

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN



RABBIS:

J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

HAZZAN & MUSIC DIRECTOR: Ari Priven

BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS: Alex Braver • Sarit Horwitz • Bryan Wexler

BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

VAYETZE

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

TRIENNIAL Genesis 30:14 - 31:16

1: 30:14 - 30:16

2: 30:17 - 30:21

3: 30:22 - 30:27

4: 30:28 - 30:36

5: 30:37 - 30:43

6: 31:1 - 31:9

7: 31:10 - 31:16

Maftir: 31:14 - 31:16

HAFTARAH Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

NEXT WEEK: VAYISHLAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

TRIENNIAL Genesis 34:1 - 34:4

HAFTARAH Hosea 2:13 - 14:10

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join us on Friday night—choose from our many service options listed below. Check www.bj.org/services or this KJ (page 2) for details.

Every Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 88th Street at 6:30PM

First Friday of the Month

Tot ShabbatDec. 5, Feb. 6

Second Friday of the Month

MindfulnessDec. 12, Jan. 9
and

Family ShabbatDec. 12, Jan. 9

Third Friday of the Month

Bo-i KallahDec. 19, Jan. 16

Fourth Friday of the Month

Hitoreri (Teen) ShabbatJan. 23, Feb. 27



SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday,
January 10, 2015**

Register at www.bj100dinner.org.

**Great Food
Great Company
Great Raffles
Great Fun**

...and a great way to support BJ!

November 28-December 5, 2014 6-13 Kislev, 5775

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

8:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Childcare (Ages 2-6)

9:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel, Parlor and 2nd Floor

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Minha Service

4:15 PM - 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Jack Carl

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Hanukkah Children's Chorus Rehearsal

9:00 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

8:30 AM - 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.3)

Creative Play Studio

10:15 and 11:15 AM - 89th St. Room 608A

Limud: The Language of Truth

12:30 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.3)

Afternoon Play Studio

3:30 PM - 89th St.

Keshet

4:00 PM - 89th St. Room 606 and 609

KesheTOT

4:00 PM - 89th St. Room 607

Limud: Adonai, Open My Lips—אֲדֹנָי שְׁפֹתַי תִּפְתָּח

6:30 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - 89th St.

Limud: Mindfulness Classes:

2nd Floor Conference Room

Creating a Personal Prayer Practice

7:00 PM - 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Limud: Behind the Headlines in Israel

8:30 AM - 89th St. (SEE P.3)

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur

7:00 PM - 89th St. Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Bim Bam

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

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

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BJ's Ner Tamid at the 88th Street Sanctuary is powered by the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jack Carl, his parents Mara Glassel and John Carl, his brother Harrison Carl, and his grandparents Morton Glassel and Arline Glassel on Jack becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Nancy and Paul Freireich on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Jacob Freireich-Weinsier.
- Rae and Richard Janvey on the birth of their grandson, Asher Janvey.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

5 Saturdays (remaining sessions: November 29, December 13), 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, December 19, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel will lead an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat service on the third 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.

• American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) Centennial Shabbat Dinner: International Jewish Life and Experiences

Friday, December 5, 8:00-10:30PM, 89th Street Gym: Learn how the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is making a positive impact on global Jewish life and how you can, too. **Dr. Ruth Westheimer** will discuss her involvement with JDC, the world's leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization. Dinner and conversation with JDC participants and staff will follow. BJ members \$40; non-members \$50. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org.

• Ahead of Time: The Extraordinary Journey of Ruth Gruber

Tuesday, December 9, 7:30PM, The JCC in Manhattan: Ruth Gruber is an international foreign correspondent and photojournalist with a career that spanned more than seven decades. A Q&A with Ruth Gruber and filmmakers will follow the screening, moderated by BJ member Myriam Abramowicz. The JCC offered Mekusharim a special group rate of \$6 per ticket. Register at www.bj.org.

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Get Away with BJ in 2015

Take time in 2015 to get away with your fellow BJ members, clergy and staff. There are trips and retreats designed to meet the interests of families, adults, children and teens. Additional details and registration information to come. Learn more at www.bj.org/trips.

TRIP	DATE
Human Rights, Jewish Values: 8th and 9th Grade Civil Rights Journey to Alabama and Georgia with Ayala Wasser, Hazzan Ari Priven, Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver and David Lieberman Contact: Ayala at awasser@bj.org	January 15-19
BJ Mindfulness Retreat in Nature, Costa Rica with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan [TRIP IS FULL] Contact: Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org	January 18-25
Work, Pray and Make a Difference: Teen Service Learning in Nicaragua with Rabbi Felicia Sol, Ayala Wasser, Rabbinic Fellow Bryan Wexler and David Lieberman [TRIP IS FULL] Contact: Ayala at awasser@bj.org	February 15-22
BJ Prayer Retreat at Menla Mountain in the Catskills with Rabbi Roly Matalon and guest teachers from Israel Contact: Leah at lmichelson@bj.org	February 15-18
Spring B'nai Mitzvah Retreat for 6th Graders, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, NY with Nina Loftspring Contact: Nina at nloftspring@bj.org	May 1-3
Women's Retreat, Isabella Freedman Center, CT with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz Contact: Jo at jicaza@bj.org	May 29-31
World Jewish Studies Seminar in Morocco with Rabbi Roly Matalon and Peter Geffen [DONATION REQUIRED] Contact: Lisa at lsteinberg@bj.org	June 18-26
Israel Community Trip with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Orli Moss Contact: Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org	June 25-July 4
Teen Kickoff Retreat for Grades 9-12, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, NY with Ayala Wasser Contact: Ayala at awasser@bj.org	September
Reach for Shabbat Retreat for Grades 3-6, Isabella Freedman Center, CT with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Ivy Schreiber Contact: Esther at ebedolla@bj.org	October
Israel Family Trip with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Ivy Schreiber Contact: Esther at ebedolla@bj.org	Winter Break December 2015-2016

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• BJ Prayer Retreat

Sunday, February 15-Wednesday, February 18, Menla Mountain Retreat Center: Join Rabbi Matalon and Israeli guest teachers Rabbi Tamar Elad Applebaum, Yair Harel and Uri Kroizer to deepen our understanding and practice of prayer. Please contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org for more information.

• Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 12, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan, Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum and special guest Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. For questions, contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 10, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Twice a year, we have the opportunity to provide a very important service to the community. R.S.V.P. to Trudi at trudi1531@aol.com, or call x272 to reserve your time slot and/or for more information.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Hanukkah Children's Chorus

Sundays through December 14, mornings and evenings, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Children in grades K-5 are invited to participate in a Hanukkah chorus led by Jerry Korman. Children will attend weekly Sunday rehearsals (grades K-2, 9:00AM; grades 3-5, 10:30AM-12:00PM)

leading up to multiple performances the week of December 14. No audition necessary; all are welcome! For more details, email Esther at ebedolla@bj.org.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• Light the 5th Night: Single Moms and Kids Havdalah, Hanukkah Happening

Saturday, December 20, 5:00-7:00PM, 89th Street Community House: From the light of the Havdalah candle to the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, Rabbi Felicia Sol invites you to join for the festivities: pizza, latkes and sufganiyot included. Registration is required; visit www.bj.org. For any questions, please contact Sandra Ghiorzo at sghiorzo@bj.org.

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UPCOMING LIMUD/TEACHING Please visit www.bj.org for full course descriptions and more information.

• Lunch and Learn: The Language of Truth: The Gerer Rebbe's Commentary on Parashat HaShavua (The Weekly Torah Portion) Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes: December 2 and 16), 12:30-1:45PM, 89th Street Middle 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. Each class is stand-alone and free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org/events or contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org for audio participation information.

• Adonai, Open My Lips—אֲדֹנָי שִׁפְתַי תִּפְתָּח רבבי J. Rolando Matalon

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes: December 2, 16, January 13, 27, February 10), 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Middle Room: How do I open my heart to prayer? What happens when I pray? Who do I pray to? What/Who do I pray for? How do I find my own voice in prayer? Together with Rabbi Roly Matalon, we will open and examine these and other prayer-related questions through personal reflection, text study, discussion and practice. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Mindfulness Classes: Creating a Personal Prayer Practice Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo R. Bronstein

7 Wednesdays (remaining classes: December 3, 10 and 17), 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Chapel: Why do we pray? Where can prayer take us? How could it change us? In this class, we will utilize meditation, contemplative text study, music and reflection to meaningfully connect to prayer as a spiritual practice. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Behind the Headlines in Israel

5 Thursdays (remaining classes: December 4, 18), 8:30-9:15AM, 89th Street Community House: What headlines are Israelis waking up to? Start the day with an overview of Israeli news in four key areas: politics, society, culture and Middle East events. To join over the phone, please dial 866-672-5590, conference code 975 5145 531. Led by Dr. Jonathan Cummings, political analyst and scholar of Israel and the Middle East. Free of charge. Registration required at www.bj.org/israelevents.

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

5 Thursdays (remaining classes: December 4, 11, 18), 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. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Rosh Hodesh Tevet Women's Group: Hag HaBanot—Festive Meal Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Sunday, December 21, 6:00-8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please join Rabbi Sol to celebrate Hag HaBanot, by cooking and sharing in a festive meal. We are asking everyone to contribute, members (\$10) and non-members (\$15), and to bring a bottle of certified kosher wine, an appetizer, or a dessert. We also need women to help cook, to set up and clean up. For registration and volunteer opportunities, please register at www.bj.org.

• Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur Alex Braver, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursdays, through December 18; **Mondays**, January 5-May 4, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th St. Chapel: The rabbis of the Talmud call prayer "avodat ha-lev" (the service of the heart). Yet how can our hearts be in it when we don't understand what we're saying? Together, we will study the language of the siddur in Hebrew, English and transliteration, along with biblical, rabbinic, mystical and modern texts on tefillah. Come deepen your understanding of the prayer book, and develop a more personal connection with Jewish prayer. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Great Jews and Their Writings Rabbi Hillel Friedman

Tuesdays (through May 19), 8:30AM, 89th Street Middle Room: We will study excerpts from the Books of Samuel and Job. In their very unique ways, both books raise questions regarding standards for communal leadership and those factors that we struggle with in order to find meaning in life. Rabbi Friedman is a longtime member of our BJ community. Register at www.bj.org/events. Members \$100; non-members \$150.

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 sanctuaries (88th Street and 86th Street). Ask an usher if you need one, and please return the device when you leave.

- **"BJ Speak" Glossary:** Do you have questions about commonly used words and phrases at BJ? Find the answers in our "BJ Speak" glossary. Visit the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary for a laminated sheet filled with definitions and explanations of everything you need to know.

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. We'll have coffee waiting for you! Please help us make a minyan so our members can say kaddish for their loved ones in a supportive environment. Learn more and find the current schedule at www.bj.org/minyan.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

- **Encore Entrepreneurs: Basic Business Training for Baby Boomers 12 Wednesdays** (December 3-March 4, 2015), 9:00AM-1:00PM, UJA-Federation of New York, 130 East 59th Street: The Hebrew Free Loan Society, with the support of UJA-Federation of New York, is offering basic business training to professionals age 50+ who were impacted

by the recession and are looking to start a new business. This comprehensive course is designed to provide guidance and support in a group-oriented environment. Please visit hfls.org/encoreentrepreneurs to learn more and apply.

אין פֿאלהיננו, אין פֿאדוֹננו, אין כְּמִלְפָנוּ, אין כְּמוֹשֵׁיננוּ.

*Non como nuestro Dio, non como nuestro Señor,
non como nuestro Rey, non como nuestro Salvador.*

מי כֵּאלֹהֵינוּ, מי כֵּאֲדוֹננוּ, מי כְּמִלְפָנוּ, מי כְּמוֹשֵׁיננוּ.

*Quien como nuestro Dio, quien como nuestro Señor,
quien como nuestro Rey, quien como nuestro Salvador.*

נוֹדָה לֵאלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדָה לֵאֲדוֹננוּ, נוֹדָה לְמִלְפָנוּ, נוֹדָה לְמוֹשֵׁיננוּ.

*Loaremos a nuestro Dio, loaremos a nuestro Señor,
loaremos a nuestro Rey, loaremos a nuestro Salvador.*

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹננוּ, בְּרוּךְ מִלְפָנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשֵׁיננוּ.

*Bendicho nuestro Dio, bendicho nuestro Señor,
bendicho nuestro Rey, bendicho nuestro Salvador.*

אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אַתָּה הוּא אֲדוֹננוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מִלְפָנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מוֹשֵׁיננוּ.

*Tu sos nuestro Dio, tu sos nuestro Señor,
tu sos nuestro Rey, tu sos nuestro Salvador.*

אַתָּה הוּא שְׁהֶקְטִירוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קִטְרֶת הַסַּמִּים.