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**VAYIKRA**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 1:1 - 2:16

1: 1:1 - 1:4  
2: 1:5 - 1:9  
3: 1:10 - 1:13  
4: 1:14 - 1:17  
5: 2:1 - 2:6  
6: 2:7 - 2:13  
7: 2:14 - 2:16  
Maftir: 2:14 - 2:16

**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

**NEXT WEEK: TZAV**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 6:1 - 7:10

**HAFTARAH** I Samuel 15:1 - 15:34

**March 7-14, 2014**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7**

**Tot Shabbat and Dinner** 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
**Bo-i Kallah: A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:15 PM – 89th St. [SEE P.2]  
**Preparing for Shabbat With Song** 6:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
**International Service Trip Shabbat Dinner** Following Service – 88th St. Frankel Hall

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

**Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel [SEE P.2]  
**Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Naming**

Max Ariel Cronin  
Ella Pearl Cronin

**Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services**  
**Community Kiddush**

10:30 AM – 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor  
Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**Minha Service**  
**Bar Mitzvah**

5:30 PM – 88th St.  
Benjamin Agin

**Night of 100 Dinners**  
**After-Dinner Dance Party**

6:45 PM – Members' Homes, 89th St.  
8:00 PM – 88th St. [SEE SIDEBAR]

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Purim Play Rehearsals** 10:00 AM – 88th St.  
**Day of Service** 12:00 PM

**MONDAY, MARCH 10**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Brunch and PREformances Concert** 11:00 AM – BJ Office and JCC in Manhattan  
**with Mekusharim** [SEE SIDEBAR]

**BJ Hebrew School**  
**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

4:00-6:00 PM  
7:00 PM – BJ Office

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

**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.2]  
**Purim Play Rehearsals** 3:00 PM – 88th St.

**Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**

6:30 PM – 88th St. Kitchen [SEE P.4]

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Limud: The Tribes of Israel:** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room [SEE P.2]  
**A Shared Homeland for a Divided People**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**  
**Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**

**TA'ANIT ESTHER**  
7:30 AM – 88th St.  
12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
12:30 PM [SEE P.2]

**BJ Hebrew School**  
**Limud: Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the**  
**Weekly Torah Portion**

4:00-6:00 PM  
7:00 PM – BJ Office [SEE P.2]

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14**

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



**• The Night of 100 Dinners**  
**Is This Saturday, March 8!**

We hope to see you there! Dinners (including the Rabbis' Dinner) will start at 6:45PM, and the Rabbis' Dinner will take place at the BJ Community House

at 270 West 89th Street. The After-Dinner Dance Party will be held from 8:00-11:00PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary.

You can still purchase raffle tickets at [www.bj.org/support100](http://www.bj.org/support100) until Thursday, March 6 at midnight, or at the After-Dinner Dance Party!

**• 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 Sunday, March 9 at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events).

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Benjamin Agin, his parents Hilary Agin and Jonathan Summer, and his sister Jenna Agin, on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Robert and Jane Baum on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Ezra Baum.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Ruth Jarmul and Irv Rosenthal in honor of Ruth's 65th birthday and in appreciation for the Night of 100 Dinners committee and staff.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Mike Fishbein and 8th Grade Class, Temple Israel of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **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.

- **Into the Fullness of the Void: A Spiritual Autobiography of Dov Elbaum**  
*Saturday, March 22*, 86th Street: Dov Elbaum is an Israeli scholar, educator, journalist, and a leader of the secular Jewish renaissance in Israel. He will offer the d'var Torah during Shabbat morning services and 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*.

## Friday, March 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](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.

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

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## UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit [www.bj.org](http://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 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 to understand and confront our nature. Free of charge. 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. 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 for an exploration of the Hassidic commentary to delve deeper into the richness of our tradition while exploring our own spirituality. Each class will stand alone; new participants welcome. Free of charge. Register at [www.bj.org](http://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 believed a divine spark could be found in everything. Together, we will learn some of their teachings on the weekly Torah portion, and explore how their words affect us in deeply personal ways. Free of charge. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

- **Community Shabbat Dinner With The Gvanim Participants From Israel**  
**Friday, March 28**, 7:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Welcome Shabbat with food, wine and interesting conversation as we host the Gvanim participants. Gvanim is a program dedicated to the acceptance and celebration of the spectrum of religious observance, from Orthodox to secular Judaism. Gvanim develops leadership to promote tolerance of Jewish religious expression in Israel. The Participants will be in NYC as part of their visit to North America, and will be accompanied by Shraga Bar-On of the Hartman institute. \$36 members, \$46 non-members, \$25 children (under 13). Register at [www.bj.org](http://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". 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](http://www.bj.org) by Thursday, March 20.

- **Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman**  
**Sunday, March 30**, 6:00-8:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join us when Rabbi Sharon Brous, founding rabbi of IKAR and former Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, discusses "The Amen Effect: Finding Strength, Inspiration and Purpose in Dialogical Living". Rabbi Brous helps reanimate Jewish life in Los Angeles by exploring new models at the intersection of inventive religious practice and a deep commitment to social justice.

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## 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](http://BJ.HappyPurim.com) by Wednesday, March 12. Should you have questions, please contact Beth Tarson at [btarson@bj.org](mailto: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](mailto:awasser@bj.org) to volunteer.

### • Family Megillah Madness Game Show

**Saturday, March 15**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall and Sanctuary: Families will be put to the test! Join the Rabbis and Ari for Purimania, and show your knowledge of the Purim story through trivia and teamwork. Stay for Havdalah and the Community Megillah reading and shpiel 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.

### • 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.



## Saturday, March 22: SHABBAT IN MEMORY OF RABBI MARSHALL T. MEYER

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.

■ **4:00PM • 89th Street Third Floor:** Professor Susannah Heschel is Dartmouth College's Eli Black professor of Jewish Studies, an award-winning author, and the daughter of Abraham Joshua Heschel. She will join us at BJ to share letters written to her father by Rabbi Meyer while in Argentina.

■ **5:30PM • 89th Street Third Floor:** Karin Ryan, Senior Adviser for Human Rights at The Carter Center, will discuss the role of religion in human rights as reflected in the upcoming book "A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power."

## 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. Contact the Membership Department at x224 for more information.

• **"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.

**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 (continued from page 3)

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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](http://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](mailto:sghiorzo@bj.org) for additional information.

• **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 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/csa). For more information, contact Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) or x272.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **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](http://www.bj.org/events) 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 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](http://www.bj.org) by Sunday, March 9.

• **Learning Together Before Purim with Tze'irim**

**Saturday, March 15, 6:00-7:45PM**, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbinic Fellows Alex Braver and Sarit Horwitz for a light dinner, some songs, and discussion about the spirituality of Purim. Afterwards, we can walk over to the Megillah reading at BJ, starting at 8:00PM at 88th Street. R.S.V.P. to Monty at [mmiller@bj.org](mailto:mmiller@bj.org) by Wednesday, March 12.

• **Tze'irim Purim Brunch to Honor Holocaust Survivors**

**Sunday, March 30, 10:30AM-3:00PM**, 225 West 83rd Street: Purim has passed, but don your costume one more time to brighten the day for those who have been through so much. We will set up, cook and serve brunch, and socialize with the honorees. You don't have to stay the whole time, but the survivors will be coming at noon. We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a rewarding event. Sign up at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by Monday, March 24.

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