

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN



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MISHPATIM

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

TRIENNIAL Exodus 22:4 - 23:19

- 1: 22:4 - 22:8
- 2: 22:9 - 22:12
- 3: 22:13 - 22:18
- 4: 22:19 - 22:26
- 5: 22:27 - 23:05
- 6: 23:6 - 23:13
- 7: 23:14 - 23:19
- Maftir: 30:11 - 30:16

HAFTARAH II Kings 12:1 - 12:17

NEXT WEEK: **TERUMAH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL Exodus 26:1 - 26:30

HAFTARAH I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

February 13-20, 2015

24 Shevat-1 Adar, 5775

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

Junior Congregation—Kids Only

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

PJs and Havdalah

5:15 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BJ Prayer Retreat at Menla Mountain (through Feb. 18)

Teen Service Learning Trip in Nicaragua (through Feb. 22)

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Presidents' Day

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Bat Mitzvah

Avital Leah Springer Rosen

BJ Hebrew School

Closed

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

No class

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

ROSH ḤODESH ADAR

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

Closed

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

ROSH ḤODESH ADAR

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 Shabbat March 6

Second Friday of the Month

Mindfulness Feb. 13, March 13
and

Family Shabbat March 13, May 8

Third Friday of the Month

Bo-i Kallah Feb. 20, March 20

Fourth Friday of the Month

Hitoreri (Teen) Shabbat Feb. 27, March. 27

Israel Dialogue Initiative (IDI)

REMINDER:

We Need Your Perspective

Please complete the Israel Survey by Sunday, February 15

Need a link to the survey?

Email IDI@bj.org

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 YENAHĒM

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

- Michael and Diane Palmer on the death of Michael's mother, Beatrice Gross.
- Irma and Arthur Gottesfeld on the death of Irma's brother, Jonas Miller.
- Marsha and Dominique Boer on the death of Marsha's father, Harold Cohen.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

11 Saturdays (remaining sessions: February 14, 21; March 7, 21; April 18; May 2, 16, 30), 8:45-9:25AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Roly to open the heart for Shabbat morning prayers by singing piyutim and reflecting on kavannah.

• Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, February 13, 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 and personal engagement with the parashah. For questions, contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org.

• Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays: February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Roly and musician Dan Nadel. Soulful melodies, Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), poems and Psalms help us enter holy time at this monthly alternative Kabbalat Shabbat service.

• Yozma Shabbat Potluck Lunch

Saturday, February 21, 1:30PM, member's home: Join Yozma for an intimate Shabbat potluck lunch. Capacity is limited. We are also looking for additional hosts to accommodate more guests. Email crosenberg6@optonline.net to R.S.V.P., volunteer to host, or with questions.

• Special Needs Havdalah Service

Saturday, February 21, 5:30-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Marcelo and Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum for an interactive, accessible musical Havdalah. This service will be sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. All are welcome.

• Not Sure What To Say?

Monday, February 23, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Allison Kestenbaum, clinical pastoral education supervisor and Board certified chaplain, will share practical advice for providing comfort when you visit family and friends who are ill or homebound. Open to all. Sponsored by the Bikkur Holim Committee. Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org or x264 to register or for more information.

• The Israeli Literature Book Group

Mondays (remaining sessions: February 23, March 30, and May 4), 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by BJ member Ellen Bender and Orli Moss, this conversational book club provides insight into Israeli society. The upcoming book is *The Hilltop* by Assaf Gavron. To register, visit www.bj.org/israelevents.

• Hospitality: What Does It Mean?

Tuesday, February 24, 7:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Community House: We speak a lot at BJ about being a welcoming community that embraces our members, but what does that really mean? Join Marcelo for a creative exploration of Jewish perspectives on hospitality and discussion of how

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Avital Leah Springer Rosen, her parents Rabbi Mychal Springer and Jonathan Rosen, and her sister Ariella Rosen in honor of Avital becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Miriam Herscher on the birth of her granddaughter, Maya Rose Herscher.

we can dig deeper to put these values into action in the BJ community. To register, please contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org or x241.

• Helen Radin Memorial Zayin Adar Teaching: Modern Loss—Adventures in Mourning in the Digital Age

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Modern Loss founders Rebecca Soffer and Gabrielle Birkner for an evening of honest talk. Both women discuss their experiences of parental loss and modernloss.com—a place to share the messy, difficult and even humorous moments that accompany a loved one's death.

• Shishi Israeli

Friday, February 27, 6:00-8:00PM, 89th Street Community House:

שישי ישראלי הוא שילוב של קבלת שבת, שירה בציבור, וארוחת שבת לכל המשפחה.
עלות: \$45 למשפחה, \$15 למבוגר, \$8 לילד

A magical combination of Shabbat and community. Welcome Shabbat with Israeli food and songs. Cost: \$45/family; \$15/adult; \$8/child.

Register at www.bj.org/shishi@bj-feb.

• Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teens Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, February 27, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Just for teens!

Join us for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner. Register at www.bj.org/events by Wednesday, February 25.

• Yozma Oneg Shabbat

Friday, February 27, 9:00PM, home of Yozma participant: After an uplifting BJ Shabbat service, join Yozma for a dessert Oneg at a Yozma member's home. Meet new people and schmooze with friends. Address will be provided upon registration. Cost is \$10. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Pre-Pesah Food Shopping in Midwood, Brooklyn

Tuesday, March 10, 10:30AM-4:00PM, Pomegranate Market (1507 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn): Take a subway ride to Midwood to find unique kosher items, produce and all sorts of Pesah goodies. Arrangements will be made for food delivery back to BJ. Register at www.bj.org/events by Friday, March 6. Email mmiller@bj.org with questions.

• More Shabbat at BJ: Begin a New Book

Saturday, March 14, 3:30-8:00PM, 89th Street Community House and 88th Street Synagogue: An entire afternoon of activities to keep you immersed in the Shabbat spirit. Enjoy programs connecting young and old alike with the joys of storytelling and new beginnings. For information, contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org.

• Diwan Saz Concert

Sunday, March 22, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Diwan Saz is a multicultural group of Jewish, Muslim, Arab and Beduin musicians from Israel. Led by saz and baglama musician Yohai Barak, Diwan Saz performs ancient music from Central Asia, Turkey, Persia and the Holy Land. Register at systems.bj.org/form/diwan-saz-concert.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-8:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: BJ is a proud member of the Transform Don't Trash NYC Campaign, which proposes systemic changes to the NYC commercial waste industry. Get involved to expand recycling diversion, improve job safety, and lower emissions. R.S.V.P. to Les at lesjudd@aol.com.

• Save the Date: *Food Chains* Documentary Film Screening and Guest Speaker

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join the Economic Justice Hevra for a documentary screening and discussion focusing on a revolutionary group of Florida tomato pickers who are ensuring dignity for farm workers and a more transparent food chain. Contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com for more info.

• Calling All Fresh Produce Lovers: Sign Up for the BJ Hazorim CSA

Tuesdays, June 9-November 30, 4:30-7:30PM, 88th Street Foyer/Sidewalk: CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) provides the opportunity to pick up fresh, organic produce from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week for 22 weeks. Choose from delicious vegetable, egg, fruit and butter shares. Register at www.bj.org/csa. Registration closes May 1. For more information, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• PJs and Havdalah

Saturday, February 14, 5:15-6:15PM, 89th Street Community House: Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to explore Havdalah through art, song and story. Kids are encouraged to "come to BJ in PJs" to create a warm and cozy atmosphere. Register at bj.org/events and contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org with any questions.

• KesheTOT Shabbat Morning בשבת בבוקר

Saturday, February 21, 10:00-10:45AM, 86th Street:

הצטרפו אלינו לשירים וריקודים בעברית, עם שירה ויונתן ועוד חברים. מד אחרי למי שמעוניין יש תפילות ילדים. נא להירשם מראש. לשאלות ניתן לשלוח מייל לאורלי מוס. בשיתוף עם ה

Experience Shabbat morning in Hebrew! Join us for a fun, musical song session led by Keshet educators and musicians. Open to all young families in the BJ community. Please email Allison at akapusta@bj.org with any questions. Register at www.bj.org/shishi@bj.org.

• Mitzvah Fair

Monday, February 23, 4:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: All 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students who will become B'nai Mitzvah at BJ should plan to attend this major event with their parents. Representatives from various BJ groups and outside organizations will present opportunities through which students can perform mitzvot. Contact ebedolla@bj.org with questions.

• Teen Shabbat

Saturday, March 14, 9:30AM, 86th Street Sanctuary: Teen Shabbat is a special opportunity for BJ teens to lead the main service on Shabbat morning. All teens who have participated in our Service Learning programs this year are required to participate. If you are interested in participating in Teen Shabbat, please email rosenbaum@bj.org.

• KesheTOT, Hebrew After School Program (6 months-Pre-K)—Spring Semester

Tuesdays through June 15, 4:00-5:00PM, 89th Street Community House: KesheTOT is an innovative program for infants and toddlers where families can develop community, flavored by Israeli culture. Programs include music, stories and movement. Cost: \$270/BJ members (1 child), \$330/BJ members (2 children); \$345/non-members. Register at www.bj.org/israelevents.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• Lecture Series—"Hunger: What Can We Do?"

3 Wednesdays (remaining lectures: February 18, 25), 6:30-9:15PM, Drisha Institute for Jewish Education (37 West 65th Street, 5th Floor): Our friends at Drisha extend an invitation to learn more about hunger and food insecurity in the United States, and to find out what we can do to help. See www.drisha.org/hunger.php for more details.

• Jewish Bereavement and Support Groups

Draw strength, solace and support from one another and from Jewish spiritual resources. If you have lost a loved one, contact Amy Warren at awarren@jbfcs.org or (212) 632-4693. Pre-registration required. Sponsored by UJA/Federation and the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services.

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: February 24; March 3, 17, 24, 31), 12:30-1:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Study the weekly parashah through the rich Hassidic commentary of the Sefat Emet, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Alter of Gur. Each class is stand-alone and free. Register at www.bj.org/events, or contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org or x240 for call-in information.

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

8 Thursdays (remaining classes: February 26; March 5), 12:30-1:30PM, location provided upon registration: NEW SEMESTER: We will study stories that reflect the struggles, fantasies and even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. No Hebrew knowledge required. Please bring your own lunch. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Behind the Headlines in Israel

5 Thursdays (remaining classes: March 5, 19), 8:30-9:15AM, 89th Street: Start the day with an overview of Israeli and Middle Eastern news. To join over the phone, please dial 866-672-5590, conference code 975 5145 531. Led by political analyst Dr. Jonathan Cummings. Free. Registration required at www.bj.org/israelevents.

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

Mondays through May 4 (no class Feb. 16), 7:00-9:00PM, 89th St. Chapel: Talmudic rabbis call prayer "avodat ha-lev" (the service of the heart). Yet how can our hearts engage when we don't know what we're saying? We will study the siddur in Hebrew and English, alongside traditional 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.

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.

PURIM 5775: March Megillah Madness



• Whiskey Tasting with Tze'irim

Saturday, February 28, 8:00-11:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Save the date for Tze'irim's pre-Purim celebration with other young Jewish professionals in their 20s and 30s as we mingle, meet, and drink (responsibly). Snacks and signature whiskey drinks will be provided. Invite your friends, too! More information to follow. Email Monty at mmiller@bj.org with questions

• Purim Puppet Show: Esther Saves the Day!

Sunday, March 1, 9:45-10:30AM, 89th Street Community House: Wonderspark Puppets presents an interactive and very silly telling of the story of Esther, followed by a puppet-making workshop during our Purim Carnival. This program is for families with children ages 6 and under and is free of charge. R.S.V.P. to ebedolla@bj.org.

• Volunteer at the Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 1, 10:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Teens will volunteer to help set up and run various games and booths throughout the morning. There is no better way to celebrate than with your BJ friends! E-mail awasser@bj.org to attend.

• Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 1, 10:30AM-12:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The carnival will be complete with fun games, crafts, food, activities and our famous bounce house. Carnival is open for children ages 6 and under from 10:30-11:00AM, and to the rest of the community from 11:00AM-12:30PM.

• Young Families Purim Celebration

Wednesday, March 4, 5:45-6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Come celebrate Purim with your whole family! Children ages 5 and under—and their parents—are encouraged to come in costume and experience a kid-friendly version of the Megillah, Purim music, snacks and more. Contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org for more information.

• Community Purim Service, Megillah Reading and Spiel

Wednesday, March 4, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Deck yourself in costume and get your grogger on! Join the entire BJ community for a Purim service and then perform along with Roly, Marcelo, Felicia and Ari in the telling of the tale of Esther's bravery (Hooray!) and Haman's villainy (Booo!).

• Join the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program for a Special Purim Se'udah

Thursday, March 5, 12:00-1:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We invite you to join our lunch program guests and other members for a wonderful meal, music, celebration and good company. A small donation to supplement the meal is required. For more information or to register, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or x272.

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

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 sgniorzo@bj.org

June 25-July 4

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