

RABBIS:

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BESHALAH

SHABBAT SHIRAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

TRIENNIAL Exodus 13:17 - 15:26

HAFTARAH Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

1: 13:17 - 13:22

2: 14:1 - 14:4

3: 14:5 - 14:8

4: 14:9 - 14:14

5: 14:15 - 14:20

6: 14:21 - 14:25

7: 14:26 - 15:26

Mafkir: 15:22 - 15:26

HAFTARAH Judges 5:1 - 5:31

NEXT WEEK: **YITRO**

TORAH Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

HAFTARAH Isaiah 6:1 - 6:13, 7:1 - 7:6,
9:5 - 9:06

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**• Community Conversations on the Environment
Report Back Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 14, 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 meeting by visiting [www.bj.org/green-
housemeeting](http://www.bj.org/green-housemeeting). For more information contact Larissa
at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

**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 com-
memorate 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.

January 10-17, 2014

9-16 Shevat, 5774

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Three Gateways to Shabbat—see page 2 for more information:

**Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service
and Dinner** 6:00 PM – 89th St. 3rd Floor

**Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service
and Dinner** 6:15 PM – 89th St. Reception Room

Kabbalat Shabbat Service* 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**For those who wish to arrive 15 minutes early, we will begin with spiritual preparation
by singing beautiful Shabbat melodies at 6:15PM.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer 8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

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

Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services 10:30 AM – 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor

Bar Mitzvah

Jacob Roth

Bat Mitzvah

Isabel Ackerman

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

Mini-Mitzvah Moment: Special Needs Havdalah

4:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Special Needs Havdalah Service

5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

Purim Play Rehearsals 10:00 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM – BJ Office

**David Broza at BJ: Music, Conversation
and Film Preview**

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: The Language of Truth 12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**Community Conversations on the Environment
Report Back Meeting**

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

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, JANUARY 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM –

88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.4)

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 mourns the death of our member Robert Mattson, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Diana Mattson, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Faith Schwartz and her entire family on the death of her sister, Margaret Arrighi.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Isabel Ackerman, her parents Alexandra Stern and Joel Ackerman, her sister Rebecca Ackerman, David, Parker and Harrison Stern, Gamze Ates and Tolga Ayberk, on Isabel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jacob Roth, his parents Nina and Brian Roth, and his sister Sarah Roth, on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Frank Fredericks and seminarians, Faith House Manhattan.

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.

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

• David Broza at BJ: Music, Conversation and Film Preview

Monday, January 13, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Singer/songwriter/peace activist David Broza will converse with Steve Greenberg (record producer, Grammy award recipient and BJ member) about his new CD, *East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem*, play for us and preview the documentary film about the making of the CD. Recorded in an East Jerusalem studio with a backing band comprised of Israeli and Palestinian musicians and American folk/rock music legend Steve Earle, this visionary CD will launch on January 14. Advanced registration is required at www.bj.org/israelevents. Free for BJ members and \$15 for non-members. Premiere performance of the CD with Broza and Mira Awad will be on Tuesday, January 14 at the Highline Ballroom. For more information: www.highlineballroom.com.

• Warm Your Heart with BJ Sings

Saturday, January 18, 1:00PM, 86th Street Parlor: The holidays are over; the winter is cold. Warm your heart after services and join BJ Sings for an hour of beautiful music. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

• 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 spiri-

Friday, January 10: Three Gateways to Shabbat

Join us for one of three different Kabbalat Shabbat services on the second Shabbat of every month:

■ Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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 family-friendly Friday night service. The service will last about an hour. A dinner will follow; register at www.bj.org.

■ Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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.

■ Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary

For those who wish to come 15 minutes early, we will begin with spiritual preparation by singing beautiful Shabbat melodies.

tual 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.

• Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul Shuli Passow and Dan Nadel

Saturday, January 25, 4:15PM, 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.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

• **Kol Nidre in Mihalifalva: A Memory Cantata**

Saturday, January 25, 4:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: A little girl is wandering through the Transylvanian village of Mihalifalva, winding her way towards the synagogue on the evening of Kol Nidre. Her story is told in a new work by musician Jeremiah Lockwood, actor Debra Winger, and visual artist Andrea Dezső. Employing storytelling, choral music and visual art, this new piece uncovers a fairy tale world of memory. Join us for a premiere of an excerpt of this work-in-progress.

• **Watermarks Film Screening**

Tuesday, January 28, 7:00PM, 89th Reception Room: 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.

• **Bo-i Kallah — A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Friday, February 7, 6:15PM, 89th Street Reception Room: 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.

• **BJ FAQ**

Saturday, February 8, 12:15-1:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Get all your B'nai Jeshurun questions answered at this open forum. BJ's membership volunteers and staff will be on hand to respond to all your inquiries. Don't miss this chance to find out what makes the BJ community tick and take your involvement to the next level! Sign up by contacting Monty Miller at mmiller@bj.org or call x250.

• **The Visual Arts and Music in the Land of Israel: Legacy and Innovation**

Monday, February 10, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The State of Israel did not burst fully formed into the world. It was the product of centuries of history and influences from many sources. The cultural life of the new country embodied elements that came from Europe and elsewhere that were transformed into a uniquely Israeli mix. Join Mekusharim and Lewis Warshauer as we explore the sources and creations of pioneering visual artists and musicians that made Israel a particularly fruitful country in more ways than land alone. Free; please register at www.bj.org.

• **New Members Volunteer at the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

Thursday, February 20, 11:00AM-1:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join other new members in this delicious, friendly and inter-generational effort and serve lunch to our West Side guests. We care for both body and soul by providing our guests with a meal in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Carry a tray, serve soup, or strike up a conversation. To sign up, contact Monty Miller at mmiller@bj.org or call x250.

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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.

• **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.

CREATING KEHILLAH

• Save the Date: Night of 100 Dinners

Saturday, March 8, 6:30PM Dinner, 8:00PM Dance Party: Announcing the return of the Night of 100 Dinners! Become a host and gather your friends for a great evening to benefit BJ. Then, after dinner, we will come together at 88th Street for dancing, raffles, dessert, and to honor member Steve Stulman with the Spirit of BJ Award. Visit www.bj.org/100dinners.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 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.

• 3rd-6th Grade Havdalah and Movie Night

Saturday, January 25, 5:15-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: End Shabbat with a movie night and pizza party! BJ's third, fourth, and fifth graders and their families are invited to join together with the rest of the community for Havdalah in the 88th Street Sanctuary at 5:15PM. Following Havdalah,

children will enjoy *Despicable Me 2* in Frankel Hall, plus pizza and ice cream. The cost is \$20 per child. Register at www.bj.org by January 23 and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions.

• 5th Grade Overnight

Saturday, January 25-Sunday, January 26, 5:15PM-9:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All 5th graders are invited to spend the night at BJ and have a great time with new and old friends. Parents should stay for Havdalah, and then at 6:00PM it's kids-only, as we're joined by 3rd-6th graders for Movie Night. In the morning, parents can join us at 9:00AM for a light breakfast. The cost for the overnight is \$40, including dinner, snacks, and breakfast. Register at www.bj.org before Wednesday, January 22. Please contact Emily at ewalsh@bj.org with questions.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• 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.

Et dodim kala bo-i legani
parha hagefen henetzu harimonim.
Neranena nezamera,
Et simha ve'et ahava bo-i legani.

עַת דּוֹדִים כָּלָה בּוֹאֵי לְגַנִּי
פְּרִיחָה הַגֶּפֶן הַנִּצְצוֹ הַרְמוֹנִים.
נֶרְנְנָה נְזוּמְרָה,
עַת שִׂמְחָה וְעַת אַהֲבָה בּוֹאֵי לְגַנִּי

The time for love has come, my bride; come to the garden, the vine is blooming and the pomegranate is budding.

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