

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN



RABBIS:
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HAZZAN & MUSIC DIRECTOR: Ari Priven
BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS: Alex Braver • Sarit Horwitz
BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

VA-ERA

MEVARKHIM HA^HODESH
TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
Exodus 6:2 - 7:7
1: 6:2 - 6:5
2: 6:6 - 6:9
3: 6:10 - 6:13
4: 6:14 - 6:19
5: 6:20 - 6:25
6: 6:26 - 6:28
7: 6:29 - 7:7
Maftir: 7:5 - 7:7
HAFTARAH Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

NEXT WEEK: **BO**
TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
Exodus 10:1 - 11:3
HAFTARAH Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **Community Conversations on the Environment Report Back**
Tuesday, January 7, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: What did we hear at our three house meetings in December? Join us to learn which environmental issues concern our community most deeply, hear which potential campaigns hold the most promise for participation and action, and kick off an Exploratory team to research and choose our next Environmental Justice Campaign. You don't have to have attended a house meeting to get involved. R.S.V.P. to the report back by visiting www.bj.org/greenhousemeeting. For more information contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

December 27, 2013-January 3, 2014 24 Tevet-2 Shevat, 5774

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Family Israel Trip (through Jan. 2)
Preparing for Shabbat With Song 6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary
Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services 10:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor
Community Kiddush Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School Closed
Limud: Introduction to Judaism No class

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

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

New Year's Day

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

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)
Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group 7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Ina Stone, and we extend our sincere condolences to her entire family.

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Dov Bronner, Shula Wiener, Arielle, Michael and Danielle Wiener-Bronner and their entire family on the death of Dov's mother, Etka Bronner.

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.

• Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman

Saturday, January 4, 4:00-6:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join us when Rabbi Sharon Brous, founding rabbi of IKAR and a former Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, will discuss "The Amen Effect: Finding Strength, Inspiration and Purpose in Dialogical Living." Inspired by her years at BJ, Rabbi Brous set out to reanimate Jewish life in Los Angeles by exploring new models at the intersection of soulful, inventive religious practice and a deep commitment to social justice. She is honored to return to BJ.

■ Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, January 10, 6:15PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, this service will involve meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. The service will be followed by dinner in the 89th Street Middle Room. Register at www.bj.org for the dinner or contact Sandra Ghiorzo, sghiorzo@bj.org, with questions.

• Special Needs Havdalah Service

Saturday, January 11, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Hazzan Ari Priven and Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum for an interactive, warm, and inviting musical Havdalah service. As a demonstration of our commitment to inclusion, this will be an acces-

sible experience, sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Everyone is welcome, including members and non-members.

• Are You a New Member of BJ?

Come To a Special Evening with BJ's Spiritual Leaders

Thursday, January 23, 6:30-9:00PM, location provided upon registration: New members are invited to a special evening with BJ's spiritual leaders. Meet Rabbis Felicia Sol and Roly Matalon in an intimate setting as they answer your questions about B'nai Jeshurun. Hazzan Ari Priven will tell the story of how BJ became the vibrant community you see today. Chat with your spiritual leaders and fellow new members over light snacks and refreshments. Register with Monty at mmiller@bj.org by Monday, January 13.

• Honoring Our Wonderful BJ Volunteers with an Aliyah and Kiddush

Saturday, January 25, at Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary followed by Kiddush at 88th Street Sanctuary: What makes BJ such a vibrant, energetic and creative community? No doubt it's the hundreds of volunteers who give their time and imagination to programs, projects, and committee initiatives. We invite all BJ volunteers together for the honor of being called to the Torah for an aliyah during Shabbat services, with a very special Kiddush immediately following. Let's celebrate the people who inspire our community! R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org by January 21.

• 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.

• "I Shall Walk Before Hashem in the Lands of the Living":

Tahara Liturgy as Preparation for the Journey

Thursday, February 6, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: In our tradition, Zayin Adar (the 7th of Adar) is the date assigned to the birth and death of Moses. Join us for the sixth annual Zayin Adar learning event in memory of Helen Radin, z"l, honoring the work of BJ's Hevra Kadisha. This year's teaching will be led by Dr. Eliezer Diamond, Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Free and open to the public.

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.

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CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 2)

• 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 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 pre-

pared 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 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.

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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.

• 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. Registration is closed; contact jmelhado@bj.org to be added to the waitlist.

• 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 3)*

• 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.

• Mini-Mitzvah Moment: Special Needs Havdalah

Saturday, January 11, 4:30-6:30PM, 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.

Haḥamah merosh ha-ilanot nistaleka
bo-u venetze likrat shabbat hamalkah.
Hineh hi yoredet hakedosha, haberukha,
ve'imah mal-akhim tzva shalom umnuḥah.
Bo-i, bo-i, hamalkah, bo-i, bo-i, hakalah.
Shalom aleikhem mal-akhei hashalom.

Kibalnu penei shabbat birnanah utfilah,
habaitah nashuva, belev male gilah.
Sham arukh hashulḥan, hanerot ya-irui,
kol pinot habayit yizraḥu, yazhiru.
Shabbat shalom umvorakh, shabbat shalom umvorakh,
bo-akhem leshalom, mal-akhei hashalom.

הַחֲמָה מֵרֹאשׁ הָאֵילָנוֹת נִסְתַּלְקָה
בָּאוּ וְנִצַּא לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבַּת הַמַּלְכָּה.
הִנֵּה הִיא יוֹרֶדֶת הַקְּדוּשָׁה, הַבְּרוּכָה,
וְעִמָּהּ מַלְאָכִים צְבֵא שְׁלוֹם וּמְנוּחָה.
בּוֹאִי, בּוֹאִי, הַמַּלְכָּה, בּוֹאִי, בּוֹאִי, הַכֹּלָה.
שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מַלְאָכֵי הַשְּׁלוֹם.

קִבַּלְנוּ פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת בְּרִנְנָה וּתְפִלָּה,
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שָׁם עָרוּךְ הַשְּׁלֶחָן, הַנֵּרוֹת יֹאִירוּ,
כָּל-פְּנוֹת הַבַּיִת יִזְרְחוּ, יִזְהִירוּ.
שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם וּמְבֹרָךְ, שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם וּמְבֹרָךְ,
בְּאַכְּם לְשְׁלוֹם, מַלְאָכֵי הַשְּׁלוֹם.

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