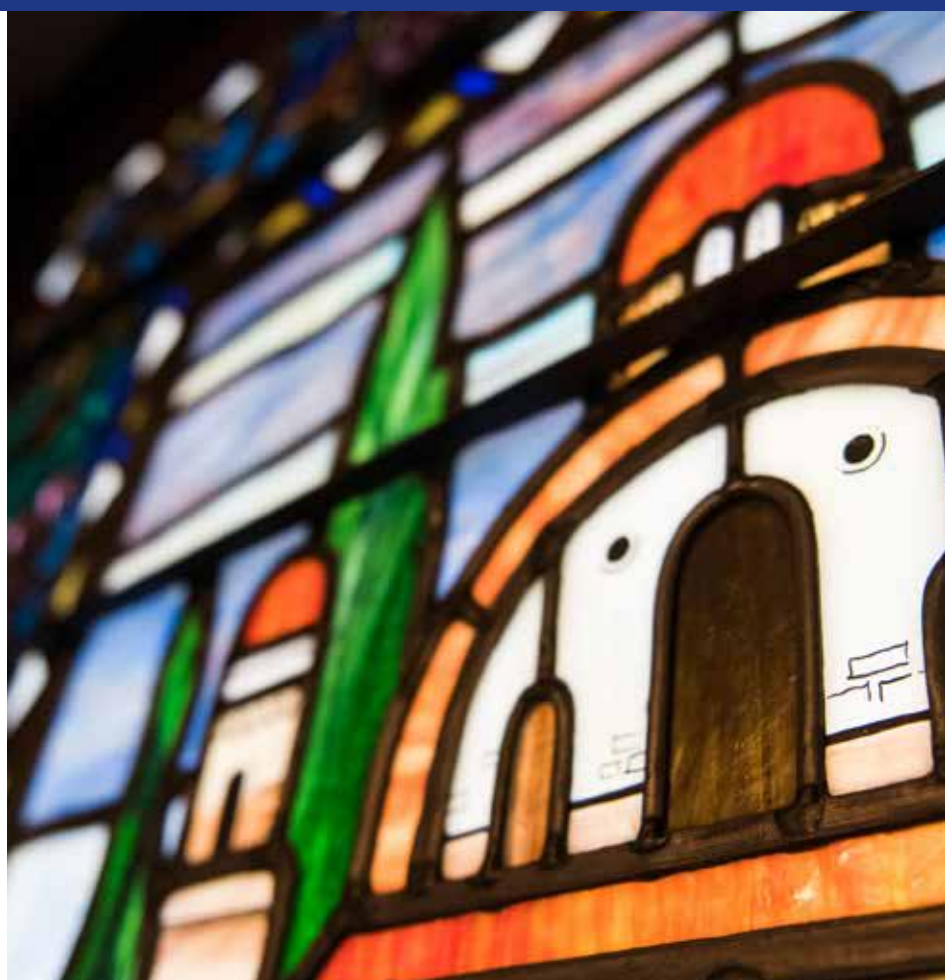


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

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October 9-16, 2015 • 26 Tishrei-3 Heshvan, 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**
- **Israel Programming**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAH'EM / CONDOLENCES

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

- Andrew and Heather Zuckerman, and their children, Daphne and Ellis, on the death of Andrew's grandmother, Ruth Zamkoff.
- Noah Hanft and Dora Barlaz Hanft, and their daughters, Genevieve, Alexandra, and Elizabeth, on the death of Noah's father, Edwin Hanft.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Mia Sydney Schiff, her parents Amy and Jay Schiff, her brothers Sam Schiff and Eli Schiff, and her grandparents Leslie and Daniel Merims, on Mia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Anna Olivia Katz, her parents Alyssa and Adam Katz, and her sisters Juliet and Claire Katz, on Anna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Misha Swersey, his parents Bill Swersey and Galia Baigina, and his sister Amira Baigina, on Misha becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Phoebe Pyles, her parents, Barbara and Stephen Pyles, and her brother Palmer Pyles, on Phoebe becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Michelle Hamburgh and Marcus Cohlman on their wedding.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Nicole Sackley and students, University of Richmond, Virginia.
- **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:

● Cosmetics and Toiletries for the Shelter

This month we are collecting cosmetics and toiletries for our shelter and lunch programs. Travel sizes as well as full-sized items are welcome. 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. All classes are free of charge except where noted.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- ● **Shishi Israeli Service and Dinner** 6:00 PM – 89th St. 3rd Floor
A magical combination of Shabbat, community, and Israeli culture for the whole family. Join us to welcome Shabbat in Hebrew with Israeli song and a traditional Shabbat dinner. In partnership with the IAC. Register at www.bj.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Kabbat Shabbat Services will now begin at 6:30 PM.

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **MIndfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
Led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, and Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org with any questions.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- **Hakhanah laTefila: Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel
Please join Rabbi Roly Matalon to prepare the soul and open the heart for Shabbat morning prayers through the singing of piyutim and reflections on kavannah.
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah **Mia Schiff**
Bat Mitzvah **Anna Katz**
- ● **KesheTOT** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Chapel
- ● **Junior Congregation—Kids Only** 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, OCTOBER 11

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Colliding Dreams: A History of the Zionist Idea Exclusive Advance Film Screening** 5:30 PM – 89th St.
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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

PLEASE NOTE: Last day to sign up for the BJ Argentina trip.

- **PJ Library Story Corner** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (18 months-3 years)
Visit www.bj.org/earlychildhood for more information about all Early Childhood classes.
- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
Bat Mitzvah **Misha Swersey**
- **Open Play: Tummy Time and Tea** 11:30 AM – 89th St. (6 weeks-crawling)
- **Open Play: Kooky Kids and Cookies** 2:00 PM – 89th St. (3-5 years)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 | ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Open Play: Toddling Tots and Treats** 9:30 AM – 89th St. (crawling-2 years)
- **"Soul Food" Lunch and Learn** 12:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room
Rabbi Felicia L. Sol: 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.

- **PJ Library Story Corner** 3:00 PM – 89th St. (18 months-3 years)
- **Consensus and Conflict in the American Jewish Experience—A JTS Community Course** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 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; nonmembers: \$50/unit. Register at www.bj.org/events.
- **The Shalom Hartman Institute's Manhattan Collaborative** 7:00 PM – Location provided upon registration
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. Meets monthly on Tuesdays through March 8. Register at www.shalomhartman.org/NYcollaborative using code CBJ15.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Open Play: Tummy Time and Tea** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (6 weeks-crawling)
- **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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **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
- **"In the Mirror" Lunch and Learn** 12:30 PM – Location provided upon registration
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon: 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.
- **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 16

- **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

- **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 and Bikkur Holim Training**
Sunday, October 18, 11:00AM, 88th St. 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, and open to all teens. R.S.V.P. to 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 for more information and to register.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

● **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 for more information.

● **Upcoming Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

Monday, October 19, 6:30-8:45PM, 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. For questions and to R.S.V.P. contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

● **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.

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

Rabbis 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.

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

Friday, October 23, 7:00-10:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join the BJ teens and Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein for a teen-only service and dinner. Register at www.bj.org. Contact Ayala at awasser@bj.org for more information.

● ● **We Were Strangers Once: The Jewish Response to the Global Refugee Crisis**

Saturday, October 24, during Shabbat morning services, 89th Street: HIAS staff members Rabbi Jennie Rosenn, Vice President for Community Engagement, and Winnie Gacheru, Director of Psychosocial Programs at HIAS Kenya, will speak about the global refugee crisis and how Jewish communities can respond to today's pressing needs.

● **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 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 for more information and to register.

WHAT'S LATER

● **Fall Hike with Yozma**

Sunday, November 1, time and location TBD: Contact Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net for details.

● **Va-Ani Tefilati Lekha: 6 Sessions on Prayer**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

Tuesdays, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, 6:00-9:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Cost and registration information to come. Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org with questions.

● **Religion and the State of Israel—An Unholy Matrimony**

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Join us for a fascinating panel discussion with three Israeli activists.

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: BERESHIT

From the beginning of the creation of the world the Holy One saw the actions of the righteous and the actions of the wicked. "The earth was empty and chaos..." (Genesis 1:2)—these are the actions of the wicked. "And God said, Let there be light..." (Genesis 1:3)—these are the actions of the righteous. But how do I know which one God desires, the actions of these or the actions of those? Since it is written, "And God saw that the light was good" (Genesis 1:4), God desires the actions of the righteous and not the actions of the wicked.

— Bereshit Rabbah 2:5

We can't shut out the inevitable chaos that will sometimes be a part of our lives. That, too, was a part of God's creative act. As we have begun a new year and now begin a new cycle of Torah reading, may we be blessed with the ability to partner with God in continuing ma'aseh bereshit, the work of creation. May we seek opportunities to carry out righteous acts, to bring more light into the world.

—Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

TORAH PORTION

BERESHIT

Torah: Annual Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

Triennial Genesis 5:1 - 6:8

1: 5:1 - 5:5

2: 5:6 - 5:8

3: 5:9 - 5:14

4: 5:15 - 5:20

5: 5:21 - 5:24

6: 5:25 - 5:31

7: 5:32 - 6:08

Maftir: 6:5 - 6:8

Haftarah Isaiah 42:5 - 42:21

NEXT WEEK: NOAH

Torah: Annual Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

Triennial Genesis 11:1 - 11:32

Haftarah Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

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.

