

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון

The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
בני ישרון



October 2-9, 2015 • 19-26 Tishrei, 5776

**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**
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# OUR COMMUNITY

## HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Marcia Coltun Bernfeld, and we extend our sincere condolences to her daughter, Bonita Taylor, and their entire family.

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

- Gary Langer and Kate Rice, and their children Eliana and Gavriela Langer, on the death of Gary's stepfather, Arthur Applebee.
- Elle Melaver, and her son Ian Krupp, on the death of Elle's mother, Betty Melaver.

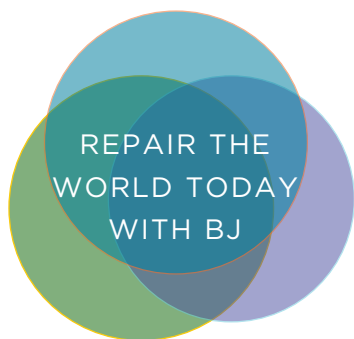
## MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Lisa Markman and Jeremy Hamburg on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Laila-May Hamburg. We also extend a mazal tov to her aunt, Michelle Hamburg, and uncle, Marcus Cohan.
- Marcia Riklis on the birth of her granddaughter, Noa J Weddig.

## B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Gali Elbaz and students, Alliance High School in Haifa, Haifa, Israel.
- **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:

#### ● Support Our Shelter: Become a Sleepover Volunteer

Sign up for a monthly shift or fill in where we need volunteers most. Sleepover shifts are from 9PM-7AM at either SPSA or BJ. Contact Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) or call x272 to learn more.

### WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

#### ● Cosmetics and Toiletries for the Shelter

This month we are collecting cosmetics and toiletries for our shelter and lunch program. Travel sizes as well as full-sized items are welcomed. Drop off donations in the labeled bins at 88th and 89th Street.

## 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.

**Please note:** For detailed class descriptions and to register for classes, please visit [www.bj.org/learning/classes](http://www.bj.org/learning/classes). All classes are free of charge except where noted.

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 | HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

- ● **Tot Shabbat and Dinner** 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary & Frankel Hall
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- 🌾 ● **Community Potluck Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah** Following Service – 89th St. Sukkah  
Open to those who reserved a space. Celebrate Shabbat in the BJ sukkah! Join old friends and welcome new BJ members.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- ● **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 – 89th St. Sukkah
- 🌾 ● **BJ Sukkah Open to the Community** 11:30 AM-3:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah
- 🌾 ● **Tze'irim Dessert Potluck** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Sukkah
- 🌾 ● **Movie Night and Sukkah Sleepover** 7:15 PM – 89th St. Sukkah  
Open to those who registered. Enjoy a movie in the sukkah, followed by a sleepover. For all BJ youth in grades 4-6. \$40/child.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 | HOSHANAH RABBAH

- 🌾 ● **Habitat NYC's Second Annual Sukkot Build** 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM – Shelter or Community Center in Manhattan  
Join us in fulfilling Habitat's vision of a city where everyone has a decent place to live. Volunteers must be 14 or older. Register with Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.
- 🌾 ● **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- 🌾 ● **Community Brunch** Following Services – 89th St. Sukkah
- 🌾 ● **K-2 Sukkah Party** 2:00 PM – 89th St. Sukkah  
Join your friends for an afternoon of fun in the sukkah! \$5/child. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by October 4.
- 🌾 ● **Shemini Atzeret Evening Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- 🌾 ● **Community Kiddush** Following Service – 88th St.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 | SHEMINI ATZERET (YIZKOR)

*BJ Office Closed • BJHS Closed*

- 🌾 ● **Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- 🌾 ● **Children's Services** 10:45 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- 🌾 ● **Community Kiddush** Following Service – 88th St.

## EREV SIMHAT TORAH

- 🌾 ● **Family Evening Service** 7:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- 🌾 ● **Adult Evening Service** 7:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 | SIMHAT TORAH

*BJ Office Closed*

- 🌾 ● **Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- 🌾 ● **Community Lunch** Following Services – 88th St. Frankel Hall

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

### BJ Office Closed

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- **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](http://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)
  - **Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room  
BJ Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver: 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](http://www.bj.org): individuals \$435/\$660; couples \$645/\$975.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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- **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)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

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- **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

- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

**Friday, October 9**, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan, and Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Leah at [lmichelson@bj.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

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three discrete periods in history. Taught in three units—enroll in one, two, or all three. BJ members: \$40/unit; nonmembers: \$50/unit. Register at [www.bj.org/events](http://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](http://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.

### ● **Teen Day of Service: Spoonful of Hesed**

**Sunday, October 18**, 11:00AM, 88th Frankel Hall: Join the teens as we cook, learn, and deliver food to community members. This event is mandatory for domestic and international trip participants. R.S.V.P. to [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org).

### ● **Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!**

**Sundays, groups beginning October 18 or 25**, 89th Street Community House: A program that uses Jewish teachings to give girls a place to feel safe, have fun, and be real with their peers. Group leaders will determine scheduling. Contact Ayala at [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) for more information and to register.

### ● **Ongoing Registration to be an Ozer/Ozeret in BJHS**

Ozrim serve as aides in BJHS classrooms, Children's Services, and Junior Congregation. If you are interested, please contact [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) for more information.

### ● **TefilLab: A Laboratory of Prayerful Practice**

**BJ Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg**

**Mondays, October 19-May 16**, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street Chapel: TefilLab is a series of stand-alone classes that explore the context and themes of our prayerbook, the mechanics of prayer and the study of spiritual interpretations. Free of charge. R.S.V.P. to [arosenberg@bj.org](mailto:arosenberg@bj.org).

### ● **Mindfulness Class: Finding Our Soul in the Text**

**Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Marcelo R. Bronstein**

**Wednesdays, October 21, 28, November 4, 11, and 18, December 9**, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Middle Room: In this class, we offer meditation, contemplative text study, music, and time for reflection to assist you in connecting more meaningfully with the words of the weekly parasha. Free of charge. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● **Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

**Friday, October 23**, 7:00-10:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Contact Ayala at [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) for more information.

### ● **Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: A Conversation with Peter Geffen and 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 Abraham Joshua Heschel's teachings in *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*, concluding with havdalah. Contact Shuli Passow at [spassow@bj.org](mailto:spassow@bj.org) for more information.

### ● **Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood**

**Sundays, beginning October 25**, 89th Street Community House: A group that gives young males (8th-12th grade) a space to hang out and talk about the topics that matter to them. Group leaders will determine scheduling. Contact Ayala at [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) for more information and to register.

# MEET OUR SIMHAT TORAH HONOREES

**Sharon Anstey**, Kallat Torah, who will read the last chapter of the Torah on Simhat Torah morning, first came through the doors of BJ in the '70s and found herself returning a decade later. Sharon's commitment to our community rooted itself in those who sat near her; her first friends were those she saw most frequently near her regular seat. Sharon has been a committed gabbai for almost a decade, ensuring that our services on the Yamim Nora'im run smoothly. As a behind-the-scenes stage manager, Sharon is passionate about enabling our community to have powerful davening experiences. Sharon co-chairs the Hevra Kadisha, humbly doing some of our most holy work, tending to those who are bereaved and ensuring that the bodies of the deceased are cared for.

**Dava Schub**, Kallat Bereshit, who will read the first chapter of the Torah as we start the cycle again, became part of the BJ community soon after landing in NY in 1994—the joyful spirit of Jewish life at BJ made it a welcoming place to end the week. Dava soon became involved in the BJ/SPSA homeless shelter as a setup and sleepover volunteer and is now a shelter co-chair. She took on an important role in hosting Shabbat lunches for shelter volunteers, actively engaging in recruitment, training and support of the shelter's 200+ volunteers. Dava helps ensure that our shelter exists and that our guests have a meal to eat and a bed to sleep in, and she invites anyone who is interested in volunteering to reach out to her at [davaschub@gmail.com](mailto:davaschub@gmail.com). She often reminds people when there's an open volunteer shift, "It's the only mitzvah you can do in your sleep!"

We are proud to honor Sharon and Dava this year for their commitment to beautiful mitzvot, reminding us that our community stands for holiness and extending ourselves to others.

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## A TASTE OF TORAH

The Sukkah, with its permeable ceiling and its impermanent walls, reminds us of fragility and vulnerability in our own lives as we made our way from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. Sukkot is also known as Hag haAsif—the festival of the ingathering of the harvest. We are reminded of our dependence on nature for food and how much our lives depend on produce. The convergence of these two ideas—fragility and harvest—asks us to recognize the fragility of those who enable the harvest we eat. Sadly, most of the 60,000-100,000 farmworkers in New York State do not have basic rights that almost all other hourly workers have, like a weekly day of rest, overtime pay, or the right to organize. BJ's Economic Justice Hevra works to combat this injustice and help ensure that these farmworkers have these rights.

Deuteronomy 24:14-15 reminds us, "You shall not oppress the hired laborer who is poor and needy, whether she is one of your people or a stranger in one of the communities of your land. You must pay her wages on the same day before the sun sets, for she is poor and her life depends on them, lest she cry out to God about you, for this will be counted as a sin for you." On this holiday of Sukkot, when we simultaneously celebrate our own harvest and are reminded of our own vulnerability, let's not forget the vulnerability of those who enable us to have our harvest. Please email [LWohl@bj.org](mailto:LWohl@bj.org) to get involved with our campaign. —*Rabbi Sarit Horwitz*

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## TORAH PORTION

### SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

<b>Torah</b>	Exodus 33:12 - 34:26
1:	33:12 - 33:16
2:	33:17 - 33:19
3:	33:20 - 33:23
4:	34:1 - 34:3
5:	34:4 - 34:10
6:	34:11 - 34:17
7:	34:18 - 34:26
<b>Haftarah</b>	Maftir: Numbers 29:26 - 29:3 Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

### NEXT WEEK: BERESHIT

<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Genesis 1:1 - 6:8
<b>Triennial</b>	Genesis 5:1 - 6:8
<b>Haftarah</b>	Isaiah 42:5 - 42:21

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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**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.

