

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN



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BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

PEKUDEI

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 38:21 - 38:20

TRIENNIAL Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

1: 38:21 - 38:23

2: 38:24 - 38:27

3: 38:28 - 39:1

4: 39:2 - 39:07

5: 39:08 - 39:14

6: 39:15 - 39:18

7: 39:19 - 39:21

Maftir: 30:11 - 30:16

HAFTARAH II Kings 12:1 - 12:17,

I Samuel 20:18, 20:42

NEXT WEEK: VAYIKRA

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 1:1 - 2:16

HAFTARAH Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

February 28-March 7, 2014

28 Adar I-5 Adar II, 5774

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Preparing for Shabbat With Song

6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Family Purim Learning Sessions

9:30 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Lara Caligor

**D'var Torah: "Sacred Community
in the App Generation"**

Chancellor Arnold Eisen,
The Jewish Theological Seminary

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

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 at Home

4:30 PM (SEE P.2)

B'nai Mitzvah Journey Opening Ritual

5:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.4)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH ADAR II

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Ari Moscona-Skolnik

Purim Play Rehearsals

10:00 AM - 89th St.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

4:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH ADAR II

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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, MARCH 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

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

BJHS Open House

5:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.4)

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

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



• **These Raffles are About What We Prize**
The Night of 100 Dinners Raffles are about experiences that we value: A private dinner with the BJ Rabbis, a private Havdalah with Hazzan

Ari Priven, and a week in Israel for two. And these raffles are win-win, because they raise funds for BJ programs that benefit everyone in the community. Buy raffle tickets now at www.bj.org/support100.

• Shabbat in Memory of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer

Saturday, March 22, morning services and 5:00PM, 86th Street Sanctuary and 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us 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. Guest speakers will be Professor Susannah Heschel, who will share letters written by Rabbi Meyer while in Argentina, to her father, Abraham Joshua Heschel; and Karin Ryan (Director, Human Rights Program at The Carter Center) who will speak about religion and human rights today.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Lara Caligor, her parents Dan Caligor and Anne Ebersman, and her sister Emma Caligor, on Lara becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Ari Moscona-Skolnik, his mother Anne Moscona, and his brother Jacob Moscona-Skolnik, on Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah at the Rosh Hodesh morning minyan service are sponsored by Anne Moscona in honor of Ari Moscona-Skolnik becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and in memory of his grandparents, Malka and Aron Moscona.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Sandi Intraub and 9th Grade synagogue group, Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, MA.
- Rabbi Isaac Serotta and Confirmation Class, Lakeside Congregation, Highland Park, IL.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ Sings at Home

Saturday, March 1, 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.

• 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.

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

Every other Saturday (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.

• Kick Off the Night of 100 Dinners With the BJ Rabbis

Saturday, March 8, 6:30PM dinner, 8:00PM dance party, 89th St.: The Rabbis' Dinner is more than a community dinner; it's a dinner to benefit the community. Rabbis Roly, Marcelo and Felicia will kick off the Night of 100 Dinners with a delicious catered meal in BJ's Community House. You can still register at www.bj.org/rabbisdinner.

• 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. Cost

for concert and brunch package is \$18; concert only is \$5. Register by Monday, March 3 at www.bj.org/events.

• Into the Fullness of the Void: A Spiritual Autobiography of Dov Elbaum

Saturday, March 22, during and after services, 86th Street: Dov Elbaum is an Israeli scholar, educator, journalist, and a leader of the secular Jewish renaissance in Israel. He will speak about his own spiritual journey from ultra-orthodoxy to secular cultural Judaism and his own role in the growing secular Jewish movement in Israel, including the founding of the BINA Secular Yeshiva. His new book is *Into the Fullness of the Void: A Spiritual Autobiography*.

• Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul

Saturday, March 22, 3:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Led by Shuli Passow and Dan Nadel, 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.

• 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". Space is limited so register at www.bj.org by Thursday, March 20.

• Community Second Night Pesah Seder

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Open to members only. To ensure you have a seat, please register early by visiting our website, www.bj.org, and clicking on the registration link; it will sell out. To make the Seder a success please sign up to volunteer, as our Seder is a community-cooked meal. Please contact Sandra Ghiorzo at sghiorzo@bj.org for additional information.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Upcoming Environmental Justice Exploratory Team Meeting

Monday, March 3, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join the new team, part of Panim el Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative, to research and choose our next Environmental Justice Campaign and potential partners. We are focusing on four research areas: hydrofracking, plastic bag waste, energy efficiency, and disaster preparedness/environmental infrastructure. To R.S.V.P. and to learn more, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

• 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.

• Metro Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Assembly with Manhattan Together and Mayor Bill De Blasio

Sunday, March 30, 4:00-5:30PM, Manhattan (exact location TBD): It's time for the mayor and his commissioners to deliver on the promises he made

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UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit www.bj.org for more information and to register.

• **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.

• **"Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis" Lunch and Learn**
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Thursdays (remaining classes 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.

• **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.

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• **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.

• **BJ Teens: Volunteer for the BJ Purim Carnival**

Monday, March 10 and Sunday, March 16, various times, various locations: BJ Teens, help us prepare for Purim Carnival on Monday, March 10 from 6:00-7:15PM in the 89th Street Middle Room by designing posters and organizing games. Come back on Sunday, March 16 to help set up and lead booths from 9:00AM-1:00PM at 88th Street. Email awasser@bj.org to volunteer.

• **Family Megillah Madness Game Show**

Saturday, March 15, 7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall and Sanctuary: Families of all ages will be put to the test! Join the Rabbis and Ari for a fun, interactive game show about Purim. Stay for Havdalah and the Community Megillah reading and shpiel with all of BJ beginning at 8:00PM. No matter your age, be sure to come in costume.

• **Community Megillah Reading and Shpiel and Then... Party On**

Saturday, March 15, 8:00PM-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.

BGenerous,
BJoyous!
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• **Purim Morning Service with Megillah Reading**

Sunday, March 16, 9:30-11:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Continue to BJoyous as you start your day with Esther and Mordecai.

• **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.

• **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.

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to New Yorkers during his campaign. 5,000 Metro IAF leaders from congregations and communities across the city are organizing an assembly to advance our agenda to improve housing, education, safety and many other issues. BJ is a member of Manhattan Together and Metro IAF. Please contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org for more information and to obtain a ticket.

• **Hungering for Justice: Fair Labor Rights for Farmworkers in NYS**
Thursday, April 3, 6:45-8:45PM (doors open at 6:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: How can we extend our understanding of ethical consumption beyond locally grown, organic, or cage-free? Hidden from our view are 80,000 laborers who make New York's multi-billion dollar agricultural economy possible. What are their stories? Speakers include Kerry Kennedy, President of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights; Librada Paz, farmworker activist and RFK Human Rights Laureate; and NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat, lead sponsor of the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act in NY. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/farmworkerjustice.

• **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.

• **BJHS Open Houses**
Thursday, March 6 and Thursday, April 24, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Thinking about Jewish education for the coming year? Learn about the B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School! Join Ivy Schreiber, Director of Education, to learn about our vision, tour the school, see classes in session, and hear from current parents and students. Register at www.bj.org/events, and email Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions.

• **March Tot Shabbat**
Friday, March 7, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly service, followed by dinner at 5:45PM. While adults finish their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and songs! Register by March 5 at www.bj.org/events and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary requests. Cost is \$25/members, \$32/non-members; all children eat free.

• **March Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**
Friday, March 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 service. The service will last about an hour, followed by dinner. Register at www.bj.org/events for the dinner, and email Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary restrictions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**
Tuesday, March 11, 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, March 9.

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