

קול ישרון

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

VAYIGASH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 45:28 - 46:27

1: 45:28 - 46:4

2: 46:5 - 46:7

3: 46:8 - 46:11

4: 46:12 - 46:15

5: 46:16 - 46:18

6: 46:19 - 46:22

7: 46:23 - 46:27

Maftir: 46:23 - 46:27

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

NEXT WEEK: VAYEHI

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

TRIENNIAL Genesis 49:1 - 49:26

HAFTARAH I Kings 2:1 - 2:12

December 26, 2014-January 2, 2015

4-11 Tevet, 5775

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

BJ Hebrew School

Closed this week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Canceled this week

BJ Hebrew School

Closed this week

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

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 ShabbatFeb. 6, March 6

Second Friday of the Month

MindfulnessJan. 9, Feb. 13

and

Family ShabbatJan. 9, March 13

Third Friday of the Month

Bo-i KallahJan. 16, Feb. 20

Fourth Friday of the Month

Hitoreri (Teen) ShabbatJan. 23, Feb. 27



Saturday, January 10, 2015

Register at www.bj100dinner.org

Enter the raffle to win a trip to Israel and other fabulous prizes!

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

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Margrit Rustow, and we extend our sincere condolences to her entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Jerry Korman and Mira Rivera, their children Arielle and Ben Korman, on the death of Jerry's mother, Mona Korman.

- Joanne Palmer and Andy Sherman, Miriam Palmer-Sherman and David Vaisberg, and Nava Shira Sherman-Vaisberg, on the death of Joanne's father, Joseph Palmer.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Sharon Stein on the engagement of her son, Peter Seth Stein, to Cindy Bomzer.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, January 9, 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.

• Hakhanah laTefillah — Preparing for Prayer

11 Saturdays (January 10, 24; February 7, 14, 21; March 7, 21; April 18; May 2, 16, 30), 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.

• The Israeli Literature Book Group

Mondays (January 12, February 23, March 30, and May 4), 7:30-9:00PM, 89th Street: What can books teach us about Israeli society that we don't learn from the newspaper headlines? Led by BJ member Ellen Bender and Orli Moss, we will read books that provide insight and provoke conversation. The book for the upcoming gathering is *Dancing Arabs* by Sayed Kashua. Register at www.bj.org/israelevents. For more information, contact Orli at omoss@bj.org.

• The Spiritual Journeys of BJ Women Artists

Thursday, January 15, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street: Sandee Brawarsky,

culture editor at *The Jewish Week* and BJ member, will moderate a panel comprised of Helene Aylon, Susan Reimer-Torn, and Basya Schechter, who all grew up Orthodox and years later found themselves attracted to BJ. Each of the artists will speak about the path she took and share some of their work. Register at www.bj.org.

• Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays: January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17 and May 15, 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 enter holy time and welcome Shabbat.

• Standing Again at Sinai Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00PM, 89th St. Reception Room: Join author and BJ member Dr. Judith Plaskow in a discussion of her highly influential book *Standing Again at Sinai*. Credited as being the first book of Jewish feminist theology ever written, *Standing Again at Sinai* dismantled gender barriers present in Judaism and paved the way for a future of Jewish life transformed by feminist sensibilities. Sponsored by the Rosh Hodesh Women's Group and open to all. The first 20 members who sign up for the book discussion will receive a free book, generously provided by Dr. Plaskow. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org or x241.

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

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

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? We will study the language of the siddur in Hebrew, English and transliteration, along with biblical, rabbinic, mystical and modern texts. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Adonai, Open My Lips— Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes: January 6, 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? We will open and examine these and other prayer-related questions through personal reflection, text study, discussion and practice. Register at www.bj.org/events.

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

8 Thursdays (January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26, and March 5), 12:30-1:30PM, location provided upon registration: NEW SEMESTER: 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 Hebrew knowledge required. Please bring your own lunch. NOTE: Even if you were enrolled in the Fall 2014 semester, you must re-register for the classes starting in January. Register at www.bj.org/events.

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

10 Tuesdays (January 13, 20 and 27, February 3, 10 and 24, March 3, 17, 24 and 31), 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 us for an exploration of this Hassidic commentary to delve deeper into the richness of our tradition. Each class stand-alone and free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org/events.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• **Shishi Israeli** - שישי ישראלי

Friday, January 23, 6:00-8:00PM, 89th Street / בינואר 23 יום שישי, Shishi Israeli is a magical combination of Shabbat and community. Join us to welcome Shabbat in Hebrew with Israeli song and traditional Israeli Shabbat singing. For the whole family. Cost: \$15 adult, \$8 child, \$45 for the whole family. Register at www.bj.org/shishi.

שישי ישראלי הוא שילוב קסום של קבלת שבת, שירה בציבור וארוחת שבת מסורתית ישראלית לכל המשפחה! כאן נפגשים ישראלים ואמריקאים ליצור שפה משותפת סביב שולחן השבת. בואו לקבל איתנו את השבת בשירה, אוכל וקהילה. עלות: \$15 למבוגר, \$8 לילד, \$45 למשפחה. להרשמה

• **Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman— Deconstructing Dena: Discerning Women’s Voices and God’s Voice in the Bible**

Saturday, January 24, 4:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Rabbi Debra Orenstein, acclaimed teacher, speaker, and spiritual leader of Congregation B’nai Israel in Emerson, NJ, will guide us through a close reading of the story of Dena. Rabbi Orenstein will also share her method for uncovering women’s voices and contributions in Scripture. Open to all.

• **“More Shabbat” at BJ: Shabbat Shirah**

Saturday, January 31, 3:30-8:00PM, 89th Street: Shabbat is the Jewish community’s most special and sacred time—and on January 31, we will celebrate one of the most special Shabbatot of the year: Shabbat Shirah, the Shabbat of Song. Our “More Shabbat” offers an entire afternoon

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Check your inbox every Friday for a special message from our Rabbis.

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. 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 16-18
Israel Family Trip with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Ivy Schreiber Contact: Esther at ebedolla@bj.org	December 24- January 2, 2016

Featured Trips

• **BJ Prayer Retreat at Menla Mountain in the Catskills**
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.

• **Israel Community Trip**

Thursday, June 25-Saturday, July 4, multiple locations, Israel: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and BJ Shliha Orli Moss on a unique and nuanced experience. Learning about those who built Israel—and those who took up their torch—we will understand the story of the land as we travel to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Southern parts of the country. For more details or to register, email Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org.

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)*

of programming to keep you immersed in the spirit of Shabbat with our BJ musicians right through Havdalah. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org for information.

- **"Meet Me at Sinai" Day of Learning**
Sunday, February 8, 9:00AM-5:30PM, 88th Street and 89th Street: Attend this full day of panel discussions, films, dance and more that celebrates 25 years of *Standing Again at Sinai*, and the changes in Judaism this book seeded. We will explore how Jewish feminism has enriched and challenged Jewish life in every domain, celebrate the progress we've made, and speak openly about where we can go from here. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org or x241.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

- **Sign up for the BJ Babysitting List**
Are you interested in babysitting kids in the BJ community? If you are at least 14 years of age and have some free time, sign up for our babysitting list, and make your name available to the community. Email ebedolla@bj.org to add your name or with any questions.

- **Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner**

Friday, January 9, 6:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Welcome in Shabbat with the BJ family! Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Hazzan Ari Priven for this child-friendly service, followed by dinner. \$18/adults, \$10/children. Register at www.bj.org/events. Email Esther at ebedolla@bj.org with any questions.

- **Bim Bam Spring Session**

Fridays, January 9-May 22, 9:15-10:00AM and 10:15-11:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under. Registration is now open for the 9:15AM and 10:15AM classes. Cost is \$270/members and \$345/non-members per family (new members attend for free, contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org). Register at www.bj.org; space is limited. There will be no class on April 3 or April 10.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Flamenco Performance**

Sunday, January 11, 2:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Enjoy an evening of dance by BJ's very own Micki Kaplan Reiss featuring live music and choreography by veteran dance instructor Mariano Parra. Email mijoteso@aol.com or call 212-595-9510 by January 4 for more information or to R.S.V.P.