

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

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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 & Heshed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness
- Israel Programming

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OUR COMMUNITY

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Jacob Aronin, and his mother Heidi Aronin, on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Oliver Peck, his parents Kate and Brad Peck, his brother Stephen Peck, and his grandmother Judith Peck on Oliver becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Carly and Saul Farber on the birth of their son, Benjamin Elijah Farber.
- John Wolff and Nancy Eppler-Wolff on the birth of their grandson, Ellis James Wolff.

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:

● New Toys for the Holiday Toy Drive

This month we are collecting new toys for the Coalition for the Homeless Holiday Toy Drive, which provides children in shelters with gifts. See the BJ website for a full list of recommended toys. Drop off donations in the labeled bins at 89th Street.

Register Now: ISRAEL FAMILY TRIP: VISIONS OF ISRAEL, Dec. 23, 2015-Jan. 2, 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, NOVEMBER 6

- **Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM downstairs in Frankel Hall, complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Register at www.bj.org.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Community Shabbat Potluck Hosted by the CSA** 7:45 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
New this year! Bring your friends, family, and a dairy/vegetarian dish to share—you won't want to miss out. Sign up at www.bj.org/potluck or call x272.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- **Hakhanah laTefillah: 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.
- **Gimmel Shabbat** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- **Hazzak Torah Skills Training** 9:30 AM – 86th St. 2nd Floor
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah **Jacob Aronin**
- **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
- **Minḥa Service** 4:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah **Oliver Peck**
- **PJs & Havdalah** 4:00 PM – 89h St.
Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to experience Havdalah, the ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat, through play, art, song, and story. Kids are encouraged to come in pajamas. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! We're Off to the Zoo** 11:30 AM – The Bronx Zoo
Registration is now full for this event.
- **Teen Day of Service: Met Council and SNAP Program** 11:45 AM – Met Council, 120 Broadway
Join the BJ teens to learn more about SNAP and participate in community outreach. Register at www.bj.org.
- **K-2 Day of Hesed** 3:30 PM – 89th St.
Join K-2 BJ youth for an afternoon of community service and games in the 89th Street Gym. R.S.V.P. to Ayala at awasser@bj.org.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

- **Vetaher Libeinu Women's Mini-Retreats:** 6:15 PM – 89th St.
Pathways to Purifying Our Hearts

Join with women of all ages to explore and study in this four-part series. Upcoming sessions: 12/12, 2/1, 4/9. Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org to register.

- **TefilLab: Shabbat Sh_harit** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel
How does our prayer change on the day of rest? Explore the text and melodies of Shabbat Sh_harit (morning) services with Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg. R.S.V.P. to arosenberg@bj.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **The Book of Genesis** 8:30 AM – 89th St. 1st Floor
Rabbi Hillel Friedman: Members \$100/non-members \$150. Register at www.bj.org/events.
- **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)
- **Keshet & KesheTOT** 4:00 PM – 89th St.
- **Consensus and Conflict in the American Jewish Experience— A JTS Community Course** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel
Examine fundamental questions about the Jewish encounter with America by exploring three discrete periods in history. Enroll in one, two, or all three units. BJ members: \$40/unit; non-members: \$50/unit. Register at www.bj.org/events.
- **The Shalom Hartman Institute's Manhattan Collaborative** 7:00 PM – Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, 125 E 85th St.
Free to BJ members. Monthly on Tuesdays through March 8. Register at www.shalomhartman.org/NYcollaborative using code CBJ15.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Open Play: Tummy Time and Tea** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (6 weeks-crawling)
- **Heschel Study Webinar** 12:00 PM – online
Please visit www.bj.org/novemberheschelwebinar to participate.
- **Musical Playground** 3:00 PM – 89th St. (0-2 years)
4:00 PM – 89th St. (2-4 years)
- **Introduction to Judaism (registration is closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Mindfulness Class: Finding Our Soul in the Text** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room
Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo R. Bronstein: 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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | ROSH HODESH KISLEV

- **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 (registration is closed)** 12:30 PM
- **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)

- **The Challenges of Caring for Our Loved Ones: A Discussion for Caregivers** 6:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room

Develop a tool box of coping skills to address challenges of caring for a parent, partner, spouse, or adult sibling. Co-facilitated by social workers Ruth Kobrin and Shira Felberbaum through UJA's Partners in Caring. Contact Billie at x264 to R.S.V.P.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | ROSH HODESH KISLEV

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

- **Heschel Friday** 8:30 AM – 89th St. 1st Floor

Start your day with Heschel (and Rabbinic Fellows Alex and Arielle) as we discuss Heschel's article "To Be a Jew: What is it?" from *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity* (available at West Side Judaica). Please read the article in advance.

- **Bim Bam Fall Session** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

- **The 9th Annual Other Israel Film Festival**

Through Thursday, November 12, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.: Register at otherisrael.org using the code BJ15 for discounted tickets.

- **Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, November 13, 5:30-6:30PM, 89th Street 3rd Floor Gym: Families are invited to enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner with other BJ families before Kabbalat Shabbat services. Please register at www.bj.org or email ebedolla@bj.org with any questions.

- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Friday, November 13, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbi 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.

- **Israeli Book Club—First Meeting for 2015-2016**

Sunday, November 15, 5:00-6:30PM, location given upon registration: The Israeli Book Club is renewing its activity. In our first meeting we will be discussing *The Seven Good Years*, Etgar Keret's latest memoir. Please contact msamuels@bj.org for location.

- **Upcoming Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

Monday, November 16, 6:30-8:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: 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 Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

- **Upcoming Aging in NY Hevra Meeting**

Tuesday, November 17, 6:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Reception 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 lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

- **Young Adult Heschel Session**

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Join Rabbi Sarit Horwitz, along with others in their 20s and 30s, to reflect together on this month's essay "To Be a Jew: What is it?" from Abraham Joshua Heschel's *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*. R.S.V.P. to shorwitz@bj.org

- **Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Fridays, November 20, December 18, and January 15, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room

- **Hitoreri: A Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

Friday, November 20, 7:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join the BJ teens for a teen-only Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Register at www.bj.org.

- **Special Needs Havdalah Service**

Saturday, November 21, 4:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Hazzan Ari Priven for an interactive, warm, and inviting musical Havdalah service. This will be an accessible experience, sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Everyone is welcome. Registration not required.

A TASTE OF TORAH: HAYEI SARAH

וַיָּחֶק בָּא מִבּוֹא, בְּאֶרֶץ לְחֵי רֹאִי; וְהוּא יוֹשֵׁב, בְּאֶרֶץ הַנֶּגֶב.

And Yitzhak came back from the area of Be'er Lahay Roi, for he was settled in the region of the Negev.

— Genesis 24:62

The end of this week's parashah is the first time we hear about Yitzhak since his father almost sacrificed him and since his mother's passing. Where has Yitzhak been this whole time? He came from Be'er Lahay Roi, the place Hagar went to after being cast out by Avraham, the place where an angel discovered her and told her that God had heard her suffering (16:11). That place is named after she declares that God has seen her there. Yitzhak, in the aftermath of the traumatic near-death experience, runs off to the place where he knows God witnesses people's suffering. A pained and confused Yitzhak goes seeking out a place where he will be seen.

Those low moments often put us in a dark hole where it feels impossible to reach out to others, yet those are often the moments where we need to be noticed the most.

Being noticed and seen is one of the deepest human desires, one that is all the more crucial during a low point. Yitzhak, vulnerable and broken, somehow is able to go to a place where he knows he'll find comfort and where he'll be seen. We all sometimes need to go to Be'er Lahay Roi, and we sometimes need to create that place for others. Creating a community that serves as a Be'er Lahay Roi requires being tuned into the times that we ourselves need to be heard and supported, and from that place of empathy, extending that same support to others. What can we each do to turn our community into Be'er Lahay Roi?

—Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● **Bim Bam Institute: Storytelling Through a Jewish Lens**

Sunday, November 22, 10:00AM-4:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Educators are invited to explore how we extract meaning from Jewish texts to deepen children's understanding of Torah. To register, contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org.

● **The Second IDI Israel Education Session: Ben-Gurion, Jabotinsky, and Magnes: Conflicting Visions of the Future Jewish State**

Monday, November 23, 7:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Join us for a text study and discussion, led by our very own John Ruskay, exploring fundamental Zionist thinkers and how their ideology helped shape the modern day state of Israel.

● **Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service**

Wednesday, November 25, 7:00PM, 86th Street Sanctuary: Join with our neighbors of all faith traditions to give thanks on the eve of Thanksgiving. Clergy from several churches and synagogues will participate. Reception to follow. Please bring checks made out to WSCAH.

TORAH PORTION

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Torah: Annual	Genesis 23:1 - 25:18
Triennial	Genesis 24:53 - 25:18
1:	24:53 - 24:58
2:	24:59 - 24:61
3:	24:62 - 24:67
4:	25:1 - 25:6
5:	25:7 - 25:11
6:	25:12 - 25:15
7:	25:16 - 25:18
Maftir:	25:16 - 25:18
Haftarah	I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

NEXT WEEK: TOLEDOT

Torah: Annual	Genesis 25:19 - 28:9
Triennial	Genesis 27:28 - 28:9
Haftarah	Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

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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