

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.

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## OUR COMMUNITY

### MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Sydney Erin Butler, her parents, Eileen and Larry Butler, and her sister, Tessa Butler on Sydney becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jessica Radin and Joseph Salvatore, and Ella Salvatore, on the birth of their son and brother, Ezra Hogan Salvatore.

### TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Eileen and Larry Butler in honor of Sydney becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- David Snyder and students, Hebrew High, Temple Beth El, Tacoma, Washington.
- Charlene Floyd and students, Religious Worlds of NYC college course, Baruch College, New York, New York.
- **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.

### Shabbat Evening Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, April 1**, the Kabbalat Shabbat service will start at 7:00PM at all locations.



### REPAIR THE WORLD TODAY WITH BJ

#### ● Pre-Pesah WSCAH Food Drive

**Through Thursday, April 21**, 89th Street Community House entrance and 88th Street Sanctuary Foyer before the Kabbalat Shabbat service: Looking to get rid of your hametz before Passover? What better way to cleanse your home and give back than by donating your food to our partners at the West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH). Through a supermarket-style food pantry, WSCAH alleviates hunger and creates a culture that promotes self-reliance and works for change. All food donations welcome. For more information, call x272.

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

**“Emblazoned over the gates of the world in which we live is the escutcheon of the demons. The mark of Cain in the face of man has come to overshadow the likeness of God. There have never been so much guilt and distress, agony and terror. At no time has the earth been so soaked with blood. Fellow men turned out to be evil ghosts, monstrous and weird. Ashamed and dismayed, we ask: Who is responsible?”**

—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

“The Meaning of This War” 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.

**Participate in this month's webinar:** Go to [www.bj.org/aprilheschelwebinar](http://www.bj.org/aprilheschelwebinar) on Wednesday, April 13, at 12:00 noon.

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

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- ● **Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary and Frankel Hall
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

## SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel  
Prepare the soul and open the heart for Shabbat morning prayers through the singing of piyutim.
- **Soulful Start: Shabbat Morning Learners' Minyan** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Chapel  
Build and strengthen your Shabbat morning tefillah foundation.
- ● **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
- Bat Mitzvah** **Sydney Butler**
- ● **Junior Congregation—Kids & Families** 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- **A Conversation with IsraAID: Jews and Arabs Respond to the Syrian Refugee Crises** During and following services – 86th St. Sanctuary and Chapel  
Join Navel (Voni) Glick, Chief Operating Officer of IsraAID, an Israel based NGO providing medical, educational, and psychological support for thousands of Syrian refugees, talk about the work of Israeli, Palestinian, and American volunteers providing refugee aid in four countries.
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel, Parlor, and 2nd Floor
- ● **Young Families Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Chapel
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Sanctuary
- **Havdalah and Pete Seeger Guitar Sing-Along** 8:00 PM – location given with R.S.V.P.  
For more information and to R.S.V.P., visit [www.bj.org/singalong](http://www.bj.org/singalong).

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- ● **The BJ Genius Bar: Unleash the Power of Your Smartphone, Tablet, or Laptop** 1:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
R.S.V.P. to [hessed@bj.org](mailto:hessed@bj.org) or x264.

## MONDAY, APRIL 4

- **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 AM – 89th St. (2-4 years)
- **TefilLab: Weekday Amidah** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel  
R.S.V.P. to [arosenberg@bj.org](mailto:arosenberg@bj.org).
- ● **Young Families' Parents Night Out** 7:30 PM – The Parlour, 250 W. 86th St.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 5

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **The Book of Genesis** 8:30 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
- **"Soul Food" Lunch and Learn** 12:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room  
Rabbi Felicia Sol: Free of charge. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- **Keshet & KesheTOT** 4:00 PM – 89th St.

- **Va-Ani Tefilati Lekha: 6 Sessions on Prayer** 6:30 PM – 89th St.  
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon: Contact Beth at [btarson@bj.org](mailto:btarson@bj.org) to register.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **300 Ways to Enhance Your Seder** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room  
\$10/members, \$15/non-members. Register at [www.bj.org/events](http://www.bj.org/events) or contact [shorwitz@bj.org](mailto:shorwitz@bj.org).
- **Introduction to Judaism (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **PJ Library Story Corner** 2:00 PM – 89th St. (18 months-4 years)
- **Open Play** 2:30 PM – 89th St. (2-4 years)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Bim Bam Spring Session** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

## WHAT'S NEXT

- **BJ Celebrate Community Auction: Everybody Can GET Gifts for the Auction, Too!**  
**Wednesday, May 18**, 6:30-9:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Contact Lisa at [lsteinberg@bj.org](mailto:lsteinberg@bj.org) or x228 to share your gift.
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
**Friday, April 8**, 7:00PM, 86th Street Sanctuary: Led by BJ Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg, Rabbi Shuli Passow, and Hazzan Ari Priven. Contact Beth at [btarson@bj.org](mailto:btarson@bj.org) with any questions.
- **Soulful Start: Shira Yoga with Rabbi Shuli Passow**  
**Saturday, April 9**, 9:20-10:15 AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall (lower level of 88th St. sanctuary): PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION AND ADJUSTED TIME. Visit [www.bj.org/yoga](http://www.bj.org/yoga) for more details.

## PESAH / PASSOVER 5776

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

#### Friday, April 22

**Kabbalat Shabbat and Erev Pesah Service**  
88th St. Sanctuary ..... 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, April 23

**First Day Morning Service\***  
86th St. Sanctuary ..... 9:30 AM  
**Junior Congregation—Kids & Families**  
86th St. Social Hall ..... 10:30 AM  
**Community Seder** (pre-registration required)  
88th St. Frankel Hall ..... 6:30 PM

#### Sunday, April 24

**Second Day Morning Service\***  
88th St. Sanctuary ..... 9:30 AM

#### Monday, April 25–Thursday, April 28

**Hol Hamo'ed Pesah**  
Morning Minyan, 89th St. Chapel. .... 7:30 AM

#### Thursday, April 28

**Seventh Day Evening Service**  
88th St. Sanctuary ..... 7:00 PM

#### Friday, April 29

**Seventh Day Morning Service\***  
88th St. Sanctuary ..... 9:30 AM

**Kabbalat Shabbat and Eighth Day Evening Service**

88th St. Sanctuary ..... 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, April 30

**Shabbat and Eighth Day Morning Service (Yizkor)\***  
86th St. Sanctuary ..... 9:30 AM

\*Children's Services begin at 10:45 AM each morning.

## WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

### ● Teen Shabbat

**Saturday, April 9, 9:30AM**, 89th Street Reception Room: Join us for a special Shabbat morning service led by teens in our community. Support and learn from our enthusiastic, engaged, and committed teens. Hear about their reflections on prayer and Jewish journeys.

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

**Saturday, April 9, 5:00-8:30PM**, 89th Street Community House: Immerse, converse, connect and reflect with a little nosh. Free of charge; open to all BJ members. Potluck vegetarian/dairy. To register, please contact Beth at btarson@bj.org.

### ● BJ Ping Pong: It's Not Just a Guy Thing!

**Sunday, April 10, 10:45AM-12:00 noon**, Wang Chen Table Tennis, 250 West 100th Street: BJ boys and girls and the men in their lives are invited to a morning of fun and ping pong! Cost is \$20, food and beverage included. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### ● Spoonful of Hesed: Cook and Deliver Meals to BJ Members

**Sunday, April 10, 11:00AM**, 88th Street Kitchen: Cook and deliver meals to BJ members in need of a little extra care. Want to volunteer or receive a meal? Contact Billie at x264.

### ● Love: A Rally to Celebrate Our Common Humanity — New Date!

**Sunday, April 10, 2:00-4:00PM**, Washington Square Park: Stand against intolerance and racism. Visit [www.bj.org/love](http://www.bj.org/love) for info and to R.S.V.P.

### ● IDI Session: What Role Should American Jewry Play in Relation to the State of Israel?

**Wednesday, April 13, 7:00-9:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: What is our role as American Jews and in shaping the Jewish State? Join Dr. Shuli Schwartz, Jonathan Tobin and Steven Cohen to discuss these questions and more.

### ● Beth Olam Ha-Bah: From Here to Eternity

**Wednesday, April 13, 7:30PM**, Shearith Israel, 8 West 70th Street: Learn about the history of the Beth Olam Cemetery and our collective efforts to preserve and restore this special place. For more information, visit [www.bj.org/betholam](http://www.bj.org/betholam).

### ● Coping with the Empty Chair at the Seder Table: A Pesah Program for Bereaved Jews

**Thursday, April 14, 6:30-8:30PM**, 89th Street Chapel: A discussion about how to allow for grief while still finding meaning and comfort in Pesah. R.S.V.P. to [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org) or x264.

### ● Pre-Pesah Challah Baking

**Thursday, April 14, 7:30PM**, location provided upon R.S.V.P.: Join fellow BJ parents for learning, laughs and a glass of wine. \$15 ingredients fee. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### ● Heschel Friday

**Friday, April 15, 8:30-9:15AM**, 89th Street Chapel: A discussion of Heschel's article "The Meaning of This War." All are welcome. Please read the article before the session.

### ● Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Fridays, April 15, 7:00PM**, 89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel to transition gently from hol to kodesh and welcome Shabbat.

### ● Bowling with BJ Youth

**Sunday, April 17, 12:00-1:30PM**, Bowlmor Times Square: Email [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) by Sunday, April 10 to register.

### ● Parent Pesah Learning with Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal

**Sunday, April 17, 3:00-4:30PM**, 89th Street: A discussion on engaging young children in your family's seder. R.S.V.P. to [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org).

### ● K-2 Pesah Palooza

**Sunday, April 17, 3:00-4:30PM**, 89th Street: Make a special item for your seder with other BJ youth. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### ● Israeli Book Club Discusses *The Best Place On Earth* by Ayelet Tsabari

**Sunday, April 17, 5:00-6:30PM**, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) to register.



# A TASTE OF TORAH: SHEMINI

וַיִּקְחוּ בְנֵי-אַהֲרֹן נָדָב וַאֲבִיהוּא אִישׁ מִחֶתְתּוֹ, וַיִּתְּנוּ בָהֶן אֵשׁ, וַיִּשִׂמוּ עָלֶיהָ, קֶטֶרֶת;  
וַיִּקְרִיבוּ לִפְנֵי ה', אֵשׁ זָרָה--אֲשֶׁר לֹא צִוָּה, אֹתָם. וַתֵּצֵא אֵשׁ מִלִּפְנֵי ה', וַתֹּאכַל אוֹתָם;  
וַיָּמָתוּ, לִפְנֵי ה' וַיֹּאמֶר מֶשֶׁה אֶל-אַהֲרֹן, הוּא אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר ה' לֵאמֹר בְּקִרְבִי אֶקְדָּשׁ,  
וְעַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָעָם, אֶקְבֹּד; וַיָּדַם, אֹהֲרֹן.




Aharon's sons Nadav and Avihu took a fire pan, put fire in it, and laid incense on it; and they offered before Adonai alien fire that had not been commanded of them. And fire came forth from Adonai and consumed them; they died before God. Moshe said to Aharon, "This is what Adonai meant when God said: "Through those near to Me I show Myself holy, and gain glory before all people." And Aharon was silent. — *Leviticus 10:1-3*

The narrative of Aharon's sons dying poses a painful theological challenge we confront all too often. Moshe attempts to explain to Aharon why Nadav and Avihu were consumed by the fire. In response, Aharon is silent. Despite Moshe's greatness, his contextualization of death shuts Aharon up in a time of great pain. Moshe, one of our greatest teachers, offers a model of how not to respond to this tragedy. We often witness how an attempt to understand the unknown actually shuts down someone's pain, like Aharon's. How might we open up conversation, or offer comfort, when we confront another's pain? How do we, even unconsciously, silence people in moments of pain? How can we instead ensure people that their voice of pain is valued? — *Rabbi Sarit Horwitz*

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

-  **Sell Your Hametz Through BJ**  
*Through Thursday, April 21:* Fill out the form at [www.bj.org/pesah](http://www.bj.org/pesah) or contact Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org) or x264.
-  **Community Second Night Seder Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**  
*Saturday, April 23, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street: \$55/adult, \$25/child to [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org).*

## WHAT'S LATER

-  **A Day of Mindfulness**  
*Sunday, May 1, 9:15AM-2:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).*
-  **Inter-generational Walking Tour of Jewish Colonial NYC**  
*Sunday, May 1, 9:45AM-12:00 noon, visit [www.bj.org/walkingtour](http://www.bj.org/walkingtour) for more information.*
-  **Environmental and Food Justice Kiddush: Save the Date**  
*Saturday, May 7, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Social Hall.*

## TORAH PORTION

<b>SHEMINI</b>	
SHABBAT PARAH	
<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47
<b>Triennial</b>	Leviticus 11:1 - 11:47
1:	11:1 - 11:8
2:	11:9 - 11:12
3:	11:13 - 11:19
4:	11:20 - 11:28
5:	11:29 - 11:32
6:	11:33 - 11:38
7:	11:39 - 11:47
Maftir:	Numbers 19:1 - 19:22
<b>Haftarah</b>	Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

NEXT WEEK: <b>TAZRIA</b>	
SHABBAT HAHOODESH	
ROSH HOODESH NISAN	
<b>Torah: Annual</b>	Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59
<b>Triennial</b>	Leviticus 13:29 - 13:59
<b>Haftarah</b>	Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15; Isaiah 66:1, 66:23

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