

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN



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J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

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BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS: Alex Braver • Sarit Horwitz

BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

SHEMOT

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
	Exodus 1:1 - 2:25
	1: 1:1 - 1:7
	2: 1:8 - 1:12
	3: 1:13 - 1:17
	4: 1:18 - 1:22
	5: 2:1 - 2:10
	6: 2:11 - 2:15
	7: 2:16 - 2:25
	Maftir: 2:23 - 2:25

HAFTARAH Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13, 29:22-23

NEXT WEEK: VA-ERA

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
	Exodus 6:2 - 7:7
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

December 20-27, 2013

17-24 Tevet, 5774

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Preparing for Shabbat With Song	6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer	8:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary
Junior Congregation	10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall
Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services	10:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor
Young Families Kiddush	Following Services - 86th St. Chapel
Community Kiddush	Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Shabbat from Eve to End (see page 3):

Board Games	3:00 PM - 89th St. Third Floor
Basketball and Open Gym	3:00 PM - 89th St. Gym
Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul	3:45 PM - 89th St. Middle Room
Seudah Shlishit Tisch	3:45 PM - 89th St. Chapel
Gather for Community Havdalah	5:15 PM - 89th St. Gym

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM - 88th St.
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

<i>Family Israel Trip (through Jan. 2)</i>	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	Closed
Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter	6:30 PM - 88th St. Kitchen
Limud: Introduction to Judaism	No class

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings	8:30 AM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

BJ OFFICE CLOSED	
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	Closed
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the Weekly Torah Portion	7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
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SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **Upcoming Aging in NY and Economic Justice Hevra Meetings**
Economic Justice: Monday, January 6, 6:30-9:00PM, R.S.V.P. for meeting location; **Aging in NY: Wednesday, January 8, 6:30-9:00PM,** R.S.V.P. for meeting location: The Economic Justice Hevra and Aging in NY Hevra are part of Panim et Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative. Join the Economic Justice Hevra to get involved in our new Justice for Farmworkers Campaign and the Aging in NY Hevra to get involved with our Elder Care Campaign. If you are interested in attending one of these meetings or have questions, please contact Amy at alavine@thetaskforce.org for Economic Justice or Ellen at ejlands@hotmail.com for Aging in NY.

Save the Date: Shabbat March 21-22 in Memory of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer

Join the B'nai Jeshurun community on the Shabbat of March 21-22 as we commemorate Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's life and work. Twenty years after his death, we honor him as we continue to build on his vision for BJ. Stay tuned for details about this special Shabbat.

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

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WEBSITE: www.bj.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Richard Heffner, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Elaine Heffner, and their entire family.

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

- David and Julie Schwartz on the death of David's mother, Ray Schwartz.
- Anna Treiman on the death of her grandmother, Halinka Elczerwka.
- Don and Rochelle Cohen on the death of Don's mother, Frances Cohen.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Lilli Platt, Emily Weinger, and Allison Weinger Miniati, on the birth of their granddaughter and niece, Hannah Loren Weinger.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Buy the BJ Calendar!

BJ proudly offers its very own 2014 calendar featuring Jewish holidays, candle-lighting times and special texts about welcoming and community. The highlight is original artwork of the Birkat haBayit, the Blessing for the Home. Hang it on your wall or by your doorway, and enjoy the beauty of the message. Makes a great gift for friends and family! Buy it now at www.bj.org/shopbj for only \$20; limited quantities available.

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

Every other Saturday (January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22; April 5, 19; May 3, 17, 31; June 14), 8:45-9:25AM, 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.

• Bo-i Kallah — A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Beginning January 3, 6:15PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Beginning in 2014, Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel will lead an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat service on the first Friday evening of each month. With the help of soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems and Psalms we will transition gently and with full kavannah from hol to kodesh — leaving the ordinary work-week consciousness in order to enter holy time and welcome Shabbat.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Nesi'a Tova! BJ Families Leave For Israel:** Led by Rabbi Felicia Sol, Ivy Schreiber and Orli Moss, 12 families will be in Israel from December 23-January 1. The group will spend time traveling, learning, listening and engaging with Israel and its people. One of the highlights of the trip is spending Shabbat with families from our partner community, Nigun Halev in Nahalal, who will join us at the Nof Ginosar Hotel on the shores of the Kineret and host us in their homes on Sunday evening. We will also climb Masada, do a scavenger hunt in the Old City of Jerusalem, and learn about graffiti in Tel Aviv. This trip is made possible thanks to a generous grant from The Doree and Chuck Greenberg Synagogue Family Mission Scholarships to Israel through UJA-Federation of New York. Please follow our thoughts and experiences at www.bj.org/il-blog.

• January Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 3, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly service filled with singing and dancing, followed by dinner at 5:45PM. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults and children, with vegetarian options available; dietary laws observed. While adults

• Our partner community, Nigun Halev in Nahalal, is celebrating 13 years since its founding. We send them best wishes on this occasion, and many many more. Nigun Halev and its members have become a home away from home for B'nai Jeshurun members. We pray that our friendship, connection and mutual learning will continue to grow and deepen in the future.

TODAH RABBAH

• This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Bill and Vicki Abrams.
• This week's Young Families Kiddush is supported by Barbara Schwartz in honor of Ava's third birthday.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

• Margalit Levin and Australasian Union of Jewish Students, University of New South Wales, Kensington, Australia.

• Mini-Mitzvah Moment: Special Needs Havdalah

Saturday, January 11, 5:00-7:30PM, 88th Street: Treating everyone with respect is a Jewish value that comes from the idea that we're all made in God's image, Betzelem Elohim. Examine the mitzvot that stem from this value with Hilary Schumer, then participate in the Special Needs Havdalah, led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Hazzan Ari Priven. The Havdalah service is designed to be sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities, and is inclusive for all who attend. Register at www.bj.org; space is limited.

• Watermarks Film Screening

Tuesday, January 28, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Mekusharim invites you to a showing of the fascinating documentary *Watermarks*, the story of women from the Hokoah Vienna swim team. They dominated national swim competitions in the 1930s until the rise of the Nazi regime in 1938. The swimmers fled Austria to Palestine, England and the USA. Eight of the women were reunited by Yaron Zilberman, the director and co-author. He will join us for a conversation and a Q&A session. Cost: \$8; register at www.bj.org.

finish their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register by Thursday, January 2 at www.bj.org and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests. Cost is \$25/members, and \$32/non-members; thanks to a generous donation, all children eat free.

• Purim Play Auditions

Sunday, January 5, 11:00AM-2:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: All kids in K-6 can participate! K-2 does not need to audition, but should attend until 11:45AM for introductions. Lunch will be provided for 3rd-6th graders. Prepare a short song that shows off your voice, and be prepared to read from the script. Kids can leave after they have auditioned. Rehearsals will be weekly on Sundays and a few Tuesdays and Wednesdays leading up to the performance on March 16. Email Michael at BJHolidayshow@gmail.com with questions.

• Bim Bam Spring Session

Fridays, January 10-May 16, 9:15-10:00AM, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for

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■ **Young Families Kiddush**

Saturday, December 21, following Children's Services, 86th Street Chapel: Families with young children are invited to join us after Children's Services for a special kiddush to bring our community together. Enjoy celebrating Shabbat with kid-friendly food and relaxing atmosphere. Monthly Young Families Kiddushim are made possible by generous sponsorships. If you're interested in contributing to future Kiddushim, please contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org.

■ **Board Games**

Saturday, December 21, 3:00-5:15PM, 89th Street Third Floor Classroom: Fancy playing a game of checkers on Shabbat afternoon? How about an epic Connect Four battle? The choice is yours! Come check out our game room, directly across from the gym, and get in a little play time with other kids and families.

■ **Basketball and Open Gym**

Saturday, December 21, 3:00-5:15PM, 89th Street Gym: Kids and families are welcome to enjoy the third floor gym facilities for some open gym time. Put together a game of pickup basketball, pit adults versus kids in a basket-shooting contest, or just practice your slam dunk.

■ **Seudah Shlishit Tisch**

Saturday, December 21, 3:45PM, 89th Street Chapel: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Alex Braver and Sarit Horwitz for a Seudah Shlishit (3rd meal of Shabbat) Tisch, filled with singing, learning, and some snacks. We'll teach some new tunes and sing some familiar ones, have some time for schmoozing, and learn some exciting text together on the week's parashah. We'll conclude by joining the rest of the community for Havdalah at 5:15PM.

■ **Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul**

Shuli Passow and Dan Nadel

Saturday, December 21, 3:45PM (begins 90 minutes before the end of Shabbat), 89th Street Middle Room: We will study a new piyut, sing, chant together and explore the piyut's theme through an embodied yoga practice. No experience necessary, all are welcome. Limited number of yoga mats available; please bring your own if you have one. Please register at www.bj.org.

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.

• **Come Meet Israelis Through "Zug," The Online Hevruta Project** *Any day of the week*, at a time convenient to you, in the comfort of your home: Project Zug (pronounced zoog, "pair" in Hebrew) brings together Israelis and American Jews in online hevruta to learn about a diverse range of Jewish topics of their choice, including Rabbinic Literature, Art and Philosophy. Project Zug pairs will meet weekly for 30 minutes for three months. Texts and other interactive materials are provided. The cost is discretionary from \$36 to \$180. For more information and to register visit www.projectzug.org. Registration closes December 31.

UPCOMING LIMUD

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

• **Lunch and Learn: The Language of Truth: The Gerer Rebbe's Commentary on Parashat HaShavua (The Weekly Torah Portion)**
Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

12 Tuesdays (January 14 through February 4, February 18 through April 8), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: Study the weekly parashah through the commentary of the Sefat Emet, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Alter of Gur. Join Rabbi Felicia L. Sol for an exploration of this Hassidic commentary to delve deeper into the richness of our tradition while exploring our own spirituality through these texts. 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. All texts will be translated. Free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group: Shevat**

Thursday, January 2, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: With the coming of Tu Bishvat, the birthday of trees, join BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz to celebrate Rosh Hodesh Shevat. We will study a variety of Jewish texts and stories on tree roots, as well as look at how some of the roots in our own lives help to keep each of us grounded. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian/kosher snack to share.

• **The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People**
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

9 Wednesdays (February 5 to April 2), 7:00-8:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Rabbi Roly Matalon will teach the Shalom Hartman Institute's iEngage 2.0 curriculum, exploring the challenges of creating a shared common space in the State of Israel for a people divided along religious, ideological, national and geographic lines. For BJ members only. Priority to those who completed last year's iEngage 1.0 course. Register at www.bj.org. Cost is \$60.

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

7 Thursdays (February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27), 12:30-1:30PM, location provided upon registration: 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. Please bring your own lunch. Free of charge; register at www.bj.org.

• **Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the Weekly Torah Portion**
Alex Braver, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursdays (through May 15), 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: The Hassidic masters of 18th-early 20th century Europe believed that a hidden divine spark could be found in everything. Together, we will learn some of their teachings on the weekly Torah portion, and explore the ways their words might affect us in a deeply personal way. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org.

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 sliding scale 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 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.

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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 to prepare for Shabbat. Register at www.bj.org for the 9:15, 10:15 or 11:15 classes. Space is limited. Cost is \$270/members and \$350/non-members per family. 5-Class Passes are also available, \$100/members and \$150/non-members per family. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions. Note: Class will not meet April 18.

• **January Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**
Friday, January 10, 6:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Families with children in elementary and middle school are invited to join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Hazzan Ari Priven in welcoming Shabbat at our monthly Friday night service. The service will last about an hour, followed by dinner at 89th Street. This month's dinner will include a family-friendly Tu Bishvat Seder, with special programming for children in fifth and sixth grade. Register at www.bj.org for the dinner, and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org or at x260 with questions or dietary needs.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**
Monday, December 23, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join Tze'irim 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). 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 22.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Remembering Tamar Alyagor z"l: The Last of the Great Women Pioneers of Israeli Folk Dance with Shmulik Gov Ari and Ruth Goodman**
Sunday, December 22, 3:00-8:00PM, Bridge for DANCE: Join us for a day of Israeli Folk dance remembering Tamar Alyagor z"l who died on November 10 at age 90. Tamar was the last of the great women Israeli folk dance pioneers. She mentored two generations of prominent dance leaders, including Shmulik Gov Ari, who created over 400 dances, including Kol Nidarai, Lakum Vela'amod and Na'ale, and Ruth Goodman, Director of the Israeli Dance Institute and 92nd Street Y Jewish/Israeli Dance Division. Both will participate in the remembrance and will review Tamar's classic dances. A contribution of \$15 is requested. For more information contact rikudayam@gmail.com.

• **Israeli Sing-a-long with Ricky Pen**
Sunday, December 22, 5:00PM, Upper West Side location: Ricky Pen is a one-of-a-kind entertainer, singer, musician, actress, dancer and comedian. Admission of \$20 includes refreshments. For more information and to R.S.V.P. contact yosefa@galchen.com.

• **Get Excited for Limmud NY 2014!**
February 14-17, Hilton Stamford Hotel, Stamford, CT: Join hundreds of Jews of all ages and backgrounds for a four-day festival celebrating the rich diversity of Jewish culture, life and learning through art, music, text study, film, hands-on workshops, performances and more. Enjoy programming for the whole family including babysitting and children's camp. All meals are Glatt kosher. Financial aid and student pricing are available. The venue is easily accessible by Amtrak and Metro North Railroad. Register at www.limmudny.org.

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