

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN



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VA-ERA

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

TRIENNIAL Exodus 7:8 - 8:15

- 1: 7:08 - 7:13
- 2: 7:14 - 7:18
- 3: 7:19 - 7:25
- 4: 7:26 - 7:29
- 5: 8:1 - 8:6
- 6: 8:7 - 8:11
- 7: 8:12 - 8:15
- Maftir: 8:12 - 8:15

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

NEXT WEEK: BO

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

TRIENNIAL Exodus 11:4 - 12:28

HAFTARAH Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

January 16-23, 2015

25 Tevet-3 Shevat, 5775

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Through Jan. 19: 8th and 9th Grade Civil Rights Journey to Alabama and Georgia

Bo-i Kallah Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM - 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.2)

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Childcare (Ages 2-6) 9:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor

Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah Jessica Katzman

Naming
Ezra Jay Brody
Jordan Ann Brody
Ella Jean Salvatore
Sasha Dylan Loeb Shapiro

Speaker Eric Ward, Ford Foundation (SEE SIDEBAR)

KesheTOT Shabbat Morning Children's Services 10:00 AM - 86th St. Chapel
Community Kiddush 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel, Parlor and 2nd Floor
BJ Sings Havurah Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall
1:00 PM - 86th St. Parlor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

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

BJ Hebrew School Closed

Limud: Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur No class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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)

Creative Play Studio 3:15 PM - 89th St.
Keshet 4:00 PM - 89th St.
KesheTOT 4:00 PM - 89th St.
Standing Again at Sinai Book Discussion 7:00 PM - 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

Limud: Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM - 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room
Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting 6:30 PM - 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.4)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel
Bim Bam 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

• **King's Dream in the Age of Eric Garner: Shabbat Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Saturday, January 17**, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary: Our guest speaker this Shabbat morning will be Eric K. Ward, Ford Foundation Program Officer for the Advancement of Racial Justice and Minority Rights. Together we will welcome Shabbat reflecting upon how we can further Dr. King's efforts to achieve a humanity undivided by racism.

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

MindfulnessFeb. 13, March 13
and

Family Shabbat March 13, May 8

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

HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Lorraine Korn and her entire family on the death of her brother, Sheldon Korn.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jessica Katzman, her parents Ken and Nicole Katzman, and her brother Jonathan Katzman on Jessica becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Elana and Mitch Brody on the naming of their twins, Jordan Ann Brody and Ezra Jay Brody.

- Jessica Radin and Joseph Salvatore on the naming of their daughter, Ella Jean Salvatore.
- Eileen Loeb and Russell Shapiro on the naming of their daughter, Sasha Dylan Loeb Shapiro.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Ken and Nicole Katzman, in honor of Jessica becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- Kim Beame and Post-Confirmation Class, Congregation B'nai Israel-Barry Ira Graff School for Living Judaism, Boca Raton, Florida.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays: January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, 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 dancing. 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.

• Hakhanah laTefillah — Preparing for Prayer

11 Saturdays (remaining sessions: January 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.

• 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.

• Israeli Society Through Its Music

Wednesday, January 28, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Join Jeremy Leigh, visiting scholar from Israel, for a look at shifting trends in Israeli society as they are depicted in music and celebration in anticipation of Shabbat Shirah. Jeremy Leigh is Head of Israel Studies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. He is also the director of Jewish Journeys and author of the book of the same name. Please register at www.bj.org/israelevents.

• More Shabbat at BJ: Shabbat Shirah

Saturday, January 31, 3:30-8:00PM, 89th Street Community House: 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 Community House: 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.

• More Shabbat at BJ: Camp Sing-Along for the Soul: Shabbat Shirah

Saturday, January 31, 4:30-5:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Join BJ musician Matt Turk in a camp sing-along for the soul. Celebrate the joyful, heartfelt melodies that we sing together during summer camp. Together we will sing camp favorites, niggunim, Jewish melodies from around the world, and American folk music (including Pete Seeger classics). Email jicaza@bj.org with any questions.

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• 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—REGISTER NOW!

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. Registration and more information at www.bj.org/sinai.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• **More Shabbat at BJ: Community Havdalah**

Saturday, January 31, 5:30-6:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Gather together for Havdalah, as we mark the separation between sacred time and ordinary time, and prolong the beauty and harmony of Shabbat. We will take a moment before Havdalah to search for something special from this Shabbat that we want to carry with us into the week.

• **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. 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

• **6th Grade Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, January 23, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join BJ for Shabbat services, and then come together with other students for a warm, communal dinner. There will be delicious food, songs, and a chance to meet other 6th grade families. We invite all of our 6th grade families to attend this dinner as they continue on their journey to B'nai Mitzvah. Prices are \$18/adult, \$10/child. Register at www.bj.org/events or email nloftspring@bj.org.

• **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.

• **More Shabbat at BJ: Saskia & Daphna's Musical Playground**

Saturday, January 31, 4:45PM, 89th Street Community House: BJ musicians, educators and parents collaborate in this special program for children ages 6 and under. Come sing along to favorite songs, learn new songs, move to music and explore a tailor-made indoor playspace created by play curator Linda White. We will laugh, snack, play, dance and sing our way together into Havdalah. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/events.

• **Young Families Tu Bishvat Celebration**

Sunday, February 1, 10:00-10:45AM, 89th Street Community House: Celebrate the birthday for the trees at BJ! We'll discover the connection between Judaism and the environment through art, music and story, and enjoy delicious fruits to celebrate the start of springtime in Israel. This event is free. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/tubishvat or email ebedolla@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**

10 Tuesdays (remaining classes: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 17, 24, 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, or contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org or x240 for call-in participation information.

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

8 Thursdays (remaining classes: January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 26; 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.

• **Adonai, Open My Lips—אָדוֹנָי שְׂפָתַי תִּפְתָּח** **Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes: January 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.

• **Behind the Headlines in Israel**

5 Thursdays (remaining classes: January 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.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

• 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. 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.

• Creative Play Studio

Tuesdays through May 19, 3:15-5:15PM, 89th Street Community House: Come play and explore! Linda White, Imagination Play Project founder and play curator, creates an inviting space for kids to build with natural materials, expand on their creativity, and open their imaginations—all within a Jewish framework. The cost for the 17-class semester is \$205 for members and \$255 for non-members. Register at www.bj.org/events.

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

• Jewish Music for Non-Professional Musicians

Tuesdays, January 20-May 19, 7:00-8:30PM, Ford Foundation, 14th Street Y, 344 East 14th St.: BJ musician Uri Sharlin will introduce amateur musicians to the riches and variety of Jewish music in a friendly environment through a hands-on and enthusiastic approach. For any question please email Uri through his website, www.urisharlin.com. To register, visit 14streety.org/introtomusic.

• Caring Across America with MacArthur "Genius Grant" Recipient Ai-jen Poo

Thursday, January 22, 1:00-5:00PM (book launch), 5:30-8:00PM (discussion and reception), Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street: Americans are living longer than ever before. In fact, by 2035, the number of people over 85 will more than double. In the face of this how can we build a culture that values our elders and make caring for them a priority? Join Ai-jen Poo to discuss her new book, which points to bold solutions that can help us better care for our growing elderly population and provide millions of good jobs at the same time. R.S.V.P. at CaringAcrossAmericaNYC.eventbrite.com.

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.

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 Shliḥa 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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