

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון  
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun  
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**
- **Purim Events & Services**

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## OUR COMMUNITY

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Seth Greene and his entire family on the death of his father, Larry Greene.

### MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Riley Neubauer, her parents, Jillian and Lawrence Neubauer, and her sisters, Scarlett and Piper, on Riley becoming a Bat 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:

##### ● 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 9:00PM-7:00AM 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:

##### ● Toiletry Collection

We are collecting new toiletries for our shelter and lunch program. Travel sizes as well as full-sized items are welcomed. Drop off donations at at 89th Street.

**THE BJ CELEBRATE COMMUNITY AUCTION • Wednesday, May 18 • Everybody has a gift to share.**

**“A Jew is asked to take a leap of action rather than a leap of thought: to surpass his needs, to do more than she understands in order to understand more than he does. In carrying out the word of the Torah she is ushered into the presence of spiritual meaning. Through the ecstasy of deeds he learns to be certain of the presence of God.”**

—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

“Towards an Understanding of Halakhah” in *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*

## PARTICIPATE IN OUR YEARLONG COMMUNITY HESCHEL STUDY

**Join a study group:** Contact Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org) or x264.

**Watch the latest webinar:** Visit [www.bj.org/februaryheschelwebinar](http://www.bj.org/februaryheschelwebinar).

**For more info, visit [www.bj.org/heschel](http://www.bj.org/heschel).**

**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, FEBRUARY 19

### *Teen International Trip to Peru (through 2/21)*

- **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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- **Soulful Start: 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.

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

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

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

- **Young Families Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Parlor

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

- **Minḥa Services** 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**Bat Mitzvah**

**Riley Neubauer**

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

- **Purim Play Rehearsals** 10:00 AM – 89th St. Reception Room

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

- **PJ Library Story Corner** 9:30 AM – 89th St. (18 months-4 years)

- **Open Play** 10:00-11:00 AM – 89th St. (2-4 years)

- **TefilLab: Home Rituals—Blessing Our Food** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel  
Come explore foundational teachings and liturgy that inform and illuminate the ways we eat and drink. Join Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg as we discover ways that blessing and ritual connects us to the journey our food takes from farm to factory to table. Free of charge.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

- **The Book of Genesis** 8:30 AM – 89th St. 1st Floor

- **“Soul Food” Lunch and Learn** 12:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

Rabbi Felicia 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. Free of charge. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

- **Keshet & KesheTOT** 4:00 PM – 89th St.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

- **Conversation About BJ's Racial Justice Work** 8:30 AM – 89th St. Reception Room

- **Musical Playground** 3:30-4:15 PM – 89th St. (0-4 years)

- **Introduction to Judaism (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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| ● Morning Minyan                          | 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel                   |
| ● Creative Kids Art Studio                | 9:30-10:15 AM – 89th St.                    |
| ● New Parents Get-Together and Tummy Time | 11:30 AM-1:00 PM – 89th St. (0-6 months)    |
| ● Judith Bernstein Lunch Program          | 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall          |
| ● PJ Library Story Corner                 | 2:00-2:30 PM – 89th St. (18 months-4 years) |
| ● Open Play                               | 2:30 PM – 89th St. (2-4 years)              |

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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| ● Morning Minyan  | 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel   |
| ● Bim Bam Spring Session  | 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel   |
| ● Whitney Museum Exhibition Tour Led by Penny Dannenberg: "Collected by Thea Westreich Wagner and Ethan Wagner" | 12:00 noon (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME) – Whitney Museum of American Art, 99 Gansevoort St. |
- J An exciting tour led by BJ member and Whitney docent Penny Dannenberg. This extraordinary collection celebrates American and international work from the 1960s to the present. Contact [asya.berger@nyu.edu](mailto:asya.berger@nyu.edu) with questions. Visit [www.bj.org/whitney](http://www.bj.org/whitney) to register.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- **Fourth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Journey Opening Ritual**  
*Saturday, February 27, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th St. Sanctuary and Frankel Hall:* Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for this extraordinary event that brings together all 4th-grade students and families as they begin their ascent toward becoming b'nai mitzvah. Registration requested at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- **Ramah Rikud, Movie, and Friends**  
*Saturday, February 27, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall:* Join the BJ Youth Group and Ramah for energetic rikud (dance), an awesome movie, and dinner! Experience the excitement of camp programming and enjoy a great night with BJ friends. Contact [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) for registration information
- **5th Grade Overnight**  
*Saturday, February 27, 7:00PM-8:00AM, 88th St. Frankel Hall and 89th St. Community House:* 5th graders are invited to spend the night at BJ and have a great time with new and old friends. \$40 per child, \$20 for youth group members, includes dinner, snacks, and breakfast. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- **Tze'irim 20s and 30s Cooks for the Shelter**  
*Sunday, February 28, 1:00PM, 88th St. Kitchen:* Join Tze'irim as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Brunch at 1:00PM and start cooking afterward. Suggested donation (\$6-10/person) and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- **Backpack Through Israel with BJ and Ramah**  
*Sunday, February 28, 2:00-3:30PM, 89th St. Community House:* Join the K-2 BJ Youth Group and Ramah to explore the culture, food, and excitement of different Israeli cities! Have fun with BJ friends and experience Ramah style programming! Light snacks will be served. Contact [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) to register.
- **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *Beaufort* by Ron Leshem**  
*Sunday, February 28, 6:00-7:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.:* The Israeli Book Club allows an intimate encounter with Israeli culture, society, and politics. *Beaufort*, by Ron Leshem, tells the story of a handful of Israeli soldiers who occupy the ancient crusader fortress in Lebanon.

## WHAT'S NEXT

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

**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

**Tuesdays, March 1 and April 5**, 6:30-9:00PM, 89th St. Community House: Deepen your understanding of Jewish prayer and enhance your capacity for meaningful prayer in one or more sessions. We will strengthen bonds of community by sharing a meal and singing together. Free of charge and open to BJ members at any level of learning or practice. Contact Beth at [btarson@bj.org](mailto:btarson@bj.org) to register.

### ● **Heschel Friday**

**Friday, March 4**, 8:30-9:15AM, 89th St. Chapel: Start your day with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (and Rabbinic Fellows Alex and Arielle) immediately after morning minyan as we dive into a discussion of Heschel's article "No Religion is an Island." All are welcome. Please read the article before the session.

### ● **Soulful Start: Shabbat Morning Learners' Minyan**

**Saturday, March 5**, 9:30-10:15AM, 86th St. Chapel: Build and strengthen your Shabbat morning tefillah foundation with our pilot 5-session Learners' Minyan. Explore liturgy, melody, and mechanics with those of all levels of experience while engaging in meaningful prayer. Led by BJ Rabbinic Fellows and Rabbis.

### ● ● **Honoring and Celebrating BJ Volunteers**

**Saturday, March 5**, during Shabbat morning services and at the Community Kiddush, 86th St. Sanctuary: Every year hundreds of individuals give of themselves to make BJ a sacred, spiritual home for so many. Are you one of them? Come honor and be honored as we celebrate the dedicated volunteers whose contributions build our community. Learn more at [www.bj.org/honor](http://www.bj.org/honor).

### ● **Communities of Character: A Conversation With David Brooks**

**Monday, March 7**, 7:00PM, The Temple Emanu-El Skirball Center (10 East 66th Street): Enjoy a community-wide conversation with *New York Times* op-ed columnist David Brooks about character, moral joy, and what it means to care for one another. Cost is \$18; register at [www.ujafedny.org/david-brooks](http://www.ujafedny.org/david-brooks). Co-sponsored by BJ.

### ● **Identity and Family Building in the 21st Century: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Families**

**Thursday, March 10**, 6:30-8:00PM, 89th St. Reception Room: The "21st Century Family" can mean different things to different people as new family constellations emerge. Share your thoughts in supportive conversation facilitated by the BJ social workers. Contact Billie at x264 to R.S.V.P. Free and open to the public.

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## WHAT'S LATER

### ● **Registration Open: BJ Hazorim CSA 2016 Season**

**Tuesdays, June 7–November 1**, 4:30-7:30PM, 89th Street Community House: CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) provides the opportunity to pick up fresh, organic produce from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week for 22 weeks. Choose from delicious vegetable, egg, fruit and butter shares. Register at [www.bj.org/csa](http://www.bj.org/csa). Registration closes May 2. For more information, contact Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org).

### ● ● **Savor Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Roly Matalon**

**Friday, March 18**, 8:00PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Join new and old friends to Savor Shabbat. Enjoy dinner, wine, learning and good conversation. Rabbi Roly Matalon will offer the special ingredient with his teaching. \$38 for BJ members; \$45 for non-members. Space is limited; register early at [www.bj.org/savorshabbat](http://www.bj.org/savorshabbat).

### ● **Purim Puppet Show: Len Levitt and the Levity Puppets**

**Sunday, March 20**, 9:45-10:30AM, 89th St. Community House: Get ready to boo Haman and cheer for the heroes of the Purim story! Len Levitt and the Levity Puppets present an interactive telling of the story of Esther. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

## A TASTE OF TORAH: TETZAVEH

וְעָשִׂיתָ בְּגָדֵי-קֹדֶשׁ, לְאַהֲרֹן אַחִידָה, לְכָבוֹד, וּלְתַפְאֶרֶת. וְאַתָּה, תִּדְבֹר אֶל-כָּל-חַכְמֵי-לֵב, אֲשֶׁר מִלְּאֲתֶיךָ, רוּחַ חָכְמָה; וְעָשׂוּ אֶת-בְּגָדֵי אַהֲרֹן, לְקֹדֶשׁ--לְכַהֲנוֹ-לִי. וְאַלֶּה הַבְּגָדִים אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשׂוּ, חֹשֶׁן וְאַפֻּדוֹד וּמַעֲיֵל, וְכִתְנֵת תְּשֻׁבָּץ, מִצְנַפֶּת וְאַבְנֵיט; וְעָשׂוּ בְּגָדֵי-קֹדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן אַחִידָה, וּלְבָנָיו--לְכַהֲנוֹ-לִי.

Make sacral vestments for your brother Aaron, for dignity and adornment. Next you shall instruct all who are skillful, whom I have endowed with the gift of skill, to make Aaron's vestments, for consecrating him to serve Me as priest. These are the vestments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a fringed tunic, a headdress, and a sash. —Exodus 28:2-4

Corresponding to the eight priestly garments are the eight expressions in the blessing preceding the morning recitation of Shema, "to understand and to discern, to hear, to learn, and to teach, to guard, and to do, and to uphold (לְהַבִּין, וְלִהְיוֹת לְשֹׁמֵעַ, לְלַמֵּד וְלִלְמַד, לְשָׁמֵר) וְלַעֲשׂוֹת וְלִקְיָיִם" —Mei haShiloah, the Ishbitzer Rebbe, on Tetzaveh

The clothing for the High Priest described in Tetzaveh can seem so distant from our lives, yet the Mei haShiloah universalizes the experiences for each of us to become our own Kohein Gadol. As we prepare to daven the morning Shema and we become closer to the declaration of our faith, we put on the clothing of the Kohein Gadol, one item at a time. Rabbi Jill Hammer teaches that the Kohein Gadol's unique role was one that required tremendous courage as he faced the Holy Blessed One on behalf of the people. Entering the Holy of Holies and seeking atonement for all Israelites was life-threatening. He would gear up on the outside to help him emotionally and spiritually prepare to meet God with courage. What are the things that we need to help us prepare and truly face God? How can external elements of a prayer experience, like the priests clothing, help impact our own spiritual desires? What might you seek courage for in prayer?

—Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

### WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

- 🎉 **Young Families Purim Spiel and Megillah Reading**  
**Wednesday, March 23**, 5:45-6:45PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Come celebrate Purim with your whole family! Come in costume and enjoy a kid-friendly megillah reading, a silly spiel with the BJ rabbis, snacks, and more! R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- 🌿 **Tour of the New SIMS Recycling Center in Sunset Park, Brooklyn**  
**Wednesday, March 30**, 6:30-8:30PM, departure location TBD: Learn where your recycling goes! BJ's Environmental Justice Hevra has arranged a special in-depth tour of the new SIMS Recycling Center, which is free and open to all, including children. Advanced registration required. R.S.V.P. to Les at [lesjudd@aol.com](mailto:lesjudd@aol.com).

## TORAH PORTION

<b>TETZEVAH</b>	
<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
<b>Triennial</b>	Exodus 29:19 - 30:10
1:	29:19 - 29:21
2:	29:22 - 29:25
3:	29:26 - 29:30
4:	29:31 - 29:34
5:	29:35 - 29:37
6:	29:38 - 29:46
7:	30:1 - 30:10
Maftir:	30:8 - 30:10
<b>Haftarah</b>	Ezekiel 43:10 - 43:27

<b>NEXT WEEK: KI TISA</b>	
<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Exodus 30:22 - 34:35
<b>Triennial</b>	Exodus 33:12 - 34:35
<b>Haftarah</b>	I Kings 18:20 - 18:39

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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