

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



July 24-31, 2015 • 8-15 Av, 5775

WELCOME TO BJ! We build our kehillah kedosha—sacred community—with creativity and intention to present a compelling, energizing, and transformational vision of Judaism in the 21st century.

PLEASE JOIN US:

- **Prayer & Spirituality**
- **Limud / Learning**
- **Youth & Family**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
- **Israel Programming**

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OUR COMMUNITY

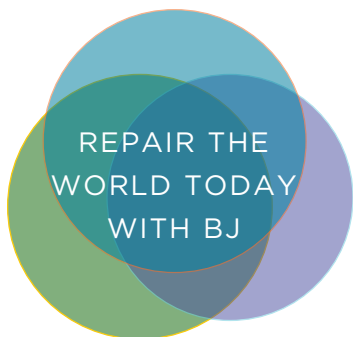
HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Joseph (Joe) Antenson, and extends our sincere condolences to his husband, Larry Gifford, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Laura and Andy Chonoles, their sons Tyler and Oliver, and their entire family, on the death of Laura's mother, Judith Carol Silverstein.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

Welcome to all who are visiting us for the first time! If we haven't approached you already, come say hi to one of the rabbis, a staff member, or an usher, and we'll introduce you to the people who make BJ a warm, transformative, and open place.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● **Volunteers Needed for Hesed: Shabbat Connections**

We need your help to connect with members of the BJ community who are homebound, lonely, or in need of some extra care, with regular and consistent phone calls. Please contact Joni Brenner at ShabbatConnections@bj.org for more information.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

● **Help BJ Grow Our Library of Jewish Children's Books!**

We are collecting new/gently used Jewish children's books to use at BJ. Books can be dropped in the bin in the 89th Street Community House lobby or brought to the 4th floor. Contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org for information.

Register Now: ISRAEL FAMILY TRIP: VISIONS OF ISRAEL, Dec. 23, 2015-Jan. 2, 2016

Register Now: BJ MINDFULNESS TRIP IN NATURE, Costa Rica, Jan. 17-24, 2016

Save the Dates: BJ GOES TO ARGENTINA, April 6-12, 2016

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THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- **Minḥa Service** 6:40 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | EREV TISHA BE'AV

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **Tisha Be'Av Evening Service** 9:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JULY 26 | TISHA BE'AV

- **Tisha Be'Av Morning Service** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- ● **Tisha Be'Av Learning: The Burden of Remembering** 10:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Our tradition asks us to ritually remember the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. What might these practices offer us? Join Rabbi Sarit Horwitz to explore what it means for us to engage in this remembering.
- **Tisha Be'Av Minḥa Service** 6:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- ● **Context and Culture: Community Lessons from a Tisha Be'Av Tale** 6:45 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
The Talmudic story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza—a tale of misunderstandings, public embarrassment, and rabbis behaving badly—is cited as the reason for the destruction of the Temple. But why? Join Rabbi Shuli Passow, BJ's new Director of Community Engagement, after Minḥa for study and discussion.

MONDAY, JULY 27

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **Women Alone, But Not Lonely: A Program for Single, Aging Women** 6:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel
Dealing with the unique challenges of living alone in New York as a woman over 55 can be overwhelming. Join the BJ social workers, Ruth Kobrin and Shira Felberbaum, and your fellow BJ members for conversation and support. Second session: **Thursday, August 20, 12:30-2:00PM**, 89th Street. Attend one or both sessions.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Bim Bam** 9:15 and 10:15 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

WHAT'S NEXT

● Summer Food Donors and Volunteers Needed for Shelter

Monday and Tuesday, 88th Street Frankel Hall, and **Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday**, 86th Street Social Hall: Be a sleepover volunteer; prepare a light meal for 10-12 people; donate to our food fund. Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org x272 to sign up or for more information.

● Canvass for Environmental Change in Our City

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30-8:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Join members of the Environmental Justice Hevra in canvassing business owners on the Upper West Side to gather information on commercial-waste collection for the Transform Don't Trash NYC campaign. Training is provided. For more info and to sign up, email lesjudd@aol.com.

● Rooftop Shabbat with Tze'irim

Friday, August 7, following Shabbat evening services, 89th Street Rooftop: Join Tze'irim for Kabbalat Shabbat in our usual spot (right side, beneath the windows) before heading around the corner for beer/wine open bar and hor d'oeuvres. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org by Thursday, August 6.

● Upcoming Economic Justice Hevra Meeting

Monday, August 10, 6:30-8:45PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Join us as we continue our work to support the Justice for Farmworkers campaign to ensure that laborers who produce the food we depend on in NYS can have the dignity and the equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

● Register for 2015-2016 BJHS and JJP Program

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. Please visit www.bj.org to learn more and to register. Email Esther at ebedolla@bj.org with any questions.

● Early Childhood and Parenting Center—Fall 2015

Our Early Childhood Center will support young children—from birth to 5 years—and their parents in developing lifelong connections to Judaism through music, storytelling, and play. See schedule and register at www.bj.org/learning/young-families.

TISHA BE'AV / FAST OF THE NINTH OF AV

On Tisha Be'Av (9th day of Av) we commemorate the destruction of both the First and Second Temples, and numerous other Jewish tragedies, and we mark brokenness and spiritual exile with a day of mourning and fasting.

Join us for a day of reflection, a commemoration of sorrow, and a start of the journey from despair to joy.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Saturday, July 25

Erev Tisha Be'Av

Join us for Ma'ariv and the reading of Eikhah. Please bring a flashlight, as the service will take place in dimmed lights.

Fast begins at 8:19PM

Ma'ariv Service, 88th Street Sanctuary 9:00 PM

Sunday, July 26

Tisha Be'Av

Morning Service, 88th Street Sanctuary 9:30 AM

Minha Service, 88th Street Sanctuary 6:00 PM

Fast ends at 8:49PM

A TASTE OF TORAH

Eikhah, how can I myself bear your troubles and your burden and your strife?

—Deuteronomy 1:12

אֵיכָה אֶשָׂא, לְבַדִּי, טְרַחְכֶם וּמַשְׁאָכֶם, וְרִיבְכֶם.

Traditionally, this verse is read to the melody of Eikhah, Lamentations, to teach us that if a person refuses to assume the responsibility for communal needs and thinks that by doing so she makes things easier for herself, she will in the end find out that matters will be worse for her and she will remain alone and isolated —Eikhah yashva badad (Lamentations 1:1)—How does one dwell alone?

—R' Yosef Yozl Horowitz (1847-1919, Lithuanian student of the Mussar Movement)



This commentary connects Moshe's words (to the children of Israel) to the beginning of the book of Eikhah read on Tisha Be'Av this Saturday night. On Tisha Be'Av we mourn the loss of the Temple in Jerusalem, and the rabbis remind us that during this time, sinat hinam, baseless hatred, was rampant among the Jewish people. Sinat hinam builds up walls and keeps us from

reaching out and embracing others. As one of the landmarks leading up to the Yamim Nora'im, Tisha Be'Av, and its teaching of sinat hinam, asks how we can be more open to others around us. Often, the times that we feel the most alone and isolated are the times when we feel the most burdened. Yet, the commentary suggests that one way to not feel alone is to extend ourselves to others. We cannot dwell alone. What are the ways of dwelling together that are most meaningful to you? What power have you felt in giving of yourself for the sake of community? How can our community, as a whole, help lift each other up?

—Rabbi Sarit Horowitz

שִׁפְכִי כַמַּיִם לִבְךָ נֹכַח פְּנֵי אֲדֹנָי. Shifkhi kamayim libekh nokhah penei Hashem.

Pour out your heart like water before Adonai. (Eikha 2:19)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015-2016

www.bj.org/renew

Questions? Call Membership at 212-787-7600 x302

OPEN HEARTS

Community starts with a single connection. In this spirit, we invite you to turn and introduce yourself to those seated nearby—you will be amazed at the connections and common threads you'll find as you reach out to both those you know and those you don't yet know. Fostering the closeness of community to which we aspire starts with each of us.

OPEN DOORS

BJ is committed to being an ever more inclusive and supportive community. We ask everyone already comfortable with our services to actively support newcomers, so that we may all share the beauty and holiness of Shabbat together. Please be ready to help someone find a kippah, follow along in the siddur, or understand the layout of the service. And for those who are new to our community, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or the person sitting next to you.

OPEN MINDS

We greatly value empathy and understanding at BJ, and acknowledge that openness to the differences and perspectives of others is a key driver of these. As we engage together, we encourage everyone to embrace differences of background, Jewish knowledge, and opinion. We all come to BJ from different places and from diverse backgrounds, and this is part of our strength. We are here to be part of something larger than ourselves.

SUPPORT BJ

Please visit www.bj.org/donate to make a monetary gift to B'nai Jeshurun. Every shekel counts! Shop without guilt: help support the community with AmazonSmile. Portions of your Amazon purchase can support BJ. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and select B'nai Jeshurun. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to BJ.

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TORAH PORTION

THIS WEEK: **DEVARIM**

SHABBAT HAZON

Torah: Annual	Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22
Triennial	Deuteronomy 2:2 - 2:30
1:	2:2 - 2:05
2:	2:6 - 2:12
3:	2:13 - 2:16
4:	2:17 - 2:19
5:	2:20 - 2:22
6:	2:23 - :25
7:	2:26 - 2:30
Maftir:	2:28 - 2:30
Haftarah	Isaiah 1:1 - 1:27

NEXT WEEK: **VAETHANAN**

SHABBAT NAHAMU

Torah: Annual	Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11
Triennial	Deuteronomy 5:1 - 6:25
Haftarah	Isaiah 40:1 - 40:26

Coffee not delivering its usual zing? **Come to morning minyan** and get a spiritual jolt to start your day. Develop a daily Jewish practice, meet new people in an intimate setting, and help us make a minyan so our members can say kaddish for their loved ones. **Visit www.bj.org/minyan.**

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BJ RECYCLES AND COMPOSTS. Please look for bins throughout our spaces.

BJ's Ner Tamid at the 88th Street Sanctuary is powered by the light of the sun.

