

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 kedoshah—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
- 🌿 Sukkot through Simḥat Torah

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM / CONDOLENCES

- The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Anna Katz Brenner, and we extend our sincere condolences to her daughter, Rochelle Gold, and their entire family.
- The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Laurie Heifetz and her entire family on the death of her husband, Richard Murray.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Elissa Adamson, her parents, Madelyn Bucksbaum Adamson and Allen Adamson, and her brother, Josh Adamson, on Elissa becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Maya Alessandra Rackoff and her parents, Paula Rackoff and Basil Blecher, on Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Edna Golandsky on the birth of her granddaughter, Miriam Friedlander.
- Peninnah Schram on the publication of *Jewish Stories of Love and Marriage: Folktales, Legends and Letters*, co-authored with Sandy Sasso and available at West Side Judaica.

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 or call x272.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

● City Harvest's High Holiday's Food Drive

This month we are collecting kosher canned or nonperishable sealed or packaged items for City Harvest's High Holidays Food Drive. Most needed are shelf-stable sources of protein: tuna, salmon, peanut butter and beans. Drop off donations in the labeled bins at 88th and 89th Street. Our Lunch Program is a recipient of City Harvest donations.



Bring Sukkot home—order a lulav and etrog set imported from Israel.

Sets can be purchased at the following locations:

West Side Judaica • 2412 Broadway • 212-362-7846

By Special Arrangement • 243 West 60th Street • 212-595-0200

Shabbat Evening Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, October 9**, Friday evening services will start at 6:30PM.

Register Now: ISRAEL FAMILY TRIP: VISIONS OF ISRAEL, Dec. 23, 2015-Jan. 2, 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 25

● **Minḥa Service** 6:40 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

● **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Elissa Adamson

Bat Mitzvah

Maya Rackoff

● ● **Junior Congregation—Kids & Families** 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 1st EVENING SUKKOT

Sukkot is a time for welcoming guests and eating with great company, and we'd love to welcome you! Bring your own meal and have your friends join you to eat in our sukkah. Mi Casa, **Sukkah**-sa! See below for times when the BJ sukkah at 89th St. is open to the community.

● **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

🌾 ● **Bim Bam at BJ CD Launch Party** 10:00 AM – 89th St. 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.

🌾 ● **BJ Sukkah Decorating Party** 11:30 AM – 89th St. 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.

🌾 ● **First Evening Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St.

🌾 ● **Community Kiddush** Following Service – 89th St. Sukkah

🌾 ● **BJ Sukkah Open to the Community** 7:00-10:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 1st DAY & 2nd EVENING SUKKOT

BJ Office Closed • BJHS Closed

🌾 ● **First Day Service** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

🌾 ● **Children's Services** 10:45 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

🌾 ● **Community Kiddush** Following Service – 89th St. Sukkah

🌾 ● **BJ Sukkah Open to the Community** 11:00 AM-3:30 PM – 89th St. Sukkah

🌾 ● **Family Ice Cream Social** 5:30 PM – 89th St. Sukkah
Welcome the new school year with ice cream and friends. Free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org or email ebedolla@bj.org.

🌾 ● **Second Evening Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

🌾 ● **Community Kiddush** Following Service – 89th St. Sukkah

🌾 ● **BJ Sukkah Open to the Community** 7:00-10:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 2nd DAY SUKKOT


BJ Office Closed

🌾 ● **Second Day Service** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

🌾 ● **Children's Services** 10:45 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall


🌾 ● **Community Kiddush** Following Service – 89th St. Sukkah

-  ● **BJ Sukkah Open to the Community** 11:00 AM-3:30 PM – 89th St. Sukkah
- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – R.S.V.P. for location
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 equality they deserve. Next meeting: 10/19. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

-  ● **Social Action Volunteer Potluck** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT


- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Open Play: Tummy Time and Tea** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (6 weeks-crawling)
Visit www.bj.org/earlychildhood for more information about all Early Childhood classes.
- **Musical Playground** 3:00 PM – 89th St. (0-2 years)
4:00 PM – 89th St. (2-4 years)


-  ● **BJ Sukkah Open to the Community** 6:00-9:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 | HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

- **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)
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **Open Play: Toddling Tots and Treats** 2:00 PM – 89th St. (crawling-2 years)
- **Creative Kids Art Studio** 4:00 PM – 89th St. (3-4 years)

-  ● **BJ Sukkah Open to the Community** 6:00-8:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah


-  ● **Family Dinnertime in the Sukkah** 6:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah
All families are invited to bring their own meals and enjoy a festive dining experience. Email ebedolla@bj.org with any questions.


-  ● **Rooftop Movie in the Sukkah** 8:00 PM – 89th St. 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. Questions? Call x272.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 | HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT


- **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 **Please note:** For detailed class descriptions and to register for classes, please visit www.bj.org/learning/classes.

-  ● **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 by Wednesday, September 30.

-  ● **Movie Night and Sukkah Sleepover**
Saturday, October 3, 7:15PM-**Sunday, October 4**, 8:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Enjoy a movie in the sukkah, followed by a sleepover. Open to all BJ youth in grades 4-6. \$40/child. Register by September 30 at www.bj.org.

-  ● **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: Join us to fulfill Habitat's vision of a city where everyone has a decent place to live! Volunteers must be 14 or older. Register with Larissa: lwohl@bj.org or x272.

-  ● **K-2 Sukkah Party**
Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Join your friends for an afternoon of fun in the sukkah! \$5/child. Please register at www.bj.org by October 4.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

● Introduction to Judaism

BJ Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver

Wednesdays, October 7-May 4, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street 2nd Floor Conference Room: This course offers an overview of the core beliefs, practices, and history of Judaism and the Jewish people. No prior knowledge or experience necessary. Registration required by October 6 at www.bj.org: individuals \$435/\$660; couples \$645/\$975.

● Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, October 9, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan, and special guest Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org with any questions.

● Colliding Dreams: A History of the Zionist Idea Exclusive Advance Film Screening

Sunday, October 11, 5:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Join the Israel Dialogue Initiative for a film screening about the history of Zionism, its leaders, its influence on the Jewish and Palestinian peoples, and the inevitable differences between its ideals and its reality. Free and open to the community. Please email msamuels@bj.org to register.

● The Shalom Hartman Institute's Manhattan Collaborative

Monthly on Tuesdays, October 13-March 8, 7:00-9:00PM, various locations: Join a multid denominational conversation about Jewish values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Hosted at six NYC synagogues, including BJ. This extraordinary learning experience is free to BJ members. Register at www.shalomhartman.org/NYcollaborative using code CBJ15.

● "Soul Food" Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Tuesdays, October 13, 20 and 27, November 10, 17 and 24, December 1, 8, 12:30-1:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Bring a bag lunch and/or open up your soul to the nourishment and challenge of the Hassidic rabbis. Join us as we imagine old-world wisdom for everyday life in 2015. Free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org.

● Consensus and Conflict in the American Jewish Experience—A JTS Community Course

Tuesdays, October 13-December 22, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Middle Room: This course examines fundamental questions about the Jewish encounter with America by exploring three discrete periods in history. Taught in three units—enroll in one, two, or all three. BJ members: \$40/unit; non-members: \$50/unit. Register at www.bj.org/events.

● "In the Mirror" Lunch and Learn

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

Thursdays, October 15, 22 and 29, November 5, December 3, 10 and 17, 12:30-1:30PM, location provided upon registration: Reading stories about the lives, struggles and concerns of the Talmudic rabbis, we uncover layers of ourselves and become better equipped to wrestle with our human nature. Please bring your lunch. Free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org.

● Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays, October 16, November 20, December 18, and January 15, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel on the third Friday evening of each month. With the help of soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems and Psalms, we will transition gently from hol to kodesh—leaving the ordinary workweek consciousness in order to enter holy time and welcome Shabbat.

WHAT'S LATER

● TefilLab: A Laboratory of Prayerful Practice

BJ Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg

Mondays, October 19-May 16, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street Chapel: R.S.V.P. to arosenberg@bj.org.

● Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!

Sundays, groups beginning October 18 or 25, 89th Street Community House: Contact Ayala at awasser@bj.org for more information and to register.

OPEN HEARTS, DOORS, MINDS

Community starts with a single connection. In this spirit, we invite you to turn and introduce yourself to those seated nearby. To foster an inclusive and supportive community, please be ready to help a newcomer find a kippah, follow along in the siddur, or understand the layout of the service. 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.

A TASTE OF TORAH

This is not an empty thing for you: it is your very life; through it you shall long endure on the land that you are to possess upon crossing the Jordan.

—Deuteronomy 32:47

כִּי לֹא-דָבָר רַק הוּא, מִכֶּם-כִּי-הוּא, חַיִּיכֶם; וּבְדָבַר הַזֶּה, תִּאָרִיכוּ יָמִים
עַל-הָאָדָמָה, אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן שָׁמָּה, לְרִשְׁתָּהּ

Rabbi Akiva taught, "For it is not an empty thing for you—and if it is empty, it is so on your account, because you do not know how to interpret it."

—Bereshit Rabbah 22:3

Rabbi Akiva is charging us to find meaning in our own practice. The Torah can be full of things but still look empty, and it's our job to engage to make it, and us, come to life. The words of Proverbs 3:18 resonate—Torah is a tree of life to those who take hold of it. This could mean the words of Torah actually give us life, but can also mean that these words make our lives fulfilling. Study can unite us in time, connecting us with those who came before, and it can unite us in space, bringing us closer to those around us. Study can strengthen our connection with God. Next week, our Fall classes begin. We hope you'll find something meaningful for you, that fills your life and brings life to the pages of Torah.

—Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

● Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Launch of Yearlong Community Study

Saturday, October 24, 5:00PM, 89th Street Gym: BJ member Peter Geffen will engage in dialogue with the BJ rabbis about Heschel's teachings. Concludes with havdalah. Contact Shuli Passow at spassow@bj.org for more information.

● Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood

Sundays, beginning October 25, 89th Street Community House: Contact Ayala at awasser@bj.org for more information and to register.

● Explore Jewish Argentina with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

Wednesday, April 6-Tuesday, April 12, 2016: Contact lsteinberg@bj.org or x228.

TORAH PORTION

HA-AZINU

Torah: Annual Deuteronomy 31:1 - 32:52
Triennial Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52

- 1: 32:1 - 32:6
 - 2: 32:7 - 32:12
 - 3: 32:13 - 32:18
 - 4: 32:19 - 32:28
 - 5: 32:29 - 32:39
 - 6: 32:40 - 32:43
 - 7: 32:44 - 32:52
- Maftir: 32:48 - 32:52

Haftarah II Samuel 22:1 - 22:51

NEXT WEEK:

SHABBAT HOL HAMO-ED SUKKOT

Torah Exodus 33:12 - 34:26
Haftarah Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

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

