires a great deal of physical and practical preparation, Jewish thinkers have long considered how we might internalize physical actions to effect a significant spiritual transformation. As we trace the evolution of preparatory rituals, we will challenge ourselves to bring meaningful intention to their performance and to our experience of Pesah. A free program. Registration is required at www.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 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 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. Contact Naomi at ngoodhart@bj.org if you need financial assistance or more information.

• **After Seder Kirtan Concert—Open to All**

Tuesday, March 26, 10:30-11:30PM, 88th Street: Rabbi Andrew Hahn (the Kirtan Rabbi) and Shoshana Jedwab will be offering a Jewish Kirtan concert following the Community Second Night Seder. Hebrew Kirtan – call-and-response chant – celebrates Torah and song in a way that allows people of all ages to discover renewed energy within their Jewish and spiritual practice. Our After Seder Hallel Kirtan is free and open to the public. For more information contact Naomi Goodhart at ngoodhart@bj.org or www.KirtanRabbi.com.

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.

• **"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 kipot 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.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **One Generation Tells Another: A Morning of Storytelling**
Sunday, March 10, 10:00AM, Hebrew Institute of Riverdale—The Bayit, 3700 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx: Stories for families with children 4 and older will be told by world renowned storyteller Peninnah Schram together with Rabbi Avi Weiss. The cost is \$6/Individual; \$10/Family.

Babysitting will be available for children 3 and under. Co-sponsored by PJ Library and Hebrew Institute of Riverdale—The Bayit. To register, contact menachem@thebayit.org. For more information email shuli@thebayit.org or call her at 718-796-4730 x102.

UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit 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 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 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.

• **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.

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