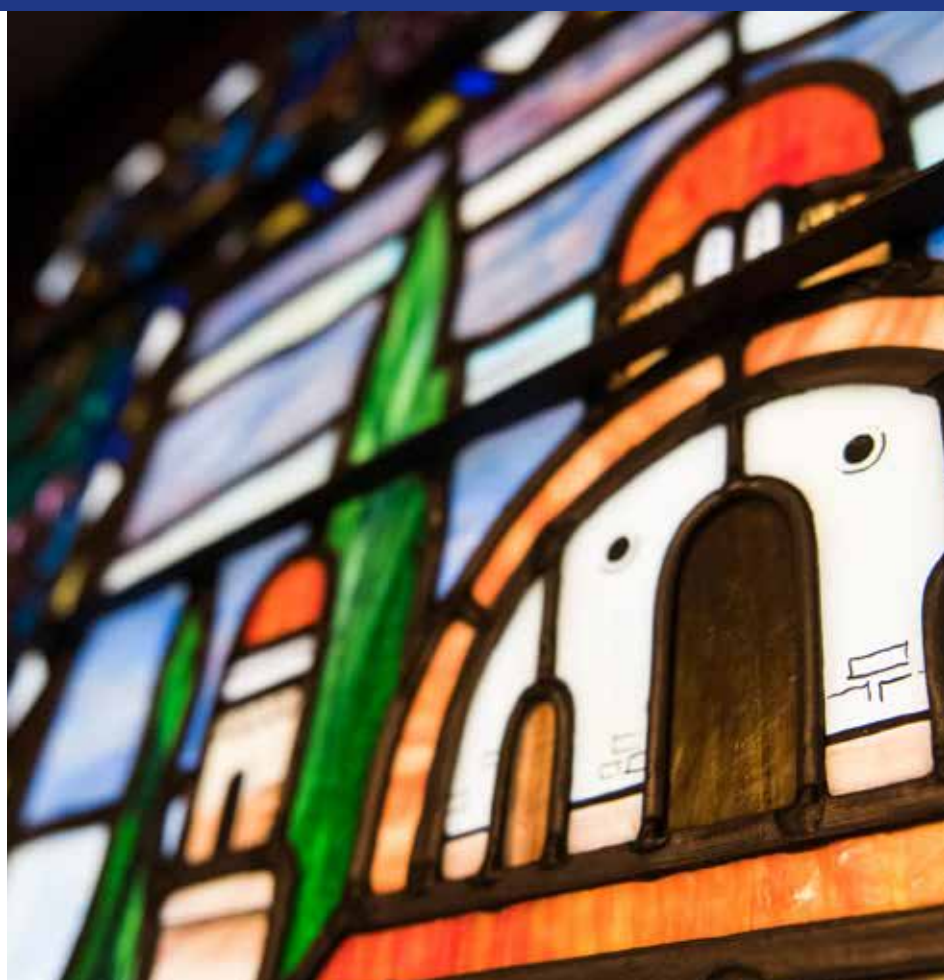


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'naiJeshurun
בני ישרון



November 20-27, 2015 • 8-15 Kislev, 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**
- **Hanukkah Programming**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Nadine Hack and her entire family on the death of her mother, Pearl Hack.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Russell Stern, his parents, Karen and Jeff Stern, and his brother, Jonathan Stern, on Russell becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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:

● **Bring Justice to Your Thanksgiving Tables**

This Thanksgiving, help bring equality and dignity to those who harvest the food for our bountiful meals. Join the Economic Justice Hevra's campaign to secure labor rights for NY's 80,000 farmworkers. Visit www.bj.org/justiceforthanksgiving to take action. For more information, contact lwohl@bj.org.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

● **BJ Blood Drive**

Wednesday, December 9, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Bring yourself! Twice a year we have the opportunity to provide this very important service to the community. Sign up with Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272 with your preferred time slot or with any questions.

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 20

- **Bo-i Kallah Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 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.

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

- ● **Hitoreri Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Join the BJ teens for a teen-only Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Register at www.bj.org.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **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. 2nd Floor

- ● **Hazzak Torah Skills Training** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

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

Bar Mitzvah

Russell Stern

- ● **Junior Congregation—Kids & Families** 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel, Parlor, and 2nd Floor

- ● **Young Families Kiddush** 11:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor

- ● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

- **Special Needs Havdalah Service** 4:30 PM – 89th St. 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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

- ● **Bim Bam Institute: Storytelling Through a Jewish Lens** 10:00 AM – 89th St.

- **2015 Thousand Turkey Challenge Launch Party** 12:30 PM – 86th St.

This is an effort to provide low-income families at WSCAH with food especially for Thanksgiving. Activities include a turkey-drawing contest for kids, recipe sharing, and tours of the emergency food pantry. Refreshments will be served. R.S.V.P. to lwohl@bj.org or x272.

- **Rosh Hodesh / Brotherhood Groups** Afternoon, times vary – 89th St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- **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)

- **TefilLab: Shabbat Musaf** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel
How can this extra service help us luxuriate on our day of rest? Study liturgy, music, and commentary with BJ Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg. R.S.V.P. to arosenberg@bj.org.

- **The Second IDI Israel Education Session:** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
**Ben-Gurion, Jabotinsky, and Magnes:
Conflicting Visions of the Future
Jewish State**

Join us for a text study and discussion, led by our very own John Ruskey, exploring fundamental Zionist thinkers and how their ideology helped shape the modern-day state of Israel.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **The Book of Genesis** 8:30 AM – 89th St. 1st Floor
- **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** NO CLASS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Afternoon and evening adult and children's classes will resume next week

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Open Play: Tummy Time and Tea** 9:00 AM – 89th St. (6 weeks-crawling)
- ● **Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service** 7:00 PM – 86th St.
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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | Thanksgiving Day

BJ office closed • BJHS closed

Lunch Program and adult and children's classes will resume next week

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BJ office closed

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

WHAT'S NEXT

- **College Outreach at BJ**
Help us keep in touch and reach your college-age students while they are away from home. We need your help in collecting the most up-to-date contact information for the coming school year. Please visit www.bj.org/collegeoutreach to fill out a survey.
- **Meals for New Parents**
Like to cook? Be part a of new effort to reach out with a loving hand to families in our community! Join a team of people who will sign up to cook meals for parents when a baby is born. Contact Enid Lotstein at Enid.Lotstein@gmail.com.
- **Parents' Corner**
Monday, November 30, 5:00-6:00PM, 89th Street 2nd Floor Conference Room: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and the Hebrew School Advisory Committee for an important discussion geared toward parents of tweens and teens. All parents welcome!
- **Va-Ani Tefilati Lekha: 6 Sessions on Prayer**
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
Tuesdays, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, 6:30-9:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org to register.

WHAT'S NEXT

● Medicare Fall Open Enrollment

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00-5:30PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Learn about changes taking place to Medicare in 2016 and what to do during the Fall Open Enrollment period.

● B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Parents of children in fourth grade, or whose birthdates fall between September 2005 and December 2006, are invited to an informational meeting that will detail the B'nai Mitzvah planning process, including date applications. For more information, contact Beth at btarson@bj.org.

● Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 4, 5:15-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by dinner at 5:45PM, downstairs in Frankel Hall, with Shabbat blessings and songs. Register at www.bj.org.

● BJ Lights Up the Block

Sunday, December 6-Sunday, December 13: Throughout the week of Hanukkah, join BJ members in their homes to light candles together and meet new friends. Many BJ members have volunteered to host; please email shorwitz@bj.org to receive the form and be matched as a guest.

● Sunday Breakfast: So You Want to Become a Museum Docent?

Sunday, December 6, 10:30AM-12:00PM, 89th Street: Contact Elizabeth at elizabethcoh@gmail.com to register.

● Tze'irim Social Action Sunday

Sunday, December 6, afternoon, JCC of Manhattan and 88th Street kitchen: Give back to the community this Hanukkah by participating in one (or both!) of two great events: Selfhelp NextGen Hanukkah Brunch with Holocaust Survivors or Cooking for the Shelter. Visit www.bj.org/tzeirim to register. Contact Ellen at esaltzman@bj.org for more information.

● Teen Service Learning Trip Meeting

Sunday, December 6, 4:00-7:00PM, 89th Street: All trip participants are required to attend this meeting. International Trip participants will meet from 5:45-7:00PM. Everyone is invited for Hanukkah candle-lighting and pizza from 5:15-5:45PM. R.S.V.P. to awasser@bj.org.

● Young Families Hanukkah Celebration

Monday, December 7, 4:30-5:15PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Experience a fun, interactive Hanukkah show, where we'll sing, dance, learn about the brave Maccabees, and experience the miracles of the holiday! Enjoy Hanukkah snacks and participate in a community candle-lighting after the show. Free of charge. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

● Lights in the Darkness: A Hanukkah Program for the Bereaved

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30-8:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Holidays can bring to the surface painful reminders of loss. Participate in a meaningful discussion with other bereaved Jews. Open to all, R.S.V.P. to Billie at x264.

● Family Challah Baking

Thursday, December 10, 5:15-7:00PM, 89th Street: R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

● Experience the Magic of Camp: Shabbat Services and Dinner

Friday, December 11, 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Sing camp tunes, hear from campers, and celebrate. Everyone welcome! Register for the camp-style dinner at www.bj.org/campshabbat. A special invitation to BJHS Gimmel and Dalet families for the dinner, the cost of which is already included in tuition. More info: awasser@bj.org or call x244.

● Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 11, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: More info: lmichelson@bj.org.

● Vetaher Libeinu Women's Mini-Retreats: Pathways to Purifying Our Hearts

Saturday, December 12, 3:30-6:30PM, 89th Street: Contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org.

A TASTE OF TORAH: VAYETZE

וַיָּפֹגַע בַּמָּקוֹם וַיִּלֶן שָׁם כִּי בָּא הַשָּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשֶׂם מִרְאֲשֵׁיתוֹ וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּמָּקוֹם הַהוּא :

And he arrived at the place and stopped there because the sun had set, he took some of the stones of the place and placed [them] at his head, and he lay down in that place.

—Genesis 28:11

“Because the sun had set” implies that the sun set suddenly for him, not at its usual time, in order that he’d stay there overnight.

—Rashi

Here is when Ya’akov dreams about angels on a letter, and then he had a profound spiritual transformation, leading him to create a covenant with God. It seems like he was in the right place at the right time, that the moment was created for him! We aren’t usually as lucky. In this month’s essay, To Be a Jew: What Is It?, Heschel asks us to think about the cosmic significance of each moment. There is always an opportunity to act in a moral or spiritual direction if we pay attention to what each moment offers. He writes that we have to be more than human, noticing and recognizing what is happening around us. Things are constantly being and becoming, but if we’re waiting for perfect moments, we’ll fail to see the ones already happening. How can we recognize what a particular axis of space and time is asking of us?

—Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

PARTICIPATE IN OUR YEARLONG COMMUNITY HESCHEL STUDY

Join a study group: Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org or x264.

Watch the latest webinar: Visit www.bj.org/NovemberHeschelWebinar.

Participate in next month’s webinar: Go to www.bj.org/DecemberHeschelWebinar on December 9 at 12:00PM.

For more info, visit www.bj.org/heschel.

WHAT’S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

🕯️ K-2 Hanukkah Olympics

Saturday, December 12, 4:00-5:15PM, 89th Street: Help the Maccabees win the gold at BJ’s first Hanukkah Olympics! Team up to ensure that the Hanukkah has enough oil to last the whole holiday. Parents are invited to join us afterward for Havdalah. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

🕒 Minute to Win it!

Saturday, December 12, 5:15-7:00PM, 89th Street: R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

TORAH PORTION

VAYETZE

Torah: Annual Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

Triennial Genesis 31:17- 32:3

1: 31:17- 31:21

2: 31:22- 31:24

3: 31:25- 31:35

4: 31:36- 31:42

5: 31:43- 31:45

6: 31:46- 31:50

7: 31:51- 32:3

Maftir: 32:1- 32:3

Haftarah Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

NEXT WEEK: VAYISHLAH

Torah: Annual Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Triennial Genesis 35:16- 36:43

Haftarah Obadiah 1:1- 1:21

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.**

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