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**TERUMAH**

ROSH HODESH ADAR I

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 25:1 - 25:40

1: 25:1 - 25:5

2: 25:6 - 25:9

3: 25:10 - 25:16

4: 25:17 - 25:22

5: 25:23 - 25:30

6: 25:31 - 25:33

7: 25:34 - 25:40

Maftir: Numbers 28:9 - 28:15

**HAFTARAH**

Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24, 66:23

NEXT WEEK: **TETZAVEH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 27:20 - 28:30

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 43:10 - 43:27

**January 31-February 7, 2014**

**30 Shevat-7 Adar, 5774**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

Preparing for Shabbat With Song

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**ROSH HODESH ADAR I**

6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Shabbat Morning Services

**ROSH HODESH ADAR I**

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

**Bat Mitzvah**

Nina Glesby

**Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services**

10:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor

**Junior Congregation**

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services - 86th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

**Speaker: Dror Bondi,**

12:30 PM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Translating Heschel for Israel

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**Purim Play Rehearsals**

10:00 AM - 88th St.

**Dorot Winter Package Delivery**

10:30 AM - Brandeis High School (SEE SIDEBAR)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Mitzvah Fair**

4:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

7:00 PM - BJ Office

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings**

8:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: The Language of Truth**

12:30 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: The Tribes of Israel:**

7:00 PM - 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.3)

A Shared Homeland for a Divided People

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**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

**Zayin Adar Lecture**

7:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**Limud: Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the Weekly Torah Portion**

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

**• Dorot Winter Package Delivery**

**Sunday, February 2, 10:30AM-1:30PM,** Brandeis High School, 145 West 84th Street: Join us for an afternoon of visiting with and delivering care packages to local seniors. We will gather for a brief orientation before we break up into groups. It's a wonderful opportunity to engage with people in our local Jewish community and to spend time with those who may not otherwise have many visitors. For more information and to sign up, please contact Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) or call x272.



**• 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 mem-

ber-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](http://www.bj.org/100dinners). Learn about being a host and sign up at [www.bj.org/hostadinner](http://www.bj.org/hostadinner).

To register for classes and events, please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Inez and Elizabeth West on the death of Inez's husband and Elizabeth's father, Alvin West.
- Tzvi and Marion Barak on the death of Tzvi's son, Ron Barak.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Nina Glesby, her parents Gail Schattner and Marshall Glesby, and her sister Laura Glesby on Nina becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Michael Kessler and Marcia Riklis on the birth of their grandson, Miles Jacob Bliss.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by the family of Nina Glesby in honor of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Translating Heschel for Israel

**Saturday, February 1**, 12:30 PM, 86th Street Chapel: Dror Bondi grew up on a West Bank settlement and demonstrated against Yitzhak Rabin. But after Rabin's assassination, he searched for another way — and found it in Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Having now received his PhD, Bondi will speak about the inherent challenges of translating the spiritual English of Heschel into the Modern Hebrew of Israel, as well as how he believes this translation is going to change Israel.

### • Rabbi Matalon on Richard Heffner's *Open Mind*

**Sunday, February 2**, 9:30AM and 8:30PM, **and Monday, February 3**, 8:00AM, 2:00PM and 8:00PM, CUNY-TV: Tune in to *Open Mind* to see Rabbi Matalon's discussion with host Richard D. Heffner (z"l), "Religion and Social Activism in Modern America." After the broadcast, the show will be available on the web at [www.thirteen.org/openmind](http://www.thirteen.org/openmind).

### • 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](mailto:btarson@bj.org), know by Monday, February 10.

### • Zayin Adar Lecture

**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](http://www.bj.org).

### • Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

**Every other Saturday** (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.

### • 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](mailto:mmiller@bj.org) or call x250.

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## Friday, February 14: 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org) for the dinner or contact Sandra Ghiorzo, [sghiorzo@bj.org](mailto: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.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

### • 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 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](http://www.bj.org).

### • BJ Sings at Home

**Saturday, February 15**, 4:30-6:00PM, Location provided upon R.S.V.P.: The BJ Sings get-together will be at the home of a BJ member and will conclude with Havdalah. Because of limited space, it will be necessary to R.S.V.P. to Donna at [drdivine@comcast.net](mailto:drdivine@comcast.net). On receipt of your email, the location will be sent to you.

### • 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](mailto:mmiller@bj.org) or call x250.

### • Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul

#### **Shuli Passow and Dan Nadel**

**Saturday, February 22**, 4:45PM, 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](http://www.bj.org).

### • 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](http://www.bj.org/100dinners).

### • Buy the BJ Calendar!

BJ proudly offers its very own 2014 calendar featuring Jewish holidays, candle-lighting times and texts about welcoming and community. The highlight is original artwork of the Birkat haBayit, the Blessing for the Home. Buy it now at [www.bj.org/shopbj](http://www.bj.org/shopbj) for only \$20; limited quantities available.

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## UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit [www.bj.org](http://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** (remaining classes 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](http://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; contact [jmelhado@bj.org](mailto:jmelhado@bj.org) to be added to the waitlist.

### • "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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/minyan).

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • Mitzvah Fair

**Monday, February 3,** 4:30-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Discover your passion and pick a project that allows you to serve the community at this year's Mitzvah Fair. All fifth and sixth grade students who will become B'nai Mitzvah at BJ should plan to attend this event with their parents. Representatives from various BJ groups and outside organizations will present opportunities through which students can perform mitzvot. Contact Emily Walsh at [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto:ewalsh@bj.org) for more information.

#### • February Tot Shabbat

**Friday, February 7,** 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 Wednesday, February 5 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and contact Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto: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.

#### • February Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

**Friday, February 14,** 6:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Families with children in elementary and middle school are invited to join the BJ spiritual leaders in welcoming Shabbat at our monthly Friday night service. The service will last about an hour, followed by dinner at 89th Street. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for the dinner, and email Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with questions or dietary restrictions.

### TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

#### • Tze'irim Serving Sunday Lunch to Seniors

**Sunday, February 9,** 12:00-2:30PM, location provided upon registration: Join Tze'irim as we make an inter-generational impact and brighten up the lives of low-income seniors. Help serve a hot kosher lunch and socialize with the residents. A great way to help those in need while getting to know your peers and your elders. Afterwards, feel free to go grab a bite to eat with your fellow volunteers. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by Wednesday, February 5.

#### • Tze'irim Oneg Shabbat

**Friday, February 21,** 8:00-9:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Sometimes it can feel like you are just another face in the BJ crowd. Rather than look at each other from across the sanctuary, come downstairs after services with Tze'irim to meet up over wine and appetizers. BJ members: \$5; non-members: \$10. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by Tuesday, February 18.

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### 2014 BJ Retreats at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center

**Community Retreat:** Friday, May 23-Sunday, May 25

**Women's Retreat:** Friday, June 6-Sunday, June 8

More details to come.

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