

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון  
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'naiJeshurun  
בני ישרון



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**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
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- Israel Programming
- High Holy Days 5776
- Sukkot through Simḥat Torah

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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAH<sup>EM</sup> / CONDOLENCES

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

- Madelyn Bucksbaum Adamson and Allen Adamson, and their children Josh and Elissa Adamson, on the death of Madelyn's aunt, Melva Bucksbaum.
- Bonnie Harwayne, her children Jared, Etan, and Ilana Harwayne-Gidansky and Saul Hymes, and her grandchildren Miriam and Samuel Harwayne-Hymes, on the death of Bonnie's mother, Ruth Harwayne.

## TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

- Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who stuffed, labeled and sealed envelopes so that we could get the High Holy Days mailing out the door! We could not have done it without your help.
- Thank you so much to the volunteers who are welcoming new members to the BJ community by delivering new member Rosh Hashanah gift bags. A special thanks to Christina Gantcher and Marlene Halpern, co-chairs of the project.

## 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:

#### ● **Become a Food Donor for the Shelter**

Prepare a light meal for 10-12 people at the synagogue, at the church, or at home. You can also sponsor a meal by contributing to our Shelter food fund. To contribute or to learn more, contact Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) or call x272.

### WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

#### ● **Canned or Packaged Food for City Harvest**

We are collecting hekshered kosher canned or packaged nonperishable items for City Harvest's High Holidays Food Drive. Most-needed foods are shelf-stable sources of protein: tuna, salmon, peanut butter and beans. Drop off donations at 88th and 89th Street in the labeled bins.

**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**

**Register Now: JEWISH ARGENTINA WITH RABBI MARCELO BRONSTEIN, April 6-12, 2016**

**We hope you love your *Kol Jeshurun* and will take it home.** If you choose not to do so, we kindly ask that you leave it on your chair.

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- ● **Tot Shabbat and Dinner** 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary & Frankel Hall  
Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM, complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. The cost is \$20/members and \$27/non-members; all children eat free. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

- **Minḥa Service** 6:40 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

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

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

*PLEASE NOTE: Shabbat Morning Services move to 86th Street*

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- ● **Junior Congregation** 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel, Parlor, & 2nd Floor

- ● **What Do I Want to Be a Part Of? A Special Community Kiddush** 12:00 noon – 88th St. Sanctuary  
Apples and honey? Check. Round challah? Check. Now, take some extra time for High Holy Days spiritual preparation at a kiddush on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah. Come together with BJ community members for small group conversations over good food.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 1st EVENING ROSH HASHANAH

- ● **Morning Minyan Selihot Service** 9:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- ● **First Evening Services** 6:30 PM – 86th St., 88th St.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 1st DAY & 2nd EVENING ROSH HASHANAH

*BJ Office Closed*

- **For the 1st and 2nd Days of Rosh Hashanah schedule of services at all locations, including Mindfulness, Children's, Family, and Junior Congregation services, please see [www.bj.org/hhd](http://www.bj.org/hhd).**

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH

*BJ Office Closed*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | TZOM GEDALIAH

- ● **Morning Minyan Selihot Service** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Musical Playground** 3:00 PM – 89th St. (0-2 years)  
4:00 PM – 89th St. (2-4 years)  
A fun-filled, immersive musical voyage featuring Jewish-themed songs for children; melodies and games designed to teach the Hebrew and English alphabets; and tunes from around the world for ages 0-4. Visit [www.bj.org/earlychildhood](http://www.bj.org/earlychildhood) for more information.
- ● **Three Avenues of Preparation: Giving of the Heart: Meditation for Aseret Yemei Teshuvah** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room  
Join Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan to help gear up your for Yom Kippur. Guided by the question of the week, "What Do You Want to Give?", participants will have an opportunity to explore mindfulness and meditation practices in the context of the High Holy Days. Learn more at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Free of charge and open to the public.
- **Meet, Greet, Eat** 7:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

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- **Selihot: Preparing the Soul for the Yamim Nora'im** 8:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room  
Led by Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel, haunting melodies of ancient Jewish communities and modern Israeli poetry and song will get us ready for the upcoming sublime days of soul-searching and prayer. Free of charge and open to the public.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- **Morning Minyan Selihot Service** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Creative Kids Art Studio** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (18-24 months)  
10:00 AM – 89th St. (2-3 years)  
An imaginative experience designed for curious kids to experiment with various media, while engaging in exciting take-home art projects. Visit [www.bj.org/earlychildhood](http://www.bj.org/earlychildhood) for more information.
- **Returning to Our Best Selves: Yoga for the New Year** 10:00 AM – 89th St. Reception Room  
Led by Rabbi Shuli Passow, this class will integrate reflection, discussion and yoga to explore the themes of the holy days. Please bring a mat.
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **Creative Kids Art Studio** 3:45 PM – 89th St. (3-4 years)  
Visit [www.bj.org/earlychildhood](http://www.bj.org/earlychildhood) for more information.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18








- **Morning Minyan Selihot Service** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Bim Bam Fall Session** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

## WHAT'S NEXT

- **BJ Community Holiday Apple Picking and Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 20**, 9:45AM, Dr. Davies Farm, Congers NY: Usher in a sweet New Year with apple picking followed by a bring-your-own picnic (weather permitting). Visit [bj.org](http://bj.org) or email Galit at [galit.lb@gmail.com](mailto:galit.lb@gmail.com) to sign up.
- **Early Childhood and Parenting Center: PJ Library Story Corner**  
**Mondays, September 21-December 14**, 9:00-9:30AM **and** Tuesdays, September 8-December 15, 3:00-3:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Cozy and inviting space for children to enjoy Jewish children's stories read by special guests. Sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. For children ages 18 months-3 years. Visit [www.bj.org/earlychildhood](http://www.bj.org/earlychildhood) for more information.
- **V'taher Libeinu: Purify Our Hearts (and Our Bodies)**  
**Sunday, September 20**, 10:15AM-12:00PM, 89th Street Chapel & West Side Mikveh: Join us after morning minyan for a study session, intention setting, and then immersion in the mikveh. We'll join ImmerseNYC, a nonprofit increasing mikveh practice. To R.S.V.P. and for cost information, please contact Sarit at [shorwitz@bj.org](mailto:shorwitz@bj.org).
- **Giving to Relieve Hunger**  
**Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 23**, all Yom Kippur service locations: Help BJ address hunger by supporting the West Side Campaign Against Hunger and Mazon. Please bring a check for WSCAH to Kol Nidre services and/or write a check to Mazon before breaking the fast (envelopes provided).


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## WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

-  ● **Yom Kippur Ne'ilah Children's Procession**  
**Wednesday, September 23**, 7:15PM, assigned Yom Kippur service locations: We welcome children to join the Ne'ilah service. Children gather at each service location at 7:15PM, dressed in white, with battery-operated candles. Children under seven must be accompanied by an adult. Flashlights are not permitted.
- **Upcoming Aging in NY Hevra Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 24**, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Join us to talk about next steps as we build on the wonderful work from the past year. Learn more about the work we've been doing and what comes next. R.S.V.P. to [lwoh1@bj.org](mailto:lwoh1@bj.org) or call x272.
- ● **Teen Kickoff Retreat**  
**Friday, September 25-Sunday, September 27**, Camp Ramah Nyack: Join the BJ teens in celebrating Shabbat, learning, and singing during the kickoff retreat! \$325/person. Please email Esther at [ebedolla@bj.org](mailto:ebedolla@bj.org) for more info.
-  ● **Bim Bam at BJ CD Launch Party**  
**Sunday, September 27**, 10:00-11:00AM, 89th Street Sukkah: Celebrate the release of the Bim Bam at BJ CD and get your own copy! Enjoy a concert featuring your favorite tunes from Bim Bam and Children's Shabbat services. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
-  ● **BJ Sukkah Decorating Party**  
**Sunday, September 27**, 11:30AM-1:30PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Whether you're a super crafter or paper chains are more your speed, come get the BJ Sukkah ready for Sukkot! We'll bring the art supplies, you bring your bagel and coffee. All ages welcome.
- **Early Childhood and Parenting Center: Open Play**  
**Tuesday, September 29-Thursday, December 17**, 89th Street Community House: **Tummy Time and Tea** (6 weeks-crawling), Tuesdays 9:00-11:00AM and Thursdays 2:00-4:00PM; **Toddling Tots and Treats** (crawling-2 years), Mondays 11:30-1:00PM and Wednesdays 9:00-10:30AM; **Kooky Kids and Cookies** (3-5 years), Mondays 2:00-4:00PM: Visit [www.bj.org/earlychildhood](http://www.bj.org/earlychildhood).
-  ● **Family Ice Cream Social**  
**Monday, September 28**, 5:30-7:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Welcome the new school year with ice cream and friends. Free of charge. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or email [ebedolla@bj.org](mailto:ebedolla@bj.org).
-  ● **Family Dinnertime in the Sukkah**  
**Thursday, October 1**, 6:00-7:15PM, 89th Street Sukkah: All families are invited to bring their own meals and enjoy a festive dining experience in the sukkah. Email [ebedolla@bj.org](mailto:ebedolla@bj.org) with any questions.
-  ● **Rooftop Movie in the Sukkah**  
**Thursday, October 1**, 8:00-10:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Join us for a free viewing of "Ushpizin," the story of an ultra-Orthodox family living in modern-day Israel, who must rely on their faith for miracles during the holiday season. Popcorn provided. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Questions? Call x272.
-  ● **Community Potluck Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah**  
**Friday, October 2**, following Kabbalat Shabbat services, 89th Street Sukkah: Celebrate Shabbat in the BJ sukkah! Join old friends and welcome new BJ members. Bring a dairy/vegetarian potluck dish to share. R.S.V.P. to [spassow@bj.org](mailto:spassow@bj.org) by Wednesday, September 30.

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## WHAT'S LATER

-  ● **Movie Night and Sukkah Sleepover**  
**Saturday, October 3**, 7:15PM-**Sunday, October 4**, 8:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Register by September 30 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

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## WHERE AM I GOING?

Keep watching your inbox for the daily kavannah, reflections and intentions from BJ community members. This coming week we'll be answering the question, "What do I want to give?"

## A TASTE OF TORAH

**The secret things belong to Adonai our God, and the things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may observe all the words of this Torah.**

—Deuteronomy 29:28

הַסֵּתֵרִים לַיהוָה, וְהַגִּלּוּת לָנוּ וְלִבְנֵינוּ, עַד-עוֹלָם-לְעֹשׂוֹת אֶת-כָּל-דְּבָרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת.


The world thinks that a tzaddik nistar, a hidden tzaddik, is a person who conceals his righteousness and his good deeds from others. The truth, though, is that a tzaddik nistar is one whose righteousness is hidden and concealed from herself, and who has no idea whatsoever that she is righteous.

—The Kotzker Rebbe

Sometimes we develop patterns of behavior, patterns that feel characterological even, that we no longer believe we have the ability for righteousness. We look at do-gooders and claim we could never be like them! Often our own righteousness is hidden from ourselves and we have to dig, probe, and be reminded of what we are capable of. Each of us can be a tzaddik nistar. This year, how can you continue to reveal your own righteousness?

—Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

## WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

-  ● **Habitat NYC's Second Annual Sukkot Build**  
**Sunday, October 4**, 9:00AM-1:00PM or 1:00-5:00PM, Shelter or Community Center in Manhattan, location TBD: Register with Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.
-  ● **K-2 Sukkah Party**  
**Sunday, October 4**, 2:00-3:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by October 4.
- **Introduction to Judaism**  
**BJ Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver**  
**Wednesdays, October 7-May 4**, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street 2nd Floor Conference Room:  
Registration required by October 6 at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org): individuals \$435/\$660; couples \$645/\$975.
- **Explore Jewish Argentina with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**  
**Wednesday, April 6-Tuesday, April 12, 2016**: Contact [lsteinberg@bj.org](mailto:lsteinberg@bj.org) or x228.

## TORAH PORTION

THIS WEEK: **NITZAVIM**

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
<b>Triennial</b>	Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
1:	29:9 - 29:11
2:	29:12 - 29:14
3:	29:15 - 29:28
4:	30:1 - 30:6
5:	30:7 - 30:10
6:	30:11 - 30:14
7:	30:15 - 30:20
	Maftir: 30:15 - 30:20

**Haftarah**      Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

NEXT WEEK: **VAYELEKH**

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Deuteronomy 31:1 - 31:30
<b>Triennial</b>	Deuteronomy 31:1 - 31:30
<b>Haftarah</b>	Hosea 14:2 - 14:10; Micah 7:18 - 7:20

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](http://www.bj.org/minyan).**

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