

# קול ישראל

# KOL JESHURUN



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**VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI**

SHABBAT PARAH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 37:17 - 39:21

1: 37:17 - 37:24

2: 37:25 - 37:29

3: 38:1 - 38:8

4: 38:9 - 38:20

5: 38:21 - 39:01

6: 39:2 - 39:7

7: 39:8 - 39:21

Maftir: 19:1 - 19:22

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

NEXT WEEK: **VAYIKRA**

SHABBAT HA<sup>H</sup>ODESH

ROSH HODESH NISAN

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 3:1 - 4:26

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15, 66:1, 66:23

## Diwan Saz

*Multicultural ensemble  
from Israel*

**Sunday, March 22 • 7:00PM • 88th Street**  
SEE P.2 • Buy tickets at [www.bj.org/diwan-saz](http://www.bj.org/diwan-saz)

**Kabbalat Shabbat Services**

Join us on Friday night. Check this KJ (pages 2-3) or [www.bj.org/services](http://www.bj.org/services) for details.

**Every Friday:** Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 88th Street

**First Friday of the Month**

Tot Shabbat ..... May 1, June 5

**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 13-20, 2015

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

**Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

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

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

**Shabbat Morning Services**

**Teen Shabbat**

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

**Naming**

Arielle Isabella Brown

**Shabbat Children's Services**

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

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

*More Shabbat afternoon events—see attached flier for more information*

**Grandma Rose's Magic: Storytime with Linda Marshall**

12:30PM - 86th St. Chapel

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

5:15PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

**Sing Goodbye to Shabbat with The Epichorus**

6:30PM - 88th Street Sanctuary

**Parent Learning, Gaga, and Havdalah**

6:30PM - 89th Street Gym and Middle Room

**Community Havdalah with The Epichorus**

7:30PM - 88th Street Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

**Mission Mitzvah**

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

**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**

7:00 PM - 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.4)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 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.4)

**Creative Play Studio**

3:15 PM - 89th St.

**Keshet**

4:00 PM - 89th St.

**KesheTOT**

4:00 PM - 89th St.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**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

**Making Sense of the Results: Israeli Elections**

7:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

**Bim Bam**

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

To register for classes and events, please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Alan and Betsy Plush, and their children Max and Talya, on the death of Alan's father, Herbert Plush.
- Rebeca Izquierdo, Paimaan Lodhi, and Chauncey Lodhi on the death of Rebeca's grandfather, Monroe Freedman.
- BJ Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver on the death of his mother, Andrea Braver.
- Bill Swersey, his wife Galia Baigina, and their son Misha Swersey, on the death of Bill's father, Burt Swersey.

### MAZAL TOV

- Rabbi Lisa Goldstein on her engagement to Igal Harmelin.
- Belinda, Judith and Allan Lasky on the birth of their niece and granddaughter, Sadie May Rogers.
- Caron Brown and her father, Barry Brown, on the birth of Caron's daughter, Arielle Isabella Brown.

### B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- Sandi Intraub and students on 9th Grade trip, Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Join the #ShoutEquality Campaign

Join BJ's #ShoutEquality Campaign during National Women's History Month. When did you realize gender mattered to you as a Jew? What is needed to achieve gender equality in Judaism? Women and men, post your thoughts on Twitter and on BJ's Facebook page. Make sure to include #ShoutEquality in your post or tweet. Together, we can provoke real conversation and real change!

### • Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat 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](mailto:sghiorzo@bj.org) with any questions.

### • Yiddish Women Writers Workshops

**Wednesdays** (remaining sessions March 18, 25), 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Frieda Forman explores 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](http://www.bj.org/events).

### • 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](http://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.

### • Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

**11 Saturdays** (remaining sessions: March 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.

### • 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](http://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 for discussing illness, based on honesty, empathy, and humor. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org/events](http://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](http://www.drisha.org/events.php).

### • 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@bj-march](http://www.bj.org/shishi@bj-march).

### • Kiddush and 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.

### • Bikkur Holim: Caring and Connection

**Tuesday, April 28**, 6:30PM, 89th Street 2nd Floor Conference Room: Our BJ community is defined by the connection we feel to each other. When that connection is threatened by illness or confinement, it is our spiritual obligation to offer support. Please join the Hesed Committee's Bikkur Holim Hevra and Chaplain Allison Kestenbaum for conversation and practical advice about how you can lift up other BJ members with acts of lovingkindness. R.S.V.P. to Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org) or x264.

### • SAVE THE DATE: Avivah Zornberg, Ph.D.: "And I am a Stranger:" Becoming Ruth

**Monday, May 4**, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Registration details coming soon.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/csa). Registration closes May 1. For more information, contact Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) or call x272.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • 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](mailto: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](mailto:srosenbaum@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](http://www.bj.org/events).

#### • Day of Service: Riverside Park Conservancy

**Sunday, March 29**, 10:00AM-1:00PM, 148th Street, 10 Mile River Playground: Join the BJ teens as we volunteer to help clean up and maintain Riverside Park. All BJ teens are invited to participate! This event is mandatory for individuals who participated on either the Domestic or International trip.

#### • Parents' Corner

**Monday, March 30**, time and location TBA: You're invited to join the Hebrew School Advisory Committee for learning and community building with fellow BJHS parents. More information to follow. Contact Allison at [akapusta@bj.org](mailto:akapusta@bj.org) with any questions.

#### • Mission Mitzvah with Dreamcoat Experience

**Sundays through 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. Cost for 10-part series: \$120 per family/members and \$150 per family/non-members. Register at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events). Children ages 5 and under and their parents.

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### • The Community Table: Recipes and Stories from the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan and Beyond

*The Community Table* is the next must-have cookbook! Co-authored by BJ member Katja Goldman, this book features both classic recipes and contemporary dishes with a farm-to-table emphasis and international flavors. Pre-order your copy by March 23 at [www.jccmanhattan.org](http://www.jccmanhattan.org) for a discounted price of \$20.

## PESAH 5775

#### • Beyond the Four Questions: BJ Rabbis Discuss Your Questions About Pesah

**Wednesday, March 25**, 1:00PM, 89th St. Middle Room: Get your 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](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org).

#### • Journey to Freedom: Pesah Experience for Young Families

**Sunday, March 29**, 10:15AM, 89th Street Community House: Join the educators of Dreamcoat Experience for a morning of music, storytelling, and song as we learn about the Israelites' journey to freedom! This program is for families with children ages 6 and under. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

#### • Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah

**Friday, April 3**, following morning minyan, 89th Street Chapel: All are welcome to join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Alex Braver, Sarit Horwitz and Bryan Wexler as they lead us in the completion of a tractate of rabbinic literature followed by a se'udat mitzvah. All firstborn in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn.

#### • Community Second Night Pesah Seder

**Saturday, April 4**, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Rabbi Marcelo will be leading this special Pesah seder, now in its seventh year. This event is for members only. Register for

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Friday, April 3**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat and Erev Pesah Service**  
88th Street . . . . . 6:30 PM

**Saturday, April 4**  
**First Day Morning Service\***  
86th Street . . . . . 9:30 AM

**Sunday, April 5**  
**Second Day Morning Service\***  
88th Street . . . . . 9:30 AM

**Monday, April 6–Thursday, April 9**  
**Hol Hamo'ed Pesah**  
88th Street . . . . . 7:30 AM

**Thursday, April 9**  
**Seventh Day Evening Service**  
88th Street . . . . . 7:00 PM

**Friday, April 10**  
**Seventh Day Morning Service\***  
88th Street . . . . . 9:30 AM

**Kabbalat Shabbat and Eighth Day Evening Service**  
88th Street . . . . . 7:00 PM

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Shabbat and Eighth Day Morning Service (Yizkor)\***  
86th Street . . . . . 9:30 AM

\*Children's Services begin at 10:45 AM each morning.

the seder and volunteer opportunities at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events). For questions, contact Sandra at [sghiorzo@bj.org](mailto:sghiorzo@bj.org).

#### • Sell Your Hametz Through BJ

**By Wednesday, April 1** at 12:00PM: Sign up to appoint Rabbi Matalon as your agent to sell your hametz for Pesah. The sale goes into effect at 10:45AM on Friday, April 3, and the hametz reverts to your ownership at 8:25PM on Saturday, April 11. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/pesah](http://www.bj.org/pesah).

## 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, cellphone 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). If you need a device, ask an usher for one, and please return it 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](http://www.bj.org/minyan).

## UPCOMING LIMUD/TEACHING Please visit [www.bj.org](http://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 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](http://www.bj.org/events), or contact Sandra at [sghiorzo@bj.org](mailto:sghiorzo@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 cleanup 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](http://www.bj.org/events).



### ■ SAVE THE DATES: YOM HA'ATZMAUT AT BJ, APRIL 22-26

With plenty of events coming up, BJ is once again proud to be a part of the communal celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut on the Upper West Side. Mark the following dates on your calendars, and we will let you know when registration is open.

• **Wednesday, April 22**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Be a part of our Tekes Ma'avar (transition ceremony), which marks the transition from Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day to Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. Followed by a Shira BeTzibur (sing-along) of

Israeli songs. Co-sponsored by Mechon Hadar, Romemu, West End Synagogue, Shaare Zedek.

• **Thursday, April 23**, 5:00-8:00PM, West 79th Street Boat Basin Cafe: The Hudson River turns into the Tel Aviv Teyelet (promenade) in celebration. 5:00PM families, 6:30PM Happy Hour. \$5 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Registration at [www.uwsISRAEL.org](http://www.uwsISRAEL.org) opens on March 19.

All the above are happening thanks to and in collaboration with and funded by UJA-Federation.

• **Sunday, April 26, multiple events:**

**10:30AM-12:00PM**, 89th Street Reception Room: Journalism in a Land of Few Facts—Jodi Rudoren, Jerusalem bureau chief of *The New York Times* discusses her experience covering Israel and Palestine since May 2012.

**11:30AM-12:15PM**, 88th Street: Get singing with Shirim LeYeladim—a song session for children with Shira Averbuch & Yonatan Gutfeld.

**2:00-4:30PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Shevet Tapuach, The Israeli Scouts of Manhattan, as they set up stalls for children ages 6-14 with activities pertaining to Israel, the Land and her people.

**4:00-5:30PM**, 89th Street Reception Room: Hear Israeli Law Prof. Ruth Gavison as she discusses the issues facing Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State.

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