

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN



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SHEMOT

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
TRIENNIAL Exodus 3:1 - 4:17
 1: 3:1 - 3:6
 2: 3:7 - 3:10
 3: 3:11 - 3:15
 4: 3:16 - 3:22
 5: 4:1 - 4:5
 6: 4:6 - 4:9
 7: 4:10 - 4:17
 Maftir: 4:14 - 4:17

HAFTARAH Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13, 29:22-23

NEXT WEEK: VA-ERA

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
TRIENNIAL Exodus 7:8 - 8:15
HAFTARAH Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21



This Saturday, January 10

Dinner at 6:30PM
Tickets at the door
for the Dance Party at 8:30PM

January 9-16, 2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner
Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

18-25 Tevet, 5775

6:00 PM – 89th St. Gym (SEE P.3)
 6:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.2)
 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer
Childcare (Ages 2-6)
Shabbat Morning Services

8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
 9:30 AM – 86th St. Parlor
 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Ella Rosenthal

Junior Congregation—Kids Only
Children's Services
Community Kiddush

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel, Parlor and 2nd Floor
 Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

NIGHT OF 100 DINNERS

6:30 PM: Dinners in members' homes
 8:30 PM: Dance Party – 88th St. Sanctuary
 (SEE SIDEBAR)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur
Israeli Literature Book Group

7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)
 7:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

8:30 AM – 89th St. Middle Room

Limud: The Language of Truth

12:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

Keshet

KesheTOT

Limud: Adonai, Open My Lips—אֲדֹנָי שִׁפְתַי תִּפְתָּח

4:00 PM – 89th St.
 4:00 PM – 89th St.
 6:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Behind the Headlines in Israel
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

8:30 AM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)
 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

The Spiritual Journeys of BJ Women Artists

6:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.2)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Bim Bam

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join us on Friday night—choose from our many service options listed below. Check www.bj.org/services or this KJ (pages 2-3) 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

Mindfulness Jan. 9, Feb. 13
 and

Family ShabbatJan. 9, March 13

Third Friday of the Month

Bo-i Kallah Jan. 16, Feb. 20

Fourth Friday of the Month

Hitoreri (Teen) Shabbat Jan. 23, Feb. 27

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:

- Ella Rosenthal, her parents Eran Rosenthal and Ricky Goldwasser, her brother Yoav G. Rosenthal, and her sister Mika H. Rosenthal on Ella becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Merry and Ralph Klein on the birth of their granddaughter, Samantha Miriam Eisenberg.

- Alex Drake-Shechter and Ari Shechter on the birth of their daughter, Bay Joy Drake-Shechter.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Eran Rosenthal and Ricky Goldwasser in honor of Ella becoming a Bat Mitzvah and in memory of Ricky's father, Zvi Henryk Goldwasser z"l.

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 Reception Room: 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 Reception Room: 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.

• Shishi Israeli - שישי ישראלי

Friday, January 23, 6:00-8:00PM, 89th Street 3rd Floor Gym / יום שישי, 23 בינואר: 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. 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** on January 31 offers an entire afternoon of programming to keep you immersed in the spirit of Shabbat with our BJ musicians right through Havdalah! Contact jicaza@bj.org for information.

• More Shabbat at BJ: Schmooze

Saturday, January 31, 3:30-4:00PM, 89th Street: Come before our terrific **More Shabbat** programming for coffee, cookies, and conversation with your fellow BJ community members. Whether you're a new or longtime member, this is a great opportunity to meet other BJers and have a quick nosh before our programs begin. **[continued on page 3]**

• Standing Again at Sinai Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00PM, 88th 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. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org or x241.

• "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 seeded in Judaism by this book. 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

• **A Talk by Frieda Forman: Their Stories, Our Stories:**

Yiddish Women Writers

Thursday, February 12, 6:30-8:30 PM, 89th Street Reception Room:

Discover the rarely explored works and lives of Yiddish women authors of the 20th Century. These short stories, memoirs and novel extracts

will bring to light our foremothers' experiences in Eastern Europe, North America, and Israel. Register at www.bj.org/writers. Frieda Forman has been a teacher, writer and scholar in the fields of Jewish Studies and Women's Studies and will also lead a series of workshops at BJ on Yiddish women writers (dates to be announced).

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **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.

• **Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

Friday, January 23, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join other BJ teens for Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum. We will have a service full of singing, kavannot, mindfulness and spirit, followed by a Shabbat dinner. This event is just for teens. For more information or to register, contact Esther at ebedolla@bj.org.

• **Tot Shabbat**

Friday, February 6, 5:15-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM downstairs in Frankel Hall complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults as well as children. Register by Wednesday, February 4 and contact Allison Kapusta at akapusta@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests. Cost is \$25/members, and \$32/non-members; thanks to a generous donation, all children eat free.

• **5th Grade Overnight**

Saturday, February 7, 5:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All 5th graders, regardless of where they receive their Jewish education, can sign up to spend the night at BJ and have a great time with new and old friends. Cost is \$40 and includes dinner, snacks and breakfast. Please contact Nina at nloftspring@bj.org with questions.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting**

Wednesday, January 21, 6:30-8:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Join us as we undertake community education and outreach for our new environmental justice campaign, Transform Don't Trash NYC, which proposes systemic changes to the commercial waste industry in New York City to improve environmental and labor standards. R.S.V.P. to Les at lesjudd@aol.com.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **The 2nd Annual North American Symposium in Memory of Avi Schaefer**

Sunday, January 11, 10:00AM-3:30PM, HUC Jewish Institute of Religion, 1 West 4th Street: Join our friends at Mechon Hadar for a remarkable and important day of learning as we explore Jewish approaches to achieving human equality and discuss some of the most pressing questions facing an America where racial injustice continues to affect millions. Register at www.mechonhadar.org/events.

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**

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 is stand-alone and free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org/events.

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

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes: 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? 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 (remaining classes: January 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.

• **Behind the Headlines in Israel**

5 Thursdays (January 15, 29, February 12, 26, March 12), 8:30-9:15AM, 89th Street: 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.

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

Mondays through 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.

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.

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 [TRIP IS FULL] Contact: Ayala at awasser@bj.org	January 15-19
BJ Mindfulness Retreat in Nature: Costa Rica with Rabbi 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.

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