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**TZAV**

SHABBAT HAGADOL

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 7:11 - 7:38

- 1: 7:11 - 7:15
- 2: 7:16 - 7:18
- 3: 7:19 - 7:21
- 4: 7:22 - 7:27
- 5: 7:28 - 7:31
- 6: 7:32 - 7:34
- 7: 7:35 - 7:38

Maftir: 7:35 - 7:38

**HAFTARAH** Malachi 3:4 - 3:24, 23

NEXT WEEK: **SHABBAT FIRST DAY PESAH**

**TORAH** Exodus 12:21 - 12:51

**HAFTARAH** Joshua 5:2 - 6:1, 6:27

**! SPRING/SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE NOTE FRIDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE!**

Beginning **Friday, April 10**, the Kabbalat Shabbat evening service starts at 7:00PM.

**Kabbalat Shabbat Services**

See pages 2-3 or [www.bj.org/services](http://www.bj.org/services) for details.

**Every Friday:** Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St.

**First Friday of the Month**

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

**Second Friday of the Month**

Mindfulness ..... April 10, May 8

Family Shabbat ..... May 8

**Third Friday of the Month**

Bo-i Kallah ..... April 17, May 15

**Fourth Friday of the Month**

Hitoreri (Teen) Shabbat ..... April 24

**• 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 loving-kindness. Contact Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org) to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

**March 27-April 3, 2015**

**7 -14 Nisan, 5775**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

**Shishi Israeli Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:00 PM – 89th St. 3rd Floor Gym

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

**Shabbat Morning Services**

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Bar Mitzvah**

Nathan Murray

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah**

Eric von Hulha and Jessica Harlem-Siegel

**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 – 86th St. Social Hall

**Kiddush and Book Discussion: *A Dialogue of Life***

Following Services – 86th St. Chapel [SEE P.2]

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

**Day of Service: Riverside Park Conservancy**

10:00 AM – Ten Mile River Playground

**Journey to Freedom: Pesah Experience**

10:15 AM – 89th St. [SEE P.3]

**for Young Families**

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Parents' Corner: Passover**

5:15 PM – 89th St.

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

7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel [SEE P.3]

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

**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 and KesheTOT**

4:00 PM – 89th St.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

**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, APRIL 3**

**BJ OFFICE CLOSSES AT 1:00 PM**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

**Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah**

Following Minyan – 89th St. Chapel [SEE P.3]

**FIRST SEDER PESAH**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Michael Freed on the death of his mother, Ruth Roth.
- Barbara Reissman on the death of her brother, David Reissman.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Nathan Murray, his parents Amy Murray and Jerry Kohn, Christian Murray and Janet Viana, his brother Maxwell Murray, and his sisters Daniele Kohn and Robyn Kohn, on Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Seapora Harlem, Jerome Siegel, Danyel and Jessica Harlem-Siegel in honor of Jessica's upcoming marriage to Eric von Hulha.
- Sandy Michael, on the engagement of her daughter, Lesley Anne Michael, to Sam Altman.

### B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- Rabbi Ruth Zlotnick and Rabbi Allison Flash and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Am Covenant Renewal Class, Seattle, Washington.
- Rabbi Jen Gubitz and 9th Grade NYC Trip participants, Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland, Massachusetts.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Amy Murray and Jerry Kohn in honor of Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Seapora Harlem, Jerome Siegel and Danyel Harlem-Siegel in honor of the aufruf of their daughter and sister, Jessica Harlem-Siegel, and Eric von Hulha.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Israel Dialogue Initiative—Sign up now!

**Dates, times, and locations vary:** We're excited to present the results of the Israel survey and invite you to our IDI events. Beginning April 18 and continuing until June, these events will encourage dialogue-building on issues pertaining to Israel and the Middle East. Registration, schedule, and more information at [www.bj.org/IDI](http://www.bj.org/IDI).

### • 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!

### • Kiddush and Book Discussion—*A Dialogue of Life: Towards 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) to discuss the new book *A Dialogue of Life: Towards the Encounter of Jews and Christians*, co-authored by Rabbi Chemen and Francisco Canzani. No registration is required.

### • Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Friday, April 10**, 7:00PM, 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.

### • Aliyah for Holocaust Survivors and Their Families

**Saturday, April 11**, at Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary: On the Shabbat before Yom HaShoah, BJ invites Holocaust survivors, their families and descendants for a special aliyah that commemorates those who perished, pays tribute to those who survived and marks our commitment to Jewish life into the future.

### • Yom HaShoah Community-Wide Commemoration Ceremony

**Wednesday, April 15–Thursday, April 16**, 6:45PM (service), 10:30PM–7:30AM (vigil), 88th Street Sanctuary: This year marks the 20th

anniversary of the Reading of the Names and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. A video by the BJ teens will screen at 8:15PM. Everyone is welcome to read names. Overnight volunteers needed; please contact Leah at [lmichelson@bj.org](mailto:lmichelson@bj.org) or x234.

### • Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Fridays: April 17, May 15**, 7:00PM, 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: 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.

### • "And I Am a Stranger:" Becoming Ruth, with Avivah Zornberg

**Monday, May 4**, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Ruth is a stranger in more senses than one. Who is this unknown woman destined to become mother of royalty? How does destiny come about? Co-sponsored by The William Alanson White Institute and BJ. For prices and registration, visit [www.bj.org/zornberg](http://www.bj.org/zornberg). Discounts available for BJ members, students, and early registrants.

### • Solomon's Couch: Deconstructing and Illuminating the Tahara Text

**Saturday, May 9**, 12:30PM, 86th Street: "And I will pour upon you pure water..." Tahara, the ritual purification of the body, is accompanied by a fascinating liturgy woven from many sources. Led by two extraordinary teachers, Rabbi Jan Uhrbach, Director of Liturgical Arts at JTS, and Amichai Lau-Lavie, spiritual leader of Lab/Shul. Registration encouraged at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events).

### • The 2015 Women's Retreat

**Friday, May 29–Sunday, May 31**, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Spend a weekend surrounded by the voices of women exploring a common theme. Build deeper connections in the BJ community in beautiful services, a joyous Shabbat, and an incredible experience with Rabbi Felicia Sol and BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz. Member double room, \$330; Member single room, \$430; Non-members, \$500. Register at [www.bj.org/womensretreat](http://www.bj.org/womensretreat). For bus transportation, see [www.bj.org/retreatbus](http://www.bj.org/retreatbus). Contact Jo at [jicaza@bj.org](mailto:jicaza@bj.org).

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Sparks of Change Foundation: Dialogue with Arab-Israeli Teens**  
**Sunday, April 12**, 10:00AM, 89th Street Community House: Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet with four Arab-Israeli teens from the Galilee, who are traveling to the U.S. to meet Jewish-American youth. Email [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) to reserve your spot.

• **Teen Spring Retreat**

**Friday, May 15-Sunday, May 17**, Camp Ramah, Nyack, NY: Join the BJ teens the weekend of May 15-17 for our end-of-the-year Spring Shabbat Retreat! Please email Ayala at [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) to register or for more information.

## PESAH 5775

• **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! 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.

• **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).

### 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.*

### 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 class: March 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 Iyar Women's Group**

**Monday, April 20**, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: During this month in which we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, join Rabbinic Fellow

Sarit Horwitz to study and converse about women's voices in Israel, past and present, that have changed and are continuing to change the landscape. Please bring a dairy, vegetarian or kosher Israeli snack to share. Registration 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](http://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, 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).

## Featured Trip: Community Experience in Israel

### • Israel Pre-Trip Information Session with Marcelo

**Monday, April 13**, location provided upon R.S.V.P.: Interested in traveling to Israel with Marcelo from June 25 to July 4? Find out what to expect on this one-of-a-kind trip with Marcelo and BJ Director of Israel Engagement Orli Moss at the home of trip participants Robin Fleischner and Ted Metzger. R.S.V.P. to Orli at [omoss@bj.org](mailto:omoss@bj.org).

### • Israel Community Trip

**Thursday, June 25-Saturday, July 4**, multiple locations including Tel Aviv, the Negev, Jerusalem and more: 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](http://www.bj.org/israeljune2015) or contact Orli Moss at [omoss@bj.org](mailto:omoss@bj.org) or x229.

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](http://www.bj.org/trips).



### ■ 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 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), marking the transition from Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, to Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence

Day. Co-sponsored by Mechon Hadar and followed by a Shira BeTzibur (sing-along) of Israeli songs.

• **Thursday, April 23**, Time & Location TBD: Wave your flag at the BJ Hebrew School Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.

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*All events are thanks to, 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: Shirim LeYeladim—a song session for children with Shira Averbuch & Yonatan Gutfeld.

**2:00-4:30PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Shevet Tapuach, The Israeli Scouts of Manhattan, 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: Israeli Law Prof. Ruth Gavison discusses the issues facing Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State.

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