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KI TISSA

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

TRIENNIAL Exodus 31:18 - 33:11

1: 31:18 - 32:6

2: 32:7 - 32:11

3: 32:12 - 32:14

4: 32:15 - 32:24

5: 32:25 - 32:29

6: 32:30 - 33:6

7: 33:7 - 33:11

Maftir: 33:9 - 33:11

HAFTARAH I Kings 18:20 - 18:39

NEXT WEEK: **VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI**

SHABBAT PARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

TRIENNIAL Exodus 37:17 - 39:21

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

March 6-13, 2015

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

5:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary and Frankel Hall

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Teen Shabbat Dinner

7:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

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

Bat Mitzvah

Arielle Davis

Junior Congregation—Kids and Families

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Mission Mitzvah

9:30 AM - 89th St. (SEE P.3)

Tze'irim Purim Brunch to Honor

10:30 AM - Location provided upon R.S.V.P. (SEE P.3)

Holocaust Survivors

Interfaith Peace Feast

5:00 PM - 86th St. Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 9

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 10

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

8:30 AM - 89th St. Middle Room

Pre-Pesah Shopping in Midwood, Brooklyn

10:30 AM - Pomegranate Market (SEE P.2)

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.

Economic Justice Hevra Meeting

6:30 PM - Location provided upon R.S.V.P. (SEE SIDEBAR)

Morocco Pre-Trip Educational Session 2

7:00 PM - 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Yiddish Women Writers Workshops

6:30 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.2)

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Limud: Behind the Headlines in Israel

8:45 AM - 89th St. (SEE P.3)

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Aging in NY Hevra Meeting

6:30 PM - Location provided upon R.S.V.P. (SEE P.3)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Bim Bam

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

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

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. R.S.V.P. to Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join us on Friday night. Check this KJ (pages 2-3) or www.bj.org/services 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

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 our sincere condolences to Jerrold Kohn, his wife Amy Murray, and their children Danielle and Robin Kohn, and Max and Nathan Murray, on the death of Jerrold's father, Dr. Ernest Kohn.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Arielle Davis, her parents Alison and Glenn Davis, her brother Jesse Davis, and her grandparents Joel and Marian Friedman on Arielle becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Join the #ShoutEquality Campaign in March

Celebrate National Women's History Month and International Women's Day with our #ShoutEquality campaign. Using #ShoutEquality on social media, share when you realized gender mattered to you as a Jew and what still needs to be done to advance gender equality in Judaism. Together we can provoke real conversation and real change! Don't use social media? Send an email to shoutequality@bj.org.

• 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.

• March Mindfulness Service

Friday, March 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, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org with any 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 with the joys of storytelling, music and community. For information, contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org.

• More Shabbat: 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.

• More Shabbat: Sing Goodbye to Shabbat with The Epichorus

Saturday, March 14, 6:30-7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Share a bite to eat and join Epichorus, an ensemble stirring the sounds of Judeo-Arabic retro-folk, as we celebrate the last hours of Shabbat with a music mix from 1930s Egypt, the religious songs of Syrian and Iraqi Jews, and Sufi and classical Arabic tunes. Open to all.

• More Shabbat: Community Havdalah with The Epichorus

Saturday, March 14, 7:30-8:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Mark the separation between sacred and ordinary time and prolong the beauty

and harmony of Shabbat through the music of The Epichorus. We will gather around 7:30PM and take a moment before Havdalah to search for something from this Shabbat that we want to carry with us into the week.

• Making Sense of the Results: Post-Israeli Elections Conversation

Wednesday, March 18, 7:30-9:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Twenty-four hours after the Israeli polling stations close, *Haaretz* journalist Chemi Shalev and Dr. Jonathan Cummings from JCRC's Israel Talk will discuss the results and possible outcomes. We'll then break out into small groups for a community dialogue about Israel. Participation costs \$5 and is limited. Register at www.bj.org/israelevents.

• 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.

• Morocco Pre-Trip Educational Session 2

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street Chapel: Join renowned Jewish educator Peter Geffen for the second preparatory class for BJ's trip to Morocco in June. Classes are open to the entire community; pre-registration is required. Please call Lisa at x228 to register.

• 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 discussing illness based on honesty, empathy, and humor. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/events by Friday, March 20.

• Songs of My Beloved: A Musical Celebration of Shir HaShirim

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00-8:30PM, Drisha (37 W. 65th Street, 5th Floor): Join Rabbi Matalon, musicians Dan Nadel and Tali Rubinstein, and Drisha faculty for an evening of learning and song. This event is co-sponsored by Drisha and B'nai Jeshurun. Cost is \$5/students; \$10/non-students. To register, please visit www.drisha.org/events.php.

• Beyond the Four Questions: BJ Rabbis Discuss Your Questions about Pesah

Wednesday, March 25, 1:00PM, 89th St. Middle Room: Get your own questions answered at a pre-Pesah Q&A with Roly, Marcelo and Felicia. Want to understand the holiday's deeper meaning? Recharge your seder? No question is too big or too small. Open to all. Audio dial-in available. Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org.

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CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Aging in NY Hevra Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8:30PM, R.S.V.P. for location: The Hevra is meeting to talk about next steps to build on the wonderful work from the past few months, including our Elder Care Dialogue series and Report Release. Join us to learn more about the work we've been doing and what comes next. R.S.V.P. to lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

• Let's Transform Our City

Monday, March 23, 6:45-8:45PM, doors open at 6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Learn about an initiative to expand recycling diversion, raise labor standards, create green jobs, improve job safety and truck quality, and lower emissions/pollution in the commercial waste sector. Speakers include the Community Organizer for NYLPI, the Director of Don't Waste LA, and Council Member Antonio Reynoso. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/trash.

• 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

• 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.

• More Shabbat: Grandma Rose's Magic: Storytime with Linda Marshall

Saturday, March 14, 12:30-1:15PM, 86th Street: Stay after Children's Services for an interactive storytime with PJ Library author Linda Marshall. Lunch will be provided. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/events and email Esther at ebedolla@bj.org with questions.

• More Shabbat: Parent Learning, Gaga, and Havdalah

Saturday, March 14, 6:30-7:45PM, 89th Street Community House: Join Rabbinic Fellow Bryan Wexler for parent learning and wine, while kids enjoy a game of Gaga and sundaes, followed by Havdalah. Parents/free; child/\$10. Registration required at www.bj.org/events or ebedolla@bj.org.

• Home-Hosted Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, March 21, following Shabbat morning services, member homes: Sign up to either host or be hosted and enjoy a delicious Shabbat meal with a small group of other young families at BJ. A great opportunity to get to know new people in the community and build connections with those you may already know. Register at www.bj.org/events.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• 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.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• The Art of Healing: A Day-Long Conference on Spirituality and the Arts at JTS

Sunday, March 8, 9:30AM-3:30PM, The Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway (at 122nd Street): Discover how to draw on creative exploration and expression for spiritual sustenance. This day of learning will feature hands-on workshops and engaging seminars. Cost is \$45 and includes lunch. Registration required at www.jtsa.edu/healing.

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

• Behind the Headlines in Israel

5 Thursdays (remaining class: March 12), 8:45-9:30AM, 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.

• 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 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 sgniorzo@bj.org or x240 for call-in information.

• 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 rabbinic 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• Shishi Israeli

Friday, March 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.

• Book Discussion—A Dialogue of Life: Toward the Encounter of Jews and Christians

Saturday, March 28, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Matalon, Pastor K Karpen of SPSA and Rabbi Silvina

Chemen of Comunidad Bet El in Buenos Aires (founded by Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer) for a discussion about the new book *A Dialogue of Life: Toward the Encounter of Jews and Christians*, co-authored by Rabbi Chemen and Francisco Canzani. No registration is required.

• 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.

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 Trip

• Israel Community Trip

Thursday, June 25-Saturday, July 4, multiple locations including Tel Aviv, the Negev, Jerusalem and more, Israel:

Ready for a 10-day journey through Israeli society, culture and food including its diverse communities, kibbutzim and social action projects, bustling markets and breathtaking landscapes?

Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Director of Israel Engagement Orli Moss to explore the vision and realities shaping Israel's history in real time.

Register at www.bj.org/israeljune2015 or contact Orli Moss at omoss@bj.org, 212-787-7600 x229.

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