

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN



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TETZAVEH

SHABBAT ZAKHOR

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

TRIENNIAL Exodus 28:31 - 29:18

1: 28:31 - 28:35

2: 28:36 - 28:38

3: 28:39 - 28:43

4: 29:1 - 29:4

5: 29:5 - 29:9

6: 29:10 - 29:14

7: 29:15 - 29:18

Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 - 25:19

HAFTARAH

I Samuel 15:1 - 15:16,

15:17 - 15:34

NEXT WEEK: **KI TISSA**

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

TRIENNIAL Exodus 31:18 - 33:11

HAFTARAH I Kings 18:20 - 18:39

February 27-March 6, 2015

8-15 Adar, 5775

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Shishi Israeli Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 89th St. 3rd Floor Gym [SEE P.2]

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen Only

7:00 PM - 89th St. Reception Room [SEE P.4]

Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Yozma Oneg Shabbat

9:00 PM - Home of Yozma Participant [SEE P.2]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Childcare (Ages 2-6)

9:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Abigail Sylvor Greenberg

Hazzak: Torah and Tefillah Trope

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 88th St. Sanctuary

Whiskey Tasting with Tze'irim

8:00 PM - 89th St. Reception Room [SEE P.3]

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Young Families Purim Puppet Show:

9:45 AM - 88th St. Sanctuary [SEE P.3]

Esther Saves the Day!

Uncorking Transcendence:

10:30 AM - 89th St. [SEE P.3]

Wine, Kabbalah, and the Dark Side of Purim

Purim Carnival

11:00 AM - 88th St. Sanctuary [SEE P.3]

Children's Purim Spiel Performance

1:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary [SEE P.3]

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer

7:00 PM - 89th St. Chapel [SEE P.3]

and the Siddur

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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, MARCH 4

Morning Minyan

TA'ANIT ESTHER

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

No class

EREV PURIM (SEE P.3)

Young Families Purim Service with Megillah Reading

5:45 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Community Purim Service, Megillah Reading,

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Rabbis' Spiel and Party

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Purim Morning Services with Megillah Reading

PURIM (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Purim Se'udah with the

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall [SEE P.3]

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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, May 1

Second Friday of the Month

Mindfulness March 13, April 10
and

Family Shabbat March 13, May 8

Third Friday of the Month

Bo-i Kallah March 20, April 17

Fourth Friday of the Month

Hitoreri (Teen) Shabbat March 27, April 24

March Megillah Madness

Eat. Drink.

Boo Haman!

**Purim events at BJ
February 28-March 5**

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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 YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Sandy Rocks and Robert Mendelson on the death of Sandy's mother, Mary Rocks.

MAZAL TOV

- To the following members and their families:
- Abigail Sylvor Greenberg, her parents Steve Greenberg and Jennifer Sylvor, and her sister Amelia Sylvor Greenberg, on Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Steve Greenberg and Jennifer Sylvor in honor of Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- Rabbi Isaac Serotta and Confirmation Class, Lakeside Congregation, Highland Park, Illinois.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Shishi Israeli

Friday, February 27, 6:00-8:00PM, 89th Street 3rd Floor Gym:

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.

• Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

11 Saturdays (remaining sessions: 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.

• Interfaith Peace Feast

Sunday, March 8, 5:00-7:30PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Join our interfaith friends for a vegetarian potluck dinner, with friendship-building and the opportunity to learn more about the common ground that unites us all. Co-sponsored by SPSA, the Cordoba Initiative, and the Muslim Community Network. Space is limited. Free of charge. Register by Sunday, March 1 at peacefeast.eventbrite.com.

• 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.

• Yiddish Women Writers Workshops

Wednesdays (March 11, 18, 25), 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Community House: As a follow-up to her lecture, Frieda Forman will continue her exploration of the works of Jewish women writers. The workshops will be taught in English; texts will be available in English and the original Yiddish. No prior knowledge of Yiddish is required. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• 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 with the joys of storytelling and new beginnings. For information, contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org.

• Author Assaf Gavron Speaks About His New Book, *The Hilltop*

Saturday, March 14, 5:15PM, 89th Street Community House: Join Dr. Jonathan Cummings, our Behind the Headlines analyst, and Ellen Bender, our Israeli Literature group facilitator, as they interview Gavron about his acclaimed new novel, *The Hilltop*, and discuss his thoughts on the upcoming elections in Israel.

• Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays: 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.

• 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 www.bj.org/diwan-saz.

• Letty Cottin Pogrebin Speaks on "Navigating the Challenges of Friendship Through Illness, Grief and Sickness of Heart"

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: For her latest book, Pogrebin interviewed dozens of people to learn what those who are hurting wished their friends or relatives had said or done to provide comfort. She will discuss a new etiquette of illness based on honesty, empathy, and humor. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/events by Friday, March 20.

• Community Second Night Pesah Seder (BJ Members Only)

Saturday, April 4, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will be leading the Community Second Night Pesah Seder. Register at www.bj.org. Volunteer opportunities will be announced soon. For questions, contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Upcoming Economic Justice Hevra Meetings

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:45PM, R.S.V.P. for location: Get involved in the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign. We are working to pass the

Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act to ensure that laborers who produce the food we depend on in NYS can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

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PURIM 5775: March Megillah Madness



MEGILLAH READINGS

- **Young Families Purim Service with Megillah Reading**
Wednesday, March 4, 5:45-6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Celebrate Purim with your whole family! Children ages 6 and under—and their parents—are encouraged to come in costume and experience a kid-friendly Megillah reading and Spiel put on by the BJ rabbis.
- **Community Purim Service, Megillah Reading, Rabbis' Spiel and Party**
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, followed by the telling of Esther's bravery (hooray!) and Haman's villainy (boo!).
- **Purim Morning Service with Megillah Reading**
Thursday, March 5, 7:30-9:00AM, 89th Street Chapel: Continue March Megillah Madness as you start your day with Esther and Mordechai.

COMMUNITY FESTIVITIES FOR ALL

FAMILIES:

- **Young Families Purim Puppet Show: Esther Saves the Day!**
Sunday, March 1, 9:45-10:30AM, 89th Street Community House: Wonderspark Puppets presents an interactive, silly telling of the story of Esther, followed by a puppet-making workshop. For families with children ages 6 and under. R.S.V.P. to ebedolla@bj.org.
- **Purim Carnival**
Sunday, March 1, 11:00AM-12:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Enjoy fun games, crafts, food, activities and our famous bounce house. Children ages 6 and under can come early, from 10:30-11:00AM; open to the full BJ community from 11:00AM-12:30PM.
- **Children's Purim Spiel Performance**
Sunday, March 1, 1:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The K-2nd graders will retell the story of Purim, followed by an original production based on the movie *Frozen* by the 3rd-6th graders. Come help cheer on BJ's rising stars!

ADULTS:

- **Whiskey Tasting with Tze'irim**
Saturday, February 28, 8:00-11:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Tze'irim (Jewish professionals ages 20-39) for our pre-Purim meet and mingle. Snacks and signature whiskey drinks provided. Friends welcome. Email Monty.at mmiller@bj.org with questions.

- **Uncorking Transcendence: Wine, Kabbalah, and the Dark Side of Purim**
Sunday, March 1, 10:30AM-12:00PM, 89th Street: On Purim we are told to let wine flow "until one does not distinguish between 'blessed be Mordechai' and 'cursed be Haman.'" Join Brown University Professor Nathaniel Berman as we examine the darker side of Purim—and the use of its favorite libation, at once both divine and demonic, as a spiritual tool used to achieve transcendence. Wine tasting to follow!
- **Purim Se'udah with the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**
Thursday, March 5, 12:00-1:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join our Lunch Program guests for a wonderful meal, music and celebration. A small donation to cover meal costs is required. For questions or to register, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or x272.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Spotlight on Giving: Purim Volunteer Opportunities**
Sunday, March 1 through Thursday, March 5, 88th Street Synagogue and 89th Street Community House: Help prepare the Community Purim Seudah at BJ's Lunch Program, or deliver mishloah manot. To sign up, visit www.bj.org/purim or contact jicaza@bj.org.
- **Mishloah Manot Basket Making**
Sunday, March 1, 10:30AM-12:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Come to the Purim Carnival and help put together mishloah manot baskets for BJ members and Lunch Program guests—and take some for your loved ones, too Email jicaza@bj.org with questions.
- **Calling All Teens: Volunteer at the Purim Carnival**
Sunday, March 1, 10:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Help set up and run carnival games and booths—and have fun with your BJ friends, too. Email awasser@bj.org to attend.
- **BJHS Food Drive**
Through Monday, March 2, 88th and 89th Street: Donate non-perishables for BJHS students to make mishloah manot for Lunch Program guests. Food Drive donation boxes are available at all BJ locations.
- **Tze'irim Purim Brunch to Honor Holocaust Survivors with Selfhelp**
Sunday, March 8, 10:30AM-3:00PM, location provided upon R.S.V.P.: Join Tze'irim to help set up and serve brunch (in the Lincoln Square area), escort our special guests, and socialize during the event. For more information and to R.S.V.P., go to www.bj.org/events.

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 sghiorzo@bj.org	June 25-July 4

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.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 2)

• 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 farmworkers 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 3, 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

• **Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**
Friday, February 27, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join the BJ Teens for Kabbalat Shabbat. For more information or to register, contact Esther at ebedolla@bj.org.

• **Tot Shabbat**
Friday, March 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. The new reduced cost is \$20/members, and \$27/non-members; thanks to a generous donation, all children eat free. Register online at www.bj.org/events.

• **Mission Mitzvah with Dreamcoat Experience**
Sundays, March 8-May 31, 9:30-10:15AM, 89th Street Community House: Through song, story, yoga and circus arts, we will explore Jewish values and mitzvot using every part of our body and mind. The cost for the 10-part series is \$120 per family/members and \$150 per family/non-members. Register at www.bj.org/events. Program geared towards children ages 5 and under and their parents.

• **Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**
Friday, March 13, 6:00-8:00PM, 89th Street 3rd Floor Gym: Join Rabbinic Fellow Bryan Wexler and Hazzan Ari Priven for a family-friendly service, followed by dinner. Register online or email ebedolla@bj.org.

• **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 attend. If you are interested in participating in Teen Shabbat, please email srosenbaum@bj.org.

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: 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.

• **Behind the Headlines in Israel**
5 Thursdays (remaining class: March 12), 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.

• **Rosh Hodesh Nisan Women's Group: The Art of Cleaning Out—Getting to the Essence**
Rabbi Felicia L. Sol
Saturday, March 21, 12:00-1:30PM, 86th Street Chapel: Join us as we receive the wake-up call that Pesah is just around the corner and clean up must begin. Please bring a dairy/kosher snack to share with the group. Registration is not required.

• **Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur**
Alex Braver, BJ Rabbinic Fellow
Mondays through May 4, 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.

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