

KOL JESHURUN

קול ישרון

B'nai
Jeshurun
בני ישרון

RABBIS:

J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

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BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

EMOR

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 22:17 - 23:22

1: 22:17 - 22:20

2: 22:21 - 22:25

3: 22:26 - 22:33

4: 23:1 - 23:3

5: 23:4 - 23:08

6: 23:9 - 23:14

7: 23:15 - 23:22

Maftir: 23:19 - 23:22

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

NEXT WEEK: BEHAR-BEHUKKOTAI

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 25:39 - 26:46

HAFTARAH Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive**
Wednesday, May 13, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th St. Sanctuary:
Help provide this very important service to the community. Sign up with Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272 with your preferred time slot or questions.

REGISTER NOW:

The 2015 Women's Retreat
Friday, May 29-Sunday, May 31
Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center
(SEE P.4)



Walk with BJ at THE CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE
Sunday, May 31 (SEE P.2)

May 8-15, 2015

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Minhah Service

Mindfulness Shabbat Service

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Honored Guest

Tze'irim Spring Oneg

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 35 (Malkhut Shebehd)

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Shabbat Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah

Bat Mitzvah

High School Senior Aliyah

Junior Congregation—Kids Only

Children's Services

Community Kiddush

Special Needs Minhah

Teen End-of-Year Havdalah and Dessert Reception

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 36 (Hesed Shebeyesod)

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Morning Minyan

Mission Mitzvah

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 37 (Gevurah Shebeyesod)

MONDAY, MAY 11

Morning Minyan

BJ Hebrew School

Poster Making for the Celebrate Israel Parade

Israel Family Trip Info Session

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 38 (Tiferet Shebeyesod)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Morning Minyan

Creative Play Studio

Keshet and KesheTOT

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 39 (Netzah Shebeyesod)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Morning Minyan

BJ Blood Drive

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 40 (Hod Shebeyesod)

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Morning Minyan

Bat Mitzvah

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Jewish Journey Project Information Session

BJ Hebrew School

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 41 (Yesod Shebeyesod)

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 42 (Malkhut Shebeyesod)

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6:00 PM – 89th St. Roof (SEE P.3)

6:40 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

7:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Mr. President Bujar Nishani

Following Services – 88th St. Frankel Hall

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Alex Friedman

Peri Friedman

During Services – 86th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.3)

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

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

Following Services – 88th St. Sanctuary

5:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.2)

8:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.3)

9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

9:30 AM – 89th St.

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

4:00-6:00 PM

5:00 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.2)

5:30 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room

(SEE P.3)

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

3:15 PM – 89th St.

4:00 PM – 89th St.

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

3:30-8:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE SIDEBAR)

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

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Louisa Eckhardt

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

5:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.3)

4:00-6:00 PM

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

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

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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 the following members and their families:

- Susie Kessler and Peter Geffen, and their children Rabbi Jonah Geffen and Julia Mannes, Rabbi Daniel and Luanne Geffen, Nessa Geffen, and their granddaughters Bina and Shula Mannes Geffen, on the death of Susie's mother, Mollie Kessler.
- Rabbi Jonathan Lipnick and Susan Scheuer, and their children Daniella, Abigail, and Noah Lipnick, on the death of Jonathan's sister, Miriam Foss.
- James Levin and Shira Nadich Levin, and their children Alexander, Gideon, and Benjamin and Sara Levin, on the death of James's father, Seymour Levin.
- Rabbi Jan Uhrbach on the death of her father, Harold Uhrbach.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jenna Agin, her parents Hilary Agin and Jonathan Summer, and her brother Benjamin Agin on Jenna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Alex and Peri Friedman, their parents Debbie Friedman and Joyce Klein, and their grandmother Lenore Friedman, on Alex and Peri becoming B'not Mitzvah.
- Wendy and Matthew Waxman, and their daughter Rosalie Waxman, on the birth of their son, Jonah Daniel Waxman.
- Linda and Robert Marshall, on the birth of their granddaughter, Aviya Cole Haroush.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Debbie Friedman and Joyce Klein in honor of Alex and Peri Friedman becoming B'not Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- Wende Weinberg and participants in 7th Grade class trip, Levine Academy, Dallas, Texas.
- Dr. Erin DeHart and students, Holocaust and Jewish Studies college course, York College, Queens, New York.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 8, 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 Billie at bdistefano@bj.org or x264 with any questions.

• President of Albania to Attend BJ's Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 8, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Did you know Albania is the only European country to have more Jews after the Holocaust than before the war? Albania's moral code, "Besa," requires that shelter and safety be provided to anyone in need—saving the lives of hundreds of Jews during the Shoah. Please welcome President Nishani to BJ's Kabbalat Shabbat service, where we will acknowledge Albania's extraordinary display of humanity and compassion.

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

Saturday, May 9, 12:30PM, 86th Street: Postponed until the Fall.

• Special Needs Minhah

Saturday, May 9, 5:30-7:00PM, NEW LOCATION—89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Hazzan Ari Priven for an interactive, warm and inviting musical Minhah service. As a demonstration of our commitment to inclusion, this will be an accessible experience, sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. All are welcome, including members and non-members.

• Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, 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.

• Community Shabbat Dinner with The Gvanim Participants from Israel

Friday, May 15, 8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Welcome Shabbat with food, wine, and interesting conversation as we host the Gvanim Program participants for services, followed by Shabbat dinner. The Gvanim Program promotes tolerance for diverse forms of Jewish religious expression in Israel. Price: adult, \$36; child, \$25; non-member, \$46, Family (four or more, children under 12), \$90. Register at www.bj.org/israelevents.

• Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

11 Saturdays (remaining sessions: May 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.

• Jews, Money, Kids, and Class: Parent Conversation with Ron Lieber

Monday, May 18, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join *New York Times* columnist Ron Lieber, author of *The Opposite of Spoiled*, for a discussion on how to talk to your kids about money. Members and non-members welcome. Free. Email ebedolla@bj.org to register.

• BJ Sings

Saturday, May 16, 1:00-2:00PM, 86th Street Parlor: April showers are gone, and the time has come for the flowers of May. Let us celebrate this beautiful time of year together. Join BJ Sings as we lift our voices to welcome the coming summer. We will meet after Kiddush and hope to see you there.

• Poster Making for the Celebrate Israel Parade

Monday, May 11, 5:00-7:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Help us design and decorate the BJ banner that members will carry in the Celebrate Israel Parade on May 31, or create your own poster to show your support during the parade. R.S.V.P. to omoss@bj.org so we can order you a slice, too.

• Walk with BJ at the Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday, May 31, 10:30AM, 5th Avenue between 54th and 55th Streets: Bring a friend and join the BJ Rabbis, members, and friends as we show our love and support of Israel. Get out your Israeli flag and bring an instrument as we walk and sing together. Walkers should wear the official BJ parade T-shirt. Register and buy a T-shirt at www.bj.org/israelevents.

• Israeli Literature Book Group

6 Mondays (remaining date June 4), email Orli Moss, omoss@bj.org, for time and location: What can books teach us about Israeli society that we don't learn from the newspaper headlines? Led by BJ member Ellen Bender and Orli Moss, we will read books that provide insight and provoke conversation. The book for the upcoming gathering is *Apples from the Desert*, by Savyon Liebrecht.

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CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Upcoming Bike Rides with Hazon and the BJ Revolutionaries

Sundays, May 17, 31, June 21, 8:45AM, The JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue, and **Friday, June 12**, 5:45-6:45PM, Columbus Circle entrance to Central Park: Join us for spring and summer biking. These are training rides for the New York Ride and Retreat over Labor Day weekend. Free and open to everyone. Check out the full list of rides at www.bj.org/bike or sign up at www.hazon.org/calendar. For more info, contact Michael, bjrevolutionaries@gmail.com.

• Come to Albany to Lobby for Farmworker Justice

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30AM-6:30PM, departing from UWS: Join with farmworkers and allies from NYS to meet with elected officials in Albany and lobby on behalf of the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act. Your voice is important! Transportation will be available at a modest cost. Reserve seats or sign up at bit.ly/1QFeDDh or call x272 for more information.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 8, 6:00-7:00PM, 89th Street Roof: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol, Hazzan Ari Priven, and Rabbinic Fellow Bryan Wexler for a family-friendly service amidst the warm spring weather.

• High School Senior Aliyah

Saturday, May 9, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: All BJ teens are invited to join the entire community as we celebrate the accomplishments of our high school seniors. Seniors will be called to the Torah for a special aliyah during Shabbat morning services.

• Teen End-of-Year Havdalah and Dessert Reception

Saturday, May 9, 8:00-10:00PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Teens and their families are invited to celebrate havdalah, followed by a dessert

reception and end-of-year celebration. \$10 per person. Please email awasser@bj.org to register.

• Israel Family Trip Info Session

Monday, May 11, 5:30-6:00PM, 89th Street 2nd Floor Conference Room: Join Orli Moss and Ivy Schreiber to hear more about the Israel Family Trip in December 2015. Email ebedolla@bj.org with any questions.

• Jewish Journey Project Information Session

Thursday, May 14, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Learn more about the Jewish Journey Project at BJ for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. With JJP Director Lori Forman-Jacobi and BJ Director of Education Ivy Schreiber. Please email ebedolla@bj.org with questions or to register.

• Zayin Graduation Dinner

Friday, May 15, following Shabbat services, 88th Street Sanctuary: Zayin students are invited to Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services for a special gift, to be immediately followed by dinner at 89th Street. Price is \$10 per child, \$18 per adult. Email ebedolla@bj.org to register.

• Teen Spring Retreat

Friday, May 15-Sunday, May 17, Camp Ramah, Nyack, NY: Our first retreat went so well that we're doing another one! Please email Ayala at awasser@bj.org to register or for more information.

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IDI Upcoming Events

• Personal Reflections on Israel, with Rabbis Matalon, Bronstein and Sol

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary

SHAVUOT 5775

• Tikkun Leil Shavuot 2015

Saturday, May 23-Sunday, May 24, 9:30PM-4:30AM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall:

9:30PM: Evening service

10:00PM-12:00 midnight: Study with Teacher-in-Residence Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, Executive Director of Hillel at UCLA and Director of the Hartman Fellowship for Campus Professionals: "Are We Ruth's Children? Intermarriage and the Covenant in Contemporary Jewish Life." Our Shavuot learning will focus on an analysis of the classic Talmudic presentation of the conversion process, on the Maimonidean reformulation and on Ruth and her commitments. Based on our understanding, we will open a conversation between the rabbis and

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Saturday, May 23 • Erev Shavuot

First Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary..... 9:30PM

Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 88th Street Sanctuary..... 10:00PM

Study through the night, until the Sunrise Service, 88th Street Frankel Hall

Sunday, May 24 • First Day Shavuot

Sunrise Services, 88th Street Sanctuary.....4:45AM

Morning Services, 88th Street Sanctuary.....10:00AM

Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall10:45AM

Community Picnic, Riverside Park (weather permitting) .. Following Services

participants about developing a constructive covenantal strategy for confronting the reality of intermarriage.

Throughout the night: Study continues with BJ rabbis and rabbinic fellows

• Shavuot Celebration at Children's Services

Sunday, May 24, 10:45AM-12:00 noon, 88th Street Frankel Hall:

BJ Young Families celebrate Shavuot with a holiday service including singing, dancing, and reading from the Torah. Children will assemble and decorate baskets of flowers to bring into the Sanctuary. We'll provide the flowers; families are asked to bring baskets.

Sunday, May 24 • Second Evening Shavuot

Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary..... 8:15PM

Monday, May 25 • Second Day Shavuot (Yizkor)

Morning Services, 88th Street Sanctuary.....9:30AM

Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall10:45AM

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 ensures no one will be turned away based on financial reasons. Contact the Membership Department at x250 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.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

• Picnic in Riverside Park

Saturday, May 16, following Shabbat morning services, Riverside Park: Celebrate springtime with a picnic lunch in Riverside Park. Families are invited to bring their own lunch, picnic blankets, and outdoor games. We'll provide cookies and fruit. We will walk to the park as a group after services at 86th Street.

• Home-Hosted Shabbat Lunches

Saturday, May 30, following Shabbat morning services, participant homes: Join us for a warm and welcoming Shabbat experience. Sign up to either host or be hosted and share a Shabbat meal with a small group of other young families at BJ. Email akapusta@bj.org to register.

• Bim Bam Summer Session

Fridays, June 12-August 28, 9:15-10:00AM and 10:15-11:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under. Registration is now open. Cost is \$180/members; \$228/non-members per family (new members attend for free; contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org). Register at www.bj.org/events. Space is limited. There will be no class on July 3.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• Imagine the Possibilities: A Conference on the Future of Jewish Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday, May 17, 9:30AM, Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street: This day of learning will consist of a series of panel discussions, with substantial time for audience interaction, several text study and other breakout sessions, and a keynote talk by Rabbi Dr. Ruth Langer. BJ's Rabbi Roly Matalon will be participating as a panelist. Free of charge. For more information and to register, visit kaplancenter.org/mayconference.

• The Changing Face of the American Jewish Family: A Daylong Colloquium

Monday, June 1, 8:15AM-9:00PM, Women's League Seminary Synagogue (3080 Broadway): This program will bring together scholars from various social science disciplines, congregational rabbis, members of nontraditional families, Jewish educators, and representatives of communal/philanthropic organizations to discuss nontraditional families in modern Judaism. \$50/admittance to colloquium and evening panel; \$10/evening panel only; free/rabbis and full-time students. Register at www.jtsa.edu/jewishfamily.

• 2015 Women's Retreat: REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON

Friday, May 29-Sunday, May 31, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Spend a weekend surrounded by the voices of women exploring a common theme: "Parashat Naso: Lifting Up Purpose, Obligation and Blessing." 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. For bus transportation, see www.bj.org/retreatbus. For more information, contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at fsol@bj.org.

• Israel Family Trip 2015: Visions of Israel

Wednesday December 23, 2015-Saturday January 2, 2016:

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. Join us on our upcoming trip to Israel. We will explore places, meet people, spend Shabbat with our partner communities and create bonds to last a lifetime. For cost, registration and itinerary, visit www.bj.org/trips.

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