

RABBIS:

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BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

KI TISSA

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Exodus 30:11 - 34:35
	Exodus 30:11 - 31:17
1:	30:11 - 30:13
2:	30:14 - 30:16
3:	30:17 - 30:21
4:	30:22 - 30:33
5:	30:34 - 30:38
6:	31:1 - 31:11
7:	31:12 - 31:17
Maftir:	31:15 - 31:17
HAFTARAH	I Kings 18:20 - 18:39

NEXT WEEK: VAYAKHEL

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Exodus 35:1 - 38:20
	Exodus 35:1 - 36:19
HAFTARAH	I Kings 7:40 - 7:50

February 14-21, 2014

14-21 Adar I, 5774

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner	6:00 PM – 89th St. Gym
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, FEBRUARY 15

Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah	Jacob Gottesfeld
Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services Junior Congregation Community Kiddush	10:30 AM – 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall
BJ Sings at Home	4:30 PM (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

International Teen Service Learning Trip (through Feb. 23)

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Purim Play Rehearsals	10:00 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

BJ OFFICE CLOSED	
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	Closed
Limud: Introduction to Judaism	No class

Presidents' Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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 19

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People	7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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



• **Night of 100 Dinners: These Raffles Are About What You Prize**
Saturday, March 8,
6:30PM Dinner, 8:00PM
Dance Party: Three spectacular raffles will be drawn on March 8, all to

benefit BJ. A private dinner with the BJ Rabbis, a Havdalah in your home with Hazzan Ari Priven, and a week-long trip to Israel are yours to win! Buy your raffle tickets now at www.bj.org/support100.

Learn all about the Night of 100 Dinners, including how you can be a host, at www.bj.org/100dinners.

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 YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member, Lester (Eliezer) Baum, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Sandra Baum, and their entire family.

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

- Anne Millman and Allen Rokach on the death of Anne's mother, Sarah (Sarna) Weichman.
- Tajlei Levis, Jonathan, Theo and Noam Canter, on the death of Tajlei's mother, Georgette Wasserstein Levis.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jacob Gottesfeld, his parents Ivan and Deborah Gottesfeld, his brother Aaron Gottesfeld, and his grandparents Arthur and Irma Gottesfeld, on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Carmen Keels, Michael Becker, and Ella Becker on the birth of their son and brother, Noah Thompson Becker.
- BJHS teacher Yocheved Tupper on her engagement to Yudis Retig.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Irma and Arthur Gottesfeld in honor of their grandson, Jacob, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Barbara AB Symons and 8th and 9th grade Religious School students, Temple David Weiger Religious School, Monroeville, Pennsylvania.
- Jo-Ellen Unger and Confirmation Classes, Har Sinai Congregation and Congregation Beth Emeth, Owings Mills, Maryland.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **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. On receipt of your email, the location will be sent to you.

- **Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer**
Every other Saturday (February 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**
Friday, March 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.

- **Adult Megillah Reading and Then ... Party On**
Saturday, March 15, 8:30PM-12:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Hear a full Megillah reading complete with a shpiel and perform along with the BJ rabbis and hazzan. Costumes are encouraged! Following the reading there will be celebrating 'til midnight. Vashti may not have wanted to dance, but you can to the music of crowd-pleasing Unique Musique Entertainment.

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 the BJ spiritual leaders 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.

- **Guided Tour at the Center for Jewish History**
Sunday, March 30, 11:00AM-12:30PM, Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th Street: Join fellow Mekusharim members for our own guided tour of the fascinating exhibition "Light and Shadows: The Story of Iranian Jews". The price of \$5/person includes a one-hour guided tour of the exhibition, and admission to the museum. An additional option of lunch at moderately-priced Pete's Tavern follows the tour. Space is limited so register at www.bj.org by March 20.

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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.

SHABBAT FROM EVE TO END

■ Children's Creative Play Studio

Saturday, February 22, 4:00-6:00PM, 89th Street 2nd Floor, Room 208: Children ages six and under and their families can play in this open space with an inspired collection of creative and natural materials. Early Childhood Specialist and "Play Curator" Linda White will facilitate and create this interactive, indoor play space for children that is not to be missed.

• Israel and the Arab Spring: Is it Good for the Jews?

Discussion with Linda Gradstein

Saturday, February 22, 4:45-6:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: There is tremendous effort in trying to achieve an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal. Polls say people are ready for a deal, but is the leadership? What are the chances it will succeed? What are the alternatives if it doesn't? Award-winning reporter Linda Gradstein brings us the latest from Jerusalem and Ramallah.

■ Seudah Shlishit Tisch

Saturday, February 22, 4:45PM-6:00PM, 89th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Jonah Geffen, former BJ Rabbinic Fellow, for a Seudah Shlishit (third

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 at 6:00PM and join the rest of the community for Havdalah at 6:10PM.

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

Saturday, February 22, 4:45PM-6:00PM, 89th Street Gym: 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.

• Gather for Havdalah

Saturday, February 22, 6:10PM, 89th Street Gym: 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.

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 (remaining classes 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 (through 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.

• "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 now closed.

• 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 (continued from page 2)

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Caregiving: What You Need to Know When Hiring a Domestic Worker Part 3 Workshop 2: Aging Wisely Education Series**
Monday, February 24, 6:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Do you employ a nanny, house cleaner or home care attendant? Are you thinking about it? Join Carinne Luck and author Tasha Blaine for a conversation on what it means to employ a domestic worker in your home. We'll discuss developing and maintaining a working relationship, your rights and responsibilities as an employer, and resources towards creating a fair and caring domestic workplace. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

• **Upcoming Aging in NY Hevra Meeting**
Wednesday, March 5, 6:30-9:00PM, R.S.V.P. for meeting location: The Aging in NY Hevra is part of Panim el Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative. Join the Hevra to get involved with our Elder Care Campaign. If you are interested in attending this meeting or have questions, please contact Ellen at ellenlandsberger@gmail.com or call x272.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **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 by Tuesday, February 18.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Searching for Frankie**
Wednesday, February 19, 7:00PM or 9:00PM, Theatre at St. Clement's, 423 West 46th Street (between 9th and 10th Avenues): A dentist, rock-star and bar mitzvah. A comedy of obsession. This new play by BJ member George Klas, who started with Purim Spiels, will be performed as part of the Strawberry One-Act Festival, which features 23 plays selected from over 200 submissions. The audience votes on which plays advance to the finals. Tickets (\$22) can be purchased starting February 17 at www.therianttheatre.com or 646-623-3488.

• **Pharaoh's Daughter at Café au Go Go**
Thursday, March 20, 8:00PM, Greenwich House, 46 Barrow Street: Pharaoh's Daughter will perform as part of the Café au Go Go Concerts. Pharaoh's Daughter, led by Basya Schechter and featuring BJ musician Daphna Mor, blends music traditions resulting in "New Jewish Music" or Jewish Psychedelia. Tickets are available online at www.greenwichhouse.org.

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.

Please visit BJ online at www.bj.org for more information: Membership at BJ • Class and Event Registration • BJ Publications • Calendar of Events
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