

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN



RABBIS:

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BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS: Alex Braver • Sarit Horwitz

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VAYAKHEL

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 35:1 - 38:20

TRIENNIAL Exodus 35:1 - 36:19

1: 35:1 - 35:3

2: 35:4 - 35:10

3: 35:11 - 35:20

4: 35:21 - 35:29

5: 35:30 - 35:35

6: 36:1 - 36:7

7: 36:8 - 36:19

Maftir: 36:17 - 36:19

HAFTARAH

I Kings 7:40 - 7:50

NEXT WEEK: PEKUDEI

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 38:21 - 38:20

TRIENNIAL Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

HAFTARAH II Kings 12:1 - 12:17,

I Samuel 20:18, 20:42

February 21-28, 2014

21- 28 Adar I, 5774

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

International Teen Service Learning Trip (through Feb. 23)

Preparing for Shabbat With Song

6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Tze'irim Oneg Shabbat

8:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.4)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

Young Families Kiddush

12:00 PM - 86th St. Chapel

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SHABBAT FROM EVE TO END (see page 2):

Children's Creative Play Studio

4:00 PM - 89th St. Room 208

Israel and the Arab Spring:

4:45 PM - 89th St. Reception Room

Is it Good for the Jews?

Seudah Shlishit Tisch

4:45 PM - 89th St. Chapel

Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice

4:45 PM - 89th St. Gym

for Body and Soul

Gather for Havdalah

6:10 PM - 89th St. Gym

Minḥa Service

5:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Grace Friedman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Purim Play Rehearsals

10:00 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Caregiving: What You Need to Know

6:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

When Hiring a Domestic Worker—

Part 3 Workshop 2: Aging Wisely Education Series

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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 26

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 27

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: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

Limud: Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the

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

Weekly Torah Portion

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

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



• Register Now for the Night of 100 Dinners!

Saturday, March 8, 6:30-

11:00PM: The Night of

100 Dinners is coming,

and time is running out

to reserve your seat at

the table. On the night

of Saturday, March 8, Rabbis Roly, Marcelo and Felicia will be hosting a dinner in our Community

House, and we'll all join together after dinner

for a party in the 88th Street Sanctuary. To give

adequate notice for preparation of the meal,

register for the Rabbis' Dinner by next Monday,

February 24 at www.bj.org/rabbisdinner.

You can also participate in a raffle or

dedicate an ad for honoree Steve Stulman at

www.bj.org/support100.

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 con-

tinue to build on his vision for BJ. Stay tuned for

details about this special Shabbat.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Eve and Serge Appel on the death of Eve's father, Philip Bates.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Grace Friedman, her parents Meggan and Mitchel Friedman, and her sister Hannah Friedman on Grace becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Young Families Kiddush is co-sponsored by Julie Sissman and Phil Richter in honor of Talia and Orli's birthdays, and by Katie Sanders and Lawrence Gardner in honor of Evie's birthday.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• Brunch and PREformances Concert with Mekusharim

Monday, March 10, 11:00AM-1:30PM, BJ office and JCC in Manhattan: Mekusharim is delighted to partner with the JCC's unique concert series, PREformances, an opportunity to get to know and listen to celebrated classical musicians as they prepare for upcoming performances. Allison Charney, soprano and founder of the series, hosts the concert featuring Laura Goldberg (violin), Joel Fan and Craig Ketter (pianists), and Barbara Day Turner (conductor). Join us for this daytime concert at the JCC, preceded by a delicious brunch at the BJ office. Cost for concert and brunch package is \$18; concert only is \$5. Register by Monday, March 3 at www.bj.org/events.

• 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.

• 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 Thursday, March 20.

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Saturday, February 22:

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.

• **“Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis” Lunch and Learn**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Thursdays (remaining classes [February 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.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women’s Group: Adar Bet**

BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz

Sunday, March 2, 4:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: As we celebrate Adar Bet, we are told to increase the joy in our lives. But what does it mean to feel a certain emotion? Join BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz to create a joyful afternoon through learning, song and exploration. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

• **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.

• **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 (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.

• **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.

PURIM 5774

• **Mishloah Manot Greetings**

For just \$5 per recipient, or \$360 to the entire community, you can be a part of sending mishloah manot greetings. Use the new online ordering system BJ.HappyPurim.com by Wednesday, March 12. Should you have questions, please contact Beth Tarson at btarson@bj.org.

• **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.

• **Bim Bam and Pre-K Purim Puppet Show**

Sunday, March 16, 9:45-11:15AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Children 0-6 can “BGenerous, BJoyous” with Len Levitt and his puppets as they perform their show, “The Whole Megillah.” After the puppet show, kids can enjoy the Purim Carnival before it opens to the community, with games and activities related to the mitzvot of Purim.

**BGenerous,
BJoyous!**
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• **Purim Carnival**

Sunday, March 16, 11:30AM-1:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Kids of all ages are invited to celebrate Purim at BJ! There will be games and activities related to the mitzvot of Purim: a Megillah scavenger hunt, mishloah manot prizes, opportunities to make gifts for the needy, and delicious snacks for a Purim “Feast.”

• **Purim Play**

Sunday, March 16, 1:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Haman’s at it again; this time the Jews are competing in the Purim Games. Mordecai is chosen to compete alongside Samson, Delilah, Jacob, Esau and others. With the support of Queen Esther, the Jews unite against Haman! Children in K-2 will perform a musical version of the Purim story.

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.

• **Calling All Fresh Produce Lovers: Sign Up for the BJ Hazorim CSA**
Tuesdays, June 10-November 4, 4:30-7:30PM, 88th Street Foyer/Sidewalk: CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and is a chance for you to pick up organic produce from Free Bird Farm every week for 22 weeks. Choose from vegetable, egg, fruit shares and, new this season, butter shares. Register at www.bj.org/csa. For more information, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or x272.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **B'nai Mitzvah Journey Opening Ritual**
Saturday, March 1, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Families of children in 4th grade are invited to BJ's annual event. The entire Torah will be unrolled, and each child will find the parasha (portion) that he or she will read for his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Rabbi Roly Matalon will lead this extraordinary event. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• **Fifth Grade Mitzvah Opportunity to Visit the Sick with Rabbi Felicia Sol**
Mondays, March 3 and 10, various times, various locations: BJ's fifth graders are invited to join Rabbi Sol to learn about and do the mitzvah of bikkur holim (visiting the sick). Students and parents will learn with Felicia on March 3. On March 10, we'll go to the Jewish Home and Hospital together to visit with residents and reflect with Felicia. Detailed information and registration available at www.bj.org. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org if you can carpool.

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. Contact Monty Miller at mmiller@bj.org for more information.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **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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