

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN

B'nai
Jeshurun
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RABBIS:

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CANTORIAL INTERN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

VAYIKRA

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 1:1 -5:26

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 4:27 - 5:26

1: 4:27 - 4:31

2: 4:32 - 4:35

3: 5:1 - 5:10

4: 5:11 - 5:13

5: 5:14 - 5:16

6: 5:17 - 5:19

7: 5:20 - 5:26

Maftir: 5:24 - 5:26

HAFTARAH Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

NEXT WEEK: **TZAV**

SHABBAT HAGADOL

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 8:1 - 8:36

HAFTARAH Malachi 3:4 - 24, 23

March 15-22, 2013

4-11 Nisan, 5773

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Community Shabbat Dinner with Following Service –
Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller (ASL Interpreted) 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah Natan Shaviv
Bat Mitzvah Samantha Braffman

D'var Torah Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Junior Congregation 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
and Mitzvah Moment Opportunity

Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Community Kiddush Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

Men's Havurah and The Brotherhood 5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

Minha Service and Learning 6:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School 4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

All in the Family: The Families of Genesis 12:15 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.4)

Spiritual Preparation for Pesah 6:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
and Mitzvah Moment Opportunity

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 22

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM –

88th St. Frankel Hall



I love BJ because when I attend services it lifts me up and I appreciate so much the experience of community.

— Anonymous

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 YENAHM

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

- Martin and Audrey Zelonky, and their children Philip and Reina Zelonky, on the death of Martin's mother, Barbara Zelonky.
- Gary and Sara Levin, and their sons Jonathan and Ted Levin, on the death of Gary's mother, Lois Levin.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Natan Shaviv, his parents Beth Brodsky and Amir Shaviv, his sister Karen, and his brother Nadav on Natan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Samantha Braffman, her parents Liz Wedlan and Peter Braffman, and her brothers Zachary and Will Braffman, on Samantha becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Sara Meyer and Danny Loya on the birth of their son, Eli Dov Meyer Loya.
- Saskia Lane, Julian Porta, and Luna Porta on the birth of their daughter and sister, Ines Cecilia Porta.
- Joan Kaplan (BJ Honorary Trustee), Joseph Kaplan and Catherine Kim, Nathan Kaplan, Edward and Nathalie Kaplan, Bella, and Lily and Chloe Kaplan on the birth of their grandson, son, nephew, and cousin, Richard Minjoon Kaplan.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Beth Brodsky and Amir Shaviv in honor of Natan becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and by Elizabeth Wedlan and Peter Braffman in honor of Samantha becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- UJA-Federation of New York for its support of ASL interpreters at the Kabbalat Shabbat service.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- The Jewish Deaf Resource Center, New York, New York.
- Dr. Eyal Bor and Adult Education class, Beth El Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Rabbi Jonathan Singer and 10th Grade Covenant Renewal group, Temple Beth Am, Seattle, Washington.
- Rabbi Heidi Cohen and Post-Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana, California.
- Rabbi Jack Romberg and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Rabbi Michael A. Davis and Confirmation Class, Congregation Emanu-El, Wichita, Kansas.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Rabbi Seidler-Feller will give the D'var Torah during Shabbat services on **Saturday, March 16** at 86th Street, and a Shabbat afternoon teaching, "From Sacrificial Ritual to Rabbinic Symposium: On the Development of the Passover Seder," beginning with Minḥa, at 6:00PM and ending with Ma'ariv, and Havdalah at the 88th Street Sanctuary. Details and registration at www.bj.org.

• Men's Havurah and The Brotherhood

Saturday, March 16, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for Minḥa 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.

• 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 with 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.

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

2 Saturdays each month (March 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.

• Refuah V'Nehama: Service for Healing and Comfort

Wednesdays, 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 Belinda at blasky@bj.org with questions.

• Yozma Spring Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 5, 8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Save the date for a delicious spring Shabbat dinner with your Yozma friends. For information, contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org.

• Aliyah for Holocaust Survivors and Their Families

Saturday, April 6, at Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary: On the Shabbat before Yom HaShoah, BJ invites Holocaust survivors, their families and descendants for a special aliyah that commemorates those who perished and pays tribute to those who survived. Standing on the bimah for this aliyah is a way to mark our commitment to Jewish life into the future.

• BJ Yom HaShoah Commemoration with Film

Sunday, April 7, 6:45 PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Service and Reading of the Names followed by the US Premiere of *Descendants of Nazis: The Infernal Heritage*, the incredible story of the grandchildren, nephews and nieces of Himmler, Goering and Goebbels, among other Nazis, who have converted to Judaism. The film will be followed by a Q and A with Marlene W. Yahalom, PhD, Director of Education at The American Society for Yad Vashem and moderated by Myriam Abramowicz. The All-Night Vigil will begin at Lincoln Square Synagogue at 10:00PM; the BJ time slot is at 2:00AM.

• Love Books? Let's Talk

Sunday, April 21, 11:00AM-1:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Chat at leisure with fellow book lovers, make recommendations, swap books, and grab a Sunday morning nosh. You'll also have an opportunity to become part of the BJ archives by discussing a book that has been important in your life. Members of Capturing Our Stories, BJ's oral history project, will be there to open the discussion and capture your story on videotape. For more information about the interviews, contact Sandy Soffin at sdsoffin@gmail.com. This event is co-sponsored by Capturing Our Stories and Mekusharim.

• 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 Guy for more information at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255.

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ISRAEL

Visit 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 or at x229.

• Engaging Israel: Foundations of a New Relationship

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon and Orli Moss

9 Tuesdays (remaining class March 19), 6:30-8:00PM, 89th Street: Explore the significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews through text, video and discussion. Registration is now closed.

• Representatives of the LGBTQ Movement in Israel

Join Us on Shabbat

Saturday, March 16, at Shabbat services and Kiddush, 86th Street: This Shabbat morning we will be joined by Irit Zviely-Efrat CEO of Hoshen, the education and information center of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) community in Israel and Avner Dafni, Executive Director of IGY (Israeli Gay Youth). The two will be talking about their work after Kiddush. Join them on Sunday for a film screening and discussion at the LGBT Community Center in the West Village; visit www.bj.org/noticeboard for more information.

• BJ Israel Book Group:

Love and War in Contemporary Israeli Fiction

6 Mondays (remaining sessions April 22 and May 20), 7:30-9:00PM, 270 West 89th Street: The next selection is *Second Person Singular* by Sayed Kashua. Registration required at www.bj.org/events.

• Save the Date: Yom Ha'atzmaut Upper West Side Event

Sunday, April 14, 11:30AM-3:00PM, 88th Street: Join BJ as we take part in the community wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut. All Jewish organizations based in the Upper West Side will take part in this initiative. The event will take place at several locations around the Upper West Side. At BJ we will have a day filled with Israeli music and dance for the whole family. Stay tuned for signing up first at www.uwsisrael.org which goes live on Friday, March 15.

PESAH 5773

• Sell Your Hametz Online

You can easily sell your hametz again this year, but only until Thursday, March 21. Please use the form at www.bj.org/hametz. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Belinda at blasky@bj.org or call x224.

• Spiritual Preparation for Pesah

BJ Rabbinic Fellow Jonah Geffen

2 Wednesdays (remaining class March 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. Registration is required at www.bj.org.

• Morning Service, Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah

Monday, March 25, 7:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Following morning minyan, all are welcome to join in a siyyum, completion of a tractate of rabbinic literature (Masekhet Berakhot), to be led by Len Wasserman, followed by a se'udat mitzvah, a meal accompanying the performance of a mitzvah (here the completion of study). All first

born in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn (Ta'anit Bekhorim).

• Community Second Night Pesah Seder

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30-10:15PM, 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. Registration has closed. Volunteer to help with preparation at www.bj.org. Contact Naomi at ngoodhart@bj.org to be added to the waiting list.

• After Seder Kirtan Concert—Open to All

Tuesday, March 26, 10:15-11:00PM, 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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 26

First Day Morning Service*

88th Street 9:30 AM

Wednesday, March 27

Second Day Morning Service*

88th Street 9:30 AM

Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29

Hol Hamo'ed Pesah

88th Street 7:30 AM

Friday, March 29

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah

Kabbalat Shabbat and Evening Service

88th Street 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 30

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah

Morning Service

86th Street 9:30 AM

Sunday, March 31

Hol Hamo'ed Pesah

88th Street 9:30 AM

Seventh Day Evening Service

88th Street 7:00 PM

Monday, April 1

Seventh Day Morning Service*

88th Street 9:30 AM

Eighth Day Evening Service

88th Street 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 2

Eighth Day Morning Service* (Yizkor)

88th Street 9:30 AM

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

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)

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **All in the Family: The Families of Genesis**

Wednesdays, March 20 and April 3, 12:00-1:00PM, BJ Office Conference Room: Join Rabbinic Intern for Youth and Family Bryan Wexler for a survey of the various families in the Book of Genesis. Look at the family models of Genesis, explore their successes and failures, and see what they might have to teach us about our own families today. No registration required.

• **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 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 at www.bj.org.

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 class March 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.

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

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

14 Tuesdays (through May 21; no classes March 26, April 2, 9, 16), 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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