

RABBIS:

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BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS: Alex Braver • Sarit Horwitz

BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

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TORAH	Exodus 18:1 - 20:23
	1: 18:1 - 18:12
	2: 18:13 - 18:23
	3: 18:24 - 18:27
	4: 19:01 - 19:6
	5: 19:7 - 19:19
	6: 19:20 - 20:17
	7: 20:18 - 20:26
	Maftir: 20:22 - 20:26
HAFTARAH	Isaiah 6:1 - 6:13, 7:1 - 7:6, 9:5 - 9:6

NEXT WEEK: MISHPATIM

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Exodus 21:1 - 24:18
HAFTARAH	Exodus 21:1 - 22:3 Jeremiah 34:8 - 34:22, 33:25 - 33:26

January 17-24, 2014

16-23 Shevat, 5774

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Teen Service Learning Trip to New Orleans (through Jan. 20)

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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
BJ Sings	1:00 PM - 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

MonoTasking: The Art of Being Present Retreat in Costa Rica (through Jan. 26)

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM - 88th St.
Purim Play Rehearsals	11:00 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

BJ OFFICE CLOSED	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School	Closed
Limud: Introduction to Judaism	No class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: The Language of Truth	12:30 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

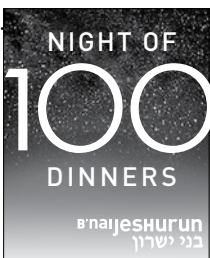
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	4:00-6:00 PM
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

New Members' Evening with BJ Spiritual Leaders	6:30 PM (SEE P.2)
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Limud: Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the Weekly Torah Portion	7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM - 88th St.
Bim Bam	9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall



• Honor Steve Stulman and Meet His Challenge

Steve Stulman will be presented with the Spirit of BJ Award at the Night of 100 Dinners on March 8. We'll be

celebrating Steve with a large screen display of photos and journal ads. Steve has issued a challenge: if \$100,000 is raised by journal ads (available for contributions of \$1,000 or \$5,000) he will match it with a generous gift of \$100,000. Learn more about how to participate at www.bj.org/100dinners. For more about the Night of 100 Dinners, see page 4.

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.

• 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.

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

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WEBSITE: www.bj.org

BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Alex Shear, and we extend our sincere condolences to his entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Judy Geller-Marlowe and Glenn Marlowe, and their entire family, on the death of Judy's father, Joshua Geller.

MAZAL TOV

Emily and Joshua Cronin on the birth of their twins, Max Ariel Cronin and Ella Pearl Cronin.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Shawn Fogel and 7-12 Graders, Temple Beth Or Teen Community, Township of Washington, New Jersey.
- Lauren Oback and Rabbi Bradd Boxman and Confirmation Class, Congregation Kol Tikvah, Parkland, Florida.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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 spiritual leaders and fellow new members over light snacks and refreshments. Register with Monty at mmiller@bj.org by Tuesday, January 21.

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Saturday, January 25: SHABBAT FROM EVE TO END

■ 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.

■ Drum Circles

Saturday, January 25, 3:30-4:30PM, 4:30-5:15PM, 89th Street Third Floor Classroom: Make a little music with drummer and Jewish educator Shoshana Jedwab this Shabbat. A drum circle for families with elementary school children (ages 7 and up) will be held at 3:30PM, with a drum circle for families with young children (ages 0-6) at 4:30PM. Drums will be provided — the only thing you need to bring is rhythm!

■ Board Games

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-5:15PM, 89th Street Room 202: 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.

■ Open Gym

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-5:30PM, 89th Street Gym: All are welcome to enjoy the third floor gym facilities for some open gym time. Put together a game of pickup basketball or just practice your slam dunk.

■ 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.

■ 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 Dezsö. 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.

• Gather for Havdalah

Saturday, January 25, 5:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Please join us at Havdalah, where we mark the separation between the sacred time of Shabbat and the ordinary time of the week. We will gather before the end of Shabbat to sing, pray, and search for something special from this Shabbat that we want to carry with us into the week.

• 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 through sixth 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. \$20/child, \$30/the night of. 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

• **Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer**

Every other Saturday (January 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.

• **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.

• **PURIM 5774: BGenerous, BJoyous!**

This year, we are introducing an online database, HappyPurim.com, for sending Mishloah Manot wishes to your friends in the BJ community. HappyPurim.com is used by a variety of synagogues and schools to help streamline the process. Should you wish to opt-out of having your name available in this database to receive Mishloah Manot wishes, please let Beth Tarson, x233 or btarson@bj.org, know by Thursday, January 30.

• **"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.

• **Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller: Pew and God: The Danger of Jewish Secularism**

Friday, February 7, following services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller as he discusses the recent Pew study which substantiated the claim that Jews are the "least religious" religious group in the US. The consequences are an across-the-board thinning of Jewish markers of identity including a weakening of commitment to Jewish peoplehood. Rabbi Seidler-Feller proposes that reengaging God will not only elevate the spirit but enrich and deepen the full range of social, political and cultural expression. BJ members, \$36; non-members, \$46. Register at www.bj.org.

• **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.

• **Teaching with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller:**

David Hartman's Judaism: A Religion for Humans, Not for God

Saturday, February 8, 4:00-6:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Rabbi David Hartman taught a Judaism that focused not on obedience to the Divine word but on the Divine challenge to aspire to Godliness. On the

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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 21, 28, 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. Cost is \$60. Registration is now closed. To be put on the waitlist, please email Jessica at jmelhado@bj.org.

• **"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

occasion of Rabbi Hartman's first yahrzeit, join Rabbi Seidler-Feller as we examine a selection of his innovative teachings that elaborate his "humane theism."

• **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.

• **Night of 100 Dinners: Be a Host!**
Saturday, March 8, 6:30PM Dinner, 8:00PM Dance Party: Announcing the return of the Night of 100 Dinners! BJ member-hosted dinners and a gala Rabbis' dinner will be followed by the After-Dinner Dance Party at 88th Street featuring great dance music, fabulous desserts, fun raffles, the presentation of the Spirit of BJ Award to Steve Stulman and a few other surprises. Visit www.bj.org/100dinners. Learn about being a host and sign up at www.bj.org/hostadinner.

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.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**
Monday, January 27, 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. 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, January 26.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Unlocking the Hidden Secrets of Kabbalah**
Saturday, January 26, 9:30AM-5:00PM, JCC in Manhattan: This amazing day of learning combines academic excellence and spiritual vitality. Explore the idea of unification and uncover true meaning of existence, while learning to view everyday actions, relationships, and even sexuality through a lens of deeper meaning and sacredness. Sessions are geared to all levels of prior knowledge. Join world-renowned teachers including David Solomon, Shimona Tzukernik, Avraham Sutton, Naftali Citron and others. Register at 646-505-5708. Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$60 at the door.

• **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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