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KOL JESHURUN



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SHEMINI

SHABBAT PARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Leviticus 9:1 - 10:11
 1: 9:1 - 9:6
 2: 9:7 - 9:10
 3: 9:11 - 9:16
 4: 9:17 - 9:23
 5: 9:24 - 10:03
 6: 10:4 - 10:7
 7: 10:08 - 10:11
 Maftir: Numbers
 19:1 - 19:22

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

NEXT WEEK: **TAZRI'A**

SHABBAT HA'HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59
 Leviticus 12:1 - 13:28
HAFTARAH Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15

March 21-28, 2014

19-26 Adar II, 5774

SHABBAT FROM EVE TO END (see P.3 for programming highlights)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Preparing for Shabbat With Song 6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
Teen Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:30 PM - 89th St. Reception Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer 8:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah Phoebe Bienstock
Bat Mitzvah Rachel Mehler
D'var Torah Dov Elbaum, *Into the Fullness of the Void: A Spiritual Autobiography*
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
Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul 3:45 PM - 89th St. Middle Room
Children's Creative Play Studio 4:00 PM - 89th St. 2nd Floor, Room 208
SHABBAT IN MEMORY OF RABBI MARSHALL T. MEYER:
His Relationship with His Teacher, Abraham Joshua Heschel 4:00 PM - 89th St. 3rd Floor
 Professor Susannah Heschel
Religion and Human Rights Today 5:30 PM - 89th St. 3rd Floor
 Karin Ryan, The Carter Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.
Tze'irim Serving Sunday Lunch to Seniors 12:00 PM (SEE P.4)
Women - Israel - Religion 6:00 PM - 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.2)

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School 4:00-6:00 PM
Limud: Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, MARCH 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.2)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

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.2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis 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 28

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 OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

• **Metro Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Assembly with Manhattan Together and Mayor Bill De Blasio**
Sunday, March 30, 4:00-5:30PM, New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge Hotel, 333 Adams Street, Brooklyn: Let's ensure the mayor and commissioners deliver on promises made during the campaign. 5,000 Metro IAF leaders from across the city will attend to advance an agenda to improve housing, education, and street safety. BJ is a member of MT and Metro IAF. Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org for a ticket.

• **Hungering for Justice: Fair Labor Rights for Farmworkers in NYS**
Thursday, April 3, 6:30-8:45PM (doors open at 6:15PM), 88th Street Sanctuary: How can we extend our understanding of ethical consumption? Hidden from our view are 80,000 laborers who make New York's multi-billion dollar agricultural economy possible. What are their stories? Speakers: Kerry Kennedy, President of RFK Center for Justice and Human Rights; Librada Paz, farmworker activist; and NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat, lead sponsor of legislation in NY. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/farmworkerjustice.

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 YENAH^{EM}

To the following members and their families:

- Ruth Jarmul and Irv Rosenthal on the death of Ruth's aunt, Florence Ross.
- Judy and Jules Love on the death of Judy's sister, Alice Nemetz.
- Max Rudin, Amy Schatz, Eve and Noah Rudin, on the death of Max's mother, Elinor Rudin.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Rachel Mehler, her parents Ariel Zwang and Gordon Mehler, and her sister Grace Mehler, on Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Phoebe Bienstock, her parents Scott and Ruth Bienstock, and her brother Farris Bienstock, on Phoebe becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Ariel Zwang and Gordon Mehler in honor of Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Sami Tanenbaum and 10th Grade Confirmation Class, Temple Sinai, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Rabbi Michael A. Davis and Confirmation Class, Congregation Emanu-El, Wichita, Kansas.
- Rabbi Dan Sikowitz and Confirmation Class, Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick, Frederick, Maryland.
- Rabbi Jack Romberg and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Hazzan Tahl Ben Yehuda and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth Shalom, Overland Park, Kansas.
- Staci Cohen and Confirmation Class, Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, Beachwood, Ohio.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

Every other Saturday (March 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.

• Women – Israel – Religion

Sunday, March 23, 6:00-7:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: In honor of Women's History Month please join us for a discussion on the connection between women, Israel and religion. We will also look at women's roles in changing the status quo in this area. Speakers on the panel: Shlomit Naim Na'or, representing the "I'm a Religious Feminist and Don't Have a Sense of Humor" Facebook Group; Muna Haddad, New Israel Fund Civil Liberties Law Fellow; and Shira Pruce, Director of Public Relations, Women of the Wall. Moderated by Tova Birnbaum, Central Shlichah, WZO. Registration required at www.bj.org/women-israel-religion.

• Community Shabbat Dinner With Gvanim Participants From Israel

Friday, March 28, 7:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Welcome Shabbat at a community dinner with participants in the Gvanim program, which dedicated to the acceptance and celebration of the spectrum of religious

observance in Israel, from Orthodox to secular Judaism. The group 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.

• **Please join us next Shabbat morning, Saturday, March 29**, when Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum of Kehillat Zion in Jerusalem will give the d'var Torah and stay for a conversation after services in the 86th Street Chapel.

• 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.

• Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman

Sunday, March 30, 6:00-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us when Rabbi Sharon Brous, founding rabbi of IKAR and former Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, discusses "The Amen Effect: Finding Strength, Inspiration

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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 March 20 and 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.

• 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.

Saturday, March 22:

SHABBAT FROM EVE TO END PROGRAMMING

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.

■ **His Relationship with His Teacher, Abraham Joshua Heschel**
4:00-5:30PM • 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 discuss Marshall's relationship with her father through personal letters written to her father while Marshall was in Argentina.

■ **Religion and Human Rights Today**
5:30-7:00PM • 89th Street Third Floor: Karin Ryan, Senior Adviser for Human Rights at The Carter Center, will discuss the role of religion in human rights and the oppression of women, as reflected in her work and in the upcoming book *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power*, written by former President Jimmy Carter.

■ **Into the Fullness of the Void:**
A Spiritual Autobiography of Dov Elbaum
During and after Shabbat morning 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*.

■ **Young Families Kiddush**
Following Children's Services • 86th Street Chapel:
Families with young children are invited to join us after Children's Services for a special Kiddush. Play Curator, Linda White, will be facilitate open play with creative materials for children. Monthly Young Families Kiddushim are made possible by generous sponsorships; if you're interested in contributing, contact Emily at ewalsh@bj.org.

■ **Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul**
Shuli Passow and Dan Nadel
3:45-5:00PM • 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.

■ **Children's Creative Play Studio**
4:00-6:00PM • 89th Street Second 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

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.

• **Bo-i Kallah — A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
Friday, April 4, 6:45PM, 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.

• **Sell Your Hametz Through BJ**
By Friday, April 11 at 12:00PM: Sign up to appoint Rabbi Matalon as your agent to sell your hametz for Peasah. The sale goes into effect at 10:45AM on Monday, April 14 and the hametz reverts to your ownership at 8:25PM on Tuesday, April 22. For more information, go to www.bj.org/pesah.

• **Havdalah and Pete Seeger Guitar-Themed Sing-Along with Yozma**
Saturday, April 12, 7:45PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Gather with Yozma to begin a new week together with a nosh and great people. In honor of Pete Seeger, who once performed at BJ, we will have a guitar sing-along led by Craig Rosenberg playing songs Pete made famous. His folk songs of freedom remind us that Pesah is just around the corner. Register at www.bj.org by Thursday, April 10.

• **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.

• **After-Seder Flamenco, Poetry, Music and Dance — Open to All**
Tuesday, April 15, 10:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Come to celebrate freedom and diversity with the passion of flamenco music and dance and a glimpse of its Sephardic flavor. Flamenco Poe-trance is a theater concept that honors poetry and flamenco dance while celebrating humanity. BJ member Silvia Heller will be performing with her theater company. Free and open to the public. No registration required. For additional information, contact Sandra Ghiorzo at sghiorzo@bj.org.

• **Yozma Spring Hike in Westchester**
Sunday, April 27, 10:00AM, meet in Grand Central Terminal by the round information booth: Join Yozma for a 4-mile hike along the scenic Bronx River Parkway next to lakes and streams. Take the 10:25AM train from Grand Central Terminal to Bronxville, hike to Scarsdale where we'll have lunch at a 1950s-style small diner in Scarsdale, and then take the train back to Manhattan. R.S.V.P. to Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net as soon as possible as only 20 people can be accommodated.

• **Erev Yom HaShoah Commemoration Ceremony and One-Woman Show *Decoding the Tablecloth***
Sunday, April 27, 6:45PM service, 8:00PM show, 9:15PM Q&A, 88th Street Sanctuary: The Reading and Hearing of the Names of those killed during the Shoah will take place after the evening service. *Decoding the*

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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.

• **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.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

Tablecloth by Gabriela Kohen, an award-winning autobiographical one-woman-show that explores the effects of the Holocaust and immigration over five generations in her family, will follow.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) offers an opportunity to pick up organic produce from Free Bird Farm at BJ every Tuesday for 22 weeks. Choose from vegetable, egg, fruit shares and, new this season, butter shares. Register at www.bj.org/csa. For information, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or x272.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Serving Sunday Lunch to Seniors**
Sunday, March 23, 12:00-2:30PM, location provided upon registration: Join Tze'irim as we make an inter-generational impact and brighten the lives of low-income seniors. Serve a hot kosher lunch and socialize with the residents. Get to know your peers and your elders. Afterward, grab a bite to eat with your fellow volunteers. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, March 19.

• **Tze'irim Oneg Shabbat**
Friday, April 11, 8:15-10:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Relax from your work week with Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver and Tze'irim. Meet other 20s

and 30s who are immersed in the BJ community through volunteering and attending services and social events over wine, drinks and light food. Cost: BJ members, \$10; non-members, \$15. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, April 9.

• **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 by Monday, March 24.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Esther Broner Through Film**
Monday, March 24, 7:00-9:00PM, JCC Manhattan (334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street): *Esther Broner: A Weave of Women* documents the evolution of Jewish feminism, interviews with leading Jewish feminists, and the story of Esther Broner. Without her, we assume, modern Jewish women might not have found a worthy place in the home, society, and Jewish tradition. Cost: JCC and BJ members, \$9 (use code EFFBJ); non-members, \$11. Purchase tickets at jccmanhattan.org.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT — SAVE THE DATES

Once again BJ is proud to be a part of the communal celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut in the Upper West Side, with plenty of events coming up. Mark the following dates in your calendars:

- **TBA:** Megilat Ha'atzma-What? The story behind the Israeli Declaration of Independence with Hartman scholar Shraga Bar On.
- **Saturday, May 3**, before Junior Congregation: Limud with Orli Moss for families with children.
- **Saturday, May 3**, following Shabbat morning services: Israeli dancing.

- **Sunday, May 4**, 10:00AM-10:45AM: Shira Be'Ivrit — song session for children.
- **Sunday, May 4**, 11:00AM-2:00PM, Finding Israel on the Upper West Side, an exciting scavenger hunt for all ages culminating in a musical concert. Co-sponsored by SAJ.
- **Monday, May 5**, 7:00PM: Tekes Ma'avar, marking the transition from Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day to Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. Co-sponsored by Mechon Hadar.

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